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BULLETIN

Meetings are held at 2.00 p.m. on the second Saturday in the month

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Welcome to the July issue of the Bulletin. This Saturday (11th July) will be our Special General meeting to decide on constitutional changes to allow us to register as a charity. Charity status will open up many more avenues to raise money by donation and grant money. Please attend at the earlier time of 1:30 PM to vote on the motions.

To vote at this meeting you **MUST** be financial so if you have not already paid your subscription remember to bring along \$30! After the meeting we will have Mr Bob Yeates of the Bairnsdale Advertiser along to speak about his family and their involvement with the local press over the past 100 years or more. Bob always presents an amusing and informative room through many aspects of Bairnsdale history.

Deb Squires is already working on the next edition of The Black Sheep which will be sent to your email address as a PDF unless you have previously requested a paper copy. Printing and postage costs have forced most groups into electronic delivery.

The AGM will be held at our rooms on the 8th of August, please try to attend and any of you who are interested in joining the committee please nominate as soon as possible. We are always looking for fresh talent.

On October 23rd we will be holding the first of a series of lectures on Family History topics, the first one will be on conservation of your collections. Many members will gain insight into simple but important ways to protect and preserve their photographs and records from our group of expert speakers. The speakers are rarely able to travel into rural areas so register your interest as soon as possible. See www.egfhg.org.au 'news and events' for developing details

A newly designed website is now live and should be easier to read and navigate.

Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak

Never before microfilmed or indexed, the collection of **Victoria's Coastal Passenger Lists** 1852-1924 will be brought online to Findmypast.com.au later this year. Comprising both original images and transcripts of an estimated 118,000 records, these passenger lists provide a vivid snapshot of immigrants and travellers alike arriving in Victoria's coastal ports.

Family historians using these invaluable records will uncover details of their ancestors' passage to Australia, as well as biographical information. Covering the 1850s onwards, these records capture the mass immigration into Victoria in the historic gold rush era, which fuelled one of the most dramatic population booms in Australian history.

Over one million **Victoria Petty Sessions records**, dating from 1851 to the 1970s, will also be brought to Findmypast as part of the partnership in an ambitious project expected to span several years. The collection includes approximately 1.7 million original images and transcripts, covering numerous record sets from dozens of central and regional courts throughout Victoria – from Prahran to Port Fairy to Mildura.

An on-line query posted to the VicGUM mailing list –

Abbotsford Convent

Q. I am just wondering whether it is possible to find out whether a person went to the Abbotsford Convent in the 1890's.

A. 1 Yes it is and it is possible to find a small record of when they entered convent and when they left. My grandmother was sent there in the 1890s. I think her parents were too poor to feed her during the depression. I know she hated it. Was forced to iron shirts all day long.

A. 2 You can write to the archivist there.

Please contact the Archivist at Good Shepherd Australia New Zealand Provincialate:

PO Box 182, Abbotsford VIC 3067 Phone: (03) 9270 9700

Email: info@goodshep.com.au <<mailto:info@goodshep.com.au>>

This applies to all of the convents/orphanages that the Good Shepherd Sister ran.

You need to write/email them and it is customary to offer the archivist a donation for his/her work.

For more general info on homes/orphanages please look at this page.

<http://www.findandconnect.gov.au/> This is an amazing resource for working out where ancestors may be been sent.

The National Archives of Australia (NAA) has begun a \$3.4 million project to mark the centenary of World War I, describing and digitizing many of the **Anzacs' repatriation records**, ensuring greater public access. Director-General of the Archives, David Fricker said the details were preserved in more than 600,000 World War I repatriation records, held by the NAA.

The government records contain information about Australians and New Zealanders in World War I and the Boer War. The personal stories provide information about service men and women through original archival records. Information in these records includes medical care, welfare services and pensions provided by the Repatriation Department, now known as the Department of Veterans' Affairs. Very few of the files had been viewed since their official use.

You can read more in the Discovering Anzacs web site at:

<http://www.psnews.com.au/aps/459/news/archives-digitises-world-war-1-vault>.

The things that come to those who wait are those left behind by those who got there first.

The National Library of Australia announces the following newspapers have been recently added to Trove.

Australian Capital Territory

- * Good Neighbour (ACT : 1950 - 1969)

New South Wales

- * The Armidale Chronicle (NSW : 1894 - 1929)
- * The Armidale Express and New England General Advertiser (NSW : 1856 - 1861; 1863 - 1889; 1891 -1954)
- * Blackheath Beacon (Katoomba, NSW : 1930 - 1931)
- * The Blackheath Bulletin (Katoomba, NSW : 1929 - 1931)
- * The Blue Mountain Star (Katoomba, NSW : 1929 - 1931)
- * The Blue Mountains Advertiser (Katoomba, NSW : 1940 - 1954)
- * Blue Mountains Daily (Katoomba, NSW : 1939)
- * Blue Mountains Gazette (Katoomba, NSW : 1903 - 1904)
- * The Blue Mountains Times (Katoomba, NSW : 1931 - 1937)
- * The Chronicle (Katoomba, NSW : 1929)
- * Coffs Harbour Advocate (NSW : 1907 - 1942; 1946 - 1954)
- * Daily Examiner (Grafton, NSW : 1915 - 1954)
- * The Hospital Saturday News (Katoomba, NSW : 1930)
- * The Independent (Katoomba, NSW : 1930 - 1931)
- * The Inverell Times (NSW : 1899 - 1954)
- * The Katoomba Daily (NSW : 1920 - 1939)
- * Katoomba Times (NSW : 1889 - 1894)
- * Manilla Express (NSW : 1899 - 1954)
- * The Mountain Daily (Katoomba, NSW : 1919 - 1920)
- * The Mountaineer (Katoomba, NSW : 1894 - 1908)
- * Tweed Daily (Murwillumbah, NSW : 1914 - 1949)
- * The Uralla News (NSW : 1904 - 1907)
- * The Walcha News and Southern New England Advocate (NSW : 1904 - 1907; 1927)
- * The Walcha Witness (NSW : 1895 - 1906)

Queensland

- * Cloncurry Advocate (Qld. : 1931 - 1953)
- * Daily Standard (Brisbane, Qld. : 1912 - 1936)
- * Darling Downs Gazette (Qld. : 1881 - 1922)
- * Warwick Daily News (Qld. : 1919 -1954)
- * The Week (Brisbane, Qld. : 1876 - 1934)

South Australia

- * The Kangaroo Island Courier (Kingscote, SA : 1907 - 1951)
- * The Laura Standard (SA : 1889 - 1917)
- * Laura Standard and Crystal Brook Courier (SA : 1917 - 1948)
- * Pinnaroo and Border Times (SA. : 1911 - 1954)
- * Pinnaroo Country News (Lameroo, SA : 1908 - 1922)

Tasmania

- * Critic (Hobart, Tas. : 1892 - 1893)
- * Devon Herald (Latrobe, Tas. : 1877 - 1889)
- * Land (Hobart, Tas. : 1924 - 1925)
- * Trumpeter General (Hobart, Tas. : 1833 - 1834)
- * World (Hobart, Tas. : 1918 - 1924)

Victoria

- * The Banner (Melbourne, Vic. : 1853 - 1854)
- * Champion (Melbourne, Vic. : 1895 - 1897)
- * The Farmer's Journal and Gardener's Chronicle (Melbourne, Vic. : 1862 - 1864)
- * Free Lance (Melbourne, Vic. : 1896)
- * Melbourne Punch (Vic. : 1856 - 1900)
- * Sporting Globe (Melbourne, Vic. : 1922 - 1954)
- * The Victorian Farmers Journal and Gardeners Chronicle (Melbourne, Vic. : 1860 - 1862)
- * Woman Voter (Melbourne, Vic. : 1911 - 1919)

Western Australia

- * The All British (Perth, WA : 1916)
- * Collie Mail (Perth, WA : 1914 - 1918)
- * The Eastern Recorder (Kellerberrin, WA : 1914 - 1918)
- * Harvey Chronicle (Pinjarra, WA : 1915 - 1916)
- * The Labor Vanguard (Perth, WA : 1911; 1916)
- * Nor-West Echo (Broome, WA : 1914 - 1918)
- * Sparks' Fortnightly (Perth, WA : 1916 - 1919)

Australia – FamilySearch.org has created a new browsable image collection of Tasmanian

1190 THE HOBART TOWN GAZETTE, 19th September, 1845.

INTERNAL REVENUE OFFICE.
LICENCE to retail Wines, Spirits, &c. for the period ending 29th September in the year now next ensuing, (provided it be not forfeited before such day), has been granted to the under-mentioned individuals respectively:—
Simon McCulloch, *The Union Hotel*, Richmond.
Mary Ann Smith, *The Old Commodore*, Brisbane-street, Hobart Town.
William Panshoo, *The Gray's Inn Tavern*, Patrick-street, do.
John Bonney, *The Deloraine Inn*, Deloraine.
James Bonney, *The Emu Tavern*, Liverpool-street, Hobart Town.
William Dykes, *The Fountain Inn*, Falls, New Norfolk.
John Featherstone, *The Greyhound*, Antill-street, Hobart Town.
John Clarke, *The Traveller's Home*, New Norfolk.
George Mills, *The Brunswick Wine Vaults*, Liverpool-street, Hobart Town.
John Ashton, *The Good Woman*, Bathurst and Frederick-streets, Launceston.
John Whitehead, *The Traveller's Rest*, Circular Head.
William Smith, *The Harvest Home*, New Town.
Charles Barlow, *The Half-way House*, Antill Ponds, Outlands.
Benjamin Henry, *The Wilmut Arms*, Green Ponds, Brighton.
Joseph Day, *The Adam & Eve*, New Town.
Frederick Moore, *The Prince of Wales*, Hampden-road, Hobart Town.
William Saltmarsh, *The Longford Hotel*, Longford.
James Childs, *The Black Swan*, Brisbane and Wellington-streets, Launceston.
William Mason, *The Elephant & Castle*, Wellington and Frederick-streets, ditto.
Henry Mylom Cockerill, *The Bothwell Castle*, Bothwell.
James Jackson, *The Tasmanian Lass*, Hamilton.
John Palmer, *The Swan Inn*, Bagdel, Brighton.
P. FRASER, Collector of Internal Revenue.

CUSTOMS HOUSE.
Hobart Town.
RETURN of Grain and Flour imported and exported at the Port of Hobart Town, during the week ended 19th September, 1845, inclusive:—

IMPORTS.	
Barley	238 bushels.
Maize	233 ditto.
Wheat	400 ditto.
Flour	14 tons.

EXPORTS.	
Oats	60 bushels.
Wheat	700 ditto.
Flour	3 tons.

Return of Grain and Flour imported and exported

EXPORTS.
Oats 598 bushels.
Wheat 7561 ditto.
Flour 36 tons.
G. H. BARNES, Collector.

PUBLIC WORKS' DEPARTMENT.
Hobart Town, 20th September, 1845.
TENDERS will be received at this Office, until 12 o'clock on Tuesday, the 7th proximo, for certain repairs required to the Wharf at Launceston. Particulars may be ascertained on application to Mr. Fowell, the Superintendent of Works at Launceston.
J. C. VICTOR, Director of Public Works.

CONVIC'T DEPARTMENT.
Comptroller-General's Office, 5th September, 1845.
IN accordance with the Act of Council 6th Victoria, No. 18, I hereby give notice that His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor has been pleased to approve of the solemnization of Matrimony between the under-mentioned parties:—
John Dunn, T.L., *Waterloo*, and Jane Arnott, *Margaret*, in private service, both residing in Hobart Town.
James Davies, free, and Rebecca Borsham, T.L., *Navarino*, both residing in Hobart Town.
Charles Bryant, free, and Bridget Doran, T.L., *Emma Eugenia* 1, both residing in Hobart Town.
Peter Valuck, free, and Jean Alexander, *Nautilus*, in private service, both residing at Launceston.
Charles Read, T.L., *Mandarin*, and Ann Webb, *Emma Eugenia* 2, in private service, both residing at Morven.
M. FORSTER, Comptroller-General.

CONVIC'T DEPARTMENT.
Comptroller-General's Office, 19th September, 1845.
IN accordance with the Act of Council 6th Victoria, No. 18, I hereby give notice that His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor has been pleased to approve of the solemnization of Matrimony between the under-mentioned parties:—
William Neaves, T.L., *Tortoise*, and Ann Broadbent, T.L., *Navarino*, both residing in Hobart Town.
James Ginn, T.L., *Aurora*, and Jane Cox, free, both residing in Launceston.
John Nadin, *Leyton* 4, in private service, and Elizabeth Fowler, T.L., *Navarino*, both residing at Perth.
Daniel Hatchings, T.L., *L. W. Bentinck*, and Margaret O'Hara, T.L., *Mezharo*, both residing in the District of Hobart Town.
Thomas Vix, T.L., *Araç* 2, and Jane Holden, T.L., *Royal*

government gazettes from 1833 to 1925. Government gazettes are a great source of information for genealogists because of the wide breadth of records they contain, as shown in the image below. This particular gazette lists everything from convict lists, to ship arrivals to details on property sales. The collection can be searched by date. Access is free. [Historic Tasmanian Government Gazettes]

This Hobart Town Gazette from 23 September 1845 provides a useful list of proprietors who were licensed to retail liquor, as well as mentioning several convict marriages. Source: FamilySearch.org

South Australia

You can obtain transcriptions now via the SA Genealogy and Heraldry Soc. Genealogy SA holds copies of the original District Registration Certificates for Births, Deaths and Marriages. The original Certificates hold additional information that many researchers find valuable. However, Genealogy SA is not permitted by law to provide an image copy of these original Certificates, but we can provide a transcription of the Certificate. The Certificate information content varies according to when it was created, and [you can see tables here](#) showing what you can expect to see. There is also a link below that shows what to expect on the transcription.

Basic Indexes can be searched at <http://www.genealogysa.org.au/resources/online-databases.html> and transcripts ordered \$22.00

The 50-50-90 rule: Anytime you have a 50-50 chance of getting something right, there's a 90% probability you'll get it wrong.

Titles now online

The SA Land Services Group have revamped access to Certificates of Title. Both current and

historical certificates are available online at a new site called [SAILIS](#). Historical titles formerly \$9.50 are currently free. The site is complex to follow but the procedure is the same as attending the Lands Titles Office and using the public terminals.

Australia – FamilySearch.org has started a new browsable image collection of the 1828 census from New South Wales. So far, 2,500 images are in the collection. A sample image is shown below from Botany Bay. The 1828 census lists the name of the family member (including servants), age, class (free or bonded), ship name and year of arrival, sentence (if applicable), employment, residence and religion. If the resident was a farmer, additional information was also collected such as the number of acres and livestock totals.

Two copies of the 1828 New South Wales census were created. One copy was sent to the public records office in England. This is the basis for the copy Ancestry keeps in its collection. The other copy is now resident in the Mitchell Library in Sydney, which is the basis for the FamilySearch version. It is worth consulting both versions since there appears to be slight differences between the two sets (particularly in name spelling).

The images in the FamilySearch collection can be searched by place. Eventually, it will be indexed by name. Access is free. [[New South Wales 1828 Census](#)]

Name of Family and Servants	Age	Sex	Class	Arrival		Sentence	Residence	Employment	Religion
				Ship	Year				
1. Abel Osborne	20	M	C.P.	East	1828	Life	Botany Bay	Labour	Protestant
2. Henry Osborne	19	M	B.C.				Botany Bay	Labour	Protestant
3. Elizabeth Muffly	27	F	C.F.	Proctor	1828		Botany Bay	Labour	Protestant
4. Ann Broadfield	60	F	Free	Burton	1827	7 years	Botany Bay	Labour	Protestant

This is an image of a page from the 1828 New South Wales census. This was Australia's first census. It was held in November 1828 and counted the settlers in the state. The white population at the time was 36,598 of whom 20,870 were free and 15,728 were convicts. Some 24.5% of the population were women. The religious split was 25,248 Protestants and 11,236 Catholics.

South Australia

Enquiries about missing South Australians in WWI

<https://sarcib.wwi.collections.slsa.sa.gov.au/>

From 1916 until 1919, the South Australian Red Cross Information Bureau performed the service of undertaking research into 8,033 enquiries from family and friends of missing Australian Imperial Force personnel fighting in World War 1. Documentation produced and received in the process of making these enquiries are included in the 'packets' of records that can be searched and viewed on this website.



Australia – FamilySearch.org has created a new browseable image collection of **Tasmanian civil registrations of births**. The collection consists of some 12,700 images and spans the years from 1899 to 1912. A typical record (as shown below) gives the name of the child, date of birth and sex. For the father it lists the name, age and birthplace. For the mother it lists the name, maiden name, age, when/where married, place of birth and other children.

The images in this collection are organized by place and then by year. For this collection there is often a long lead time between when the child was born and when it was registered. It is possible that children who died soon after birth were not put in the register in Tasmania during this time period.

Access is free. [Historic Tasmanian Birth Records](#)

No.	Name of Child	Sex	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Name of Father	Age of Father	Name of Mother	Age of Mother	When Married	Place of Birth of Mother	Other Children
455	John James Hanlon	Male	15 January 1910	Hamilton, Tasmania			Mrs. Hanlon	25	unmarried	Hamilton, Tasmania	John James Hanlon

Note in this example of a birth register for Hamilton, Tasmania in 1910 that no father is listed and the mother is shown as unmarried. In some jurisdictions of the era, this type of information would have been suppressed. To make things interesting in the case of this particular record, the informant was a nurse who happened to have the same last name (Hanlon) as the mother of the child. This suggests the mother and the nurse may have been related. *Source: FamilySearch.org*

W.A.

The following appeared recently on the W.A. DPS (Dead Persons Society) mailing list and may be of interest to members with Sandgroper ancestry or connections.

Hi Listers - Don't forget my free service to those looking for Avon Valley Births, Deaths and Marriages certificate transcripts, Headstones, Burial Registers and some photo's. Just google Jan James Avon Valley Collection and from there you can contact me.

I have been rather tied up for 4 years writing a book on The Eastern Districts Race Clubs and completing three great photographic Exhibitions and all are finished. One is on Northam's First people to the Elders today, which can be viewed in The Northam Visitors Centre. Another on Goomalling Districts men & women who served in all conflicts. The other of 2,000 photos of all those (where possible) of The Northam Districts men & women who also served in all conflicts. They were a great success with 100s passing through.

Now I am winding down and putting together all of my hand written Birth, Death & Marriage Certificates on the Avon. I was given permission by Premier Richard Court all those years ago, to transcribe these records to be used in the first volumes of Dictionaries which would eventually become The Bicentenary Dictionary Series. Working with such giants in the field of WA History as May Durack, Molly Bentley, Wally Chitty, Tony Harrop to name a few. All under the Helm of the late wonderful Dr. Rica Erikson. Wonderful days I will always cherish. I remember clearly the day Rica said to me "what will I do with all these records" which she had collected over a life of service to WA History. Now, I ask the same question. There are of course a lot of people willing to take it off my hands, but making the decision is hard. These records also include The Aboriginal records of Birth, Death and marriage for WA, plus 7,500 Photos. I have decided to complete the Aboriginal Family Trees and I am still collecting photos. A huge trunk is full of records concerning this and Aboriginal people come for their family trees on a regular basis. The Avon Valley Records cover Northam, Toodyay, York & Beverley and all stops in between. Hard to make a decision concerning what to finish in the few years where I still have my wits about me. Feel free to contact me and I will email your records. I cannot afford to print them out anymore, or pay the postage but you can send or bring a thumb drive with a stamped envelope. In return, I would like a copy of your Avon Valley Settler families' photos, but you are under obligation.

I also ask that you recognise "The Jan James Collection" in your work. I also have several family trees given to me over the years.

- Jan James

If everything seems to be going well, you have obviously overlooked something.

Posting on the Rootsweb mailing list for **South OZ**.

I have just tripped over an interesting website that the RSL has developed. The url is below:

<http://www.rslvirtualwarmemorial.org.au/>

This has basic information for those who have served for Australia, and you are able to further add a portrait photo and your information for the person who has served. It should complement the websites and information that already exist.

Australia – The **Ryerson Index** has just reached the important milestone of 5 million names. For those who are not familiar with the Ryerson Index, it provides a free index to Australian obituary and probate notices found in historic newspapers. The notices go back as far as the Sydney Gazette of 1803 and as far forward as the present.

Although the Ryerson Index traditionally focussed on newspapers from New South Wales, it now covers much of Australia. A typical search will provide the last name, given name(s), type of notice (death notice, probate notice), date of death, age of person at death, newspaper, publication date and a reference to the town/city where the person last lived. Access is free. This is a great resource for anyone with Australian ancestors. [[Ryerson Index](#)]

Some may have relatives who moved to NZ and signed up with that country's armed forces. For those that have relatives who served in the first world war

<http://nzef.adfa.edu.au>

The project is developing a database to record information on those from New Zealand who served overseas in the New Zealand Expeditionary Force in the Great War, 1914-1918

New Zealand's Great War 1914-1918

Aotearoa me Te Pakanga Nui 1914-1918

The NZEF Project is a research and information activity at The University of New South Wales, Canberra, at the Australian Defence Force Academy.

Nunhead Cemetery Records Added to Deceased Online

Dick Eastman

Deceased Online has added a third of the Magnificent Seven Cemeteries' records to its website, <http://www.deceasedonline.com>. Nunhead Cemetery, managed by the London Borough of Southwark, is one of the largest and most historic cemeteries in South London and around 1 million records for all 275,000 burials from 1840 to 2011 are immediately available.



Here is the announcement from Deceased Online:

All of the burials from the famous Nunhead Cemetery, in the London Borough of Southwark, are now available to search through **Deceased Online**. Opened in 1840 and originally known as All Saints Cemetery, Nunhead is still in operation today. You can discover who else is buried in the grave, get a

scanned copy of the original register entry and a vital map giving the square where the grave is located. To search now [clickhere](#).

There are nearly 300,000 people buried in Nunhead. This wonderful cemetery is one of the “**magnificent seven**” Victorian cemeteries with many listed monuments and memorials. Large parts of the cemetery are designated as a nature reserve, which provides a perfect habitat for wildlife and lovely walks, but these areas are unsafe to access beyond the paths.

Further cemeteries will be added for Southwark Council in the coming weeks. See full details [click here](#).

Criminal index added to Findmypast

A web index containing details of criminals at the turn of the 19th century has been added to [Findmypast](#). Launched as part of the site's ongoing 'Findmypast Friday' campaign, the resource incorporates information from the *Hue & Cry, and Police Gazette*, a newspaper that published notices of wanted felons and the offences they committed. The index was compiled by volunteers from the Australian Institute of Genealogical Studies, primarily for tracing British criminals sentenced to transportation. Search [here](#) (requires subscription).

East Sussex illegitimacy records hit the web

Details of children born out of wedlock in East Sussex between 1793 and 1834 have been uploaded to the web. Kerry Baldwin, who volunteers at The Keep near Brighton, has added descriptions of more than 800 bastardy bonds held by the archive centre to its online catalogue. Covering cases heard at Burwash magistrates' court, the entries can reveal the mother's name, sex of the child and information about the alleged father. Explore the entries [here](#).

Bandon Hill Cemetery



Thousands of burial records from a South London cemetery have been made available on the web. [Deceased Online](#) has added details of more than 32,000 graves at Bandon Hill Cemetery in Wallington, spanning 1900 to 2012. Searchable by name and year, the records are accompanied by scans of the original burial registers. Among the famous names included in the release is that of composer and musician Samuel Coleridge-Taylor, who was interred in 1912. Explore [here](#) (requires subscription or credits).

This 42 seconds of video was made by a Vancouver, BC news anchor. She first showed it at the closing of the news one day and it has gone viral. Click on the link below.

<https://www.youtube-nocookie.com/embed/tHvExOg4NI0?rel=0>

I felt sorry for Cooper... for about 2 seconds

From Who Do You Think You Are? magazine - WW1 railway workers website launches



The railway database has been created by volunteers using records held at the Head of Steam Museum in Darlington

Researchers with First World War ancestors who worked on the railways could benefit from a new online resource. The [Head of Steam Museum](#) in Darlington (pictured above) has launched a [web database](#) providing details about more than 8,000 North-Eastern Railway employees who enlisted between 1914 and 1918, including

their name, date of birth, regiment and job title during peacetime. Some entries also include details of photographs linked to the original record, which can be viewed by contacting the museum. To search the resource for free, click [here](#).

**From Who Do You Think You Are? magazine –
Millions of school records go online for the first time**

As well as registers, which provide personal details about pupils, the collection also contains log books documenting daily life at the school



Over 2.5 million school records from across England and Wales have been published on the web following a landmark digitisation project.

Available through Findmypast.co.uk, the collection is the first offering from the National Digitisation Consortium, a group of schools, archives and record offices led by the Archives & Records Association (ARA) to release

records through commercial partners.

The fully transcribed documents, spanning 1870-1914, provide researchers with a vivid insight into the early lives of their ancestors.

A large portion of the collection is taken up by school registers. Accompanied by a scan of the page on which the details appear, the transcripts reveal information such as name, address, date of admission, date of leaving, name of parent and medical history.

The rest of the tranche comprises log-books, recording events which occurred throughout the school year. Lesson plans and details of inspections are sometimes included, but importantly for family historians, they can also offer reports on individual students, as well as names of teachers.

The collection currently covers 13 regions: Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Cambridgeshire, Cheshire, Devon, Glamorganshire, Hertfordshire, Huntingdonshire, Lancashire, Middlesex, Surrey, Westminster and Wiltshire.

However, the National Digitisation Consortium is working with Findmypast to release two further batches in Spring and Summer 2015.

No.	Date of Birth	SURNAME	CHRISTIAN NAMES		Date of Admission	PREVIOUS SCHOOL
			MALE	FEMALE		
7 2	27 Feb 1877	Stone	Alan	William	70	Ashted Common
7	27 Feb 1877	Robson	Arthur	George	.	Osbe Road
7 1	27 Feb 1877	Edwards	Thomas	John	.	Path Walk
6 8	27 Feb 1877	Lynnes	George	John	.	The Slats
7 4	27 Feb 1877	Waring	William	Christoph	.	Langley Bottom
6 9	27 Feb 1877	Loughston	William	A James	.	Shunter's Lane
6 5	27 Feb 1877	Wood	William	William	.	Crampshaw Lane
6 7	27 Feb 1877	Larkner	Arthur	Edmund	.	Langley Bottom
6 1	27 Feb 1877	Robson	Arthur	John	.	The Slats
7 1	27 Feb 1877	Robinson	Edward	John	.	The Slats
6 2	27 Feb 1877	Bauckham	Thomas	Thomas	.	Mount Pleasant
7 3	27 Feb 1877	Maclin	Margaret	Robert	.	Path Lane
7 5	27 Feb 1877	Kease	William	Allen	.	The Slats
7 4	27 Feb 1877	Munday	Bessie	George	.	King Williams Gate
7 3	27 Feb 1877	Taylor	Fred	Thomas	.	Agates Lane
7	27 Feb 1877	Simpney	Alice	Edmund	.	Crampshaw Lane

This register from St Giles' School in Ashted, Surrey, lists each child's date of admission, date of birth, surname, forename, residence and previous school (Credit: Surrey History Centre)

Derbyshire County Council Record Office is just one of the 120 institutions in the group. While its school records are not be available in the first release, they will form part of a later tranche.

Archives & Local Studies Manager Sarah Chubb told *Who Do You Think You Are? Magazine* that its documents would help genealogists “open up a whole new window on their ancestors’ lives”.

She added: “Record offices have always worked together, but this is the first time we’ve co-operated on such a large scale.”

Researchers visiting participating archives will not only have free access to the institution’s digitised records, but those from other members of the Consortium online.

ARA Chief Executive John Chambers said: “The National Digitisation Consortium allows a number of archives and schools, of all sizes, to offer records for digitisation within a single, shared legal agreement.

“As well as enabling these fascinating records to be available to the public, this project will set an important precedent for the way the [archives] sector can work together to achieve a better return.”

► Explore the collection at Findmypast.co.uk (requires subscription)

► See our guide to using school records in the November 2014 issue, published 28 October

England – FindMyPast has added to their collection of Kent parish records. The latest addition consist of 42,000 new baptism records spanning 450 years and 30,000 new burial records also spanning 450 years. With the newest additions, FindMyPast now has over 540,000 Kent baptism records and over 385,000 burial records. These records can be searched by first name, last name, baptism year, father’s first name and mother’s first name. Access is by subscription. [[Kent Baptism Records](#)]

England – Ancestry has added a new collection of British Army muster books and pay lists. This new collection spans the years from 1812 to 1817 and consists of over 467,000 records. This might be a good collection to search if you had a relative involved in the Battle of Waterloo in June 1815. A typical record lists the name, start date, end date, regiment, where stationed, rank and pay of the soldier. It covers cavalry, foot guards and regular infantry regiments. Also included are special regiments, colonial troops, various foreign legions, garrison battalions, veteran battalions and depots. The collection can be searched by first name, last name, keyword and regiment. Access is by subscription. [[British Army Muster Books](#)]

South American interests? The following was posted on the Rootswedb mailing list for Kent (Eng).

South American Brits Database <http://sabrits.co.uk/Home.html>

a site for British genealogists interested in South America. The transcriber started to record data from the Roots South America emigration mailing list in November 1998 Initially, had only 500 names. This has grown into a database of 26,000 people all of whom have spent part of their lives in South America.

England – Ancestry has put online an interesting collection of some 11,000 historic Surrey England mental hospital records. These are admission records and span the years from 1867 to 1900. According to Ancestry, one of the shocking things about this collection is the number of patients that were admitted to mental hospitals at the time that were aged ten years or younger. Each record lists the patient’s name, gender, marital status, occupation, residence, religion and reason for admission. Given the changed nature of the mental health industry, some of the reasons for admission might not be recognizable today. For example giving ‘weak-mindedness’ as a reason for admission is particularly vague. Access to this collection is by subscription. [[Historic Surrey Mental Health Records](#)]



From Who Do You Think You Are? magazine -

Records of Waterloo soldiers published online

Records of more than 460,000 soldiers who served during the Napoleonic Wars – including at the Battle of Waterloo – have been made available to explore on Ancestry



The Battle of Waterloo, as depicted in a contemporary print by William Heath (Credit: Getty Images)

Records of soldiers who served during the Napoleonic Wars have been made available online for the first time.

Digitised from documents held at The National Archives in series [WO 12](#), the [latest Ancestry release](#) comprises more than 460,000 pay and enlistment records – known as muster rolls – dating between 1812 and 1817.

Searchable by name and date, the collection not only provides each soldier's regiment and station location, but details of the wages they received.

Crucially, this includes men who fought at the Battle of Waterloo, which took place on 18 June 1815 and saw the defeat of French leader Napoleon Bonaparte.

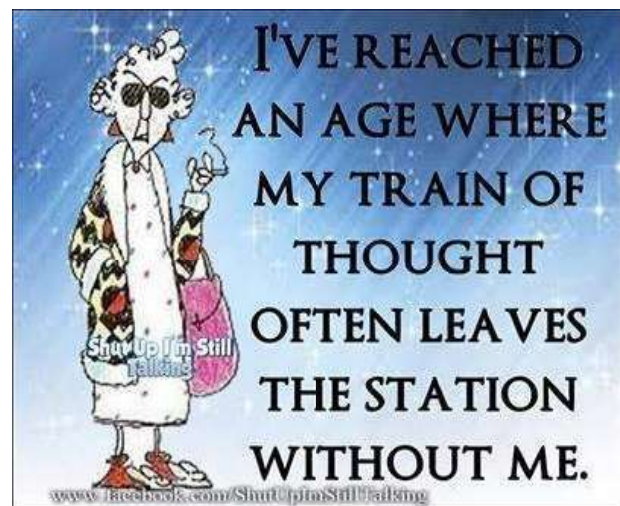
Analysis of the collection shows that the year of the battle was the peak period for new recruits, with the number of men signing up to fight reaching 250,000.

“We often hear tales of bravery about soldiers who fought in Britain’s great battles, but it’s rare to get a glimpse into the inner workings of the Army’s back office,” said Ancestry’s senior content manager Miriam Silverman.

“As well as standing as a permanent digital record of Britain’s past, this collection will allow anyone whose ancestor fought in the conflict to fill in gaps about their life, including how long they served, how much they were paid, where they were stationed, or even if they were held as a Prisoner of War.”

To search the collection, click [here](#) (requires subscription)

UK – If you think one of your ancestors may have owned a tavern in West Yorkshire, then this record set is for you. Ancestry.co.uk has digitized a unique set of 75,000 West Yorkshire alehouse records dating from 1771 to 1962. These are basically lists of people who were licensed to own taverns in the area. Since 1551, England has kept records of alehouse licenses, but it is rare to see such a collection being digitized and put online. Access is by subscription. [[Historic Alehouse Licenses](#)]



Surrey mental hospital records added to Ancestry



An engraving of Holloway Sanatorium from the *Illustrated London News*, 1884

Over 11,000 historic mental hospital records have been published online for the first time.

Digitised from documents held at [Surrey History Centre](#), the [new Ancestry.co.uk collection](#) features details of men, women and children admitted to Brookwood Hospital in Egham and Holloway Sanatorium in Woking between 1867 and 1900.

Searchable by details such as name and year, the records can reveal a patient's marital status, residence, occupation and religion, as well as the reason for their admission.

Diagnoses such as dementia and melancholia (deep depression) remain recognisable today, but others – such as 'hysteria' and 'weak-mindedness' – show a clear lack of medical understanding at the time.

"This collection shines light on a period in history where people – including children as young as four – were admitted to institutions, often with an incorrect diagnosis and without access to the correct level of care," said Ancestry's senior content manager Miriam Silverman.

"Though shocking from a modern perspective, the records track changing perceptions of mental health issues and will be particularly interesting for anybody looking to find out more about a relative detained in an institution in Surrey at this time."

Michael Page, County Archivist from Surrey County Council, added: "These records provide a detailed and poignant insight into how Surrey sought to provide proper care for those of its inhabitants suffering from mental illness and learning disabilities at a time when proper remedies and therapies were in their infancy."

To access the records now, click [here](#).

Lancashire quarter sessions records added to Ancestry



Order books recorded the decisions made at the court and can reveal costs of prosecution, sentences passed on criminals and a variety of county administration matters (Credit: Lancashire Archives/Ancestry.co.uk)

Researchers with Lancashire roots could discover more about their forebears' lives thanks to a new [Ancestry](#) release. Spanning 1648-1908, the [Quarter Session Records and Petitions collection](#) contains a variety of records created during quarter sessions, which were held four times a year in local courts. Digitised from material held at Lancashire

Archives, the set features order books recording trial decisions, as well as petitions, which were brought to the courts by people seeking services such as poor relief.

Railway employee records added to TheGenealogist



Mr. W. H. Marshall
York

Mr. A. N. Train
Whitdale

Mr. W. H. Marshall died, after a short illness, at the early age of 43. He had been a member of the Signal and Telecommunications Department for 23 years, nine of which were spent as inspector in the York area. His cheery personality and smiling humour will be much missed by his wide circle of friends. He was an active member of the Trades Union Movement and his membership of Sectional Councils 8 and 9 (he was still a member of the latter at the time of his death) made him a familiar figure over a wide area of the old L. N. E. R. He was closely associated with committees dealing with many phases of welfare work in Leeds, and his wide and varied knowledge made him a valued member of any committee. "Manny," as he was affectionately known by his friends, was always ready to sacrifice comfort and leisure to help others and, for those of his colleagues who are left to carry on, the world will seem a poorer place for his passing.

Mr. A. N. Train, retired stationmaster, Whitdale and Higglesstone, died on October 1, aged 78. He commenced his railway career as a clerk at Thomas in December, 1883, and retired from the position of stationmaster at Whitdale and Higglesstone on March 31, 1932.

NAME	TITLE	STATION	AGE
Adams, E.	Stationmaster	King's E. Carriage	38.0.00
Brown, A. S.	Stationmaster	King's E. Carriage	33.0.00
Chaplin, H. A.	T. Ticket Collector	Rockwitham U.S.C.	30.0.00

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Chubb, T.	Painter	Darlington	15.0.00
Freely, C.	Bookbinding	Shill	25.0.00
Knox, J.	Painter	Darlington	18.0.00
Piper, H.	Painter	Darlington	28.0.00
Smith, J. W.	Signaller	Stamford	3.0.00
Todd, J. J.	Painter	Truro Dock	21.7.00
Mitcham, F.	Driver	Melton	13.0.00
Spencer, C.	Driver	Widley	0.0.00
Robson, E.	Underman	York	31.2.00
Spencer, C. W.	Driver	York	0.0.00
Johnson, T.	Workman	Catfild	0.0.00
Holmes, J.	Workman	Darlington	18.0.00
Long, G.	Goods Porter	Northallerton	20.0.00
Porter, J.	Driver	West Auckland	20.0.00
Porter, J.	Driver	York	18.0.00
Stanger, J. R.	Wood Turner	York	17.0.00
Turner, C.	Driver	Pertham	19.0.00
Jack, A.	Painter	York	20.0.00
Robertson, J.	Ticket Collector	Thorncliffe	20.0.00
Smith, J. H.	Painter	York	11.0.00
Smith, C.	Driver	Hutton	0.0.00
Chaplin, G. L.	Painter	Darlington	7.0.00
Dyson, W. G.	Guard	York	20.0.00
Wain, W.	Painter	West Hartlepool	2.0.00
Stanger, J.	Assistant	North Newbould	3.0.00
Stanger, R. W.	Stationmaster	West Hartlepool	8.0.00
Howen, H. A.	Painter	Wanderlough	00.2.00
Howen, J. E.	Workman	Conisbrough	20.0.00
Howen, J. E.	Driver	Darlington	14.0.00
Wain, T.	Driver	Hutton	10.0.00
Howen, R. W.	Workman	Shildon	0.0.00
Wain, T. E.	Workman	Shildon	2.0.00
Howen, R. W.	Driver	Hutton	0.0.00
Howen, R. E.	Cap Driver	Mildenhall	11.0.00
Howen, R. E.	Stationmaster	Shildon	0.7.00
Howen, R. E.	Painter	Darlington	31.0.00

Researchers whose ancestors worked on the railways may discover more about their lives thanks to a new collection on TheGenealogist, revealing details of retirements, job titles, obituaries and more

The staff magazines published obituaries of recently deceased employees, including that of the appropriately named Mr A.N. Train, a retired stationmaster (Credit: TheGenealogist)

Details of more 60,000 people who worked on Britain's railways have

been added to [TheGenealogist](#).

The latest collection to be uploaded to the site features names of employees taken from dozens of railway company staff magazines published between 1905 and 1962.

Searchable by name and year, the database can reveal the employee's date of birth, job title and the station at which they were based, as well the issue in which their name appeared.

As the collection spans more than 50 years, it is sometimes possible to find workers mentioned more than once, allowing researchers to track their promotions, retirements and even their deaths.

Each transcription is accompanied by a scan of the page on which it appears, and in some cases will also include a photograph.

Search the collection now by clicking [here](#) (requires subscription)

The following announcement was written by the Forces War Records in Wiltshire, England:

This month, in commemoration of the 70th Anniversary of VE Day and the end of the war in Europe, Forces War Records will be releasing a **brand new collection of daily reports from the Second World War.**

We are really excited about this collection, as it includes detail not available in previously released Second World War data sets. It will give Forces War Records' users information about what happened to your Army ancestors at very specific times during the war. Almost any military records will give the name, rank and service number of the subject, but officer records traditionally miss off the latter piece of information. In these records however, service numbers are also given for officers. In addition, information on deaths, wounds and prisoners of war is given, along with specific duty

locations. Importantly, the collection also gives corrections for previously released lists where soldiers have, for example, been incorrectly recorded as killed or missing but later found to be alive and well. The British Army suffered over two hundred thousand deaths during the course of the Second World War, over one hundred and eighty thousand men made Prisoners of War, and nearly the same number again wounded. For these reasons this collection is extensive and a very important resource for anyone researching their military ancestors from that war, as there is so little information on that conflict available to the general public right now.

Over 90,000 records have already been uploaded to the website thanks in no small part to our brilliant data entry team. We estimate a further 400,000 records across 102 separate files, are yet to be digitised and uploaded so we have a long way to go yet. This does mean that if you don't find your Army ancestor right away he may be one of the records we haven't got to yet.

Further information on the list can be found on the Forces War Records website under the Collections List tab: <https://www.forces-war-records.co.uk/collections/134/wwii-daily-reports-missing-dead-wounded-pows>.

The 90,000 records already uploaded are accessible from the main search form and will be included in any relevant list of results.

Northern Ireland - Might be of interest to some:

1660s Hearth Money Rolls

The Hearth Tax was introduced to Ireland in 1662. Arranged by county, parish and, usually, townland, the Hearth Money Rolls list the names of householders who were liable to pay tax at the rate of two shillings on every hearth or fireplace they had. Some people were exempt* from the tax and, of course, others managed to evade paying it. This means that the lists are not a complete record of householders in a townland. The tax was collected over areas known as "Walks" which were based on towns. For example, the "Dunluce Walk" in County Antrim was centred on the town of Dunluce which was just outside the castle. It covered the baronies of Cary, Dunluce and Kilconway in North Antrim as well as the baronies of Coleraine and North East Liberties in County Londonderry.

* Persons living on alms, or persons not able to work, or persons who had a house or lands worth less than eight pounds per annum and with property valued at less than four pounds.

The original Hearth Money Rolls were destroyed by fire in the Four Courts, Dublin in 1922.

However, the Presbyterian Historical Society of Ireland had made copies of the Rolls and these were lent to PRONI in the mid-1920s for copying. I have used the PRONI type-written copies to compile the Hearth Money databases for Co. Londonderry and North and Mid Antrim. Remember then that these databases are a transcription of a transcription of a transcription of an original source. This clearly must have implications for the spelling of both personal names and townland names in the database.

<http://www.billmacafee.com/1660shearthmoneyrolls/1660shearthmoneyrollsulstername.pdf>

Canada – The website Canadiana.ca has achieved the important milestone of processing some 21 million pages of Canadian historic records. This website chronicles the institutions and people that shaped Canadian history from the 1600s to the mid-1990s.



The non-profit organization behind the website is Canadiana.org. It was originally founded in 1978 to preserve Canada's print heritage. There are 11 major collections on the website, including one specifically devoted to genealogy and local history and one devoted to the War of 1812. The website can be searched by keyword, collection and date range. Access is free. [Canadiana.ca]

The website Canadiana.ca has a number of digitized books, historic magazines, government bills, letters, commission reports, photographs, etc. Particularly useful for genealogists is the extensive collection of family genealogies, as shown above. *Source: Canadiana.ca*

Wonderful English from Around the World

In a Bangkok Temple:

IT IS FORBIDDEN TO ENTER A WOMAN, EVEN A FOREIGNER, IF DRESSED AS A MAN.

Cocktail lounge, Norway:

LADIES ARE REQUESTED NOT TO HAVE CHILDREN IN THE BAR.

Doctor's office, Rome:

SPECIALIST IN WOMEN AND OTHER DISEASES.

Dry Cleaners, Bangkok:

DROP YOUR TROUSERS HERE FOR THE BEST RESULTS.

US – Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) has added an index of over 40,000 digitized family Bible records. Before the days of government birth, marriage and death records, family Bible records remain an important resource for genealogists. The index can be searched for free. [[DAR Bible Records](#)]

Howes surname project reaches milestone

A website dedicated to studying the history of a surname has reached an important milestone. HowesFamilies.com – which focuses on various incarnations of 'Howes' – has now documented more than 100,000 individuals with the name across the world. The work has been completed by around 500 volunteers, who have been contributing to the database since September 2008. Find out more by clicking [here](#).

Family history timeline website launches

A new website enabling genealogists to create and share a 'rich, visual timeline' of their family history has launched online. [Twile](http://Twile.com), created by Paul Brooks and Kelly Marsden, allows users to plot milestones in their ancestors' lives on a colourful timeline, complete with descriptions and photographs. The website is free to join, but users can sign up for a premium subscription package (£19.99 per year), offering a wider range of milestone types to choose from. To try it out, visit twile.com.

Chrome update lets you disable annoying Flash videos from auto playing

Google Chrome is arguably the most popular web browser, but it kills laptops' battery life and requires a great deal of memory to run.

Google is making a significant change that might help in that department.

An update, <http://chrome.blogspot.com.au/2015/06/better-battery-life-for-your-laptop.html> which is now in beta, disables Flash ads from auto playing when you load a page. Users can choose if they want to disable all content from auto-playing or if they want to only auto-play content which is "central" to a webpage, like video. If Chrome accidentally pauses something you wanted to see, just click on it to play.

This feature will almost certainly improve laptop performance for Chrome users in addition to helping maintaining sanity; it will doubtlessly be appreciated well beyond its battery-saving intention.

ScotlandsPeople website

We're keen to ensure that our customers are getting the most out of using the [ScotlandsPeople](#) website. We often receive queries from new customers asking for help with viewing images, or for instructions on printing or saving records. To help inform users of the different options for available, we've created a handy Image Viewer guide which answers the most commonly asked questions, viewing images, and of the features

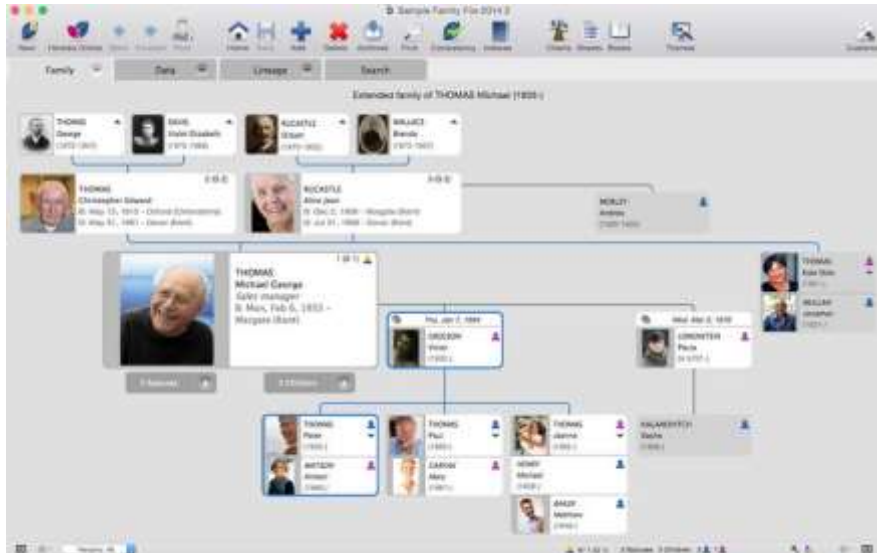
[Read our Image Viewer guide](#)



Heredis 2015 is Now Available for Windows and Macintosh

From Dick Eastman Newsletter

Almost two weeks ago, I published an article at <http://goo.gl/ACmkRF> entitled *Heredis 2015 to be Available Later this Month*. Today, the prediction came true. Heredis 2015, a powerful genealogy program for Windows and for Macintosh, was released today.



Heredis 2015 is a major upgrade. The program now includes a search module for online archives. With the 2015 release, everything needed for online genealogy research is now included in Heredis. The producers of Heredis say there now is no need for additional software to be installed or paid for to have all the tools necessary for your genealogy.

In addition, Heredis 2015 adds:

- **Photo tool:** Capture faces and signatures on photos and documents. If the pictures or captures of acts are not perfect, you can correct them with the photo editing functions.
- **Shared events:** Share an event for several participants with one unique data entry. The event then appears in the record of each person.
- **Family Tree Mapping:** Your ancestors are now shown on interactive maps. Display the places where your ancestors lived.
- **Photo albums on Heredis Online:** Share your genealogical photo albums on Heredis Online. Visitors to Heredis Online will make the most of graphic pictures and will no doubt get in touch with you if they have information about any person in any photo.
- **Search online tool for Archives:** The new online archive tool will help you retrieve documents online without leaving your software. It will also help you to make a capture of acts found and to integrate them directly into your genealogy.

Another item in the announcement that caught my eye in the announcement is that the price of Heredis has been reduced: \$29.99 US instead of \$39.99 US for the 2014 version. Free demo versions are also available so that you can try the program for a while at no cost.

All the details are available in an announcement available at <http://heredis.com/download/Press-release-Heredis-2015.zip> as a ZIP file that include several screen shots and a PDF file with the announcement. You also might want to watch a video about Heredis 2015 below:

You can read more about the Windows version of Heredis at <http://www.heredis.com/en/heredis-2015-for-windows/> while the Macintosh version is described at <http://www.heredis.com/en/heredis-2015-for-mac/>. The Macintosh version may be downloaded from the Macintosh App Store at <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/heredis-2015-world/id1003686085?l=fr&ls=1&mt=12>. The Macintosh version is available at a \$5 introductory discount, good until July 12, 2015.