



# The Ghost

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## 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, 2019**

Saturday 7th December.  
Christmas Party.  
At Mount Annan, Botanic Gardens.  
Starting at 10.30am.

#### **February, 2020**

Saturday 1st February.  
At Campbelltown Library  
Speaker: Diane Blishen.  
Topic: To be advised.

#### **March, 2020**

Saturday 7th March.  
At Campbelltown Library  
Speaker: To be advised.  
Topic: To be advised.

## Denise's Social Column

On Sunday 17 November we had our last course for the year with PROF Michael Gillings on DNA and what a great talk it was, we learned a great deal about ourselves and the history of DNA.



Professor Michael Gillings

I would like Wish Everyone a very  
HAPPY CHRISTMAS.

Hope to see you all at our Party at The  
Botanical Gardens.

Regards Denise

*Denise Baxter*

*Social Secretary.*

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## **Ghostbuster Magazine March 2020 Issue**

Topic: "Why did your ancestors come to  
Australia?"

Maximum 600 words. Plus a picture if you  
have one.

Submission Date by: Saturday 8th  
February 2020

## Member's Interests

<https://www.cdfhs.org.au/index.php/other-content/members-interests>

## Websites of Interest

\* Abbreviations Found in Genealogy  
<http://sites.rootsweb.com/~rigenweb/abbrev.html>

Abbreviations Found in Genealogy

\* The Barefoot Genealogist: Crista Cowan  
| Ancestry (YouTube)

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL0xuz8BBkD4j1YjKEZo730DruiHHzlky0>

The Barefoot Genealogist.

\* Calendars of Wills and Administrations.  
1858 - 1920

<http://www.willcalendars.nationalarchives.ie/search/cwa/home.jsp>

Alphabetical indexes from the National  
Archives of Ireland.

\* Early Irish Marriage Index | Irish  
Genealogical Research Society

<https://www.irishancestors.ie/resources/unique-resources/igrs-early-irish-marriages-index/igrs-marriages-database/>

This index seeks to provide pointers to the  
many alternative sources beyond parish  
registers and civil registration records.

\* FamilySearch - Ireland, Diocesan and  
Prerogative Wills & Administrations  
Indexes, 1595-1858

<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/3460908>

Index to Irish Wills and Bonds 1595-1858.  
Microfilm of original records in the Public  
Record Office, Dublin.

\* Public Record Office of Northern Ireland  
(PRONI) - Will Calendars

<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/information-and-services/search-archives-online/will-calendars>

Search the index to will calendar entries  
for the District Probate Registries of  
Armagh, Belfast and Londonderry  
covering the period 1858 to 1965. View  
digital images of copy wills for Armagh,  
(1858 to 1918), Belfast (1858 to 1909) and  
Londonderry (1858 to 1899).

## 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. 32,709 databases in total.

- \* U.S., Navy and Marines Awards and Decorations, 1942-1994; Military. [1,804,597 records].
- \* U.S., Veterans Administration Master Index, 1917-1940; Military. [5,678,476 records].
- \* U.S., Social Security Death Index, 1935-2014; Birth, Marriage & Death. [94,331,839 records].
- \* 1901 Census of Canada; Census & Voter Lists. [5,343,565 records].
- \* U.S. Public Records Index, 1950-1993, Volume 2; Schools, Directories & Church Histories. [402,475,896 records].
- \* U.S. WWII Draft Cards Young Men, 1940-1947; Military. [35,600,493 records].
- \* Washington, Marriage Records, 1854-2013; Birth, Marriage & Death. [13,315,117 records].
- \* Nova Scotia, Canada, Marriages, 1763-1942; Birth, Marriage & Death. [503,931 records].
- \* New York, State Census, 1925; Census & Voter Lists. [11,117,985 records].
- \* New Zealand, Cemetery Records, 1800-2007; Birth, Marriage & Death. [1,751,015 records].
- \* New Zealand, City & Area Directories, 1866-1954; Schools, Directories & Church Histories. [7,947,934 records].
- \* New Zealand, Electoral Rolls, 1853-1981; Census & Voter Lists. [20,839,229 records].
- \* New Zealand, Naturalisations, 1843-1981; Immigration & Travel. [138,483 records].
- \* Samoa, Select Burials, 1895-1970; Birth, Marriage & Death. [113,046 records].
- \* Samoa, Select Baptisms, 1805-1910; Birth, Marriage & Death. [8,974 records].

## Find My Past

Following are some records available on FindMyPast.

- \* British Armed Forces, First World War Soldiers' Medical Records  
<https://search.findmypast.co.uk/search-world-Records/british-armed-forces-first-world-war-soldiers-medical-records>  
 Over 36,000 new additions from the National Archives in Kew are now available to search. These highly detailed records include images of original documents and will reveal when and where your ancestor was wounded, the nature of their injuries, where they were treated and how long they were. Service details and other additional notes may also be included.  
 The medical records were collected by the Medical Research Committee and then given over to the British Museum during the First World War, 1914 to 1918. The records were used for statistical research. In 1931, Thomas John Mitchell and G M Smith published History of the Great War, based on official documents. Medical services: Casualties and medical statistics of the Great War from the data gathered from these medical records.
- \* United States, Official Army Register 1861-1865  
<https://search.findmypast.co.uk/search-world-Records/united-states-official-army-register-1861-1865>  
 Did your ancestors serve in the volunteer force of the United States Army between 1861 and 1865? Explore thousands of PDF images of official army registers created by the United States Adjutant General's Office to uncover details of their service. The United States Volunteers force was separate from the Regular Army. During the nineteenth century, this was the United States Federal Government's main means of raising large forces of citizen soldiers needed in time of war to supplement the regular army.
- \* Britain, The Great War, I Was There  
<https://search.findmypast.co.uk/search-world-Records/britain-the-great-war-i-was-there>  
 Learn about the Great War from those who experienced it first-hand. The Great War: I Was There is a magazine that was first published in 1938. Edited by Sir John Hammerton, its 51 editions ran from 29 September 1938 to 19 September 1939 and are available to view in PDF format.

## Courses for 2020

The following dates have been set aside for courses in 2020. Topics are yet to be decided, except for the March course.

- \* Sunday 15th March 2020 – Beginner's.
- \* Sunday 17th May 2020.
- \* Sunday 19th July 2020.
- \* Sunday 20th September 2020.
- \* Sunday 15th November 2020.

Venue: Campbelltown Library, Meeting Room 1.

Cost: \$10 per person

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

### BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL.

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Please watch our website for more information on these.

### Some potential courses in 2020

- \* Beginners to family history
- \* Introduction to DNA – likely.
- \* Brick walls – likely.
- \* Scottish and Irish research
- \* Tracing ancestors from the Americas
- \* Aboriginal family history – likely.
- \* English research
- \* Researching European ancestors
- \* Southern African Research
- Plus others.

Please advise which of these you would be interested in in 2020. There is a poll on the website to guide our selection.

<https://www.cdfhs.org.au/index.php/events/courses-for-2020>

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