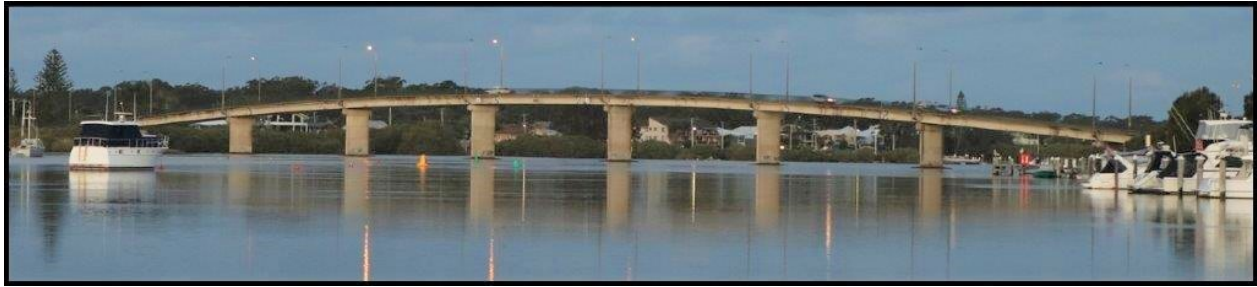


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#### SATURDAYS:

10.00am —11.30am

#### MONDAYS: 1st, 3rd, 4th & 5th

1.00pm—4.00 pm

#### 2nd Monday of each Month

TG Country Club House

Cnr Yallinbah and Myall Streets

Fellowship, Workshops

Brickwalls and Discussions

#### Closed Public Holidays and School Holidays

Printing @ Library costs

#### Membership covers

#### Ancestry Library Edition

#### Find My Past

#### Family Search Library Edition.

Non Members to research \$5 donation +  
printing

Members of other Societies most welcome.

### A few words from our President Karl

We just concluded another long-distance Zoom meeting to get a feel for and get together in these trying times. And, for me it was rather interesting to see the familiar faces in their own homes. You get a bit of a 'stickybeak' into other people's lives.

The message is - have a tidy place with an interesting background and turn up the volume on the computer.

Shirley had to relocate the cat from it's warm resting place on the machine ,

Jenny had her guardian convict watching her over her right shoulder and Lesley had this

exciting story to tell about a historic metal dump on Jimmy's Beach, which got a lot of comments going.

We saw some Aussie flags and other leftovers from Anzac day.

Nobody mentioned exiting news about their research discoveries, perhaps everybody did some gardening on these fine days

Swimming at Jimmy's Beach first thing in the morning is absolutely a must since the "mullets" did such a brilliant job with the shower and the floor tiles.

A few more giggles and the meeting was over.

Keep safe have fun

Karl



How are you surviving the isolation? Have you worked on your family tree, or tidied up your files and all those pieces of paper with small notes for 'just-in-case'? Maybe you have tidied up your garden, sorted out those wardrobes or even cleaned your oven! I tried doing a jigsaw, but because I only do these at Christmas, just couldn't get into it, or maybe it was because it was one I had put off doing for years—1500 pieces! I managed the border, and sorted out little piles of the same colours etc, but in the end gave it away—maybe next Christmas when the family are here to help. Whatever we have chosen to do to fill in the days of isolating, I do hope they have been profitable. I wonder whether we will all fall back into the old habits, or maybe take on board some of our newly found achievements.

As Karl has written, we decided to try and hold our committee meeting via Zoom and left it up to Anne our Secretary to do the organising. We had a few minor hurdles at our first meeting but managed to get most of us on the screen. During this first meeting, somehow, Anne's screen saver kept crossing behind our faces and we were all curious as to who the people were in each picture as it flashed past. Read on to see the explanation of one of the photos. The 'Pink Dress'.

The last few pages are of interest for some 'free' researching and reading..

### This was taken off Facebook.....

**Child:** "How old are you Grandpa?" **Grandpa:** "I'm 81 dear" . **Child:** "So does that mean you were alive during the Coronavirus?" **Grandpa:** "Yes, I was"

**Child:** "Wow, that must have been horrible, Grandpa. We were learning about that at school this week. They told us about how all the schools had closed, and the mums and dads couldn't go to work so didn't have much money to do nice things. They said that you weren't allowed to go and visit your friends and family and couldn't go out anywhere. They told us that the shops and stores ran out of lots of things so you didn't have much bread, and flour and toilet rolls. They said that summer holidays were cancelled and they told us about all those thousands of people that got very sick and who died. They explained how hard all the doctors and nurses and all essential workers worked, and that lots of them died too. That must have been so horrible, grandpa".

**Grandpa:** "Well that is all correct. And I know that because I read about it when I was older, but to tell you the truth I remember it differently. I remember playing in the garden for hours with mum and dad and having picnics outside and lots of bbqs. I remember making things and fishing with my dad and baking with my mum. I remember making forts and learning how to do hand stands and back flips. I remember having quality time with my family. I remember mum's favourite words becoming 'hey, I've got an idea' rather than 'maybe later or tomorrow I'm a bit busy'. I remember making our own bread and pastry. I remember having movie night three or four times a week instead of just one. It was a horrible time for lots of people your are right, but I remember it differently"

Remember how our children will remember these times. Be in control of the memories they are creating right now, so that through all the awful headlines and emotional stories for so many that they will come to read in future years, they can remember the happy times.

## OUR MEMORIES



Sarah & Elsie aged 16



Elsie, Bill & Sarah 1951

### MY GRANDMOTHER & HER CHILDHOOD FRIEND—Lesley Turner

My grandmother Elsie grew up in Heanor, Derbyshire, England and had a very close childhood friend Sarah. Elsie migrated to Australia in 1913 with her husband and two small children. In 1951 she was able to make a voyage to England to visit family and especially Sarah. They remained lifelong friends and corresponded regularly. Sarah married Bill Gregg who served in WW1 and was awarded the Victoria Cross for conspicuous bravery and leadership. Sarah lived to celebrate her 101st birthday.

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**My mother Doris Ringland** was born in 1910. She was the 7<sup>th</sup> child in her family. This was a time when women were expected to be housewives. Her three older sisters accepted their role, however, my Mother wanted to be a nurse. The family would not hear of such, as nurses were expected to clean wards as well as nurse the patients, they thought "it would be dirty work".

My frustrated Mother was determined that my sister and I would be nurses – and so we were!

I remember them saying that with a nursing certificate you can travel and always find work. As it happened that was the case, I worked in Canada and USA.

Just to please my Mother I returned to boarding school and passed my Leaving Certificate. At that time the Intermediate Certificate was all that was required. Later on in USA the other certificate was needed in order to be registered. Mother knew best after all!

Whereas my Mother was a housewife, she was very involved in the area, becoming a foundation member of the golf and bowling clubs, also secretary of the school P & C and the Ladies Fishing Club.

Anne Johnson nee Ringland



## MY MOTHER—Helen Penman

When we are very young, we love our Mother for she just “IS”. She loved us; nurtured us; protected us; guided us (sometimes with a stingy switch) for our own good. As I have experienced more of life myself, I now admire her for her selflessness, common sense and wisdom.

My Mother, Edna May Schaefer was born in 1909 at a property near Manilla and spent her early years attending Keepit part time school (two days one week, three days the next). She was the youngest of four children and they walked together through the bush. She told me she had to sit in the front desk and the teacher had a kerosene cooker on which he boiled eggs for his lunch. This was the only information that made an impression on her from her formal education it seems, but the two eldest must have accomplished more as one brother became a sergeant in the police force and her sister had training in nursing. Sadly the teacher passed away and was not replaced so this meant “skills for life” continued on the sheep, wheat farm.

One of her tasks, which she loved, was to care for the motherless lambs but was not happy when she had them all grown up and then they were taken to market. The only job she complained about was at harvest time when she had to be positioned on the top of the hay wagon where she was to spread the hay each time a new pitchfork full was tossed up. This was all very well until an unsuspecting snake came with the delivery!

It wasn't all farm work though. She bought a mail order book called “Wellings 1/- Guide” and with this and her mother's assistance she taught herself dressmaking, embroidery, knitting, tatting & crochet. This came to be ever so useful during the Second World War when clothing was so scarce and often old jumpers or clothes had to be unpicked and recycled for growing children.

Sunday nights on the farm after tea were devoted to their own church gathering all done by candlelight ( no electricity of course). Bible readings were given and hymns were sung accompanied by Father on the violin. He had taught himself as so many seemed to in those days.

One Christmas Father and Mother gave each child a tennis racquet and the family all pitched in to build an ant bed tennis court. So began the whirlwind of weekend of social tennis with the little communities nearby. Manilla, Upper Manilla, Corella, Keepit. Methodists were some of the competitors and with this came the great country afternoon teas. It's a wonder anyone could run around for the final matches when they were full up on cakes and scones and cream but with good country spirit they battled on.

The ladies of course, provided the sumptuous goodies and so came the recipe exchanging. I still have my Mother's recipe book and in our “lockdown” I often feel tempted to try some out! Besides these recipes came the recipes for jams, pickles, chutneys. Also recipes to make your own Vicks; making soap; remedy for chilblains; salting down meat; ginger beer and if one felt more adventuresome, blackberry wine, which had to be carefully supervised as when maturing it could blow its top to everyone's horror.

When the government reclaimed their property for the Keepit dam the family relocated in Tamworth where they ran a little shop opposite West Tamworth Primary School. I know they made cakes as one item as Mum said she had to beat sponge cakes using a fork. I still remember the excitement when she bought an eggbeater. She never owned a rolling pin but always used a green glass bottle to do the job and she always cooked in the fuel stove where one gauged the temperature by a hand in the oven.

While in Tamworth she played a lot of tennis and loved it. She and her sister played in Country Week together and later she played as a member of the Armidale Women's Team when it has been the only time it has won. She was always ever so proud of this.

In 1933 she married Karl Sinclair and they lived at Bostobrick where Dad worked in a timber mill. My brother was born in 1936. With the outbreak of war Dad volunteered and joined the 2/30 Battalion. Mum and my brother moved to Armidale to be near her family. Here I was born.

We lived in a miner's cottage that was brought to Armidale from Hillgrove after the mining boom had finished. It had two bedrooms, a lounge room and a kitchen. At the back was a small verandah with the wash house with a wood burning copper and two cement tubs one end and at the other a bathtub and a wash stand with a dish. Down stairs we had of all things, a toilet connected to the sewerage....lucky us! The house had one main chimney for the kitchen and the lounge room shared. Spring meant the big clean; first the chimney then the walls were washed down and then the curtains were washed, starched and rehung. This was hard work and we all were glad when it was completed..

We had electricity and only one power outlet but that was ok for Mum ironed with flat irons which had been heated on the stove and there was no fridge. The Sunday roast was kept cool in a metal meat safe hung from the verandah ceiling. It seems a hardship now for me but I guess it was the normal then. During the war Mum made sure we kissed Dad's photo every night and said our prayers. I think this was so we would know who he was if he returned from war. We slept in Mum's bed; Mum and I were at the top and my brother had his head at the foot of the bed. Every night a policeman knocked on the door and called out to Mum to ask if she was ok. We were to lie still and not speak until we knew it was the policeman. She rarely showed too much emotion but when eventually a telegram arrived from the War Dept. she could not open it till she had walked to her parents who lived a mile away. She also had to ask Dad's brother to travel with her to the Show Ground in Sydney where they were to meet after Dad's release from Japan. She was so nervous that she may not recognise him after his time in Changi and in Japan. Mum always wore with pride her brooch that indicated she was married to a military person fighting overseas.

She and Dad did wonderful things with that little miner's cottage over the years. They painted out the 'Indian Brown' on the outside to Cream with an Egg Blue roof. Inside, which was all sawn timber, was painted in Dulux Highgloss cream so grandchildren's fingerprints washed off easily (not a brush mark to be seen) Crisp Cretonne curtains and cushions as well. But it was the garden that brought them the most delight. I am sure it helped in those difficult times when post war syndrome was not recognised....even in the First War they called it "shell shock". It was the pure pleasure of preparing the garden and sharing vegetables and fruit with neighbours that gave them joy. And, to buy a new rose each year was a highlight! They did not leave a big footprint on the world but they did on my heart.



My mum—Edna May Sinclair nee Schaffer with some of her trophies and handwork.

## My Grandmother by Sandra Bell.



My Grandmother Gladys Averil Ansell was born in Inverell in the around 1890. She had one brother and 4 sisters one of whom died as a baby. Her father was a shearer and a drunk and left the family when the children were small and my Great Grandmother had to work cleaning to keep the family together.

My Grandmother married Stanley Musgrave when she was 20. My Grandfather was a butcher and had moved to Inverell where they met. They had four children Leo and Jean who died as infants. Then came my father Ron and his brother John. The family moved to Sydney and started their own butchery business at Artarmon which was finally sold when my Grandfather was 84.

Gladys helped with the shop every afternoon when they became busy with people buying their evening meat, as refrigerators were few and far between. She did the 'till 'while Stan cut the meat.

My father joined the RAAF in 1940 and married my Mother in 1941.

I was born in 1944 and Mum and I lived with my grandparents behind the shop. I was very sick as a toddler and it was only the hours my Grandmother spent with me trying to get me to eat that I am here to tell this story. This created a huge bond between the two of us that my Mother had trouble accepting.

My Grandmother's house was always open to any family from Inverell or Tamworth and many other places. There always seemed to be Aunts and Uncles visiting.

My Uncle Jack/John brought home a mate from the Army when they had 2 days leave and Ces didn't have time to go home. After the war Uncle Ces started to work in Sydney and lived with Nana for more than 20 years. That was the nature of Nana. The residence of the shop had 5 bedrooms.

When Nanna Ansell had a stroke in Inverell Nana brought her to Sydney to live and I loved the hours I spent with her. She would let me do her nails and brush her hair and when I finished she always gave me two shillings. The diamonds I have in my engagement ring were from Nanna's engagement ring.

My Grandmother after Grandfather passed away, moved into a Granny Flat with my parents but she found it hard with my mother so used to come to Howlong and stay with us for 6 week spells. At that time Col's dad also lived with us and the two of them being very close in age enjoyed each others company.

My Nana had a heart attack at Howlong and passed away with my 3 children and myself looking on which was very traumatic.

My Nana was a loving generous person who gave love to many and I still miss her today and my children still talk about Granny.

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## New South Wales Family History Conference 2020

Newcastle Family History Group are hosting this years conference, **Riding the Waves of History**, to be held 11 - 13th September 2020 at Wests, New Lambton. The Conference Committee are hoping that Covid-19 restrictions will be lifted by September so that the event can go ahead. Early bird registrations have been delayed until the end of May when they will have a better understanding of the Covid-19 situation in Australia. There will be 16 whole group presentations in the Starlight Auditorium as well as 21 Masterclasses from which you are able to choose.

As this conference is so close to home, it is a great opportunity to attend without having the extra cost of travelling a long distance and your accommodation. Of course you could also stay at Wests.

Program information will shortly be posted on their website. You can receive the updated Newsletters on <https://ridingthewavesofhistory.com.au/newsletters/>

Photo on front page courtesy of our local 'bush' poet and photographer Bob Bush.

### Stories I remember my mother, Violet May Blanch (nee Motum) telling me:- Delma Wark

Mother was born at Hawks Nest on 24<sup>th</sup> October 1905. She was the 3<sup>rd</sup> daughter born to Mary and Arthur Motum, in the family of 5 girls and 6 boys. When Mother was 6 months old the family moved to Tea Gardens. Mother told me how at Hawks Nest they had to be careful of wild pigs and how one day a wild pig got into the house and how her Mother had to rush to get Aunty Nellie out of her cradle on the floor. Growing up in a large family there was always something to do, they all had their chores. School was one small room with the Teacher teaching an age range of pupils. Mum enjoyed school and did well. One of her most valued possessions was her school certificate to "High School". Unfortunately, with large families that wasn't possible.

Mum later went on to work at Engels "Top Shop", General Store which was situated in the same block as the Police Station.

Mum loved sewing and taught herself to cut patterns and sew. She made the family clothes, romper suits for her younger brother 'Little' Arthur on her treadle Singer Sewing Machine, which I still have and is still working! She worked at the shop until her marriage to Mervyn (Jockey) Blanch from Bulahdelah. Mum and Dad owned a fruit shop where the "Hook and Cook" shop now stands. They also had "the shop" up at Mungo one year when the regatta was on and Mum told me of the (time!!) they had getting provisions and ice cream in the big green canvas bag up by boat – good times and nothing seemed too much trouble.

Mum's other love was cooking. She made the most wonderful sponges and won prizes. One prize was half a dozen teaspoons.

Memories from my sister, Esma about Mother

Dad took my sister, Esma down to visit Mum at Nurse Whiteman's Maternity Home in Hanbury Street, Mayfield. Because of the distance to travel from Tea Gardens, Mum was down there a week or so early awaiting my birth. Dad took some fish down, which the cook fried for lunch. Esma started to choke on a bone which caused a panic, and Mum went into labour.

There you go!! If my sister had not caused the panic, my birthday may have been on another day!!!!

Delma Wark – Esma Lambert



Delma's Grandmother Mary, Grandfather Herbert Arthur Motum (known as Arthur) and their children. Nellie between unknown lady and her mother Mary who is nursing son Herbert, May between Mary and father Arthur and Kate beside her father.

'Myall Villa' Tea Gardens, the family home of Herbert Arthur and Mary Motum



At our first zoom meeting several photos appeared on your scenes from my screen saver,

### The 'Pink Dress'

My aunty and uncles wedding.

As with all photos there is a story to tell regarding the bridal party members. Groom Robbie with two of his brothers Les and Bill and bride Georgie with her two sisters Glad (the other sister I have forgotten her name) and her father Mr Brown.

Go forward 70yrs to the bride and groom's 70th wedding anniversary held at their home in the Masonic Village at Cessnock in a very small unit. A small gathering of only 9.

Conversation with the old members was around the wedding with myself and my cousin Bette busy in the kitchenette trying to heat food while cousin-law Kerry is making cups of tea around us. My mother Nancy on the other side of the breakfast bar telling us to hurry up! Little to say there was a lot of laughter, chit chat between three of us working in an unfamiliar area.

After all were fed and had their cuppas, Bette and myself were standing opposite the four wedding party members (still living today) enjoying listening to the tales of the great day.

Bette commented "look they are seated in the same order as their wedding photo above", she asked "does anyone have a camera?", sadly the answer was "no". Just then Robbie helped Georgie to her feet, gave her, her walker and off she 'trotted' to the bedroom. A moment in time lost, no photo. Two of the group were in their mid-nineties and Glad was 97.

Having an aunty named Georgie and an uncle called Robbie was a bit confusing when I was younger as I thought Georgie was a male name.

Names are not always as they appear and can be confusing when you are researching; Robbie was Robert Cecil, Les was Leslie John, and Bill was Willie Davies (not William as I have discovered other researchers assume), Georgie was Georgina Francis Brown and Glad I am not sure. Nancy who always insisted her name was Anne was registered as Annie!

Just a bit of trivia regarding the photo.

Cheers Anne





## Some free and helpful research sites while we are all in lockdown.

Type the address into your 'search bar'

"Gould Genealogy Blog" [inquiries@gould.com.au](mailto:inquiries@gould.com.au) these notes taken from Gould's blog.

It is well worth subscribing to Gould (free) for updates and interesting information from Alona Tester.

Following on from April, where we were all self-distancing by staying at home as much as we can, and numerous genealogy organisations offered free access, or special offers, while to the COVID-19 lockdown is on. Well now it's May and many are continuing to do so, and in fact the list has grown since last month. Here's those that have been announced recently:

### Ancestry Library Edition

Many societies and libraries are offering at home use of the Ancestry Library Edition if you are a member. Check with your local genealogy societies and libraries to see if this is an option they offer. *Remember National Library have offered – previous email from TGHNFRG free to join. As yet we don't have any offers from MCC.*

### Ancestry.com US Records and Tutorials

Ancestry has collaborated with the U.S. National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) to offer temporary free access to almost 500 million historical records and images from the federal government. And we will continue providing free online tutorials and video courses to help people get started with family tree building. You will need to create an account (which is free), to get started. For more information.

### British History Online

The British History Online website has made ALL of its records free to access, including the Calendar of Close Rolls (1244 to 1509) and the Calendar of State Papers Domestic (1547 to 1704). This offer runs until 31 July 2020.

### Family History Daily

Family History Daily provides most of their content free, including hundreds of helpful articles to help you with your research. However, they also offer paid online courses for those who are looking for a more structured and detailed approach to learning. To help out genealogists who are stuck at home, they are offering "those who have lost their main source of income, either temporarily or permanently, or those who are essential workers in any field, you can register for the courses at no cost. Once registered, courses are permanently yours (including updates) and are available all year, even when registration is closed (25 May). If you qualify, simply email [help@familyhistorydaily.com](mailto:help@familyhistorydaily.com) to request a **100% off coupon** now. All readers who do not qualify for free courses can instead receive a **50% discount** until this date. To register for any course level at this reduced rate **use code help50** after selecting a course level on our [courses page](#)". This offer is valid until 25 May 2020.

### Free First Steps by TheGenealogist

Begin a lifetime of discovery with the FREE First Steps package. Free Genealogy Records are the ideal way to research your family tree and start the journey to find your ancestry.

The Free First Steps package includes:

- Complete Birth, Marriage & Death records index for England and Wales 1837-2005
- English & Welsh Census Records to see where ancestors were living in 1911
- TreeView, the online family tree builder
- Image Archive of churches, places and people from the past
- A high quality monthly digital magazine packed full of stories, case studies, social history articles and research advice

This First Steps package will give those beginning their journey on the compelling road to discovering their ancestors some excellent family history resources. No card details, no subscription, just completely free. You can get started here <https://www.thegenealogist.co.uk/first-steps/>

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### **Internet Genealogy Magazine**

With the COVID-19 situation, and with the majority of people being quarantined to their homes, we thought we would take this opportunity to offer you this FREE issue download of Internet Genealogy magazine so you would have something to add to your reading collection. There are no strings attached. [Click here](#) to download your FREE issue today.

### **Isle of Man Newspapers**

The museum are giving everyone FREE access to the Manx newspapers from 1792 to 1960 and other publications. You can find a full list of the newspapers and publications on their website [www.imuseum.im/newspapers/](http://www.imuseum.im/newspapers/). During the period of free access, there will be no need to subscribe or create a login account.

**Legacy Family Tree Webinars** wants to do its part to help genealogists across the world who are self-isolating at home right now. So they figured that genealogy class each day during the month will help as a diversion. This worked well in April, so they've decided to continue it throughout May as well. So each day they are unlocking one Legacy Family Tree webinar from the membership library to be available to watch for FREE. here's the schedule for the rest of April, so you know what's coming up... (remember the date/day is US time, so Australia is basically a day ahead). [Click here](#) to see what's free to watch today.

May 23 – Seven Steps to Manage Digital Files – Denise Levenick

May 24 – Quality, Time and Completion: Developing a Research Plan (Part One) by J. Mark Lowe

May 25 – Which Spot Does X Mark, Anyway? X-DNA Testing in Action by Debra Renard

May 26 – Jewish Genealogy for the Non-Jew: History, Migration, DNA by Schelly Dardashti

May 27 – Need a Fillable Form? Word Has Your Back! by Amie Bowser Tennant

May 28 – Effective Use of GENUKI: England's Largest Free Genealogy website by Paul Milner

May 29 – 1910 – 1940 Federal Censuses & State Censuses to Fill in the Gaps by Amie Bowser Tennant

May 30 – Microsoft Word Series – #1 Getting Started with Microsoft Word by Microsoft Word Series – #1 Getting Started with Microsoft Word by Thomas MacEntee

May 31 – Ten Tools for Genealogical Writing by Harold Henderson

### **London Topographical Society**

All the London Topographical Society's newsletters are now available to read for free. The archive dates back to 1975 and is packed with fascinating information about the history of London's buildings. **Ontario History Journal**

If your ancestors emigrated to Ontario, Canada, here's one for you. The Ontario Historical Society don't miss this opportunity to discover more about the province's history with free back issues of the 2005 to 2018 issues.

### **Society of One-Place Studies**

The Society for One-Place Studies are offering the latest issue of their quarterly journal, Destinations, free of charge to everyone – not just members.

more about how to access these records here

<https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/about/news/digital-downloads/>.

### **Irish Lives Remembered.**

Irish Family History Centre's free digital magazine Irish Lives Remembered is dedicated to helping you trace your Irish ancestors. See: <https://irishlivesremembered.ie/>

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**TROVE** - [trove.nla.gov.au](http://trove.nla.gov.au)

Since July 2019, [Trove](http://trove.nla.gov.au) has added over 2.5 million more newspaper scans to their collection, taking the current total to a whopping 227,321,619. That's right ... over 227 MILLION pages ... online ... and free for everyone. So what are you waiting for? There's millions of amazing stories just waiting to be discovered. A lot of new newspapers from WA.

WEBINARS are an excellent way to learn how to research certain areas and topics.

*Why not do some 'troving' to add to your knowledge. Free to join which allows you to correct any text.*

### **The National Archives (UK)**

TNA are making digital records available on their website free of charge for as long they are closed to visitors. Registered users will be able to order and download a maximum of 50 items over 30 days. The records available to download include:

- First and Second World War records, including medal index cards
- Military records, including unit war diaries
- Royal and Merchant Navy records, including Royal Marine service records
- Wills from the jurisdiction of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury
- Migration records, including aliens' registration cards and naturalisation case papers
- 20th century Cabinet Papers and Security Service files
- Domesday Book

Read more about how to access these records here <https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/about/news/digital-downloads/>.

STATE ARCHIVES <https://www.records.nsw.gov.au/archives/webinars>

State Archives and Records NSW has established a program of free webinars. Each webinar will focus on the wonderful resources of the State archives collection and how to access them. Live presentations will be delivered online and a library of recorded webinars that can be viewed anywhere, anytime will also be built up over time. Our program of free webinars focuses on the wonderful resources of the NSW State Archives collection and how to access them. All webinars are recorded and past webinars appear in the library so you can view them at a time convenient to you.

Register to 'attend' a live webinar on the link above and you'll receive an email with a link that you click on at the appointed time. Joining and participating is easy, if you are new to webinars have a look at the QuickStart tutorial. If you are having trouble registering, please contact us at [info@records.nsw.gov.au](mailto:info@records.nsw.gov.au).

#### **Mini webinar: What happened to Keyname Search?**

Date: Friday, 22 May 2020 10am - 11am

#### **Mini webinar: The 1828 Census**

Date: Friday, 29 May 2020 10am - 11am

#### **Mini webinar: Unassisted passenger lists online**

Date: Friday, 05 Jun 2020 10am - 11am

Plus more online.

<https://www.rahs.org.au/state-archives-webinar-program/>

**Wednesday 31 May, 10am-11am: Tracing NSW Convicts**

British Museum Makes 1.9 Million Images Available for Free

<https://www.ianvisits.co.uk/blog/2020/04/28/british-museum-makes-1-9-million-images-available-for-free/>

Children in Foster homes in Victoria. Ward of the State and Care leaver Records

<https://prov.vic.gov.au/.../adoption.../ward-state-and-care>

From State Archives: Archives Behind the Scenes—Deceased Estate files dating from 1880's—1950's.

<https://youtu.be/tqu1UoGVASY>

HAPPY RESEARCHING and remember if you are researching FMP through Taree Library, please **SIGN OUT!**