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Welcome from the **Editor**

Last month’s talk by **Hilary Walker** led us through the intricacies of **Irish Research**. Hilary is the Society of Australian Genealogist’s expert for Irish Research, who has travelled to Ireland many times as a researcher.

Hilary started with an overview and the problems caused by the loss of many records in 1922. Compulsory Registration for BDM started from 1864; and for Protestant marriages from 1849. Records are indexed in “Find My Past” and the older index “Family Search.org”. The smallest administration division are the Townlands; incidentally their Home name in Australia and Probate packages may help. Spelling and possible variations are critical – check every possibility. The Griffith Valuation covered all of Ireland between 1847 to 1864 based on County; Parish; and Townland divisions. Again spelling is critical. Valuation Revision Books followed up on the Griffith Valuation and were completed every 3 years. Websites include the Public Records Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI) where you can view Original Wills ; and the National Archives Dublin will be available soon. The 1901-1911 Census Ireland is good and covers the whole of Ireland. Hilary then went on line and did a search of a property in County Kinego. There is an Irish genealogy website www.irishgenealogy e.g. Dublin, Cork, Kerry.. Thank you Hilary.

Remember - We are collecting articles for the JULY “Camden Calling” - *you have till mid-July*. Have you had an Inspiration for your Contribution to the July CC ????????????

Camden Area Family History Society Inc. Research Room, Library/Museum Complex, John St. Camden

The research room is open
Thursday 10:00am to 3:00pm
Friday 10:00am to 3:00pm
Saturday 9:30am to 12:00 noon

There is a charge of \$5.00 per session for non-members to use our resources.

There is a volunteer on duty whenever the research room is open. They are only too happy to assist with any inquires.

If you would like to volunteer to assist in the research room please contact the Library Co-ordinator Tony Jackson on 4655 1098 letting him know when you are available.



**July 2014
Happy Birthday!**



Frank Battam 7th July
Ray Herbert 9th July
Kay Ryan 9th July
Diana Rolfe 13th July
Yvonne Dowle 15th July
Margaret Wheeler 21st July
Tony Jackson 24th July
Katherine Herisson 30th July
Steve Robinson 30th July
Ian Smith 4th August

Best wishes and a happy birthday to you all!

MEETINGS

Our meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month (except January) at 7:30pm in the Meeting Room of the Library/Museum Complex, John St. Camden.

To help cover the cost of supper there is a gold coin donation.

Visitors most welcome.

MEMBERSHIP

SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW DUE

| Normal | Pensioners/Concession |
|---------------|------------------------------|
| Single \$25 | Single \$20 |
| Couple \$30 | Couple \$25 |

FOR YOUR DIARY

- 1) Continuing my Inaugural **WEBSITE OF THE MONTH** feature.
Check out Obituaries Australia <http://oa.anu.edu.au/>.
Obituaries Australia is a digital repository of obituaries published in newspapers, journals, magazines and bulletins. Here you will find the life stories of Australians from the earliest times to the present. This site is hosted by the National Centre of Biography at the Australian National University, which also produces the award-winning *Australian Dictionary of Biography*
- 2) **Liverpool Genealogy Society Inc. - Genealogy Seminar on Saturday 26th July 2014**
9:00am to 4:00pm at the Liverpool Regional Family History Centre 462 Hume Highway, Liverpool. Price \$25.00. **RSVP** 18/7/2014.
Topics include Joseph Millson; Photography in Family History; and the Bass Point Shipwreck.
- 3) **From “Australian Family Tree Connections” July 2014 –**
Society of Australian Genealogists - <http://www.sag.org.au/events/list-of-events.html> Costs apply
4/7/2014 – Irish Counties: County Cork 10:30AM - 1:30PM.
24/7/2014 – Duff Down Under – Ancestry & Family Tree Maker 10:00AM - 4:00PM.
27/7/2014 – Serving in the Force: Tracing your NSW Police Ancestors 10:30AM - 12:30PM
3/8/2014 – Huguenot Society of Australia – How to Find your London ancestors; 9519 6290.
3/8/2014 – Rookwood Cemetery – Heritage Walk Part 1 OR Railway Walk. 9889 3899.
- 4) **Yerranderie Cemetery** – Maria Pozza is looking for names and information on people buried in the Yerranderie Cemetery between 1906 and 1958. A monument will be erected with the names of those known to be there. There are only 30 marked graves; research to date has shown 70 burials.
email: mpozza@bigpond.net.au
- 5) **Pen to Paper** – *The Camden Writers and Scribblers* meet at the Narellan Library on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month from 9:30am to 12 Noon. New members are welcome and there is no age limit. Call Grace on 4655 6064.



CLUB ACTIVITIES

TONIGHT'S TALK - Talk by Laurie and Lorraine, BDM Transcription Agents, from Turtle Consolidated Service - <http://home.iprimus.com.au/lturtle/>



General Business –

- 1) A Member has requested that the CAFHS's Meetings be held on Saturdays instead of Tuesday evenings. The suggestion will be open for discussion tonight. A final decision will be made at the AGM on 5th August 2014.
- 2) Nomination Forms are available for Board Member positions. To be elected at the AGM on 5th August 2014.

FUTURE ACTIVITIES:

Program for 2014 :-

- 5/8/2014 – **AGM** – “Show & Tell for Family History Month” & Elect Board Members.
 - 2/9/2014 – **Q & A** by our Members, for our Members
 - 7/10/2014 – Member's stories – Searching for your Hardest/ Favourite Ancestor
 - 4/11/2014 – “Back to the Track” Tom Rofe – WW2 Military History in the Northern Territory
 - 2/12/2014 – “**SHOW & TELL**” with a Christmas Theme
- 1) Sharon has investigated a **Uniform for the CAFHS** incorporating our “Tree” insignia. A Polo-style Shirt or Blouse has been chosen from the Supplier in Narellan. A Minimum order is required with a cost up to \$35. Your Orders are now welcome. Go to #4 below in style!!
 - 2) **Recording the Gravestones in the Macarthur area Cemeteries.** 8 cemeteries have been selected – Camden General & Catholic; Luddenham Anglican & Uniting; Glenmore Uniting; The Oaks St Matthews; Cawdor Uniting; and Rossmore Holy Innocents. See Tony to help.
 - 3) **12th July 2014 – CHRISTMAS IN JULY** Lunch at Wivenhoe. You are welcome from 11:30am for a **12:00 Noon** start. Your Investment in Goodwill is \$40 per person and mustly must be paid by 1st July 2014 to Bruce who hangs out in the CAFHS room on Thursday mornings. **Bruce has asked that you bring 2 photos of yourself -- a YOUNG and an OLD.**
 - 4) **12-14 September 2014** NSW & ACT Association of Family History Societies – 30th Annual Conference 2014 - Illawarra Remembers 1914-2014. Includes Fromelles researcher Lambis Englezos <http://www.conference2014.org.au/Newsletter.html>
 - 5) **November 2014** – Christmas Dinner - @ TAFE Macarthur Restaurant. BYO appetite.
 - 6) **Short of Reading Material?** Then Check-out **Project Gutenberg**; a treasure-trove of literature found hidden with no evidence of ownership. You can download the eBook and/or PDF file or read On-line at:- <http://gutenberg.net.au/> **OR** <http://www.gutenberg.org/>
Try this one - **Journals of Australian Land and Sea Explorers and Discoverers**
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AND we have 51 Members and 2 Life Members and 1 Honorary Member. Thank you Beverley.



Occasional Book Review – from the Editor’s desk

“What I really like is an intelligent review. A review that has some kind of insight”

I came across this book in the Wollondilly Library – “*Veiled Lives: Threading Australian Nursing History into the fabric of the First World War*” which is a sequel to “*Scarlet Poppies: The army experience of Australian nurses during World War One*”. Both are written by **Ruth Rae**,

The dominant histories of the First World War describe and analyse battles, statistics and remarkable tales of courage which often begins and ends on the battlefield. *Veiled Lives* reveals, through the recorded experiences of Australian nurses, the courage of the soldiers after the battle; in the hospital wards.

A short history of medicine, nursing and the allied health professions provides a backdrop to developments in these areas which were accelerated by the alarming number of casualties in 1914-18. Diseases such as plague, typhoid, dysentery, cholera and the H1N1 influenza virus were commonplace on and off the battlefields. Rapid advances in the fields of pathology, radiology and immunology enabled greater survival rates amongst casualties. Anti-sepsis, blood transfusions and advancements in anaesthesia were critical developments in the operating theatres of frontline Casualty Clearing Stations. Shell-shock was virtually unknown and the soldiers and nurses who suffered from this condition endured an additional agony when they were stigmatised as cowards or wastrels. **Ruth Rae has in, *Veiled Lives*, delved into the social history of individual nurses to unveil their personal and family lives which are interspersed with their wartime stories. Dr Rae lists the names of 2,550 Australian Nurses who served throughout the world during the conflict.** This book reveals a distinctive perspective on the First World War.

Scarlet Poppies includes the international political situation which culminated in the most brutal war of the twentieth century. The wounds which ensued were catastrophic to the soldier and the nurse who witnessed them. The ability of the nurses to deal with the impact of mustard gas, gangrene, shell-shock, amputations and the entire spectrum of communicable diseases ranging from venereal disease to the influenza pandemic with little more than their expertise is graphically illustrated in *Scarlet Poppies*. Australian nurses cared for the Anzacs on their voyage on the hospital ships; in the Middle East; and the Western Front – serving in the Casualty Clearing Stations where they were sometimes overtaken by the ever-changing frontline. In India, these predominantly white Christian women endured many hardships, including isolation and cultural alienation. **The author has relied heavily on primary sources, especially the firsthand accounts of the nurses themselves., to tell the story of the First World War from a unique perspective.**

I was watching the ABC Gardening Show (under protest) and heard an interesting bit of ***Australian food history***. They say there's nothing more American than Apple Pie, but did you know that the apple actually comes from Kazakhstan. From the little apples that grow wild on the mountains there, more than 7,500 cultivars have been bred around the world and one of the most iconic of those cultivars comes from Australia - **the good old Granny Smith (*Malus pumila* 'Granny Smith'**). It's one of the world's most popular eating and cooking varieties. The first Granny Smith was discovered in Ryde by Maria Smith in the 1860's. Maria and husband Thomas had come from England with their children as free settlers in 1838 and settled in Ryde. Back then, it was an orchard district. Maria traded fruit from her own place for other produce and one day, she came home with some French crabapples. Some of them went rotten, so she threw them out and from the spoil, a seedling sprung up. She realised its potential and propagated it. Now Maria died in 1870, but her apple first known as 'Smith's Seedling' and then as the familiar 'Granny Smith' is her scrumptious legacy. I immediately checked my Mother's copy of “Miss Fetter’s Australian Home Cookery” Published 1922 and endorsed – in a signed facsimile letter – by Dame Nellie Melba. Price 1/6d !!

I was surprised that all the Granny Smith recipes were served cold. Not at all the way my Mother served her pies and Tarts – they were hot with freshly whipped full cream melting on top.

You know you are a Genealogy addict when....

- You would rather read census schedules than a good book.
- You are more interested in what happened in 1614 than in 2014.

Signed : Ken Hughes *The Editor*