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JULY GENERAL MEETING

The July General Meeting will be held at 10.00 am on Friday 13 July 2012 in the Springwood Presbyterian Church Hall, 160 Macquarie Road, Springwood. After morning tea, guest speaker, Lorraine Turtle from Turtle Consolidated Industries, Transcription Agents will talk about "Revisiting those BDM records: A practical talk for both the beginner or the advanced researcher" - how the BDMs can lead to further research.

Our August meeting will be a special digital presentation by Joan Edwards on the book she is writing on WWII in the Blue Mountains. We have invited historians, librarians and politicians to attend and will have a special morning tea. It would be appreciated if anyone who lived on the Blue Mountains during WWII or who may have boarded with their school on the Blue Mountains during WWII would see Joan to relate memories.

JULY OUTING

Thursday 19 July: Don Graham has organised a guided tour of St John's Parramatta at 10.00 am, followed by a guided tour of Brislington House Nursing Museum Parramatta at noon. A clipboard will be passed around at the meeting, advising transport arrangements, and you can indicate if you wish to attend.

August outing: Thursday 16 August at 10.00 am, a guided tour of Boddington Hospital Museum, Wentworth Falls.

September outing: Thursday 27 September at 11.00 am, a guided tour of Rouse Hill House and Farm. There maybe a visit to the Regional Museum at Windsor on the way home.

October outing: Will be a joint outing with Blue Mountains Historical Society, a guided tour of the Jewish Museum at Darlinghurst.

NATIONAL FAMILY HISTORY WEEK

This year the dates are Friday 27 July to Sunday 5 August. Our society will be holding "Introduction to the Resources in the Family History Section" of Springwood Library and will have a display in the main section of the library. There will be two sessions each day Monday 30 July to Friday 3 August, 10.00 am to 11.00 am and 11.00 am to noon, giving the introduction, or orientation, to the general public. The Librarians at the BMCC Libraries will be taking the bookings (which are essential - in order to keep small groups) and the general public can book at any of the libraries or by phoning Springwood Library 02 4723 5040. Tell your friends! There will be no research assistance in the FH section that week till after noon.

ORIENTATION TO THE RESOURCES FOR OUR MEMBERS

There are still a number of members who have not taken advantage of orientation in the family history section of Springwood Library. If you would like to book a session, please see Pauline Hincksman at the general meeting, or email her on blossom@datacodsl.com to organise a time in August.

NSW & ACT ASSOCIATION OF FHS STATE CONFERENCE

Early bird registration for the State Conference, hosted by Botany Bay Family History Society and to be held at Tradies at Gymea, ends this Sunday 15 July 2012. You can register after that date, but you will not be able to get the early bird saving. Have a look at the Conference website <http://www.conference2012.org.au/> If you do not want to attend the Conference, consider the EXPO on the Friday.

CENTRAL COAST FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY has advised that they have launched a reciprocal research agreement with societies, offering free entry to their Research Centre when in their area. Blue Mountains Family History Society has accepted the reciprocal offer. On presentation of your current BMFHS membership card you can:

a) access all online subscriptions, Ancestry World Wide, Findmypast UK, Australia and Ireland, Origins Network, British Newspaper Archives and several other smaller subscriptions.

b) access their in house network (intranet) *PELICANET*: Access to Australian, Overseas, CCFHS publications (almost 400 individual records) and read and enjoy e-Journal publications from their e-Journal exchange program.

c) use their reference, film and fiche library. Use their Canon Digital Scanner Printer and either print out or download to a thumb drive.

ARMIDALE FAMILY HISTORY GROUP

Correction: Armidale advise there was an **error** in the last issue of *Dust of Ages* concerning the date of their Annual Seminar. It is being held on Sunday 16 September from 9.30 am at the Family History Centre in Kentucky Street Armidale.

LITHGOW SMALL ARMS FACTORY MUSEUM

The Museum, in conjunction with the Antique Arms Collectors Society of Australia is presenting **Centenary of the Lithgow Small Arms Factory Celebrations 2012 Sept 24 to Oct 27** – a special exhibition at the Museum, of antique and colonial weapons, by members of the Antique Arms Collectors Society of Australia. Included in the museum entry charge (adult \$8, pensioner \$6)

Sept 29 – official opening of AACSA exhibition and cutting of Centenary cake 11.30 am. There will be talks and demonstrations by expert members of the AACSA from 1.00 pm. Pre booking would be appreciated.

Oct 20 and 21 – Series of centenary workshop talks. Cost \$25 per day or \$40 both days, includes morning & afternoon tea & lunch. Bookings essential, numbers will be limited to 75 per session.

Contact details:

Email: lithgowsafmuseum@ozemail.com.au

PO Box 564, Lithgow, 2790

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SOUTH AUSTRALIAN OBITUARIES

From the Tasmania Rootsweb mailing list: <http://saobits.gravesecrets.net/a.html> South Australian Obituaries is a very informative and well-published body of research (no pun intended by using the word "body:).

STATE RECORDS OF NSW has over half a million probate packets to search: 533522 to be exact. The Supreme Court of NSW is transferring probate packets to State Records. The most recent transfer is Probate Packet Series 4, Probate No 650806 (year 1968).

SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIAN GENEALOGISTS

SAG is turning 80 in August, and to celebrate they are holding some special events during the month of August. For SAG members there is free library access during the month of August when you bring a guest into the library.

Their birthday celebrations culminate on Sunday 26 August when they are holding an 80th anniversary party at their historic headquarters Richmond Villa. Tickets to this event will be by ballot and you can register your interest in attending by following the link on the front of their website or by contacting the office before 10 August. Check their website for events being held in July <http://www.sag.org.au/>

LOCAL EVENTS

Friday 20 July – 10.00 am Springwood Historical Society meeting in the Springwood Presbyterian Church Hall

Sunday 22 July – Open Day Valley Heights Loco Depot Museum

Saturday 28 July – Walk: Cattle rustlers yard, campsite and caves with Glenbrook & District Historical Society
Ring to book – Doug Knowles 02 4751 3275 or Tim Miers 02 4739 2384

BMACHO BLUE MOUNTAINS HISTORY CONFERENCE 2012

The Blue Mountains History Conference will be held at The Carrington, Katoomba on Saturday 20 October. For a registration form/program, please contact Jan Koperberg, either by email j.koperberg@bigpond.com or by phoning 02 4754 1544. Early bird registration for Conference, morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea, by 20 August 2012 is \$45.00.

A Family History Tale - Submitted by John Gordon

A little girl asked her father, "How did the human race appear?" The father answered, "God made Adam and Eve and they had children, and so was all mankind made." Two days later the girl asked her mother the same question. The mother answered, "Many years ago there were monkeys from which the human race evolved." The confused girl returned to her father and said, "Dad, how is it possible that you told me the human race was created by God, and Mum said they developed from monkeys?" The father answered, "Well, dear, it is very simple. I told you about my side of the family and your mother told you about hers."

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTERS BY .pdf: If you would like a copy of any of the following newsletters, please let me know, I can send to you in .pdf:

Milton Ulladulla FHS: Pigeon House Tidings

Cowra Family HG: Eagle Tales

ACCESS NEWSLETTERS ONLINE:

Hawkesbury Family History Group <http://www.hawkesbury.net.au/community/hfhg/June2012.html>