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'Designed by Architect F. J. Board and built by W.S. Ray for Robert Campbell one of the founding fathers of Bangalow. The house, Robert's third, was for his second wife, Johanna and their children.

***The exterior walls are teak and the interior walls are rosewood.
A ballroom extended down the left hand side of the house.***

After the family moved to Sydney the house repeatedly fell into disrepair and at one time was divided into two residences.

It was then sold in the 1940's to a mechanic who originally used the ballroom for car repairs before demolishing it so he could sell the land.

The timber was used to build the service station.'

*Byron Lodge 1907, Bangalow Heritage Walk
Courtesy of Bangalow Historical Society.*



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Editorial

Editor's Message by Carol Donaghey

In December I attended the Society's Christmas Luncheon at Summerland House Farm for the first time in three years. Surrounded by laughing, happy members it was a most enjoyable few hours, added to by the trivia on Christmas carols and songs that almost defeated us (Leonie is a whizz creating these trivia quizzes). Many thanks again to Gwen and Eric Clark for their organisational skills in coordinating such a great get-together.

This is a special year for the Society with our 35th Anniversary Lunch coming up on 6 July so please put that date in your diary and give your name to Gwen to secure your place. It should be a very special celebration.

If you haven't already submitted your ancestors' surnames for the Word Cloud please do so asap so it will be ready for you at the Anniversary Lunch. Email to Kerrie or Jackie or hand them in at the next meeting.

Congratulations to Meryl Broadley who has completed her family history book *Pioneers: Despite Themselves*. Meryl has put a lot of work into it and is delighted to see it published.

We are starting a new series on Pioneers of the Northern Rivers – the first one is Pioneers of Bangalow so we hope you enjoy it.

Presentations by members have been so good at monthly meetings that we are planning on reproducing some of them for those who weren't there on the day. Our members are very talented and entertaining in presenting their stories and it would be a pity for anyone to miss out on hearing their tales.

Happy 2019 and let's hope this year is one in which we break down those walls, write up our research findings and maybe even publish them!

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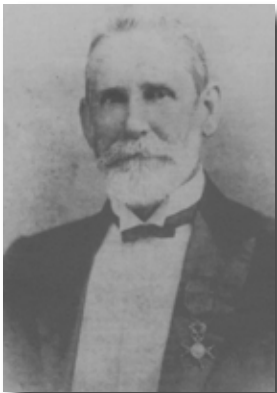
Pioneers of Bangalow



by Dawn Lotty

Prior to the arrival of Europeans the Bundjalung Aboriginal nation had lived in the area for tens of thousands of years. The 'Big Scrub', as it was known because of the dense sub-tropical rainforest, was not cleared until the 1840s when timber cutters and cedar getters moved through the rainforest exploiting the rare timber.

The first settlers in the district were the families of Robert Campbell from the Hunter valley and Thomas Robinson and William Barby from nearby Dungog. Independently they decided to purchase land in this newly cleared area of the Northern Rivers.



Robert Campbell

Robert Campbell b 1848 arrived in the 'Big Scrub' in 1881. He selected 640 acres, much of which is now covered by the town of Bangalow, and built a bark hut on what is now the southern side of Bangalow's main street. He was joined by his wife Mary Ann (Marian) b 1854 who travelled from Ballina to the site by bullock dray carrying their belongings and three small children. They decided to purchase dairy cattle and eventually owned 800 acres adding adjacent land stretching north along Granuaille Road towards Byron Bay.

Robert Campbell is often referred to as 'the man who made Bangalow' but both Robert and Mary Ann were instrumental in the development of the area. In 1882 they helped gain permission to build an official school on three acres of their land, the site of the current Bangalow Public School. They were again involved when a petition was organised to establish a regular mail delivery with Mary Ann credited with the change of the name for the town from Byron Creek to Bangalow.



Baby Teresa and Mary Ann (Marian) - 1894

Robert gained financially when in 1891 the railway was put through his property and he and Mary Ann built Woodbine House (now demolished) a large two-story dwelling on Granuaille Road that overlooked their property called Bangalow Estate. Their family now included Robert, Margaret, Amy, George, Ivy, Henry, William, Elizabeth, Teresa, and Francis.

In 1891 Robert and Mary Ann invested in the building of the Granuaille Hotel (burnt down in 1939, now the site of the Bangalow Hotel).



*Bangalow's Main Street, looking east,
Robert Campbell's Granuaille Hotel on the left*

Unfortunately, Mary Ann died of an infection in March 1896 aged 42.

Robert married Johanna Dwyer b 1877 in June 1896. His children to Johanna were Lillian, Leslie, Robert, Keith, Byron, Esmay, Marie, Thord, Colin, and Jean.

In 1903 Robert sub-divided and auctioned 100 residential blocks of land. He had a bulk store and general store quickly built on the main road to serve people moving from the coast to the town of Clunes and in 1907, again with a growing family, he moved them up the road to the newly built Byron Lodge (now 14 Granuaille Road) complete with ballroom.

By 1910 he had sold four subdivisions with a number of streets named after his children. He supported the co-operative movement especially the infant NORCO Dairy Cooperative. When a village was suggested he donated land for shops, the Catholic Church, the Bangalow Cemetery, and sold the A. & I. Society land for the Showground for a total of £725. In 1907 he gained approval for the Bangalow Hotel to be built in Leslie Street (now demolished) and the original Great Northern Hotel (burnt down) at Byron Bay.



*Johanna Dwyer
- courtesy of Dawn Lotty*

Robert was the first President of the Bangalow Bowling Club, President of the Chamber of Commerce, a Director of Byron Bay Canning Works and a

Justice of the Peace. In 1909 the Catholic Church, in recognition of his service, invested him with a knighthood of St Gregory making him a papal knight.

Robert died in Lewisham Hospital in Sydney on 1 September 1915 from complications arising from an appendix operation and is buried in Bangalow Cemetery alongside Mary Ann. He was 67 years old and left behind an estate worth £38,000. Johanna remarried in 1919 and died in December 1935 aged 58 in Melbourne, Victoria.



Thomas Robinson

Thomas Robinson b 1845 and his wife Charlotte, having lost everything in the 1873 Manning River flood, decided to investigate the possibility of settling on this newly cleared land. Thomas travelled north selecting property stretching from Byron Creek along what is now Bangalow/Lismore Road. With his brother Jack and the help of William Barby they cleared 10 acres of land and built a slab hut.

Thomas returned to Dungog to bring up Charlotte and their family of Eliza, Mabel, Charlotte, and Thomasina. The family was met by Charles Jarrett at Tintenbar with three horses that carried the family plus all their belongings to their new home.

As they did not own a horse, food including beef in casks of brine, flour, tea, sugar etc was carried on the backs of the men from the Tintenbar store, a distance of 12 miles often in mud up to their knees.

Thomas initially grew sugar cane and was keen to erect the most efficient sugar mill in the region. However, the sugar mill was built by the Toohey Brothers of Sydney before the frosts made sugar cane a complete failure and the mill and its machinery was shipped to Bundaberg Qld. Thomas began to purchase dairy cattle and made butter for the Sydney market.



Charlotte Robinson

To add to the family's income Thomas purchased a bullock team and began hauling logs to Lismore until a log crushed his leg, posing a possible handicap for 12 months. Unfazed by the turn of events he found work ploughing the new railway cuttings with his leg still in plaster.

In 1893 with others he built a butter factory on two acres of his property. He donated the land for a Protestant Hall and helped build a school house on William Barby's property. In 1907 Thomas donated land for the first Masonic Temple built of wood and iron before a more substantial brick Temple was built in town. In the same year a spacious and comfortable home (now 17 Charlotte Street) was built for his wife and family that now included a fifth daughter, Jesse. Unfortunately, Charlotte died that year. Thomas died in 1922. Both he and Charlotte are buried in Bangalow Cemetery.

William Barby b 1858 left Dungog in 1881 with Thomas and Jack Robinson and was paid £1 per week to help clear their land. In 1882 William, having amassed a little capital, bought his own property of 201 acres on the eastern side of Robert Campbell's land and named it Clover Hill, building Clover Hill House (now 10 Marblewood Place). Today the area is occupied by the Bangalow Bowling Club, Sports Fields and the Clover Hill Estate. William also invested in dairy cattle and was one of the first in the area to own a horse.

In 1884 William donated space on his land for an unofficial school and an Anglican Church before he facilitated the Church's removal to Deacon Street in 1910.

William was a founding member of the A. & I. Society and involved with the creation of Bangalow Hospital.

On 27 May 1916 William married Edith Mary Boag b 1877. Clover Hill farm was sold and William moved to his new home *Granuaille House* (now 55 Granuaille Road) up the road from Robert Campbell's Byron Lodge. It was the first brick house in Bangalow.



William Barby

He also bought seven shops, 23-35 Byron Street Bangalow, part of which was known as The Strand. An extremely generous man he lent several people money to get them started. At the time of his death he owned nine properties in Bangalow, had £17,000 in the bank and was considered to be an extremely wealthy man.



1908 Bangalow, showing William Barby's shops known as The Strand

When a new Anglican Church was built in 1928 a stained glass window in the Church was dedicated to William who bequeathed £500 in his will allowing the Church to clear its debts. William Barby died on 28 October 1936 aged 78 years whilst Edith died on 2 October 1960 aged 82 years, both are interred in Bangalow Cemetery.

Note: Thank you to the Bangalow Historical Society for the use of their photos and access to their files.

Are You Financial?

A reminder to members that membership fees are now due – \$35 single and \$45 joint. Unfortunately, if you are unfinancial after 31 March 2019 no further journals will be sent to you. If you have overlooked your renewal please make prompt payment so you can continue to read the news in *The Cedar Log*.

Don't forget to sign the Privacy Statement on the back of your renewal form before handing it in. This is now a requirement.

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From Tattymoyle, Tyrone, Ireland to Australia

by Shirley McAnelly

Extract from an Article from *The Belfast Telegraph*,
Tuesday, September 2, 1941:

From the days of the American plantation until the present a stream of emigration has passed through the port of Londonderry, and one always associates this emigration with the United States or Canada.

The great bulk of it did flow to the Westward, but Derry can also claim the honour of having despatched the first direct ship from Ulster with emigrants to our Australian colonies. This vessel was the Adam Lodge (567 tons), one of three ships chartered by the Government for the free passage to Australia with provisions on the voyage (women to get two-thirds of the men's allowances) of farmers and artisans not exceeding 30 years of age and their wives and children. She sailed from Quigley's Point on March 29, 1837, with a full complement of 340 souls, and arrived safely at her destination after 112 days of passage.

On 29 March 1837 Simon Isaac and his wife Jane together with their four children, Robert, Simon, James & William left Londonderry, Ireland on the ship *Adam Lodge* arriving at Port Jackson, Sydney, New South Wales, Australia on 13 July 1837. Unfortunately, their son William died on 6 July 1837 of influenza, a week before they arrived in Australia. The shipping record states that on arrival in Port Jackson Simon Isaac was aged 28 years; from Tyrone; religion Protestant; he could both read and write; was of good character on embarkation; had no relations in New South Wales and his occupation was a farmer. Jane Isaac his wife was also noted in the shipping record along with three male children.

The conditions of passengers emigrating from Ireland to Australia during the late 18th and early 19th centuries were often tragic as seen in a transcript from an account given by the Ship's Surgeon of the *Adam Lodge*.

By the time the ship arrived in Australia there had been many deaths including 23 infants. In those times the voyage caused sufficient concern that Dr. Alick Osborne was obliged to give an account to Parliament of his part in the voyage.

The following Newspaper Articles will give you some idea of the voyage and conditions our Ancestors had to endure to come from Ireland to Australia.

The Sydney Monitor,

Friday 14 July 1837, page 2

The Emigrant ship, John Barry, from Dundee, has been detained at the quarantine station in Spring Cove, in consequence of some slight sickness being on board. The Adam Lodge, also with Emigrants, has brought up below until she is inspected by the medical officers, their detention will, we understand, not be long.

The Sydney Gazette and New South Wales Advertiser,

Tuesday, 18 July 1837, Page 2

SHIP NEWS

The Adam Lodge, - The whole of the Emigrants have been landed from this vessel at the Dockyard, and we are glad to find that with but a few exceptions, they were immediately engaged.

The Sydney Herald,

Thursday, 20 July 1837, page 2

SHIP NEWS

THE 'ADAM LODGE'

The emigrants by the Ship Adam Lodge express themselves in terms of highest satisfaction, in reference to the kindness and attention they experienced from the Captain and Superintendent throughout the voyage to this Colony. The utmost harmony prevailed on board; and altogether, we are told, the lengthy passage (in point of distance, we mean) was performed in as pleasing a manner as could be expected under the circumstances. There can be no doubt that the statements which have,

from time to time, been made public, with respect to ill-conduct emigrant ships, have had a very injurious effect at home, and, as a consequence, have been detrimental to the Colony, by deterring decent persons from undertaking so long a voyage. Doctor Osborne and Captain Mayne therefore, deserve the thanks of the public for the general gratification they have afforded on this occasion; and as the Superintendent is entitled under the regulations, to a gratuity, we are of the opinion that none could be found to object to the liberality of the government being exercised in a present to the Captain, as an encouragement to others who may, hereafter, be employed in a similar service. The Adam Lodge is a beautiful ship, and will proceed from here to India, where a cargo awaits her.



The Adam Lodge, 1837

After leaving the *Adam Lodge*, Simon Isaac and his family moved northwards to Ravensworth near Singleton, New South Wales where the first additions to their family in Australia were born; a son named William on 31 August 1838 and a further son John on 30 July 1840. The father's occupation is noted as Labourer.

By 1842 the family had moved to Bridge Main Farm near Singleton where their only daughter; Eliza Jane Isaac was born on 29 September, 1842. The father's occupation is noted as Shepherd.

On 13 June 1847 their last child, Richard Isaac (my great grandfather) was born at Mullworth Farm near Millers Forest, New South Wales. The father's occupation was recorded as Settler.

By 21 March 1853 the purchase was completed of 150 acres of land situate at Booral, Port Stephens under the Emigration Scheme between The Australian Agricultural Company and Simon Isaac Senior, Simon Isaac Junior and James Isaac. A Conveyance dated 5 May 1854 between the parties was registered as Book D No. 4 for the purchase of a Land Grant of Lots 20, 21 and 22, each Lot having an area of 50 acres situate in the Parish of Booral. The purchase price was £150 Sterling. Other Grants were made from the Australian Agricultural Company to various Isaac family members at a later date.

I must say how important the Marie Hart Library was in my researching the lands bought by my Isaac Family Ancestors at Booral. Leonie Oliver and I were able to find a book in the Library called *Pure Merinos and Others* by P.A. Pemberton which is an early history of the Australian Agricultural Company from 1824 onwards. I was able to email Penny Pemberton, the author, who advised me to contact the Archivist at the Newcastle University who in turn was able to send me a CD with details of all the lands my ancestors had purchased at Booral including Plans and Transaction details. What a find!

The following is an extract from a letter written by Bertie Isaac about his great Uncle Simon (kindly supplied by Bertie's wife, Ruth Isaac). Bertie Isaac is the grandson of Simon Isaac and Jane Graham's eldest child, Robert who came to Australia on the *Adam Lodge*. It gives us an insight into how some of these early settlers lived.

I am not able to tell you a lot about him, only that he never married. He spent all his life on his own, or I should say with his family of pets in a hut out in the bush from Booral on the west side of the highway. No doubt Dad and Uncle Charlie used to go out to see him and he used to come into Booral once in a while for provisions, as he would run out. But Uncle Simon Isaac was telling me that he used to go shooting out around his place a lot. (I think the old fellow used to keep a few sheep, and I am not sure that I remember all his pets) but Uncle Simon called on him one wet day that he was out shooting. He found

the whole family at home. When the old fellow opened the door, all his dogs came out. (I think the number was fifteen) – also a half-grown dingo that he used to keep tethered to one of the other dogs. There were two hens roosting on the head of his bed. There was a full-grown sow, (he said would be about a 300lb. Pig) lying full stretch along the hearth in front of the open fire, and a half-grown foal, standing up behind the fire in the big old open fireplace. Certainly there is no place like home, but would you call it 'Home Sweet Home'? Anyway that is how he lived.

Simon Isaac did not leave a Will but his Estate was valued at over £500.00, which was considered to be a lot of money in 1908. His surviving nieces and nephews inherited his estate.

Note: This article is from Shirley's presentation on All Aboard the Adam Lodge in June 2018.

Recent Accessions into the Marie Hart Library by Eldon Wright

- Australian Dictionary of Biography:* Douglas Pike (Bd-009)
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Lismore - One Hundred 1879 – 1979: Lismore City Council (Hz-325)
NSW- The Sydney Gazette, And New South Wales Advertiser: William Dixon Foundation (T-043)
Rivers of Blood: Rory Medcalf (Az-017)
The Second World War and its Australian Army Battle: Major General Gordon L Maitland (W-50)

John McLeod

by Kerrie Alexander



John McLeod was born c1811 on the Isle of Skye in Scotland and he and his wife Margaret and daughter Isabella came to Australia aboard the *Midlothian* in December 1837. Margaret was heavily pregnant and gave birth to another daughter shortly after their arrival. John and Margaret went on to have two sons and four more daughters. They could only speak Gaelic when they arrived but I imagine they quickly learnt English.

John settled for some years at Dunmore near Paterson in the Hunter area of NSW where he had a seven year lease on a small farm from Andrew Lang, brother of Rev John Dunmore Lang of fiery repute. Most of the land had to be cleared and crops planted but due to a drought the first year and a flood the second year, and being in the middle of the 1840s depression, prices for their crops were low. At the end of the lease in 1845 John and his family packed up their meagre belongings and took up another lease on the Lidney Park estate at Millers Forest near Newcastle where their last four children were born. They farmed there until about 1853 when they moved to Newcastle.



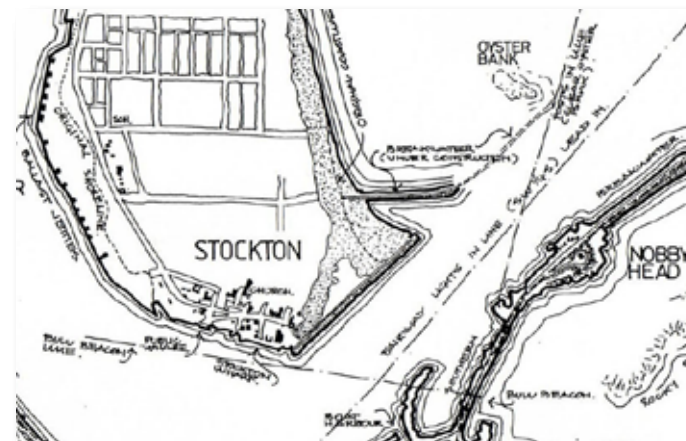
Margaret McLeod,
John McLeod's wife

I don't know what work John took up in Newcastle, possibly just labouring or maybe he was a fisherman but I do know that he volunteered to assist the Newcastle Harbour Lifeboat Service.

Lifeboat stations had been established by the Colonial governments to afford protection to the shipping using the ports and to the crews who manned the ships should they be in distress. The lifeboat crews were comprised of fishermen and government boatmen and were paid a token sum if they participated in quarterly practice.

The entrance to the Hunter River at Newcastle was hazardous to shipping and over two hundred vessels were lost entering or leaving the port, many on the infamous Oyster Bank, a sandbank to the north of Nobbys

Head at the entrance to the river. Prior to the construction of the breakwaters at the river entrance, heavy seas often pushed the sailing ships into difficulties on the Oyster Bank or nearby Stockton Beach. The northern breakwater at Stockton now lies over the Oyster Bank and many of the wrecks it claimed.



Port of Newcastle Map, 1902, shows old shore line of Stockton, before the Ballast Grounds were filled in

In the port of Newcastle, the lifeboat crew upheld the best traditions of the service in saving life in storm and tempest for many years. There is probably no part of the Australian coast more dangerous to approach in an easterly or south-easterly gale than that between Newcastle and Port Stephens. With the seas rolling in from some three kilometres out, the thirty-seven kilometres of low sandy beach between Nobbys and the entrance to Port Stephens become a very dangerous shore. Many ship's captains have found this out to their cost when, in attempting to enter or leave the port of Newcastle in a heavy gale, they have ended up on the dreaded Oyster Bank. It has proved to be the graveyard of vessels of all descriptions, from the little ketch to the passenger steamer and also, sad to relate, of many human lives.



SS Colonist at Oyster Bank 1894



The 'Regent Murray' on Oyster Bank, 1899

In the days preceding the consequent tragedy rain had been falling steadily and on Friday night 11 November 1853 the wooden brig *Fanny*, in attempting to break out through the entrance of the Hunter River ran ashore on the Oyster Bank. The *Fanny* was bound for Melbourne and her cargo consisted of 310 tons of coal, 400 bushels of lime, 4500 bushels of maize and 29,000 shingles.



Rescue efforts, the SS Cawarra 1866

Numerous efforts were made to extract the *Fanny* from the Oyster Bank but all proved unsuccessful. By Saturday night due to the ferocity of the storm the crew had become fearful for their lives and signalled for assistance. The pilot boat fully manned mostly with volunteers, was launched and John McLeod was the coxswain.

They were almost alongside the *Fanny* when the boat capsized and the men were thrown into the sea. Unfortunately two men were drowned, one of whom was John McLeod. The other men thrown into the sea were picked up by the sailors on the *Fanny*.

It was written:

Nevertheless, as it is notorious that John McLeod was drowned, and has left a large family quite destitute, and that he lost his life in endeavouring to aid others whose lives he considered in jeopardy, his conduct is the more meritorious from the fact that, before he left the shore on his last attempt, he had once on the same day been thrown out of the boat, and his life placed in much peril in a fruitless endeavour made with others to reach the wreck.

John's body was recovered on Sunday afternoon near the scene of the wreck and was probably buried in Honeysuckle Cemetery, Newcastle.

James McClunie, one of the crew of the Pilot Boat observed:

We should have taken the Life Boat in preference to the Pilot Boat, but there were neither oars nor grummets belonging to her.

The Lifeboat service had received a replacement lifeboat in 1847 which *proved too large, cumbersome and ill-equipped to save life and proved difficult to handle in bad weather.*

Margaret was now left destitute with eight children, the youngest only one year old but fortunately the community rallied around the distraught family. Moved to compassion at the loss of a husband and father whose life was lost in an endeavour to save others the worthy people of Newcastle commenced a subscription list.

A total of £368.8.7 was raised over two months and with this the trustees in October 1854 purchased three garden lots totalling 2¼ acres in the Louth Park estate at Maitland for £107. Some of the money raised had already been given to Margaret for her family's support. A house was built on the land for £100 and finally Margaret and her family were moved into their new home in May 1855 some 18 months after John's death. Just over £72 remained from the money raised and this was given to Margaret by the trustees to invest.

I was told by my great uncle, Jack Orchard, that the McLeod farm at Maitland was

swampy and often flooded but now it is well drained and one of the best Lucerne growing areas in Maitland.

None of the McLeod sons or sons-in-law were farmers and it's difficult to know if they decided to farm this land or to lease it out to others and receive an income from the rent while living in the house.

Margaret eventually moved into Maitland and later to Sydney where she died in 1878. The property at Maitland had been sold the previous year for £95 – £12 less than its original price.

John was a hero who gave his life when he thought that others were in peril for their own. He had already been washed overboard once on that terrible day and without thought of his own safety he once again set off to rescue the crew of the *Fanny*. That he did not return was a most tragic misfortune for his family. Although the community rallied around and bought the family a small farm it seems they did not turn to an agricultural life. Many of the Highland families intermarried with each other and kept in close contact, building a social network among those who had stayed on the land. But this did not happen with the McLeod's. Four of the daughters married coal miners and one a quarryman but not one of them married a farmer which would have presumably raised their standard of living. The early deaths of five of the McLeod sons-in-law were another reason their families failed to prosper.

Note: This story follows a presentation made by Kerrie in May 2018



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Christmas Trivia

From Our Christmas Lunch With Quiz Queen Leonie Oliver!
Name the Christmas Carol or Song – Example: RTB = Ring the Bells
Answers Elsewhere in the Cedar Log

A I A M

O I R D C

O C A Y F

W S W

W W Y A M C

T F N

T T D O C

G K W

W T K O O A

R T R N R

L D B

O L T O B

J B

F N

D D M O H

T H A T I

H T H A S

D T H

W C

J T T W

G R Y M G

I S T S

A I W F C I M T F T

S C I C T T

What a Way to Go!

The Demise of Isaac Cornwell by Meryl Broadley (841)

Note: In honour of our 35th Anniversary this year we have reprinted the following article This story is reproduced from *The Cedar Log* September 2008 (our 25th year).

as she was going round the house she heard the report of a Gun, that she proceeded on and saw her husband laying on his back at the front door that she went to him thinking to cover him from the damp knowing his disposition that he would not move until sober, when putting her hand to his breast to draw his frock together she felt some part of his inside projecting beyond the breast. She immediately called out 'you have murdered my husband!'

So reads the account of Isaac Cornwell's death in the register of coroners' inquests!

Definitely not a good way to start the New Year!

It was 1 January 1811 in the new Colony of New South Wales. A group of friends were celebrating the day together. They were ex-convicts, several Third Fleeters, who with their families lived as neighbours in the rapidly growing settlement of Richmond, New South Wales. None were rich. Their homes were rough timber huts. Some had been given grants of land in the area, Isaac Cornwell being one of these.

I wonder if it was a typical summer day in the Hawkesbury. Hot and sticky with the cicadas singing their deafening song! A smell of eucalyptus in the air!

The party continued through the day with liquor being steadily consumed. It moved from the home of Joseph Percy and Patrick Hurley, next door to Patrick Hand's house. Isaac asked his wife to fetch another pint pot from Patrick Hurley. He was known to be a violent and dangerous man when drunk and Margaret at first refused. At one stage a scuffle broke out between Isaac and William Briggs but Thomas Ward managed to persuade them to keep the peace. There was no doubt that those present were seriously affected by alcohol. The evidence given by various witnesses at the inquest varies so markedly it is difficult to find the thread of truth.

It appears that at some stage in the early evening the mood became very ugly. Patrick Hand and his 'woman', Catherine Burke, Patrick Hurley, Lawrence Harvey and William Briggs went inside Patrick Hand's house. Margaret, with her child, followed and the door was bolted. Isaac was outside with Thomas Ward and he attempted to break down the door with an axe. Two shots were fired through the door and he was killed. Margaret scrambled out through the window, Lawrence Harvey helping her with her child, and she came around the house to find her husband on the ground, dead.

There are many unanswered questions. Patrick Hurley was lying inside the house quite badly hurt. When he was taken into custody with Patrick Hand and Thomas Ward he could not walk to the gaol at Windsor and had to be left at Mr. Roberts' on the way. No mention is made of how his injuries happened. Catherine Burke had a cut above her eye. Where were Margaret and Isaac's four older children? Did they witness their father's death? What of the remark Thomas Ward is said to have made on the way to Windsor to James Welch who was guarding them, 'You know very well that Cornwall was to have been killed some time ago.'

The Sydney Gazette reported on the trial of Patrick Hand and Patrick Hurley who were indicted for murder. Both were acquitted. Patrick Hurley left the colony on board the *Hawkesbury Packet* later that year. Patrick Hand remained in Richmond and lived until 1827. He was buried in St Peters Cemetery not far from the

unmarked grave of Isaac Cornwell. His headstone survives until today and that of Margaret Cornwell who died in 1828 and is buried in the same grave as her daughter Rebecca.

It was a sad end to the life of Isaac Cornwell who had survived the horrors of several years in prison in the UK and a gruelling 154-day trip to Australia on board the *William and Ann* in 1794 for his crime of breaking and entering, and stealing goods to the value of 37 shillings. All that we know of Isaac is that he was a labourer from Kent. He named his Land Grant on the Nepean River, made by Governor Macquarie on 1 January 1810, *Kent Farm*.

Margaret, likewise, who was tried around sixteen years of age at the Old Bailey for stealing two yards of printed cotton and sentenced to seven years transportation, remains anonymous. We know only that she was Margaret Stocker and lived in London.

After Isaac's death Margaret formed a liaison with another Third Fleeter, John Stephenson. They had two children but did not marry. Despite their inauspicious beginnings the Cornwell children, Isaac, Abraham, Rebecca, John, and Charlotte, by and



Across the road from the larger St Peter's C. of E., the entrance gates, St Peter's cemetery - the burial ground laid out in 1811

large, managed to lead reasonably successful lives. Isaac, Abraham and John became landholders in the Richmond District. My great great grandfather, Abraham, also had a tannery in Richmond.

Perhaps it was the trauma of an eight year old witnessing his father's death that led to Abraham becoming a fine upstanding citizen. He married Susannah Eaton and they produced 13 children.

The family was much involved in St Peters Church Richmond. Indeed, Abraham was a Church Warden for a short period and there is a memorial on the wall of the church to both of them, erected by their children.



Nick Vine Hall Award

by Carol Donaghey

Last year we learned that our December 2017 Cedar Log was the winner of the Nick Vine Hall Award in Category A for 2018.

At our recent February meeting a presentation was made of a wall plaque which will be hung in the Marie Hart Library, and a certificate for the Editor.

The Society extends many thanks and appreciation to Fay Carbis who drove down from the Gold Coast to make the presentation on behalf of *Australasian Federation of Family History Organisations* (AFFHO) at our February meeting. Fay is an active member and Queensland Councillor of AFFHO and foundation member No 1 of the *Gold Coast Family History Society*. She is also a member and Treasurer of *History of Queensland Inc.*



Presentation by AFFHO's representative Fay Carbis

The plaque and certificate were accepted with pleasure by the Editorial Team of Carol Donaghey, Jackie Chalmers and Dawn Lotty.



A very proud Editorial Team:
Carol Donaghey, Dawn Lotty and Jackie Chalmers

It is quite an achievement for our Society and encouraging that our *Cedar Log* journal has been recognised in this way.

All in the Family



News From Within the Society by Marie Hart

With two months of the year already vanished it is a bit late to wish you a Happy New Year, but I will say it anyway! I hope your determination to really move ahead with your research is holding firm, though we all know that the business of ordinary day to day life has a habit of taking over, as indeed it must.

Our Christmas celebration was the usual happy success with a tricky quiz from Leonie being solved by a number of clever members; and our regular Santa's helpers Anna and Jackie were again on the job with a large basket of gifts and treats to eat – with none of them fattening! The jolly red Santa name badges we all wore were crocheted for us by Jackie's sister. Thank you so much Claire.

Summerland House Farm looked after us as always with snowy white tablecloths, fresh flowers and fairy lights to complement excellent meals. Jill and Alf Clark were absent so Liz Marshall nobly led our singing of We Wish You a Merry Christmas which has become an established custom. Maybe next year they will sing a duet to avoid fighting over the role. Oh, in his absence Alf won the annual \$100 raffle! Kerrie Alexander moved into a new house on the last day of November but managed to attend and was glad to leave the unopened boxes and general chaos behind for a few hours.

Our next celebration will be for our 35th anniversary on 6 July at the same venue and will cost \$35, so be sure to book your place with Gwen and Eric Clark.

Leonie Oliver was off to Victoria for a family gathering at the end of the year and was armed with facts gleaned from her own intensive research, Trove and books held in our own MHL. I hope we will read of its success in *The Cedar Log*, perhaps with useful tips for others planning a similar event.

In November Joy Morhaus was awarded a certificate for fifty years of service with the CWA in Sydney and also in the Northern Rivers and shows no signs of slowing down yet. Meryl Broadley has completed a history of her family and is enjoying seeing it in print.

While I know you are all working hard to leave a written account of your research findings for children and grandchildren, what about the family items you hope they will treasure when you have departed? We know already that they won't be interested in our old fashioned 'stuff' which is not to their taste, but they may value special heirlooms if you take the trouble to attach a little note in or under them to explain the significance to their history.

In early January I spent a few days in Ballina District Hospital where I was extremely well looked after and was surprised to find former member and early President Jill Brennan there, as well as Kevin Geaghan. I do hope they are both well again. Myra Arrighi has had a knee replacement which slowed her down, but she is now delighted with her progress and is nearly as good as new.

Many thanks to those members who decided to help our postage bills by receiving their journals electronically and if you too would find it acceptable to 'go paperless' just tell Don or another committee member. We look forward to reading a story from you in *The Cedar Log* one day and know you will be thrilled to see it in print, as will many others who may even spot a connection and then be in touch to share new facts with you.

So on we go into 2019 which we hope will be another bumper year for our Society.

New Members

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

We welcome the renewal of members:

890	Ms Lynette Komidar	Ballina NSW 2478
165	Mrs Daphne Waites	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

Are you ready for a potpourri of newsy snippets from many sources? We'll start with local information – a well written history, *Ballina Past to Present* by our friend Kevin Olivieri of the Alstonville Plateau Historical Society was introduced by Ian Kirkland and launched by Ballina Mayor Cr David Wright on 12 December 2018. It is a splendid booklet available from that Society for \$14; well illustrated and indexed and a 'good read'. If Alstonville itself is one of your interests don't overlook *Milestones and Memories* published in 2007. If an event is not mentioned within its 360 pages you may conclude it didn't happen!

The Ballina RSL Sub-Branch will celebrate its centenary this year. Colleen Wills is collecting material for a planned history of the organisation and would appreciate photos and information, particularly of the pre-World War II era, the Women's Auxiliary and the Ballina RSL Youth Club. Colleen is working to a deadline of end of February and can be reached at 6686 8989 or rcwills1@bigpond.com (Ballina Shire Advocate 9 January 2019).

Ros Mayberry is President of the *Ballina High School Historical Society Inc.* and would also welcome your memorabilia or recollections for their historical collection. The Maclean Highland Gathering will be held on Saturday 20 April 2019.

A P-3C Orion A9-752 military aircraft flew into Lismore on 9 December and will be housed at the *Evans Head Heritage Aviation Museum*. It was a great occasion for local men who flew in it some 50 years ago. The Museum is a great place to show your visitors when they come to our area.



A Lockheed P-3W Orion aircraft of 11 Squadron RAAF 1990, the P-3W was an update of the original 10 purchased P-3Cs

Upholding Cornish Culture & Traditions in Australia is an excellent article in *The South Australian Genealogist* for November 2018. *Life and Death in the Age of Sail* by Robin Haines is reviewed in *Relatively Speaking* for November last and will increase your knowledge of the social situations your ancestors endured in a whole new world upon their arrival in Australia. An article by Paul Dinniss in *Rootes* from the *Gold Coast FHS* in December contained an article on *How Our Ancestors Dealt with Body Odour* and is quite fascinating!

The Diploma of Family History is a fully online course designed for people interested in their own family history and is suitable for all levels of experience. You are invited to visit www.utas.edu.au/family-history to learn more (*Traces* Vol 5 2018). Also in *Traces* you can read of the Division of Australian soldiers who invaded Syria and Lebanon to fight against a colonial French Army in 1941. Historian Richard James explains why this little-known battle took place.

In *Ancestry* from the *Burwood & District FHG* is an article and photo of 'our Beale piano'. An unlikely subject, but it helped the writer, Beverley Hornby, remember the events that surrounded it and the various homes to which it had been re-located. The November *Newsletter* from *Casino & District FHG* contained the memories of Mrs L G Snow of Bangalow, daughter of William Clement, the first Mayor of Ballina. Many old names from the 1800s are mentioned and she also noted that 'after my marriage I journeyed to Lismore by rowing boat, about a two day trip'!

A Professor of History at the University of Aberdeen is seeking contact with people who have emigrated from Shetland. Professor Harper is happy to conduct interviews over Skype or phone and may be contacted at m.harper@abdn.ac.uk or 01224 274473 (*Shetland FHS Hairst* 2018). *Lothian* is a new journal now received from a Society that covers east, mid and west Lothian areas of Scotland.

Events planned each year by *The Society of Genealogists* at the National Family History Centre in London can be read in a blue leaflet within their December 2018 journal. Lectures, courses, walks and visits may be enjoyed at non-members prices so check them out if you are planning a UK trip this year. Michael Gandy's article on page 483 is a gem – *Writing it Up* (for people who don't want to write it up) will ensure your work will actually be read by descendants and he urges us to 'draw it up in good time, not only before you die but before you go gaga'! Well said indeed.

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.

Japanese Consulate at Townsville Qld	<i>Relatively Speaking</i> Nov 18
Life & Death in the Age of Sail	<i>Relatively Speaking</i> Nov 18
How Ancestors Dealt with Body Odour	<i>Rootes</i> Dec 18
Australians & New Zealanders with Serbs in WW1	<i>Western Ancestor</i> Dec 18
A Respectable Profession – Nursing In Australia	<i>Traces</i> Vol 5 2018
The Women of Old Ararat Gaol	<i>Traces</i> Vol 5 2018
A Journey Back in Time to Norfolk Island	<i>Traces</i> Vol 5 2018

Overseas

King of the Woods (the Windsor chair)	<i>Bucks Ancestor</i> June 18
Researching Irish Catholic Priests, Nuns, Religious Brothers	<i>Irish Roots</i> Issue 4 2018
A-Z of Irish Genealogical Terms	<i>Irish Roots</i> Issue 4 2018
Silk Postcards from the Front	<i>Glamorgan FHS</i> Dec 18
The Story of Shetland Tweed	<i>Hairst</i> 2018

eJournals by Jackie Chalmers

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

Australian (A-F)

An Irish Road Trip by Susan O’Leary	<i>The Heraldry and Genealogical Society of Canberra, The Ancestral Searcher</i> , Dec 18
Dear Will by Des Lambley	<i>AIGS trading as Family Connections, The Genealogist</i> , Dec 18
The Plummer (Plomer) Family by Janet Brown	<i>Bathurst Family History Society, Carillon Chimes</i> , Nov 18
David GILPIN School Teacher Towamba Public School by Terry Tweedie	<i>Bega Valley Genealogy Society Inc., The Valley Genealogist</i> , Oct 18
Oral History Workshop Report by Denise Mackey	<i>Berrima and District FHS, Newsletter</i> , Nov 18
Mail Runs in 1865 in Queensland extracted from Pugh’s Directory	<i>Bundaberg G A, Family Ties</i> , Dec 18

Once Upon a Place by V. Dodd	<i>Central Coast & District FHS Inc., E-Muster</i> , Dec 18
Annette’s Family History Journey by Annette Morrow	<i>Coffs Harbour & District FHS, Genie Allergy</i> , Dec 18
What About Alice? by Peggy Radford	<i>Cooroy–Noosa Genealogical & HRG Inc., Missing Link</i> , Nov 18
The Sankey Family extract from Toowoomba Chronicle 28 October 1989	<i>Dalby FHS Inc., Dalby Delves</i> , Nov 18
A Guide to Researching New South Wales Records by Louise Wilson	<i>Descendants of Convicts Group, The Mail</i> , Nov-Dec 18
Irish Research by Linda Barnes	<i>Dubbo and District FHS, Newsletter</i> , Nov-Dec 18
Enemy Aliens – WW1 by Judy McLeary	<i>Echuca–Moama, Bridges and Branches</i> , Dec 18
William Whiting of Almondsbury, Gloucestershire by Roddy Jordan	<i>Fellowship of the First Fleeters, Founders</i> , Oct-Nov 18

Overseas (A-F)

Snippets from my Crofter Tree by Wilfred Milne	<i>Aberdeen & NE Scotland FHS, Aberdeen Journal</i> , Feb 19
Just how poor was my Grandfather’s Family? by C. Bonnie Fowler	<i>Barnsley FHS, Domus Historiae</i> , Jan 19
A fine old English Farmer by T. Masterton	<i>Bedfordshire FHS, Journal</i> , Dec 18
What’s in a Name? by Kay Whalley	<i>Birmingham & Midland S for G & H, The Midland Ancestor</i> , Dec 18
Coram’s Children by Jane King	<i>Buckinghamshire FHS, Buckinghamshire Origins</i> , Winter 2018
Medieval River Systems & Ports of Yorkshire by Stephen Moorhouse	<i>Calderdale FHS, The Scrivener</i> , Dec 18
Genetic Genealogy by Donna Rutherford	<i>Cambridgeshire FHS, The Journal</i> , Winter 18
‘DNA Research’ compiled by Geoff Johnson	<i>FH Society of Cheshire, Cheshire Ancestor</i> , Dec 18
From Little Acorns Part 2 by Lynne Earland	<i>Chesterfield & District FHS, Chesterfield Magazine</i> , Dec 18
Dorset Building Stone by Jo Thomas	<i>Dorset FHS, Dorset Journal</i> , Dec 18
The Wing Family by Roger Sutton	<i>Felixstowe FHS, Roots and Branches</i> , Dec 18

Snippets from Don



by Don Howell

Snippet – East Perth Cemeteries

Our secretary, Kerrie Alexander, received advice from *Swan Genealogy* in Western Australia, that the website for the East Perth Cemeteries has been upgraded.

Friends of Battye Library and National Trust of Western Australia have launched the new website which has new burial data, faster and more sophisticated search abilities and a great mapping component.

This database is the culmination of over 50 years of collective effort by a legion of committed volunteers and professional researcher.

It is an easy site to move around and members might find it beneficial if you have ancestors from Western Australia.

<https://www.eastperthcemeteries.com.au/index.php>

Snippet – Norfolk Island – Kesley Court

Did you know that Norfolk Island has a Family History Society?

www.norfolkislandmuseum.com.au/research-centre/

The Norfolk Island research centre is set up near the waterfront among the remaining stone buildings dating back to the second convict settlement.

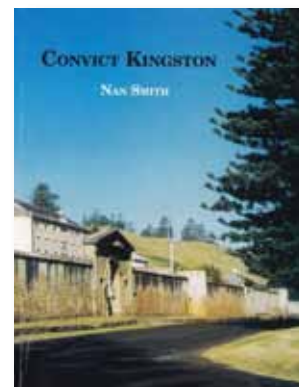
The Kingston and Arthur's Vale Research & Information Centre, 9 Quality Row, Kingston contains:

- a vast collection of original records dating back to 1788
- historic maps and plans of buildings and structures
- a fascinating reference collection
- digitised and hard copy folders for individuals, convicts, civil and military personnel from each of the settlement periods
- databases and selected online sites and
- comprehensive genealogies.

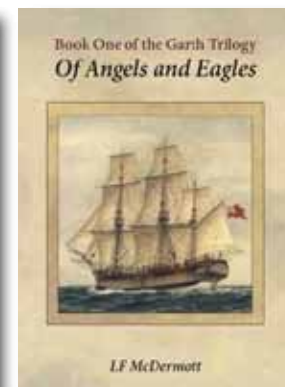
If you have Norfolk or Pitcairn Island ancestors or you just have an interest in the island this site could be of great assistance to you.

Three books – *Convict Kingston*, *A Place for Angels and Eagles* and *Government House Norfolk Island* – are available.

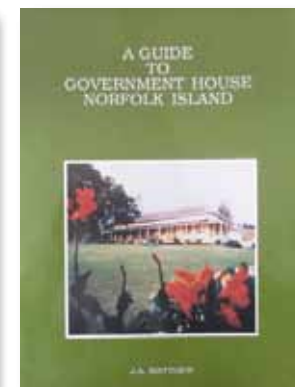
If you are interested in any of these books you can Google the names for avenues of purchase.



Convict Kingston
by Nan Smith



Of Angels and Eagles
by L.F. McDermott



*A Guide to Government House
Norfolk Island* by J.A. Matthew

Note: This information is taken from the Cairns Family History online monthly newsletter.

Society of Australian Genealogists Starts DNA Beginners Special Interest Groups

People's knowledge on DNA can vary widely: from *I've done a DNA test, but what does it all mean?* to knowing how to interpret the results and using them to advantage. *The Society of Australian Genealogists (SAG)* have felt the need to have two separate DNA Special Interest Groups, one for beginners and the other for those more advanced. So if you need some help in understanding DNA testing, their new DNA Beginner's Group started 16 February 2019. You find all the details at www.sag.org.au.

Note: Information from Gould Genealogy and History

Do You Have an Enquiry for State Records of SA?

State Records of SA have just implemented a new enquiry service through their website www.archives.sa.gov.au/content/contact-us. This can be used for all queries to State Records, and it will assist you to find information on (or send an enquiry about):

- accessing records in the archive
- State Records education and training
- records or information management
- transferring permanent records
- copyright
- freedom of information
- privacy

Note: Information from Gould Genealogy and History

Word Cloud Revisited



35th Birthday Sub-Committee

For those members who haven't yet submitted their ancestors' names for a Word Cloud memento please fill in your form (provided with the December *Cedar Log*) and forward it to Jackie Chalmers or Kerrie Alexander as soon as possible.

Jackie will be preparing them but she will need your family names as quickly as possible so she can start creating them. Don't miss out on receiving a customised, individual Word Cloud, printed in colour, laminated, and in the shape and size of a place mat with all your ancestors' surnames in coloured word art. These will be distributed at the 35th Anniversary Lunch on 6 July.

For your individual Word Cloud you will need to list the surnames of your family tree, starting with your father and mother, or nearest relative. Then list the surnames of their parents and so on. Naturally, the father's line will be the same surname. You don't have to list it each time. You need at least 8, maximum 16 surnames.

Could you complete these as soon as possible and return them promptly to Jackie at wutte_chalmers@bigpond.com

If you have misplaced your form Kerrie will be able to email one to you. Kerrie can be contacted at secretaryrtfhs@yahoo.com.au



Sub-Committee Members: Joann Clapham, Carol Donaghey, Gwen Clark and Jackie Chalmers



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.

December 2018

A very enjoyable Christmas Luncheon was held at Summerland House Farm in lieu of our end of year meeting with Leonie's challenging trivia questions, Jackie and Anna's Santa deliveries, and Liz Marshall's humorous poem. A truly delightful get-together and talk-fest.

January 2019

No meeting this month but I am sure everyone was at home busily researching, writing up their finds and preparing to further explore their genealogy in this new year!

February

This was a very busy and well-attended meeting which included the presentation of the Nick Vine Hall Award to the editorial team by Fay Carbis who drove down from the Gold Coast for the occasion.

Frank Harvey spoke about his grisly research on 'baby farming' (we look forward to the full story in time); and Meryl Broadley on her recently published book *Pioneers: Despite Themselves*.

Jane Griffin did an excellent job in organising speakers for the topic of *Myths, Legends and Tall Tales in the Family*. Judith McPherson told us of her ancestor who travelled with Major Mitchell's expeditions; Marie Hart who discovered she was not really related to Florence Nightingale after all; Leonie's Jasper family tales where murder sounded better than the truth of falling over in a ditch after leaving the public house (Leonie could write a book about her family sagas many of which have a comedic flavour and are most entertaining); Dawn Lotty's



Front cover: *Pioneers Despite Themselves*

husband's great grandmother, Elizabeth Aubrey, who involved herself in every local activity in the late 1800s in the Penrith area and raised much money for the local schools and hospital; and Jane's fascinating story about her 11 year old ancestor who was sentenced to be hanged for stealing but commuted to transportation to Australia and became involved in the popular Australian *Fishers Ghost* tale in Campbelltown NSW.

Some of these stories will be published in future editions of *The Cedar Log*. Watch out for them. They are definitely worth reading.

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Trivia Answers

1. SN	Silent Night	2. AIAM	Away in a Manger
3. GKW	Good King Wenselaus	4. JB	Jingle Bells
5. DDMOH	Ding Dong Merrily on High	6. HTHAS	Hark the Herald Angels Sing
7. JTTW	Joy to the World	8. OIRDC	Once in Royal David's City
9. WTKOOA	We Three Kings of Orient Are	10. DTH	Deck the Halls
11. GRYMG	God Rest You Merry Gentlemen	12. TFN	The First Noel
13. ISTS	I Saw Three Ships	14. TTDOC	The Twelve Days of Christmas
15. RTRNR	Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer	16. AIWFCIMTFT	All I Want For Christmas Is My Two Front Teeth
17. OCAYF	Oh Come All Ye Faithful	18. WWYAMC	We Wish You A Merry Christmas
19. LDB	Little Drummer Boy	20. WC	White Christmas
21. WSW	While Shepherds Watched	22. OLTOB	Oh Little Town of Bethlehem
23. FN	Feliz Navidad	24. THATI	The Holly and the Ivy
25. SCICTT	Santa Claus Is Coming to Town		

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 website *Findmypast* 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 2 March: Subject: 'Bush Poetry'. Speaker: Ray Essery.

Tuesday 5 March: 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 6 April: Subject: 'Early Sugar Millers of Ballina'. Speaker: Frank Harvey.

Saturday 4 May: DNA Vodcast.

Saturday 1 June: Subject: 'How to set up a Wiki Tree'. Speaker: John Tranter from Family History Library of Church of Jesus Christ of LDS.

Saturday 6 July: Come join us to celebrate this wonderful milestone our Club is celebrating – its 35th Birthday Luncheon at 12 noon at Summerland House Farm Alstonville. It will be two courses with the main meal alternate service, and the dessert our Birthday Cake which will be served with Raspberry coulis and Ice Cream/Cream. There will be lucky door prizes and maybe a raffle for free membership. Enquiries about the meal to Gwen Clark 040700496. It will also be a great opportunity to catch up with past members. Further details in the next monthly newsletter.

Saturday 3 August: AGM. Activities tba.

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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.

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 except for April and July when it meets at 1.00 pm.