



# KU-RING-GAI HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

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

## *The Life and Times of Lord Sydney*

An enlightening talk on the life and times of Thomas “Tommy” Townshend [later Lord Sydney] was delivered by Andrew Tink, already known to many of us as a lawyer, former MLA and the author of books on W C Wentworth and Lord Sydney; after whom our city was named.

Tommy Townshend was born into a politically influential family, the grandson of Viscount Townshend and the nephew of 17th century political activist Algernon Sidney. In 1754 he was elected to the seat of Whitchurch, “owned” by his Whig family. In fact, during his 29 year parliamentary career, he never had to contest an election.

Initially Tommy was politically aligned to his great uncle the Duke of Newcastle, and followed the Whig maxim “head down – make yourself useful”; he later joined William Pitt the Elder. Full of bumptious ambition and self confidence he filled several minor parliamentary roles, and in 1767 became Paymaster of the Forces, a position that brought him wealth by devious but apparently legal means.

Forced into 14 years in opposition by the 1768 election of Grafton’s government, he became a great supporter of the American cause, one of the few parliamentarians speaking out against the taxes imposed on the colony. It was said that it was just luck that he wasn’t locked up in the Tower of London and executed like his hero, uncle Algernon Sidney, condemned to be “hung, drawn and quartered” by Charles II for his inflammatory writings. But it was these writings that later inspired the American founding fathers drafting the Declaration of Independence.

Following the defeat of the British in 1781, the Whigs regained power in England, and Tommy became secretary of state with responsibility for the American peace negotiations and what to do with 50 000 royalists who were to be housed in Canada. It was through his determination that southern Ontario and parts of the Great Lakes are now part of Canada and not entirely in the USA. It was amazing to learn that the Colonial Office then had a staff of only 18, including the tea lady. George III was so pleased with Tommy’s work that in 1783 he was raised to the peerage, taking the title Viscount Sydney, thus honouring Algernon Sidney in the title.

His next problem was what to do with British convicts no longer welcome in the US. After some deliberation over African and West Indian locations Lord Sydney decided on Botany Bay, and it was he who arranged the transport and appointed Arthur Phillip as the first governor. It was Phillip who named the colony Sydney.

In conclusion, Andrew digressed to display Lord Sydney’s humanity in authorising Suzanna Holmes’ baby and partner Henry Cable to join her on the first fleet. Henry later became the colony’s first civil litigant when he successfully sued the captain for lost luggage.

*Doug Milne*

## General Meeting

**Saturday 18 May 2.00 pm**

### *Australia’s First Successful Strike*

An illustrated talk based on new research by local historian **Ralph Hawkins** reveals some surprising northside facts from early colonial times.



**Afternoon Tea will be available.  
Visitors welcome.**

## Family History Meeting

**Saturday 4 May**

**11.00 am** English Parishes & Counties + Q&A

**2.00 pm** **General Meeting**

*“Old Sydney on Camera”*

**Richard Whitaker**

The first photograph was taken in Sydney in 1841 and the photographic record provides a marvellous storyline...



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## ***Volunteer Luncheon***

***Saturday 18 May 12.45 pm***

All KHS volunteers are invited to a thank-you luncheon to be held on the above date. The Society is extremely grateful for the many hours of work that our volunteers contribute – see our list of volunteer activities on p. 4. It is only through their efforts that we are able to achieve so much. We now have over 90 volunteers!

As we are catering for this event, we need to know the numbers, so please RSVP by **Friday 10 May**, or call into the room and put your name on the list.

Last year we ran short of food because more people came than expected, so please bring a plate if you forget to respond by 10 May.

## ***Society 50th Anniversary***

On 7 November 2013 it will be 50 years since the first meeting of our Society. We propose to mark this occasion with an Anniversary Dinner to be held at the Roseville Golf Club on **7 November 2013**.

Please mark the date in your diary.

## ***Vale***

The Society has been advised of the death of two of our members.

### **Dudley Reynolds**

Over the years Dudley contributed many photographs to the Society's collection, and he was also our assistant sound system operator.

### **Judy Andrews**

Judy contributed to the Society's collection of photographs and maps on the Park Avenue precinct.

Both were Society members for a long period. Our condolences are extended to both families on their sad loss.

## ***Quiz answers (see p. 8 for Questions)***

1. a) The granddaughter of William Henry, in 1849 she married Thomas Jenkins; they lived in a house on the Lane Cove River. She had a beautiful garden, cooked bread, whole pigs or calves in the large stone oven. The kitchen is now incorporated in a building used as an office, owned by the Lane Cove Park Trust (p. 101).

2. c) A teacher. She married Alexander Ruthven (d. 1928) and in 1939 she married Wilfred Cameron Smith. She opened a school in 1927 in Lindfield Avenue, later moving to 1 Owen Street, Lindfield (see photo with son p. 185).

3. d) She married butcher, Joe Hammond in 1867. The family became well known for their many shops throughout Ku-ring-gai (p. 87).

4. b) The Sydney Symphony Orchestra. She married William Hope Gibson, Prof. at Sydney Uni., in 1924. Became an MBE in 1961 (p. 83).

5. a), b), c) & d): All answers are correct. She married Jacob Frenkel in 1938; read her incredible story (p. 80).

All questions are based on the Society's publication "Women of Ku-ring-gai".

Please read for further information about some of the women who lived in our area.

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## ***Special Interest Groups***

### ***Mac Users SIG***

Our May meeting will be on **Monday 6 May at 2.00 pm** in the Research Rooms. Most of our meetings from now on will be on the first Monday of each month, except when there is a public holiday (as in April).

If you have any specific questions, please email them in advance so they can be circulated to the group for answers. ([jackievb@optusnet.com.au](mailto:jackievb@optusnet.com.au))

No need to book, just turn up. Bring your laptop or iPad if you like.

### ***German Research SIG***

The 8 April 2013 meeting of the KHS German Special Interest Group (SIG) was well attended with 14 members present. Each member had an opportunity to report progress, or lack of it, with no startling discoveries reported. Slow but steady progress was the order of the day.

The following were general discussion threads from the meeting, with follow-up actions.

Angela Lind distributed photocopied pages that may be of use to German researchers. These pages were from an unknown source. In reply, Tony Karrasch "suspects the title of the 1985 book to be 'Palatine Families of New York' by Henry J Jones Jr. A search of 'Pastor of Welterod' led to his 1709 quote."

A website entitled "German Headstones in Australia" was displayed and discussed. The web address (URL) of this site is <http://www.familienarchiv-papsdorf.de/ozcemeteries.html>

Repeated message from Richard Lander: "The following site might be of interest to some members of the group trying to trace old German place names in South Australia which were changed during WWI. <http://www.ach.familyhistorysa.info/germanplacenames.html>".

The message received from Julie Werner on German language books was discussed at the meeting. Members requested that any information on the titles and/or authors of the books would be appreciated before any suggestions on their usefulness could be made.

The next meeting of the German SIG is planned for **Monday 17 June 2013 at 1.30 pm** in our rooms (Note: Monday 10 June is a public holiday).

*Peter Stehn*

### ***Irish Research SIG***

On Friday 12 April Irish descendants gathered at the rooms to talk about their Irish family history. We discussed a number of searching ideas and looked at various websites. We all learnt a bit, shared stories and had some fun.

The next meeting is **Friday 10 May at 1.30 pm**. All welcome.

*Ric Hall*

### ***Scottish Research SIG***

Our next meeting will be **27 May at 1.30 pm**.

*Jenny Joyce*

## One of our Ku-ring-gai ANZACs

*Private Cecil Thomas BARRACK*, 1103, was killed in action at the Gallipoli landing on 25 April 1915.

He is memorialised on the Roll of Honour at Gordon Railway Station and on the Lone Pine Memorial at Gallipoli.

Excerpts from two reports in his Red Cross file describe a little about his death: “Barrack was killed on 25 April by a sniper... he was buried on Deadman’s Ridge” and “Saw him killed on 1st day of landing 25th April. Killed outright. He was well out in front and we had to leave him.”

At the time, it wasn’t so straightforward for his family, brothers William (Wal) and John (Jack), and mother and stepfather, Sarah and Fritz Hakanson. Cecil, known as Jerry by his family, was first listed as missing, not killed.

A letter to his brother John, and dated 11 February 1916, included a “copy of report from the British Red Cross Society received through the High Commissioner’s Office, which goes to show that steps are being taken to obtain some authentic evidence of this soldier’s fate. Barrack was with a party that was sent from our trenches to make a demonstration while a big attack was being delivered on the left. This party got caught in the ‘Valley of Despair’ and could not regain our trenches. There is a good chance, however, that Barrack may be a prisoner, as the names of others of the party, who, like him had to be posted as missing – have been received that they are prisoners.”

The tardiness of the receipt of the names of prisoners is due to the fact that many had been sent to places in Asia Minor. The letter goes on to promise “Further reports received will be promptly communicated to you.”

It wasn’t until after a Court of Inquiry Proceedings held in the field in France on 5 June 1916 (over a year later), that Pte Cecil Barrack was recorded as killed in action at Gallipoli Peninsula.

In a letter dated 6 November 1919, John Barrack acknowledged receipt of the parcel of his brother’s belongings. Contents of the parcel: “Pipe Case, Curios, Testament Book, Calendar, Tin of Cigarette Cards, Military Book, Union Card, Brush, H’Chief”.

Cecil Thomas Barrack was born in Murrurundi, NSW, the youngest of three sons to James Alexander Hale Barrack and Sarah Ellen Davies. James Barrack died in Woolloomooloo when Cecil was 8 years old, and his mother remarried (to Fritz Hakanson) when Cecil was 10.

(From the *Sydney Morning Herald Saturday 3 December 1892 p. 1*): BARRACK – November 29, 1892, at St Vincent’s Hospital, James Alexander Hale Barrack, eldest son of James Barrack, Newcastle, aged 37 years, leaving wife and 3 sons.

Cecil attended Fort Street School in Sydney.

He was an engineer and not married, so had listed his brother John as next of kin. His address at the time of his enlistment was in Chatswood with his brother John.

Unlike the lads anxiously waiting for their 18th birthday, or putting their ages up, Cecil was an older enlistee, 30 years old when he enlisted at Broadmeadows in Victoria on 10 September 1914. His embarkation was from Melbourne with the 9th Infantry Battalion just before Christmas, on 22

December 1914.

By December 1915, brother John was living in Bonnyrigg, Moree Street, Gordon.

By May 1920, John Barrack had moved to 19 Northcliff Street, Milsons Point, and was living with his mother and stepfather.

At the time of her death in 1922, his mother, Sarah Hakanson (also known as Hawkinson) was living in *Cecilthel*, Pymble Avenue, Pymble with her husband.

So, it appears that Pte Cecil Barrack never lived in Ku-ring-gai, but at the time the war memorials were erected, his mother and brother were living in Gordon and probably catching the train from the station where his name appears on the Roll of Honour.

(From the *Sydney Morning Herald on Wed 25 April 1917 p.10*): BARRACK – Killed in action the landing, Gallipoli, April 25, 1915, Cecil T. (Jerry) Barrack 9th Battalion of Gordon beloved youngest son of Mr and Mrs Hawkinson, and brother of Wal and Jack Barrack. Lest We Forget.

Information in this article has been sourced from the Australian War Memorial databases, the National Archives of Australia service records, NSW Registry of Births Deaths and Marriages, and Trove.

### *An aside:*

Two of Cecil Barrack’s cousins also gave their lives in the Great War:

*Private Alexander John Davies*, 276, died of illness (enteric fever) on 10 July 1915 in Egypt. He is buried in Cairo War Memorial Cemetery.

Alexander enlisted before Cecil, on 24 Aug 1914, embarking with the 9th Battalion in September 1914.

In a strange twist, his next of kin, mother Barbara Davies lived in Dumaresq Street – but not in Gordon, in Hamilton Newcastle.

*Sergeant Roy Barrack*, 3492, was killed in action on 19 July 1916 at Fromelles, France. He is not one of the identified soldiers (as yet) and is memorialised at VC Corner.

Roy, from Alexandria, enlisted after his two cousins, on 1 August 1915. He joined the 53rd Battalion and was promoted to Sergeant on 14 June 1916, just a month before he died.

In another strange ‘sort of Ku-ring-gai link’ Roy’s middle name was Gordon.

Neither of the cousins are listed on memorials in Ku-ring-gai.

*Jackie van Bergen*

### *Writing Competitions*

Have you considered entering our *Writing Ku-ring-gai History* competition?

It’s not too late and there are great prizes!

The competitions **close on Friday 3 May**.

Please go to our Society website for full details of the topics, to read the Terms and Conditions of the competition, and to download the entry form.

There is no entry fee.

There are information flyers in our Research Rooms.

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**KHS VOLUNTEERS 2013**

The committee would like to recognise and thank the many volunteers who assisted the Society during the past year as room volunteers and researchers, collecting and preserving records, and generally assisting with the many duties required to run a vibrant society. We would also like to thank the many people who have made donations to the Society during the year.

**Accessions**

Jennifer Wallin

**Afternoon Tea**

Jill Nicholson

*Thanks to the many people who have assisted over the past year.*

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Jackie van Bergen

***World War I Centenary Project***

Ku-ring-gai Historical Society plans to publish a book and companion CD in recognition of the centenary of the Great War of 1914-1918.

The book will include a complete nominal roll of all World War I veterans who enlisted from the suburbs of Ku-ring-gai Municipality, with chapters giving short biographies of those who were killed in action or died of wounds, and those who were decorated. The local nurses will also be researched.

At present a small committee has been formed and a nominal roll has been compiled, a revision of a KHS compilation prepared some ten years ago.

We would like the assistance of more researchers because many hands make light work. So PLEASE HELP.

Where researchers have a special interest or connection with a veteran, they will be allocated that veteran to research and prepare a draft biography.

Your assistance, in whatever small way, would be greatly appreciated. Guidance in researching veteran records will be provided BUT, to avoid unnecessary duplication of effort, please do not proceed with research until allocation is made. This should occur within a few weeks.

If you can assist, PLEASE CONTACT our research coordinator, Kathie Reith, on 9499 4568 or [frithie@netdata.com.au](mailto:frithie@netdata.com.au)

*Dave Wilkins*

***Writing Ku-ring-gai History Competitions***

As part of our 50th anniversary celebrations, Ku-ring-gai Historical Society is running a history writing competition with the help of a grant from Ku-ring-gai Council and the Turramurra and Lindfield Community Bank.

There are five age categories and the topics focus on Ku-ring-gai history, events, buildings and/or people.

The total prize pool is \$2,000.

Shortlisted entries will be published later in the year.

All entries must be submitted by May 3.

Please go to [www.khs.org.au](http://www.khs.org.au) for full details of the topics, to read the Terms and Conditions of the competition, and to download the entry form.

***Eryldene Mothers' Day Open Weekend Eryldene Historic House and Garden***

11–12 May, 2013

Take tea in the renowned camellia garden at Eryldene. Bring your mother, grandmother, aunt, neighbour, daughter, niece and friend and enjoy a tea party to celebrate this special occasion with fine china, exquisite embroidered table linen and home-made sandwiches and delicacies.

***Vienna Cottage celebrates 25 year anniversary***

Sunday 26 May, 1-5pm

Built in Hunters Hill in 1871, Vienna Cottage was conserved as part of the National Trust Amatil Bicentennial Program and was opened to the public as a house museum in 1988. Free entry.

Bookings essential, please phone John Birch on (02) 98161794. [www.nationaltrust.org.au/nsw/ViennaCottage](http://www.nationaltrust.org.au/nsw/ViennaCottage)  
38 Alexandra Street, Hunters Hill

***A Convict in the Family?***

Was your ancestor transported for a pittance? This exhibition showcases the rich, large-scale photographs of documentary photographer Mine Konakci.

The works reveal the connections between convict settlers, their direct descendants and the petty crimes that changed the course of their families' histories.

Museum of Sydney: Saturday/Sunday 13/14 July 2013. Free with museum entry.

***Family History Course 2013***

Expressions of interest are sought for an 8 week Family History Course, to be held later this year on Thursdays. The course will cover the use of books and resources on the intranet and internet. There will be a lecture each week followed by an assignment.

For further information please ring **Jo Harris 94894393**.

# FAMILY MATTERS

## April Family History Meeting

### 11.00 am Session

This was held in the rooms, and about 30 people were present.

The topic was *Convicts* and Jo Harris distributed a printout from the KHS computer catalogue for members to use at home. Jenny Joyce explained the new resources on the State Records site. In Indexes Online, Convict Indexes can be searched either by person or ship. She also featured several books in the KHS library: Guide 4 to State Archives – Convicts and Convict Administration; Bound for South Australia; The Convict Ships 1788 to 1868 by Charles Bateson. Other important sources are Government Gazettes on AGCI, and the Fremantle website for WA convicts.

Jo Harris then demonstrated *The Old Bailey Site*; how to use *Google* for English County Record Offices; the Queensland site; and the Tasmanian site where there is a wealth of information on convicts. Again she emphasised the importance of using Rootsweb: Mailing Lists – <http://lists.rootsweb.com/index/intl/AUS/GENANZ.html>

### 2.00 pm Session

Jo Harris opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

'Family Tree Connections', available in the Rooms, is a special issue for WWI and Gallipoli, with many family articles. The new website pages have 7 pages about 2012 Family Tree Maker Program for PCs and Mac.

New books available are: *Campbelltown Federation Register 1900–1920*; *Family Tree Maker 2012* book; *They Cared for Beenleigh*; *Tracing Your Army Ancestors*; *Tracing Your First World War Ancestors*; and *They Stopped a While in Come-by-Chance* – Vol. 3.

### Seminars

Rootstech Conference in Salt Lake City attended by over 6000 people (Ask Jenny Joyce for further details). Online webinars from USA on DNA – Jenny Joyce. Foundation Day on Norfolk Island – Angela Lind.

### Speaker

Jo introduced *Allan Rost*, our current "Historian of the Year" who spoke about his German Origins.

All four of his grandparents were born in Germany, so he is only a second generation Australian. He is an only child, so wrote his family history for his son, also an only child. His paternal grandmother, Ida Springer, was born in 1860 and migrated from Magdeburg to Brisbane at the age of 23. His paternal grandfather, Albert Joseph Rost, was born in 1856 and arrived in Brisbane in about 1885, where he married the 'headstrong' Ida. In 1887 Allan's father, also Albert, was born, followed by two daughters and another son. The family moved to Sydney in 1903 for son, Albert to find work in the jewellery trade. Because Rost is not a noticeably Teutonic name, the family came through WWI without being discriminated against. In 1919 the sons bought land in Essex Street, Epping, where they built a substantial Californian bungalow.

Allan's maternal great-grandparents were Carl and Justine Kleinschmidt, who, with 3 sons and 1 daughter,

arrived in Brisbane on 21 January 1864 with 15 other families and 3 single men from Uckermark villages, north of Berlin. They settled at Bethania on the Logan River, where they sheltered in gunyahs until they could build slab huts, and were often short of food. Sugar cane was the main crop and the family also operated a punt to take the cane to the mill. When land became available for selection on Moreton Bay, the Kleinschmidts moved there and continued to prosper. In 1882 they built the Steiglitz Mill on Moreton Bay. Their paddle wheeler, *Maid of Sker*, was used for transporting the raw sugar to the CSR refinery in Brisbane, and now rests peacefully in a park at Nerang. (Justine had 16 children, of whom 9 survived and lived to an average age of 86 years.) A vote of thanks was moved by Les Jeckeln.

Afternoon tea followed, and the 3 Lucky Door prizes were won by Dexter Taylor (Annabell Boswell's Journal), Marion Farley (Nancy Astor by Derek Marlowe) and Leone Stumbaum (The Kurrajongs by Ian Small).

*Based on notes by Jean Smith*

## Visit to Suakin Army Depot, Pymble

KHS has a longstanding interest in the Suakin Army Depot, and was very pleased to receive an invitation to attend a parade and inspect their museum.

On 19 February, 16 members of KHS attended the depot, which is off Suakin Street, Pymble, and were made very welcome by the Commander of Alpha Company, who described the history and links of the unit.

We then had the opportunity to watch the parade, followed by a conducted tour of the depot. The museum was very interesting, the Battle Honours impressive, and the array of photographs showed how the unit has evolved. To round the tour off, we were shown some of the infantry weapons carried by the unit, past and present. Jo Harris, Vice President, accepted a unit badge on behalf of the Society.

### *Do you have a Ku-ring-gai WWI ancestor?*

### *Are you interested in military history?*

If you would like to learn how to research people from WWI then this is the project for you.

A project group has been formed to put together a publication commemorating the centenary of WWI.

The focus at the moment is on researching soldiers whose names are listed on Ku-ring-gai memorials.

Many hands make light work so your assistance in any small way would be greatly appreciated.

We are also interested in any WWI photos or other Ku-ring-gai related memorabilia.

If you think you can help please contact Kathie Rieth from the WWI Project Group through KHS at 9499 4568 or [frithie@netdata.com.au](mailto:frithie@netdata.com.au)

# BUILT HERITAGE

## Recent Acquisitions

The following is a selection of acquisitions. Please check the fireplace shelf. If they have already been sorted into the reference library, you will need to use the sort code to locate the book that interests you, e.g. CEM/2315 – filed under Cemeteries and then 2315, the postcode of the cemetery. If a locality interests you, then obtain the postcode and search the catalogue; e.g. 2031/CUR – in this case it is filed under Sydney Places.

“Lord Sydney [the life and times of Tommy Townshend]” by Andrew Tink, a former NSW parliamentarian. Was published in 2011, ISBN 978 1 921875 43 4 and has 315 pages with a number of illustrations. Andrew gave a most interesting talk to the society in March 2013 on Lord Sydney and this book matched it – at no time was I in danger of dozing off. The success of the Colony of New South Wales owes much to the planning and forethought of this man. BIO/SYD

Two books “Australia’s Outback Heritage FRONTIER COUNTRY” Volume 1 and Volume 2 with general editor Sheena Coupe and published by Weldon Russell Pty Ltd in 1989. Volume 1 (ISBN: 1 875202 01 3) has 400 pages and is well-illustrated, displaying the life and hardships – on p. 298 there is a photograph taken in 1907 of 700 cattle killed overnight by poisonous weed. This volume covers unlocking the land and the frontier people. Volume 2 (ISBN: 1 875202 02 1) also has 400 pages and covers conquering the distances, living on the edge and finally forging new directions. It was pleasing to browse the books taking in the illustrations and reading snippets of text. AUST/COU

“Breeches & Bustles, an illustrated history of clothes worn in Australia 1788–1914” by Elizabeth Scandrett and first published in 1978, has 191 pages (ISBN: 0 909674 11 6). The presentation of the clothing is divided into decades and is mainly black and white drawings with a few photographs. This book was donated by Stella Green. SOC/SCA

“Homesteads of Southern New South Wales 1830–1900” by Maurice Cantlon, first published 1981, is one of a limited edition of 1,500 (ISBN: 0 909174 32 6). The book has 167 pages and covers 64 homesteads, their history and their occupants, with photographs and 35 pencil drawings by the author. There is a map of southwestern New South Wales showing the location of each homestead. ARC/CAN

**Bruce Robinson**

## Eryldene Open Weekend

### Early camellias come into bloom

Eryldene Historic House and Garden

8–9 June, 2013

Wander the garden at Eryldene as the *Camellia japonicas* come into flower. Identify your favourite blooms.

Take a guided tour and hear about the making of this exquisite place, the architect who designed it and the Waterhouse family who lived there.

## Tintern – an enduring reminder of an early Roseville family and their sad loss in WWI



Remarkably, because it is not protected by heritage listing, *Tintern* still stands, at 205 Pacific Highway Lindfield, one of the very few original houses along the highway in Roseville/Lindfield. Built about 1903, it is a single storey, Federation Queen Anne style house, and for many years was home to Walter Shaw, his wife Frances Geraldine nee Archbold and their three children.

Enid, their youngest daughter wrote: ‘My grandfather [Richard Archbold] divided his land from Eton Road to Clanville Road between his daughters and when I was about six my parents built a home on the corner of Eton Road and ... Pacific Highway. The house was named “*Tintern*” after the famous abbey...’

Enid was born in 1896, Mabel in 1895 and Ernest in 1892. Ernest studied accountancy. Mabel attended Ravenswood, then helped look after their mother. Enid went to Lindfield College, on the corner of Lindfield and Russell Avenues, and later took up nursing. When WWI broke out, Enid and her friends joined the Roseville Voluntary Aid Detachment. Ernest enlisted in March 1916, his attestation papers signed on ANZAC Day 1916. At the time he was working as a clerk with the AMP Society in Tamworth. He joined the 33rd Battalion, formed in early 1916 in Armidale. The 33rd later became part of the 9th Brigade, 3rd Australian Division. Shaw left Sydney on HMAT *Anchises* on 24 August 1916 and by the end of November he was in France. The 33rd’s first major encounter was the battle of Messines that began on 7 June 1917. Shaw was killed on 23 July when a shell exploded in the trench he and three others were occupying. Buried close to where he fell, he was re-interred in Bethlehem Farm West Military Cemetery. Enid wrote: ‘Many of the young men of our circle did not return.’

Despite the tragedy of losing their only brother, the two sisters had happy memories of their childhood. Most of their relatives lived nearby and they ‘were never without playmates and friends’. After their parents’ deaths, Walter in 1923 and Frances in 1935, the two sisters remained in *Tintern* for over sixty years. Enid left for a time, serving during WWII with the 102nd AG Hospital in Brisbane. At some stage the house was converted into two flats. In the last years of her life Mabel was cared for at Milton Nursing Home. Enid moved to Archbold House, built in Trafalgar Avenue on the site of their Uncle Jim’s old home.

Information on the family was taken from WD Archbold’s history *The Archbolds of Roseville*; WWI notes from the personnel file of EA Shaw, the history of the 33rd Battalion and the unit diaries.

**Kathie Rieth**

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## New Members

We extend a warm welcome to members who have recently joined the Society.

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We hope you find your membership rewarding, and look forward to your participation in our activities.

## May Ku-ring-gai Mothers' Day Quiz (answers p.2)

All questions are based on the Society's publication "*Women of Ku-ring-gai*".

- Mother of 12, Maria Jenkins nee Maher, was born 1830 in the Lane Cove area. She was the granddaughter of?
  - William Henry.
  - Joseph Banks.
  - Hamilton Hume.
  - Gidley King.
- Mother, Oenone Ruthven nee Tabuteau, was born in New Zealand in 1891, her occupation was?
  - An actress.
  - A writer.
  - A teacher.
  - An aviatrix.
- Mother of 12, Emily Hammond nee Northorpe, was born in Cambridge, England in 1845. She married?
  - Carriage Builder, Joseph Hammond.
  - Hairdresser, Frederick Hammond.
  - Plasterer, George Hammond.
  - Butcher, Joe Hammond.
- Mother of three sons, Irene Hope Gibson nee Denmark was born in Melbourne in 1899, and helped establish?
  - The RSPCA.
  - The Sydney Symphony Orchestra.
  - The NRMA.
  - The Kindergarten Union.
- Mother of two, Anna Frankel nee Ginsburg, was born in Russia in 1911. Her occupation was?
  - A lawyer.
  - An author.
  - A translator.
  - An anthropologist.

Jo Harris

## 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 to the public from 10.00 am to 2.00 pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday (except the 1st Saturday of each month when members have a meeting). It is closed over the Christmas period and on public holidays.

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## Diary Dates

- Sat 4 May Family History Meeting**  
**11.00 am** "English Parishes & Counties + Q&A"  
**2.00 pm General Meeting**  
 "Old Sydney on Camera"  
**Richard Whitaker** will tell the story of Sydney in photos from 1841, when the first photograph was taken.
- Sat 18 May 2.00 pm Society General Meeting**  
 "Australia's First Successful Strike"  
 New research by local historian **Ralph Hawkins** from early colonial times.
- Sat 1 Jun Family History Meeting**  
**11.00 am** "More Resources on the Intranet/Internet"  
**2.00 pm General Meeting**  
 "New Zealand Genealogy"  
**Speaker: Pauline Weeks**, Member of New Zealand Society of Genealogists.
- Sat 15 Jun 2.00 pm Society General Meeting**  
 "Shooting Through on the Northside"  
**Peter Kahn** of the Tramway Museum revisits a time when Sydney was one of the world's great tram cities.

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