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## NEWSLETTER

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We are sorry to hear when members are ill or hospitalised. Unfortunately, Julie Galpern has been in hospital suffering from problems with her lungs recently. However, she is now back home recovering. We wish Julie a speedy recovery.

**Thank you to all who contributed to the 100's Club this year.** A special thanks to Helen Fatouros who although she was very unwell earlier this year, took on the role of organiser for this event. Thanks to the volunteers who were involved in distributing the tickets. Thanks to everyone also who bought tickets.

**Below is the complete list of 100s club winners:**



- Week 1: Shirley Harper
- Week 2: Jason Ashmore
- Week 3: Lindsay Harden
- Week 4: Kerry Crotty
- Week 5: Dawn McCamley
- Week 6: Jean and Debra McDonald
- Week 7: Denise O'Connor
- Week 8: John Bevan
- Week 9: Tom Regan
- Week 10: Barbara Chapman

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Thank you to everyone who has renewed his/her membership. We are hoping to resume at the Coast Centre as soon as possible when the state government and the centre allow us to. Membership can be renewed by cheque (made out to Cape Banks FHS Inc.) via post or by our preferred option using Direct Deposit with details as follows: **Bank:** Commonwealth Bank, **BSB:** 062198, **Account Number:** 00906869. When paying by direct deposit to CB bank account please use your name or Cape Banks membership number if known as a reference to identification.

Our journal Kith and Kin is published three times a year. A few people regularly contribute. It has recently been suggested by an advisor from outside our society, that we have a broader range of people presenting reports and stories. As we are all interested in family history, we all have stories to tell. If you think that you could help here, please do not hesitate to send to our editor, Lindsay Harden any submissions. Lindsay's email address is: [linzofcoogee@gmail.com](mailto:linzofcoogee@gmail.com)

### 1921 UK Census

The Scottish records were originally expected to be published in the summer of 2021, before the release of the records of the 1921 census for England and Wales, which will be made available on Findmypast ([findmypast.co.uk](http://findmypast.co.uk)) in early 2022. Later it was hoped that the Scottish census would come out towards the end of 2021.

However, the **ScotlandsPeople Centre** in Edinburgh has now indicated the census will be released in the second half of 2022.

Source: *Who Do You Think You Are?* – August 2021

### **Discussion Group: A story behind a photograph**

Is there a photograph that reminds you of a family event or story? Who is in the photograph? Where was it taken? When was it taken? And what is the story?

You may not be able to answer all these questions, but “have a go”. If possible, add a copy of the photo to the story. Please submit your story by Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2021. This may change if we can hold the Discussion Group meeting at the Coast Centre on that day.



**The New South Wales and ACT Family History Society’s conference** was held on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

All who viewed the Conference over Zoom were very happy with the event. The general agreement was much appreciation for all those involved in the presentation and facilitation of the conference. It was great value for money.

Below are some of the comments from Cape Banks viewers.

- “I thought the whole set-up of the online conference was amazing.”
- “I think that the presenters all had something to contribute.”
- “I found Clive Smith’s research into the 1st convicts in Port Macquarie was excellent.”
- “I also enjoyed Michele Patient’s story of finding Little Grannie - great research.”
- “Cate Pearce I enjoyed and Martyn Killion always good value. Learnt some pointers from Jason Reeve (Ancestry)”
- “My thanks too to Dianne, Eric & Lee for all the work getting the Conference into our living rooms. Port Macquarie people should be very happy with the way it went. It was very informative for one who has only just started. I especially liked the session on the ethical questions that ancestry searching can raise.”
- “Well, I must say the whole concept was very good and well organised”
- “I would like future conferences to be on Zoom as that way people who are elderly, can see the wonderful presentations without having to travel.”



At this stage we are postponing our bus tours until next year....as you would expect!

However, the Writer’s Group is operating via Zoom. Please contact Lindsay Harden [linzofcoogee@gmail.com](mailto:linzofcoogee@gmail.com) if interested.

### **NSW State Archives & Records - Reading Room re-opening**

As part of the overall relaxing of COVID-19 restrictions, we are intending to re-open our Reading Room at the Western Sydney Records Centre effective from Tuesday 19 October.

While we are fine-tuning details now, arrangements for visiting our site will largely be the same as when we opened up after the last lockdown including an appointment system, wearing of masks etc.

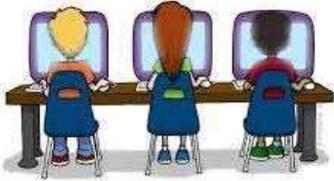
The key difference will be that all visitors will need to be fully vaccinated (or have a medical exemption) and will need to show proof of compliance with this requirement.

We will provide further details on our website next week and will be taking bookings for Reading Room visits from Monday 11 October.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming you back!

*Source: NSW State Archives eNewsletter - ISSUE 108 September 2021*

## Websites:



### Canada:

- A national census of Canada was taken every 10 years from 1851, originally to determine parliamentary representation based on population numbers. The returns up to, and including, 1921 can be searched, for free, on the brilliant **Library and Archives Canada** website at <https://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/census/Pages/census.aspx>

The census indexes and transcriptions (not the actual images) can also be viewed for free on the website **FamilySearch** (familysearch.org). Also, **Ancestry** has the 1906 and 1916 censuses available to Worldwide subscribers, accessible via

[https://www.ancestry.co.uk/search/places/canada/?category=35&pg=1&related=true&tkn=ull](https://www.ancestry.co.uk/search/places/canada/?category=35&pg=1&related=true&tkn=null)

*Source: Who Do You Think You Are? – August 2021*

### India:

- **Dutch East India Crew Index 1633 – 1795:** Ancestry also has the records of the **Dutch East India's Crew Index** for 1633 to 1795 available. Whilst not as detailed as the British East India Company's records and focusing more on arrivals and departures, rather than on the lives of employees as the EIC records do, they are nonetheless an impressive index that can help locate when precisely your ancestor entered or left India during the early part of European occupation.
- **Birth, Death & Marriages:** FindMyPast has similar Birth, Marriage and Death collection sets to Ancestry but with one crucial asset – if you use FindMyPast you'll be able to access images of the original document which can be valuable to find out more about your ancestors.

Births, marriages & deaths – with original images - <https://www.findmypast.co.uk/>

British India Office Births & Baptisms – <https://search.findmypast.co.uk/search-worldrecords/british-india-office-birthsand-baptisms>

British India Office Marriages – <https://search.findmypast.co.uk/search-worldrecords/british-indiaoffice-marriages>

British India Office Deaths & Burials – <https://search.findmypast.co.uk/search-worldrecords/britishindia-office-deaths-and-burials>

- **East India Company records:** Alongside the BMD records are several other impressive collections relating to India, most notably the records of the **East India Company** and the

**India Office** from 1746 to 1939. What is particularly notable about the East India Company's records is not simply the scale of them but also the detail of the records. This is because throughout its history the **East India Company** and its successor the **India Office** employed thousands of people and as such will help many people research their family history in India.

Registers of Employees of the East India Company and the India Office, 1746-1939 - <https://www.ancestry.co.uk/search/collections/61468/>

- **India Office wills:** The other most valuable set of records FindMyPast has is a set of wills from the **India Office** dating from the 1700s right up to the 1930s. The **British India Office Wills & Probate Collection** 1749-1947 is, therefore, an invaluable collection for any family researcher. Whilst it is unfortunate that FindMyPast hasn't provided transcriptions for many of the wills that have spidery handwriting, through deciphering the wills you can help further build up your family tree and also find out the exact amount of money owed and left as well.

British India Office Wills & Probate Collection 1749 – 1947 -

<https://search.findmypast.co.uk/search-world-records/british-indiaoffice-wills-and-probate>

- **Families in British India Society:** The **Families in British India Society**, or **FIBIS**, is one of the best resources on the internet for those researching their family tree in India. You can search the majority of the **FIBIS** archive for free without having to pay for the privilege. **FIBIS'** records contain similar information to FindMyPast and Ancestry, but they also have more niche collections as well such as the Agra Fort Census of July 1857, taken during the Indian Mutiny of that year, and the **Register of Bombay Army European Soldiers** from 1793 to 1839. These types of record sets are particularly unique to India and as such are particularly valuable in helping to pinpoint your ancestor at precise moments, such as during the Indian Mutiny, or when they joined the Army and where.

The Families in British India Society: <https://www.fibis.org/>

*Source: Family Tree UK – September 2021*