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NEWSLETTER OF THE NEPEAN FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY INC.

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Tuesday 10am – 2pm

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Meetings:

First Saturday of each month (except January)
1.30 p.m. at the Library

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www.nepeanfhs.org.au

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<https://www.facebook.com/nepeanfhs>

Society News

*****OPEN DAY*****

Please join us to celebrate Family History Month, and come to the Society Open Day, on

Saturday 26 August 2023
10am to 3pm

Help with your family history research will be available using the following records:

- Ancestry; Family Search; Find My Past
- TROVE
- National Archives
- NSW State Records Collections
- DNA
- NSW Land Records
- Military Records

There will be a **MASSIVE second-hand book stall.**

Tours of the Society introducing our collection of books, microfilm and microfiche resources.

Morning and Afternoon Tea available. We look forward to seeing you there!

EMU PLAINS CEMETERY BOOK

The Society is soon to publish another volume of stories about people buried in Emu Plains Cemetery. If you have an ancestor buried in the cemetery you would like to have included please let us know **as soon as possible**. Email:

publications@nepeanfhs.org.au

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Members interested in attending a free tour of Parliament House in Sydney are invited to send an expression of interest to the Society. The date and time of the tour will be arranged once members have expressed their interest in attending.

Please send your expression of interest to: ***bookings@nepeanfhs.org.au*** by 30 August 2023 so arrangements can be made.

EVENTS/SEMINARS

2023 NSW & ACT FHS Annual Conference

The Running Waters of History.
Wyang Family History Group is hosting the 2023 annual conference, 8–10 September at Toukley. The 2023 conference will be a live event, with a virtual component. Bookings now open.

<https://unpublishedwater.weebly.com/>

Free talk via zoom

The Descendants of Convicts Group (Victoria) are hosting a talk by Janine Marshall Wood titled 'No Ordinary Convict: a Welshman called Rebecca'. Rebeccas were men dressed as women protesting unfair tollgate charges in rural Wales 1839-1844, one of whom was Janine's gt-gt-grandfather.

Monday 18 September 2023

11.00am – 1.00pm

Zoom meeting ID: 857 0288 3385

Passcode 686495

Scotland – here we come! Seminar

The Genealogical Society of Queensland are holding a seminar on 23 September 2023 from 12.30pm – 6.30pm AEST, via Zoom.

Further details of the speakers and price can be found at www.qsq.org.au/events

GENERAL MEETINGS

September 2: 'You're the Voice'

Speaker: Lilian Magill

Lilian is a professional researcher who has been researching since 1984. She has completed a Certificate in Genealogical Research from the Society of Australian Genealogists; a Professional Learning Certificate in Genealogical Studies: Australian Records, with The National Institute for Genealogical Studies, Canada; and a Diploma of Family History, from the University of Tasmania.

Lilian's presentation will encourage us to become the family storyteller, and will feature tips on how to write your family stories.

October 7: 'Sidney Gow'

Speaker: Barbara Gow

Barbara Gow is a descendant of the convict William PT Gow who was the first schoolmaster of the Macquarie Schoolhouse at Windsor. She is also a descendant of Frederick Mortimer Vine who was Mayor of Penrith at one time. Barbara's interest in family history dates back about four decades to when she was speaking to a cousin who was researching one branch of their family. At that time Barbara decided that she would get into family history after she retired – and that's exactly what she did almost 10 years ago.

Barbara's presentation is about her great-granduncle, Sidney Gow, the son of Thomas Gow and Ann Rochester, the fifth of their eight children. Sidney's father was at one time a tenant farmer and later landowner on the Regentville Estate where Sidney was born in 1871. Sidney attended Emu Plains Public School for a year or so around 1885. He became a skilled coach and buggy maker, winning a number of awards at local agricultural shows for his fine craftsmanship. Around the time of his marriage to Mary (Pol) Thompson in 1905, he moved to Wollongong working for a short time as a baker and later as a builder – the latter was another field in which he excelled.

November 4: Speaker: Alan Murrin

DNA INTEREST GROUP

DNA meetings are held on the 3rd Saturday of the month, 1 - 2.30pm. They cover all levels, whether you are thinking about having a DNA test, just starting out or seeking more advanced information, come and join us for a DNA meeting.

dna@nepeanfhs.org.au

FUTURE CEMETERY VISITS

The visit to McCarthy's Cemetery was enjoyed by all members who attended (see September Timespan for further details).

If any members would like to suggest another cemetery/place to visit please speak to a Committee member, or send your suggestion to bookings@nepeanfhs.org.au

COMING EVENTS

Saturday September 2 – General Meeting – Speaker – Lilian Magill – 'You're the Voice: Tips on writing your family stories'

Saturday September 16 - DNA Interest Group - Topic – WATO (What Are The Odds)

Saturday October 7 – General Meeting – Speaker - Barbara Gow – 'Sidney Gow'

Saturday October 21 – DNA Interest Group Meeting

Saturday November 4 – General Meeting – Speaker Alan Murrin

Saturday November 18: DNA Interest Group Meeting

December – Christmas Party – details soon

TIMESPAN

TIMESPAN NEEDS YOUR STORIES

Articles are always needed; they can be of any length. Stories can be about any people or events, not only those connected with the Nepean area. Articles about how you undertook your research or 'smashed through' a brick wall, or where you need assistance, are also welcome.

Timespan is the perfect vehicle for sharing!

Please send your stories to:

Timespan Editor

PO Box 81 Emu Plains 2750

publications@nepeanfhs.org.au

JOURNAL GLEANINGS

The Society exchanges journals with many other societies in Australia and overseas.

They are full of wonderful information on local & family history to help with your research.

The Australian journals are on the display shelves in the reception area and are arranged by postcode.

The overseas journals are in the Overseas Room in their respective countries / counties.

These journals are available for loan to members.

Australian Journals

Blue Mountains FHS

June 2023

- The Eliza Collins Mystery: One, Two or Three?
- The Bounty Ships Scheme to Australia. Voyage of the *Brilliant* 1837-38

Campbelltown District FHS

July 2023

- My Convict Ancestor/s [Nichols, Carroll]
- Thomas Peisley – my convict ancestor
- Four of the Schoolmasters of the Wilberforce Macquarie Schoolhouse

Queensland Family History Society

May 2023

- Did the Nielsen Family from Horsens in Denmark Reunite?
- Dave Todd: Queenslander First, Australian Second

Richmond Tweed Family History Society

June 2023

- My Favourite Ancestor Agnes McMillan
- My Favourite Ancestor Edward "Henry" Small
- My Favourite Ancestor Frederick Emery

Cape Banks Family History Society

June 2023

- My Parent's Wedding [Leslie Goddard and Esther Chandler]
- Family is changing. So is how we think about family history

Port Macquarie & Districts FHS

May 2023

- A Discrepancy in Communications [Gordon Goldring]
- Discrepancies in the Record [Emmeline Burdett Smith]

Young & District Family History Group

May 2023

- Book Launch: *Fairview, Murringo (Marengo) Flats, NSW. The History of the Ancestral Land of the Crowe Family*.

Goulburn District Historical and Genealogical Society

May 2023

- The Justice Precinct [Old gaol and Courthouse area]

Newcastle Family History Society

June 2023

- An Unusual Resting Place [Whitebridge Cemetery]
- The Amazing Story of Albert Torzillo: Harpist

Lithgow & District Family History Society

February 2023

- A Challenge Accepted [Moore Family]
- Kirkland Family

June 2023

- Coal Miner to Co-op Manager William Blesby Kirby
- Rev Colin Stewart

Picton and District Historical and FHS

March 2023

- The Tragic Sinking of the Lusitania: Part 1 – A Fateful Journey for a Picton Daughter [Elizabeth Lasseter]

September 2023

- Librarian's Report [Donations, Cash Family]
- Picton General Store

Liverpool Genealogy Society

June 2023

- A Person of Importance [John Hore]
- Cemetery Research

Wagga Wagga & District FHS

June 2023

- Early Midwives of Wagga Wagga
- My Great-Great Grandmother, Ellen Waddingham

Royal Australian Historical Society

June 2023

- Tastes of the Nation: Food Trends in the Australian Women's Weekly
- The Sydney Opera House, A Fractured History in Scattered Records
- The Remarkable Joe Thomal

Rope-Pulley Family

June 2023

- Visit to Cockatoo Island

Society of Australian Genealogists

June 2023

- Huguenot Descendants in New South Wales
- In Search of ... Southern Europe [Various articles relating to researching Southern European ancestors]

South Australian Genealogy & Heraldry Society

May 2023

- Friends of the Family [Wickes Family]
- A Gothenburg Survivor: David Harris (1847-1885)
- Abraham Miller's Story

Tamworth & District Family History Group

July 2023

- Sarah Ann Trim
- Sister Ellen Savage

Toowoomba & Darling Downs FHS

July 2023

- George Edward Downes 1871- 1952
- Finding William Thomas Simonds

Tweed Gold Coast Family History & Heritage Association

June 2023

- My Blog – Ancestor Family
- William Dawson (WD) Lamb, 1847 - 1925

Overseas Journals

Shropshire Family History Society

June 2023

- The Panting Lawyers of Shrewsbury 1800-1840
- My Railway Ancestors [William Jones]

West Surrey Family History Society

June 2023

- University Special Collections and Archives
- Cholera Outbreak in Kingston Union

Isle of Wight Family History Society

May 2023

- Island Railway People in the 1921 Census
- In His Own Words [1927 Diary of William Arthur John Woodford]

Aberdeen & North-East Scotland FHS Society

May 2023

- Sally Low: "Safeguarding Your Genealogical Legacy"
- Record of Ancestors [Warrander - Davidson]

Bedfordshire Family History Society

June 2023

- Aeneas Lionel Acton Mackintosh (1879-1916 The Polar Hero of Bedford Modern School
- Researching Some Brave Ancestors Part 2 [Medlock Family]

Herefordshire Family History Society

July 2023

- Are You Related to one of Hereford's Saddlers & Harness Makers?
- Back to Domesday with Dilwyn Families

Hertfordshire Family History Society

June 2023

- Here for the Beer? Not always! [Various families connected with Hertfordshire Pubs]
- Coronation Memories

The Manchester & Lancashire Family History Society

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- Frances Zanetti and the struggle against baby farming in Manchester
- Reminiscences of Droylsden Seventy Years Ago
- Never give up (just change names)! [William Muggs]

Society of Genealogists [UK]

June 2023

- Jacquetta of Luxemburg (1415/6 – 1472)
- Stephen Duck, Charlton, The Fowle Family, and The Duck Feast
- Thomas Harris (c. 1738 – 1820)