

Magazine	Issue	Article /Detail /Comment
Descendants of Convicts Group	July-August 2022 No. 206	<p>Convicts mentioned in this edition: <b>Elizabeth Rimes 1774-1841. English</b>  <b>Mathew Sutton 1820-1889.</b>  <b>Mary McCrewney 1811-1898 Irish</b>  <b>John Richardson, a Botanist Convict, 1797-1882. English.</b> He accompanied John Oxley on his explorations 1823,24 &amp; 25. His name is commemorated in the plant species Hibiscus Richardsonii.. His biography in Australian Dictionary of Biography.</p> <p><b>James Davis. 1824-1889. Scottish.</b> He was 16 when sentenced to transportation, he had a checked life with the law, which ultimately led to him sending 13 years living with an Aboriginal clan. Upon his return to European settlement, he went on to own businesses and from his estate the Brisbane General Hospital received £750 in 1889 and £1100 in 1910. Ref source Australian Dictionary of Biography, National Centre of Biography, Australian National University.</p> <p>His life story is such a contrast to that of</p> <p><b>John "Red" Kelly 1820-1866. Irish.</b> The father of Ned Kelly. At the time of his death John had 8 children ranging in ages from 14 yrs to just 1 yr old and Edward "Ned" was just 12yrs. John Kelly served his sentence in Tasmania receiving his Ticket of Leave and Certificate of Freedom early due to good behaviour. He went on to own farming property in Victoria however, due to a succession of unfavourable seasons, including extended drought conditions; at the time of his death at 46 the family was destitute. Ref source <a href="https://fethard.com/people/red Kelly.html">https://fethard.com/people/red Kelly.html</a>.  <a href="https://nedkellyireland.com/ekelly/edkelly.editor.html">https://nedkellyireland.com/ekelly/edkelly.editor.html</a></p> <p><b>Rebellious Convicts Mary Palmer and Francis McCarthy. Irish.</b> Mary was a member of a gang of wild young women (mostly Irish) in the East End of London known as "The Ruffins". The members of this gang were eventually arrested, tried and hanged; except for Mary, who was 16 and pregnant. Upon arrival in Sydney Cove, she was sent to the Parramatta Female Factory classified as "Third Class" and one of the "inflammable matter of Ireland" on "courting day" she met Francis McCarthy who had been transported from Ireland for "uttering unlawful oaths" against his English landlord. They married in 1823 and went on to have ten children. They lived out hard lives, loved and respected by all accounts until their 90<sup>th</sup> year. Ref source <a href="https://independentaustralia.net">https://independentaustralia.net</a></p> <p>Recommended - Convict Podcasts – by Jennifer-Twemlow</p>
RAHS		Many artifacts which have been uncovered over time in the Parramatta area are now being displayed in foyers of buildings in and around Parramatta Square.
Forbes Family H.G.		Publications for sale in their magazine covering transcriptions of headstones in the many small cemeteries in the surrounding localities. Indexes of Marriages for St. John's C of E 1870-1928, Indexes of Wedding, deaths and Obituary notices. A Pioneer Register, which extends to 3 volumes.
Convict Connection Group	June 2022	<p>There are some very interesting articles in this 44 page Chronicle including some recipe; an article on Captain Crotty who was Commandant at Port Macquarie from October 1827 to June 1828.</p> <p><b>Marriage Portions</b></p> <p>In 1828 Governor Darling introduced a scheme which was to benefit colonial-born daughters of respectable men known as Marriage Portions. Once the eligible girl was engaged to be married, she could apply for her Marriage Portion Land Grant and claim it once she was married. It was she who held the property title, when she died, the Property was to pass to her children and not to her husband. By 1830/31 there were 42 women who had received Marriage Portions The land grants varied from 60 to 1,280 acres but, it took up to six years for the Land Deed to be registered. In January 1831 the powers to be in London put an end to the scheme.</p>

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		<p>There is an exhibition at Old Government House at Parramatta through to November displaying a unique collection of artwork and objects handcrafted by convicts. A note that the State Records NSW have now digitised The Colonial Secretary Records for 1788-1825 index.</p>
<b>Lake Macquarie Family History Group</b>	<p>June 2022 Vol.25.No.1</p>	<p>The theme for this issue was Heirlooms. The interesting stories here raised these questions for me.....</p> <p>What will be the Heirlooms each of us will leave for the next generation?</p> <p>Who knows the stories behind them?</p> <p>What of the Heirlooms we hold from the previous generations?.</p> <p>Have we passed their stories to our children?</p> <p>A snippet of information out of one of the stories which caught my eye...Up until 1907 it was illegal in the UK to marry your Deceased Wife's Sister or your deceased Husband's brother; this was an old church law which carried over until The Deceased Wife's Sister Marriage Act of 1907 and it wasn't until 1921 The Deceased Brother Widow Act was passed. Apparently many people who found themselves in this situation went off shore to marry, some even emigrated to Australia in order to have their marriages recognised.</p>
Caloundra Clipper	<p>June No. 117</p>	<p>Looking Back at 150 years of Queensland Education. How things have changed. -</p>
SAG	<p>90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Issue</p>	<p>In August 1932 the Society was formed with only 46 founding members. Imagine back then all transcribing was carried out by hand and by volunteers.</p> <p>Some of their achievements have been - By 1965 28 Volumes of Australian Cemeteries Indexes had been compiled. In 1973 the Society introduced the first Diploma in Family Historical Studies. 1974 saw the Society work together with the National Library of Australia and the Mitchell Library to preserve original Parish Registers on to microfilm. They also completed an index of Transcriptions of Headstones at Rookwood Cemetery.</p> <p>New technology has entered the arena and everything is being transferred to this media. DNA is the latest source of research the Society is learning to handle.</p> <p>How much foresight did the founding members have to want to preserve history across all facets of life in Australia?</p> <p>I wonder what changes the next 90 years hold for Genealogy Research?</p> <p>The Society has also published a book titled - Tracing your Family History for Dummies.</p>
<b>Also Received</b>	<p>for anyone who does not receive a e-journal there is a list here of recommended websites from The Descendants of Convicts Group. Publications for purchase from the Forbes Family History Group</p>	

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