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Walter and Marion Griffin: life & work

Alasdair McGregor, trained architect, photographer, artist and author, spoke at our July meeting of his book *Grand Obsessions: the life and work of Walter Burley Griffin and Marion Mahony Griffin*. This definitive work has won this year's National Biography Award.

Walter Burley Griffin met Marion Mahony when both worked with Frank Lloyd Wright in Chicago. Marion, a graduate of MIT, was the first female architect licensed to practice, worldwide. She was highly regarded as a draughtsman and illustrator.

Griffin, 35 and Mahony, 40, married in 1911, when the international competition for the design of Canberra was under way. Walter's design, supported by Marion's drawings, won the competition in 1912.

The couple arrived in Australia in 1913 to consult on the design. Difficulties arose early between Griffin, appointed as part-time Federal Capital Director of Design and Construction, and the Design Review board of the Home Affairs Department of our infant Federal government. There followed 'seven years of struggle and slander'.

Griffin's final plan for Canberra was produced in 1918. By 1920 the Hughes government, keen to satisfy the constitutional requirement to establish the capital, decided Griffin was not up to the executive demands of his position and proposed he work under Sir John Sulman as Chair of the new Federal Capital Advisory Committee. Griffin published his reasons why he would not, and resigned, to continue in the private practice he and Marion had carried on since 1913.

Melbourne works included the Café Australia reconstruction, 1916; Newman College building, 1917; and Capitol House and Theatre, with its distinctive interior design.

Post-Canberra, Walter took up land at Castlecrag in Sydney. He designed subdivisions, and houses of stone and concrete to blend with the landscape he saw as the Harbour's last remaining natural waterfront. He and Marion lived there, and attracted the nucleus of artistic, idealistic residents who came to characterise that suburb.

There was also private domestic work in Melbourne and Sydney, and with partner Eric Nicholls, 12 municipal incinerators were built in eastern Australia.

In 1935 Griffin followed his design commissions to India, where Marion later joined him. He died in 1937 of peritonitis and is buried in India. He is commemorated by Lake Burley Griffin, though the final form of Canberra's lake was designed by others.

Helen Davies

Coming Meetings

Next General Meeting

Saturday 17 September 2.00 pm



Gregory Blaxell, author of "*The River—Sydney Cove to Parramatta*" will take us on a short journey covering the early history of the Homebush, Ermington, Brush Farm and Newington vicinities.

**Afternoon Tea will be available.
Visitors welcome.**

Next Family History Meeting

Saturday 3 September

- 11.00 am** Peter Kettle: "The Ryerson Index".
- 2.00 pm** **General Meeting**
Pauline Kettle: "Workhouses of England"

(see details of the Kettles on P. 6)

**Afternoon Tea will be available.
Visitors welcome.**

Talks program

Please help us by registering your interest: phone 9499 4568 or email khs@khs.org.au so we can cater for you with yummy refreshments.

All talks are in the Gordon Library meeting room, with cost (\$5) payable at the door.

Please note varying finish times.

Please support us so we can keep running these talks. Thanks to Ku-ring-gai Council for subsidising these.

RAHS Lands Research Workshop

Tuesday 30 August 2011, 10.30 am–2.00 pm

Assoc. Prof. Carol Liston (*Uni. of Western Sydney and RAHS Councillor*). The RAHS Lands Research Workshop covers using online resources to research a place in NSW. The workshop will look at the tools developed by NSW government agencies for maps and cadastral details (SIX and PIXEL) and for obtaining Torrens system land titles on line.

Cost (\$5) includes refreshments.

The Cornish and Cornish Research

Wednesday 31 August 2011, 10.30 am–1.00 pm

Julie Wheeler (*President of Southern Sons of Cornwall and OPC for Redruth*). Julie is coming all the way from the Nowra region to talk to us. Part 1: "Cornwall's History and its People" includes a summary of its history through the ages, prominent Cornish and Cornish Australians and a touch on its food, superstitions, myths and legends. Then Part 2: The great migration and how to research your Cornish ancestors.

Cost (\$5) includes refreshments.

Sahibs, Nabobs and Boxwallahs—Europeans in India, 1600–1947

Thursday 15 September 2011, 10.30 am–12.30 pm

Sylvia Murphy (*SAG Education Committee*). Part 1: An introduction to the millions of British and other Europeans who lived and worked in India and territories once controlled by the English East India Company, and from 1859, the British Raj. It aims to give a brief and broad sweep of the influence and power of the EIC from its roots in London, through South Asia, to the far East and South Pacific region including Australia. It introduces the listener to the many and varied occupations which provided employment, refuting any idea that all ancestors in India were in the Army! Part 2: A look at the nature of baptism, marriage and burial records and where to find these resources, with time for questions.

Cost (\$5) includes morning tea.

Familysearch.org

Friday 23 September 2011, 10.30 am–1.00 pm

Vicki Eldridge (*SAG VP and Convenor of the SAG Education Committee*)

Vicki will take you through the new configuration of familysearch.org. This free website at some time should be used by all researchers. It is now bigger and better than ever and this demonstration will look at the new features, searching, refining, and what more might be available.

Cost (\$5) includes morning tea.

Advance notice: Irish Day with Terry Eakin

Saturday 8 October, 10.30 am–4.00 pm

Booking sheet in rooms. \$30 includes morning and afternoon teas, light lunch, handouts and lucky door prize. More details next *Newsletter*. Enquiries to Jo Harris.

Special Interest Groups

German Research Interest Group

The first meeting of the German research special interest group was on Monday 8 August, with an amazing turn out of 28 people! Peter Stehn gave a presentation on some of his German research, as well as what resources are available in the KHS research rooms. Discussion was lively, with many ideas and links flying about.

The next meeting on **Monday 12 September** will involve a presentation of the basic geography of Germany and major historical events. This meeting will start at 1.00 pm with the presentation at 1.30 pm. We will compile a couple of lists at the meeting for interested people: 1. regions/cities of interest and 2. surnames of interest. This should stimulate more discussion as people find overlapping areas.

Thank you all for coming. It was great to see a number of new faces there too.

Mac Users Group

There will be no meeting in September as most of our members are either on holidays or going to the SAG Mac genealogy day on 24 September.

Our next meeting will be on **Thursday 13 October at 2.00 pm** in the research rooms. We thought we'd try a different day to see if that suited some who hadn't been able to come in the past.

Our meetings are informal and discussion is encouraged. If you have any specific questions, please email them in advance so they can be circulated to the group for answers (jackievb@optusnet.com.au).

No need to book, just turn up. Bring your laptop or iPad if you like.

We will look to form a **Cornish Special Interest Group** after the talk on 31 August. If you can't make the talk but are interested in such a group, please contact us.

There has also been interest expressed in forming a **Scottish** group, a **Scandinavian** group and a **London** group. Anyone interested in any of these? The options are endless. Groups don't have to be started by people who know a lot about a subject; sharing experiences is a really good way to learn. We can help you get started and will probably join in. Email jackievb@optusnet.com.au if you are interested. If there are enough, then we'll get something going.

Jackie van Bergen

Email notification of events

From time to time we have events happen at short notice. If you would like to be on an email distribution list used only for the purpose of notifying forthcoming events such as talks and tours, please email khs@khs.org.au so we can add your email address to the list.

You can unsubscribe from this list at any time.

Picturesque Picton



On a fine and sunny Tuesday, 26 July, members and friends had a day out in the Picton area. After descending through the hills into the valley of Stonequarry Creek, a tributary of the Nepean River, we reached the village of Picton, originally called Stonequarry. After restorative coffees, teas and toothsome treats, we were met by Judith Dunn of Past Times tours, our guide for the day.

Judith took us via Remembrance Highway to Razorback, the entry to the valley when the convict-built road over the range was opened, on the way regaling us with tales of exploration of the area, such as the discovery of 67 head of cattle which were descendents of cattle that escaped from the early settlement and led to naming the area Cowpastures.

Returning past the Razorback Inn, we visited the first land grant in the area, to Major Henry Colden Antill, which encompassed the site of the original Stonequarry (Picton) private village. At Antill Park Country Golf Club, where the 7th hole is the site of Antill's first dwelling, we visited the club house, which was his second—the inside has been radically altered. The original barn is the current Pro Shop.

The railway station and two-storey Stationmaster's House are well preserved, including the original metal verandah roof. The lamb's-tongue verandah roof features on many buildings in this area. The railway terminated here originally, so the nearby hotel was the Terminus Hotel. It was later bought by Colonel John Hay Goodlet, and converted to a home for consumptives. Eventually it reverted to the present-day Imperial Hotel. Wendower House and Shire Hall are among local examples of early colonial architecture.

The railway station is a distance from the town due to the terrain and the fact that the town already existed along the through road. Doubling back through the town we visited the 83 m long Railway Viaduct, an example of beautiful sandstone construction built 1863-7, which still carries the Sydney-Melbourne line. Lunchtime brought us to the 1839 George IV Inn. It still has a few original features such as some pressed metal ceilings; location of guest rooms, stables and barn may be original.

Our first afternoon call was the 1850 St Marks Anglican church, a small Edmond Blackett designed sandstone church in the Old Colonial Gothic Picturesque style (*photo*). It features an old pump organ, a graceful gallery and original wall lamps.

Leaving the village side of Picton, our coach passed under the rail line to the area covered by the second land grant and government development called Redbank, now suburban Picton Heights, and the location of the old railway Toll house,

another inn now private property, and an original Presbyterian church, to the wooden truss bridge which is single lane with vehicular height restrictions. Travelling past the Picton primary and high schools through commercial and farming areas, we soon reached the no-longer-small village of Tahmoor, then onto Couridjah, a tiny siding on the loop line, and Thirlmere, home of the large Rail Heritage Centre; and passing the large Queen Victoria Memorial Home, which was originally built to accommodate T.B. patients. Near Picton and overlooking the town is the steep Vault Hill, at the top of which is the burial site of H. Antill and several family members.

Back at Picton Park a little after 3.00 pm, Judith farewelled us and sent us off on our relaxing trip back home. Many thanks to the organizers!

Shirley Luttrell

Persons of interest: The ASIO Files Justice and Police Museum

There are secret ASIO files on an estimated 500,000 Australians. **Are you a person of interest?**

For more than 60 years the streets of Sydney have been home to mysterious and top-secret intelligence operations.

Persons of Interest lifts the lid on these operations for the first time. Examine the previously secret ASIO files of a selection of unlikely 'persons of interest' in minute and personal detail.

When: 18 June 2011–29 April 2012

Where: Justice & Police Museum Cnr Phillip & Albert Streets, Circular Quay. Open daily 9.30 am

Further information: http://www.hht.net.au/whats_on/exhibitions/exhibitions/persons_of_interest_the_asio_files

Recent acquisitions

The following is a selection from the Society's acquisitions this month.

- 'Arthur Lanyon Clark—An architect of churches in New South Wales' by Robert Evans, ISBN: 978 0 975733 6 2. Lanyon Clark's main professional work occurred in Sydney in the 1920s. In an obituary written about him, an associate included in his listing of Clark's outstanding work St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Hornsby 1920. The book has 40 pages with a number of illustrations of the churches that Clark designed (including West Ryde Baptist Church, 1928).
- 'Front pages that shaped Australia—100 of the nation's most influential cover stories and newspaper headlines, from 1629 to 2009' by Stephen Gapps, ISBN: 978 1741964660, with over 350 pages. If you want to get an idea of significant events in a time period, this can be a quick reference.

Bruce Robinson

Quiz answers (see p. 8 for Questions)

1. (c) The National Trust of Australia
2. (b) 85 square kilometres or 8500 hectares
3. (b) Robert Francis Pockley
4. (a) The First Ku-ring-gai Shire President
5. (d) North Wahroonga

Earth, wind and fire ***– Ku-ring-gai in December 1944***

The massive dust-storm that engulfed much of Sydney on September 23 2009 was a most unusual, although not unprecedented event. Towards the end of the notoriously dry year of 1944, a similar storm took place, accompanied by high winds, hot temperatures and disastrous bushfires.

All this impacted on Ku-ring-gai, particularly at St. Ives, where fires cut a swathe to the west of Hassall Park on Saturday 9 December, burning down a house in Palm Street.

These events were reported in *The Argus* the next day.
DUST STORMS AND FIRES IN NSW

SYDNEY, Sun 10th December 1944

Dense dust storms, accompanied by high temperatures, raged over most of New South Wales at the weekend. Bush fires in the Blue Mountains destroyed seven cottages, a dairy, a store, look-outs, and kiosks. Nineteen houses were destroyed in the Richmond district and four near Gosford.

Sydney was swept by a violent westerly gale. The maximum wind velocity recorded at the Weather Bureau was 63 mph, but one gust at Richmond reached 76 mph. The maximum temperature in Sydney today was 91 deg, compared with 91.5 deg yesterday. Clouds of dust carried by the wind from inland districts almost blotted out the sun at times.

Metropolitan fire brigades answered more than 150 calls. The task of extinguishing outbreaks was made more difficult by the gale.

Forty crippled children were evacuated from the Margaret Reid Orthopaedic Hospital, St Ives, today, when bush fires threatened houses near by.

They were taken in cars, ambulances, and service trucks to the Pymble Presbyterian Church hall.

Fires burnt all the afternoon on a broad sweep west of the Hassall Park area at St Ives. Mr W. T. Calley's home was the only one destroyed. Houses in Pittwater Rd north of the park were threatened, and soldiers removed furniture to the roadside.

Some further details were reported the next day in the *Sydney Morning Herald* in a caption depicting a press photograph of the event:

FIRES BREAK OUT in City, Suburbs and Mountains

Top left: Mr. W.T. Calley, of Palm Street, St. Ives, whose home was destroyed by fire yesterday. He was burnt out by bushfires on an earlier occasion at Terrey Hills. A member of the Merchant Navy, he was in the Niagara when it was mined off the New Zealand coast.

The Mr. T. Calley described in the two articles evidently had a particularly tough life. As well as losing two homes in the area to bushfires, he was on the crew of *RMS Niagara* when it struck a mine laid by the German auxiliary cruiser *Orion* just out of Auckland, in June 1940. The vessel sank but no lives were lost.

Richard Whitaker

Gordon in 1854 ***Much more of our history is waiting to be discovered...***

The National Library's digitisation project means that we can now read thousands of pages of early newspapers free of charge through the internet. Random "searching" can uncover huge amounts of information about the past that until now has been sitting unseen. John Brown, the Society's 2003 Historian of the Year, has found us an article in the *Sydney Morning Herald* of Saturday 2 December, 1854. It not only describes life in Ku-ring-gai 150 years ago, but also reminds us that urban violence and hooliganism are not recent inventions.

The following is an abridged copy. Members can find the full version on the NLA website or can contact the Society for a copy.

It should be mentioned that back in those days most of the northern side of the harbour was known as "Lane Cove". The inlet mentioned was the Lane Cove River, and its "head" the vicinity of De Burghs Bridge. Beyond this, there are a number of other references, not reproduced here, which would be a challenge for a modern historian to give meaning to.

The article, abbreviated, reads:

There is an inlet of Sydney harbour called Lane Cove. It extends about ten miles from the shore opposite Cockatoo Island into the country. At about half a mile from its head is a straggling small village called also Lane Cove. The inhabitants of this village and its neighbourhood, amount to between four and five hundred. We believe it is in the parish of Gordon. The inhabitants, generally, are in the middle station of Colonial life; some are in professional employment; others are sawyers and timber merchants, and tradesmen of various kinds. Some cultivate the land, and grow plentiful supplies of fruit and grain. Others are mere squatters in the bush, and live as they can. But the mass of the people are well off and some are, by good buildings, improving the aspect of their village. There are two inns in the village, in which there is a very extensive trade carried on in the sale of liquor.

Unfortunately these Gordonites are distinguished by blots on their reputation. Some of this suburban Paradise in the gum woods have enrolled themselves into a club, in other words into a gang of depredators. Some years ago their chief adventures were daubing their neighbours' houses and fences with filth, shaving the tails and manes of horses; throwing stones at houses; breaking windows; and scaring the inmates. It is said this gang are about the bush at all hours of the night; they often go armed; that cattle are shot by them; that people are so alarmed they refuse to take notice of these proceedings lest worse mischief should happen to themselves.

A new schoolmaster saw certain individuals engaged in stealing timber from the land on which the school stands. As in duty bound, he reported this. In addition to the stone throwing, bell ringing and other tom-foolery,

the gang have selected him to try their hand at murder. At about two o'clock on Monday morning 20th instant, one informant says five, another says three of the gang came across the road and standing close to the school fence, deliberately fired together three or more large pistol bullets right through the house and over the bed in which the schoolmaster was asleep.

The matter has been submitted to the Police authorities but we have not heard with what success. If all this be true, surely something ought to be done to punish and prevent such abominable proceedings.

Further probing of later copies of the Herald may discover if the miscreants were brought to heel.

Max Farley

Company confusion

It is little wonder there is confusion between *firms* and *companies*. Firm names often include the word 'Company' or its abbreviations, while company names frequently do not. It is hoped the following non-legalistic explanation will help members researching State Records and be of general interest.

Firms

'Firms' is synonymous with 'partnerships'. A partnership is the relationship which exists between persons carrying on business in common with a view to profit. A partnership is not a distinct legal entity. It cannot sue or be sued. Partners act jointly and have joint liability for debts of the partnership. Because partnerships are not distinct legal entities, legal action by or against a partnership must be in the names of all the individual partners. Confusion occurs because it is natural to think of a business as a tangible entity. However, the words 'carrying on' indicate that a business is best regarded as an operation.

The reason the word 'firms' is used here is to introduce the Registration of Firms Act 1902 which specifically excluded companies. If partners were carrying on business other than under their full or usual names, they had to register that name. The same was required of an individual although a sole trader is not a firm. Thus John Smith who added 'and Co' to his name, probably to imply other proprietors, had to register 'John Smith and Co'. If he was the first to register that name, he was protected against others who might want to use it. The public could look behind the registered name by paying one shilling to inspect the register of names kept by the Registrar-General. The particulars registered were the full names, residential addresses and other occupations of all proprietors, and the nature and place of business. State Records has placed online the index of 28 volumes containing registered names from 1903 to 1922 (Series 12961). However, the index omits the residential addresses or other occupations. It can be accessed on the State Records home page - Indexes Online and is the only item under F.

The law was updated every 30 years or so until the present Business Names Act of 2002. Adding to the confusion of historians, the 1934 Act enabled corporations to register business names, either solely or in partnership with others. That Act prohibited names implying any connection with royalty, empire, Commonwealth, banking

or savings institutions. Also prohibited were names deemed 'unacceptable' as implying a connection with gambling, fortune-telling, astrology and marriage agency. The Act belatedly prohibited 'Limited' or its abbreviation as the last word in business name. A later Act widened the scope for prohibition to 'undesirable' names.

Companies

A company is an association of individuals incorporated as a body for a particular purpose, most usually for business. It is a separate legal entity distinct from the members. Unlike partners, the members of a company have no relationship with each other. Their relationship is only with the company.

The concept of incorporation dates at least from medieval times and came into greater use during the 16th century when the monarch granted charters to companies of merchant adventurers to exploit monopolies of overseas trade. A notable example was the East India Company. Companies are separate legal entities that have an unlimited life and generally have the same powers as individuals. Before 1844 in England, and 1874 in New South Wales, companies could be incorporated only by royal charter or by act of parliament. For example, the Bank of New South Wales was incorporated when Governor Macquarie granted a charter in 1817.

New South Wales lagged behind the four younger colonies until it introduced the Companies Act of 1874 based on the United Kingdom model. Companies could thenceforth be incorporated by registering under the Act. Company law has vastly evolved to the current legislation, the Commonwealth Corporations Act 2001.

In general terms the distinguishing features of companies are:

- they are legal entities distinct from their members;
- their members are not liable for the debts of the company;
- they endure until wound up;
- the liability of shareholders to the company is limited. This means, in practice, they cannot be required to subscribe further capital to the company.
- shares are freely transferable.

Except in the case of companies limited by guarantee, such as most clubs, the distinguishing word in the company's name is 'Limited' or its abbreviation 'Ltd'. After 1936 New South Wales companies could be registered or converted to proprietary (private) companies which must include 'Proprietary' or 'Pty' as the penultimate word of their name. They are popular with small business and membership is frequently limited to one family. Their shares may not be freely transferable and they cannot raise capital from the public. Note the previous name of the public company BHP-Billiton Ltd was The Broken Hill Proprietary Company Ltd.

The quid pro quo for the advantages of incorporation is transparency through information which has to be disclosed in registers open to public inspection. The requirements for private companies have always been less onerous than for public companies. Unfortunately, no company indexes are available online. The State Records series are in the ranges 12949-12960 and 12971-2. The title and date range of any series may be viewed in Archives Investigator - Advanced Search - Record Series - Series Number.

Allan Rost

FAMILY MATTERS

August Family History Meeting

22 attended when Jo Harris led the morning session on “Let’s talk about Cemeteries”. Many sites are on the KHS Intranet and Google. There are interesting and different ways of finding information—the contributors can give important and useful information which can lead to amazing details. Some sites can show Headstones. One Orange women’s headstone listed 8 adjectives of ‘perfection’, with the final line stating “*She was Not*”. Check who may be in adjoining graves, this could show many members of the same family. See if there are books by Funeral Directors, such as Wood Coffill. A handout was given of the Cemetery resources on the “Intranet”. Unfortunately Northern Suburbs Crematorium is not online.

Jo advised that the Jewish Historical Society meets on the 1st Sunday each month at the Lindfield Synagogue in Tryon Rd.

2.00 pm Session

Jo Harris welcomed the 40+ attendees.

On this day, Wednesday 6 August 1788: south-west winds, with rain, and the temperature 56°F (13.3°C). This was all the information for this day from John Cobley’s book.

Two hundred years ago the estimated population of NSW was 10,287. In 1811 the foundation stone for the Rum Hospital was laid by Governor Macquarie, and John Lewin opened a painting academy in Sydney.

4 members will attend the Annual State Conference of the NSW & ACT Association of Family History Societies Inc, which is to be held at Inverell from Friday 16 to Sunday 18 September.

Websites: Burial and Cremation records: 9125 more records have been added from North Scotland to South Devon: www.deceasedonline.com

Guild of One-Name Studies: www.one-name.org/nzfhf-offer.html/

Militia service records added to *findmypast*: www.findmypast.co.uk

Black Sea German Research: www.blackseagr.org/

Ancient Irish Proper Names: www.libraryireland.com/pedigrees1/pedigrees1ProperNames.php

Other websites included a Welsh timeline from North Wales, Current value of old money, English Counties, Parishes, etc. for Genealogists, Finland, International Black Sheep Society, Scotland’s Family and more.

Books, visits etc. Shirley Morley recommended “Empty Cradles” (from 1788) by David Hill. Jo showed “Time Line—History of the World”, a chronology of key events and people who have helped shape the world, from the big bang to 2007 (in 1812 Australia was at war with America); “Free Passage”, the Reunion of Irish Convicts and their families in Australia 1788-1853 by Perry McIntyre.

Percy Bergin visited Frances Peat’s Grave, 1840, with Tom Richmond from Hornsby Advocate. Elaine Turnidge visited Gloucester and nearby Copeland. Jo and Yvette Reeve went to Liverpool Genealogical Society Seminar 2011. It included interesting presenters: Lindsay Allen from State Records, Angela Phippen from Ryde Library Local Studies, Ray Garland (who worked at Land Titles for 40 years), and Brian French, a Freemasonry Historian. Sue Ryerson visited Woodford Academy with its interesting paraphernalia from last century.

General Business: Jenny Joyce had a wonderful Eureka moment—found information and photos of her husband’s ancestors and other family members in English PO Employment records.

Transport: Jo reminded members to ask for assistance, or offer transport to anyone who may have difficulties in getting to or from meetings— please advise her.

In closing the meeting Jo thanked the FHG Committee, Jill Nicholson and helpers for the preparation of afternoon tea, and all who help make this Group such a happy one.

Speaker: Jo introduced Keith McGrath. Keith has been involved in the photographic industry for 44 years. Keith now 82, works 6 days a week, came from Melbourne, went overseas, met his Dutch wife and married in Holland, and worked in India for several years. He came to Sydney 25 years ago—150 photographers worked for him (“Now & Then Photo Company”)—took photos at functions, then returned to sell photos at the end of the function. Keith showed many examples of photos blending several generations into one photo using Photoshop. Large blended photos can cost \$300-400 depending on work involved; names and dates can be included if required. Jenny Joyce gave the vote of thanks and presented Keith with a gift.

The Raffle was won by Janet Denne who chose “The Squatters”, an illustrated history of Australian pastoral pioneers, by Geoffrey Dutton.

Based on notes by Elaine Turnidge

Our September FH speakers

Peter Kettle

Peter has been a long time member of the Sydney Dead Person’s Society, prior to the beginnings of the Ryerson Index in October 1998. Once the Index became established, a Committee was formed and he became Vice President of the RI with John Graham at the helm as President. Peter took over from John Graham as coordinator of the DPS in Sydney when John moved to Queensland and meetings now take place at Mowll Village.

Peter was born in London and lived in North Middlesex until 1961. He came to Australia in 1968 with his wife and children. Peter’s interest in family history has been long standing and he was fortunate enough to acquire an original notebook written in 1805 by an ancestor, who in turn wrote about his ancestors in Gloucestershire and London. This has led down many avenues covering a great number of main

lines, branches and twigs. He is also a member of the Society of Australian Genealogists.

Pauline Kettle

Pauline was born in North Middlesex and lived there until 1961. She left England for Australia with Peter and family in 1968. She and her husband have had a shared interest in genealogy for many years. Like her husband she is a member of the Sydney DPS and is very involved with that group as well as being Secretary of the Ryerson Index.

Pauline is a member of the Society of Australian Genealogists and has been for many years. She has been tracing her ancestors since 1984, most of whom come from the greater London area. She has a great interest in the social background of her ancestors, some of whom were Huguenots in London and New Orleans. She has for a number of years been coordinator of the *English Research Interest Group* at SAG, presenting many talks relating to English research.

Recent addition for researchers

The Queensland State Archives indexes their holdings and publishes those indexes online. Copies of individual entries can be ordered. Indexes include: immigration, indigenous, lands, probate and other, which includes hospital & health records, divorces, inquests, naturalisations, teachers, prisoners and civil servants indexes.

Recent additions are indexes to Wills from 1857–1935. See <http://www.archives.qld.gov.au/research/indexes.asp>

SAG special offer while SLNSW closed

The State Library of NSW is closed for the first stage of its renovations until Sunday 18 September. During this time there is no access to the State Library collections, including the Family History section. The Mitchell Library wing remains open and will offer its usual service during this time.

This is a great opportunity to explore the collections of the *Society of Australian Genealogists*, located at Level 2, 379 Kent Street Sydney (between King and Market Streets), open from 10 am to 4 pm on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday each week. We have access to all the main 'pay to view' websites like *FindMyPast UK*, *Ancestry* (Library edition), *FindMyPast Australia*, *Origins*, Genealogist.co.uk and National Archives UK Documents service. We're a specialised family history collection and so can help you with both Australian and overseas resources. Plus we have volunteers on hand to give advice and help you break down those brick walls!

During this six week closure you can visit the SAG on a daily basis for \$20 per day (no need to book). And if you'd like to become a member so that you can enjoy our library collections on a permanent basis, and get all our other member benefits, we're waiving the \$20 joining fee until 18 September.

So why not come along and visit? We look forward to welcoming you to SAG!

BUILT HERITAGE

East Roseville Methodist Church

One of my companions at SAG on Fridays is Lillyan McDonald, a former councillor and a research officer for both SAG and the Uniting



Church Archives. Recently she told me about the Rev Robert Evans' book *Arthur Lanyon Clark, an architect of churches in New South Wales*.

Born in Melbourne in 1883, Clark came to Sydney in 1914, working first for architect Herbert E Ross then opening his own practice. He and his wife Leila lived in Duntroon Avenue, Roseville before moving to Mosman.

Some of his first projects in Sydney were bungalows in Roseville and Lindfield. All I know of these, from tender notices appearing in various construction journals, is that they were in Lord, Napier and Norwood Streets, Wolseley and Middle Harbour Roads, but at least three, possibly four, were built in my own street, Bromborough Road, Roseville. Sadly, the lack of further details means I can't identify which.

One project is Clark's proposed design for a Methodist Church in East Roseville. Whether the building that was erected near the corner of Moore and Boundary streets in 1920 is his design is another question. It's very different from his more traditional designs, such as St Andrew's Presbyterian Church at Hornsby (1921) and Willoughby Methodist School Hall (1922). Clark also submitted a design in the mid 1930s for the new Roseville Methodist Church in Lord Street, but William Slade's design was selected by the trustees.

The Moore Street site was purchased in late 1920, subject to the provisions of the Methodist Model Deed. Purchasers were Messrs Macourt, Tebbutt, Hough, Raggatt, Jelbart and Pollock. George Hough, who had lived in Lord Street from about 1899, laid the foundation stone on 4 December 1920.

The East Roseville church was extended in July 1965 when the Peace Memorial Chapel was built on its Boundary Street side. The whole complex is now used by the Christian Assembly of Sydney. This movement, also known as The Little Flock, was founded in China in 1922 by Watchman Nee, probably the most influential Protestant preacher in China in the early 20th C. The movement was persecuted in the 1950s by the Communist Party. Nee was arrested and died in a labour camp in 1972. Miraculously the movement survived.

Arthur Lanyon Clark's practice declined during the Depression but did recover. In 1940, together with his associate George Hann, he provided designs for the book *Fifty Modern Homes*, published by *Building* with a foreword by Florence M Taylor. The book—of photographs, perspectives and plans for houses that today would be regarded as contemporary—was intended “to show the trend here and abroad and to demonstrate that modern buildings can be interesting and even beautiful”.

Kathie Rieth

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THE FIRST DIRECT WIRELESS MESSAGE UK TO AUSTRALIA – WALES TO WAHROONGA 22 SEPTEMBER 1918

The Historical Society will be commemorating this historic event at the monument, cnr of Cleveland & Stuart Streets on Thursday 22 September 2011. If any members would like to assist with handing out leaflets 9.00 am – 4.00 pm please contact Jo Harris.

New Members

We extend a warm welcome to members who have recently joined the Society.

John Arrowsmith	St Ives
Joan & Daniel Curtin	Pymble
David & Dawn Moore	Lindfield
Ann Moore	Turrumurra

We hope you find your membership rewarding, and look forward to your participation in our activities.

Quiz (answers p. 3)

- Annie Forsyth Wyatt formed? a) The Girl Guides of Australia; b) The Red Cross of Australia; c) The National Trust of Australia; d) The R.S.P.C.A. of Australia.
- Ku-ring-gai covers approximately how many square kilometres? a) 75; b) 85; c) 95; d) 105.
- Who was the harbourmaster at the time of the Dunbar Disaster? a) Robert Taylor; b) Robert Pockley; c) Robert Menzies; d) Robert Louis Stevenson.
- William Cowan became? a) The first Ku-ring-gai Shire President; b) The first owner of the Green Gate Hotel; c) The first Inspector of Nuisances; d) The first headmaster of Knox Grammar.
- Where in Ku-ring-gai would I find signposts with Barton, Curtin, Holt and Fadden? a) West Lindfield; b) East Killara; c) South Turrumurra; d) North Wahroonga.

Research Centre Hours

The Society's Research Centre is at 799 Pacific Highway, Gordon, adjacent to the Ku-ring-gai Library.

The Centre is open to the public from 10.00 am to 2.00 pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday (except the 1st Saturday of each month when members have a meeting). It is closed over the Christmas period and on public holidays.

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- Sat 3 Sept Family History Meeting**
11.00 am Peter Kettle: "The Ryerson Index".
2.00 pm General Meeting
 Pauline Kettle: "Workhouses of England".
- Sat 17 Sept 2.00 pm Society General Meeting**
 "The Parramatta River"
 Gregory Blaxell, author of "Sydney Cove to Parramatta".
- Sat 1 Oct Family History Meeting**
11.00 am Q & A - Problem sorting session.
2.00 pm General Meeting
 "Freemasonry in Ku-ring-gai"
 Speaker Don Davis.
- Sat 15 Oct 2.00 pm Society General Meeting**
 "Joseph Fowles' Sydney"
 Our speaker Mark Dunn is a professional historian and researcher of Sydney's urban history.

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