

With Conviction



...beyond reasonable doubt

NSW & ACT Association of Family History Societies Inc Annual Conference 2021

Port Macquarie VIRTUAL Family History Conference

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8.30am – 5:00pm AEST, Saturday, 11th September 2021

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Est. Time AEST	Event
8.15 am	Log in using the link emailed to you and enjoy the Port Macquarie 'Waiting Room'
8.30 am	Welcome Acknowledgement of Country & Welcome to Port Macquarie Welcome to Attendees MCs <i>Diane Gillespie and Pauline Every</i> PMDFHS President <i>Diane Gillespie</i> NSW&ACT-AFHS President <i>Gail Hanger</i> Conference Convenor <i>Jennifer Mullin</i>
8:35 am	John Vincent Crowe Memorial Address 01 Clive Smith: <i>With Conviction: Finding the 1821 Volunteers</i> When the penal settlement was established at Port Macquarie, the first contingent of convicts in March 1821, were 60 volunteers who were promised tickets of leave or pardons after 18 months if their work at building the necessary infrastructure was satisfactory. No list of these men has survived. For the bicentenary of the establishment of the penal settlement, it seems high time the workers should be recognised. Following clues in the surviving convict records, over 40 of the men have now been identified, with conviction (or beyond reasonable doubt). This presentation will outline what records were trawled, how data elements from different sources were matched, and how it became possible to convert circumstantial evidence into conclusive proof (one way or the other).
9:10 am	02 Kerry Farmer: <i>How to use DNA to confirm traditional research</i> Sometimes paper documents are inaccurate. Maybe our ancestor lied to cover some secret. Maybe the informant was guessing. But DNA does not lie. On its own, DNA cannot tell you the name of your ancestor, but combining DNA with traditional research can confirm that the family tree you have constructed is correct – or at least, beyond reasonable doubt.
9:50 am	03 Dr Penny Walters: <i>Ethical dilemmas in genealogy</i> I'm a nice person. I'm just compiling our family tree, what possible problems could there be? Researching a family tree traditionally involved asking grandparents and relatives about their lives, drawing a tree and undertaking a paper trail, but it now involves finding new records and dealing with strangers on the internet. Ethical dilemmas came to the forefront since law enforcement utilised information from GEDMatch to apprehend a suspected serial killer, which created a division in the genealogy field about invasion of privacy. Ethical dilemmas unfolding include discovering other people's secrets, lies, enslavement, unexpected ethnicities, indigenous cultures, convict ancestors, criminality, new DNA relatives, and finding that some relatives aren't now related. What information should and shouldn't you include on your tree? Attendees will benefit from reflecting on their own ethical dilemmas and considering ethical issues with empathy, sensitivity and diplomacy.

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10:25 am	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Morning Tea Break</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">NSW Family History Transcriptions Cash Prize Winners \$200 for individual registrant; \$500 for a Society</p>
10:40 am	<p>04 Cate Pearce: Using DNA for Aboriginal Family History</p> <p>For Aboriginal family history research, the usual archival records are often scattered, incomplete or missing, but now DNA is proving to be a very valuable tool in helping Aboriginal families, separated by child removal policies and forced relocations, to reconnect with lost family and Country. Using the case study of how Joy used DNA combined with archival research to find where her Stolen Generation grandfather had come from, we explore the various ways DNA can be used for Aboriginal family history.</p>
11:15 am	<p>05 Martyn Killion: Using the State Archives with Conviction</p> <p>While most people are familiar with the wonders of the State Archives Collection, are you using it as effectively as you could for your research?</p> <p>In this session, we will be challenged to think perhaps more analytically when we conduct research into the State Archives – who created the records, how did the system work and how does that all help with family history research?</p>
12:00 noon	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Lunch Break</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Announcement of Cynthia Foley and Dorothy Fellowes Awards plus PowerPoint presentation</p>
12:50 pm	<p>06 Carol Baxter: Stop Thief</p> <p>This presentation begins by discussing the big picture question of the British criminal justice system, including the contemporary attitudes to criminals and the policy of transporting them abroad. It then covers the types of records that deal with the crimes and punishments of British criminals.</p>
1:25 pm	<p>07 Dr Perry McIntyre: Working for the surgeon in 1837</p> <p>An examination of the seventeen convicts who worked for Surgeon James McIntyre in 1837 reveals the wide range of occupations, religion, ages and places of birth and conviction of his convict workers. Whether these convicts were 'typical' of convict workers in Port Macquarie cannot really be judged from this small number, but their previous and subsequent lives are interesting for Port Macquarie history. Was their conviction 'beyond a reasonable doubt' and did they commit further crimes, or did they reform and become part of the settlement population in the Port Macquarie district or elsewhere?</p>
1:50 pm	<p>08 Dr Hamish Maxwell-Stewart: Building a Digital Convict Memorial</p> <p>Slowly bit by bit we are piecing together the nation's convict past. This has been a huge research effort involving hundreds of hands transcribing, cleaning, coding and linking records. In this presentation. I describe a recent collective effort to use this information to create something more than a research tool. Plans are now at an advanced stage for the construction of a convict memorial in the Penitentiary Chapel, a National Trust Tasmania building in Campbell Street, Hobart. This will be a place where visitors will be able to explore convict lives in detail, and somewhere convicts can be remembered. We think that this project is a world first — an example of how a collaboration between researchers, family and local historians, archivists and architects can lead to the creation of imaginative ways of visualising and interacting with the lives of those <i>'who left their country for their country's good'</i>.</p>
2:25 pm	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Afternoon Tea Break</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Announcement of the 40 Raffle Prize Winners</p>
2:40 pm	<p>09 Amanda Ianna: The NSW Registry of Births Deaths & Marriages (BDM) records can provide proof beyond reasonable doubt</p> <p>Genealogy can be challenging when you come up with stumbling blocks in your family. In this webinar we use two case studies to show only with Births Death and Marriage records how missing information can be found. It also includes some very useful tips of what to look for in BDM records when doing a family history search.</p>

3:15 pm 10 Jason Reeve: Using Ancestry.com for Family History & An Introduction to AncestryDNA

Have you heard of Ancestry.com? How can you find the help you need to overcome obstacles with your family history research and where does AncestryDNA fit in to the picture? Listen to Jason Reeve, Ancestry.com's Content Acquisition Manager for Australia and New Zealand as he explains using Ancestry, taking an AncestryDNA test and discovering your own family history.

4:15 pm 11 Michelle Patient - Celebrating Cousins

After years of research Michelle has finally gathered enough evidence to identify an unknown great great grandfather. What clues did she find and what sort of evidence do you need to gather to feel confident you have identified the right person, so you can start researching the ancestors on that previously unidentified line?

5:00 pm About 2022 Conference in Newcastle

5:02 pm Close of Conference – Goodbye from Port Macquarie – please stay safe, enjoy researching - we hope to see you all in Newcastle in 2022

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