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State Library of Tasmania has digitalised 16th – 19th century newspapers for the following countries and counties:

Barbados, England – most counties, France, Germany, India, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Netherlands, Scotland, United States, Wales. Check out at http://infotrac.galegroup.com/itweb/yarra_plenty?db=BNWS You can use your Blue Mountains City Council Library barcode to access. I tried my State Library barcode (I only have a blue card) and was not able to access with that, but you may be able to with a gold card.

Convict worksheets are available for download on the NSW State Records website at <http://www.records.nsw.gov.au/state-archives/resources-for/documents/worksheets/Convicts%20Worksheet.pdf>

Subscribe to the Society of Australian Genealogists electronic newsletter to find news, events and tips at http://www.sag.org.au/index.php?option=com_content&ask=view&id=69&Itemid=104

NSW BDM indexes were updated 1 January 2010 and the availability is now: births to 1909, deaths to 1979 and marriages to 1959 at <http://www.bdm.nsw.gov.au/>

Suzanne Voytas advises that there is a Certificate Sharing website at <http://certificatesharing.com/> One lady on the Bathurst/Orange Rootsweb list said she always checks the site before ordering transcriptions.

Rhonda Flowers advises that the 1815 journey of Governor Lachlan Macquarie, over the Blue Mountains to Bathurst, is available online at the NSW State Records at <http://www.records.nsw.gov.au/state-archives/digital-gallery/lachlan-macquarie-visionary-and-builder/explorations/full-transcript-public-notice-about-macquaries-journey-over-the-blue-mountains>

Search the letter archive on Australia Post's "Letters of a Nation" website, celebrating 200 years at https://200years.auspost.com.au/html/loan/archive/view_detail/730 When you logon to the website the letter is from my 2nd great grandmother in 1826. She could not write, so it has been written on her behalf. Australia Post say it is early evidence of a citizen calling themselves "Australian". Search for your own ancestors.

Blue Mountains History Journal

Dr Peter Rickwood, the President of Blue Mountains Historical Society and Editor of the BMACHO Blue Mountains History Journal has sent the following email. I am sending the email, in it's entirety, so the requirements are understood.

From previous column

I am writing to ask you for help in informing the members of your respective organisations about the initiation of The Blue Mountains History Journal. This is to be published online under the auspices of BMACHO (Blue Mountains Association of Cultural Heritage Organisations Inc.) so primarily it is intended to cater for the needs of historians in organisations that belong to BMACHO. As such the success or failure of this publication will largely depend on the number of articles submitted by members of your organisations for whom this will be a way of publishing their research without any cost. Fully referenced articles on any aspect of the human history, and related subjects, of the Greater Blue Mountains and neighbouring areas will be considered. But it is NOT the intention to publish articles that are suitable in size for Newsletters and NOR those that could be chapters in books. Hence the text should be between 3 & 12 A4 pages, single spaced, 12 point, (c.1,500-6,000 words); illustrations being additional. All submissions will be refereed. But articles may be submitted by anyone and it would be helpful to emphasise that authors do not have to have particular qualifications. The journal will be freely available in electronic form at the dedicated website (<http://www.bluemountainsheritage.com.au/journal>), to which there will be unrestricted access. Hard copies of all published articles will be archived in the National Library of Australia, the State Library of NSW, the Royal Australian Historical Society, the Springwood Library, the Lithgow Regional Library and with the Blue Mountains Historical Society Inc. to ensure that authors get longevity of their efforts. It is intended to publish the first issue on or about 1st June 2010 and subsequent issues will be up-loaded either annually or bi-annually. Prospective authors of articles for consideration for the first issue are asked to aim to submit them by 1st March 2010. Dr Peter C. Rickwood, Editor

BMACHO CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, 15 January 2010 – Springwood Historical Society Meeting, contact richardmorony@optusnet.com.au

Sunday, 17 January 2010 – Mt Wilson & Mt Irvine Historical Society Open Day Turkish Bath Museum at Mt Wilson, contact westring@bigpond.com

Sunday, 24 January 2010 – Valley Heights Loco Depot Museum Open Day, contact atmuseum@optusnet.com.au

Friday, 12 February 2010 – Remember our general meeting, with guest speaker Helen Dickinson, NSW Land Research Specialist.

REMEMBER

OUR MAGAZINE - "THE EXPLORERS' TREE" – Please remember to send articles to Sue Newbury, Editor of our magazine at the society email address xploretrees@yahoo.com.au or post to PO Box 97, Springwood, NSW, 2777.

OUR WEBSITE – Please remember to use our website <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nswbmfhs/> for upcoming events, photos of excursions and other items of interest, and most importantly for our MEMBERS' INTERESTS and CONVICT INTERESTS. You might find someone in the society researching the same ancestor as yourself. Don't forget to send your Member Interests to Joan Edwards and your Convict Interests to Audrey King. Make sure you have the correct form for submitting. The telephone numbers for both ladies are on the front sheet.



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Newsletter

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FIRST NEWSLETTER FOR 2010

I hope everyone had a pleasant Christmas and I wish you all the best for 2010.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Our next general meeting is Friday, 12 February 2010 and our speaker will be Helen Dickinson, a NSW Land Research Specialist

LIBRARY ACCESSIONS

Springwood Family History library shelves – It has not been possible to list all the newly accessioned items in the newsletter, for the months of August, September, October 2009 and for November & December 2009. There are six pages in total, so I will send them as an attachment and you can decide whether to browse or print.

AUSTRALIA DAY

BMFHS will be holding an information stall at Glenbrook Park on Australia Day, 26 January 2010, from 9.00 a.m. till approx 3.00 p.m. Anyone wishing to help on the day for an hour or so, is very welcome. Contact Jan 02 4754 1544.

FREE PERSONAL ASSISTANCE SESSION

There will be a session held at Lawson Bowling Club on Wednesday, 3 February 2010, from 10.30 am to 1.30 pm, to give personal assistance to the general public and members alike, in the research of family history World Wide. This is the last of four sessions. For further information, contact Terry Flowers 02 4758 9559 or Joan Edwards 02 4757 2317.

INTERNET NEWS

The Irish Census Records for 1911 are now freely available at
<http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/>

Tasmanian Wills 1824 – 1989 have been digitised and can be viewed on the Archives of Tasmania website, free of charge, see
<http://portal.archives.tas.gov.au/menu.aspx?search=9>

That is a nice New Year present if you have a Tassie twig in your tree

Search Ships' Logs online at the National Archives UK. You can now search and download 164 volumes of logbooks of the Royal Navy's voyages of scientific discovery. Many famous officers kept logs held in this collection, including James Cook and William Bligh who commanded the mutinous Bounty. Check it out at
<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/documentsonline/shipsoneexploration.asp>

Woronora Cemetery is now online at <http://www.woronoracemetery.org.au/> and Rookwood Anglican and General Deceased Search is now online at
<http://rookwoodcemetery.com.au/>

I hope you are all enjoying the digitalised newspapers on the National Library of Australia website at <http://newspapers.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/home> The Sydney Morning Herald has now been digitalised up to 1934.

Terry Flowers advises Lincolnshire 1837+ Marriage Indexes are available at
<http://s10.freefromhost.com/mi/>more news on page 2