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Now&Then 65 - December 2013

The First Issue for 2013 features loads of archive news and updates, Spotlight on Waterman's Licences, the 2013 Christmas Competition (be in to win $5) and much much more.

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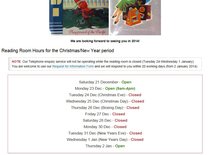
Seasons Greetings

Another year has flown by and it's time to say Thank You to all our Now&Then subscribers for your support during 2013! We hope you all enjoy a safe and relaxing holiday period.

If you have any feedback or comments about Now&Then email the editor at: christmas@records.nsw.gov.au - we'd love to hear from you.



We are looking forward to seeing you in 2014!

Reading Room Hours for the Christmas/New Year period

NOTE: Our Telephone enquiry service will not be operating while the reading room is closed (Tuesday 24 Wednesday 1 January). You are welcome to use our Request for Information Form and we will try to provide (if it is working) data (from 2 January 2014).

Saturday 21 December - **Open**
Monday 23 Dec - **Open (5pm-8pm)**
Tuesday 24 Dec (Christmas Eve) - **Closed**
Wednesday 25 December (Christmas Day) - **Closed**
Thursday 26 Dec (Boxing Day) - **Closed**
Friday 27 Dec - **Closed**
Saturday 28 Dec - **Closed**
Monday 30 Dec - **Closed**
Tuesday 31 Dec (New Years Eve) - **Closed**
Wednesday 1 Jan (New Years Day) - **Closed**
Thursday 2 Jan - **Open**

Copying services over the 2013-2014 Christmas period

Please note the changes to our copying services over the Christmas/New Year period.

To reserve an order before Christmas
To guarantee delivery before Christmas **place your order before 4 December 2013**.

Changes to the copying services over Christmas/New Year
Until **mid-January** we will be **temporarily** suspend **copy orders including digital copy orders** that, not be completed within the standard time frame of 20 working days. Please note that **5 day urgent order option** (incl 25% surcharge) will still be available. Please note that **Express Service** (incl 50% surcharge) will be offered as an order be completed within 2 working days during this time please contact the Reprographics Office on (02) 9673 1783.

Christmas Competition

Once again we are running a Christmas Competition for our Now&Then subscribers. Winners will receive (Choi of the following):

- a FREE copy of a file (probate packet, deceased estate file, divorce case paper, or primary application packet) of your choice.

All you need to do for a chance to win is answer 10 questions. The first 10 correct entries will win a prize. The names of the winners will be published in the February issue of Now&Then.

> Competition now closed <

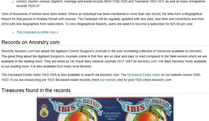
And, good luck!

Christmas gift ideas

Now & the time to purchase a set of our Christmas cards - $10.00 for set of 6

There's still time! Popular cards: Lilac - SR1-1-02, 1902-03, 1906- and 1939- (4 cards been made (14.7 cm high x 10.5 cm wide) and sold with standard envelopes.

Special offer! Spend $20.00 or more on greeting cards and receive a free ensis bag. Offer valid till Monday 23 December 2013 (or until stocks last).



Great cards and special offer - shop now

Still looking for that perfect gift for the historian in your family?

Moments in Time - photo book
We were inspired to create this book through our "Moments in Time" blog series on Archives Outside. The blog series sets a question each fortnight "Can you date this photo?" and much enjoyment and heat ensues as people post their guesses and discuss the photo.
Have you got a photo you would like to see your family/friends featured on the blog series (email us your photo/s)?
Moments in Time is available for purchase for only $1.95.
See more details about the book ...

'Old Regime' Dire to Hire DVD
Allegations of sexpionage and other rogue behaviours
Hear the stories behind the scandals and other rogue statements, known as the 'Old Regime' DVD
DVD, provide a valuable insight into Bob Carr's personal history from 1700 to 1824.
They include information on: sex transactions, domestic rogue matters such as affairs, bills of sale and bonds, the Sydney Gaol Gang, Aboriginal rogues, the rogue of stocks, letters of power of attorney, names of early convicts, and place names ridiculous duelers, and the colonies.
See more ...

Guide to Convicts and Convict Administration
This guide provides an overview of the convict collection of records, created by both the British Government and the Colonial administration, covering the period 1788-1842, including convict indent of the Hulks and 1828 census.
It is divided into eighteen chapters that follow the course of the convict's "passion", starting with their trial and transportation and ending with freedom, later pardonments or death.
See more >

7 Generation Family Tree Chart
Perfect for Christmas and family gifts, parchment-like paper
With space for adding seven family generations there is also a background image of a tree.
A great gift idea
Gift boxed, in addition to any family, historian's self-
Also in Aquamarine, Ochre + Ochre
> Big online gift shop

Online News

New Index to Land Grants

This new index to registers of land grants and leases, 1792-1860 was completed by University students during work placement. Editing was completed by State Records Volunteers. There are 5000 entries in the index. It was compiled using the Australian General 1810- 1020 index to Registers of Grants Cumberland and elsewhere, 1792-1860. The registers contain a record of all land grants made (with fees and its purchase) and leases issued by the Colonial Administration. Information includes the name of the grantee, the date of the grant, the location and the acres of grants made in either of promises of grants made prior to 1831 and of land granted for churches, schools, and other public purposes, or when land was surrendered and re-granted for some reason.

- Search the Index

Infinite Archive

INFINITE ARCHIVE
preserve everything

INFINITE ARCHIVE is a fresh new initiative which encourages the interpretation of the State archives collection through projects and partnerships between State Records and other cultural and community organisations. INFINITE ARCHIVE partnerships and collaborations are developing between State Records and its closest neighbours in Western Sydney, including local galleries and museums, councils, universities and community groups and organisations and to consult neighbourhoods in Western Sydney, including local galleries and museums, councils, universities and community groups and organisations, people from homelands, and guests to the 24 events the Brush Farm Museum attracted.

- *A Mandatory Measure, the 1934 Royal Tour* opened at Parliament of NSW on 11 January 2014
- *Royal Express to Central* is on display at Western Sydney Records Centre from January 2014
- *140 Answers to Allegory a Journey of Charles Kirk* University in January, February, March 2014

On 5 February 2014, Creative Producer, Susan Chenillo, will be presenting an atmospheric slideshow-travelogue of holiday and tourism photographs from the State Archives collection, and discussing the ways in which we travel and why we take photos. The Brush Farm Exhibition Then Being the gallery to launch 2014 events, Sunset at Kirribilli, Sunset Bagpipes Celebration dialogue with the State archive collection, with plans to co-curate an exhibition for both consultants and visitors to Kirribilli House and Museum.

Biographical Database of Australia

This not-for-profit Database is now online. Based in Sydney, it is the result of many years of work by volunteer and genealogists and historians. The initial release contains over 300, 000 entries transcribed from :

- Convict Ancestors, Convicts, Settlers, Immigrants and Colonists, Convicts, Settlers, Immigrants and Colonists 1788-1828 as well as many immigration records 1828-1900.

Tens of thousands of entries have been linked. Where an individual has been mentioned in more than one record, the links form a Biographical Report that provides a broader family and social context. The Database will be regularly updated with new data, new links and corrections and from 2014 with new biographies from subscribers. To view Biographical Reports, users will need to become a subscriber for $25.00 per year.

- The Database is online >>

Records on Ancestry.com

Recently Ancestry.com has added the digitised Convict Passport's journals to their ever increasing collection of resources available on Ancestry. Ancestry.com has digitised the Convict Passport's journals, which are the original ledgers that the Convict Passport's information was recorded in, and are available in the reading room. They are dated as 24 Hours Medical Journal 1931-1937 on Ancestry.com. We have recently finally available in our reading room. It is also available from many local libraries.

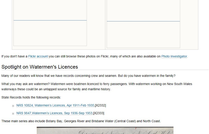
The Deceased Estate Index 1903-1959 is also available to search on Ancestry.com. The Deceased Estate Index on our website covers 1880-1920. If you are researching pre 1920 deceased estate records check our website and for post 1920 check Ancestry.com.

Treasures found in the records

MS1-1871 BLA, Ms (Mitchell Manuscripts) [TIME EXTOR]

The Mountmartinge Irrigation Area Plans No.1 is a large series of the 1920's-1930's dating from 1911-28 and comprising of 237 boxes. The files relate to the establishment and operation of the M.I.A. They concern such matters as: applications by intending settlers, land resumptions, the construction of the irrigation area, the subdivision of the irrigation area into farm blocks, the allocation of farm blocks to successful applicants, the operation of factories, stations and canteens, construction of hospitals, roads or settlement schemes, Royal Commission reports, policy matters. Many of the files contain catalogues and brochures for machinery and household products, town plans, maps and blue-prints, and samples of such things as tent fabrics, clothing fabrics, seeds, cotton, and rubber plant samples.

John Lewis (one of our enthusiastic volunteers) came across this interesting collection of records while working on the Mac. The MI.P1/982 (1/2/3/4) Mountmartinge Irrigation Area Plans No.1 Miscellaneous Correspondence Relating to Irrigation Areas, Miscellaneous Matters as well as an example of the label itself, linking the correspondence to the series John found a Letter relating to the purchase of the land.



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Archives Outside Blog update

Street view circa 1930

These images were taken by the Department of State Roads to show roads before and after sealed had been done. While at first glance these images may seem mundane, the interest in the images lies in the detail. Zoom in and the books of daily life is revealed. It's like google street view - again!

- Read more

Marder Jones Awards Winners

State Records' staff were recognised at the annual Australian Society of Archivists Conference in Canberra with Hinsche Bates Scholarship and to the Ivan Pensioner's Awards of the Australian Society of Archivists.

- Read more

State Records staff presentation from Open Day 2013

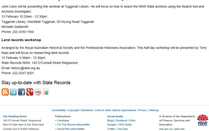
>>> have uploaded several podcasts and accompanying slideshows presented by staff at Open Day back in August. Among the day was tours and transport and those presentations cover a broad selection under this category from convict transport to railroads, rum and road construction.

- Read more

Moments in Time

Can you date ?

Classic
Fairy Cove, Sydney



- Read more

Flickr update

The latest additions include:

Sydney Harbour Bridge
Sydney Harbour Bridge - A Frame Girder Showing Arch Ribs

Sydney Harbour Bridge
Lifting Pressure Air Pulse Tower

Wynyard
Wynyard Pre Commissioner North Coast and Commissioner

Balmain Public School 1910
Balmain Public School 1910

Cox Street North, Sydney
View west on Cox Street

Element of the Monument Panel
Element of the Monument Panel (Office Photographer Panel)

If you don't have a Flickr account you can still browse these photos on Flickr, many of which are also available on Photo Incunabula.

Spotlight on Waterman's Licenses

Many of our readers will know that we have records concerning cows and swamps. But do you have watermen in the family?

What you may ask are watermen? Watermen were licensed licensed to ferry passengers. With waterman sculling on New South Wales waterways these could be an antiquated source for family and maritime history.

State Records holds the following records:

- NRS 10024, Waterman's Licence, Apr 1911-Feb 1930 [SR/50]
- NRS 9347, Waterman's Licence, Sep 1926-Sep 1931 [SR/50]

These main series also include Sydney Sea, Georges River and Brisbane Water (Central Coast) and North Coast.

Each licence records the name, address, and signature of the holder, the licence number, registration number of the boat (same as the licence number), the type of boat, the number of oars, the number of passengers, the date the licence was issued, the date the licence was surrendered, and the date of issue of the licence. A schedule of ferries and other vessels plying for the watermen is usually given on the back of the licence.

NRS 10024, Part of Narrabeen, Waterman's Licence, 10-12-24 [SC/4-02-24] (only a few, appears to be exception)

NRS 9347, Stanley Brisbane Brisbane Sand Barrowman

Licenced watermen on Sydney Harbour, 1902-09 [SR/2/50]. These records list the name, licence/permit number and plying from (utilisation) and on some lists the name of the boat, the number of passengers, the number of oars and the date. Maps with calculations accurated against them. 1907

Applications for watermen's licences and licences for lighters (vessels subject to waterwoffence). 1921-23 [1/4/2/8-10] This appears to contain a transcript of applications together with the magnum's report. The sample includes Sydney, Central Coast and Newcastle

Without the records have not been indexed they are on our waiting list to be indexed by our wonderful volunteers, the records are in rough chronological order so if you are one of those lucky ones that do work a lot.

Upcoming Talks and Tours

Online Resources at State Records NSW and getting the most out of Photo Investigator

The State Records website is becoming a comprehensive starting point for researching family history. Use these you are researching at home or planning a visit to the reading room this season with Jennifer Pierce will help you to navigate your way around the website.
Tuesday 28 January 2014
Society of Australian Genealogists
Richmond Villa 120 Kent Street Sydney
Phone: (02) 9247 3953

How to search State Records using the Search tool and Archives Investigator

John Cain will be presenting this seminar at Tuggerah Library - the best place to start to search the NSW State archives using the Search tool and Archives Investigator.
Wednesday 12 February - 12.30pm
Tuggerah Library - Pendlebury Tuggerah, 30 Hocking Road Tuggerah
Michelle Goldsmith
Phone: (02) 4350 1000

Land records workshop

Kerry Cain and Ms Pauline Kemsley-Hancock Associate Administration. This half day workshop will be presented by Tony Kerry and Ms Pauline Kemsley-Hancock.
12 February 9.30am - 12.30pm
State Records NSW, 143 Crown Street Wooloomooloo
Email: history@anzac.edu.au
Phone: (02) 9247 3953

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