



Blue Mountains Family History Society Inc

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AUGUST GENERAL MEETING

The August General Meeting will be held at 10.00 am on Friday 10 August 2012 in the Springwood Presbyterian Church Hall, 160 Macquarie Road, Springwood. We will have a number of visitors at this meeting to see and hear Joan Edwards' presentation on the book she is writing about WWII in the Blue Mountains. We will break for morning tea at approximately 10.30 am and Joan's presentation will start at 11.00 am. There will be no charge for morning tea.

SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING will be held on Friday 14 September 2012, the first day of the NSW & ACT Association's State Conference, hosted by Botany Bay Family History Society. Joan Edwards, Suzanne Voytas and Jan Koperberg will be at the State Conference (Jan is currently secretary of the NSW & ACT Association of Family History Societies Inc). Audrey King will chair the Blue Mountains meeting and after morning tea there will be a "Show and Tell" session from 11.00 am till midday. You can "Show and Tell" anything to do with family history research, for approximately 5 – 10 minutes.

AUGUST OUTING

The August outing is to Bodington Hospital Museum at Wentworth Falls on Thursday 16 September 2012. Unless we hear anything to the contrary from Don Graham, before Friday, we will meet at the 5 minute set-down area of the Springwood Railway Car Park at 9.00 am. Transport will be by car. There will be a form available at the meeting on Friday and although Don will take his car, he can only take 3 passengers, so we will need another driver. You can indicate on the form if you are able to drive.

NATIONAL FAMILY HISTORY WEEK

The Society gave "Introduction to the Resources" sessions, twice daily at the Springwood Library during National Family History Week and we had a display in the main section of the Springwood Library. Jenny White, one of the librarians gave a lot of assistance with signs and display. Pauline Hincksman, Alison Tissington and Jan Koperberg will be having a debrief with Patou Clerc, Information Services Coordinator on Friday afternoon and will report back in the September newsletter.

BMFHS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM will be held on 9 November 2012 and nominations should be with the secretary by 11.00 am on Friday 2 November 2012. I will be sending out nominations for the BMFHS executive and committee in early September. I will not be seeking or accepting nomination for the executive or the committee for the next year. I have served six years on the executive and think it is time for a change. When the nomination forms go out, remember, it is not only the committee who can nominate members, you the members can nominate. The person nominated has to be seconded and of course the person nominated has to accept, all by signatures.

TYPING FOR THE BM CEMETERY KATOOMBA

It is so long since I asked for volunteers to do the typing for BM Cemetery, that I feel I should ask again, rather than rely on the list of volunteers from earlier in the year. Ann Knowles and Audrey King did the initial typing, but we are now ready for further typing. Can anyone interested, please see me at the general meeting, email me at j.koperberg@bigpond.com or phone me on 02 4754 1544.

LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS

Three of our Library Volunteers for Guaranteed Sessions, Tuesday and Thursday – 10.00 am to 1.00 pm – have retired from duty. Could anyone who is willing to cover a guaranteed session, even once a month, please see Terry Flowers at the general meeting, email Terry at thflowers@optusnet.com.au or phone on 02 4758 9559. Volunteering in the family history section is a very good way of learning methods of research from other volunteers. You are not only helping others, you will be helping yourself.

REUNIONS

We have received notification about a number of Reunions between Sept 2012 and February 2013. I will give brief details here and anyone wishing further information can contact me:

Jurd Family Reunion

Saturday, 29 September 2012 at Windsor Function Centre, cnr George & Dight Streets, Windsor, 10.30 am registration, 11.15 am official opening and commemorative church service, lunch. 2.30 pm book launch Michelle Nichols, Local Studies Librarian, Hawkesbury District Library *A Pictorial History of Jurd's Chapel*.

200th Anniversary Dinner 6.15 pm for 6.45 pm
Sunday, 30 September 2012 celebrations continue with pilgrimage to Daniel & Elizabeth's graves at 10.00 am – St James' Anglican Cemetery, Pitt Town
12.00 noon – Settlers Road Cemetery, St Albans
Presentation to Settlers Arms – George Jurd's Branding Iron by Peter Webb, a great grandson. Then 1.00 pm - BYO picnic lunch.
Email: mjurd@optusnet.com.au or phone 02 4735 3658.

Jamieson Family Reunion 2012

To celebrate the 170th Anniversary of the Jamieson's arrival in Auckland, a Family Reunion is being held on the weekend of Friday 5 October 2012 to Sun 7 Oct 2012 in New Zealand. Any person related to or interested in Barr Jamieson, Ann Pettigrew descendants and ancestors are invited to contact the Reunion Committee in NZ via their website
<http://jamiesonreunion.wordpress.com/about/>
or in Australia jodi.fuller@gmail.com

Hollands Family Annual Reunion and Picnic

For the descendants of John and Mary (née Grigsby) Hollands will be held on the 20 Oct 2012 at the Holy Trinity Anglican Church Hall, Berrima, 10.00 am to 4.00 pm. Bring your own lunch. Morning tea will be provided. Some associated families are: Brady, Bainbridge, Breshahan, Davis, Donnelly, Donaldson, Fisher, Flynn, Henry, Hannaford.

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Contact Allan Shephard alshep@pnc.com.au or phone 02 4774 0405.

Thomas Acres Society – 225 Year Anniversary Reunion

The Thomas Acres Society Committee is seeking expressions of interest for the Anniversary Reunion, which will be held on Saturday 2 February 2013 in the Fitzroy Room at the Campbelltown Catholic Club, Campbelltown, NSW.

A 2-Course Buffet Luncheon is planned in a private room, which caters for up to a maximum of 240 guests. If anyone is interested and wants a booking form, please contact me at j.koperberg@gmail.com

Reunion of descendants of ship *Zes Gezusters* aka *Six Sisters*

A reunion to celebrate 160 years since the arrival of the *Zes Gezusters* aka *Six Sisters* emigrant ship will be held on Sunday 13 January 2013 at Geelong, Victoria, Australia

For more information, contact Rob Newland at robinewland@yahoo.com.au

INTERNET FAMILY HISTORY BY CORA NUM

Cora Num has a new publication:

- Chapter 1 – Begin the search
- Chapter 2 – Birth, death and marriage records
- Chapter 3 – Archives and Libraries
- Chapter 4 – Family Search
- Chapter 5 – Census Records
- Chapter 6 – e Resources
- Chapter 7 – Researching smarter

It is A5, 44 pages including index, \$12.00 plus \$2 postage in Australia – ISBN 978-0-9804372-5-6
Cora is offering 25% discount on 5 or more copies.
We will get a copy for the library, but if any member wishes to purchase a copy for home, let me know and we can get the discount.

BMACHO BM HISTORY CONFERENCE

The Blue Mountains History Conference will be held at The Carrington at Katoomba on Saturday 20 October 2012. Early bird registration cuts out on 20 August 2012. Cost for the conference, morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea is \$45.00. Contact Jan Koperberg to have a registration form posted or emailed to you.

BLUE MOUNTAINS FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY SEMINAR 2013

Our seminar is booked for Saturday 13 April 2013 (the week after Easter) and will be held in the Presbyterian Church Hall. The theme is *Following in Their Footsteps*.

NEWSLETTERS AVAILABLE IN .PDF

Cowra Family History Group newsletter for August *Eagle Tales*

NEWSLETTERS ONLINE

National Boer War Memorial Association newsletter for NSW *Monumentally Speaking*

<http://bwm.org.au/site/Newsletters.asp>

State Records of NSW newsletter *Now and Then* for August

<http://www.records.nsw.gov.au/publications/now-then-enewsletter/now-and-then-57-august-2012>

Dubbo District Family History Society newsletter for August

http://dubbofamilyhistory.org.au/media/Newsletter_August_2012.pdf