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Campbelltown District Family History Society

ABN 88 944 738 687

Meetings held on the First
Saturday of each month
(except January)

Place: In the Meeting Room,
Campbelltown
Library.

Time: 1.30 pm

ALL WELCOME

Annual Membership
Subscriptions:
Single.....\$20
Couple.....\$30
Name Badges..\$8 ea

Campbelltown District FHS Inc Meetings and Events

February, 2020

Saturday 1st February.
At Campbelltown Library
Speaker: Diane Blishen.
Topic: To be advised.

March, 2020

Saturday 7th March.
At Campbelltown Library
Speaker: To be advised.
Topic: To be advised.

April, 2020

Saturday 4th April.
At Campbelltown Library
Speaker: To be advised.
Topic: To be advised.

Denise's Social Column

Hi Members, I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and are ready for a new year.

Not much, to report at this time. Diane Blishin is our first speaker for the year. She is excellent at finding sites to look at for our families.

Regards

Denise Baxter

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Ghostbuster Magazine March 2020 Issue

Topic: "Why did your ancestors come to Australia?".

Maximum 600 words. Plus a picture if you have one.

Submission Date by: Saturday 8th
February 2020

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Member's Interests

<https://www.cdfhs.org.au/index.php/other-content/members-interests>

Visitor Interests

<https://www.cdfhs.org.au/index.php/other-content/visitor-interests>

NSW SENIORS Festival

12 – 23 February 2020

<https://www.seniorsfestival.nsw.gov.au/>

Websites of Interest

* Britain from Above

<https://www.britainfromabove.org.uk/>
Images from the Aerofilms collection, a unique aerial photographic archive of international importance. The collection includes 1.26 million negatives and more than 2000 photograph albums, dating from 1919 to 2006. Part of Historic Environment Scotland.

* FamilySearch - Ireland Calendar of Wills and Administrations, 1858-1920

<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1921305>
Ireland began publishing an annual will calendar beginning in 1858. Each record contains a summary of the will and probate information which includes the name of the deceased, address, occupation, beneficiaries, date of death and value of the estate.

* ScotlandsPlaces

<https://scotlandsplaces.gov.uk/>
ScotlandsPlaces is a free resource that lets you explore thousands of records about Scotland simply by searching for a place name, clicking on a map or typing in your postcode. Search results bring together three national collections so that you can easily find maps, photographs and written records about your chosen place. Records include: Maps, Surveys and Plans; Photographs; Archaeological Records; Drawings; Tax Rolls; Ordnance Survey Name Books; Publications.

* The GENES Blog - Irish probate

<http://britishgenes.blogspot.com/p/ireland-probate-calendars.html>
Links to National Archives of Ireland probate calendars for the south from 1923-1982.

CDFHS Webshop

<https://www.cdfhs.org.au/webshop/>

New and Updated Ancestry.com Databases

Following is a list of databases included or updated onto Ancestry.com over the last month, available at the Campbelltown Library. 32,721 databases in total.

- * Scotland, Ireland and Wales, Militia Attestation Papers, 1800-1915; Military. [129,682 records].
- * New York State, Card Index to Supreme Court and Court of Chancery Documents, 1648-1848; Convict, Criminal, Land & Wills. [72,670 records].
- * UK, Officer Service Records, 1764-1932; Military. [129,218 records].
- * Japanese American Veterans Association Personnel; Military. [21,296 records].
- * U.S. WWII Hospital Admission Card Files, 1942-1954; Military. [6,886,199 records].
- * Canada, Voters Lists, 1935-1980; Census & Voter Lists. [95,335,143 records].
- * England & Scotland, Select Cemetery Registers, 1800-2016; Birth, Marriage & Death. [3,298,288 records].
- * Global, Find A Grave Index for Burials at Sea and other Select Burial Locations, 1300s-Current; Birth, Marriage & Death. [13,393,910 records].
- * New Zealand, World War II Appointments, Promotions, Transfers and Resignations, 1939-1945; Military. [85,962 records].
- * UK, Commonwealth War Graves, 1914-1921 and 1939-1947; Military. [1,220,781 records].
- * United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration (UNRRA) Records, 1943-1947 (USHMM); Stories, Memories & Histories. [4,267 records].
- * Former British Colonial Dependencies, Slave Registers, 1813-1834; Census & Voter Lists. [2,980,774 records].
- * UK, Registers of Employees of the East India Company and the India Office, 1746-1939; Schools, Directories & Church Histories. [643,303 records].
- * UK, Roll of the Indian Medical Service, 1615-1930; Schools, Directories & Church Histories. [8,443 records].

Find My Past

Following are some records available on FindMyPast.

- * Scotland, Poor Law & Poor Lists
<https://search.findmypast.co.uk/search-world-Records/scotland-poor-law-and-poor-lists>
Do have ancestors from Scotland that fell on hard times? Explore this collection of more than 123,000 poor relief records to find out. Each record includes a transcript and original record (where available) that will reveal your ancestor's level of poverty, family details, occupation, residence, denomination and the nature of the relief they received.
- * British Army Service Records
<https://search.findmypast.co.uk/search-world-Records/british-army-service-records>
Over 2,000 new Scots Guards service records have just been added to our collection of British Army Service records. These include records of Scots Guards officers, available exclusively on Findmypast and never before published, who enlisted with this prestigious regiment of foot guards between 1642 and 1939. The Scots Guards can trace its origin back to 1642 when they were known as the Marquis of Argyll's Royal Regiment. Throughout its history, the regiment has also been known as the Scots Regiment of Foot Guards, 3rd Regiment of Foot Guards, and the Scots Fusilier Guards. Finally, in 1877, the regiment received its title as Scots Guards. The enlistment records include the names of men who served in the Seven Years War, the Napoleonic War, the Crimean War, and the two world wars.
- * 1939 Register Update
<https://search.findmypast.co.uk/search-world-Records/1939-register>
Over 85,000 'closed records' have been opened up and are now available to search. The 1939 Register now contains more than 33.9 million searchable records. Each record includes the names of inhabitants at each address, their date of birth, marital status and occupation. A wealth of contextual information, including period photographs never before seen online, infographics, region-specific newspaper articles and historical and contemporary maps, are personally tailored to each record, offering a rich and unique user experience unrivalled by any other family history research tool to date.

Courses for 2020

The following dates have been set aside for courses in 2020. Topics are yet to be decided, except for the March course.

- * Sunday 15th March 2020 – Beginner's.
- * Sunday 17th May 2020.
- * Sunday 19th July 2020.
- * Sunday 20th September 2020.
- * Sunday 15th November 2020.

Venue: Campbelltown Library, Meeting Room 1.

Cost: \$10 per person

Times: 10.45 am - Arrive
11.00 am - Start
3.30 pm - Finish

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL.

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Please watch our website for more information on these.

Some potential courses in 2020

- * Beginners to family history
- * Introduction to DNA – likely.
- * Brick walls – likely.
- * Scottish and Irish research
- * Tracing ancestors from the Americas
- * Aboriginal family history – likely.
- * English research
- * Researching European ancestors
- * Southern African Research
- Plus others.

Please advise which of these you would be interested in in 2020. There is a poll on the website to guide our selection.

<https://www.cdfhs.org.au/index.php/events/courses-for-2020>

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