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*MERRY*  
  
*TO ALL*  
*CAMDEN AREA*



*CHRISTMAS*  
  
*MEMBERS AND FAMILY OF THE*  
*FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY*

## **\*\*\*ROOM CLOSURE FOR CHRISTMAS\*\*\***

**The Resource Room will be closed from 12noon on the 13th Dec 2014 and will reopen on Thursday the 22nd Jan 2015**

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## **\*\*\*Planning Meeting for 2015\*\*\***

On **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2015 at 6.30pm**, at the seminar room at Camden library, the Camden FHS is holding a planning workshop, in conjunction with our normal committee meeting, on activities of the Society for 2015. All members are invited to attend and discuss “what YOU would like the society to do to benefit your research in 2015.” Planning will include open discussion of topics for workshops, organise a list of guest speakers for 2015, possible outings to family history venues, archives and libraries and YOUR ideas for the society on family history matters. So put this date in your diaries, and we are looking forward to seeing you there.



## Genealogist's Christmas Eve

Twas the night before Christmas  
When all through the house  
Not a creature was stirring,  
Not even my spouse.

The dining room table with clutter was spread  
With pedigree charts and with letters which said...  
"Too bad about the data for which you wrote;  
Sank in a storm on an ill-fated boat."

Stacks of old copies of wills and such  
Were proof that my work had become too much.  
Our children were nestled all snug in their beds,  
While visions of sugarplums danced in their heads.

And I at my table was ready to drop  
From work on my album with photos to crop.  
Christmas was here, and such was my lot  
That presents and goodies and toys I'd forgot.

Had I not been busy with grandparents' wills,  
I'd not have forgotten to shop for such thrills,  
While others bought gifts to bring Christmas cheers,  
I'd spent time researching those birth dates and years.

While I was thus musing about my sad plight,  
A strange noise on the lawn gave me such a great fright.  
Away to the window I flew in a flash,  
Tore open the drapes and yanked up the sash.

When what with my wondering eyes should appear,  
But an overstuffed sleigh and eight small reindeer.  
Up to the house top the reindeer they flew,  
With a sleigh full of toys and 'ole Santa Claus, too.

And then in a twinkle, I heard on the roof  
The prancing and pawing of thirty-two hoofs.  
As I drew in my head, and bumped it on the sash,  
Down the cold chimney fell Santa--KER-RASH!

"Dear" Santa had come from the roof in a wreck,  
And tracked soot on the carpet, (I could wring his short neck!)  
Spotting my face, good 'ole Santa could see  
I had no Christmas spirit you'd have to agree.

He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work  
And filled all the stockings, (I felt like a jerk).  
Here was Santa, who'd brought us such gladness and joy:  
When I'd been too busy for even one toy.



He spied my research on the table all spread  
"A genealogist!" He cried! (My face was all red!)  
"Tonight I've met many like you," Santa grinned,  
As he pulled from his sack a large book he had penned.

I gazed with amusement--the cover it read  
Genealogy Lines for Which You Have Plead.  
"I know what it's like as a genealogy bug."  
He said as he gave me a great Santa hug.

"While the elves make the sleighful of toys I now carry,  
I do some research in the North Pole Library!  
A special treat I am thus able to bring,  
To genealogy folk who can't find a thing."

"Now off you go to your bed for a rest,  
I'll clean up the house from this genealogy mess."  
As I climbed up the stairs full of gladness and glee,  
I looked back at Santa who'd brought much to me.

While settling in bed, I heard Santa's clear whistle,  
To his team, which then rose like the down of a thistle.  
And I heard him exclaim as he flew out of sight,  
"Family history is Fun! Merry Christmas! Goodnight!"

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Author Unknown (From SAG E-newsletter)

*Happy Birthday*  
*To the following members*  
*for December, 2014*

**3<sup>th</sup> Ken Hughes**  
**17<sup>th</sup> Brian Burnett**  
**17<sup>th</sup> Maeia Whipp**  
**18<sup>th</sup> Rex Dowle**  
**28<sup>th</sup> Susan Smith**



**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 & 6:00pm to 8:00pm**

**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.**



## **2016 Conference Planning Meeting**

The first Conference for next year will be held on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January at 1.00pm in the meeting room.

At the first meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> November we discussed and set the theme for the 2016 Conference as “Cowpastures and Beyond”. We also discussed a number of ideas for various parts of the conference planning.

At the next meeting I would like to start more formal planning for the conference and to start finding interesting speakers we need 10 main speakers and about 3 or 4 short speakers for the Friday Family History Fair which will be open to the general public.

We still need a computer expert to help set up a web page etc. so if you know of anyone who would be able to with this task please contact me.

We are also looking for a Conference Logo to go with the theme so get your creative juices going and see if you can come up with a design.

Tony Jackson  
Conference Convenor

## **Cemetery Transcribing and Photographing**

Work has commenced on this project with 11 members of the Society descending on Glenmore Church Cemetery on the 22<sup>nd</sup> November. The Church secretary arranged for the hall to be opened and supplied a copy of the Cemetery Layout plan so we were able to set up in the hall in the shade.

The work went well and was completed by 11.00 am after an 8.00am start. I have started compiling the transcription and the Photos, when I have finished we will meet out there again for a short while to check that we have it correct.

We will set a date at the planning meeting for the next cemetery probably sometime in March.

Tony Jackson