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Rooms - 799 Pacific Highway, Gordon Meetings held in the Gordon Library Meeting Rooms - 799 Pacific Highway, Gordon

16 April Meeting

Dr David Branagan summarized the life of the subject of his book, *T.W. Edgeworth David: A Life*, from his birth in Wales in 1858 to his career in Australia. This was no easy task given the multifarious activities he undertook as an outstanding geologist, Antarctic explorer and soldier.

Following his boyhood in Wales, David gained a BA at Oxford where he developed an interest in geology. This encouraged him to study evidence of glacial action in Wales, which led to his first publication. By 1882 he had attained sufficient professional recognition to be appointed to the New South Wales Geological Survey. He undertook geological field work in country districts and in 1886 began a survey of the lower Hunter region, resulting in the mapping of significant coal deposits. This work brought him to public attention and in 1891 he was appointed professor of geology at Sydney University.

David achieved world wide repute in the late 1890s when he took over a drilling operation on the remote Funafuti atoll in the Pacific which a Royal Society team had failed to complete. Although many difficulties were encountered, the project finally succeeded. David revived his interest in glaciation in the following years in which he became recognized as world authority.

In 1907 David was invited to join the Shackleton expedition to the Antarctic. He spent over a year with the expedition, during which he climbed Mt Erebus (3795 m) and with Douglas Mawson and Forbes Mackay dragged sledges up 2000m to the ice plateau and covered a distance of 1250 km, a remarkable feat of exploration considering his age. Following his return to Australia he received more acclaim and used his influence to support Mawson's expeditions.

With the outbreak of WW1 he was active in lobbying the Australian government to raise a corps of geologists and miners for duty on the western front. Despite his age he was commissioned as a major and sent to France in 1916, giving valuable advice on the siting and design of tunnels and trenches. He was mentioned in dispatches three times and awarded the Distinguish Service Order.

Following his return to Australia in 1919 he was knighted and embarked on a long anticipated project to prepare a comprehensive account of the geology of Australia. He was given extended leave to travel around the country gathering information for the project and although it was never finished,

Coming Meetings

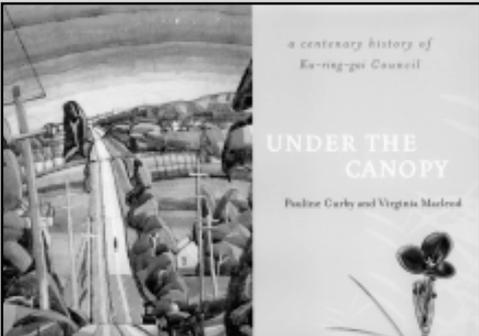
**NEXT SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING
(Gordon Library Meeting Room)**

Saturday 21 June

2 pm - GENERAL MEETING

**Guest Speakers -
Pauline Curby and Virginia McLeod**

The authors of the centenary publication, commissioned by Kur-ring-gai Council, will explore themes in Ku-ring-gai's natural and man-made history



**Afternoon Tea will be available
Visitors welcome**

NEXT FAMILY HISTORY MEETING

Saturday 7 June 2008

11 am - Members' Research and New Resources

**2 pm - Three Councillors, Jennifer Anderson,
Elaine Malicki and Maureen Shelley
will talk about their ancestors**

**Afternoon Tea will be available
Visitors welcome**

he managed to complete a large scale *Geological Map of the Commonwealth of Australia* in 1932.

David died in 1934 and was accorded a state funeral. He was survived by his wife Cara, a son and two daughters. Recently a memorial garden was established on the corner of Sherbrook Rd. and Burdett St. Hornsby adjacent to the house where David and Cara lived from the early 1920s.

Don Fifer

The Australian Newspaper Digitisation Project

In July 2007 The National Library of Australia (NLA) launched the Australian Newspaper Digitisation Project (ANDP), the initial aim of which is to digitise three million newspaper pages over a period of four years and to develop a search interface by which free public access could be made available. A collection of three million pages will equate to about 375,000 newspaper issues, containing about thirty million news stories.

The newspaper pages scanned will be from a range of titles from every State and Territory, ranging from the earliest newspaper published in Australia (1803) up to the copyright cut off date (1954). In September 2007 the NLA received \$1 million from the Vincent Fairfax Foundation to support the digitisation of *The Sydney Morning Herald* from its first publication in 1831 continuously up to 1954. The NLA will contribute \$700,000 towards this project.

Australian Family Tree Connection - May 2008

Looking North

Members will be pleased to learn that the latest issue of the journal of the friends and supporters of the State Library, *atmitchell*, reports that the Library's latest online collection, *Looking North - Garden Suburbs of Ku-ring-gai*, visits this part of Sydney's upper North Shore and shows how it has changed over time from isolated bush and farmland to today's highly desirable residential area. Focusing mainly on the late 19th and early 20th centuries, it explores the life styles, attitudes and activities of the residents who settled in this sought after part of Sydney. This project has been made possible through the generous support of Geoffrey and Rachel O'Connor, both long time residents of the upper North shore. (www.sl.nsw.gov.au/discover_collections/people_places/north)

atmitchell - March 2008

Oral History

Six members have completed the four session oral history course and, as they are all long time residents of Ku-ring-gai, they are now interviewing each other to hone their skills before launching on a program of interviewing some of the elderly members and other selected residents. Members wishing to be interviewed or to participate in a future course for interviewers are invited to contact Don Fifer 9482 4613.

NSW Heritage in Crisis?

An article in the most recent issue of the RAHS magazine *HISTORY* by Ian Jack and Carol Liston, past and present presidents of the Society respectively, suggests that the effectiveness of the Heritage Office will be greatly reduced by its recent transfer as a branch within the Department of Planning and the consequent break up of its specialist teams. As both authors of the article are past members of the Heritage Council, their views merit attention, and accordingly the RAHS has

joined a coalition of other concerned associations including the National Trust and the History Council of New South Wales to publicly voice their objections to the move.

History, March 2008

Images of War Veterans

For those of you who do not read the *Australian* newspaper there was a recent article asking for photos of the men who fell at Fromelles. This is a special project, but The Australian War Memorial has undertaken the task of compiling photographs of each of the 102,000 names from all conflicts on its roll of honour. At this stage only 1005 photos have been added since the Second World War with a total in their archives of 6,700. The memorial is particularly interested in obtaining World War 1 photographs regardless of their age and condition, but also wishes to gather material across all conflicts involving Australian servicemen and women.

If you do not wish to part with your precious photos, scanned images could be supplied, either on disc or as copies made.

To contact a War Memorial curator about supplying photographs for the roll of honour telephone (02) 6243 4593.

Volunteer's day

Thursday 31st July will be a day for all of our volunteers to be brought up to date with recent changes to the computer system and receive training on how to operate the computers for the Internet and access to Ancestry.com. The session will commence at 10.30 am and continue until after lunch. A light Lunch will be provided (finger food) and you may like to assist by bringing a plate. Please contact Ann Barry (9144 6480 or email a.barry@optusnet.com.au) to enable catering and other arrangements to be finalized for the day

Recent Acquisitions

Memories and Dreams – Roseville College 1908-2008 (Denise Thomas). A centenary history. Donated by the College. 128 pages.

Captain James Cook – Navigator. Edited by David Cordingly. Published by the National Maritime Museum, London, in association with Campbell Publishing, Sydney (1998). Donated by Barry Badham. 112 pages.

The Bridge – the epic story of an Australian icon (Peter Lalor). Allen & Unwin, 2006. 384 pages. Indexed

The Shaping of Hornsby Shire (Claire Schofield). Hornsby Shire Council, 1988. 304 pages. Indexed.

The Convict Years – Transportation and the penal system 1788-1868 (Margaret Weidenhofer). Lansdowne Press 1973. 150 pages. Indexed.

At Fidden's Wharf (Duncan Miller). Verse and Notes marking the author's appreciation of his time on the North Shore. 1990.

Harry Seidler – Biographical Chronology. Extracted from *Harry Seidler – Four Decades of Architecture* By K Frampton and P Drew. (1992)

The Colonial Volunteers – the defence forces of the Australian Colonies 1836-1901 (Bob Collins). Allen & Unwin (1988). 216 pages. Indexed.

Vale Joan Morris

Joan Morris was a long time member of the Society and wife of Harry Morris, past President and Life Member of the Society. Joan had been active as member over many years and more recently a room volunteer. Her funeral was held at Holy Family Church on Friday 9th May 2008. The Society has extended condolences to the family on behalf of all of our members.

Internet Access for the Society

The plan to connect our computer network to high-speed broadband Internet communications was approved by the Committee on 12 May. Connection will not start until after the current Family History course has finished on 29 May. The current plan (subject to change) is to completely close down our computer system for approximately one week commencing on Tuesday 10 June.

There will be no computer access at all by members during this time. If all goes well, the upgraded computer system will be reopened to members from Monday 16 June.

Unlimited access to all "Ancestry.com" databases is part of the upgrade. Access to Ancestry is partly funded, for the first year only, by a grant from Council.

Festival on The Green

The Society will be exhibiting at Festival on the Green on Sunday 15 June 2008.

This is a great day to get out and meet people and promote the Activities of the Society. Volunteers are required to assist in operation of the stand, sell books and assist with enquiries. Not more than 2 hours will be necessary if enough volunteers are available. If you are able to assist please contact Ann Barry, Tel. 9144 6480 or email a.barry@optusnet.com.au.

Orientation Day

An orientation day will be held on Saturday 28th June 2008 commencing at 10.30 am to assist new members and perhaps some of our older members to gain knowledge of the vast resources in the Society's collection. Expert assistance will be on hand to provide guidance. Bring your lunch as the session will continue after lunch. Please contact Ann 9144 6480 or a.barry@optusnet.com.au..

Trip to Mudgee, Sofala and Hill End

There are still several spaces available for this fascinating tour on 27/28th September. Ring Jo Harris to book a seat on the coach.

Quiz

The final quiz on location of hospitals in Ku-ring-gai

Roslyn	Rotherwood	Southdean
St Aubyn's	Strathallan	Tiverton
Tonga	Weeroona	Wilema

Member Profile – Hazel Perdiau

Hazel was born in Haberfield in 1913. She remembers Armistice Day and joining in celebratory bell ringing. She also remembers Sir Ross and Keith Smith's plane flying overhead at the end of their epic flight from England and that the 1919 flu epidemic nearly made her and her young brother orphans.



In 1920 her parents moved to a house in Roseville where she attended the Roseville Infants School and continued there when it became a full primary school and she later attended PLC Pymble. She left school in 1928 because of her mother's illness and the transfer of the family to a new house in Nelson Street Gordon. She then enrolled at the East Sydney Technical College to study commercial art, however after three years she abandoned art on being invited by a friend at Sydney University to join the University Choir. Realizing that she had a good singing voice, she commenced the study of voice and piano at the State Conservatorium of Music.

Following the outbreak of WW2 Hazel assisted her mother who was president of the Gordon Red Cross and then joined the Red Cross herself to serve in military hospitals, visiting the sick and teaching crafts. She worked as an Occupational Therapist and was sent to the 113 AGH at Concord West. After about a year of part time work, she was posted full time to 104 AGH Bathurst and then to 114 AGH at Kenmore with a staff of local volunteers, which enabled her to expand her activities with music therapy and pottery.

Remaining with the Red Cross after the war, Hazel gained experience with treadle looms and weaving and was sent back to 113 AGH in charge of the weaving room and later the handcraft centre. When the 113 AGH was turned over to the Repatriation Department, Hazel transferred to the Occupational Therapy Department, taking charge of the pottery and art room. She also took part, with the Hurlstone Choral Society, in performances with the Sydney Symphony Orchestra. In addition she attended night classes at the East Sydney Technical College to further her skills in clay modeling and pottery.

On her retirement in 1976, Hazel joined the Turramurra Garden Club and the Ku-ring-gai Historical Society, serving as secretary and president at various times in both organizations. She designed the Historical Society's logo, assisted with local tours, wrote occasionally and has been a Life Member of the Society for a number of years. She also found time to photograph every house in Nelson St, Gordon and donated to the Society a copy of the 1788-1820 Pioneer Association Register and a paper knife reputed to be made of wood from HMS Sirius. In addition she is an active member of the St. Ives Music Study Group. A very busy lady!

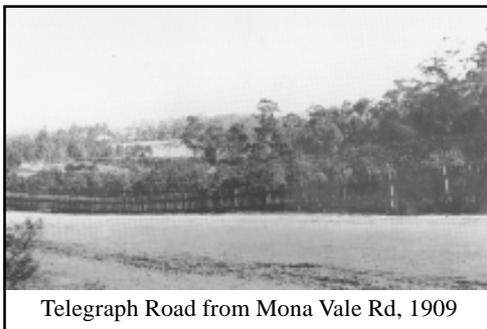
History Notes

Even more on Telegraph Road

The April Newsletter questioned whether Telegraph Road, Pymble, was ever called Military Road and concluded that definite information remains so far unfound. It has often been written that the name “Military Road” was changed to Telegraph Road at the request of resident Dr W W J O’Reilly. Society member Alan Rost has written:

Firstly, as late as 1892, auctioneers’ subdivision plans were showing the road as “GOVERNMENT ROAD” which was a generic term indicating a road surveyed by the government surveyor and almost certainly constructed at government expense. Many such roads were constructed during the second half of the nineteenth century to open up access to Crown land. Current Sydney street directories list eight instances where the description has survived as a street name.

Secondly, the auctioneer’s plan of the Pymble Heights Estate shows a section of Telegraph Road as “GOVERNMENT (Telegraph) ROAD”, indicating that the name had only recently been changed. It is clear that the former name was not Military Road. The plan in our folder of subdivision maps does not show the year but on pages 32-38 of “The Historian”, October 2004, Jennifer Harvey’s article on the Pymble Heights Estate states: “In November 1892 William Henry McKeown subdivided the remainder of his land and advertised it for sale as *Pymble Heights Estate*. (source DP 2993).



Telegraph Road from Mona Vale Rd, 1909

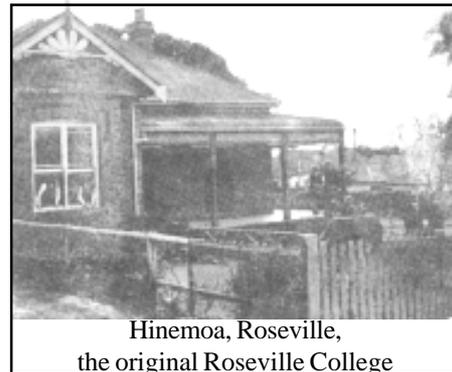
Quite possibly the myth arose through a (mis)association of ideas.

Allan Rost

Roseville Boys College

Roseville College, a girls’ school, recently published a history to mark its 100 years. It was in 1908 that Miss Isobel Davies took over Hinemoa School in Victoria Street, Roseville and renamed it Roseville College.

This Centenary publication, *Memories and Dreams – Roseville College 1908-2008*, was written by Denise Thomas, an educator and historian, and includes much of interest not just to those closely associated with Roseville College but also to Roseville residents. On the lighter side is the revelation that in its early days the College enrolled boys up to eight years of age. It continued to do so until as late as 1979.



Hinemoa, Roseville,
the original Roseville College

These boys included Robert and John Fowler who lived in the nearby Firs cottage in Roseville Park, as well as Colin Begg and Paul Toose, who became judges, and Chester Porter QC. John Fowler, who attended from 1920, is reported by Denise Thomas as recalling “that life was sometimes difficult for boys attending Roseville, because they were mocked by boys from other schools. Fortunately, he said, the girls of Roseville College were happy to have them”.

Though this history does not dwell on the topic, the earlier Hinemoa School had been conducted for several years by Mrs Maria Tingcombe who lived in *Hinemoa* cottage with her husband George, daughter Dorothy, and Ellen Tingcombe, a spinster cousin. Maria had operated the school for several years. The name, *Hinemoa*, was that of a legendary Maori maiden of noble birth and the heroine of a romantic love affair.

Max Farley

Shot Machine Creek

Quite a few Ku-ring-gai homes have a creek in their back or front yards. Creeks offer great opportunities to gardeners because they can be landscaped with ferns, ponds and restful green retreats with birds, tadpoles, frogs and sometimes flowing water. These creeks run from the Highway on Ku-ring-gai’s ridge down either to the Lane Cove River or Middle Harbour.

Now, if you had such a creek nearby, would you prefer to tell your friends during a dinner party that your home was near a creek known as *Gordon Creek* or one named *Shot Machine Creek*? The former information would no doubt be received politely by your friends but the mention of *Shot Machine* would inevitably lead on to a spate of questions and conversation. In fact there is a Shot Machine Creek in Ku-ring-gai but we will come to that. First, however, what is a “shot machine” anyway?

In the early days, “shot” was the ammunition of shot-guns. They are small balls of lead. Back then, one way of making them was by dropping molten lead into water where they emerged as small “balls”. These then had to be smoothed off by tumbling them in a drum filled with an abrasive such as sand. The machine to do this was a “shot machine” and was operated near water to clean the final product.

Now, about *Shot Machine Creek*. Earlier issues of the Society's publication, *The Historian*, make mention of it several times and one of our members, the late Harry Morris, took time out in 1993 to search for more information. He found a map prepared in 1858 showing a creek running from near the Pacific Highway in Roseville and along Middle Harbour Road near Trafalgar Avenue in Lindfield. It then went via Tryon Road to Middle Harbour. It was clearly marked *Shot Machine Creek* along its entire length. An unnamed tributary coming from the direction of Killara joined it. Written on the map alongside the creek near Tryon Road was the phrase "Old Shot Machine" which indicated such a machine had been at that point. In 1858, topographical features were named somewhat haphazardly and it is quite possible that the Killara section was also known locally as *Shot Machine Creek* because it, too, led to the shot machine site.

Harry's enquiries suggested that while the section from Killara retained the Shot Machine name, the part coming from Roseville suffered several name changes over the years. From *Shot Machine Creek* it became *Clanville Creek* and even *Machine Gun Creek* before finally being prosaically labelled *Gordon Creek*. This evolutionary trail warrants confirmation. [Ed: this creek runs through Swain Gardens in Killara]

There is a little more to the story and it concerns Daniel Mathew and a convict gunsmith.

Daniel Mathew came to Australia as a free settler in 1812. He was an entrepreneur and a skilled engineer, architect and merchant. He was also significant to us because he was the first person to be granted land in Ku-ring-gai. In 1819 Governor Macquarie gave him 400 acres in the Roseville/Lindfield area between Boundary Street and Tryon Road. He called this his *Clanville Estate* and *Shot Machine Creek* ran right through it with the "old shot machine" seemingly being just a few yards north of its boundary. Mathew passed his *Clanville Estate* over to Richard Archbold when he acquired another grant in Pymble/St Ives. Harry Morris found mention of a John Hadley in a book *The Convict Blacksmiths of NSW* by Ronald C Solomon published in 1990. It read in part:

... a gunsmith filer and labourer from Dublin. His conviction for stealing brass was his third and (he) came (in 1828) ... for seven years. In 1828 he went to D Mathew Cowan... Mathew was listed in the 1828 Census as of Hunters Hill....

The 1828 Census shows Hadley in Daniel Mathew's "household report" at Hunters Hill – Hunters Hill being at the time the name of large areas north of the harbour including both Roseville and St Ives. Though Richard Archbold acquired the *Clanville Estate* from Mathew a year or two before 1828 it is quite feasible that the entrepreneurial engineer Mathew worked with Hadley in building and operating the shot machine.

To round off this complex tale of creeks, shot machines, pioneers, convicts and gunsmiths mention has to be made of another convict gunsmith, Peter Hanslow, who in 1832 sought permission to purchase 10 acres in the vicinity of Fidden's Wharf some kilometres away on the Lane Cove River on the other side of the ridge. This is interesting because one of the stated occupations of fellow convict, Joseph Fidden, was "gunsmith". It is conjectured that Hanslow planned to work with Fidden in a shot factory project in the Fidden's Wharf area. Indeed Flora McLeod, who was an early member of our Society, wrote (*The Historian*, December 1977) that there had in fact been a shot machine factory there somewhere. Detail and supporting evidence is, however, in short supply. Yet another snippet of our early history awaiting detailed research.

Words from our past

Australia's beginnings spawned words which had particular meanings. Knowing them is essential to an understanding of our past. The following related to the convict era. Some were:

Assigned servants. Convicts assigned by the government to work for nominated employers such as military men, free settlers and, at times, emancipists.

Certificate of Freedom. Issued from 1810 to convicts who had completed their sentences. They were allowed to leave the colony.

Currency lads/lasses. Australian-born children.

Emancipists. Ex convicts who had completed their sentences and were thus "free by servitude".

Assisted Exiles. As transportation became unpopular in Australia the English conceived the notion of "assisted exiles". These were convicted persons who had served part of their sentences in England and then given conditional pardons and sent to Australia for the balance of their time. Many went to Melbourne.

Exclusives. Otherwise known as "pure merinos". Those of non-convict origin who saw themselves superior to the convicts and emancipists.

Free settlers. Persons who came to Australia of their own choice.

Government Servants. Convicts.

Pardons: -(Absolute) Allowed to convicts who had completed their years of sentence. They could return to England.

-(Conditional) Could be awarded to convicts who had been sentenced to Life and given on the condition they did not return to England.

Tickets of Leave. "TOLs" were given to trustworthy convicts allowing them to work independently within designated geographic areas.

Max Farley

Family Matters

3rd May Meeting

11 am session

About 35 people attended the 11 am session. Leader Jo Harris briefly described the set-up of the computer resources and mentioned a "How To" course planned for a Saturday in August. She then showed or described the following CDs.

British 19th Century Surname Atlas.
1881 Census of Great Britain, Scotland, Wales, Channel Islands, and Navy (25 discs). This includes the 1881 British Population Index (when finding a name, one can click on "neighbours" and often discover relatives next door)
British Isles Vital Records Index, from 1530 (just a "pot luck" chance to find someone but still worth a look)
1831 Topographical Dictionary of England
Scandinavian Vital Records
Western Europe Vital Records

BOOKS

From Jo's collection: Domesday Book, Tartans, Gathering of the Clans, Who's Who in Australia 1929 of which half is photographs
New accessions already on shelves: Pioneers of Ryde, Eryldene, Australian National Flag, Broken Hill & West Darling, books on Hill End, Kiama, Paterson

BOOK REPORTS

Jenny Joyce - Hawkesbury in Gloucestershire
Diana Rose - Schlink of Prince Alfred Hospital (good index of doctors)
Joy Walker - A Washerwoman's Dream by Hilary Lindsay, Australian story based on fact.
Elaine Turnidge - program of recent meeting of Royal Society of St George at which four verses of 'Advance Australia Fair' were sung.
Jo has sent for medical directories to 1954, Police Gazettes for NSW, and CD on Anzacs.
Jenny Joyce showed many items which can be purchased over the Internet at fairly modest cost, such as illustrated books on towns where ancestors lived, parish churches, etc. Also Parish Registers on microfiche, maps, CDs of which many are available through Gould Genealogy in South Australia and through Genealogical Societies and family history magazines. A series of books entitled "My Ancestors were....." are sold at SAG.
Jenny is happy to do look-ups for members.
Jo advised that a State Library website "Looking North" has been set up.

2.00 pm meeting

Jo chaired the 2 pm session at which more than 30 were present. She said that on this day in 1841 New Zealand became a colony independent of NSW.

'AUSTRALIAN FAMILY TREE CONNECTIONS' magazine for May has following items:

Australian Newspaper Digitisation Project - aim is to digitise 3 million newspaper pages over 4 years. (Papers listed on page 37).

Mailing List Watch featuring GENANZ for discussion of Australian and New Zealand genealogy (page 38). Jo recommended that members join a List, watch for a while, then send query.

Jenny Joyce reported that the Society is seeking people to be interviewed for their recollections of Ku-ring-gai.

CEMETERY REPORT

Catherine Williams described a visit to Adelaide seeking one headstone, Henry French, and also finding her great-great-grandfather, James Harris French, born 1776.

She showed us a Gore Hill cemetery book "The Angels Walk" listing 350 babies. There are 5,000 in the cemetery.

QUESTIONS RAISED IN FORUM ON RESEARCH PROBLEMS

Q: Shipping arrivals.

A: "Ships in Australian Waters" website. Lateral thinking necessary. Check for a possible arrival in Melbourne or Adelaide, then on by coastal steamer. Some went to America first because of shorter voyage.

Q: Diaries of ships.

A: "Log of Logs" by Ian Nicholson or National Maritime Museum.

Q: People leaving from Austria.

A: Vital Records, Western Europe. Join a List and put query, hoping to make contact.

Q: Finding Wyatt in England, maybe married Gossage.

A: Look for different spellings, i.e. Goffage

Q: Nottingham as a middle name, after place?

A: Most likely to be a forebear's maiden name.

Q: Military records in England pre-1790.

A: National Archives at Kew, Imperial War Museum, Find My Past website, easier if an officer, find out if he became a Chelsea Pensioner.

Q: Naval Records in England.

A: National Maritime Museum, Greenwich.

Q: Victorian BDMs.

A: Available on line, photocopy of actual entry

The book raffle was won by Lyn Roseby who chose "The Kurrajongs".

from notes by Stella Green

2008 Family History Conference

“Conquering the Tyranny of Distance” - 2008 NSW & ACT Association of Family History Societies Inc. Annual State Conference Friday 12 September, Saturday 13, Sunday 14th September at Dubbo. Program and Registration Forms are available now from their rooms at The Cottage or from the website of the Dubbo Family History Group. <http://www.dubbofamilyhistory.org.au/2008-conference> if you would like to join them.

Researching beyond the Internet

I would like to encourage members to spread their family research enquiries as widely as possible, beyond the Internet. I have had very rewarding and interesting contacts through Family History and Historical Societies, and having letters and items published in newspapers and magazines.

For example, a letter published in *The Scots Magazine* about my MUNRO and STUART ancestors resulted in 12 letters from Scotland, England and Australia. A lawyer in Inverness sent me 25 pages from his University thesis on emigration from the Highlands and Islands of Scotland.

A free entry in the “Help” column of the English magazine *Family History Monthly* seeking descendants of my mystery man JOSEPH NOTTINGHAM PALMER and mentioning his probable relationship to my great-great-grandfather WILLIAM NOTTINGHAM PALMER provided a phone call from a lady in Eastwood, Sydney! Her forebear was WILLIAM NOTTINGHAM PALMER HAYES and we found we are connected through two PEAT sisters, Joanna and Ann.

A notice at modest cost in the ‘Personal Column’ of the *Northern Star* newspaper in Lismore NSW produced about a dozen letters and phone calls from MUNRO descendants. A family gathering was held in a Lismore club attended by folk from NSW and Queensland. I had never met any of them, and many had not met each other. One lady discovered she was related to her dentist!

Four MACPHERSON relatives responded to my notice in the free RSVP column of *The Sydney Morning Herald*, revealing other family members in NSW, South Australia and Queensland. A lunch in a Brisbane hotel was attended by seven descendants, most meeting for the first time.

Writing to a solitary listing of the name TIMME in the *London Telephone Directory* led to amazing contacts and a 17-page family chronicle written in 1837 by Friedrich Christian Timme.

Other groups which have helped me were the historical societies in Bourke, Raymond Terrace, Maclean, Shoalhaven. Often a listing of your enquiry in the files of societies results in later contacts by others researching the same family.

If your Internet search ends in a brick wall, do try something else.

Stella Green

Built Heritage

Greengate Court, Pacific Highway, Killara

Greengate Court, the small block of shops at No.672-678 Pacific Highway, Killara, was built in 1936. It was designed by architect



William Arthur Nelson and erected by Roseville builder Allan Wormald. Nelson owned the property with his wife Annot Louise Nelson. The Nelsons lived at *Radcliffe*, No.65 Tryon Road, Lindfield, designed by Nelson and built in 1924.

The Sydney Morning Herald of 24 March 1936 reported: “A modern shopping centre is being established at Killara ... The shop fronts are projected beyond the general building, and will be finished in polished black marmorite with polished plate-glass windows in silverite surrounds, and polished maple entrances. A contrast will be provided by the use of multi-coloured dropout Florentine blinds. There is a central entrance to a suite of modern bachelor flats on the floor above. These have deeply graven sandblasted entrance panels in a setting of special textured brickwork. There is a Kaluella marble terrazzo staircase and gallery, with chromium handrails. Subdued lighting is introduced through leaded glazing illustrating local legends. Artificial lighting is arranged with automatic time and time-lag switches ... All plumbing work is concealed in wall flues. Hot water is supplied by simplex hydro-electric automatic units.”

First lessees of the shops were the Killara Veterinary Hospital at No.672, Boxall’s fruitshop at No.674, the *Greengate Court* Hairdressing and Beauty Specialists at No.674a, smallgoods dealers Florence and Frederick Folkard at No.676 and the Prudential Estate Agency at No.678. Boxall and the Folkards also rented flats in the building.

William Arthur Nelson FRAIA (1875-1958) attended Sydney Technical College and served his articles with Colonel Thomas Rowe. He continued his training in England, becoming a national medallist at the South Kensington School, London. Nelson served briefly in WWI then worked in London with Sir Mervyn MacCartney on national housing schemes. He returned to Sydney and set up offices in Pitt Street.

Works in Ku-ring-gai include: Nos 65 & 67 Tryon Road, Lindfield (1924); two houses in Roseville (1933); Killara Court, Werona Avenue (1933); additions to the Killara Bowling Club (1935); and business premises at No.96a Pacific Highway, Roseville.

Churches include: St Barnabas’ Rectory, Chatswood (1925); St John’s, Moss Vale (1930); St James’, Moora, WA, (c.1911 listed on the WA Register of Heritage Places) and St Stephen’s, Mittagong (1928 listed on the RAIWA NSW Register of 20th C Buildings of Significance).

Thanks to Anne Higham, RAIWA, Joan Rowland, Local Studies Librarian Gordon, and Jo Harris, KHS, for help with this article.

Kathie Rieth

Copy for Newsletter

General copy for publication should be lodged with the Editor, Kerrin Cook at lindsaykerrin@bigpond.com as **early as possible** but no later than 7th of the month (except November and December) unless otherwise arranged. Copy lodged before that date **will receive preference** all things being equal. Copy is to be submitted on the understanding that the Society has editing rights and readers can reproduce it in whole or part with acknowledgement. Material should preferably be in electronic form.

New Members

We are very pleased to welcome to membership:

Hazel Marks - St Ives

Audrey Sewell - Killara

Angela Glover - West Pymble

Valerie Bell - Wahroonga

Valerie Garton - Cabarita

We know they will enjoy their time with the Society and their membership will open the door to many friends and activities of interest.

Quiz Answers

Roslyn Private Hospital/Lindfield Nursing Home - Tryon Road, Lindfield
Rotherwood Convalescent Hospital - Eastern Road, Turramurra
Southdean Private Hospital - Cnr Gordon Road and Buckingham Street Killara
St Aubyn's Private Hospital - Westbourne Road, Roseville
Strathallen Hospital/Carramar Home - Boomrang Street, Turramurra
Strathlea Private Hospital - Killara Avenue, Killara
Tiverton Private Hospital - Macquarie Road, Pymble
Tonga Private Hospital - Clermiston Avenue, Roseville
Woorona Private Hospital (also known as Avrlie Nursing Home), Kioogle Street, Wahroonga
Wilma Private Hospital (also known as Norfolk Nursing Home), Strickland Avenue, Lindfield

Research Centre Hours

The Society's Research Centre is at 799 Pacific Highway, Gordon, adjacent to the Ku-ring-gai Library. The Centre is open from 10 am to 2 pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday (except the first Saturday of each month when members have a meeting). It is closed over the Christmas period and on public holidays.

Diary Dates

Sat 7 Jun	11 am - Members Research - New resources 2 pm - General Meeting 3 Councillors talking about their Ancestors
Sat 21 Jun	2 pm - General Meeting Speakers - Pauline Curby & Virginia MacLeod <i>Under the Canopy - Ku-ring-gai 1906-2006</i>
Sat 28 Jun	<i>New members Orientation Day - see page 2</i>
Sat 5 Jul	11 am - Members Research 2 pm - General Meeting
Sat 19 Jul	2 pm - General Meeting Speaker - Carol Baxter <i>Two Sydney Scandals of the 1820s</i>
Thur 31 Jul	<i>Volunteers Day - see page 2</i>

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