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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

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Campbelltown District FHS Inc Meetings and Events

February 2026

Saturday 7th February.

Location: Campbelltown Library. 1.30pm.

Speaker: To be advised.

Topic: To be advised.

March 2026

Saturday 7th March.

Location: Campbelltown Library. 1.30pm.

Speaker: To be advised.

Topic: To be advised.

April 2026

Saturday 4th April.

Location: To be advised. 1.30pm.

Speaker: To be advised.

Topic: To be advised.

The Research Room and Library

Campbelltown HJ Daley Library reopened on Monday 4th August 2025.

The Library is now located at the Old Spotlight Building, 147-157 Queen Street.

All three floors will be used for Library and community, with the potential for one floor to be dedicated to after-hours services.

The Campbelltown District Family History Society will hold its' meetings in the meeting room, at the library.

Courses in 2026.

We anticipate holding some courses in 2026.

Topics may include:

* Beginners.

* DNA.

We will advise further in coming months.

Positions Vacant

We have 1 position vacant on our committee.

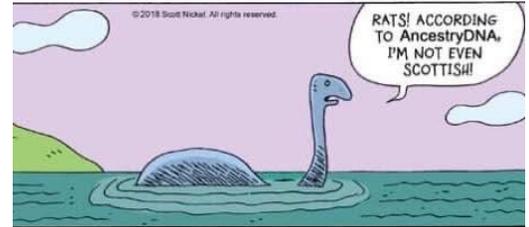
Assistant Magazine Editor.

If anyone wants this role, please contact Pam Shea:

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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 contact Gail Algie for a list. library@cdfhs.org.au



There are no limits to what you can accomplish in your genealogy research when you are supposed to be doing something else.

Twisted Twigs in Gnarled Branches



Research Interests

<https://cdfhs.org.au/research-interests/>

This includes 169 entries, 17 pages of people CDFHS members and visitors to this website are researching and seek any information that may help them move forward in their research endeavours.

Research Index

<https://cdfhs.org.au/227-2/>

This includes approximately 10,800 pages, over 100,000 people, which is a compiled index to individuals for whom information exists in resources accessible by CDFHS. For information on any persons listed please contact our Research Officer.

research@cdfhs.org.au

Sunday Sessions

2nd and 4th Sundays. Starting early January 2026.

See the website for details of upcoming events.

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. 33,881 databases in total.

- * U.S., Home Ownership Records, 1920-1970; Convict, Criminal, Land & Wills. [31,908,411 records].
- * U.S., Family History Books; Stories, Memories & Histories. [255,789,701 records].
- * Victoria, Australia, Apprentice History Cards, 1913-1976; Schools, Directories & Church Histories. [69,025 records].
- * Scotland and Northern Ireland, Death Index, 1989-2025; Birth, Marriage & Death. [987,856 records].
- * Australia and New Zealand, Find a Grave® Index, 1800s-Current; Birth, Marriage & Death. [12,577,723 records].
- * Scotland, Burial Monument Inscriptions, 1507-2024; Birth, Marriage & Death. [653,693 records].
- * Hawaii, U.S., Newspapers.com™ Stories and Events Index, 1800's-current; Newspapers & Publications. [154,734,912 records].
- * Utah, U.S., Cemetery Registers, 1855-2012; Birth, Marriage & Death. [211,362 records].
- * Ontario, Canada, Marriages, 1826-1943; Birth, Marriage & Death. [10,746,358 records].
- * Hampshire, England, Wills and Probates, 1398-1858; Convict, Criminal, Land & Wills. [95,240 records].
- * Washington, U.S., State School Censuses, 1888-1942; Schools, Directories & Church Histories. [3,170,961 records].
- * Savannah, Georgia, U.S., Jail Records 1805-1873; Convict, Criminal, Land & Wills. [42,950 records].
- * Berlin, Germany, Marriages, 1874-1944 (in German); Birth, Marriage & Death. [11,356,491 records].
- * Texas, U.S., Birth Index, 1903-1997; Birth, Marriage & Death. [51,251,205 records].

Find My Past

Following are some new and updated records available on FindMyPast.

* British Royal Navy Casualty Logs
<https://www.findmypast.co.uk/discover/military-armed-forces-and-conflict/second-world-war/british-royal-navy-casualty-logs-1939-1945>
 Did your ancestor serve in Britain's Royal Navy during the Second World War? These records document Royal Navy ships that were lost, damaged, or involved in serious incidents during the Second World War, recording events such as sinkings, enemy attacks, collisions, groundings, and mine strikes. Ship casualty logs typically note the vessel's name, date, location, and cause of the incident, and sometimes include details on the outcome or extent of loss. For family historians, these logs help explain sudden deaths, missing postings, or the end of a ship's service, while also offering a stark insight into the scale, risk, and human cost of Britain's wartime naval operations. Created in partnership with the National Museum of the Royal Navy.

* England Roman Catholic Parish Congregational Records
<https://www.findmypast.co.uk/discover/birth-marriage-death-and-parish-records/religious-ceremonies/england-roman-catholic-parish-congregational-records>

Do you have English ancestors who were Roman Catholic? Explore thousands of Roman Catholic congregational records from the dioceses of Birmingham, Leeds, Liverpool, Middlesbrough, Northampton, Nottingham, Plymouth, Salford, Southwark and Westminster in England. Discover your ancestor's relationship with his or her local parish, did they receive their confirmation or were they a benefactor of a parish?

* National Burial Index for England & Wales
<https://www.findmypast.co.uk/discover/birth-marriage-death-and-parish-records/parish-burials/national-burial-index-for-england-and-wales>
 Explore more than 12 million burial records from across England and Wales. Discover your ancestor's burial place, year of death and religious denomination. This collection is published in partnership with the Family History Federation.

Ghostbuster Magazine

March 2026 Issue

Topic:
 " My Irish Ancestors".

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

Submission Date by: Saturday 7th February 2026.

Extra item for the magazine: "Unidentified Photographs".

Ask a Volunteer

The Family History Society provides volunteers at Campbelltown Libraries. 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.

See the front page re the new Library location.

Contact Robert Palmer:
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