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May Calendar

Monday, 1 May
Legacy Users Group Meeting
7.00pm - 9.00pm

Thursday, 4 May
10:00am - 4.00pm
Mid-Week Research Open Day

Thursday, 11 May
10:00am - 4.00pm
Mid-Week Research Open Day

Saturday, 13 May
1:00pm - 4.00pm
Committee Meeting - Research Day

Thursday, 18 May
10:00am - 4.00pm
Mid-Week Research Open Day

Saturday, 20 May
1:30pm - 3.30pm
Family Tree Maker User Group Meeting

Thursday, 25 May
10:00am - 4.00pm
Mid-Week Research Open Day

Friday, 26 May
10:00am - 2.00pm
Growing Your Family Tree - History Festival Event

Saturday, 27 May
1:00pm - 4.00pm
Suzanne Maiden - "Your family may be far more interesting than you may think. How to find the genealogical truth."

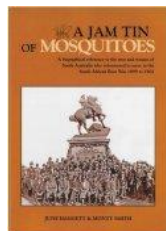
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From the Committee

Hello Members,

For those of you who missed our March speaker Monty Smith from the National Boer War Memorial Association, you missed a treat. Monty was a passionate speaker uncovering the names of the brave men and women who went to fight in South Africa, a lot of them not returning home. This book contains lots of vital information, photographs (especially the lovely nurses who tended the wounded) and illustrations. This book is now in our library and is called "**A Jam Tin of Mosquitoes - South Australians in the Boer War 1899**". Well worth a browse.



May is History Festival Month with lots of activities and places of interest throughout the month – you can have a look by visiting <http://historyfestival.sa.gov.au/> We are listed in the booklet joining with the staff and volunteers at the City of Playford Library.



[South Australia's History Festival 1-31 May 2017 | South Australia's History...](#)

We hope you enjoy reading this month's newsletter which has some really interesting articles.

BOTANY BAY EXPEDITION.

Further particulars, brought by the Barrowdale storeship arrived at Plymouth after a passage of nine months.

The inhabitants go without the least apparel or sence against the weather. The men are upright, but not gracefully made; the women stoop very much, and in their gait are particularly aukward (sic). Their colour is of dingy copper. Their features are broad and ill formed; the nose is broad and flat; their lips wide and thick, their eyes circular and large. From a practice they have of rubbing themselves with fish oil, they smell so loathsome that they cannot be approached but with disgust. The men have bushy beards, and the hair on their heads furzy and stick full of fish teeth and bits of shells, which are fastened with gum.

It was observed that several women had two joints cut off the middle finger:- to this peculiarity it may be subjoined, that frequently large assemblies of the men were noticed together, all of whom had one of their front teeth out. - One inference made from their appearance was, that these marks distinguished the particular class of which the parties belonged; but of this there were many doubts.

Although the women appear always without the least covering, the men seem, notwithstanding, to possess some jealous notions; for though they permitted our seamen to decorate their wives with gilt and coloured slips of paper, they would never leave them behind, when they were about to depart. In the early interviews between the settlers and natives, the women always appeared defended by strong parties of men in the front, armed with lances. Captain Cook relates, that only a few of those people presented themselves; and therefore it was concluded the country was thinly inhabited; but in this he was mistaken, as frequent tribes of three or four hundred came down together. Towards evening, they have often been seen, sometimes to the amount of seventy and eighty sitting around a fire in the open air; and numbers of these fires were nightly on the coast, on Commodore Phillip's first arrival; but they were alighted at a greater distance soon after.

Some hut, formed of boughs, had been seen; but in the greatest excursion of the country that was ever made, small bodies of the natives were noticed under hollow banks, and in caverns. They generally fled as the English parties approached, and when these places of refuge were examined, heaps of rushes and long dried grass appeared to be their beds. The rocks upon the sea-shore afforded many of them a like asylum; but these were at some distance from Sydney's Cove.

The women who had infants, carried them generally on their shoulders; but few of these came very near the English lines of limitation, according to the ground was in, when the Barrowdale left the coast.

Fish is their principal food, and the women are as expert as the men in catching them, and understand managing the canoes full as well :- they also can dive; but in this the men are astonishingly dexterous and frequently go to a depth of 70 or 100 feet, to bring up shell fish, or a fish wounded by their lances. In the winter the fish leave those seas and go to the northward for warmth. In their absence, how such improvident wretches can subsist, justly excites astonishment!

When Governor Philips and his officers presented these people with necklaces, pieces of cloth, and handkerchiefs, they greedily took them; but so temporary was the pleasure of possession, that they scarce ever kept the gift beyond a day, and all their finery was found from time to time scattered about the woods and unregarded. One man submitted to be shaved, and have his hair dressed. They frequently advance in a formidable array, but always lost their courage, as the approach came nearer. The terror of our guns killing do precisely the object aimed at, is a great source of awe. Of the three men who were killed in the woods, one was found covered from head to foot with short darts or arrows. They once threw a spear at a party of seamen, but it failed in effect, they

seemed anxious to disown and hostile intent, and struck the man by whom it was thrown. In their fits of levity, they will laugh for a long time, from no evident cause.

We shall conclude our account with a few particulars relative to the New Colony, beyond those already recited; for the prosperity of so many subjects of this country, cannot but be an object of general concern.

The following were the live stock landed in the Colony on the public account.

1 Stallion - 3 Mares - 3 Colts.

1 Bull---3 Cows---1 Calf--- Strayed in the woods and lost, except 1 Cow.

4 Rams---40 Sheep--- All dead but six.

3 Boars--- 26 Sows---Five killed by Lightning.

The horses thrive on account of their being regularly worked, and carefully attended at night. ---The cow that still remains, being taken care of by reason of her being in calf, escaped the fate of the rest:--- She has since calved.

The very lightning storm that killed the pigs killed also some sheep, belonging to the Governor's private stock. That the sheep died, was owing to the want of proper feed; where the pasture was good, there was scarce any, and in other places it was strong sour grass.

In clearing the earth, more was appropriated garden ground than farming; Radishes and turnips promised better than other vegetables. The beans and peas wore a bad aspect --
- Parsley, baum,¹ a sort sage, and other European herbs, were found of natural growth, -
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Besides the cabbage tree, there is an uncommon fine gum tree, and also a tree which when cut down distils for a time, a sap which hardens like a cement; and afterwards falls into dust: when thrown in a fire, it neither blazes nor burns, and has nothing of a bitumen quality in it.

The effects of the lightning were perceptible on every hill; every other tree appeared shivered by it. Three earthquakes were felt in the first six months of the colony being established.

In digging to try the soil, they found an earth from which they made such excellent brick, that several houses are already built. They have also found a dry marle ² or chalk, from whence lime has been produced.

The poor convicts were in a wretched state for want of bedding--- a shameful improvidence at home – Some of those who were placed at the head of the different classes of workmen (a regulation made by the Governor) behaved extremely well. One of the four who was hanged, after his condemnation fled to the woods; here he remained for several days: At length he returned almost starved to death, to meet his fate, and the Governor ordered his instant execution!!! A rock at some distance from the shore is fixed as a sort of Bastille; here some of the offenders are sent, exposed to the weather, and with no other food than bread: This sometimes produces reformation.

Among the curiosities which will arrive, is a stuffed black swan, which it is said to have been shot by Major Ross, the Lieutenant Governor: Several stuffed Kangaroos are also coming over, but it was impossible to take any alive of a growth to send. A young one is however in Major Ross's possession, and intended as a present to his Majesty, when it can be conveyed with safety to England.

1. Baum = Balm

2 Marle = Marl a crumbly soil mainly calcite and dolomite.

The following account of the number and equipment of the fleet, and the nature of the establishment sent out for the commencing the regular government of the Colony at Botany Bay, may not be unacceptable to our readers:

Transports	Alexander	210		men convicts
	Scarborough	210		
	Friendship	80	-	24 women convicts
	Charlotte	100	-	24
	Price of Wales			30
	Lady Penryn			102
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		600		180

Marines detachment for garrison; viz
In the Lady Penryn. Capt. Campbell, Lieutenants G. Johnson and Wm. Collins, 3
privates.

Scarborough. Capt. Shea, Lieutenants Kellow and Morriton, 2 Serjeants, 2
corporals,
2 drums, 26 privates.

Friendship. Captain-Lieutenant Meredith, Lieutenants Clarke, and Faddy, 2
serjeants,
3 corporals, 1 drum, 36 privates.

Charlotte. Capt. Tench, Lieutenants Cresswell and Poulden, 3 serjeants, 3
corporals,
1 drum, 24 privates.

Alexander. Lieutenants J. Johnson and Sharpe, 2 serjeants, 2 corporals, 1
drum,
26 privates.

Prince of Wales. Lieutenants Davy and Thomas, the Provost Martial, 2
serjeants, 2 corporals,
1 drum, 2 privates.

Sirius. 1 serjeants, 3 drums, 6 privates.

Being 4 captains, 12 subalterns, 12 serjeants, 12 corporals, 8 drums, 160 privates. In all
208.

40 wives of the marines permitted to go with them.

Three storeships, the Golden Grove, Fishburn and Barrowdale, with provisions,
implements for husbandry, clothing, &c. for the convicts.

Lieutenants John Shortland, agent for the transports.

Cap. Arthur Philips of the Navy, Governor and Commander in Chief of the territory of
New South Wales, and of his Majesty's ships and vessels employed on that coast.

Major Rob. Ross, Lieut. Governor; Rd. Johnson, Chaplain, Andrew Miller, Commissary,
David Collins, Judge Advocate; John Long, Adjutant; James Furzer, Quarter Master.
Alexander, Prov. Martial; John White, Surgeon; Thomas Arndell, Assistant ditto, William
Balmain, ditto.

Transcribed from the original article by Colin Withall. No correction of spelling or
grammar undertaken.

Reference: The Reading Mercury and Oxford Gazette, etc (Reading, England), Monday,
April 06, 1789; pg. 4; Issue 1420. British Library Newspapers, Part III: 1741-1950.

CAN YOU HELP ?

Carol Giblett, one of our members has recently been sent a Rug or Wall Hanging by her relatives in Scotland. She knows nothing about this item except it belonged to her father who, she thinks, purchased it in the 1950's from either Jordan or Palestine. If anyone can help in identifying this rug, could you please contact Margaret via info@andfhg.org. Thank You.



Mothers of Invention

In this article many inventions are covered and although they may seem very diverse they do have something in common – for they were all invented by women.

Women do not feature prominently on lists of early inventions and this is not surprising as property laws, prior to the early 1800's, prevented women from obtaining patents – these being deemed as 'intellectual property'. It is recorded that Sybilla Masters obtained a patent for her method of turning corn into cornmeal in 1715 but – due to these laws - the document was issued in her husband's name. Mary Kies was the first American woman to receive a patent, issued in 1809, for her method of weaving straw into hats.

There are more than a few surprises on the list of 'Women Inventors' as some of their inventions would not traditionally be associated with women – and especially so two hundred years ago when few women received a technical education.

Who would have thought that the circular saw was invented by a woman! Tabitha Babbitt spent her life spinning and weaving in a small Shaker community which relied on the forestry industry to provide an income. She observed the men using the two man pit saws and realised how much energy was wasted by the one way cutting motion. Using her knowledge of the weaving and spinning machines Tabitha created a circular saw blade mounted on a spinning axle and her first saw, made in 1812, is still kept in New York.

Nearly 100 years later when rancher Mary Anderson took a tram trip in New York she observed that the driver had to stop frequently to wipe the snow off the front window. This led Mary to design a squeegee on a spindle attached to a handle on the inside of a vehicle which, when pulled, activated the squeegee. In 1904 she obtained a patent for this forerunner of today's windscreen wiper. At first her invention was considered too distracting for drivers but 10 years later they were fitted to thousands of American cars.

In 1900 Florence Parpart gained a patent for her improvements to the design and manufacture of the street cleaning machine - first patented by Eureka Brown in 1879. Florence was granted a patent for a refrigerator in 1914 and began promoting the sale of her invention which led to a very successful business career.

Another American woman, credited with numerous inventions, came from a humble background and began her working life in a factory at the age of 12. Margaret E Knight is reported to have created a stop-motion device in 1850, after seeing shuttles flying from machines and injuring workers in these factories. Another 20 years elapsed before Margaret received her first patent – this time for an adaptation to a paper bag making machine which enabled it to form a square bottom bag. Margaret was still inventing well into her 60's and gained a patent for a series of rotary engine designs when the automobile was introduced at the turn of the century.

At the other end of the social scale was Josephine Cochran who invented the first practical dishwasher - because her servants broke her fine china pieces whilst washing them! Her design, patented in 1886, relied on strong water pressure and hot water. It was not well received by the average household as many did not have water heaters but Josephine finally found a market for her product in the hospitality industry.

Move forward to the 1950's and Bette Nesmith Graham, Secretary to Chairman of the Texas Bank, was using the newly introduced electric typewriter, but often had to retype whole pages when she made a mistake. She experimented at home, blending watercolour paint with dye, to match the colour of the Bank's stationery and used this to correct her mistakes. This was an instant success with the other secretaries and Bette became so involved with the distribution of her 'Mistake Out' that she was fired from her job. Whilst she was unemployed Bette refined her product and eventually received a patent in 1958 for 'Liquid Paper'. That well known phrase 'Necessity is the mother of invention' certainly applied to Bette!

Sources: <http://www.lib.muohio.edu/epub/govlaw/FemInv/kinv.php>
<http://inventors.about.com/od/womeninven>

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British Newspaper Archive Announces Major New Milestone

The following announcement was written by the British Newspaper Archive, a partnership between the British Library and Findmypast:

World's largest online collection of historic British newspapers now covers every single county in England.

March 21th 2017

The [British Newspaper Archive](#), has today announced a major new milestone in their project to digitise up to 40 million newspaper pages from the British Library's vast collection of historic British & Irish newspapers. Following the addition of a newspaper for the country's smallest county, Rutland, the Archive now covers every corner of England as, for the first time, at least one title from each of the country's 48 counties is now available to search and explore.



The British Newspaper Archive now contains over 18.7 million pages from [747 titles](#) from England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland and spans nearly 300 (1709-2003) years local, national and world history.

This exciting development marks the latest step in the BNA's drive to enhance the experience of researchers using the service. 2017 has seen a dramatic increase in the rate of digitisation with over 100,000 pages now being added on a weekly basis.

A variety of historically rich specialty publications have also been added since January, including a selection of significant sporting, police and military titles. A number of illustrated magazines containing full colour images have also been made available this year, including the Bystander, Tatler, Britannia and Eve, The Stage, and the world's first illustrated weekly news magazine, the Illustrated London News.

We are delighted to be working with the British Library on this project within what has been such a fantastic partnership since 2010. We are also expanding our scope and working with publishing firms across the UK and Ireland to bring even more newspaper content to The British Newspaper Archive – invaluable for those researching their family history; favourite sport; hobby or their hometown. The BNA truly is the, 'archive of everything' in terms of the UK and Ireland's social history. We're excited and looking forward to work with the British Library and publishers on this vast project! – Amy Gregor, Global Newspaper Licensing and Development Manager

As part of this push to improve the British Newspaper Archive experience, a [new "In Pictures" feature](#) has also been added. This new image search was launched back in January and is the first of a number of new features users can expect to see added to the site throughout 2017.

Source: Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter

Forces War Records – 5 FREE Military Genealogy Tutorials are now Online and Available to Download

The following announcement was written by Forces War Records in the UK:

With 10 million records covering over 300 years of conflict, and thousands of new records being added daily, there's always something new to find on the site. But there's so much more to gain from a visit to Forces War Records. The military and genealogy specialists have a wealth of knowledge and information to help anyone researching their family tree, or with those with military queries.

These 5 free guides have been put together in-house and are free to all, perfect for complete beginners to advanced researchers:



1: Understanding your ancestor's record

All the details of your ancestor's record made easy

2: Breaking down brick walls

Renowned historian Simon Fowler gives his top 10 tips to get your family tree started

3: Trench Traumas & Medical Miracles

If your ancestor was wounded in WW1, this is what his medical journey would have been like

4: How to trace your POW ancestor

Want to know if your ancestor was taken a prisoner and what would have happened to him?

5: Quick guide to requesting WW2 records

Struggling to find your WW2 ancestor's record? Here's to get hold of them.

They can be downloaded here: <https://www.forces-war-records.co.uk/free-tutorials>.

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