



# The Ghost

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Website: www.cdfhs.org.au

## Campbelltown District Family History Society

ABN 88 944 738 687

Meetings held on the First Saturday of each month (except January)

Place: In the Meeting Room, Campbelltown Library.

Time: 1.30 pm

ALL WELCOME

Annual Membership Subscriptions:  
Single.....\$20  
Couple.....\$30  
Name Badges..\$8 ea

Campbelltown District FHS Inc Meetings and Events

**May, 2017**  
Saturday 29th April.  
Speaker: Dennis Allsopp.  
Topic: New Software.

**June, 2017**  
Saturday 3rd June.  
Speaker: Andrew Allen.  
Topic: Lost Buildings of Campbelltown.

**July, 2017**  
Saturday 1st July.  
Speaker: Peter O'Brien.  
Topic: Finding Family with DNA.

## Denise's Social Column

This will be a very short report, I believe that Heather Garnsey's talk on Caroline's Diary was very good. I am sorry I missed it.



Our next big event will be the SEMINAR on the 20th May at the Catholic Club. This will be a great day.

*Denise Baxter*  
Social Secretary.  
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## Seminar 2017

### "Examining the Past"

Campbelltown District Family History Society will be holding a Seminar on **Saturday 20th May 2017**. This will be from 10am to around 4pm.  
Registration: 9.30am.

Speakers: Gail Davis from State Records, Prof Michael Gillings from Macquarie University and Danielle Lautrec from SAG.

This will be held at the Campbelltown Catholic Club. Cost \$35 each.

<https://www.cdfhs.org.au/index.php/contact-us/seminar-2017>

Please set aside this date.

To book: Contact - [social@cdfhs.org.au](mailto:social@cdfhs.org.au) or 4625 8612.

**Bookings Essential**

## CDFHS Website Update

Our website has been upgraded. Initially, you will see a reduced number of items on the website. However, it will expand as we bring back most of the items from our previous website, plus some new items.

Some new items on our website:

\* Member's Library  
<https://www.cdfhs.org.au/index.php/contact-us/members-library>

\* Cemetery Records – being updated.  
<https://www.cdfhs.org.au/index.php/other-content/campbelltown-library-resources/cemetery-records>

Please watch out for the changes and forward any comments on these to our webmaster: [webmaster@cdfhs.org.au](mailto:webmaster@cdfhs.org.au)

Our website is: <https://www.cdfhs.org.au/>

## Campbelltown and Airds Historical Society

### The Campbelltown Heritage Writing Challenge

[http://www.cahs.com.au/campbelltown\\_heritage\\_writing.html](http://www.cahs.com.au/campbelltown_heritage_writing.html)

Theme: "Why is preserving our Campbelltown heritage relevant today"?

Closing date: Friday 14th July 2017

## Ghostbuster Magazine

Next topic: "My DNA Research".

Closing date for submissions : 31st May 2017.

## Campbelltown and Airds Historical Society

**Saturday 27th May 2017.**

Members Meeting. Time: 1.30 pm.

At Glenalvon.

Speaker: Denys Cato.

Topic: "China".

Afternoon Tea will be provided.

## New and Updated Ancestry.com Databases

Following is a list of databases included or updated onto Ancestry.com over the last month, available at the Campbelltown Library. 32,870 databases in total.

- \* South Africa, Miscellaneous Court Records Index, 1652-2004, 2008-2011; Convict, Criminal, Land & Wills. [213,803 records].
- \* UK, Military Discharge Indexes, 1920-1971; Military. [371,716 records].
- \* New South Wales, Australia, St Peters Cooks River Select Births, Marriages and Burials, 1839-1963: Birth, Marriage & Death. [68,460 records].
- \* Caribbean, English Settlers in Barbados, 1637-1800; Birth, Marriage & Death. [175,178 records].
- \* London, England, Metropolitan Police Pension Registers, 1852-1932; Schools, Directories & Church Histories. [68,589 records].
- \* U.S., Army Transport Service, Passenger Lists, 1910-1939; Military. [8,450,248 records].
- \* American Soldiers of World War I; Military. [89,332 records].
- \* Reports of Deaths of American Citizens Abroad, 1835-1974; Birth, Marriage & Death. [213,881 records].
- \* U.S., Compiled Records From Various Societies, 1875-2010; Stories, Memories & Histories. [23,862 records].
- \* Australia and New Zealand, Obituary Index, 2004-2015; Birth, Marriage & Death. [362,636 records].
- \* Canada, Obituary Collection, 1898-2015; Birth, Marriage & Death. [1,266,544 records].
- \* U.S., Obituary Collection, 1930-2016; Birth, Marriage & Death. [37,618,772 records].
- \* UK and Ireland, Obituary Index, 2004-2017; Birth, Marriage & Death. [1,077,844 records].
- \* U.S., World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918; Military. [24,613,834 records].

## Find My Past

Following are some records available on FindMyPast.

- \* [New South Wales Parish Registers, Christ Church Cathedral Newcastle](http://search.findmypast.co.uk/search-world-Records/new-south-wales-parish-registers-christ-church-cathedral-newcastle)  
<http://search.findmypast.co.uk/search-world-Records/new-south-wales-parish-registers-christ-church-cathedral-newcastle>  
 The transcripts were made from the original Christ Church Registers held at the University of Newcastle. Christ Church was originally built in 1817 and knocked down in 1884 to allow for the building of the current cathedral. Currently the collection holds just over 5,000 baptisms, around 2,200 marriages records, and just over 3,300 burials. Some burials have also been transcribed from newspapers and other sources.
- \* [Australia, Boer War Contingents](http://search.findmypast.co.uk/search-world-Records/australia-boer-war-contingents)  
<http://search.findmypast.co.uk/search-world-Records/australia-boer-war-contingents>  
 Over 2,000 records have been added to our Australia, Boer War Contingents collection. Each record includes a transcript that will reveal your ancestor's place of birth, place of enlistment, contingent, rank, awards and any additional notes.
- \* [New South Wales, Closer Settlement and Returned Soldiers Transfer Files](http://search.findmypast.co.uk/search-world-Records/new-south-wales-closer-settlement-and-returned-soldiers-transfer-files)  
<http://search.findmypast.co.uk/search-world-Records/new-south-wales-closer-settlement-and-returned-soldiers-transfer-files>  
 Over 19,000 records have been added to our collection of New South Wales, Closer Settlement and Returned Soldiers Transfer Files. These land transfer records can help you determine the property dealings of your New South Wales ancestors and see if they were involved in transferring land ownership. The records also include files relating to returned servicemen from the First World War who took part in the soldier settlement scheme.
- \* [Scotland Roman Catholic Parish Congregational Records](http://search.findmypast.co.uk/search-world-Records/scotland-roman-catholic-parish-congregational-records)  
<http://search.findmypast.co.uk/search-world-Records/scotland-roman-catholic-parish-congregational-records>  
 Delve through more than 268,000 assorted congregational records including registers of confirmations and communion recipients, as well as parish lists, seat rentals, and lists of people who converted to Catholicism.

## Courses for 2017

The following date has been set aside for a course in 2017. Cost \$10.

This starts at 11am and goes to 3.30pm. Arrive by 10.45am.

To book please contact Denise.  
[social@cdfhs.org.au](mailto:social@cdfhs.org.au)

\* Brick Walls – workshop. 24th September 2017.

## Books to be Published

Campbelltown District Family History Society and Campbelltown and Airs Historical Society are looking to jointly publish 2 books, during the next few years.

1. [Campbelltown residents serving in Militia / Military units between 1788 - July 1914](#). To be published during 2017. This book will basically be a coverage of Colonial times and early Federation.

2. [Campbelltown residents serving in / supporting military units during WWI](#). To be published 11th November 2018.

During 2017 we will continue to conduct research on these 2 books and we invite anyone who has relevant information to provide that.

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## CDFHS Blog Site

<http://cdfhsinc.blogspot.com.au/>

Please look at this for interesting articles on people from Campbelltown's past.

Keep watching for interesting local family history postings.

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