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Official Newsletter of the Campbelltown District Family History Society.

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

<u>Campbelltown District FHS Inc</u> <u>Meetings and Events</u>

September, 2011 Saturday 3rd Members Talk - Judith Bailey, Denise Power - Family Heirloom Day.

October, 2011 Saturday 1st Speaker - Victor King - Fleshing out your Family History.

November, 2011 Saturday 5th Speaker – To be advised.

Denise's Social Column

Not much to report this month, Val West's talk on Lachlan Macquarie I found very interesting and well presented.

Thursday, 6th October, 2011 there will be a guided tour of the Sydney Theatre Group in Hickson Road, Welsh Bay, cost \$10.00 per person, from 10.30 - 11.30 a.m. After the tour it might be nice to go back to the Quay and have lunch. I have 9 places left so if you are interested please let me know asap. This is our last outing for the year.

Don't forget your "Ask An Ancestor" entries, remember there is a prize for these drawn at the Christmas Party.

The "Archaeology In The Rocks" tour will be on next year, date to be advised.

Regards Denise social@cdfhs.org.au

Campbelltown and Airds Historical Society

Saturday 10th September 2011.

Open Day. 10 am to 1 pm. The display is "Eat History". A new booklet entitled 'The Dairy Farms of Campbelltown' will be launched at 10.45 am.

Saturday 24th September 2011. General Meeting - 1:30pm - speaker - John Annual General meeting 1.30 pm then speaker Judy Pack, from Liverpool HS -"Liverpool Bi-Centennial".

Please note the updated website for CAHS: http://cahs.com.au/

I researched my family tree . . . and apparently I don't exist!

Documentation . . . The hardest part of genealogy.

Website: www.cdfhs.org.au

Websites of Interest

* Family Tree Guide

http://www.familytreeguide.co.uk/ Articles, tutorials and reviews aiming to supply you with the tools to utilise technology to research and record your family tree.

* Irish Place Names | Villages, towns and townlands in Ireland http://www.irish-place-names.com/ Irish Place Names is an updated and faster database with nearly 64000 towns, villages and townlands. Easy to search and easy to filter records. If you are unsure where a place is or how it is spelled, the Irish Place Names database will help.

* Italian Family Trees

http://www.italianfamilytrees.com/ A very helpful website with step-by-step guides and tips to help people of Italian descent discover and learn more about their roots. Our site is dedicated to Italian genealogy and heritage and can be found useful to people with ancestors from any of the Italian regions. Message boards are included on our site and also make it more likely to find distant relatives who may hold the key to questions you have about your Italian ancestors. Also direct genealogy services are offered to get you started completely free.

* Port of New York, New York, 1820-1957 http://www.archives.gov/research/immigra tion/port/new-york.html From National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)

* <u>GenealogyBank.com - Search Historical</u> <u>Newspapers 1690-1977</u> http://www.genealogybank.com/gbnk/new spapers/?kbid=10435&m=10 108.6+ million articles, obituaries, marriage notices, birth announcements and other items published in more than 500,000 issues of over 2,400 historical U.S. newspapers. New content added monthly.

Australian Archives Facts Sheets

Continuing the Facts sheets series: Go to http://www.naa.gov.au/aboutus/publications/fact-sheets/index.aspx

Fact Sheet 201

Tracing ancestors in the National Archives

The National Archives holds records that might be useful in your family history research. By identifying the ways in which the people you are researching may have had contact with the Australian Government, you might be able to locate records relevant to your search. This fact sheet lists subject areas for which records are likely to be held and identifies fact sheets and/or research guides that will lead to the records

Each of the following topics lists a number of fact sheets relevant to that topic. I will list out the relevant fact sheets for these topics in subsequent newsletters.

- * Defence force and defence service
- * Immigration
- * Internal security
- * Employment
- * Commerce and industry
- * Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
- * Prominent figures
- * Points to remember when using the National Archives

Please access the following link for information on these fact sheets. http://www.naa.gov.au/aboutus/publications/fact-sheets/fs201.aspx

History Week

3rd to 11th September.

Theme is "Eat History".

Visit the following site for details: http://www.historycouncilnsw.org.au/histo ry-week/history-week

Campbelltown and Airds Historical Society has a display on "Eat History", which co-incides with this.

Also, please visit Campbelltown Library. The library has a display in September titled "Feast on History". Enquiries: Andrew Allen at H.J.Daley Library on 4645 4431

NSW State Archives Archives in Brief

Continuing the AIB series: Go to http://www.records.nsw.gov.au/statearchives/guides-and-finding-aids/archivesin-brief

Archives in Brief 105

French migration and settlement in NSW

Following are the topics for this AIB.

- * Earliest references to the French in NSW Searching for individuals in the records Colonial Secretary's Papers, 1788-1825 Later Colonial Secretary's records
- * French convicts French Canadian convicts New Caledonia
- * Immigration and shipping
- * Naturalization
- * Business
 - Business records
 - Company records
 - Insolvency and bankruptcy records
- * Probate packets and records of death duties
- Probate packets Deceased estate and Intestate records
- * Land
- * Other sources

http://www.records.nsw.gov.au/statearchives/guides-and-finding-aids/archivesin-brief/archives-in-brief-105

Ask an Ancestor

In the July 2011 edition of the Ghostbuster magazine, we have included a number of letters, provided by members, where they are asking their ancestor various questions. This will be continued in the November 2011 edition of the magazine.

Closing date for submissions for the November 2011 magazine is Saturday 24th September 2011. Please submit your letters by this date to get into the November issue.

There will be a prize drawn at the Christmas party for those who have submitted these letters.

I'm not stuck, I'm ancestrally challenged.

If only people came with pull-down menus and on-line help...

CDFHS 2011 Seminar

St Peter's Anglican Church Hall, Cordeaux St, Campbelltown

Saturday 17 September 2011 ~ Registration 9.00a.m. - 9.20a.m. Cost \$25.

Our Presenters 1. Angella Phippen: "Stinking Occupations of the Past" 2. Jeff McGill: Surnames, Their Origins & Derivations 3. Ralph Hawkins: "Faces & Places" Dating Family Photos

Registration forms : Family History Room - Campbelltown Library CDFHS Website: www.cdfhs.org.au Or your Family History Society's secretary

"Why waste your money looking up your family tree? Just go into politics and your opponents will do it for you!" -- Mark Twain

Genealogy: where you confuse the dead and irritate the living.

Sure a real job would be nice, but it would interfere with my genealogy.

How can one ancestor cause so much TROUBLE?!

I Should have asked them BEFORE they died!

FLOOR: The place for storing your priceless genealogy records.

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