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Official Newsletter of the Campbelltown District Family History Society Inc.

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Campbelltown District Family History Society Inc

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, 2024

Saturday 7th December.

Christmas Party. Meeting at 10.30am.

Location: Mt Annan Botanical Gardens.

Banksia Garden.

February, 2025

Saturday 1st February.

Location: Campbelltown Library. 1.30pm.

Speaker: To be advised.

Topic: To be advised.

March, 2025

Saturday 1st March.

Location: Campbelltown Library. 1.30pm.

Speaker: To be advised.

Topic: To be advised.

Meetings – 2025

1st Saturday of each month.

Time: 1.30 pm to 3.30 pm.

Location: At Either: Glenalvon – 8
Lithgow St, Campbelltown or
Campbelltown Library.
(To be advised)

Any enquiries to Pam Shea.
Email: secretary@cdfhs.org.au or
Phone: 02 46211321.

Positions Vacant

We have 2 positions vacant on our
committee.

Social Secretary and Publicity Officer.

If anyone wants either of these roles,
please contact Pam Shea:
secretary@cdfhs.org.au

Thank you to Denise Baxter who has
been our Social Secretary since 2002.

Also, thank you to Lee McKerracher who
has been our Publicity Officer in this last
year.

Research Officers

The society has two research officers
who are available to help members and
their friends with the research that they
are undertaking.

Please contact our research officers at:
research@cdfhs.org.au

CDFHS Member's Library

Our Member's library has a number of
books that are not being borrowed, and
we would like to make some of those
available to our members. Please see Gail
Algie for a list.

Websites of Interest

* Historical Boundaries of Wales

<https://historical-boundaries-of-wales-rcahmw.hub.arcgis.com/>

The Royal Commission on the Ancient and
Historical Monument of Wales is
attempting, for the first time, to map
historical administrative boundaries in
detail. Starting with the nineteenth century
Ordnance Survey mapping, we are working
backwards as far as we can using a range
of sources including historical maps and
archival documents. The information and
datasets hosted on this website are likely to
change over time as new information
comes to light and the data is updated to
reflect the available evidence.

* Family History Australia by Marilyn
Rowan

<https://www.familyhistoryaustralia.com.au/>

The Guide and Workbook Package is the
perfect tool for anyone looking to delve
into their family's past. The guidebook
offers step-by-step instructions on how to
conduct genealogy research, tips for
navigating online databases, and strategies
for organizing and analysing your findings.
If you're a beginner just starting your
genealogy journey and looking for
techniques and resources, the Guide and
Workbook Package has something for
everyone.

**Note: CDFHS Inc has 2 copies of this
Guide and Workbook for sale. Contact
David Beddie (maged@cdfhs.org.au) for
more information on this.**

FamilySearch Affiliation

Campbelltown City Library has arranged
FamilySearch affiliation.

You can access FamilySearch, including
extra items not available from your normal
access. Only available at the library.

Users **MUST** register with Family Search
to use their search facility - this has always
been the case, whether from home or the
library.

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. 33,660 databases in total.

- * UK, Heraldic Card Index, 1150-1850; Stories, Memories & Histories. [455,695 records].
- * RootsWeb WorldConnect Community Trees Index; Family Trees. [736,515,846 records].
- * New Zealand, Return of the Freeholders, 1882; Convict, Criminal, Land & Wills. [67,227 records].
- * UK and Ireland, The Royal National Lifeboat Institution Records, 1824-1989; Schools, Directories & Church Histories. [58,227 records].
- * Sydney, Australia, Royal Easter Show Collection, 1869-2022; Newspapers & Publications. [2,061,041 records].
- * Web: Isle Of Man, Wills Index, 1600-1864; Birth, Marriage & Death. [19,715 records].
- * England, Battle of Trafalgar Crew Lists, 1805-1806; Immigration & Travel. [18,840 records].
- * New Zealand, Directories, 1866-1933; Schools, Directories & Church Histories. [5,075,688 records].
- * Queensland, Australia, Queensland Freeman: Baptist Monthly Journal, 1881-1888; Newspapers & Publications. [10,445 records].
- * New South Wales, Australia, Sydney Diocesan Directory, 1881-1920; Schools, Directories & Church Histories. [94,622 records].
- * UK, British Army World War II Medal Cards, 1939-1945; Military. [1,711,537 records].
- * UK, Selected Smaller Units Service Records, 1921-1959; Military. [228,736 records].
- * UK, Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers Service Records, 1942-1959; Military. [133,366 records].

Find My Past

Following are some new and updated records available on FindMyPast.

- * [Greater London Marriage Index](https://www.findmypast.co.uk/discover/ife-events-bmds/parish-marriages/greater-london-marriage-index)
<https://www.findmypast.co.uk/discover/ife-events-bmds/parish-marriages/greater-london-marriage-index>
 Search Findmypast's vast collection of marriage records from the Greater London area. You will find marriages from as early as 1502 and up to 1871. A full list of parishes is available in the Greater London marriage index parish list. The collection includes Anglican, Non-conformists, and Quaker marriages.
- * [Greater London Burial Index](https://www.findmypast.co.uk/discover/ife-events-bmds/parish-burials/greater-london-burial-index)
<https://www.findmypast.co.uk/discover/ife-events-bmds/parish-burials/greater-london-burial-index>
 Discover your ancestors who were buried in the Greater London area between 1399 and 1992. The records may reveal your relative's name, age, occupation, religious denomination and where they were buried. The Greater London Burial Index is a collection of the Middlesex Burials & Memorial Inscriptions, South London Burials Index 1545-1905, City of London Burials 1754-1855 and Middlesex Burials 1538-1992.
- * [British Empire Awards & Medals 1917-2023](https://www.findmypast.co.uk/discover/newspapers-directories-and-social-history/medal-rolls-and-honours/british-empire-awards-and-medals-1917-2023)
<https://www.findmypast.co.uk/discover/newspapers-directories-and-social-history/medal-rolls-and-honours/british-empire-awards-and-medals-1917-2023>
 Stretching back to the First World War, this new set contains the names of over 320,000 recipients of prestigious awards like the British Empire Medal (BEM) and the Knight Grand Cross of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (GBE) from 1917 to 2023.
- * [British Army Service Records](https://www.findmypast.co.uk/discover/armed-forces-and-conflict/regimental-and-service-records/british-army-service-records)
<https://www.findmypast.co.uk/discover/armed-forces-and-conflict/regimental-and-service-records/british-army-service-records>
 Discover your ancestors among more than 8.1 million documents about the British Army between 1760 and 1939. Find officers and other ranks in 17 different sets of records from The National Archives and the Scots Guards. The records can tell you when your ancestor joined and left the army, as well as details about where he came from and his military service.

Ghostbuster Magazine

March 2025 Issue

Topic:
" [Who is your missing ancestor](#)".

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

Submission Date by: Saturday 1st February 2025.

Extra item for the magazine: "Unidentified Photographs".

[Ask a Volunteer](#)

The Family History Society provides volunteers at Campbelltown Library. You can ask our volunteers for information on how to find details of your ancestors.

We volunteer from 10 am to 12 Noon. Monday to Saturday. To book with the library to see a volunteer, phone: 02 4645 4444.

There may be covid safe requirements at the library: QR codes, masks, and safe distancing.

Do you also want to volunteer in the Family History Room?

Contact Robert Palmer:
president@cdfhs.org.au

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

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