



# The Ghost

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Website: [www.cdfhs.org.au](http://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

### December, 2017

Saturday 2nd December.  
Christmas Party  
Cataract Dam. 10.30am.

### February, 2018

Saturday 3rd February.  
Speaker: Marie Holmes.  
Topic: To be advised.

### March, 2018

Saturday 3rd March.  
Speaker: To be advised.  
Topic: To be advised.

## Denise's Social Column

On Thursday 23rd November we had our Christmas Raffle Stall. We only sold \$27 worth of tickets and about \$30 on other objects for sale. This was not a real success despite the hard work of the volunteers Pam Gail Jillian and Robert. We will be looking into other options for next year.

As I will be unable to attend the Christmas Party this year due to my husband Ray's health, I would like to thank all the Volunteers who have been very generous with their time through out the year. We could not do these events without your much appreciated help.

I would like to WISH YOU ALL A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS .

See you all in 2018

*Denise Baxter*  
*Social Secretary.*  
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## Pictorial History Campbelltown and District

Saturday 9th December 2017.

Launch of the Pictorial History  
Campbelltown and District by Jeff McGill.

To be launched at historic Glenalvon  
House at 8 Lithgow Street Campbelltown  
at 2pm on Saturday 9th December 2017.

RSVP to Kay Hayes no later than Tuesday  
5th December on 0418 493 676  
OR email: [president@cahs.com.au](mailto:president@cahs.com.au)

Afternoon tea will be served following the  
launch.

## Campbelltown City Library

Campbelltown Library, Hurley Street, will  
be closed from 30th November 2017 to  
15th December 2017. There will be no  
access to the Family History room during  
December 2017.

## Campbelltown and Airs Historical Society - Facebook Page

Please visit this site and add your 'Like' to  
the page.

<https://www.facebook.com/CAHSoc/>

## Glenavon House - Facebook Page

Please visit this site and add your 'Like' to  
the page.

[https://www.facebook.com/Glenalvon-  
House-1594445787285883/?  
view\\_public\\_for=1594445787285883](https://www.facebook.com/Glenalvon-House-1594445787285883/?view_public_for=1594445787285883)

## General Register Office (GRO) - PDF Extended Pilot

The GRO is piloting a service from 12  
October 2017 to provide portable  
document format (PDF) copies of digitised  
historical birth and death records. The  
pilot will run for a minimum of 3 months  
to enable GRO to assess the demand for  
this service over a prolonged period.

Applications for each PDF cost £6, must  
be made online, and include a GRO index  
reference.

England and Wales records which are  
available as PDFs in this extended pilot  
include:

Births: 1837 –1916  
Deaths: 1837 –1957

Note: A PDF is not a certificate and has no  
“evidential” value, and therefore a  
certificate is required for official purposes,  
e.g. applying for a passport, driving  
licence or giving notice of marriage.

The announcement appears on their  
website at -  
[https://www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/certifi-  
cates/login.asp](https://www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/certificates/login.asp)

## 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. 32,882 databases in total.

- \* UK, Absent Voter Lists, 1918-1925, 1939; Census & Voter Lists. [156,687 records].
- \* England, Dreadnought Seamen's Hospital Admissions and Discharges, 1826-1930; Schools, Directories & Church Histories. [221,114 records].
- \* U.S., Railroad Retirement Pension Index, 1934-1987; Schools, Directories & Church Histories. [1,514,828 records].
- \* Fife, Scotland, Electoral Registers, 1914-1966; Census & Voter Lists. [1,071,893 records].
- \* Canada, Census Mortality Schedule, 1871; Census & Voter Lists. [45,371 records].
- \* Ontario, Canada, Roman Catholic Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, 1760-1923; Birth, Marriage & Death. [3,071,603 records].
- \* Fife, Scotland, Criminal Registers, 1910-1931; Convict, Criminal, Land & Wills. [889 records].
- \* UK and Ireland, Obituary Index, 2004-2017; Birth, Marriage & Death. [1,458,763 records].
- \* Canada, Obituary Collection, 1898-2017; Birth, Marriage & Death. [1,325,518 records].
- \* New South Wales, Australia, Miscellaneous Records, 1787-1976; Stories, Memories & Histories. [150,694 records].
- \* Scotland, Extracted Parish Records, 1571-1997; Birth, Marriage & Death. [247,521 records].
- \* UK, City and County Directories, 1766 – 1946; Schools, Directories & Church Histories. [42,782,467 records].
- \* Global, Find A Grave Index for Burials at Sea and other Select Burial Locations, 1300s-Current; Birth, Marriage & Death. [9,175,887 records].

## Find My Past

Following are some records available on FindMyPast.

### \* United States Obituary Notices

<https://search.findmypast.co.uk/search-world-Records/united-states-obituary-notices>

This vast resource of over 6 million records has been transcribed from the tributes.com website and could help you unlock unknown details on your ancestor's death in America.

Each record will reveal a name, birth date, death date, location, the person's unique obituary text and a link out to the original source.

### \* United States Marriages

<https://search.findmypast.co.uk/search-world-Records/united-states-marriages>

Our premium collection of US marriage records has grown again with the addition of over 30,000 new records from the states of Kentucky, Maryland and South Carolina. This release also sees the addition of a brand new county to the collection - Somerset County, Maryland. When complete, our United States Marriage Collection will be the largest record set of its kind online and it provides you with details about your ancestors' nuptials that you won't find elsewhere such as both spouses' marital statuses, parents' names and the location of the marriage.

### \* England Roman Catholic Parish Baptisms

<https://search.findmypast.co.uk/search-world-Records/england-roman-catholic-parish-baptisms>

Over 94,000 records covering parishes throughout the Catholic Diocese of Westminster have been added to our collection of English Roman Catholic Parish Baptisms. Each record will include both a transcript and an image of the original document. The amount of information in each transcript may vary depending on the age of the original record, its legibility, and the amount of detail recorded by the parish priest at the time of the event.

Images may provide additional information about your ancestor such as the names of their godparents, the minister who performed the baptism, and the parent's residence. Some registers will even include notes about the individual's marriage.

## Courses for 2018

- \* Sunday 18th Feb – Beginner's course
- \* Sunday 20th May – Brick Walls Workshop
- \* Sunday 15th July – Irish and Scottish Family History Research.
- \* Sunday 16th Sept – Convict Research.
- \* Sunday 18th November – DNA course

Venue: Campbelltown Library, Meeting Room 1.

Cost: \$10 per person

Times: 10.45 am - Arrive  
11.00 am - Start  
3.30 pm - Finish

### BOOKING ESSENTIAL.

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Phone: Denise: (02) 46258612

Please watch our website for more information on these.

## 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 2018. 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.

We are conducting research on these 2 books and we invite anyone who has relevant information to provide that.

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