

Tomaree Family History Group Newsletter

FEBRUARY 2010



From the Secretary

What a great day our Irish Research day with Terry Eakin was. 79 people were present. This far exceeded our expectations of maybe 60. A very big thank you to the Executive who kept things running smoothly and to our members who helped in many ways. Our new idea of "one way traffic" into the kitchen area worked very well and this will be what will happen at future workshops [no stopping and talking in the kitchen, please] Thank you to those who provided food for morning tea and lunch. Feedback on the day has been very positive.

We signed up three new members on the day and another 3 on Monday.

Copies of Terry's notes will be available for those not present on the day for the cost of photocopying.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:

Valerie Dawes, Alfred Scales, Patricia Wardell, Ian Harrington, Margaret Ghersi, Irene Dixon, Margaret Anderson and Terry and Noaline FitzSimmons

CONDOLENCES:

Our sympathy is extended to Neil and Noelene Fraser on the death of Noelene's mother recently.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS: (A few belated)

January: Rita Harvey 21st, Paula Falzon 24th, Ian Harrington 29th

February: Neil Fraser 1st, Ross Jennings 15th, David Watson 24th, Patricia Wardell 28th

March: Judith Hickey 5th, Hilda Parker 9th, Robert Mc'Intyre 10th, Anna Cordwell 12th

Best wishes are sent to all those members.

RESOURCE ROOM ROSTER :

Without volunteers the room can't be open. Members are asked to do two duties a year. For those who are not confident to do so but would like to volunteer you can be buddied up with a more experienced member until you are confident to do it alone. Please write your name in the diary when you are available. Ideally it would be great if we could have two people each time. With over 60 members this should be possible. The diary will be passed around next Saturday for you to fill in when you will do duty.

DATES FOR BUS TRIP:

TO STATE LIBRARY:

24th July, 2010

NSW STATE RECORDS:

15th May, 2010

Money must be paid to the Treasurer by the due date. First in gets the seats. No refunds.

PIONEER REGISTER:

Our dedicated band of members are continuing to edit and add material for our Pioneer Register. If you know any descendants of these pioneer families please get them to contact us to make sure their family has been included. We are working in the Resource Room every Friday.

DISPLAY AT TOMAGO HOUSE:

The group has been asked by the Friends of Tomago House to put on a display on 10th & 11th April. As part of Heritage Festival "the Making of Our Nation" they are presenting "Links to the Past" We are going to use this opportunity to promote our work in compiling our Pioneer Register. The display will feature never

before seen family photos, some of which will be included in the book, as well as other material used in compiling the register. I urge you to support this important fund raiser, especially the members who did not attend our Christmas function there. See the Notice Board for more particulars. Entry \$6. Concession \$5.00. there will be a craft stall and refreshments will be available

This is a long newsletter but full of interesting things.

I hope all are well and able to come to the workshop on Saturday.

Marilynne Sharp, Secretary,
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FOR THE DIARY:

• Dates for your Diary:

- March 6 Workshop Irish theme
- April—No Workshop
- May 2 Mother's Day Breakfast/Workshop
- June 5 Workshop 19 Antique Valuation Day [confirmed]
- July 3 Workshop
- August 7 Workshop
- Sept 5 Father's Day breakfast/Workshop
- Oct 2 Workshop T.F.H.G. WILL HOST A GENEALOGICAL SEMINAR [Keep reading your Newsletters for more information as speakers are confirmed]
- Nov 6 Workshop
- Dec 4 Christmas Function

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Library News



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Members of the Executive consulted with Terry about buying new resources as Gould are having a sale on Irish material.

Grenham's Irish Record Finder has been put on one of our computers.

The Following is a list of what has been purchased:

New Purchases:

- Alumni Dublinenses 1924
- Brian J Cantwell's Memorial of the Deed: The Collected Works
- Evicted Tenants in Ireland
- Farrar's Index to Irish Marriages 1771 -1812
- Ireland: Index to Baronies, Parishes, Towns and Townlands 1851
- Jail Journal
- Memorials of the Dead
- The Agricultural Labourer, Ireland 1893
- The 1831 Tithe Defaulters
- The Croften Memoirs 1911
- The Landowners of Ireland 1878
- Ireland 1894 Slater's National Directory: Leinster and Dublin Section
- Ireland 1894 Slater's National Directory: Munster, Cork and Limerick Section
- Ireland 1894 Slater's National Directory: Ulster and Belfast City Section
- The Diocese of Killaloe: From the Reformation to the Close of the 18th Century
- The Registers of St Patrick, Dublin 1677-1800
- Mr Tuke's fund for Assisted Emigration 1882-85
- Matheson's Special Report on Surnames in Ireland
- 31 County Maps
- Burke's Landed Gentry of Ireland 1899
- Co. Longford. Residents Prior to Famine 1823-1835
- Index to Grant Books of the Dublin Diocesan Courts 1800 – 1858
- Thom's Irish Who Who's 1923
- Evicted Tenants in Ireland
- The 1798 Rebellion Claimants & Surrenders
- The Dublin Almanac. General Register of Ireland
- The Irish Ancestor 1968-1986
- Index to the Act on Grants & the original will in the Diocese of Dublin 1634-1858
- The 1831 Tithe Defaulters
- Index to Irish Wills 1536 – 1858 [5 volumes]
- Irish Records Index Vol 1. Index to Irish Wills 1484-1858
- Index to Prerogate Wills of Ireland 1536 – 1810
- Australian Almanac & Sydney Directory 1834
- NSW Almanac & Directory 1925
- Victorian Year Book
- Queensland Police Gazette 1926-1930
- Gazetteer of S. Australia Places & Maps 1846
- Register Personal Notices S. Aus BDM
- Tasmanian Post Office Directory 1909

These will all be available as soon as they are catalogued.

Library News



NEW LIBRARIAN:

The group has survived without a Librarian for a couple of years now. Marie has been looking after the new books and magazines and Eric the new cds. The group would like to thank Marie and Eric for doing this. Now we welcome Andrea Ryder as our new Librarian and assure her of our support as she begins this important task. It might be timely to check that you don't have any overdue books or magazines.

Member Services

FOR NEW MEMBERS:

- Books and magazines can be borrowed from the Resource Room [not cds], please see the duty person.
- Photocopying/printing in the Resource Room must be paid for. [money to duty person]
- Stuck for a gift for a special occasion? Enquire about our Family Tree Certificates
- Tomaree Family History Group's first book "The Lives and Crimes of the Convicts who arrived in Sydney in 1791 on the Salamander" is available for \$25.
- Donations of food for morning tea are always welcome.
- The Secretary writes the monthly newsletter and the Tomaree Tattler. It is then sent to Michelle for distribution. Any correspondence should be sent directly to Marilynne not Michelle.
- Transcription order forms are available in the Resource Room.
- Please give the names you are researching to Michelle who will put them on our website. Fill out the details on the My Research Interests Form at the end of this newsletter. If you are unsure of what is held at the repositories have a look at their website or the Archives folder in the Resource Room.

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Mailbag

A.F.T.C. February

Another year of NSW BDM added. Births now searchable to 1909, Marriages 1959 and Death to 1979.

British Library India Office

<http://indiafamily.bl.uk/UI/lorIntro.aspx>

Families in British India Society

www.fibis.org/

New Zealand Cemetery Database and Map

<http://fhr.kiwicelts.com/Cemeteries/NZ-Cemetery-Map.html>

New Zealand Genealogy Sites

<http://homepages.ihug.co.nz/~origins/nzgene.htm>

Descent [The Journal of the Society of Australian Genealogists Dec 09

Campaigning for Camperdown Cemetery 1896 – 1951

Drowned in Sydney Harbour

Was your Father a Fireman

Other journals include

- A.F.T.C. March
- Footsteps from Port Macquarie
- Tree of Life from Wyong
- Raymond Terrace Newsletter
- The Chronicle from Lake Macquarie



Abbreviations

AFFHO	Australian Federation of Family History Organisations
AIGS	Australian Institute of Genealogical Studies
Bap/Bapt	Baptism, Baptised
BDM	Births, Deaths, Marriages
Bp	Bishop
c/ca	Circa
Chapman Codes:	A widely used set of three-letter abbreviations for British counties
Chas	Charles
Chr	Christened, Christening
Circa	About, appropriate, around
Civil Registration	Records of births, deaths and marriages kept by the civil authorities. Birth, death and Marriage events are, by law required to be registered with the appropriate governmental body
Co.	County
CoE/Cof E	Church of England
D	died
Dau	daughter[of]
Descendants chart	A chart going forward in time, showing a couple, their children, their children's children and so on. The 2 most common layouts are drop-line descendant charts and 1 indented descendants charts
Dioc	Diocese
Ed/Edw/Edwd	Edward
Full age	over 21 years
Gedcom	A standard file format for exchanging family History information between different computers and software. This format is meant to be read by computers, not humans.
Geo	George
GRD	Genealogical Research Directory. A list of names and locations being researched by people world-wide, with contact details for the researchers
GSQ	Genealogical Society of Queensland Inc
GSV	Genealogical Society of Victoria
HAGSOC	The Heraldry and Genealogy Society of Canberra
IGI	International Genealogical Index. An index to some records, mainly parish records
Jno	John
LDS	Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, sometimes referred to as the Mormons. The LDS has many family history records, such as parish registers on microforms.
LIGHTER	A type of barge.
LIGHTERMAN	One who navigates a lighter
M or Marr	Marriage, married
Matrilineal	The female line only
Minor	Under 21
Ms	Manuscript or Maiden Name
Nee	"Born" normally followed by a woman's maiden name
Parish Records	Records created and originally kept by the religious head of an area, generally the clergyman of a parish.
Patrilineal	The male line only
Pedigree	A chart that goes backward in time, starting from one person, showing their parents, then the parent's parents.
PRO	Public Record Office
QFHS	Queensland Family History Society
SAG	Society of Australian Genealogists
SAGHS	South Australian Genealogy and Heraldry Society
WAGS	Western Australian Genealogical Society
Wm	William

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Workshop News



Next Workshop—Saturday 6 March

On 6th March 210 years ago to the day 300 desperately poor Irish peasants descended on the farm of the Tithe-Proctor John Boland & his family. A tithe or a one-tenth tax was levied on certain types of agriculture for the upkeep of the Church of Ireland and the Clergy. The tax was applied to land and not houses. As a result the burden fell on the shoulders of poor tenant farmers who cultivated the soil and struggled to feed their large hungry families and recover from

the 78 Rebellion. Some tithe proctors unfairly forced payment in the form of livestock. Incensed Catholic and Presbyterian farmers vehemently resisted paying contributions and began a campaign of non-payment.

The battle at the Bolards saw many peasants killed and all five male members of the Boland family lay dead within the burning walls. The aftermath of court-martials and executions were to position the “Boland Murders” as one of the most violent episodes in Irish history.

These murders were committed on March 7, 1800 in Manister, a Roman Catholic Parish in east county Limerick between Croom and Fedamore.

The tragic event became known locally as “Burning of the Bolands” and the location the “Burnt Cross”. Within days of the murder a meeting was held and a large reward was offered by the gentry to the first person who provided information that would lead to the apprehension of any of those involved. They include the presenter’s ancestors.

Come along and listen to a very interesting story.

Donations for morning tea are always welcome.

April Workshop:

Please note—due to Easter being early this year there will be **NO** workshop in April. The Newcastle Family History Group is having an Open Day On 17th April at their rooms in Elder St Lambton so the Executive suggests that we go down there and have a look at their resources. Take a picnic lunch and have it in the park opposite. This is a good way to get to know other members of our group.

May Workshop:

As we did last year we will commence with a Mother’s Day Breakfast at **9am**. Vince will be handing our raffle tickets at the next workshop [as there is none in April]. There will be a variety of prizes which will be advertised in the next newsletter. If you have anything you would like to donate please speak to one of the Executive or leave your donation in the Resource Room. Please support this raffle as our coffers are very depleted after all the cds we have bought.

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Tattler Submission—MY BRICKWALLS

Please bring to the workshop or email back to marilynnejcullen@gmail.com

Your Name _____

Your ancestor's name _____

Ancestor's date of birth _____

Place of birth _____

Married to _____

Date of Marriage _____

Issue & date of birth _____

.Death date _____

Your query _____

Some family
trees have
beautiful
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Remember, it
is the nuts
that make
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worth
shaking.
~Author
Unknown

