



# The Ghost

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Official Newsletter of the Campbelltown District Family History Society.

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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

**May, 2016**  
Saturday 30th April.  
Speaker: To be advised.  
Topic: To be advised.

**June, 2016**  
Saturday 4th June.  
Speaker: Ben Mercer  
Topic: New items on Ancestry.com.

**July, 2016**  
Saturday 2nd July.  
Speaker: David Beddie & Carole  
Cockshott  
Topic: FindMyPast.

## Denise's Social Column

A thank you to Sharon Greene for her very interesting talk on her DNA experience at our Sat 2nd April meeting.



The trip out to State Records on Thursday 7th April with 4 of us going was a good day. Pam and I had pre-ordered at less 4 records and these were waiting for us on our arrival, this way we got a lot of work covered and very successfully indeed.

A day at the Female Orphan School has been booked for Thursday 26 May, for a guided tour at 10am, more info at 30th April meeting.

A tour of the State Records has been booked for Thursday 6th October at 10.00am, please let me know if you would like to go, this is a behind the scene look at the records and how they are kept, also a look in the conservation room which is very interesting.

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Social Secretary.  
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## National Trust Heritage Festival

Saturday 16th April to Sunday 29th May.  
<https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/heritage-festival-nsw/>

## CDFHS Blog Site

<http://cdfhsinc.blogspot.com.au/>  
Keep watching for interesting local family history postings.

## Websites of Interest

\* Birmingham Parish Registers  
<http://www.ancestorsofbirmingham.com/>  
Transcriptions of births, marriages and burials in Birmingham, Aston, and Coventry, Warwickshire, England.

\* USGS Historical Topographic Maps | topoView  
<http://ngmdb.usgs.gov/maps/Topoview/>  
The maps shown through topoView are from the USGs Historical Topographic Map Collection (HTMC). The goal of this scanning, which started in 2011, is to provide a digital repository of USGS 1:250,000 scale and larger (more detailed) maps printed between 1884 (the inception of the topographic mapping program), and 2006. Currently, there are more than 178,000 maps in the HTMC.

\* Families in British India Society (FIBIS)  
<http://www.fibis.org/>  
For people researching families and their social history in India from 1600 until the present day. Includes any area covered by the East India Company or was ruled by the India Department: the Republic of India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Burma, Persia and the Persian Gulf, Afghanistan, the Philippines, Malaya, etc. Includes a free database of more than a million and a half records of those who went to India from 1650s to partition in 1947 - includes those who lived, worked, were born, married and those who died in India. The database is growing all the time as volunteers transcribe more and more documents.

\* IrishGathering  
<http://www.irishgathering.ie/>  
A genealogy website with free Family Tree Builder for the Irish Diaspora.

\* WikiTree  
<http://www.wikitree.com/>  
What makes WikiTree.com special is its unique Trusted List system. Unlike most wikis, you don't give up copyrights and you control who can access and edit each individual profile page.

## 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.

\* Tasmania, Australia, Deeds of Land Grants, 1804-1935, 1824-1936; Convict, Criminal, Land & Wills. [24,463 records].

\* Australia, World War II Military Service Records, 1939-1945; Military. [1,182,440 records].

\* Web: London, England, Proceedings of the Old Bailey and Ordinary's Accounts Index, 1674-1913; Convict, Criminal, Land & Wills. [1,246,537 records].

\* UK, Registers of Births, Marriages and Deaths From British Consulates, 1810-1968; Birth, Marriage & Death. [20,564 records].

\* UK, Registers of Births, Marriages and Deaths at Sea, 1844-1890; Birth, Marriage & Death. [346,335 records].

\* UK, British Army and Navy Birth, Marriage and Death Records, 1730-1960; Birth, Marriage & Death. [437,190 records].

\* Web: Ireland, Calendar of Wills and Administrations, 1858-1920; Convict, Criminal, Land & Wills. [519,336 records].

\* England & Wales, Marriage Index, 1916-2005; Birth, Marriage & Death. [63,960,585 records].

\* UK and Ireland, Obituary Index, 2004-2015; Birth, Marriage & Death. [702,795 records].

\* New York, Wills and Probate Records, 1659-1999; Convict, Criminal, Land & Wills. [2,954,587 records].

\* England & Scotland, Select Cemetery Registers, 1800-2014; Birth, Marriage & Death. [393,464 records].

\* Slovakia, Church and Synagogue Books, 1592-1910; Birth, Marriage & Death. [40,829,356 records].

\* Canada, WWII Service Files of War Dead, 1939-1947; Military. [43,717 records].

## Courses for 2016

The following dates have been set aside for courses in 2016. Cost \$10.

These start at 11am and go to 3.30pm. Arrive by 10.45am.

To book please contact Denise.

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

The following courses are being arranged for 2016.

\* Aboriginal Family History Research. 15 May 2016.

\* UK Family History Research – repeat. 10 July 2016.

\* Irish Family History Research – repeat. 11 Sept 2016.

\* Designing and creating a Photo Album. 20 Nov 2016.

## Books to be Published

Campbelltown District Family History Society and Campbelltown and Airds Historical Society are looking to jointly publish 2 books, during the next few years.

1. Campbelltown residents serving in Militia / Military units between 1788 - July 1914. To be published during 2017. This book will basically be a coverage of Colonial times and early Federation.

2. Campbelltown residents serving in / supporting military units during WWI. To be published 11th November 2018.

During 2016 we will conduct research on these 2 books and we invite anyone who has relevant information to provide that.

Please contact either:

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Learna Coupe [learnacoupe@yahoo.com.au](mailto:learnacoupe@yahoo.com.au)

## Campbelltown and Airds Historical Society

**Saturday 28th May.**

Members Meeting. Time: 1.30 pm.

At Glenalvon.

Speaker: Nick Sherwood.

Topic: "John Astley Onslow Thompson".

Afternoon Tea will be provided.

The website for CAHS is:

[www.cahs.com.au](http://www.cahs.com.au)

## Cemetery CD

The current Cemetery CD, which was developed by the CDFHS in 2002, is due for a re-write.

The Cemeteries covered are:

- \* St Marks Anglican Cemetery - Appin
- \* St Bede's Catholic Cemetery - Appin
- \* Ingleburn RSL Memorial Park
- \* St Peter's Anglican Cemetery - Campbelltown
- \* St John's Catholic Cemetery - Campbelltown
- \* St David's Presbyterian Cemetery - Campbelltown
- \* Methodist Congregational Cemetery - Campbelltown
- \* St Mary's Anglican Cemetery – Denham Court.

The Society is planning to issue out an updated CD, during 2017.

In preparation for this, if anyone has any information on errors that may be found on the current CD, or any other information that may be relevant, could you please send a note to:

David Beddie [maged@cdfhs.org.au](mailto:maged@cdfhs.org.au)

## In the Family History Room Some Immigration Books

Just inside the FHS Room, there are some books with lists of Immigrants into NSW, Qld and Victoria. They include references to Microfilm, also held in the FHS Room.



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