

Tips on Dating Photos - An Article Printed by Archives (a branch of NSW State Archives)

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The complete article can be read online at <http://archivesoutside.records.nsw.gov.au/tips-for-dating-photos-the-list/> A copy is also available on the MWFHS noticeboard in the Library. Thank you Anne for contributing this information.



David Rumsey Map Collection

The [David Rumsey Map Collection](#) has over 22,000 maps and images online. While focusing on rare 18th & 19th century North American and South American maps you can also view maps of Europe, Asia and Africa.

To search for maps click on the button 'Launch Collection in LUNA Browser' from the home page. You can then browse through all the maps or narrow the results by searching or clicking on one of the links provided. You can also go directly to the approximately 165 [old Australian maps](#) available on the site.

From Society of Australian Genealogists SAG-E Journal



Family and Business in North West England 1760-1820

<http://www.northwestfamilybusiness.arts.manchester.ac.uk/Intro.aspx> is a database of small businesses and people mainly in Manchester and Liverpool. It is a project of the University of Manchester and is searchable by person, business or document.



Tasmanian Census Records Online

Censuses were undertaken in Tasmania in 1837, 1838, 1842, 1843, 1848, 1851, and 1857. Most of the individual returns (the forms recording details of each household) have not survived. Those which have survived are listed here. These returns have been indexed by the name of the head of the household. Note that returns for many areas are incomplete, and the information recorded varies from year to year.

<http://portal.archives.tas.gov.au/menu.aspx?search=10>



Only a Genealogist regards a step backwards as progress.



PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE

Price List for Burial Books available through our Society

Prices include postage & handling within Australia

MWFHS members receive 10% discount on all orders

Oxley Island, Mitchells Island, Scotts Creek - 2007 edition Book or CD	\$20.00
Gilwarra, Taree Estate, Woola - 2008 edition Book or CD	\$20.00
Tinonee, Bo-Bo, Bight, Murray Hills, Easton, Dunvegan	\$19.00
Cooperook, Moorland, Harrington	\$19.00
Lansdowne	\$17.00
Wingham Anglican [Old Section]	\$17.00
Wingham - All other Denominations	\$17.00
Wingham Beams	\$10.00
Killibakh, Marlee, Woodside	\$17.00
Redbank	\$15.00
Failford, Willow Point	\$15.00
Krambach	\$15.00
Dawson 1 - Methodist Section	\$18.00
Dawson 2 - Anglican A - L	\$18.00
Dawson 3 - Anglican M - Z	\$18.00
Dawson 4 - Roman Catholic Section	\$18.00
Dawson 5 - Presbyterian & other Sections	\$18.00
Dawson 6 - Columbarium, Rose Gardens & Burials from Undertakers Records & other sources. No Grave Numbers	\$18.00
Dawson 7 - Lawn Section A - L	\$15.00
Dawson 8 - Lawn Section M - Z	\$15.00
Columbariums in Church grounds , Graves on private property, Norwood	\$15.00
Index, includes Map showing locations of all Greater Taree Council Cemeteries and Name entries from all above books & their cemetery location	\$25.00
Forster & Bungwahl Cemetery Transcriptions	\$13.00
Tuncurry & Coolongolook Cemetery Transcriptions	\$15.00

Pre 1860 Pioneer Register - Book 1 \$32.50 + \$10.00 p&p

Pre 1860 Pioneer Register - Book 2 \$32.50 + \$10.00 p&p

Orders to Secretary PO BOX 48 Taree NSW 2430

English Online parish maps

When we don't find the entries we're seeking in the registers of the parish where we expect to find them, it makes sense to look at nearby parishes. Parish boundaries are often quite contorted, so it's quite possible that our ancestors lived closer to the church in another parish - or maybe the mother chose to have her children baptised in the parish where she grew up?

Whatever my theory as to why the baptism or marriage isn't where I thought it was, I find it helpful to look at a map of the parishes. Until recently that hasn't been easy, even when I've been in the county records office, so I was delighted to discover that FamilySearch has a maps section where under the heading *England Jurisdictions 1851* you can find out exactly where the parish boundaries are (and overlay them on a satellite map or modern street map).

From <http://lostcousins.com/newsletters/latejun10news.htm> Lost Cousins Newsletter



LIBRARIANS' REPORT:

The stocktake has been completed and we are going through and re-checking items. Please check your bookshelves for any property belonging to the Society. If you find anything please return it to the Library by the end of July.

Thank you to Taree Library for placing the HUGE map of the Manning Valley in our Research Area. It shows villages and properties in 1872 – very valuable when tracing the movement of our ancestors around the valley.

Recent acquisitions include:

- WT Howard Burials CD transcribed by Nancy Matthews, Judy Hoole and Diana Smithers
- Manning River Co-operative Dairy Society by Gloria Smith
- Telling Tales out of School donated by Rev I F Ranson
- Mary Hosegood - More Questions Than Answers by Ida McLeod
- Magazines and Journals from Other Societies



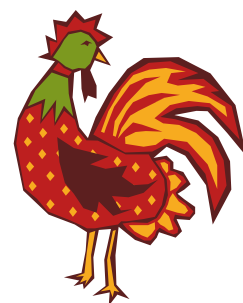
A ROOSTER'S EGG!

REMINISCENCES OF EDITH EVELYN KING (NEE RICHARDSON)
A MANNING RIVER NATIVE AND RESIDENT OF LORD HOWE ISLAND FOR MOST OF
HER LIFE

We went to Mondrook school, took our lunch. Sometimes sandwiches, sometimes boiled eggs, and we would sit around outside to have it. This day four of the students had boiled eggs and one said “I’ve got a brown egg” (black hen laid it). The second said “I’ve got a white egg” (a white hen laid it) another had a duck egg, then a boy, a bit of a wag said “I’ve got a rooster’s egg.” It was a narrow elongated egg. My mother used to tell us that too and I believed it for quite a time!

The teacher always used to say “no egg shells were to be left around” and this day he found some and no one owned up. He said “I’ll keep you all in this afternoon ‘till someone does.”

Straight away my cousin piped up “please sir, I know whose it is, it’s Vic Wynter’s, I know, ‘cos the hen that laid it was a rooster!”



RESEARCH ENQUIRIES

- Beryl Bolton (Wee Waa) wanting information on Owen SMITH and Mary DOWD (O'DOWD) also Henry STACE and Elizabeth A SMITH
- Jan Koperberg (Winmalee) wanting information on Hugh BOAN and Agnes Hannah GREEN; John E BOAN and Susannah Jane SHOESMITH
- Dean SMITH (Forster) trying to find gravesites of Alexander SMITH and Esther SMITH
- Bob Crawford (by email) trying to find gravesite of Hugh Robert CRAWFORD
- Lyn Campbell (by email) wanting information on Andrew ABBOTT and Jonathan ABBOTT
- Michael Cox (Coffs Harbour) looking for James COX and John COX
- Janette Jones (Member) Looking for information on William NORCOTT
- Ann Hook (Member) Looking for information on Henry Bickley HOOK

If you can help with any of these enquiries please contact the Research Officer

area. This person was me, with the guidance of Gary Olsen and wonderful help from Lyn Gill. With our combined knowledge of family history research and notation we were successful in achieving a collection, which I understand the Library is very pleased to have.

I am extremely proud to be still part of a very successful group of people, who to this day work hard to not only research their own family history but to keep building such a good and important society which serves not only our local area, but the whole of Australia with information on all "who passed this way but once"

From what I know and what I see, I feel that the MWFHS is still in a wonderful healthy state, buoyed by hard working members who generously give of the most valuable gift anyone can give, and that is TIME, A true title for a volunteer is "EARTH ANGEL"

I feel very proud to have been associated with MWFHS for all of its 25 years, I thank you for the honour of "Life Membership" and the extreme privilege to be "Patron" of such an important society. I know the society is in good hands and hope the next 25 years will see the same enthusiasm as is seen today.

Group interested in family history

A group of 32 enthusiastic people met at Ormsby House, Taree recently to form a family history society.

The new organisation is to be known as the Manning Wallamba Family History Society.

Those present included people interested in learning how to start researching family history and others already involved in family history research.

The meeting chaired by Kaye Skinner was addressed by several speakers.

These included Mick Constable of Wallamba Historical Society and Eric Richardson of the Wingham Historical Society.

Both Mr Constable and Mr Richardson were elected to a steering committee.

Others elected to the committee are Lynn McMartin and Kaye Skinner.

The committee will meet again at Ormsby House at 7.30pm next Tuesday.

The society plans to hold monthly meetings

on the second Tuesday of each month, commencing in September.

Mrs Skinner said the committee plans to invite Taree librarian Mr Alan Tyson to the next meeting to give a talk on how to record family history with the use of a Card system.

She said the meeting favoured the idea of the formation of smaller groups which would meet and hold workshops in various areas of the Manning.

These groups would

then bring back the decisions to the society's

monthly meetings in Taree. Mrs Skinner said.

Chronicle Extra 15/8/1985

THIS IS THE ARTICLE THAT STARTED THE LADIES THINKING ABOUT A FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY.

Microfiche aids in tracing family origins

MANNING RIVER
TIMES
JULY 13/14
1984

Who has a grandmother that swears blind your family are the descendants of a Polish Count and you can legitimately lay claim to a caste in far off Vronsk? Or perhaps that you are

a descendant of the fourth musketeer, D'Artagnon?

Or are a descendant of a person aboard either the HMS Sirius, Alexander, Lady Penrhyn. Charlotte, Scarborough, Friendship or Prince of Wales in the first fleet in 1788?

Since the American book *Roots*, and the television series of the same

name in 1978 instilled a longing in Americans, especially negroes to find out their origins people have been growing more interested in finding out where they come from.

The book took American author Alex Haley back to his 'roots' in an African village.

In Australia the process has been a little slower, but the onset of the Australian Bicentenary in 1988 has heightened public awareness of Australia's roots. Many people are now scouring church records, registry records and the like to find out their origins.

In 1983, Greater Taree City Library bought a microfiche of births, deaths and marriages from the first fleet to 1900.

(Microfiche is a system where pages of a book of records are photographed in miniature and, say) 100 pages appear in miniature on a slip of plastic about 10 by 12cms. These plastic slips are then placed into a machine which projects the page onto a screen. By moving the plastic slip you can get any page projected onto the screen.)

History addiction

Chief librarian Mr Alan Tyson said the microfiche is constantly being used.

"There are at least a few people using the microfiche each day," he said.

Each person can use the microfiche for two hours. Mr Tyson said many use it for longer periods if no one wants the machine after the two hours.

"People have been having quite a bit of success tracing their family tree. It also saves them many trips to Sydney, if they were to search through the Mitchell Library or the registry files.

"For a lot of people this is just the first step. It does seem to be quite a past time for them."

He said many of the people using the microfiche records were elderly people with a lot of time.

One avid genealogist, Mr Jim Oram, of Taree, has been tracing his family tree for about 12 years. In that time he has also traced his wife's family, the Piper's, and has branched out into cousins and relatives.

But that he says, is one of the big problems of people who decide to trace the family tree whether to stick to a strict bloodline or branch out into other sides of the family.

Mr Oram said he has traced his father's family back to Devon, England, in the early 1700s and his wife's family back to Sunbury in Middlesex England, to 1580.

"The whole thing was intriguing because you feel like a detective following up clues and leads," he said.

IN THE BEGINNING

By Lyn McMartin

While reading The Chronicle Extra newspaper, on 25th July 1985, I came across an article for a public meeting to be held on Tuesday 30th July 1985 to discuss the forming of a Family History Group in Taree. This great idea was a vision shared by Kaye Skinner, Lyn Gill and Diane Elvins, these lovely ladies deserve all the credit for the MWFHS becoming a thriving reality.

Having moved back home after years in Canberra and having kept up my 1977 memberships with the Heraldry and Genealogy Society of Canberra and SAGs in Sydney, I knew the value of such a group to the wider community.

About 25 people attended the public meeting and four were elected to be the formation /steering committee. They were Mick Constable, an already established Historian (became President), myself, because I was actively involved in Family history research, (became Treasurer), Kaye Skinner as one of the Ladies who called the meeting, (became Secretary), and Eric Richardson, because of his connections with Councils and Museums, (became Vice President). Other people I remember as being at that meeting was Lyn Gill, Diane Elvins, Elaine McCutcheon, Colleen Brewer and Tina McCarthy.

Because of the wide area from which the people who attended the public meeting were living, it was decided by majority vote that night, the group would be called The Manning Wallamba Family History Society, meetings would be 2nd Tuesday each month at 7.30pm.

All who joined at the public meeting were given their membership numbers, Kaye Skinner was No 1, Lyn Gill No2, Diane Elvins No3, Mick Constable was No4, I was No 5 and Eric Richardson No6. Others also joined but I cannot remember everyone.

The public meeting and the steering committee meeting was at Ormsby House, the first meeting of MWFHS was at the Council Chambers on 20th August 1985, several more meetings was also at the council Chambers, then we managed to rent a meeting room for a small fee at Manning Gardens School. Some months later we found a permanent home at our Library, and that has been the rent free, expense free home ever since.

Right from the first night attendance was good, people were keen, my jobs were as Treasurer and as tutor of how and where to start. "Lets get started and help each other" workshops were popular. Everyone with any knowledge at all on research helped out at workshops. Fund raising was a must and everyone was keen and worked very hard to get and stay established. By this time Lyn Gill and Tina McCarthy had been elected as research officers.

1988 was an important year for Australia's History, Family reunions were popular and the society helped many families with organisation and worked as recorders on their big day. The payoff was a lot of information and some donations towards the building of the MWFHS library.

It soon became evident that MWFHS held records of the people and their families, the Museums held the artifacts of daily and family life and there seemed to be nothing available on the development of the towns and villages,

There was a need for someone with an interest in photographs to be involved in building an archive of the photographic evidence of the development of the towns and villages of the Greater Taree City Council

Family history group planned

A group of Manning people are starting a family history society for research and support in the area.

A similar group has been started in the Port Macquarie area.

The initial Manning meeting will be held next Tuesday at 7.30pm at Ormsby House.

The meeting is for all people interested in family research - for those who are already advanced in their search and those who wish to start.

It is hoped to be able to organise workshops in the

near future and to have seminars with speakers from the Archives and the Mormon Library, advising how to use their facilities.

It is also a major aim to set up a resource base at the Greater Taree City Council Library at Taree. The group hopes to raise funds to purchase relevant books, microfilm and microfiche for reference use.

Inquiries can be made by contacting Kaye Skinner 52 2754, Lyn Easter 53 9300 or Dianne Elvins 53 9364.

LIBRARY DUTY: There are some spaces on the Duty Roster. Why not consider going on duty with a “buddy” who will help you learn the routine. It is not a difficult or arduous task. If you would like to help with duty or learn how to, please contact the Librarians.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS: Memberships are now due. By-Law 3 a (iii) states “A member shall be deemed unfinancial if fees are not paid by the Annual General Meeting.” (21st August 2010). Please take a few minutes to complete the Continuous Improvement Questionnaire to give some guidance for the new executive after the AGM in August.

RAFFLE: Tickets are now on sale at the Library for our Silver Anniversary Raffle. Prizes are Pearls (donated by Joanne Gorton), a voucher for a transcription agent, or a refund of one fare on The Cruise. If you would like a book please call in at the Library or contact the Secretary. Drawing will take place on 14th August.

“SKELETONS IN THE CLOSET”: Due to the ongoing interest in these classes we have decided to conduct them on a regular basis. The next session will be Wednesday 4th August and then every month except January. Please contact the Library for further details and to make a booking.

RESEARCH SERVICE: Research Form can be downloaded from Society website. Initial Research Enquiry \$20.00. Research enquiries will be published in our newsletter ‘Fig Tree’ All correspondence must be addressed to Secretary, PO Box 48 Taree NSW 2430

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wednesday	7 th July	“Skeletons in the Closet” workshop
Saturday	10 th -24 th July	Memorabilia Display
30th July- 8th August		FAMILY HISTORY WEEK
Wednesday	4 th August	“Skeletons in the Closet” workshop
Saturday	7 th August	Workshop
Saturday	14 th August	CRUISE – book early
Saturday	21 st August	General meeting followed by Annual General Meeting
Thursday	2 nd Sept	“Skeletons in the Closet” workshop
Saturday	4 th Sept	Workshop
Saturday	18 th Sept	General Meeting
Sunday	26 th September	Bunnings BBQ



DON'T FORGET OUR ANNIVERSARY DINNER CRUISE

When: 14th August 2010 4PM

Where: Departing , ON TIME from Manning Street pontoon

Duration: 3.5 hours

Operator: Manning River Cruises

Dinner: Spit Roast

Drinks: BYO

Cost: \$38

Boat seats 50 in total and tickets are limited. Don't miss out, book and pay prior to 31st July. **WILL BE A GREAT OCCASION!**



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT



Where has the year gone? Time marches on and it is almost time for our Annual General Meeting. Time for members to consider how they can assist their Society by standing for various positions be they executive or at other levels.

It is with regret that I advise of the recent resignation of some longstanding members who over the years have contributed much to the success of our Society. Their valued contribution is duly acknowledged.

Membership continues to grow steadily with currently some 160+ members on our register. The success of our “Skeletons in the Closet” workshops has created a demand for more workshops and another is scheduled at the City Library on the afternoon of 7th July.

Research Officer Gloria, as a result of these workshops, has been approached by Manning Gardens Primary School to conduct a session for the senior class at the school. Gloria is excited at the prospect of “getting back into a classroom” after many years absence!

Our new resource cupboard with rollaway internal doors has been installed, making access to items both in the cupboard and around it much easier. The old cupboard is being used to secure items in our outside storage unit.

Our librarians are well into annual audit/stocktake of resource items, quite a tedious task.

Please all remember our 25th Anniversary Dinner Cruise on the mighty Manning River on 14th August. Seats are filling fast with a capacity of 50 permitted on board. Bookings can be made at the library and payment must be made by 31st July. The cost of the cruise and spit roast dinner is \$38-00. Drinks are of course BYO.

Until next “Fig Tree”, happy researching everyone!
Sincerely
George S

SOCIETY NEWS

ILLNESS and CONDOLENCES: To those who are ill or recuperating from an illness, or have lost a family member, your friends at the society are thinking of you.

EMAIL UPDATES: Members’ notices are sent by email so if you don’t get an email about meetings and workshops, could you please update your email address by emailing secretary@manningwallambafhs.com.au

NEW MEMBERS: We welcome the following new members: Pauline HOLLAND; Diane HOLLAND; David PARKER; Ann RANGER; Anne PEDERSON and returning members Shirley-Ann TAYLOR and Bob DINES

BUNNINGS BARBECUES: Next dates are 26th September and 28th November. If you can spare an hour or two please put your name on the list on the notice board.

PIONEER REGISTER BOOK 3: Forms for Pioneer Register Book 3 are available for download from the Society Website or can be photocopied from a copy on the Society Noticeboard in the Library. The closing date for entries has been extended to December 2010.

SILVER ANNIVERSARY: Founding members and several long term members have been asked to contribute their memories of early days of the Society. These are being published in the Fig Tree during this year. Events planned for the celebration of 25 years include a Dinner Cruise on the Manning River and a display of memorabilia in the Taree Library.



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