



Blue Mountains Family History Society Inc

Newsletter

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AUGUST GENERAL MEETING

The August General Meeting will be held this coming Friday, 13 August 2010 at 10.00 a.m. in the Upper Hall of the Civic Centre. This meeting Ken Goodlet, a local historian and writer will be guest speaker. Ken's knowledge of historical research, tips and techniques will benefit all members and visitors. For more information and a photo, visit our website. Guest speaker first at 10.00 a.m. and general meeting after morning tea. Please arrive promptly and turn off mobile phones or switch to silent during the talk.

OUTING FOR AUGUST

The outing for August is a combined outing with Blue Mountains Historical Society and is a history walk through Springwood with John Low. Meet on the verandah of Braemar at 10.00 a.m. Tour will take approximately 1-1/2 hours.

OUTING FOR SEPTEMBER

Will be to the Lancer Barracks at Parramatta and for security reasons, we have to give numbers a month in advance, so please put your name down at the August meeting, if you intend to join the outing in September.

Both "Intention to Attend" forms will be available on the Secretary and Treasurer's table on Friday.

See the website for photographs and details of the tour to Susannah Place Museum and Cockatoo Island in July.

NATIONAL FAMILY HISTORY WEEK

Is over, but thank you to all the members who volunteered their time to be available for assistance in the family history section of Springwood Library.

SEPTEMBER IVY MARKET CANTEEN

I will send out individual reminders to members who have volunteered to donate, bake and volunteer their time on the day. Unperishables can be brought in on Friday

ITALIAN FAMILY HISTORY GROUP

A group of people who wish to retain their Italian heritage and have the desire to trace and build their respective family tree, record events appertaining to their ancestors. Emphasis is placed on their desire to record the story since their arrival in Australia. The group is a genealogical organisation and operates under the patronage of Co.As.It's Heritage Committee.

See www.coasit.org.au/Heritage/FamilyHistoryGroup.aspx

BLESSING OF THE BONNETS

Christina Henri has just released a CD "Roses from the Heart". She is off overseas, taking 'the girls back home' to England and Ireland. You can see her itinerary on her website www.christinahenri.com.au You can also follow her on her overseas trip by looking at <http://rosesfromtheheart.tumblr.com>

AUSTRALIAN CONVICT SITES: WORLD HERITAGE

On 1 August 2010, 11 convict sites spread over NSW, Tasmania, Norfolk Island and WA received World Heritage Listing. Together they tell the story of Convictism which was a world wide phenomena. They are listed at <http://www.heritagetourism.com.au/australia-convict-sites-world-heritage/> and include Hyde Park Barracks. Full list over the next page.

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Website: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nswbmfhs> Email: xploretree@yahoo.com.au

LIST OF AUSTRALIAN CONVICT SITES: WORLD HERITAGE, AS OF 1 AUGUST 2010:

- Kingston and Arthur's Vale Historic Area (Norfolk Island)
- Old Government House and Domain (Parramatta New South Wales)
- Hyde Park Barracks (Sydney New South Wales)
- Brickendon-Woolmers Estates (Tasmania)
- Darlington Probation Station, (Tasmania)
- Old Great North Road (New South Wales)
- Cascades Female Factory (Tasmania)
- Port Arthur Historic Site (Tasmania)
- Coal Mines Historic Site (Tasmania)
- Cockatoo Island Convict Site (New South Wales)
- Fremantle Prison (Western Australia)

CONVICT WHARF REDISCOVERED UNDER CARPARK: ONE of Sydney's best kept historic secrets has been rediscovered - remnants of the first wharf constructed to allow convicts from the Second Fleet and ensuing ships to step ashore at Sydney Cove.

The remains were found during work to a car park adjoining the Museum of Contemporary Art and The Rocks police station. See full story at

<http://www.smh.com.au/nsw/convict-wharf-rediscovered-under-car-park-20100807-11pci.html>

VICTORIA GOLDFIELDS

Audrey King submitted the following great range of video and audio materials, related to 'regions' of Victoria, that are now online. Great to enjoy, and perhaps inspire you in creating your next family or local history project.

Videos:

For example, under <http://www.visitvictoria.com/videos/> select 'Regions', then 'Goldfields' then have a look at, say, 'Bendigo, Castlemaine and Maldon' or 'The gold rush to Mount Alexander'.

A u d i o T o u r s :

There are also 'podcasts' that you can download and put on your mp3 player, and listen to as you walk around. eg. 'Gold Rush to Mt Alexander Tour? Goldfields' <http://www.visitvictoria.com/displayobject.cfm/objectid.17D24493-6CF6-425A-8A275B05F209D622/>

HAWKESBURY FAMILY HISTORY FAIR

The Hawkesbury Family History Fair was held in the Deerubbin Centre at Windsor on Saturday, 7 August. Our society had a trade table and it was a very busy day. The general public kept coming in all day for talks and to have a look at the exhibitor's tables. Joan gained information for her World War II book, actually spoke to a WWII Armourer who had worked in the Glenbrook Tunnels (he must be at least 90) and most importantly, we were also able to assist many researchers.

NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF AUSTRALIA

Research made easier. The National Archives has made searching its online database even easier for the public. A new version of [RecordSearch](#) introduces both basic and advanced screens that are linked to the NameSearch and PhotoSearch catalogues and the Passenger arrivals index. The new screens also offer a wider range of options for more experienced researchers and allows users to specify items that have a digital copy available online. RecordSearch includes 8 million records, including 1 million digitised records.

Visit www.naa.gov.au

RYERSON INDEX

While Ryerson volunteers are indexing 177 papers, there are 747 (and still counting) papers published in Australia, so they need a lot more volunteers to join. If you can help, please contact Pauline Kettle, the Secretary at the official email address ryerson-index@tpg.com.au

EVENTS

Society of Australian Genealogists (SAG) events for August, September and October have been put on the board at the back of the family history section of Springwood Library

Sat, 11 Sept 2010 – Nepean Family History Society

seminar The Old School Hall, Emu Plains, 10.00 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. (registration 9.30 a.m.) "Seeking the Elusive Ones". Cost \$25. Contact Rose Greene 02 4735 8374 or rosegreene@optusnet.com.au

Sun, 12 Sept 2010 – Linnwood, 25 Byron Road, Guildford, History Fair. Cost – gold coin donation. Phone 02 9632 9203

Sat & Sun, 16 & 17 Oct 2010 – TEN TUNNELS CENTENNARY – Steam train rides from Lithgow to Katoomba, photographic exhibition at Eskbank House.

Contact Robbie Park at Lithgow Tourism

robert.park@lithgow.nsw.gov.au

Sat & Sun 23 & 24 Oct 2010 – Royal Australian Historical Society History Conference at the Richmond Club. Program should be available soon from RAHS

<http://www.rahs.org.au/news-and-events/annual-conference>

Reunion of Descendants of Thomas Davis and Harriet Tyler. Thomas settled in the Blacktown area of New South Wales and married a Harriet Tyler. He died 1850. Thomas and Harriet had a son Thomas born 1814 in Blacktown. Thomas Davis (b1814) married Elizabeth Leadbeater who had a large family

A reunion will be held on the weekend of 1st October 2011 on the Sunshine Coast, Queensland. There is plenty of accommodation and tourist activities so more than just the weekend can be spent here

Contact Keith & Ros Lumb, Home Phone: 07 54997840, Email: davis_reunion@bigpond.com

IRISH WEBSITES

Church of Ireland records for Dublin City, county Kerry and county Carlow are now online: <http://www.irishgenealogy.ie/> This is an ongoing project so keep checking. Also remember that some church parishes cross county borders, so the record you are after may be under a neighbouring county. You could also try <http://ifhf.brsgenealogy.com/>, but this is a pay-per-view site

Don Graham attended the Nepean Family History Society talk by Ray Thorburn last Saturday and he has submitted a list of Irish websites. Here are some, I will publish the balance next month or email me at jank@efel.com.au for full list:-

<http://www.irishorigins.com/> <http://www.emeraldancestors.com/> <http://www.irishtimes.com/ancestor/> <http://www.censusfinder.com/ireland.htm> <http://www.ancestryireland.com/> <http://www.proni.gov.uk/>