



## Memories: Nana and Me

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### Notice to Members

- **Renewal of Membership:** Due 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021
- **Fees:** \$45.00 Singles Membership & \$60.00 Family membership

# GCFHS Library Hours & Location

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## OPENING HOURS & LOCATION

Tuesday/Wednesday 9.30am - 2.30pm  
Thursday 11.00am - 8.30pm  
Saturday 10.00am - 4.30pm

### Phone: 07 5582 8855 – During Open Hours

Room 3, Nerang Bicentennial Building,  
833 Southport Nerang Rd, Nerang Qld 4211  
Nerang Council Chambers, Nerang Southport Road,  
Nerang, Qld 4211

### RESEARCH AVAILABLE

Limited research can be carried out for members who have difficulty visiting the Society Rooms. Non-members are required to make a donation of \$10 per enquiry. Please send your enquiry to [goldcoastfamilyhistorysociety@gmail.com](mailto:goldcoastfamilyhistorysociety@gmail.com)

## MEMBERSHIP

Joining fee for all new members \$10.00 plus \$45.00 Single Membership per year \$60.00 Family Membership per year  
Family membership must have only one email and postal address.

### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Renewal Fees are due on the 1 July each year.  
Single membership \$45.00 Family Membership \$60.00

### PAYMENT DETAILS:

Account Name: Gold Coast Family History Society Inc.  
BSB: 638 070 Account No: 112 994 28  
Bank: Heritage Bank

Life Membership: Single \$450.00 Family \$600.00  
Available to all members after two years of continuous membership.



## Notice To All Members - Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Gold Coast Family History Society Inc. will be held on Saturday 4th September 2021 at 3.00 pm in Meeting Room 1 (upstairs), Bicentennial Community Centre, Nerang Southport Road, Nerang.

Closing date for nominations is Saturday, 21 August 2021, and the form must be returned to the Secretary by this date. Postal address is Post Office Box 2763, Southport BC, Qld, 4215 or can be left at the Rooms.

A complete list of nominations will be posted on the notice board in our Rooms. Any member not able to attend the AGM may vote by proxy by completing a proxy form which can be left in the Secretary's tray in the rooms.

**Our Library** View recently added additions to our rooms in the 'New Acquisitions' on page 14.

Did you know that you can borrow books, DVD, and magazines for up to two weeks at a time from the Society? Included are Journals from other Societies around Australia and other countries.

### LIBRARY CATALOGUE

The GCFHS Library Catalogue is not only available to look up in the rooms. It is also available to view online from home, making it the perfect tool to utilise before venturing out to the rooms. Find the downloadable PDF version of the Catalogue under the **Resources** Tab > **Library** Collection.

<http://www.goldcoastfhs.org.au/library-collection.html>

The *Roots* Journal is named in honour of Thelma & Thomas *Roots*

**Cover Photo:** From the story Nana And Me A Shared Memory

Tricia Mackenzie nee Cutler and her Grandmother, Marie Lilian PERRIN nee HIGHAM (born Sydney 1892 - died Brisbane 1965). That photo was taken in September 1944, Paddington, Brisbane, Queensland.

# Special Interest Groups

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A number of Special Interest Groups are held regularly where like-minded members have the opportunity to meet and develop a more in-depth approach to their research in a specific area.

The format varies with each group. Members are encouraged to participate in the sharing of experiences with research, information and ideas.

If you are a GCFHS member and would like to attend a Special Interest Group, please check the calendar and just turn up. All groups cost \$1.00, which includes a cuppa and a biscuit.

## COMPUTER GROUP

**16 Jun, 21 Jul, 18 Aug, 15 Sep, 20 Oct,  
17 Nov 2021**

*3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month from 7pm to 9 pm*

This very popular group covers a wide variety of programs, and any suggestions you have regarding topics are very welcome.

Full details of each meeting will be provided each month, via our e-newsletter, Saplings and the website. For more info contact: Ann Metcher, [goldcoastfamilyhistorysociety@gmail.com](mailto:goldcoastfamilyhistorysociety@gmail.com)

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## SCOTTISH SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

**15 Aug, 21 Nov 2021**

*Meetings are held on Sundays from 1 pm to 4 pm*

The two ladies who host this group are very enthusiastic and extremely knowledgeable about Scottish research. Contact:

Margaret C. on 5593 1773 or email [cjm7cjm@bigpond.com](mailto:cjm7cjm@bigpond.com) or Margaret S. on 5538 1423 or email [rinnes@onthenet.com.au](mailto:rinnes@onthenet.com.au)

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## LONDON SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

**13 Jun, 14 Nov 2021**

*Meetings are held on Sundays from 1pm to 4pm*

London research can be very complicated as there are so many parishes in a relatively small area. Ann is a 9<sup>th</sup> generation Londoner, has half her family research in London, and is happy to help. For more info contact:

Ann Metcher, [metcher@bigpond.com](mailto:metcher@bigpond.com)

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## DNA GROUP

**27 Jun, 25 Jul, 22 Aug, 26 Sep, 24 Oct, 28 Nov  
2021**

*4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month from 1 pm to 4 pm*

This is a discussion and self-help group with Fay Carbis on [fay@winshop.com.au](mailto:fay@winshop.com.au)

## LEGACY SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

**6 Jun, 1 Aug, 3 Oct, 5 Dec 2021**

*Meetings are held on Sundays from 1 pm to 3.30 pm*

Thinking of using a software program to record your family history, then this group may help you to make a decision. If you are already using Legacy, and feel there is more to learn or understand, then this group is for you. The co-ordinator is Sue McKenzie, who is well versed in the software. For more info contact: Carol Browne, [cbrowne@onthenet.com.au](mailto:cbrowne@onthenet.com.au)

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## INTRODUCTION TO FAMILY HISTORY CLASSES

**3 September 2021 - Friday 9.00 - 11.00 am**

*Free to members*

This class is suitable for both beginner and intermediate researchers, and you will leave inspired and motivated to continue your family history quest.

Learn how to compile a family tree and how to set out your information. Discover just how many ways you can track down your family. Find out which resources are freely available to help you in your search, and how to determine which branch of the tree is yours.

Non Members Welcome: \$10.00 (is refundable if joining on the day) Bookings are essential.

To make a booking, please contact: Pam Oldham on 5594 0610 or email [pamllew3@gmail.com](mailto:pamllew3@gmail.com)

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## MINI SEMINAR

**TBA - Saturday 1.00 to 4.00 pm**

Costs: Members \$15.00 | Non Members \$20.00



## Committee News

June 2021 — President - Fay Carbis

Our new membership year is about to commence.  
All members now have one annual renewal date - July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Our new photocopier/printer was installed back in March this year and is now networked to all our internet computers. Thanks to Comtech for all their assistance in making this happen.

### Digitisation Project Update

The two new computers and scanners funded by the Gambling Community Benefit Fund have now been purchased and installed. The writing up of operating instructions is now underway to assist with the operation of the new scanners and the digitisation of our library will begin in the near future.

We will be requesting volunteers to assist with scanning process soon.

## Our Opening Hours

depend on Library Assistants

To maintain our current opening hours, we need to have two library assistants on duty at all times.

Please consider volunteering some of your time.

One session per month (5 hours) will help keep our library open.

If you would like to know more, Contact Fay.

## Acknowledging Documents & Images

A gentle reminder to Members that when they are taking images or documents from the Society resources/publications such as books, albums or family histories to post online the sources must be acknowledged.

The following is an example of how it should be acknowledged and referenced:

Mary Smith, *Smith Family History*, 1980, P 12, (name of photo or document), Gold Coast Family History Society, Nerang, Qld.

Conversely, if you are taking an image or document from an online site include the name of the site and the full web address.

For example: HMS Jumna in 1885, image, [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/HMS\\_Jumna\\_\(1866\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/HMS_Jumna_(1866))

AND from a library:

Image of Austral Day in Toowoomba in 1908, Corner of Margaret and Ruthven Streets, Pf 2715, Local History and Robinson Collections, Toowoomba City Library.

## Welcome to our New Members

A warm welcome to all our new members. Please feel free to ask for assistance regarding your research. Our Room Assistants are there to help and teach you.

3672 **Barbara** O'Keeffe, Runaway Bay  
3673 **Glynnis** Carvalho, Pimpama  
3674 **Lorraine** Parry-Meek, Helensvale  
3675 **Pam** Damon, Nerang

3677 **Bonnie** Cook, Ormeau  
3078 **David** Duffield, Bonogin  
3679 **David** Widenstrom, Coomera  
3680 **Kathryn** Batho, Ormeau

# The Reference Library's Hidden Treasures

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## Precious Books

A review of two of our Precious Books available in the library cabinet

***The Official Handbook of New Zealand:*** A collection of Papers by experienced colonists of the Colony as a Whole, and on the Several Provinces. Edited by Julius Vogel, Wyman & Sons, Great Queen Street, Lincoln in Fields, WC, London, 1875.

The information on New Zealand history, culture, industry, railways and roads, and existing land laws which is provided in this treasured book allowed a potential new settler an insight into what to expect if they chose to make this country their home in 1874. It is made clear in the Introduction that those with evil habits would not be welcome. "The ne'er-do-well had better continue to sponge on his relations in Great Britain, than to hope he will find sympathy for his failings and weaknesses in a land of strangers."

Conditions in the Provinces are detailed by the individual learned authors. For the family historian who is wishing to research social history of the time in areas such as Otago, Canterbury, Westland, Marlborough, Nelson, Wellington, Hawke's Bay, Taranaki and Auckland you will be richly rewarded. For example, in Canterbury it lists the kinds of labour in demand, rates of wages, timber planting, public works, educational establishments, hospital and charitable institutions and emigration regulations.

***The Village Labourer, 1760-1832:*** A Study in the Government of England before the Reform Bill, J.L. and Barbara Hammond, Longmans, Green and Co., 39 Paternoster Row, London, 1913.

The authors of this book have attempted to describe the life of the village poor in England during these years under a government in which they had no voice. The book focuses on two areas of interest. Firstly, the methods and procedures of Parliamentary Enclosure involved consolidating small landholdings into larger farms. Once enclosed, use of the land became restricted and available only to the owner, and it ceased to be common land for communal use.

It is a fascinating, yet heart-breaking insight into the growing misery of the labourer, the increasing harsh and demanding conditions of the criminal law and the insensitivity of the upper classes.

Secondly, the labourers' rising of 1830 followed on from poor harvests, unemployment, harsher Poor Laws and rent increases. Activism led to harsh penalties such as transportation or execution after almost 2000 trials.

Margaret Deacon



### GCFHS Annual Membership Renewal

Your membership is now due for renewal for the period July 2021 to June 2022.

- Single Membership renewal is \$45.00
- Family Membership renewal is \$60.00

Payment can be made online by bank transfer, cheque, or cash only in the rooms. You can either complete the online form and send your payment by bank transfer or download, print and return your renewal form by mail or in person in the rooms.

Please post your renewal form with payment to our mailing address listed on the form.

\*If you are paying via bank deposit, please quote your current membership number or surname as the reference.



# Researching Germans

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## from Poland & Eastern Europe before 1945

I was born in East Berlin as were my parents. My great grandfather was a sergeant in the Prussian army in Lower Silesia and stationed at Rawitsch. He was born in a town called Beuthen a/oder now called Bytom Odrzanski.

Around 1905 he changed careers moving to Berlin with his wife and children working as the head caretaker of a school in Gartenstrasse.



If you worked in the public sector in 1933 in Nazi Germany you had to prove your ancestry with an **Aryan certificate** (German: *Ariernachweis*) which certified that you were a person of the presumed Aryan race. This was the case in later years for school attendance.

How lucky am I that information from this document was not destroyed or thrown out by others but passed down? The Aryan certificate is still recognized today of proof of nationality as the documents were officially certified marriage and birth data.

Towards the end of WWII, the majority of the 14 million ethnic Germans living in eastern Europe who had not already left were all expelled and had to leave all their homes, belongings etc. behind. Approximately 8 million from Poland could only take what they could carry. Many had to walk and estimates vary but approx. half million to 2 million died from malnutrition, disease, physical violence etc.



After the war, the de-Germanisation of Poland began. All town names were changed to Polish names, everything German was destroyed or de-identified. It is important to note that researching ancestors prior to 1945 who may have come from Poland must research the German named town, not the Polish name town as the church records and registry entries cannot be de-identified.

Meyers gazette is a very helpful site. It lists all the German town names of the German Empire from 1871-1918. It also has maps with the German names and parish and church locations among other things. <https://www.meyersgaz.org>

Another useful site is: [https://www.szukajwarchiwach.gov.pl/en/strona\\_glowna](https://www.szukajwarchiwach.gov.pl/en/strona_glowna)

- Polish search site
- Enter German or polish town name
- Civil records mostly after 1874
- Church records and with some in the 14th century
- Photographs
- Many other records of buildings, disputes, deeds, court matters etc.

Lastly, I came across a free genealogy site in which others have submitted their family data. <http://gedbas.genealogy.net/?lang=en> Just enter the town with or without a surname. Good luck in your searches and if anyone needs some help with their German/Polish ancestors I will only be too happy to help where I can. Marina (GCFHS Member 3442)

## Only Twenty-Six Surnames Listed

*by Robin Hill*

Ancestry only has 26 entries for this name, so how did I find it on my WOODWARD family tree?

To start at the beginning: I was born in Worcester UK in 1944 and came to Australia with my parents and sister in 1955. My father was a HILL, my mother a WOODWARD.

When I retired from the RAAF in 1986 I built a house on the Gold Coast and joined the Genealogical Society with my wife Judy. As both my parents were deceased, I wrote to Edith WOODWARD my mother's sister-in-law, she has a daughter Brenda who was interested in family history and had previously worked at the Worcester Records Office (how fortunate).

Brenda had done some preliminary work on the WOODWARD tree and gave it to me. I entered all of the data into my program and put it aside so I could concentrate on my HILL family. Recently I have been working on the WOODWARD line and I came across this puzzle in the WOODWARD Family Tree Data that I received from Brenda.

William PREECE – m – Eliza WOODWARD b.1876 who had Eliza PREECE who had Child Unknown who had Child Jill GRAUDUMNIEKS. As I could not quickly find the original correspondence from Brenda I decided to press on.

According to the 1911 census of Worcester; Eliza and William had been married for 17 years which I found not to be true. I eventually found that Eliza WOODWARD married William PREECE in Exeter, Devonshire in 1897.

I also had trouble finding the birth registration of their first child Eliza PREECE (born in Worcester according to 1911 census). On the FreeBMD she was registered as Eliza Preece WOODWARD at Worcester in 1896, one year before her parents' marriage. Eliza and William had two children in Exeter and then moved to Birmingham and had four more.

Eliza Preece WOODWARD married Daniel FLANAGAN (FLANNAGAN, FLANNIGAN) as Eliza PREECE at Aston, Warwickshire in 1921. Daniel and Eliza had two children in the Birmingham area, the first being Nora or Norah in 1927.

On the 1939 England and Wales Register, Norah is shown to have married GRAUDUMNIEKS.

Norah FLANNAGAN married Lucijans GRAUDUMNIEKS at Birmingham in 1950 and they had five children, the third being Jill (her mother was indexed as FLANNIGAN). I found this article on Google; Birmingham City Council Local Hero award Nomination finalist Jill GRAUDUMNIEKS Assistant Housing Officer and the Adult Education Team 2013.

Initially I could not find where Lucijans was born but I did find his death registration which gave me his birth date of 1 January 1924. I Googled him and saw that he was Naturalised on the 21 March 1980 a native of Latvia. (London Gazette).

I looked for Norah's death in all the regular places but couldn't find it. So I Googled her name and up popped her funeral notice and burial place (amazing). She died in 2017 and is buried in Birmingham. Her funeral notice gave her maiden name, age, her five children, 4<sup>th</sup> grandchildren and 3<sup>rd</sup> great grandchildren, it also gave her husband's name as Charlie. (presumably an affectionate name).

I now know that of the 26 entries Ancestry have for this name that six of them do not refer to descendants of Lucijans and Norah.

One of the entries was "Free Access: Europe, Registration of Foreigners and German Persecutees, 1939-1947 for Viktor Graudumicks." From this I discovered that Viktor was Estonian.

My knowledge of the world has grown as I now know where Estonia and Latvia are located.



# Nana And Me

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## A Shared Memory

by P. A. Mackenzie

**M**arie Lilian PERRIN nee HIGHAM was the mother of two daughters and the maternal grandmother of my sister, my two cousins and me. She was also a truly remarkable human being who came from what I had always supposed was an ordinary, hard-working family with a few problems, but I have now learned that that stoic family had to battle poverty, hardship, disease, sorrow, loss, fear, shame and despair. They also managed to produce an intelligent, brave, creative and fun-loving woman - Marie Lilian PERRIN nee HIGHAM.

The ancestors of my maternal grandmother were an extremely interesting mixture of people from all walks of life. They came to Australia from England, Ireland and the United States of America. Some had lived in comfort and ease while others barely managed to exist in the grip of poverty and illness. There were also at least two convicts in this company of interesting characters.

I sincerely doubt that my grandmother actually knew much about her family history. She had lost both her parents and all four of her grandparents before her thirteenth birthday. They had all died between 1855 and 1905. On the other hand, as the oldest of my generation, I have had the luck to be able to remember many of our family experiences and to live long enough to record them. I also now realize that I have written my grandmother's story as much for Nana as for my children, my grandchildren and my sister, cousins and nieces - if not more so.

**The Citrus Saga** - Memory is a mysterious thing. I believe that I have many clear memories of my childhood and people and incidents in my very early years. I now rely on these "special" memories to write the personal tales of my ancestors as honestly as I can. The facts are pretty boring but the personal memories bring it all to life.

For all of the first twenty-one years of my life I lived with, and very near my maternal grandparents. There is one family moment that I really wish I could forget - totally. I must have been about four at the time. My parents and I used to walk across the road at the end of most days to say goodnight to my grandparents. On one particular day, I had acquired a new skill and was beside myself with excitement. I wanted to show Grandpa and Nana how clever I was now, so I politely asked Nana if I could have a mandarin.

"Of course," said Nana, who immediately reached out for a lovely, loose-skinned piece of fruit and proceeded to peel it for me. Well! There has never been such a tantrum in the course of recent history! I threw myself on the floor and kicked and screamed because I had wanted to show-off my new achievement and Nana had spoiled it all!

What happened next? What a silly question! Marie PERRIN brought peace back to the Brisbane suburb of Paddington by sewing the skin back on the mandarin! She had been a tailoress, after all. I blush with embarrassment every time I think of that moment now. Unfortunately, I can't remember if I actually re-peeled the mandarin and ate it or not.

**A Sticky Beak Breaks the Ice** - I continued to visit my grandparents' house until my grandmother's death in 1965. My grandparents had always had much more time to talk with me than my parents did. I would ask them all sorts of questions, I particularly wanted to know about "when they were little". I wish I'd had the foresight, intelligence and ability to take notes at the time.

As a young girl, perhaps eight or nine years old, I asked my grandmother on several occasions about her parents. She told me they had both died when she was very young. I suppose I must have asked the inevitable "How?" question and I'm almost certain Nana said that her father "... fell under a horse-drawn tram", and that her mother "...died in a hospital".



# Nana And Me

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## A Shared Memory

I remember her mentioning a shadowy “big-sister figure”, perhaps called Stella. Stella must have been caring for the young Marie HIGHAM and the even-younger Noel HIGHAM when their mother went to the Coast Hospital, Little Bay in Sydney about June, 1905. Stella could very well have been also running the shop that Clara HIGHAM maintained in Edgecliffe.

Most of all, I remember Grandma’s story that Stella had sent Grandma to a “big house” across the road, instructing her to *politely* ask the maid who opened the door to telephone the hospital to see how Nana’s mother was. The maid returned, said, “Little girl, your mother is dead,” and shut the door. Those were the exact words Nana used.

Well! You can imagine how that stuck forever in the memory of a young child, both Nana’s and mine! This event took place in June 1905, and my great-grandmother, Clara Esther HIGHAM nee IVES, had succumbed to the typhoid epidemic. Nana said that after her mother’s death when Nana was thirteen, (her father had already died six years earlier), she was then brought up by “an aunt in Charters Towers”. I also vaguely remember her mentioning the names “Noel” and “Vic”, and every time I leaned back on my chair, tipping the front legs off the floor, Grandma told me how one of her brothers had done that and had broken his back. (I have never, to this day, done that again! But I have also never heard that story from anyone else, either.)

I remember a man coming to visit my grandparents’ home in Paddington one night when I was about five years old. I think his name was Kenny HIGHAM and he was apparently a relation of some sort. (He was actually Nana’s nephew.) Grandma’s Brisbane family (all six or seven of us!) gathered to meet him in the dining room of the Perrin home. It was a very quiet and serious occasion.

**Mirror, Mirror on the Wall** - One day, possibly when I was about eight years old, I watched Nana sitting at her dressing table. The dressing table had, I think, one large fixed mirror and two side-mirrors that could be swiveled for a better view from various directions. I loved those mirrors: I could look at myself forwards, backwards and side on until I was pleased with what I saw.

My grandmother always “dressed up” when going “in to town” on the tram. On this occasion, Nana was brushing her hair and putting on her make-up, perfume and earrings before we set off. It was a good time for a chat. In the course of our dialogue, Nana told me that she had a grandmother who spoke French. I found that piece of information amazing: I had never even heard anyone speak any language other than English, apart from Latin in church, but I gathered that speaking French was a pretty spectacular achievement!

Over the years I have looked back on that occasion again and again. I can still see us both, gazing into the dressing table mirrors together. Nana is applying her lipstick, fixing an earring and donning her dress and of course, The Hat. In the distance, a dog barks. A tram on Latrobe Terrace screeches as it rounded a corner near the Plaza Picture Theatre. I don’t remember if any more was said about the lady who spoke French. It was just a very quiet, intimate moment for Nana and me as she manipulated her jewelry and checked her profile. In my mind, the conversation fades to silence. I realize now that it was also a very significant moment for a Family Historian. I wonder now how many other people have been told that they were descended from a lady who could speak French?

**The Plunge** - That was about the extent of my “knowledge” of the Higham family prior to 1987. It was not much of a starting point, actually, but finally, about thirty-five years later, I took a deep breath, dived in to a cold, frightening ocean of information and began my first hesitant strokes into the dim, cold, distant, scary past.

I joined the Family History Society, and I found my family’s story!



## Web Explorer

Do you have a favourite go-to website or blog?  
If you do, send it, and we will publish it in the next Journal.

### Welcome to Cyndi's List

Have you heard of Cyndi's List? It is a trusted genealogy research site that has been around for more than 25 years. It is **free for everyone** to use and it is a great place for online researching.

<https://www.cyndislist.com/>

So what exactly is Cyndi's List?

- A categorized & cross-referenced index to genealogical resources on the Internet.
- A list of links that point you to genealogical research sites online.
- A free jumping-off point for you to use in your online research.
- A "card catalog" to the genealogical collection in the immense library that is the Internet.
- Your genealogical research portal onto the Internet.

Checkout Cyndi's list for New Zealand <https://www.cyndislist.com/new-zealand/>

### New Zealand War Graves Trust - Website

Find photographs, research and background information from the Trust's project. There are two databases to search; Casualties and Cemeteries. The database is the culmination of many hours of research and investigation by our team of archivists. You are able to search the databases using the search functionality on the right side of this page. This allows the search of any keyword associated with a cemetery or casualty listing. <https://www.nzwargraves.org.nz/>

The **Casualties** database contains the details of over 90% of the New Zealand servicemen and servicewomen who died in conflict or in peace-keeping operations since the Anglo-Boer war (1899-1902). Includes the major conflicts of the 20th century, World War I and World War II.

The **Cemeteries** database contains just over 3,000 cemeteries that details where New Zealand servicemen and servicewomen are buried. The casualties relate to the period from the Anglo-Boer war (1899-1902) to the present day and cover conflicts and peace-keeping operations in which New Zealanders served, whether with New Zealand or Allied forces.

### The Records of London's Livery Companies Online (ROLLCO)

The ROLLCO, is a site providing records of Apprentices and Freemen in the City of London Livery Companies between 1400 and 1900. ROLLCO is a not-for-profit project, and access is free to all.

Their aim is to provide a fully searchable database of Livery Company membership over time. Searches can be made for individuals within the Companies' membership, with results available for downloading and saving. Currently the database includes information about apprenticeship bindings and freedom admissions for ten of London's Livery Companies, with the records of further Companies to follow.

<https://www.londonroll.org/home> (this website link first appeared in Rootes 'Ann Morse's Hot Websites' in Sept 2015)

### The Clergy of the Church of England Database 1540-1835 (CCED)

This Database helps fill the gaps in the knowledge of one of the most important professions in early modern England and Wales.

It provides an invaluable research tool for many including genealogists who often need to discover biographical information about individual clergymen or more about the succession of clergy in a particular place. Launched in 1999 and funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council, these principal records of clerical careers from over 50 archives in England and Wales is fully searchable.

<https://theclergydatabase.org.uk/> (this website link first appeared in Rootes 'Ann Morse's Hot Websites' in Sept 2015)

# New Zealand

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## Whakapapa (Genealogy)

by Beverley Dwyer

Many of our members have New Zealand ancestry (including myself) and I was recently helping a new member with her research. She knew her mother's date of birth but she wanted to find the births of her mother's siblings.

The parents' marriage took place in 1919 so there was virtually no chance of finding them online due to the 100 year closure. However there was a solution. Many years ago the Society bought on microfiche the **New Zealand Births, Deaths and Marriages indexes and they actually go up to 1990**. The laws eventually changed and the closure dates were introduced so that when you access the records on line you can only search for:

- Births that occurred at least 100 years ago
- Stillbirths that occurred at least 50 years ago
- Marriages that occurred 80 years ago
- Deaths that occurred at least 50 years ago or the deceased's date of births was at least 80 years ago

Something you do need to know when ordering certificates for family history purposes you should request a printout – a typed or handwritten copy of the information. It usually has more information than a certificate. It is the best option for family research. You only need to order a certificate if you require it for official purposes.

Fortunately the member knew the names of the children and the surname was the same as the current New Zealand Prime Minister, so not a terribly common name (at least not something like Smith) as the microfiche do not contain a lot of information e.g. they do not show the parents' names on the birth entries. However to assist we have a set of books entitled *District Keys to the N.Z. Registration Indexes* which allow you to identify the place of registration by the folio number. The member did find the children in the indexes although of course she still can't order the certificates due to the restrictions.

It does need to be pointed out that the reference numbers used on the microfiche are different to the entries online.

Another thing to bear in mind is that if you have Maori ancestry registration could not be enforced however in 1911 this changed and marriages had to be registered and in 1913 births and deaths also had to be registered. We also have these indexes and they can be found in the blue boxes marked *Dwyer Microfiche Collection*.

**A new find** for New Zealand research can be found on all our computers and it is called **The Wilson Collection**. This has been compiled over the last 40 years by Diane Wilson and a host of volunteers and consists of the following:

- Early Settlers
- Burial/Cremation records
- World War I
- Electoral Rolls
- Marriage Records
- Smaller Specialist Indexes

If you need to know what information you will get on certificates there are various copies, covering a serval time periods, in the rooms.

Bev can be contact at [beverleydwyer@bigpond.com](mailto:beverleydwyer@bigpond.com) – Bev is also on room duty Tuesday and Thursday.





## Members Notice-Board

Stay up to date with the latest news

### August is National Family History Month

The GCFHS is holding an **OPEN DAY** on Saturday 21st August 10.00 am – 4.00 pm.

So spread the word. Members will be on hand to show people around and answer questions.

There will also be a Pre-loved Book Stall on the day.

It's a great chance to do some culling and pass on those books that you think will be of interest to other family historians. Feel free to donate them to the Society; simply drop them off at the rooms.

### Annual General Meeting - Date Claimer

The GCFHS Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday 4th September 2021, at 3 pm, in Room 1 upstairs, Bicentennial Centre, Nerang. (Social distancing guidelines will be in place)

The AGM will be followed by an afternoon tea and a guest speaker. Their name and the subject are to be advised in the Saplings e-Newsletter.

### Changes to Printing in the Rooms

The new photocopier/printer has now been networked to all the internet computers. Your printing will now go to the 'Big' printer which will give you a better print quality, instead of the Fuji printer.

Each of the internet computers has its own folder in the file stand next to the photocopier where print jobs will be placed awaiting collection and payment. The cost of a black and white print has not changed at \$0.20 cents per page/side. Colour prints/copies are also available at a cost \$0.80 cents per page/side.

Printing can now be done from your USB stick as well as scanning directly to your USB stick at a cost of \$0.10 cents per scan. Please ask for assistance regarding the printing, copying or scanning, as only library assists are allowed to operate the machine.

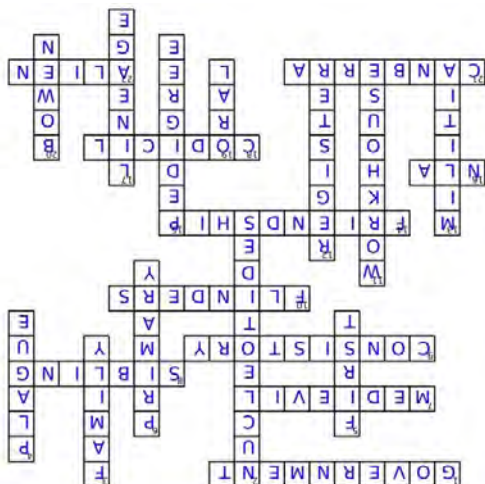
### Annual Membership Renewal

Your membership is now due, for the renewal period 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021 to 30 June 2022.

Single Membership renewal is \$45.00 and Family Membership renewal is \$60.00.

Payment can be made online by bank transfer, cheque, or cash only in the rooms.

Renewal forms are available in the Rooms. An online form is available on the Society Website to complete or you can download it.



### Saplings E-Newsletter

Stay up to date with Society news each month.

If you haven't received your copy, please check your Spam folder/box: it may be there.

If by chance it is there, add the sender's address to your address book to ensure it reaches your Inbox each month.

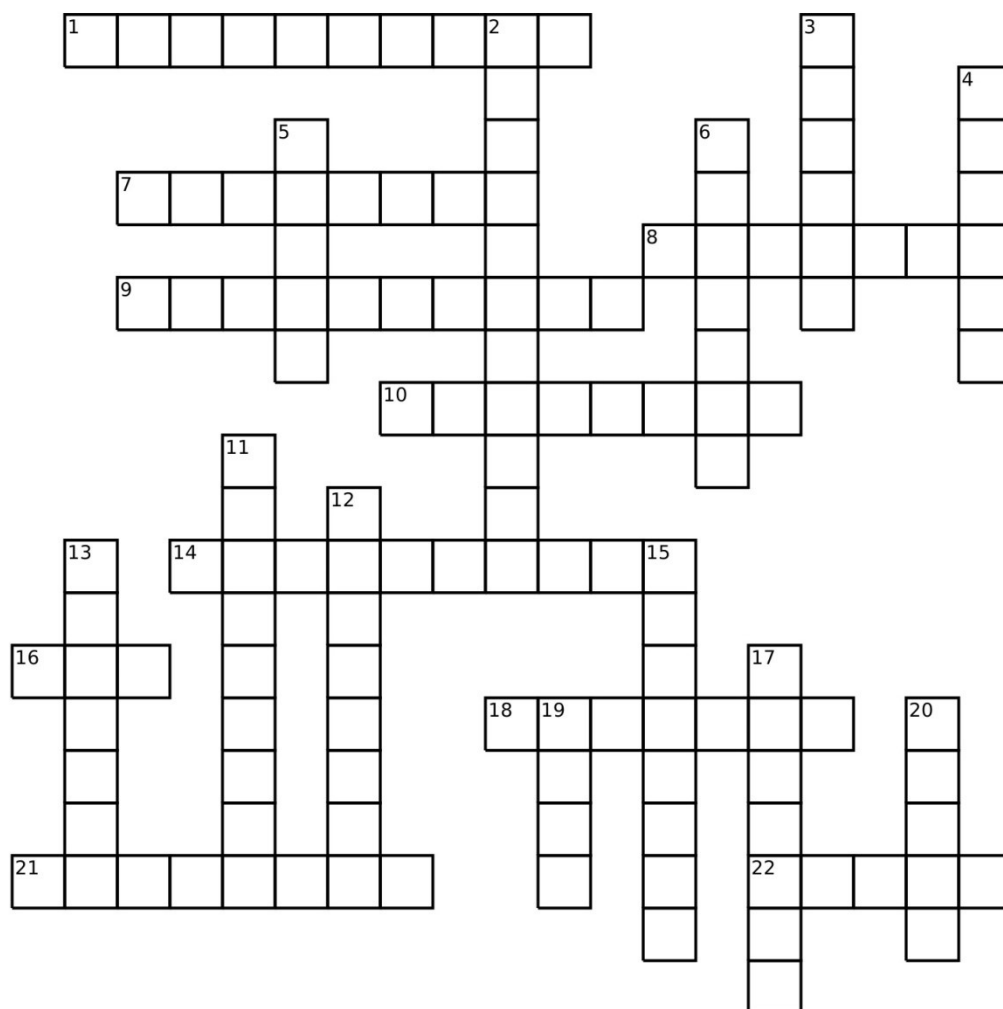
### LOST & FOUND

Don't forget to check out the Lost & Found box next time you are in the rooms.

Crossword Answers

# FAMILY HISTORY – CROSSWORD NO. 3

Coffee Time Fun with Paul Dinniss



## ACROSS

1. What records are preserved at the National Archives
7. A name for the period C500-C1453 in England
8. Brother or sister
9. Highest court in a diocese of the Church of England
10. Who first called New Holland "Australia"
14. One of the 6 convict ships of the first fleet to Australia. The .....
16. National Library of Australia
18. Supplement or addition to a Will
21. National Library of Australia location
22. Citizen of another country

## DOWN

2. Basic units of DNA molecule
3. Group of people who share common ancestor
4. Black death
5. Grandchildren of common ancestor but with different parents ..... cousins
6. Type of source that is the original record
11. Another name for a poorhouse
12. Book-type record
13. A citizen army
15. Type of chart representing family relationships
17. Direct line of descent from an ancestor, progeny
19. Type of history passed by word of mouth
20. First Governor of Queensland

June 2021

\*Find crossword answers on the Members Notice-Board page

# What's New in the rooms / Acquisitions

Jan - April 2021

Shelf No	Title	Media	Town	State	Country	Source
A580	Australians at Home World War I (Loan copy)	Book			Australia	John Criddle
C350/710	150 Years Armidale	Book	Armidale	NSW	Australia	Ann Llambi
C756/510	Cathedral of the Hawkesbury: A Sketch of St. Matthew's Windsor	Book	Windsor	NSW	Australia	Jeanette Swan
E270/700	Tamborine revisited	Book	Tamborine	Qld	Australia	Ray Suckling
H000/750	Southern Invasion Northern Conquest Story of the Founding of Melbourne	Book	Melbourne	Vic	Australia	John Criddle
HANG:0814	Parish of Gilston County of Ward Brisbane Land Agents District Moreton Queensland	Hanging map	Gilston	Qld	Australia	Linda Glassick
HANG:0815	Action Area D. Mermaid Beach-Miami-Broadbeach Policy Map adopted by Council 13 Mar 1970	Hanging map	Burleigh Heads	Qld	Australia	Linda Glassick
LGE/940	The Illustrated London News Coronation 1953	Large book	London		England	Jeanette Scanlan
M530	Finding Answers in British Isles Census Records	Book			United Kingdom	Vivienne Barratt
M580	The Great War Diaries. Accompanies the astonishing BBC TV Series	Book			United Kingdom	Jeanette Scanlan
M795	A Hundred Years Ago Britain in the 1880s in Words and Photographs	Book			United Kingdom	John Criddle
N580	The Anarchy. The Relentless Rise of the East Indian Company (Loan copy)	Book			United Kingdom	Faye Kenwick
P400	Gathering the Clans. Tracing Scottish Ancestry on the Internet (Loan copy)	Book			Scotland	Vivienne Barratt
P750	Antrim and Argyll. Some Aspects of the Connections	Book		Antrim	Scotland	Stuart Duncan
R546	The 1718 Migration from Ulster to New England	Book			Ireland	Stuart Duncan
SOM/220	Trombone's Troubles (experiences of a Queensland jackaroo in early pastoral days)	Book		Qld	Australia	John Criddle
Y400	Local & Family History Sources in Tasmania (Loan copy)	Book		Tas.	Australia	Jeanette Scanlan
A519	Funeral Tributes Vols 5, 6, 7, 8	Book			Australia	Family Members
ARCHIVE BOX 05.36	Tweed Awash. June 30, 2005 will long be remembered, deluge that flooded the Tweed	Newspaper	Murwillumbah	NSW	Australia	Anon
ARCHIVE BOX 01.18	August 5, 1945 Victory in the Pacific. 50th Anniversary Commemorative Edition	Newspaper	Brisbane	Qld	Australia	Barb O'Keefe



## Genealogy Tip – from Facebook

Remember to cite all your sources. You may have to use them sometime in the future to verify new information you have found, or, if you want to share your information with others. Every time you add a new fact, always attach a source to it.  
A.J. Stetson





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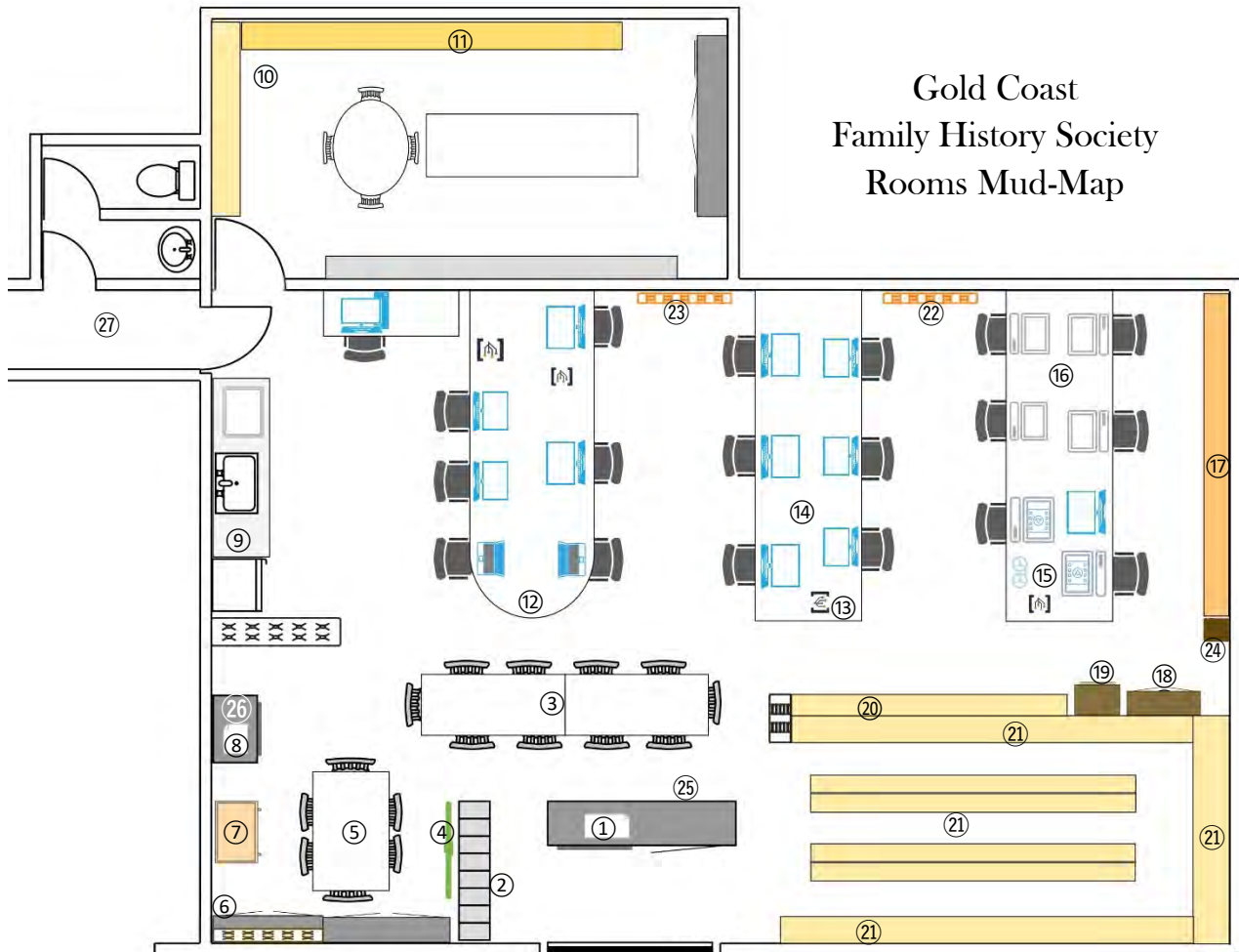
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4. Noticeboard - *society news and coming events*
5. Meals Table - *only food & drink allow (no papers, have a cuppa & biscuit 0.50c)*
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7. Photocopier - *available to members 0.20c per copy*
8. Computer Booking Folder - *book yourself a computer for up to two hours*
9. Kitchen Area - *fridge, micro-wave, jug, toaster, cups & dishes*
10. Lending Library - *including exchange journals & magazines: borrow up to 3 items for two weeks at a time*
11. General Library Items - *for you to view*
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17. Micro Fiche Records - *from England, Scotland, Wales, New Zealand, Australia and more*
18. Maps - *large collection of maps national & regional*
19. Film Collection - *convict records, immigration, early NSW BDM*
20. Family History & Biographies Collection - *books & stories created by members and others*
21. Reference Library - *a treasure chest of item. View the catalogue to see what's available*
22. Exchange Journals & Magazines - *the latest items*
23. Genealogy Self-Help Books - *from the experts*
24. LDS Micro Fiche - *covering every area in England, Wales & Scotland*
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