



# The Ghost

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Official Newsletter of the Campbelltown District Family History Society.

Website: [www.cdfhs.org.au](http://www.cdfhs.org.au)

## 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..\$5.50 ea**

**Campbelltown District FHS Inc  
Meetings and Events**

**March, 2012**

Saturday 3rd

Speaker - Cassie Mercer. Irish Wattle Magazine. Rebels, highwaymen and bride thieves. The stories behind our early Irish convicts.

**April, 2012**

Saturday 7th - No Meeting due to library being closed for Easter Saturday.

**May, 2012**

Saturday 5th

Speaker - Victor King - Fleshing out your Family History.

## Denise's Social Column

Not much to report on this month, Application for Ingleburn Alive Festival was put in and accepted, just waiting on stall placement. We do need a few more volunteers for the day, even an hour or two makes a big difference, hope to see you there.

As there will be no Meeting in April, due to Easter, I would remind you that our Ancestry.com and Family History on the Computer Course is coming up, so please see me to register. The course will be held in Room One of Campbelltown Library on Sunday 15th April at 10.00am - 3.30pm, Morning and Afternoon Tea will be provided, please bring your own lunch. Cost \$5.00. The course is open to everyone so please bring a friend if you want to, everyone is welcome.

Regards Denise  
[social@cdfhs.org.au](mailto:social@cdfhs.org.au)

## NSW Seniors Week.

Sunday 18th March – Sunday 25th March

<http://www.nswseniorsweek.com.au/events>

The largest festival for seniors in the southern hemisphere returns with an exciting program of events that are sure to have you celebrating.

There are over 900 free and discounted activities to be held across the state. With everything from live shows and film premieres to computer classes and outdoor activities, there is plenty for you to enjoy!

## National Trust Heritage Festival.

**Amazing Stories: Innovation & Invention.**

<http://www.nationaltrust.com.au/heritagefestival/nsw/>

## Websites of Interest

### \* Military Archives

<http://www.militaryarchives.ie/>  
Military Archives is the place of deposit for the records of the Department of Defence, the Defence Forces and the Army Pensions Board in Ireland. Apart from serving the evidential, legal and heritage needs of the Defence Forces and the Department of Defence, Military Archives can provide public services to a broad spectrum of interests, from family history queries to academic research, to material for television and radio documentaries. Located in Dublin, Ireland.

### \* Polish Genealogy Podcast

<http://polgenpodcast.com/>  
Official website of the Polish Genealogy Podcast. A hour long monthly podcast dedicated to Polish Genealogy.

### \* Family History, Family Trees & Genealogy Blog | Sticky Notes by Ancestry.com

<http://ancestry-stickynotes.tumblr.com/>  
Learn about genealogy research tips, share your family history stories and ask our pro contributors. Blog with Posts from the Ancestry.com community.

### \* Who Do You Think You Are - NBC Site (US)

<http://www.nbc.com/who-do-you-think-you-are/>  
An up-close and personal look inside the family history of celebrities.

### \* Guide to obtaining copies of probate records

<http://www.justice.gov.uk/courts/probate/copies-of-grants-wills>  
From Her Majesty's Courts and Tribunals Service, United Kingdom.

### \* State Records Office of Western Australia

<http://www.sro.wa.gov.au/>  
The State Records Office of Western Australia is the authority with responsibility for managing, preserving and providing access to the State's archives.

## Overseas Registry Offices

Following is a list of websites, of overseas Registry Offices, which include BDM records available.

### England and Wales

<http://www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/>

\* Order certificates online

\* Visit Directgov for information on birth, marriage, civil partnership, death, adoption and stillbirth records and registrations, as well as guidance on researching your family history and the General Register Office Indexes.

### Northern Ireland

<http://www.nidirect.gov.uk/gro>

\* Ordering certificates online

\* Family History & Research section, including 1901 & 1911 census.

### Scotland

<http://www.gro-scotland.gov.uk/>

Family History section includes a link to Scotland's People website. You can do a basic search, and pay to view.

### Republic of Ireland

<http://www.birthsdeathsandmarriages.ie/>

Online access to

\* Apply for certificates.

\* View Public Death register.

### New Zealand

<http://www.dia.govt.nz/Births-deaths-and-marriages>

Historical records available online:

\* Births that occurred at least 100 years

ago

\* Stillbirths that occurred at least 50 years

ago

\* Marriages and eventually civil unions that occurred at least 80 years ago

\* Deaths that occurred at least 50 years ago, or the deceased's date of birth was at least 80 years ago.

## SA BDMs now on line

South Australia BDMs have finally gone on line

<http://www.genealogysa.org.au/resources/online-databases.html>

## Facebook

We now have a Facebook page that people can visit and find information on our upcoming events.

<http://www.facebook.com/cdfhs>

## NSW State Archives Archives in Brief

Continuing the AIB series:

Go to -

<http://www.records.nsw.gov.au/state-archives/guides-and-finding-aids/archives-in-brief>

### Archives in Brief 112

#### Sydney Harbour Bridge Workers

This commemorates the 75th anniversary of the Sydney Harbour Bridge and the people who built it. It identifies the main series of records concerning those people employed by the NSW Government who worked on the construction of the Sydney Harbour Bridge.

Following are the topics for this AIB.

\* Photographs

\* Published sources

\* Employee records

\* Public Works

\* State Rail

\* Public Service Board

\* Deaths

\* Records of Dorman Long & Co Ltd employees

<http://www.records.nsw.gov.au/state-archives/guides-and-finding-aids/archives-in-brief/archives-in-brief-112>

## CAHS – Website Shop

Please visit the updated Campbelltown and Airds Historical Society website shop.

<http://www.cahs.com.au/the-society-shop.html>

Included are 56 titles, including Grist Mills, IGT Publications and General Books.

## Campbelltown and Airds Historical Society

### Saturday, 24th March 2012:

1.30 pm. At Glenalvon, 8 Lithgow St, Campbelltown.

Speaker: Jeff McGill.

Subject: "Dispatches from the front", in which he will not only quote from some of the most telling letters and diaries, but also highlight some of the more unusual or dramatic moments involving local men and women serving overseas.

Afternoon Tea will be provided.

## Courses for 2012

### Sunday 15th April 2012,

Ancestry.com and Family History on computer

10.30 am - 3.30pm.

Morning and Afternoon tea will be available, please bring your own lunch. 2 separate courses here.

\$5.00 fee to cover costs

### Sunday 1st July 2012,

An Irish Ancestry Course,

10.30 am - 3.30pm.

Morning and Afternoon tea will be available, please bring your own lunch.

Cost \$5.00

### Sunday 12th August 2012.

New Zealand Research / Ancestry.com. 2 separate segments.

Morning and Afternoon tea will be available, please bring your own lunch.

2 separate courses here.

\$5.00 fee to cover costs

### Sunday 16th September 2012.

Aboriginal Research / Asians in Australia Research. 2 separate segments.

Morning and Afternoon tea will be available, please bring your own lunch.

2 separate courses here.

\$5.00 fee to cover costs

Please contact Denise Baxter for bookings and more information on these events.

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