

What's On:

Valley Heights Locomotive Depot Heritage Museum – Open days **Sunday, 14th October 2018, Saturday and Sunday 27th & 28th October 2018.**

Old Occupations:

Another old occupation to add to the list:

Town Husband: Collected dues from the fathers of illegitimate children of the parish for their upkeep.

NSW&ACT Association of Family History Societies Inc

2018 Annual Conference - Bateman's Bay

As most members are aware our Secretary, Colin Brest was appointed as the Society's delegate as he had planned to attend the Conference. Set out below is Colin's report.

"The Conference was held at the Soldiers Club in Batemans Bay – September 14-16 September 2018, and it was the 34th Annual Conference. The venue was in an ideal position, overlooking the Clyde River and the Bay. The facilities are very modern and the place was very new looking, and very welcoming.

Day one – Friday Family History Fair Program. There was a full program – Starting with Welcome by Chris Rowan MC. There were 12 events: Aboriginal Research; FamilySearch Updates; Mapping Your Ancestors; Ryerson Index; Looking for Gold & Finding Gems in the Archives; Do you need that Certificate; DNA Techniques; Sydney Heritage Fleet; Local History Society Resources; Your Estate Papers; Association Forum; then at 6.30pm Meet and Greet. Some of the topics were concurrent, being held in different rooms. One had to be selective.

I was asked to introduce Robert Atkins – Ryerson Index. Bob serves on the Ryerson Committee of Management. He is currently the indexer for the Central Coast Advocate and Muswellbrook Chronicle from its inception in 1898, as well as working through the 1946 funeral notices of the Sydney Morning Herald.

Dedicated Volunteers are always needed. So members can help out if they so wish.

There was plenty of time to circulate amongst the 47 Trade Tables; and many vendors had quite a supply of various publications to whet one's appetite and wallet.

Day two – Saturday Conference Program: 8.30am to 9am – Official Opening, Welcome to Country; Welcome to Conference; Welcome to Eurobodalla Shire by the Mayor.

Some excellent speakers made the presentations. Topics were:

Sailing into History - What will I leave in my Wake -Cora Num; Updates from NSW BDM - Amanda Lanna; Thinking Outside the Square - Terry & Wendy Nun; Ancestry updates DNA - Jason Reeves.

After Lunch at 2pm, John Can gave a presentation on A Closer look at Marriage; marriage records in NSW State Archive.

Peter Smith from the Braidwood Historical Society told us about The Clarke Brothers, and showed a video presentation of the capture of the Clarke Brothers.

After afternoon Tea, the Association AGM was held. The same Committee members were elected.

The 2019 Conference will be held 11-13th October 2019 at Knox Grammar School., Wahroonga.

I did not attend the Sunday Morning session."

"Thank you Colin" for your interesting report.

Dating photographs identifying 19th Century Photograph Types:

Numerous types of photographs appeared and then went out of favour throughout the 1800s. So, the first step in narrowing the possible date for your old photograph is to be able to identify 19th century photographs to determine what type you have. The information provided here can turn you into a proficient photo detective. The vast majority of antique photographs taken in the 19th century was one of the following types:

The Daguerreotype – 1840-1860

Daguerreotypes are typically small with the most common size being 2 3/4 x 3 1/2 inches and housed in a case. The photographic process makes the photographs appear to float

The Ambrotype – 1854-1868

Like the daguerreotypes, ambrotypes are in small hinged cases. The difference is the ambrotype does not have that reflective "floating" type quality.

The Tintype – 1856-1878

Tintypes were popular for more than 30 years. Instead of glass, the image was on an iron plate. Early tintypes were in small, hinged cases like the daguerreotypes and the ambrotypes. However, the cases were soon replaced by paper sleeves.

The Carte de Visite – 1859-1889

Carte des Visites (CDV) were introduced in 1859. Measuring 2 1/2" by 4", the photographs were mounted on a thick paper and used much as the calling card was used in the 1850s.

The Cabinet Cards – 1866-1903

Cabinet cards and carte des visites (CDV) are often confused. Like the CDV, the cabinet card was also an albumen print on thin paper and mounted on thicker paper. The primary difference is the size. The cabinet card is larger and may have a photographer's logo on the reverse side. The cabinet card reached its peak popularity in the 1880s but was used into the early 1900s.

Websites: Dating old photographs: thephotoorganizers.com/dating-identifying-old-family-photographs/
<http://www.phototree.com/identify.htm>; <https://archivesoutside.records.nsw.gov.au/what-are-your-tips-for-dating-photographs/>





Blue Mountains Family History Society Inc.

Newsletter

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WELCOME to everyone at today's meeting.

Jennie Hall gave a wonderful presentation of funeral rights in China and held everyone's attention. She also produced quite a number of items to illustrate her talk. Those present were extremely interested generating many questions and some anecdotes from the members.

Guest Speaker today: Ted Szafraniec who is the curator of photography for the Blue Mountains Historical Society is our October guest speaker. Ted's talk will be about George Kitch, Stationer, Townsman and Photographer of the Blue Mountains. Ted will also be touching on dating photographs.

Next meeting: The next meeting of the Family History Society will be held on **Friday, 9th November, 2018 at 10am** in our usual meeting place, the small hall behind the Presbyterian Church.

November meeting: Most members know, but for our newer members, November is the month we hold our Annual General Meeting when members get to vote regarding the Office Bearers. Any member is entitled to offer him or herself for election to the office of President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer or if this is not suitable become a committee member. Committee members are not voted on; it is merely on a volunteer basis.

Following this year's AGM, it is proposed that we celebrate the 100 years' anniversary since the end of WWI with a members display of any family memorabilia you might have relating to WWI. Members might like to bring a small plate of cakes, biscuits or sandwiches to share. As our meeting will be held 2 days before Remembrance Day there will also be felt poppies for sale by way of a fund raiser for the Society.

As this is our last meeting for the year we hope this will be an exciting note to finish the year on.

Committee Meeting: The committee met on Friday, 28th September, 2018 and the following was discussed:

Christmas Party: The Society now has it's booking confirmed for our Christmas Party to be held at the Grandview Hotel, Wentworth Falls for **Friday 14th December, 2018. Time 12 for 12.30. Cost \$45.**

Raffles: Last month's raffle of a brown teapot and infuser together with 2 Wedgewood dishes was won by our August guest speaker, Bill Olive. Congratulations Bill.

Tickets are now being sold for John Gordon's beautiful hand crocheted rug and will be sold until our Christmas Party when the lucky winner will be drawn. Tickets are \$1.00.

Street Stall: The date for this has been set down for **Friday, 26th October.** Unwanted goods, cooked items and plants will be well received. Members who can't make this date can bring along donations for the stall to our October meeting as the Church has allocated the Society some storage space under the stairs.