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Official Newsletter of the Campbelltown District Family History Society Inc.

Website: www.cdfhs.org.au

**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**

September 2026

Saturday 5th September.

Location: Campbelltown Library. 1.30pm.

Speaker: Lorraine & Laurie Turtle.

Topic: Beyond the Certificates.

October 2026

Saturday 3rd October.

Location: Campbelltown Library. 1.30pm.

Speaker: To be advised..

Topic: To be advised.

November 2026

Saturday 7th November.

Location: Campbelltown Library. 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.

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

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.

Sunday Sessions

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

See the website for details of upcoming
events.

<https://cdfhs.org.au/proposed-workshops/>

CDFHS Membership

Membership of Campbelltown District
Family History Society is due for
renewal. Forms have been sent out to
members.

You can also access the forms on-line

<https://cdfhs.org.au/become-a-member/>

4 Stages of Ancestor Research



**New Committee for CDFHS Inc
2026-2027**

Our new committee elected on 1st
August 2026 is as follows:

- * President – Robert Palmer
- * Vice President – Estelle Schneider
- * Secretary – Pam Shea
- * Minutes Secretary – Michelle Hatfield
- * Treasurer – David Beddie
- * Assistant Treasurer – Sharon Greene
- * Membership Officer – Jillian Murphy
- * Research Officer – Greg Dillon
- * Assistant Research Officer – Sharon Greene
- * Volunteer Coordinator – Robert Palmer
- * Magazine Editor – David Beddie
- * Assistant Magazine Editor – Daryl Hadkins
- * Social Secretary – Belinda Sacco
- * Publicity Officer – Belinda Sacco
- * Librarian - Gail Algie
- * Webmaster – Dennis Allsopp

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. 33,987 databases in total.

- * U.S. Army Award Cards, 1917-1940; Birth, Military. [243,776 records].
- * U.S., Seamen Records, 1777-1937; Convict, Criminal, Land & Wills. [124,669 records].
- * Malta, Births, Marriages, and Deaths, 1500-1983; Birth, Marriage & Death. [8,807,213 records].
- * Isle of Man, Church of England Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, 1603-1910; Birth, Marriage & Death. [949,781 records].
- * Indiana, U.S., Funeral Books, 1890-1999; Birth, Marriage & Death. [13,448 records].
- * Guam, U.S., Newspapers.com™ Stories and Events Index, 1900's-current; Newspapers & Publications. [8,110,641 records].
- * U.S., Presbyterian Church Records, 1701-1974; Birth, Marriage & Death. [3,076,710 records].
- * Web: Scotland, General and Admission Registers for Asylums, 1858-1924; Stories, Memories & Histories. [223,210 records].
- * U.S., School Yearbooks, 1900-2016; Schools, Directories & Church Histories. [937,013,729 records].
- * Web: Scotland, Prison Records Index, 1791-1937; Convict, Criminal, Land & Wills. [745,162 records].
- * Canada, Selected School Yearbooks, 1901-2010; Schools, Directories & Church Histories. [2,776,380 records].
- * Cheshire, England, Church of England Marriages and Banns, 1754-1939; Birth, Marriage & Death. [2,084,448 records].
- * Cheshire, England, Church of England Baptisms, Marriages and Burials, 1538-1812; Birth, Marriage & Death. [5,705,546 records].
- * U.S., Find a Grave® Index, 1600s-Current; Birth, Marriage & Death. [187,073,146 records].

Find My Past

Following are some new and updated records available on FindMyPast.

* Britain, Great Western Railway Company Staff Records

<https://www.findmypast.co.uk/discover/education-and-work/occupations/britain-great-western-railway-company-staff-records>

Delve into this collection to discover more about the career of your ancestor who worked for the Great Western Railway (GWR) Company. The GWR operated for over one hundred years and would eventually earn the reputation of 'God's Wonderful Railway' during Britain's golden age of steam. Whether your ancestor was working as a clerk, a fireman or a stower - this rich collection can help you uncover more about their working life on one of Britain's most iconic railways.

* Scotland, Court & Criminal Database

<https://www.findmypast.co.uk/discover/institutions-and-organisations/courts-and-legal>

With high illiteracy rates in the past, occasions where the public came into contact with government offices were often the only times in someone's life that any record of the individual would have been created and kept. Court and legal documents are such an instance and whilst they may include reports of crime, many records were also kept for things like dog licenses and jury duty rolls. These can be particularly useful for territories where census records are unavailable.

* Naval Charitable Societies Subscription and Grant Books

<https://www.findmypast.co.uk/discover/military-armed-forces-and-conflict/regimental-and-service-records/naval-charitable-societies-subscription-and-grant-books>

Did your ancestor serve in Britain's Royal Navy? Digitised in partnership with the Royal Navy Museums, this collection, made up from the Royal Benevolent Society Grant Books, 1791-1968 and Royal Benevolent Society Subscription, 1791-1968, documents the charitable financial assistance (grants) distributed by the Royal Naval Benevolent Society for Officers. These records reveal the human, domestic aftermath of naval service, uncovering how families coped with sudden death, disability, and the challenging transition to civilian life.

Ghostbuster Magazine

November 2026 Issue

Topic:
" Family Gatherings and Photos".

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

Submission Date by: Saturday 3rd October 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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