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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

As presented to the Annual General Meeting August 2012

It is with great pleasure that I submit my report for 2012. I am quite happy with our achievements over the past twelve months and must sincerely thank my executive team for their help and work in achieving our success. All those who hold responsible positions have made this a good year.

I must thank Gloria particularly, for standing in for me while I have been travelling and when family commitments have clashed with meetings and events.

Thanks go to Janette for her work in obtaining the grant enabling the purchase of our printer and new laptop computer. The printer has already been a wonderful asset making printing of our resource books for sale and our magazine the "Fig Tree", so much easier, and not having to rely on outside sources which, whilst necessary in the past, were expensive.

I must also thank all those members who have given of their time in any way to the benefit of our Society, particularly those who volunteer for library duty and help out at our fundraising barbecues. Barbecue days, whilst great social occasions, can unfortunately and unavoidably on days of trying weather conditions be difficult. However, we just grin and bear it.

To Lorna, our "golden girl", thank you sincerely for your purchasing prowess for the barbecues!

Again, Gloria, "Research Officer Extraordinaire", you do a wonderful job and go beyond the call of duty to assist with enquiries. Recent Family History Week workshops were a triumph. Many thanks for your efforts.

It is now three years since I stepped into this position when a perceived crisis was looming, and I feel sincerely that someone else should now take the reins.

I have enjoyed my term as president.

In closing I would like to thank Margie Wallis and the Greater Taree City Council Library staff for their ongoing assistance, friendship and co-operation.

George Sawyer

SOCIETY NEWS

EMAIL UPDATES: Please ensure that your email address is currently correct.

If you don't get an email about meetings and workshops, could you please update your address by emailing secretary@manningwallambafhs.com.au



BUNNINGS BARBECUE: Remember the date: 25th November.
If you are able to spare an hour or two on any of these days, please add your name on the list at the Library.

LIBRARY HOURS: With the changing of the hours at the GTCC Libraries, we have also changed our opening hours to 10am –12 noon Monday to Friday and 10am—1.30 Saturday. Other changes at the Library are progressing well.

NEW MEMBERS: Welcome to: John Oram, Max Cowling, Jai Allison, Jane Vickers, Wal Horsburgh, Robyn Neufeld, Sue Maher, Brian Hemsworth, Irene Whight, and returning member Susie Zada. We trust that you will enjoy your genealogy journey.

SCAM ALERT: Over recent months we have had several enquiries from people who have been approached by letter or email about a possible relative dying without a will. The communication appears to come from a legitimate lawyer overseas. If you respond you will be asked to give your details and to send/deposit search fees. National newspapers recently published articles about this scam. BEWARE! If it sounds too good to be true, it usually is!

UPCOMING EVENTS :

<i>Saturday</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>October</i>	<i>General Meeting</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>October</i>	<i>Fair at Maitland</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>October</i>	<i>Workshop</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>November</i>	<i>General Meeting</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>November</i>	<i>Workshop</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>November</i>	<i>Bunnings BBQ</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>December</i>	<i>Closing for Christmas break</i>



Volunteers are not paid.
*Not because they are **worthless** but because they are **priceless**.*



LIBRARIANS' REPORT

Recent acquisitions to our resources are listed below:

CEM 568 Cootamundra Cemetery Inscriptions
MIS 058 Boat Builders on the Mid North Coast 1834-2008
PEO 351 Old Registers One-Nine
FH 344 The Poole Family - Distant Origins
FH 345 The Pereira Family - Distant Origins
PEO 352 Of This Watershed - The Soldiers of the Wallamba
PEO 353 Cawdor Bench of Magistrates

The annual stocktake was completed with all items accounted for.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT: Christmas in July lunch was held at Club Taree with about twenty members attending . ***Watch your letter box for an invitation to the Society Christmas Dinner. The date and venue have not been finalised at the time of publishing.***



ISOLATED AND UNMARKED GRAVES: Thank you to all who have contributed to this project. We have had a steady stream of information coming in from both Society members and the public. Thank you to Wendy Collis from ABC Radio who recently interviewed members in the Dawson River Cemetery. She commented on the amount of unmarked graves we saw. If you have any information about burials in any of our local cemeteries please contact us. Below are examples of unmarked graves in Dawson River Cemetery



WANTED



We are always looking for Articles, Things of Interest or Upcoming events to be included in "The Fig Tree". If you have anything you would like included, please email them to **editor@manningwallambafhs.com.au**



NATIONAL FAMILY HISTORY WEEK AND HISTORY WEEK:

Our thanks to Meryl Bolin for conducting three workshops during National Family History Week. The Society prepared the Library display cabinet during both weeks.



The theme for History Week was “Threads– they wore what?”

The display contained items of apparel and haberdashery dating from the early 1900s

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

RESEARCH ENQUIRIES:

William Guy HIGGS from Wingham
STORM family in Taree
MANNING and ANDERSON families (Tuncurry and Moorland)

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

A VOLUNTEER

Volunteer – n.—one who offers to enter into any service of his/her free will. (Webster New World Dictionary)

After retirement, the novelty of not having to go to work begins to wear off. Once you get caught up with the things around home and have travelled you start to look for other interests .Something that fulfils an interest and gets you out of the house for a few hours every so often. Being a volunteer can be the answer.

I have found volunteering with our local Family History Society at the Taree Library to be a rewarding fulfilling experience because:

- I get to meet with like minded people for a few hours, some of whom have become good friends.
- It gives mental stimulation as one listens to and learns from others.
- One gets to help other people in their quest to find family ancestors and in the process sometimes discover more of your own.
- One can share one’s search methods, failures and successes as one helps others on their family history search party.
- A few hours duty can be quite a social occasion.
- One can contribute something to the Community by giving up a little of one’s spare time.

So why don’t you volunteer for a couple of hours and experience the joys of being a volunteer? Our Family History Society will teach you how, and you will have someone on duty with you. We can use all sorts of skills. Join us and give volunteering a go!

Nancye Swan Member No 566

REUNION NOTICES:

GORTON FAMILY REUNION 2013

Descendants of Noel and Elizabeth (Adams) GORTON are invited to a family reunion to be held on 5th October 2013 at the Nabiac Showground Hall.

Updates on all descendants sought for inclusion in book.

Associated names include Bailey, Boulden, Britton, Fernance, Hancock and Harragon.

Contact Joanne Gorton 496 Comboyne Road, Wingham 2429 or email wayneandjo_gorton@hotmail.com

Johnston Clan Reunion 2013

Descendants of William and Isabella Johnston

For details contact the organisers

Margaret Bottom—email byronspares42@hotmail.com

Telephone 0267210541 Mobile 0408 368308

Lyn Johnston—email lyn@resetdsl.net.au

FINDING EARLY NSW RECORDS:

The Society has some valuable resources with references to early NSW residents. The majority of these have been sourced from the NSW State Records. Some are copies of actual records or books while others are indexes of records held at the Western Sydney Records (Kingwood). Look at the CD cover or NSW Records website for further details (www.records.nsw.gov.au) of availability and publishers.

Numbers shown (eg LD008) are Society Accession Numbers

OLD REGISTERS 1-9 PEO 351

The Old Registers are a collection of documents where everyday legal transactions were recorded from 1794- the earliest days of the Colony of New South Wales. They are officially known as the Registers of Assignments and Other Legal Instruments.

The nine registers represent a unique social record of the period from 22 January 1794 to 15 May 1824. The documents are an extremely rare and a valuable record of the early colonial settlement of New South Wales. The register was the first place that people of the new colony were able to officially record their legal transactions.

The Old Registers contain

- land transactions
- domestic legal matters such as affidavits, bills of sale and bonds
- whaling and shipping agreements
- a variety of deeds
- letters of power of attorney
- listing of names of early colonists
- place names within Sydney and the colony.



INDEX TO THE COLONIAL SECRETARY'S PAPERS 1788-1825 PEO 118

The Papers include:

- petitions by convicts for mitigation of their sentences;
- requests for permission to marry;
- memorials attesting to the worthy character of potential settlers;

- applications for land grants or leases;
- reports on official visits;
- information about court cases and lists of assigned servants
- anything to do with the colonial administration of the day.

Also available on the NSW State Records website



FIRST TITLE HOLDERS OF LAND LD 006

in the Parishes of **Camden, Cook, Hunter, Durham & Gloucester.**

Prepared by Geoff Cannon

The data for the lists is taken from parish maps purchased from the Department of Land Sydney.

In addition to the lists of titleholders to private land, supplementary lists have been compiled containing, Churches, Schools, Cemeteries, Historical Features, Registered Grants, Recreation Grounds and Public Parks and Reserves dated pre 1900.



YEWEN'S DIRECTORY OF THE LANDHOLDERS OF NSW 1900 (Archives CD Books) LD 008

This was the "first broad attempt at publishing a complete directory of landowners in New South Wales. The directory is divided into approximately 1900 postal localities grouped under 87 larger districts. There is an introduction and summary to each district.

It indicates for each landholder whether they are dairy farmers, graziers or agriculturalists and what crops are under cultivation in the following categories - wheat, maize, barley, oats, potatoes, tobacco, sugar, other crops, grapes and orchard fruits.



PASTORAL POSSESSIONS NSW LD 026

William Hanson 1889 (archives CD Books)

William Hanson: *The Pastoral Possessions of New South Wales* Printed 1889

The volume is alphabetically arranged within each of the Eastern, Central and Western Divisions, with the names of the pastoral holders of the Crown, the Land District and County in which each holding is situated, the area in acres, the annual rent and licence fee, the rate per acre and per section for each leasehold and resumed area respectively.

Part I Eastern Division pp. 1-165

Part II Central Division pp. 169-397

Part III Western Division pp. 401-507

Index to Numbers and Names of Holdings pp. 509-520.



NSW CROWN LANDS LEASE CLAIMS 1848 LD 024

The New South Wales Government Gazette published lists of "persons [who] have demanded Leases of the several Runs of Crown Land, particularised in connexion with their respective names". These lists have been extracted from the Government Gazette and published here. They were published between May and October 1848. In addition there is a list of "Crown Lands Claims Approved within the Settled Districts"



REGISTERS OF AURIFEROUS (GOLD) LEASES, 1874-1928

Gold leases for most NSW Districts. LD 009—023

The index records name of the lease holder, lease number, date of application, location, remarks, series number, reel/item number, and surveyor's name. It should be noted that in certain cases the registers do not show any further information than recorded in the index.



INDEX & REGISTER OF LAND GRANTS, LEASES & PURCHASES

1820-1856 (from reel 2562) LD 002 a & b (Books)

Indexes to copies of deeds to town grants, land purchase and town purchase



ARCHIVES RESOURCE KIT (ARK)

The ARK was a result of NSW *Access for All* initiative to provide people in regional and rural NSW with better access to the State's archives. The Kit contains over 1565 items (962 fiche and 604 reels) of our most popular and heavily used colonial records.

The ARK builds on a genealogical research kit issued in the 1980s and already held by some of the community access points. It includes explanatory material and links to information available on our website. Topics covered include births, deaths and marriages; shipping; convicts; professions and occupations; land; naturalization; orphans; records of the Colonial Secretary; and more.

The ARK (or parts of it) are held at Taree Library.

Contents of the ARK

Reels or Fiche

Births, death and marriages

Shipping

Convict records

Professions and occupations

Land

Naturalization

Colonial Secretary

Orphans

Other records

Electoral Rolls, 1842-64

1828 Census Household Returns

1901 Census collector books

Guides and Archives in Brief

Archives In Brief (AIB) are fact sheets and are an excellent starting point for your research. AIB give you brief historical information on a particular topic, along with a list of the most relevant records in our collection. AIB do not provide entire lists of records relating to a particular topic, but give you practical tips and information to carry out your research. For a list of AIB by subject see Archives in Brief 51.

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 Burial Books

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
Coopernook, Moorland, Harrington	\$19.00
Lansdowne	\$17.00
Wingham Anglican [Old Section]	\$17.00
Wingham - All other Denominations	\$17.00
Wingham Beams	\$10.00
Killabakh, Marlee, Woodside	\$17.00
Redbank 2008 edition Book or CD	\$20.00
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

No members' discounts on these books

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

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