

Library News:

The April roster for library volunteers has been sent out and is also in the library.

The new books that were donated have been accessioned and are on the shelves.

New books are:

- *Place of Banishment - Port Macquarie 1818-1832;
- *The Complete Guide to Military Records;
- *The Respectable Sydney Merchant - A.B. Spark of Tempe;
- *The Isle of the Dead - Port Arthur;
- *Sydney Burial Ground (Elizabeth & Devonshire Streets) and History of Sydney;
- *The Last Word - Two Centuries of Australian Epitaphs.

The Uniting Church NSW Archives at Burnside closed a couple of years ago. They are now located not far away in the Centre for Ministry. The bulk of the records of the Synod (and its predecessor denominations) for Synod, presbytery and local churches, as well as baptismal and marriage registers, maps and plans, are in storage but will be available for retrieval at a fee and with sufficient notice. The postal address is:

C/- Centre for Ministry, 16 Masons Drive, North Parramatta, NSW 2151 Telephone and Fax: (02) 8838-8974. Email archives@nsw.uca.org.au

New additions to Trove:

The National Library of Australia is pleased to announce more digitised newspapers have now been added to its site. To find out the latest titles which have been added to Trove go to,

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/forum/showthread.php?1372-Newspaper-titles-recently-added-to-Trove>

Research Tip: A recently read, handy research tip - When searching a record of any sort, even if you haven't found anything, write down the date you searched it and that it was negative. This will prevent you searching it again at a future date because you have forgotten. (Does this sound familiar?)

Scotlands People & Fife Historic Buildings Trust are searching for descendants and relatives of Scotland's great explorer of Australia, **John McDouall Stuart** with the bicentenary of his birth less than 2 years away. Related? please contact press@scotlandspeople.gov.uk or fife.hbt@btconnect.com

What's on in Family History:

St. Peter's Church Cooks River is celebrating its 175th birthday. Anyone having past connections with the church are invited to attend the celebrations. **Sunday 12th May 10am** Thanksgiving Service with Archbishop Peter Jensen present. **Saturday 6th July, 2pm** A community day with an historical presentation, organ recital, graveyard walk, kids activities, sausage sizzle and afternoon tea. Further information tel: 9558 7504 or lrhorton@optusnet.com.au

Grono Family Reunion and Guest Speaker -

commemorating the 200th anniversary of John Grono's rescue of the crew of the Active who were left stranded in New Zealand for nearly four years. A special guest speaker and descendant, Sam Bateman, has been organised to give a talk on the day entitled "John Grono's Naval Career - Some clues to why he migrated to Australia". **Sunday 5th May 2013 -** Ebenezer Uniting Church Grounds, Coromandel Rd, Ebenezer - Reunion begins: 10:00 a.m. - Talk begins: 11:00 a.m. Contact Grono Family Association email gronofamily@gmail.com

The Hawkesbury Library will be holding the following family history class at the Hawkesbury Central Library 300 George Street, Deerubbin Centre, Windsor. **Making Sense of the Census - Thurs. 18 April 6.30-8.30pm.** Focusing on the UK & Australian census and how to incorporate the results in your family history research. Cost \$10 - booking essential ~ T: 4560 4466 E: history@hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au

Crossing - The Play a historical family show performed as part of the bicentenary celebration crossing of the Blue Mountains. Gregory Blaxland is one of Producers forebears. For more information visit <http://blaxlandanddaughter.com/>

Glenbrook & District Historical Society Walk:

Sat .11th May "In Their Footsteps" - new walk following the explorers' route through to the Lagoon campsite Contact: Doug Knowles: 4751 3275; Tim Miers: 4739 2384

Seeking Information:

*Julie Brennan is seeking living descendants or fellow researchers of her husband's ancestors who Inn Keepers in Sydney and Southern Highlands in 19th Century. Research names are William Rudland & Catherine Pollock/Rudland and Ann Gollan/Pollock/Stewart. If you can help please email Julie at julie.brennan2@bigpond.com

Websites: Landed families of Britain and Ireland <http://landedfamilies.blogspot.co.uk>
Where Do Our Nicknames Come From? <http://www.namenerds.com/uucn/advice/nickhistory.html>
Welsh Newspapers Online <http://welshnewspapers.llgc.org.uk/en>; **Cassell's Old and New Edinburgh** <http://www.oldandnewedinburgh.co.uk>; **AddressingHistory: A searchable, historical database of towns and cities of Scotland** <http://addressinghistory.edina.ac.uk>; **Griffiths Valuation Online:** A fully searchable placename index covering Antrim, Armagh, Down, Fermanagh, Londonderry and Tyrone 1864 to 1933. You can view more information about the records and search the Revision Books at http://www.proni.gov.uk/index/search_the_archives/val12b.htm



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Newsletter

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WELCOME to the third meeting of the Society for 2013. Today instead of a guest speaker the meeting will take the form of a discussion/problem solving workshop sharing our knowledge and discoveries to help each other with problems etc in Family History. The members who attended the March meeting found the Show & Tell very interesting. Some of the items were - a piece of Trench Art made by Margaret Allen's father while stationed at Messines in WWI, Pat Carruthers produced an 1868 London Post Office map, Terrie Nutland had an original photo of her father-in-law aged around 4 together with a copy of the Arnott's Biscuits add this photo was used in.

Next meeting: 10th May 2013 - Our guest speaker will be Patricia Skehan from the City of Canada Heritage Society. Patricia's talk will be about the Canada Bay Exiles of 1840. A fascinating piece of Australian history.

Items of Interest to Members:

Committee members required: Mentioned in last month's Newsletter and at our last general meeting, the President made a request for an additional two members to join the committee. Colin Brest and Janet Knight kindly offered to become committee members. Welcome Colin and Janet.

At the committee meeting held on the 22nd March 2013 a number of items were discussed:

Seminar 13th April 2013:

Everything is in place for our Seminar on the 13th April. After our general meeting we will be setting up the hall in readiness for the next day. A "thankyou" and a reminder to all those members who are bringing donations of cooked items and supplies to remember to put your names on your containers for easy identification.

Second hand books: A reminder to members to bring any unwanted second hands books you would like to donate to the Society either with you to the general meeting or with you to the seminar for sale on the day.

Explorers' Tree: With first the edition of this year's Explorers' Tree circulated, it is now time to think about some new articles for inclusion in the next edition. Any member wishing to submit an entry would need to let Audrey King have the article by mid-May. Remember the article can be as short as half a page or, if it is quite long, can be continued over a number of editions.

Magazine Borrowing:

There are still quite a number of the Society's magazines that have not been returned and this is causing some concern. One member has been waiting for the return of a particular magazine for some time. Magazines are to be borrowed at one month's meeting and then returned to the next meeting or, failing that, to Springwood Library and marked off. There is a sign on the borrowing table which sets out the rules for borrowing by financial members of the Society only.