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National Family History Week

Hooray! – its own special week and we're celebrating in style. Please join us for one of these events.

It's no surprise to us but tracing your family history is an addictive pastime - but where do you start?

During National Family History Week Orange City Library is hosting a one hour seminar titled Tracing Your Family History – A Beginners Guide to help family historians get started on the right path. Participants will also learn about useful family history resources from catalogues to newspapers, websites and photographs.

It is so easy to be sidetracked by different family names, spelling variations, occupations, locations or overwhelmed by information. This seminar is designed to help you stay organised and focused. Even if you're way beyond the beginner stage we're sure that you'll know someone who'd enjoy this seminar.

Place: Orange City Library

Date: Friday 7 August

Time: 2pm to 3pm

Cost: Free

Bookings: Essential, please call the Library on 6393 8132.

Catherine Jinks author of The Dark Mountain (and 30 other books) talks about researching family history and writing novels at Orange City Library on Saturday 8 August as part of Frost Fest and National Family History Week. Her novel The Dark Mountain is dedicated to Orange City Library after researching material for her project using the Local Studies Collection and being helped by our own Carol Sharp!

Her book is about the Atkinson/McNeilly family and has links to Orange. Based on

the true story of a colonial family, this compelling tale features a memorable cast of characters, including Australia's first female novelist and one of the country's earliest, most notorious serial killers. Meet author Catherine Jinks on Saturday 8 August from 12pm – 1.30pm. Please book your place by calling 6393 8132.

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Orange and District Pioneer Register on CD-ROM!

We're delighted to announce that the Orange and District Pioneer Register is now available on CD-ROM. The CD is a compilation of Volumes I and II of the printed versions and wherever possible, duplicate information has been merged. Where entries conflicted, the more complete entry was used, and some revisions were made to families where updated information had been submitted.

We have added 'Obituary' notes from our own index of the Orange Leader 1899 to 1919. We cannot guarantee that all obituary notices have been indexed. These obituaries may range from a notice of death to a full obituary. Copies of the Orange Leader are available on microfilm in the Orange City Library.

We've also included a sketch to give some scope to the area covered by this register. Many old names have also been entered on the map. There were a number of different names used for places whose locations are now uncertain, or the same name used for more than one place.

A huge vote of thanks to everyone who has been involved in the production of the CD-ROM and the printed Registers from which it sprung. If you'd like to order a copy for the fabulous price of \$20 (including postage and packing) complete the order form on the back of this issue of our newsletter.

From our Correspondents

We love hearing from our readers. We recently received this email which we thought we'd share:

"My Aunt, (Alice) Maude Edmonds, nee Fitzpatrick, lived in a little house opposite the hotel at Lucknow. The tiny house had louvered glass windows all along the frontage. Her husband used to own a Jewellers Shop in Summer Street, Orange at one time. I don't remember much more than that, it was a long time ago and I was very little back then.

I do have some photographs of the Gold mines in the area taken back in the 1970's.

We also had family in Orange so a stop over at Lucknow was par for the

course, and that pub. Phew!!!!!!! didn't a cold one go down well after the drive up from Sydney."

If you'd like to be put in contact with our correspondent please contact us at familyhistory@orange.nsw.gov.au

What's new on Ancestry.com.au?

Over the years, Ancestry has been gradually adding indexes of material from State Records of NSW to their collections. Now the images for these indexes are available online. For many of these records, this is the first time the images have been available digitally – who knows what new information you'll find? Ancestry.com.au is available for you to browse in the Local Studies and Genealogy Room at the Orange City Library – enjoy!

Collections with indexes and images:

- [NSW Convict Death Registers 1828-1879](#)
- [NSW Assisted Immigrant Passenger Lists 1828-1896](#)
- [NSW Unassisted Immigrant Passenger Lists 1826-1923](#)
- [Australian Convict Ship Muster Rolls 1790-1849](#)
- [1841 New South Wales Census](#)
- [1828 New South Wales Census](#)
- [NSW Historic Electoral Rolls 1842-1864](#)
- [Registers of Convicts' Applications to Marry 1826-1851](#)
- [NSW Certificates of Naturalisation 1834-1903](#)

Ancestry has reached a formal agreement with State Records NSW that will see even more material released over time, so keep an eye out for more exciting announcements in the future.

Websites involving Surnames

If you have ancestral links with Great Britain then you might want to know how your surname is distributed around the nation. The National Trust is hosting a web site that will display on a map how a particular surname was distributed, either in 1881 or 1998:

<http://www.nationaltrustnames.org.uk/>

There is now a facility called "Surname Navigator" that does multiple searches for a particular surname. This search engine quickly goes through all the web sites for a surname and lists all with each page having all the listings of the name for that site. You can narrow the search to a particular country as well.

<http://surnamenavigator.org/>

Another interesting site allows you to see the distribution of a surname around the planet, based on the occurrence by frequency per million of population. It can be reached at:

<http://www.publicprofiler.org/worldnames/>

Research

REILLY/RILEY:

Michael Reilly/Riley arrived on ship "Peter Maxwell" in 1858. Parents were Edward and Rose Reilly/Riley from County Cavan, Ireland. Sisters: Bridget Martin nee Riley living at Hartley and Catherine Vines nee Riley living at Bathurst.

Grace Violet Glynn married Patrick Hanrahan in 1937 at Orange NSW. Grace's parents were Michael and Elizabeth Glynn nee Randall

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READ:

In search of descendants of Joseph Francis Read and his wife Ethel Mary Shelton, married 16 September 1916 in Sydney. They had one son Charles who served in the RAAF and lived in Canberra during the 1950s and 1960s. Please email suegil52@yahoo.com.au or phone 6361 9019.

MCAULEY:

Descendants/relatives of Robert McAuley, born Browns Creek, Carcoar on 14 February 1868, son of John and Mary McAuley. Please email suegil52@yahoo.com.au or phone 6361 9019.

BRAY, LANE AND PEARSE FAMILIES:

Nicholas Bray and Joanna (nee Lane) Bray, their sons Samuel, William and John, their daughter Mary; Mary's husband Thomas Pearse and Thomas; sister (and later Samuel's wife) Joanna Lane. The eldest child in the family, James Bray, emigrated with his uncle William Lane.

Enquiry relates to where the Bray family might have lived when they arrived in Byng/Cornish Settlement.

Contact: Margaret Small

MCCONNELL

John McConnell, son of Samuel and Agnes McConnell married Sarah Williams. Sarah's first marriage: Dooley; children Susan Ann Pulley, James Dooley, Ellen Maria (first marriage Alexander Barnett, second marriage John Douglas Williams). John and Sarah's children: John Edward McConnell, Maruy Eliza Kissell, Margaret Cunneen, Samuel McConnell, George Archibald McConnell, Charles Conelius McConnell, Sarah Amelia Miller, Agnes Emma McConnell and Donald McConnell.

Contact: Virginia Nicholas.

COLLINS

John Collins born Canterbury, Kent between 1859 and 1862. He married Mary Jaques at St Johns Church of England Wallerawang in 1887. Children: Emma Elizabeth Collins, John William Thomas Collins, Albert Celvestine Collins, Arthur Ernest Collins, Oswald Harold Collins, Elsie Beatrice Collins

and Leonard Clare Collins. The family has been told he arrived in Australia with his brother, but to date cannot locate any shipping records which confirm this. No record of brother's name can be found.

Contact: Greig Collins

Information on Aboriginal name – was Jimmy then changed name to Euroka Coboone.

Donald McLean married Mary Ann Lewis at Bathurst 1859. Information on Henry Lewis and Ellen Purcell.

Contact: John Brasnet

Obituaries and Probates for the following people: Ada Livingstone (nee Cornish) died 12 November 1953; John Cornish died 6 August 1939; Ellen Angus (nee Doyle) died 23 August 1900; John Angus died 20 December 1923; Sarah Angus (nee McMullen died 27 March 1887; Hector Angus died 18 November 1876; Mara Agland (nee Pike) died 14 May 1908; William Agland died 10 December 1906; Madge Livingstone (nee Gallagher) died 7 September 1913; James Livingstone died 10 July 1902, Lillian McArdle (nee Angus) died 16 August 1934; John Smith (died surname McArdle) died 25 May 1936; Rose Ann Pollett (nee Godfrey) died 17 September 1935; and Emma Cornish (nee Agland) died 10 September 1928

Contact: Corolie Larrea

James Woody died 21 July 1936, buried Roman Catholic Section, Orange Cemetery, unmarked grave. Possibly James Wooby born Hobart, Tasmania, his father Thomas.

Contact Carol McCaul

Henry Pollard born in Exeter UK in 1858. Arrived in Australia some time prior to 1878. He joined the NSW Artillery in Sydney and joined the NSW Police Department in 1883 as a Police Photographer in Sydney. He was transferred to Goulburn. Pollard was a Police Constable stationed in Temora and he resigned from his job and became a travelling photographer but the business failed after just three months. His business partner was George Fletcher, also a Police Constable from Temora. It appears when in Orange he sold all the photographic gear to Mr King, an Orange Photographer and the wagon and horses to Mr Ridge, proprietor of Ridge's Royal Tycoon Circus which was in Orange at the time (October or November 1885). Henry Pollard returned to the Police Force and re-enrolled on 7 November 1885 as a Probationary Constable in the Sydney Metropolitan District. Henry's wife was Alice Pollard.

Contact: Tony Slattery

William Duggan died 23 April 1914. He was married to Charlotte Pulley who died 29 November 1932. Children: Mary Philomena Madded, died 1968 in Dubbo; William Thomas Duggan died 29 March 1955; Catherine McAlister died 1964 in Sydney; Thomas Duggan died 14 August 1954, buried at Botany Cemetery; Margaret Theresa Smith died 11 July 1953, buried botany Cemetery; Dennis Duggan died 29 February 1896, buried Orange Cemetery; Bridget Cecilia Duggan died 7 October 1976, buried Orange Cemetery; Ellen (Nellie) Duggan died 2 February 1900, buried Orange Cemetery and

Josephine Duggan, died 24 December 1925.

Charlotte Pulley: father William Pulley and mother Mary Bulger

Contact: Brian Duggan

John Withers who operated a tinsmith shop at Anson Street, Orange. He laid town water in Orange and his name adorned trapdoors on control boxes in the ground. He served as a council alderman in Orange Council from 1894 to 1896. He was in the Masonic and Oddfellows Lodges. He died at Private Hospital at Marrickville on 9 September 1934 aged 92 years. Wife Elizabeth Withers (nee Cooper) died 30 March 1925 at her residence 2 Gowrie Street, Newtown, aged 82 years.

Henrietta E Barnett (nee Withers) born 1877 reg Orange married William Barnett. She died 23 May 1979 aged 101. Buried at Woronora Cemetery.

Contact: Jon Rankin

Barnett and Withers families.

Contact: Patricia Davies

Stella Madalean Jenkins (nee Kidd) married John Thomas Jenkins in April, 1912. He died 11 July 1962 and is buried in Cudal Cemetery. She died on 30 November 1975. Children: Edna Muriel married George Newman in February 1947 in Cudal. She died in 1997 in Innisfail Qld. Wallace Stanley married Catherine Grace Goldspink in May 1941 in Manildra. He died 7 April 1987 in Hurlstone Park, Sydney and Doris Aileen (twin Wallace) Jenkins, she never married and lived in Cudal from 1940, died 25 August 1991. Buried at Cudal Cemetery. Goldspink surname.

Contact Yvonne Hall

Newsletter Rewards

Our Newsletter has certainly shown its value. It is distributed to a very wide area, and the feedback is remarkable.

I submitted an article about my Hurle family (my maternal grandfather and others) which was printed in the journal, and lo and behold an email was sent to me via the Orange library from Queensland from a Hurle descendant of my grandfather's brother.

Neither this girl nor I know of each other, and we are now having a wonderful time keeping in touch and exchanging miles of information. Each of us is filling in many blanks and it is just wonderful fringing a new 'cousin' and her family.

Keep reading this Newsletter and other journals – you might be lucky, as I was, and come across an unknown 'cousin'. Shirley

Great Viewing

Television stations have just recently realised what we family historians have known for years – that family history is a dynamic interest, an addictive hobby and an important quest. The acquired knowledge can be an asset in many areas – certainly including the medical history which can result in life-saving decisions.

The television programs dealing with family history are: 'Find my Family' and 'Missing Links on commercial stations and 'Can We Help?' on ABC TV as well as repeats of 'Who Do You Think you Are?' on SBS. The interest seemed to start with 'Who Do You Think You Are' on SBS and soon the other channels saw it was a winning subject (and got in on the act) and well worthwhile having similar programs.

All have been most successful and have triggered much interest and make all research officers of Family History Groups very busy.

PROV on line

Proactive, The magazine of Public Record Office Victoria (PROV) is now available on line at <http://www.prov.vic.gov.au/publications>. The best way to stay in touch with PROV news, and to keep informed about our public programs, is by regularly checking in with rEsearch, our free, bimonthly online newsletters. If you would like to be contacted whenever a new issue of rEsearch goes online, contact PROV on ask.prov@prov.vic.gov.au and ask to subscribe to the rEsearch mailing list.

Time to Remember

The Australian War Memorial's website is a great starting point for your research into Australia's involvement in all wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations. They have databases, digitised images and on-line exhibitions to lead you where you want to go. Initially, go to: <http://www.ofhg.com.au/client/index.cfm/2009/4/24/time-to-remember>. a comment from one user of this site: 'I cannot thank you enough for this information. I managed to download my grandfather's army record – all 40 pages of it! – and my recently deceased uncle's navy record!, as well as other information. I am ever so grateful, thanks a bunch'.

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