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Our newsletter for November features



Military Research

Military research for Australians has become relatively easy in the past few years as more records and resources have been put online for access to the public.

The major sources of records are the Australian War Memorial, The National Archives of Australia and the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, all of which have databases that are freely available.

Another resource located closer to home are the AIF Embarkation Rolls which are in PDF format and are available in our Branch Library.

Australian forces first went to war as volunteers in the Victorian era, fighting in various conflicts and campaigns such as the 2nd Maori War in 1861-65, the Sudan in 1885, the Boxer Rebellion in China in 1900 and the Boer War of 1899-1902.

Looking at each of the principal websites that hold military records will outline what can be found to help you in your research.

The Australian War Memorial website at:

<http://www.awm.gov.au>

is usually the first port of call for most Australian researchers. The website has a great wealth of resources online, is well laid out and easy to use. The majority of the resources are in PDF format. The website offers a number of biographical databases that are searchable in various ways.



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Do you have something to say?

Listed below are the mechanisms which allow you to raise a matter or a concern with the Branch committee or with the State Executive.

- 1. Write a letter to the Branch Secretary*
 - 2. Write a letter to the State Secretary*
 - 3. Email either of the above (addresses are in your journal)*
 - 4. Approach any Committee member and ask them to raise your concern at the next Committee meeting.*
 - 5. Ask a General meeting to resolve that the Committee consider or reconsider a proposal or matter.*
 - 6. Write your suggestion in the Suggestion Book at the Branch Library*
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Military Research contd.

You can search for your ancestor in or by the following:

Person:

Roll of Honour:

(those who died on active service as part of Australian forces)

Commemorative Roll:

(those who died whilst on active service with allied forces)

Nominal Rolls:

(details of those who served in various conflicts)

Honours &

Awards:

(details of honours & awards made or



recommended to Australians on active service, but not campaign medals)

There are also a couple of databases relating to service personnel either reported as wounded or missing in WW1 or missing or POW's in the South-West Pacific in WW2.

The National Archives of Australia

website at: <http://www.naa.gov.au> has the complete service records of many WW1 soldiers online and viewable as graphics. The website is very easy to use & is relatively quick to use even on a dial-up internet connection.

To access service records, you select **RecordSearch** from the homepage, then on the next page you can either search as a guest or register (free) which allows you to save your searches. Either option allows you to search their database on a number of fields, if you wish to search only WW1 records then put the reference number B2455, in the appropriate field.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) website at:

<http://www.cwgc.org> provides the "Debt of Honour Register", being a database listing the 1.7 million men and women of the Commonwealth forces who died during the two world wars and the 23,000 cemeteries, memorials and other locations worldwide where they are commemorated. The register can also be searched for details of the 67,000 Commonwealth civilians who died as a result of enemy action in the Second World War. Not only are details of the casualty provided, but in a lot of cases there are maps and photos of the military cemetery the person was buried in.

Some links & items of interest

The Long long trail

www.1914-1918.net

Anything and everything about the Great War and an excellent forum where knowledgeable researchers will answer all your research questions.

Military Genealogy

A British pay-per-view website. Includes the database of "soldiers who died" www.military-genealogy.com

National Medals P/L, a Brisbane based company are advertising in AFTC that they can supply quality replica medals.

Email them for further information. at natmedals@bigpond.com

Some military books in our library

In Search of the Forlorn Hope a comprehensive guide to locating British Regiments and their records (1640-WWI) a 2 volume set.

The Zulu War 1879 and The Crimean War 1854-56 by Phil Tomaselli.

Other news

Did you know that **1837online** has changed its name to *Find My Past* so if you are looking for them now you will need to go to www.findmypast.com

An article on page 7 in AFTC Nov 2006 brings the news of the impending closure of access to 20th century **UK BDM certificates**. If you have been considering buying any of these, now might be the time to do so before access is closed.

A newly released digital magazine has been launched in USA. "*The Digital Genealogist*" explores the convergence of genealogy and technology. The first edition is available as a free download from www.digitalgenealogist.com

New Members Corner

A new regular column for our news letter is the "New Members Corner" where we hope to introduce new members. In this issue we welcome Kathy Cook and Pauline Connell. If you are a new member and would like to have some details included in the next newsletter, please email news@tfhsdev.com

Kathy Cook kthyck@bigpond.net.au

In 1988 as a Bicentenary Project for my children I started to research my late husband's family and have quite a lot of information but now would like to know more. My first task is to find out more about a man called Alexander Garcia who was born in Salamanca Spain, fought with the British Army at the Battle of Waterloo and finally came to live in Tasmania at Norfolk Plains (Longford). His daughter Jane married James Fullbrook who was a convict - transported to VDL for

highway robbery. Jane and James' daughter Marion married James Henry Cook. My father's parents were Edward and Alice Best. They lived at Sheffield where Edward worked in his uncle Thomas Clerke's shop then they moved to Beulah where they operated the general store and post office.

Alice's parents were Elizabeth (Liddle) and John Williams. John emigrated from Wales in 1855 and worked on the Northdown property for the Thomas family. He eventually bought his own property at Nook which he named "Northpole". Elizabeth Liddle was the daughter of Hugh and Marion Liddle of Paisley, Scotland.

I am hoping that someone will be able to help me fill in the gaps with my research and I in turn can help others with theirs. **Kathy**

Pauline Connell

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My main research interest at the moment is the family of Joseph Barrett (Barratt) and Mary Dodd. Joseph was from Gloucestershire and transported on the *Sir William Bensley* and Mary was from Shropshire and transported on the *Sir Charles Forbes* (2). Mary returned to England and was convicted once more and transported on the *Platina*. Joseph and Mary were the parents of Abraham Barrett, who had a school on the corner of Elphin Road and Lyttleton Street, and was Mayor of Launceston and a councillor for many years. I discovered two typewritten pages at the Launceston Branch with details of this family and would be most interested in contacting the author.

Other interests are the families of William Lee and Ann Needham, James Morris Martin and Margaret Thomas, Douglas Downie and Jessie McKay.

Pauline

Devonport Branch News



Annual Raffle

The Christmas Hamper raffle books (sold or unsold) are due back by Dec 1st please. It would be appreciated if the books and money could be returned before that date. The raffle will be drawn at the Christmas dinner on Dec 8th.



Speaking of Christmas!

Our **Christmas
Dinner** will be held

this year at "The Winning Edge" Don Road, Devonport on Friday 8th December, 6.30 – 7.00 pm. Please bring along a gift to the value of \$5 for your own gender to exchange.

RSVP by December 1st please!

Meetings & Committee Reports

Publications & Projects Committee

Deloraine is nearing completion as is a CD-ROM and printed publication of headstones in Wilmot.

It is expected that a number of publications will be released early in 2007

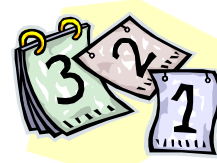
Research Reminders

This will be a new regular column designed to promote good research practice. With thanks to Helen Anderson for this contribution.

Educate yourself, read books and magazines about genealogy. The more you read, the more this genealogy business makes sense. Look at published family histories. These will be available in the State Library of Tasmania but remember that our local collection is growing all the time so come in to our library in Latrobe.

Use pedigree and family group charts. They are cheap to purchase and completed forms help others understand your research problems. Keep them up-to-date at all times.

Forthcoming Meetings



Thursday evening 30th November

7.30 pm at State Library in Devonport. Members are asked to bring a plate of Christmas supper to share.

Thursday evening 25th January

5.30 pm BBQ at our library in Latrobe. Come along and celebrate a new and exciting year. All welcome.

Saturday 24th February

We welcome members and visitors from Northern Tasmania to join us for a talk at 1.00pm by Hobart member Irene Schaffer about Norfolk Island. This will be followed by afternoon tea. Library open from 10.00am. Please email secretary@tfhsdev.com to book in.

Other Forthcoming events

Remember to check the website for all events. www.tfhsdev.com Attached to the end of this newsletter is a proposed calendar of events for 2007. Please keep it handy and support our branch activities and this will ensure we have a productive year. Remember it is YOUR society!

IMPORTANT NOTE:

The events listed as bus trips, require an expression of interest from members and friends in order to secure the bus bookings. Making an early commitment to join one of these trips will ensure that they go ahead. We need to finalise these trips ASAP. Please let the secretary know or leave your name at the library before Christmas

Library News

Open on Tuesday and Friday 11.00am to 3.00pm and SECOND Saturday of each month 11.00am – 3.00pm. Come in and see how the Library is growing!



Closing for a short break over Christmas on

Friday 15th December

at 3.00 pm and reopening on Jan 5th at 11.00am

This is a very short break for the library volunteers but we wanted to reopen the library as soon as possible. If January is your only holiday then this may be your chance to come in and see the progress being made by our Branch.

LIBRARY BOOKS FOR LOAN!

Do you have any family history related books or magazines that you might like to donate to the growing collection of “loan” items at the library? Drop in and see Glenice at the Library.



Member Borrowing Scheme

Have you received your “member borrowing scheme” cards yet to enable you to participate in this new information exchange amongst branch members? If not please contact the co-ordinator Helen Dunford on 0439 385099 week nights or email helen.dunford@tafe.tas.edu.au

It is intended to use this newsletter to promote the book titles members are willing to lend.

Some titles so far:

Pre-1855 Death Index of Fife (CD)

National & International Genealogical Research Directory 2005, 2006

Brown, Pat, *From Montagu Swamp to Togari*

Grey, Bruce, *The Duck: A history of Smithton 1856-1996*

Jetson, Tim, *It's a different country down there: A history of droving in Western Tasmania*

Pink, Kerry, *Against the tide: A maritime history of Circular Head*

Pink, Kerry, *Beyond the Ramparts: A bicentennial history of Circular Head*

Pink, Kerry, *Winds of Change: A history of Woolnorth*

Tasman, Able, *Discovery of Tasmania 1642* (extracts of translation)

Tasmanian Gov't Printer, *Venturing Westwards*

Tasmanian Gov't Printer, *The Log: early exploration of the West and North-West*

History in headlines – The Mercury (15 parts)

Appeldorff, Gwendolyne, *Memories of Collinsvale*

Marshall, Sue et al., *One hundred years on.. a history of Marrawah & Redpa 1889-1989*

A Travellers guide to Cape Country
Odgers, George, *100 years of Australians at War*

Lewis, Jon E., *True war stories.*

Devonport & Launceston Microfiche Roster

GRO BDM 1943-1946

State Microfiche Roster

20/11/06 – 16/02/07 Set 1
GRO BDMs Index 1868-1897

TFHS member Irene Schaffer has extended an invitation from **Norfolk Island Descendants & Friends** to celebrate 200 years in VDL with a variety of activities in 2007-2008. There will be sailings on the Derwent of the "Lady Nelson" from Nov 2007 through until Oct 2008. Further information from Irene on 62722 124 or email schafferi@optusnet.com.au

Van Gogh came from quite a large family, and most of us don't know anything about the others. Just in case someone asks you about the others sometime, this may help you.

His dizzy aunt-----*Verti Gogh*

The brother who ate prunes-----
----*Gotta Gogh*

The brother who worked at a convenience store-----*Stop n Gogh*

The grandfather from Yugoslavia-----
-----*U Gogh*

The cousin from Illinois-----
----*Chi-ca Gogh*

His magician uncle-----
Where-diddy Gogh

His Mexican cousin----*A Mee Gogh*

The Mexican cousin's American half-brother-----*Grin Gogh*

The nephew who drove a stage coach--
-----*Wells-far Gogh*

The constipated uncle-----
--- *Cant Gogh*

The ballroom dancing aunt-----
--- *Tang Gogh*

The bird lover uncle-----
--*Fla-min Gogh*

His nephew psychoanalyst-----
----- *E Gogh*

The fruit loving cousin-----*Man Gogh*

An aunt who taught positive thinking--
Way-to Gogh

The little bouncy nephew-----
---- *Poe Gogh*

A sister who loved disco-----
---- *Go Gogh*

And his niece who travels the country in a van (you guessed it!)

Winnie Bay Gogh**And there ya Gogh!**

And from the Editors...

Next Spotlight on Civil Registration

Would you like to receive this newsletter electronically??

Our email subscription list continues to grow. Remember this saves the branch money and time in printing and distributing the newsletters. It also makes your newsletter come alive with colour images and direct links to places of interest.

Email news@tfhsdev.com to register.

PROPOSED CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2007

The Branch Committee have been hard at work preparing a program of events for 2007.

These alternate between the traditional Thursday evening events and Saturdays.



We hope that this will enable members to come along to at least one event during the year.

Why not bring along a friend and introduce them to the world of research?

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Saturday 24th March

Visit to Sheffield Museum with lunch during the day.

Thursday evening 29th March

Meeting at State Library in Devonport with guest speaker to be announced.

Thursday evening 26th April

AGM at State Library in Devonport with guest speaker to be announced.

Thursday evening 31st May

Meeting at State Library in Devonport with guest speaker NW historian Faye Gardam.

June possible visit to Launceston Branch Library, to be confirmed.

Thursday evening 26th July

Mid year dinner at Boscobell's Ulverstone

Saturday 28th July

Visit to Burnie Branch for research

Thursday evening 30th August

Meeting at State Library in Devonport with guest speaker Bill Boyd.

Thursday evening 27th September

Meeting at State Library in Devonport with fundraising event.

Thursday evening 25th October

Meeting at State Library in Devonport with guest speaker Jim Rouse. *"How an ancestor survived the Napoleonic Wars"*

Thursday evening 29th November

Xmas supper & breakup meeting At State Library in Devonport.

YOUR BRANCH NEEDS YOU!

In order to survive as a branch we rely on our volunteers. Please consider volunteering in some way shape or fashion. Every little bit helps, even if you can provide a few hours every other week, it will help us greatly!

Why not separate this page and keep it somewhere handy to refer to during the year. If there are any changes to the program they will be advertised on our website www.tfhsdev.com and in the next newsletter in March 2007.