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Margaret Playford (4yo) ‘Behind the Wheel’ at Cordial Factory, 1935.

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Cape Byron Lighthouse in the 1930s.



Editorial

Editor’s Message by Carol Donaghey

Spring is a bright, new time of year so let’s hope it fills us with inspiration and eagerness to progress with our research and maybe take the time to write about our discoveries.

Our 35th Anniversary lunch was most successful and many thanks to all those involved in organising it. Our guest photographer, Julie Pallant, provided us with numerous great photos which will soon be available to see on our website.

The Annual General Meeting was held in August and we welcome a new President, Don Howell. Robyn Hilan, who has held the position for the past five years, has retired and will now have more free time to travel up and down the NSW coast. Robyn has been a tremendous support and encouragement to the Society and we wish her well in her new endeavours.

We look forward to a new year with Don at the helm. Don has been a Committee member and Research Officer for a number of years and is well-known and liked by all, so it’s onward and upward.

This is a larger than usual edition and includes our outgoing President’s report, Treasurer’s report and information about *The Cedar Log* Digital Collection USB which was launched at the Anniversary lunch. Also included is an order form if you wish to purchase one of the USB’s.

Our Pioneers series continues with *Early Days in Byron Bay* contributed by Margaret and Rosemary Playford (see p10) and there is a wonderful light hearted story about Dawn Lotty’s mother as well as John Fraser’s story about Rev Henry Fulton.

Yvonne Hammond is back home after more than three months in Ballina Hospital. And Marie Hart had some surgery and spent a night in hospital but is now out and about again – looking great.

I would like to thank Marie for her years of contributing items for the journal. She spent a lot of her time reading through exchange journals for items that may be of interest to our members. Marie was also the ‘go to’ person for tidbits of news – overseas travel, stays in hospital, new grandchild. Marie will no longer be doing this role and the editorial team will try and put it together for the December journal. Can I ask that you please pass on any news items to me via email or phone between now and December.

Raffle tickets for the Christmas raffle are included with this journal. The draw will be at our Christmas Lunch at Summerland House Farm on Saturday 7 December. Please note that date and come along and join in the festivities.

Reports to AGM



President's Report to AGM 3 August 2019 by Robyn Hilan

It is my privilege to present this report to the Annual General Meeting. We have had a pleasing year. Not everything can be included but some selective matters need highlighting.

In the immediate future we will reach a milestone of our 1,000th membership over the lifetime of the Society. We have 119 current members. Our meetings have been well attended, with a range of 30 to 45 and an average of 37. Our finances are sufficient for our present needs and the immediate future. Long term they may come under pressure as we rely primarily on internal revenue which may not match increased expenditure. Thus the basis of the Society, the important three 'M's – Members, Meetings and Money, are in a satisfactory state although we would welcome more of any one of them!

We are indebted to all speakers and participants for their contributions to our meetings. We were highly entertained by our Guest Speaker, Bush Poet Ray Essery who gave us a different perspective of our early pioneers. Always ready for a party, the End of World War 1 celebrations and the technical insights brought by Philip Bradley were well received. Our February meeting included the long awaited presentation of the Nick Vine Hall Award to the Society and the Editorial Team. John Tranter's demonstration of WikiTree was very helpful.

Some members have responded to the establishment of a DNA group which is a 'work in progress'.

After years of dedication the project team finalised *The Cedar Log* Digital Edition and it was launched by Don Howell at the 35th Anniversary Celebration in July. Every edition from September 1984 to December 2018 is provided in a searchable format and the package is available for sale.

There was an excellent response to the 35th Anniversary Celebration which took place in July. Our Patron Martyn Killion brought a greeting and chaired proceedings which included a presentation by Marie Hart to Nola Rodey acknowledging 33 years of continued service on the Committee and as Membership Secretary. The launch of the electronic version of the Journal, and a President's Report (with the usual cartoons,

as requested) were included in the formalities. Five winners took home lucky door prizes. A specially prepared and personalised place mat was provided by Jackie Chalmers. The organisation by Carol Donaghey, Jackie Chalmers, Gwen Clark and Joann Clapham was excellent and the facilities, including technology, were donated by Summerland House Farm. Photographer Julie Pallant donated her time and an excellent collection of photographs is now available.

Last December Jan Ousby replaced Nola Rodey as Membership Secretary. Liz Marshall has become our Webmaster.

Special mention should be made of the Editorial Team who promised two years service but five years later in December they will hand the responsibility to a new team. Their contribution to the Society has been exceptional, and their duties carried out often in the midst of personal difficulties. Marie Hart tried to call time on her contribution to the Journal but I asked her to keep going for a while – which also turned out to be five years! Marie will now pass her responsibilities over to another member after the September journal.

Despite 35 years of activities the Society is still evolving. There are new challenges ahead and the Committee is already looking at ways to ease the demands on some aspects of management so that more people share the load and have an increased sense of belonging. Change is an ever present pressure and sometimes coping with the future causes a level of disturbance in the present!

This will be my last report as President. What was intended as a two year stint has gone on to five and the Society needs fresh leadership. It has been a heavy involvement, but the rewards outweigh the demands. I sincerely thank all who have served on Committee over that time and the Members for 'putting up with me'. I am confident we have good people in place to take the Society forward and I know they will have your full support.



Retiring President, Robyn Hilan

Treasurer's Report to AGM 3 August 2019

by Bonnie Bennett

I'm pleased to report on our financial position for the year ending June 2019

Operational Income	11,507.52
Operational Expenses	10,402.58
Operational Surplus	1,104.94
Reconciled Bank Balance	3,713.55
Investment Account	6,886.73
Total Funds available	10,600.28

I wish to draw your attention to a couple of matters:

Income

The operational surplus was due to the Grant from Ballina RSL \$1,000 and the Nick Vine Hall Award \$300.

The membership which is \$3,740 is slightly down on last year. It is important to keep our membership up if we want to cover the major expenses ie rent, journal and library.

The total comparison of income shows that it is stable.

Expenses

Recurring expenses were down because no equipment was purchased, there was a saving on insurance, meeting expenses and the Journal which added up to about \$1,000.

I wish to thank Robyn Hilan for her help during the year and for doing the audit.

To the Hospitality Supervisor, Joann Clapham and her team of volunteers and the Marshall's for selling the raffle tickets a very big thank you as the society benefits greatly from these activities.

The Committee has discussed the membership fees for 2019, and decided they will remain the same. I move that their recommendation be accepted.



The Cedar Log 1984-2018

by Carol Donaghey

In conjunction with the celebration of our 35th anniversary a USB has been created as a publication of the Richmond-Tweed Family History Society Inc. that contains all the issues of *The Cedar Log* journals from September 1984 until the issue of December 2018.

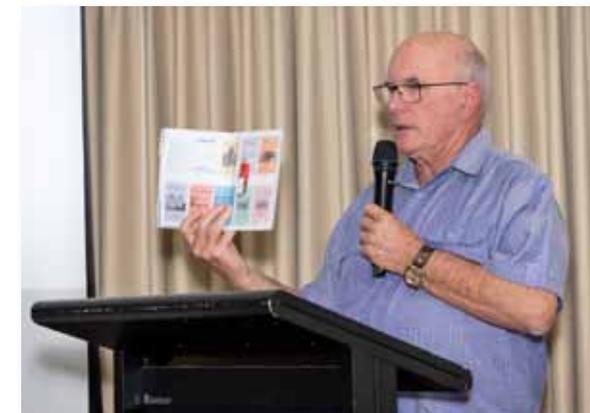
There are 138 searchable issues in PDF format. Also included are searchable PDFs of the monthly Newsletters from 2015 to 2018 and instructions on how to search the PDFs.

Many thanks to Don Howell, Gwen Clark and Jackie Chalmers who spent many hours scanning the old paper copies of the journals and also to Mr William (Bill) Hobbs of the *Newcastle Family History Society* who digitised the scanned copies.

This is a valuable project that has preserved our history, stories and many memories over the past 35 years. Our gratitude goes to our productive and hard-working volunteers.

A copy of the USB is available to members for \$25.00 (non-members \$30.00). An order form is included in this journal. Payment may be made by cheque to the Secretary along with the completed form or by direct deposit (details on the order form) and emailing the form to:

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Don Howell launching The Cedar Log Collection

My Mother



by Dawn Lotty

A family historian looking for information about my mother Annie Sutton would only find a birth, marriage and an incorrect death certificate as well as entries in the Electoral rolls. If they looked further they would discover that all her siblings and their partners, the three men in her life, and a daughter from an early marriage had all died many decades ago. If they were lucky they would find just three photos.

I had cause to think about this listening to the ABC journalist Sarah Ferguson talking about her book *My Mother* at the Byron Writers Festival and realised I was the last person alive who personally knew my mother.

Annie had a reasonably comfortable upbringing on a farm in the early 1900's along with seven sisters and four brothers. A close-knit family, they recalled a headstrong, cheeky child who was regularly in trouble.



Annie Sutton at 30 Years of Age

As an adult my mother stood 1.57m (5' 2") weighed 48k (7 ½ stone) with bright auburn hair. She was confident, even tempered and unfailingly optimistic but made it known she was happier being at home, working in the garden or talking to her menagerie of animals and birds than gossiping over the fence or having tea with other mothers.

My mother had very progressive social beliefs many of which still raise heated debate today while no subject, no matter my age, was off limits in our frequent talks – ‘*be street smart*’ she would tell me.

She was the only person I knew who did not eat meat, chicken or fish so our meals were regularly supplemented by her collection of vegetarian recipes from Italian, Greek and Chinese

acquaintances. I was very careful not to bring a school friend home when I thought our kitchen would be festooned with her home-made pasta spread out to dry.

My mother could turn her hand at almost any domestic pursuit but she could not make pastry, despite her regular attempts cooking fruit pies and tarts. What made it worse was the newspaper advertisement for my father's bakery that said that he was a ‘*winner in the pastry section, NSW Pastry Cook's Exhibition*’. We smothered her pastry in custard or cream while my father said ‘*don't think of it as pastry*’ – cardboard came to mind.

My mother believed in non-traditional medicine either writing or visiting Herr Rasmussen the Danish Herbalist in George Street, Sydney. The result would be a parcel filled with small brown bottles, jars and mysterious powders. These potions cured whatever ailed us from the common cold to preventing lice (not surprising given the smell). Also included would be the ingredients for beauty creams and my mother's favourite face masks.

Annie had worked first as a nurse's aide at the old Liverpool Hospital in NSW and then as a carer so her family gave her the nickname of Florence or Flo in reference to Florence Nightingale. I was about seven before I realise her real name was Annie.

When my mother taught me the alphabet she also taught me the same letters in sign language or finger spelling. I've never used sign language and it has all changed but I still remember them over 70 years later.

My mother whistled – while she did her house work, while she tended her large vegetable garden and even walking down the street. Growing up on the farm she had learnt to produce a loud, shrill whistle to call in the animals. It was now used to call the dog and me home for dinner.



Mum (Aged about 40 years) and I in Temora

My mother had no sympathy for my anxiety during bushfires, dust storms and floods and would tell me *'it could be worse'*. When we had a grasshopper plague with swarms in, on and under everything her only comment as she pulled grasshoppers from my hair and clothing was if I did not stand still she would give me a slap.

Annie did not age like other people. She was 39 for about ten years, then aged to 40 for another ten years and until she died at 64 maintained she was somewhere in her mid 50's.

My mother was a story teller. She did not read me fairy stories but told me ghost stories including her own encounters at the old Liverpool Hospital where I've just discovered they now hold ghost tours. These were interspersed with stories about her family and tales about prominent Sydneysiders like Louisa Lawson (Henry's mother), Tilly Devine and Kate Lee and her favourite, the remarkable Chinese gentleman Quang Tart.

Australian bushrangers were her heroes, not unusual when you know how many convicts and criminals are in her family. She was proud that I was born in 'Ned Kelly country' in Victoria something that happened more by accident than design as she would tell me *I was a surprise*.

I am convinced that every swagman in the Riverina knew where we lived. They formed a steady stream into our kitchen where they always received a hot meal, were offered a hot bath or shower and had their supplies of flour, sugar and tea topped up, and if their dog had fleas it was sprinkled with Herr Rasmussen's flea powder.

I noted that travelling salesmen were only given tea and biscuits but as someone accomplished in dressmaking, needlework, knitting and crocheting she always bought supplies from their suitcases.

If you wanted your fortune told my mother was the person to see. Having her read your fortune in tea leaves was a favourite at family gatherings but a deck of ordinary cards or the palm of your hand would also suffice.

My mother was a minimalist long before it had a name so there were no pictures on the walls, no ornaments or clocks on mantle pieces, sideboards, or tables. *'Dust catchers'* she would say with scorn but vases of flowers were allowed.

Annie also invented road rage. A respectable woman normally she turned into an impatient, shouting person behind the wheel, blowing the horn and waving her arms at any driver who attracted her ire.

My mother's view of charity was to support local people, churches and schools. Her homemade confectionary was a huge favourite at fetes and she would always make up food parcels for needy local families. If the family happen to be our size or age our wardrobes would be raided once giving away my father's best suit. An easy going man his response was *'that's your mother'*. I was not so easy going and our relationship was strained when she gave away my teddy bear.

We came to Sydney in 1954 for my father's work. Unfortunately he died three years later aged 64. It wasn't long before my mother adopted the idea of moving to a farm and raising goats.

The farmers in our family thought this was a huge joke pointing out that she didn't know anything about goats. She would reply *'I'll soon learn – they can't be too different from cows'*. One day I came home from work to find a young nanny goat in our back yard with our dogs for *'practical experience'* I was told. It wasn't long before the goat thought it was a dog.

As my mother's search for a suitable farm gathered pace I took the opportunity to rent a small flat opposite Hyde Park in Sydney. Several months later my mother had found her farm just outside Windsor and she now drove around in a ute.



Annie Sutton in her late 50's

Annie's farm soon obtained chickens. A little later there were ducks on the dam, two cats from somewhere and finally more goats and of course the makings of a very large veggie garden and a new man in her life, a widower who lived in town.

Until she died suddenly seven years later I hardly recognised my mother. She zipped around town in the ute, swapping produce, visiting other farms, even having people over for morning tea and lecturing me on a future where everyone would only eat healthy, organic, vegetarian food while serving me something called *'muesli'* for breakfast.

As a 19 year old this change in my mother left me bewildered and annoyed but over the years I have witnessed this metamorphosis in a large number of my female friends when their children have left home or they have lost a partner. I now applaud their initiative and understand that like Annie, they are strong, independent women taking the opportunity to do what they want to do free of expectations and obligations.

Early Days in Byron Bay



by Margaret and Rosemary Playford

Our family connection with Byron Bay dates back to the early part of the 1890s when *The Bay* as it was known was a well-established sea port. Sailing ships plied between Sydney and Byron Bay carrying timber and passengers to the city and returning with supplies and new settlers. The jetty was built in 1888 on the main beach and access was straight off Jonson Street. Horses were used to pull the loads of cargo out to the end of the jetty where the goods were winched into the hold of the ship. A small jetty engine known as *the little green frog* was used to replace the horses in 1923.

When Norco was established in 1895 our maternal grandfather, Robert Duncan, was appointed as the first engineer. His brother John and his brother-in-law Bill Campbell established a sawmill in Jonson Street (June 1904) just near the butter factory and both businesses had access to the railway line which ran behind them through to the jetty. This jetty was badly damaged in a cyclone so a new jetty (always referred to as *The New Jetty*) was completed in 1928 near the outlet of the Belongil Creek to the north of the town.



Our grandfather, Robert Duncan,
1934 on his retirement after 35
years as Chief Engineer of Norco

The beach has changed shape many times during our lifetime. When we were first living in *The Bay* the beach was quite wide and the surf club on the main beach was built on the sand. In a bad storm the clubhouse was washed away and most of the sand with it.

Dominating the headland of Cape Byron was the lighthouse, opened in 1901. Its light could be seen for 22 miles out to sea and was a welcome sight at night. During WWII after the Japanese bombed Darwin and submarines were sighted out to sea up and down the east coast the light was extinguished for several weeks and the nights were very dark.

No whaling took place at Byron Bay until well after the second World War and the whaling station was only used for seven years (1954 to 1963). In our day no one took any notice of the whales which could be seen on their annual migration up and down the coast. From the back door of our Grandfather's house in Cooper Street we could see them cruising up and down the coast out from Tallow Beach.

There were a number of shipwrecks along the coast – the first was the 100 ton schooner *Volunteer* loaded with 114 casks of tallow. These were strewn along the beach south and north of Cape Byron and led to the naming of Tallow Beach south of the cape.

Over time the village expanded and two schools were established – Byron Bay Public School in 1892, where both Margaret and I attended and, before us, our mother, aunt and uncles – a Convent School was built in 1916 opposite St Finbarr's church on the corner of Ruskin and Tennyson Streets.

There were two churches built in the same area in Ruskin Street – John Knox Presbyterian Church, built 1904, and St Finbarr's Catholic Church on Tennyson Street, the first church opened in 1901 and was rebuilt in 1922. The Anglican Church – St Pauls – was built in 1898 in Kingsley Street and the Methodist Church, now Uniting Church, was built in 1911 in Carlyle Street, near the Public School.



Old jetty showing engine on the jetty

The Bay was quite an industrial town in the first part of the 20th century. As well as a sawmill, a dairy factory, and the shipping port and railway (which came through in 1894) there was Anderson's Meat works, opened in 1930 near the *New Jetty*, on the site of several failed operations, and Zircon Rutile, established 1935 in Jonson Street (the site of the sawmill and where Woolworths shopping centre was built many years later after the sand mining company ceased operations).

In Jonson Street Timperley's Garage was on one corner near the railway crossing and on the opposite corner was Gibsons General Store purchased

in 1939 by Mr CW Reid. Beside the garage was Mrs Ryan's Tea Rooms and opposite was George and Tony Feros' Fruit Shop and Halpin's clothing store. Further along was The Great Northern Hotel which has been unlucky as the first two buildings were burnt down – the first, built 1892, burnt down in 1897. It was rebuilt in 1898 and burnt down in 1936 and then rebuilt again. There was an open drain through the town between the hotel and several shops – a chemist shop and a newsagency, then the ES&A Bank and the post office.

The Literary Institute was started in the 1890s after a public meeting was called in 1892 and a committee was formed. Now known as the Community Centre, it was used for many functions from showing motion pictures (silent films in the early days), a place for dances and used by teachers of piano and violin and dancing classes. There was a small library and a small shop – Lennons – where you could buy sweets and ice cream (a great treat and rarely enjoyed). On the corner of Jonson and Carlyle Street was Clark and Boyd's cake shop and tea room – we enjoyed lovely sponge cakes from this shop.

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Social and sporting events were well catered for from early days. The Byron Bay Scouts was formed in 1910 and Mum's elder brothers and

a cousin joined. The Girl Guides was in operation in the 1930s and Margaret was a proud 'Brownie'. These organisations met in the Scout Hall on the eastern side of the Sports Ground.



Byron Bay Scout Troop, 1910

Byron Bay Surf Life Saving Club was established before 1920. One of our cousins was a member during World War II years.

Foster's Esplanade Café and Dance Hall right on the beach front was the place to go for entertainment and special functions. Margaret remembers going to Fosters for a special Scottish evening when she was quite a little girl. It was her first taste of haggis and she remembers enjoying it! The proprietors were a Scottish couple and Mrs Foster was the local nurse and midwife.



*Grandfather's house, 'Clyth-ham'
Cooper Street, Byron Bay, 1910*

Our grandfather's house, Clyth-ham, in Cooper Street is still occupied. It was built in 1909 from red bricks brought from Sydney as ballast in a coastal steamer, with decorative corners of white sand bricks made in *The Bay*. A subsequent owner painted the house white and renamed it Victoria House. The house is now the main centre in the *Cape Byron Retirement Village* and is still recognisable as the house we knew so well and lived in for two years during the war.

Byron Bay has changed so much since our family moved to Lismore in 1944 so that Margaret didn't have to travel daily to the High School in Lismore by steam train from Byron Bay as had our mother and her sister and brothers.

We treasure our memories of a carefree childhood, playing out in the paddock at Grandfather's place and riding the horse across the heath behind the house. Many houses are now built over our playground.

The beauty of the Byron Shire was 'discovered' in the 1970s and brought a different culture to *The Bay*.

Such is life!

Who Was Henry Fulton?

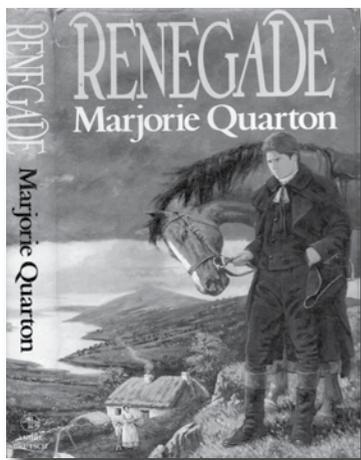


by John Fraser

Henry Fulton was an Irish convict transported to NSW in 1799 from County Cork, in Ireland. He sailed aboard the *'Minerva'* with some 183 other Irish convicts who had been involved mostly in the Irish Rebellion of the late 1790s.

My interest in family history commenced in 1979 when my Great Aunt Clara (who we knew as Aunt Bill) passed away. My brother David who attended her funeral, learnt from his cousins that Aunt Bill had some old letters referring to Parson Fulton, her great grandfather, written some 40 years earlier. The letters outlined some of his early life in Ireland and his loyalty to Governor Bligh.

As my interest was aroused I started searching in Penrith, Berrima District and Sydney Library Family History Section. This led me to the Castlereagh Old Anglican Cemetery where I found graves of the Fultons and Frasers. My son Peter and my wife Joan, helped me put together the pieces of Henry's grave stone which had been scattered and broken into more than a dozen pieces. We found all but one piece and put them together like a jigsaw puzzle, right next to the grave. Since then, with the Bi-Centenary and local interest the grave has been re-built (using the original pieces we found in the late 1980s).



'Renegade' by Marjorie Quarton

In the 1990s Joan and I visited the United Kingdom and Ireland in search of family history. While staying in Ireland we were directed by people we met to the town of Nenagh, Co Tipperary. On visiting the Library-Museum we asked if there was any information about a Rev Henry Fulton. Surprisingly enough the librarian said that although up until a week before she had never heard of him, a local author, Marjorie Quarton, had recently published a book called *'Renegade'* about Rev Fulton, and that only a few days ago had put some of those books out for sale. We immediately bought five copies for our family. The

'Renegade' has never been for sale in Australian bookshops. The book is written in two parts, one of Fulton's early life in Ireland and the other about his life in Australia.

The Rev Henry Fulton is a most interesting character. He was born in Lisburn in County Antrim 1761 to John Henry Fulton, a wealthy damask manufacturer, and Ann Wade of Clonebraney, Co Meath. As a young boy with an aptitude for numbers he wanted to be a sailor and to study navigation, however his father had other ideas. As his father and his two uncles had attended Trinity College, Dublin it was decided that Henry should go there too. In 1788 Henry complied and enrolled in his favourite subjects of Mathematics and Law. He may have also studied Divinity. When he had completed his studies in 1792 he spent two years working for his father's linen business. Soon afterwards, in 1795, he married his sweetheart, Ann Walker, the daughter of Rev James Walker of Roscrea, Co Tipperary.

During his time at Trinity, Henry met with Wolf Tone, who was involved in the *United Irish Movement*. Later, after being ordained by Bishop Barnard of Killaloe, when Henry was preaching he often mentioned the needs of the Irish peasants, indicating some Christian sympathy for their plight. He worked under Rev Woods in Silvermines who gave Henry the vicarship of Monsea, also in Tipperary. Unfortunately, his sympathy towards the Irish soon led to his arrest and he was charged and convicted of sedition. He was thus sent to NSW as a convict. Fortunately, his wife Ann and two children, James and Jane came with him.

A New Life in NSW

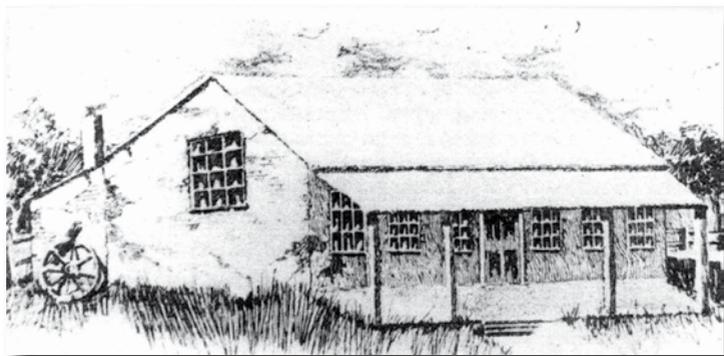
After a four and half months voyage to Sydney Cove, life in NSW began for Henry Fulton and his family. Henry performed a church service at Hawkesbury on Sunday 7 December after being given a conditional pardon by Governor King on 7 November 1800. Later in 1800 and 1801, at Windsor, he acted as schoolteacher, sexton and bellman. He was then sent to Norfolk Island on 17 February 1801 arriving on 5 March. He remained on Norfolk Island until May 1806 where he had performed regular church services, marriage, birth and burials. In the meantime, his wife Anne had two more children, John Walker and Lydia Margaret, but his three year old daughter, Jane, passed away and was buried in the Norfolk Island Cemetery.

Rev Fulton was granted an absolute pardon by Governor King in December 1805 which would have allowed him to leave the colony if he

had wished to, however with Rev Samuel Marsden leaving for England in 1807, Fulton took over services throughout the colony at St Johns in Parramatta, St Philips in Sydney as well as services for the convicts in Toongabbie.

When Governor William Bligh arrived in August 1806, he tried to curb the notorious 'Rum Trade' conducted by officers of the NSW Corp. Things began to change so that by January 1808 Major Johnston (the head of the NSW Corps) took over Government House and put Governor Bligh under arrest. Major Johnston objected to Rev Fulton's support for Governor Bligh so had him arrested and suspended from duty a few days later.

It was only when Governor Lachlan Macquarie arrived in 1810 with his own Scottish regiment that the NSW Regiment was suspended and Major Johnston and John Macarthur were sent to England to face court for their illegal actions. They were shipped back to England with witnesses including Rev Fulton. Major Johnston and John Macarthur were duly convicted and banned from returning to Australia for many years. Rev Fulton returned to NSW in 1812 to take up duties at St Philips Church in Sydney where he remained until June 1814 when he was appointed to take charge of the Parish of Castlereagh.



Parson Fulton's Church at Castlereagh, as sketched by William Freame in 1912

Governor Macquarie engaged William Cox to build a large brick parsonage on a 400 acre block (taking 18 months to construct) called the Glebe House. Rev Henry Fulton moved into the parsonage in June 1814 where he became Parson and Schoolmaster. The school closed in 1825 due to the excessive workload.

In May 1815 Henry Fulton was appointed a Magistrate at the Hawkesbury District and in 1819 as Magistrate at Evans.

Henry and Anne Fulton had seven children: James: born Ireland and died Sydney, aged 4; Jane: born Ireland and died on Norfolk Island, aged 3; Sarah: born at Farm Cove in 1800, married John McHenry and died at sea in 1853; John: born on Norfolk Island, married Elizabeth Cartwright in 1827 and died in 1850; Lydia Margaret: born on Norfolk Island in 1805, married Alexander Fraser (an ex-convict who had taught under Henry Fulton) in 1827 and died in 1870; Henry Mathias: born in Sydney in 1807, married Frances West and died in 1891, (he had a second marriage to Margaretta Thompson in 1869); Ann Elizabeth: born in 1810 in Sydney, married George Wentworth and died in 1851. According to family history records Henry and Ann Fulton have thousands of descendants.

Henry served on the bench till 1827. He promoted philanthropic and religious societies, assisted with aboriginal education, taught school from 1814 to 1825 (note the Henry Fulton Public School near where Henry's school was at Castlereagh). He was probably one of the best educated men in NSW at the time. The list of his books, which were auctioned sometime after his death, included many classics, higher mathematics, poetry, languages, law and religious books. In his school at Castlereagh students were taught at infants, primary, secondary and even at some tertiary levels. It was probably the first Secondary School in the Colony.

Reverend Henry Fulton was eventually transferred to the new Penrith Church of St Stephens in 1839 but died in November 1840 at the Castlereagh Parsonage. He was buried in his son-in-law, John McHenry's vault, in the Castlereagh Anglican Cemetery.



The Reverend, Henry Fulton's Headstone



President's Report 35th Anniversary – Robyn Hilan July 2019

Introduction

A birthday or anniversary is a time for reflection. Is it that long? How the years have flown by! What have I done? Early on if someone had told me I would do this, or that, I would never have believed it!

In this the Society's 35th anniversary year let us think back also to those days of its infancy, through the teenage era into our now grown up state and we may find it hard to believe all that has happened. Here are some highlights.

What have we done? Theme one – resources

Members have gathered books from far and wide to provide background material and social history. We purchased Microfiche costing \$1,000s from as far afield as England and borrowed hundreds of microfilms from State Archives. The shelves were quickly filling up. What shelves? Why those – as well as the desks - which were hand made by members, assembled and from time to time relocated to different more luxurious premises.

Members took what started out as a few ideas in Marie Hart's notebook and turned them into a library bearing her name.

What have we done? Theme two – technology

Remember your teenage years? Were they difficult? Adventurous? Perhaps the Society's teenage years are represented by the technology era.

It was hard but exciting work for those members who painstakingly transcribed and photographed cemetery headstones and Honour Boards. Others indexed local school registers and wrote about pioneers to add to our resources.

But slowly those covered microfiche machines were moving further to the back of the library and computers with their CD drives appeared. The Purchasing Committee seemed to be buying less books, not many CDs and suddenly a chap called Mr Google was in residence and the Treasurer paying out for specialist Subscription Sites! A digital photo collection was added. And we had this thing called a Website.

Sometimes the transition was fraught with danger but thankfully over the years we have had members with sufficient ability to help us function successfully with all these modern resources.

What have we done? Theme three – meetings and seminars

That handful of people who first met in the lounge room at Marie's home added to their number so many others that meetings became more formal and had to be moved until settled at our present location – the Ballina Players Theatre. Members have given talks and presentations and shared their discoveries; and one couple even renewed their marriage vows! Guest speakers advised new directions to explore, and from time to time there have been sound effects, music and some magnificent birthday cakes. Technology impacted on our meetings too. We have long since archived our overhead projector to make way for laptop computers and digital projectors. Years ago we had walking tours of the Pioneer Cemetery but more recently it was a digital stroll down Norton Street. Another innovation is something called a Vodcast whereby we can benefit from a seminar in the USA without paying an airfare.

Mentioning Seminars brings to mind guest speakers we have listened too. Among them the Murrins, Turtles, Kopittkes; Janet Reakes, Judy Webster, Lady Teviot, Heather Garnsey, Helen Smith and our Patron Martyn Killion here today. Members have benefited from their knowledge and the profits have assisted us financially enabling some of those purchases already mentioned.

What have we done? Theme four – The Cedar Log

A large component of Family History research involves communication. We look back on the old days now referred to as snail mail. How different it is in this modern technological era when things go round the world unseen and untouched in an instant.

Our Journal '*The Cedar Log*' goes around the world too - either in hard copy or digital format we now exchange journals with over 100 Societies. The Journal is also the link with our members who because of distance or circumstance cannot be part of events here at the hub of our activities.

Various contributors have submitted articles, helpful advice, reports and photographs – all of which have miraculously turned up in our hands every quarter since our first tentative typed pages. Well, they've turned up all right but not without a lot of hard work and a little anxiety under the guidance of various editors.

As a Society we are rightfully proud of our first place in the Nick Vine Hall award presented by the Australasian Federation of Family History Organisations for our December 2017 edition of *The Cedar Log*. Today thanks to technology and a handful of members we will launch the Complete Digital Collection of *The Cedar Log*.

What have we done? Theme five – money

All money is tainted – there ‘taint enough of it’! No Society can exist without funds and in the main we have had to generate most of our own finances. In the earlier days there were street stalls and trading tables manned by faithful volunteers. Profits from seminars helped, as did the occasional grant or donation from other organisations. Subscriptions became the main source of our income. Purchasing Committees and Treasurers have monitored our spending carefully, and today we have survived the added expense of insurances, leases and rents, and technology whilst still retaining a healthy balance.

What have we done? Theme Six – members

In the 1980s Family History was the second biggest hobby in the world (after stamp collecting). These days it is hard to recruit the younger generation nonetheless we are fast approaching the accumulated magic mark of membership number 1,000. However due to the demise of quite a few of our long-term members recent years have seen a decline in our current (annual) membership. Whilst maintaining a stable membership of more than 100 and a meeting attendance of 30 to 40 we compare favourably with the global decline which has impacted many other groups. Our members have shared many joyful personal events and stood by each other when hardship and tragedy have taken their toll. We are not just a membership of researchers – we are a society of friends.



*Sub-Committee for 35th Birthday Celebrations -
Jackie Chalmers, Joann Clapham,
Gwen Clark and Carol Donaghey*

What have we done? Become organised and efficient through Volunteers and Committees

What started with a small nucleus of interested persons has now turned into an efficiently established organisation. We cannot overlook the contribution made by volunteers who work in the background getting the tea, selling tickets, setting up equipment, manning the Marie Hart Library, packaging the Journal and taking on other tasks as required.

It's alright to start out with enthusiasm and a sense of adventure but expansion brings the need for organisation, and as an Incorporated Society management responsibilities have increased.

Each of our Presidents has brought abilities and personalities to the leadership of the Society, but no one can do it alone. We have benefited from the talents and hard work of many members who have kept accurate minutes, financial records and membership rolls and maintained computer programmes. Members in appointed positions have attended to research enquiries, upkeep of the library, sent out newsletters, managed publicity and looked out for our social needs. We owe these people our thanks as they have given up a lot of their time and spent a lot of energy on our behalf.

Nine members have been honoured with Fellowships in response to their contribution to the Society.

We have appreciated the influence of six Patrons including Mr Don Page who filled the position for twenty-six years. Mr Keith Barlow was very helpful over many years and especially when we had to relocate from the old Pilot's Cottage.

Our present Patron Martyn Killion is well credentialed in the field of Genealogy and we are privileged to have his support.

That's some of what we have done! – But what happens next?

This review has been about the members and what happens next will be about the members too.

We family historians are much better at unearthing the past than predicting the future. There are new challenges we face. We recognize inroads made by technology, changes in family priorities, the dearth of volunteers, the impact of age. Did Marie and her little group expect they would have a 35th anniversary? Just as they did, we need to take it one day at a time and ‘have a go’. Who knows what might be in the next report!

We are celebrating 35 years as a Society. Let us cherish the past, embrace the present and welcome the future.



*Newest and oldest Members present at 35th,
Fiona Jones (995) and Marie Hart (1)*

Convict Connections

by Judy Riley (71)

Note: In honour of our 35th Anniversary this year we have reprinted the following article. This story is reproduced from *The Cedar Log* September 2000 (our 17th year).

This is a brief story about one of my convict ancestors, namely Samuel Dean who was my paternal great great Grandfather. He was a 15 year old London errand boy when he committed the crime of housebreaking. He was tried at the *Derby Quarter Sessions* on 3rd July 1832 and Samuel was sentenced to seven years. He was described as being 4' 11" tall, with brown hair, grey eyes and a ruddy complexion. He was a Protestant and he was born at Whitechapel in London in 1818. His parents were Samuel Dean & Susannah Duck, Samuel Snr. was said to be a butcher.

The 6th Voyage of the '*Mangles*' arriving at NSW on 19th April 1833 was the convict ship that transported Samuel to our shores. The Surgeon's report of the voyage mentioned that Sam suffered a bowel complaint for which he was purged twice and then returned to his berth. The '*Mangles*' left London on 14th December 1832, the Master was William Carr, and the voyage took four months.

On arrival Samuel was assigned to Master William Roberts of Penrith as a labourer [*1837 Muster*]. Samuel seemed to stay with this Master for the duration of his sentence, receiving his Ticket of Freedom on 13th January 1840.

Four days before Samuel arrived in the Colony a ship called the '*Caroline*' had sailed from Cobh (pronounced Cove), County of Cork, Ireland on 15th May 1833 under the command of Captain Alex McDonald. On board were 120 female convicts, with 13 of their children, plus 14 wives of convicts and their children, who sailed free to join their convict husbands. One of these wives was Ellen Kinsella, 37 years old, and her daughter Catherine; they were joining Ellen's husband, Martin. He had been transported on the '*Ann & Amelia*', arriving at Sydney Cove on 3rd January 1825 having been found guilty of stealing glue. Martin's sentence was for seven years.

Martin, Ellen and Catherine settled in the Richmond area adding four more children to the family.

Eventually, Catherine Kinsella and Samuel Dean met, fell in love and wanted to marry, but as Samuel was still a convict they needed the Governor's Permission. This was granted and they married in the Roman Catholic church at Windsor on 11th October 1838 by the priest John Brady. The witnesses were James Riley and Catherine Garver, both of Windsor.

Many children arrived on the scene, George [1839], Susannah [1841], Ellen [1842], Thomas [1844], Samuel [1846], John [1848], William [1851], Mary Ann [1853], Martin [1856], Emma [1858], Elizabeth [1860], and James [1862].

During the 1860's, Samuel, Catherine and some of their children left the Windsor/Kurrajong area and travelled over the mountains to the Greghamstown/Millthorpe area where they took up land and began farming. In later years some of the family spread to Orange, Molong and Grenfell. Samuel and Catherine Dean resided at Greghamstown for 38 years and had many friends and family in the area. When Sam died his Obituary stated that he left 10 children (six sons & four daughters), 112 grandchildren and 35 great grandchildren. Imagine trying to remember their names! Some of the related family names are: - Higgerson, Brennan, Wallis, Jarvis, Waring, Nortyn, Hurst, Brown, Ashcroft and Shelley.

Sam was 88 years old when he died and as he passed away suddenly, an inquest was carried out and the finding was natural causes. Over 300 people attended his funeral and he was buried at the old Anglican Cemetery at Millthorpe with Catherine and son George.

One of Sam's grandchildren said that he had told them he was "sent out" for setting fire to a duck pond. He added that his brother was a button maker in London and had watched the Coronation Procession of William IV.

So what a story!

Samuel Dean began his life in Australia as a convict lad of 15 and ended it as a respected farmer at Greghamstown. He is remembered at the Millthorpe & District Heritage Centre by a plaque in the Remembrance Wall.

The Lost Robert Spence



by Carol Brown

My maternal grandfather James Spence was born in 1886 in Northern Ireland, the youngest of ten children. He moved to Scotland as a youth and later emigrated to Australia with his wife and two daughters.

When James was about 60 he applied for an invalid pension and was asked for a birth certificate so he wrote to Ireland to request one. When it arrived it said his name was not James but Robert. He had been known as James (Jim) all of his life so was confused by this. Luckily his older sister was living in Sydney at the time and she told him that when he was born his parents chose James, but when his father went to register the birth he decided that he preferred Robert so registered him as Robert. When father arrived home and told his wife of his decision she said '*but we already have a Robert*' who was always known as Bob. The parents decided that the baby would be James but no one went to the registry to change the name to James so Robert it has always been (and still is).

All of this happened when I was a small child and I only had my mother's version of this story. She knew nothing about the real Robert, where he fitted among the children, and as those who did know were all dead, I had to find him the hard way.

When I started to research my family in the 1980s, there were only books, microfilms and microfiche, so nothing was easy, especially for Ireland. I spent many hours at the LDS library checking films for the area in Ireland, with some success. I found a few of the children but of course, not Robert.

Over the years I would return to this problem and eventually I found nine out of ten children, the missing one being Robert. I was beginning to think that he wasn't real, and just one of those tall tales that are told in families.

However, '*patience is a virtue*' we are told. Over last year's Christmas break I was looking at other people's family trees on Ancestry. I entered the names of my great-grandparents, the parents of James and Robert, to see what I could find. I found eight other trees that contained my great-grandparents and started scrolling through them slowly. Some had one or two children listed, others had five or six, then I came to one that had a lot of children listed and there he was!! Robert born 1874. I looked

at his profile and it said born 12 July 1874 in Greenock, Scotland, but nothing else about his life. Well that threw me. Nine children born in Ahoghil, Antrim and one in the middle born in Scotland. However, this was possible as various members of the Spence family had moved from Ireland to Greenock which was a busy port in those days. My mother was born in Greenock.

I immediately logged onto Scotlands People to check this out. I always keep a few spare credits on hand for times like this – and there he was, correct date, correct parents, including mother's maiden name, and an address that looked familiar. On checking the address, it was that of his father's brother, who had moved to Greenock some years before.

It seems that the family moved to Greenock sometime after 1872, because there was a child born in Ahoghil then, they had another child (Robert) and then moved back to Ahoghil fairly soon, because the next child in the family was born in Ireland in 1876. So children one to five were born in Ireland, number six born in Scotland, and seven to ten were born back in the original village in Ireland. No wonder I couldn't find him.

My excitement at my find soon calmed down when I thought about what to do next. I only had a date and place of birth, nothing else. There are no censuses for Ireland until 1901 when Robert would have been 26. I checked it anyway and of course he wasn't there. He could have been anywhere. Four of his siblings had emigrated to Australia, one to USA and various other family members to Scotland, so the net was wide.

A few weeks later I was checking through some of my DNA matches to see if there was anything that I hadn't noticed on a first look. I have a cousin in Brisbane who is related on the same Spence line so I had another look at his tree. His great-grandmother and Robert's mother were sisters. I had checked his line to see where we were connected but not the broader family. And there was Robert again! This time with more details. It seems that he went back to Greenock as a young man, married and stayed there for the rest of his life, dying in 1941. I have looked at the marriage certificate and the death certificate and the details match. So that's it! It seems that he had a pretty ordinary life in Greenock and I didn't have to go to exotic places to look for him. Just as well because I don't have another 30 years to keep looking.

I often complain about the rubbish that people put onto *Ancestry*, but sometimes among all the rubbish, there is a diamond. I am very lucky to have found it

All in the Family



News From Within the Society by Marie Hart

Our long looked forward to 35th birthday celebration has taken place – and what a great day it was! How can we adequately thank the many members who plotted and planned the fun and surprises awaiting us? I hope I won't overlook anyone when I note Robyn Hilan, Carol Donaghey, Jackie Chalmers, Joann Clapham, Gwen Clark as well as Eric Clark, Bert Clapham, Don Howell, Leigh Wilson and Carol's photographer friend Julie Pallant. Our Patron, Martyn Killion, after enduring an hour long wait for fog to clear before flying from Sydney, did a fine job in acting as our charming MC. The meal was splendid, the tastefully decorated birthday cake delicious and attractive place mats created by clever Jackie were enthusiastically received and became great souvenirs for us.

Don launched the USB containing all issues of *The Cedar Log* from September 1984 until December 2018 as well as monthly *Newsletters* since 2015 and acknowledged the assistance of Gwen Clark, Jackie Chalmers and Bill Hobbs of *Newcastle Family History Society*. It is all magic to many of us and we admire the skills and the time given to the task. Over



Lucky Door Prizes

Liz Marshall, Shirley McAnelly, Kerrie Alexander and Jackie's friend, Narelle Flanagan – and I shared the cutting of the cake with our newest member in attendance, Fiona Jones.

fifty members enjoyed the occasion but unfortunately fifteen had to send apologies. Illness prevented the attendance of Judy Riley and Graham and Patricia Lovegrove and we do hope they have now fully recovered. The lucky door prizes were won by Alf Clark,

Now the show goes on and it will be Business as Usual! Robyn informed us that Martyn has recently retired from the Board of *The Society of Australian Genealogists* after joining in 1990, occupying many positions until playing an important role in the successful 2018 Congress at the International Convention Centre in Sydney. He is now a Vice Patron of that Society.

Don and Colleen Howell safely returned from a long holiday in freezing Europe where they were able to attend the graduation of a granddaughter at the International School in Holland which will give her entry to a university in USA.

Nola's research was useful for the GIGGINS family reunion held on 8 June at Dungarubba, NSW. John and Susanna GIGGINS left Cork, Ireland in 1844 on *Saint Vincent* and settled at Tomago, Motto Farm area in NSW with their ten children. Over a hundred family members attended from NSW, Queensland and Western Australia.

We were proud to read that Tanya Binning has served with *Marine Rescue Ballina* as stores officer and an administration assistant for fifteen years and was awarded a National Medal. Well done Tanya!

We will now enjoy Spring and the Dads among us will celebrate Father's Day. Don't forget to have a talk with Kerrie about the DNA Group she will direct. Who of us had ever heard of DNA when we started our research!

New Members

**A Warm Welcome to new members
from Membership Secretary, Jan Ousby**

997 Ms Michelle Murray East Ballina NSW 2478
998 Mr David Kirchen Ballina NSW 2478

We welcome the renewal of member:

114 Mrs Gloria Becroft Ballina NSW 2478

Thanks to Ballina RSL Club

With many thanks the Society acknowledges a grant of \$1,000 from the Ballina RSL Club to assist with publication costs for the 2019 journals.

In the Loop



From the Media... by Marie Hart

I'll sift through the rough notes I have kept since the last issue of *The Cedar Log* to see what might be of interest or value to you as you work on your research interests. Let's start with *Liverpool & District Historical Society* which has celebrated 60 years and the centenary of *St Luke's*, Liverpool mentioned in *Links 'n' Chains* from *Liverpool Genealogy Society* makes interesting reading.

Francis Howard Greenway who designed Macquarie's public buildings received the magnificent salary of three shillings per day.

The June issue of *Tasmanian Ancestry* given to us by Judy Scott is a particularly good one which celebrates the Society's 40th year and a membership of 8,000. The June 2019 issue No 133 of *Rootes* from the *Gold Coast FHS* tells touching memories of many years ago. They recalled the magic of microfiche, the arrival of the NSW Index of BDMs, Genealogical Research Directories and the agonising wait for replies to snail mail. They, and we, were indeed pioneers and, like the Gold Coast, we are still functioning well.

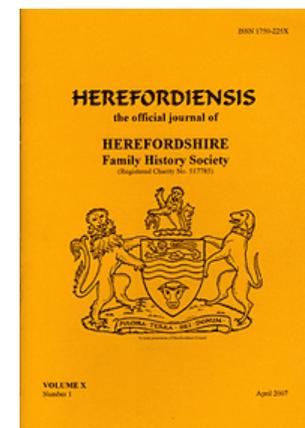
The Australian Joint Copying Project (AJCP) began in 1948 and continued to 1997. Records held in *National Archives UK* which related to Australia contain material from Government departments – Admiralty, Home Office, Colonial Office on 10,419 reels of microfilm. Handbooks which were produced have been digitised and available online and the *National Library of Australia* has a project to digitise the microfilm reels also to be made available online. Read the *RAHS* Newsletter (outreach@rahs.org.au).

The *RAHS* in Sydney reported that a new version of *Historical Land Records Viewer* will soon be available. It will provide easier access to six million historical documents in the system, including the ability to print records that do not attract a regulated fee.

A public meeting held on 10 April voted to form a Local History Group in Ballina and to establish long-term objectives (www.ballinaadvocate.com.au). Yvonne Randle was elected as the Minutes Secretary. We wish them well as they become established.

The *Glamorgan FHS* in Wales recently warned members that unless there is a response to take on roles at their AGM the Society may have to close its doors. A similar fate may await a number of Societies which have difficulty in electing a committee these days. *Herefordshire FHS* has re-established the exchange of ejournals with us from, and including, July 2019 so look for *Herefordiensis*.

Lyn McSwan was aged 100 years when she died on 20 April 2019. She addressed us several times while a stalwart of the *Maclean District Historical Society* and her excellent book *Maclean – The First Fifty Years 1862–1912* is in the Ballina Library.



Herefordshire FHS
Journal Cover

Keep on keeping on!

Journal Gleanings

Australian

These journals are on the shelves in our Library and may be borrowed so you can read them at your leisure. You may well pick up some clues that are unlikely to be found in other places.

Guide to Russian Archives for Church Records	<i>Ancestor</i> June 2019
Celebrate 1879, 1886 Voyages Scottish Hero	<i>Tamworth Fam Hist</i> July 2019
Forbes Hospitals	<i>Lachlan Valley Gold</i> June 2019
Land Army of WW 2	<i>Traces</i> Edition 7 2019
A Passion for Colonial Bricks	<i>Traces</i> Edition 7 2019
The Flu Pandemic 1919	<i>Ryde Recorder</i> June 2019

Overseas

Keep Hold of Family Treasures	<i>WDYTYA</i> Jan 2019
Shoemakers	<i>WDYTYA</i> Jan 2019
DNA Results – What Now?	<i>Irish Roots</i> No. 110 2019
The Huguenots	<i>Root & Branch</i> June 2019
VADs Surrey WW 1	<i>Root & Branch</i> June 2019
Understanding Your DNA Results	<i>WDYTYA</i> Feb 2019
Apprentices	<i>WDYTYA</i> March 2019

eJournals by Jackie Chalmers

The following eJournals may be read on the computer in the Marie Hart Library.

Australian (A-F)

DNA Downunder Ambassadors Related by Marilyn Woodward *The Heraldry and Genealogical Society of Canberra Inc., The Ancestral Searcher*, Jun 19

Windsor House: Walhalla by Kim Crane
AIGS trading as Family Connections, The Genealogist, Jun 19

Member Profile – Eric Clark
Alstonville Plateau Historical Society Inc., The Pioneer, Jun 19

Reminiscences of a District Pioneer Part 1 by Marie Larnach
Bathurst Family History Society, Carillon Chimes, May 19

Governor Young Attends Wingello Alpaca Sale by Philip Morton
Berrima and District FHS, Newsletter, May 19

La Dame Aux Jacarandas – Irene T. Haxton (1905-2002) by Colleen Passfield
Botany Bay FHS Inc., The Endeavour, Mar 19

Old Trades and Occupations *Bundaberg G A, Family Ties*, Jun 19

Minard Fanny Crommelin by Marlene Davidson
Central Coast & District FHS Inc., E-Muster, Apr 19

The Magic of Ancestry and DNA by Maureen Colling
Coffs Harbour & District FHS, Genie Allergy, Jun 19

School Days by Annette Craine
Cooroy–Noosa Genealogical & HRG Inc., Missing Link, May 19

Dalby in the 1920's *Dalby FHS Inc., Dalby Delver*, Apr 19

Convict Ship *Lady Shore* Mutiny from Journal of carpenter Thomas Millard
Descendants of Convicts Group, The Mail, Jul–Aug 19

The Kings – Some Surprises in the Family Tree by Kaye McFarlane
Echuca–Moama FHS Inc., Bridges and Branches, Jun 19

Convicts, Castaways and the Long Voyage to New South Wales by Nigel Erskine
Fellowship of the First Fleeters, Founders, Apr–May 19

Overseas (A-F)

Emigration to Queensland, 1860's by Margaret Deacon
Aberdeen & NE Scotland FHS, Aberdeen Journal, May 19

Y-DNA testing? Look out! Notes from an Exile by Rod Moulding
Airedale & Wharfedale FHS, Journal, Mar 19

My 'British Home Child' Grandparents by C. Bonnie Fowler
Barnsley FHS, Domus Historiae, Apr 19

Bedfordshire Police Museum by Lynn Manning
Bedfordshire FHS, Journal, Jun 19

Interpreting Your DNA Findings by Barbara Griffiths *Birmingham and Midland Society for Genealogy and Heraldry, The Midland Ancestor*, Jun 19

Dave Levac: 'We Must Understand Where We Came From' by Jean Farquharson
Brant County Genealogy, BRANTches, Mar 19

Reading Old Handwriting by Ian Waller
Buckinghamshire FHS, Buckinghamshire Origins, Summer 19

Following the Drum by John Spencer
Calderdale FHS, The Scrivener, Jun 19

Suffragettes and Granny Rawle by Mick Rawle
Cambridgeshire FHS, The Journal, Summer 19

Ancestry DNA's New Feature 'ThruLines' by Lyn Mc Culloch
FH Society of Cheshire, Cheshire Ancestor, Jun 19

Dorset Lives by Anne-Marie Ford *Dorset FHS, Dorset Journal*, Jun 19

The Spanish Lady by Rachel Travers
Felixstowe FHS, Roots and Branches, Dec 18

What's New Online

The Latest Updates to Family History Databases
from Assistant Editor, Dawn Lotty

My Heritage

Denmark:

1834 Census: 1.1 million records
1840 Census: more than 1.6 million records

United States:

Connecticut newspapers 1791 – 2009
Maine newspapers 1861 – 2008
New Hampshire newspapers 1869 – 2008
Rhode Island newspapers 1778 – 1938
Delaware newspapers 1880 – 2009
New Jersey Marriage Index 1901 – 1914
New Jersey Births and Christenings Index 1901 – 1903
New Jersey Deaths and Burials Index 1901 – 1903

FamilySearch

New Zealand:

Archives New Zealand Probate Records 1843 – 1998 more than 4000 000 images added to existing collection
Cemetery transcriptions 1840 – 1981 more than 470 000 new indexed records

United States:

Delaware Vital Records 1650 – 1974
Georgia, Atlanta City Census 1896
North Dakota County Marriages 1872 – 1958
Ohio County Naturalisation Records 1800 – 1977

United Kingdom:

Northumberland Parish Registers 1538 – 1950
Warwickshire Parish Registers 1535 – 1984
Great Britain War office registers 1772 – 1935
British Newspaper Archive Family Notices 3.2 million added to existing collection



Congratulations! Tanya Binning

by Carol Donaghey

A long time member of our Society, Tanya was recently awarded a Long Service National Medal from Volunteer Marine Rescue NSW for 15 years service to Marine Rescue Ballina.

Long Service National Medals are issued to first responder organisations like 000 workers including SES Volunteers.

Tanya joined Coast Guard (Australia) in 2003 and remained a member when VMRNSW took over. She served as stores officer looking after the uniforms of 60 plus members, assisted with administration and was editor of their monthly newsletter. Tanya also undertook a six week Marine Radio course, joined the boat crew involving weekly training – attending many rescues, sat for a boat licence exam, and regularly updates her first aid training. Tanya still attends monthly meetings and works on fund raising events.

Congratulations Tanya. Volunteers are a necessary and valuable asset to our community and we salute you for your long-standing contribution.



*Volunteer Tanya Binning
with her National Medal*

The Genealogist

United Kingdom: MEPO 6 Metropolitan Police Criminal Records Office: Habitual Criminals and Habitual Drunkards 1921 Census Substitute: boosts the total records to 1.75 million heads of households Court and Criminal Records collection of CRIM9 records detailing prisoners and their victims Poll Book Database: 116 000 records from 1795 – 1830

Findmypast

New Zealand: Births, Marriage and Deaths from 1848
Scotland: Lanarkshire Deaths and Burial Index 1642 – 1855
England: Clandestine Marriages 1667 – 1775
British Royal Navy, Navy Lists 1827 – 1945
includes Royal Navy Officers

Ireland: Ireland, Dublin Metropolitan Police Prisoners Books 1905 – 1908 and 1911 – 1918 Dublin Metropolitan Police general register 1837 – 1925

United Kingdom and Ireland newspaper updates:

Evening Herald (Dublin) 1892 – 1896, 1900 – 1989, 2003 – 2004, *Liverpool Echo* 1987 – 1988, 1994 – 1995, 1989 – 1990, *Southern Times and Dorset County Herald* 1889, *Horfield and Bishopston Record and Montepelie and District Free Press* 1912, *Amphill and District News* 1898, *Drogheda Argus and Leinster Journal* 1905 and 1913, *The Newcastle Journal* 1992, *Music Hall and Theatre Review* 1908 – 1909 and 1912, *The Scottish Referee* 1893, 1895 – 1896, 1899, *The Wicklow People* 1914, 1917 -1929, 1931 – 1976, 1986 – 2001

Global: *Honourable Women of the Great War* 1914 – 1918

Ancestry

United Kingdom: England and Wales Register 1939
Liverpool Catholic confirmations 1813 – 1922
Liverpool Catholic burials 1813 – 1985
Liverpool Catholic baptisms 1741 – 1916
Liverpool Catholic marriages 1754 – 1932
UK Allied Prisoners of War 1939 – 1945
Cambridgeshire Juror Books 1828 – 1883
Cambridgeshire electoral registers, burgess rolls and poll books 1722 – 1966
Liverpool Church of England baptisms, marriages and burials 1659 – 1812 then burials from 1813 – 1975, confirmations from 1887 – 1921 marriages and banns from 1754 – 1932 and baptisms from 1813 – 1917

Global: Find a Grave Index for burials at sea and other select burial locations 1300 – to current.

35th Anniversary Celebration



by Carol Donaghey



Our 35th Anniversary Lunch at Summerland House Farm on Saturday 6 July 2019 was attended by fifty of our members and a great celebration was had by all. The fun was added to by the distribution of the Word Cloud place mats created by Jackie Chalmers and Gwen Clark's cute table decorations which held the lucky door prize numbers hidden behind their sparkly tags.



Nola Rodey & Marie Hart

Our Patron Martyn Killion was an engaging Master of Ceremonies, joining in the festivities and presenting a plaque to Nola Rodey in recognition of her 33 years of continued participation and service.



MC Martyn Killion



Are You Among These?



Meryl & John Broadley



Liz Marshall & Gwen Clark



Jill & Alf Clark



Door Prize Winner Shirley McAnelly



Door Prize Winner Narelle Flanagan

A highlight of the day was the launch of *The Cedar Log Digital Collection from 1984–2018*. Our journal is filled with history, stories and memoirs over the past 35 years and thanks to industrious volunteers is now preserved for the future.

The Society has almost 1000 memberships recorded, the growth a tribute to those members who worked so hard to maintain the Society for members of the community who wish to research the history of their families.

All in all a truly wonderful day! Now we look forward to our 40th anniversary to come.



Door Prize Winner Liz Marshall



Door Prize Winner Kerrie Alexander



Or Are You Among Those?

Monthly Speakers



by Carol Donaghey

For those members who were unable to attend meetings over the last three months this is a summary of the topics presented by our guest speakers.

June 2019

John Tranter from the Family History Library of the Church of the Latter Day Saints was our guest speaker demonstrating *How to set up a Wikitree online*. Wikitree is a single family tree using DNA and traditional genealogical sources. Privacy controls enable Wikitree to integrate modern family history and protections ensure that the shared tree will never be lost.

Access and membership is free. Members do not maintain individual trees, they contribute to a single collaborative tree. The goal is to have one profile for every person, living or dead. Currently the program includes over 20 million profiles.

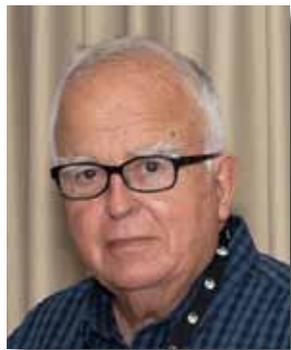
July 2019

Our regular meeting was replaced by our 35th Anniversary Lunch celebration at Summerland House Farm (see photos pp 34–35).

August 2019

Leigh Wilson conducted the AGM which went smoothly and members welcomed Don Howell who was elected as the new President. Richard Goss was also welcomed as a new Committee member.

Don demonstrated how to use the search facility on the new *The Cedar Log* digital collection USB. Three early *Cedar Log* stories were selected from 1984, 1985 and 2001 and were read out by Meryl Broadley, Leigh Wilson and myself.



Leigh Wilson,
Returning Officer at AGM

The Richmond-Tweed Family History Society Inc. was established in 1983 to serve the family history needs of researchers initially with a special interest in Northern New South Wales, Australia in the area bounded by the Richmond and Tweed Rivers, often referred to as the Northern Rivers.

The Marie Hart Library holds numerous local records including the Local Schools Admission Registers, Cemetery Records, Burial Records and Honour and Memorial Rolls from many locations within the Northern Rivers.

Over the years the library has expanded and now holds a wealth of information from across Australia including historical and pioneer records, war records, shipping lists, probate records, landholder returns, Colonial Secretary papers, cemetery books etc. and journals including those from other English speaking countries. Access to Microfiche, CDs and a computer connected to the genealogical websites *Findmypast* and *The Genealogist* is also available. Contact Carol Brown on 02 6687 8443 if you need assistance.

The Society is able to do small family history searches for a fee of \$15 per hour. Please include a 22 x 11 cm SAE and research fees where applicable.



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Your input is important and makes for interesting and diverse reading for our members as well as to the other readers of our journal throughout Australia and overseas. We would love to hear about how you broke down those brick walls or any interesting information you have found out about an ancestor, so get those fingers typing.

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SOCIETY EVENTS

DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday 7 September: Subject: My First Family Member in Australia'. Coordinated by Leonie Oliver.

Tuesday 1 October: The RTFHS Writers' Group meets on the first TUESDAY of each month – at 1.00 pm – at the Marie Hart Library. Phone Group Leader Joan Fraser (6686 9664) for further details.

Saturday 5 October: Subjects: 'Begoten by Fornication: records of illegitimacy in England and Wales' and 'Blogging for Family History'. Speaker: Helen Smith.

Saturday 2 November: Subject: 'The History of *Norco*'. Speaker: Greg McNamara.

Saturday 7 December: Christmas Party at Summerland House Farm.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership fees for the year 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2019 are \$35 Individual/\$45 Joint Membership. Journals will be sent to financial members only.



Outgoing 2019 Committee meet at Summerland House Farm to share Memories and a Meal with Retiring President, Robyn Hilan.

Front Row L to R: Jane Griffin, Carol Donaghey, Robyn Hilan, Don Howell, Kerrie Alexander; Back Row L to R: Jackie Chalmers, Jan Ousby, Bonnie Bennett, Leonie Oliver, Carol Brown, Gwen Clark.

The Society meets at the Players Theatre, 24 Swift Street, Ballina – unless otherwise advised. Society meetings are held every month except January. The Society meets at 2.00 pm on the first Saturday of each month .