



The A.N.D.F.H.G. News sheet.

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This Months News from the Editor

On January 16 - 20th, our President Peter Applebee attended the NZ the 12th Australian Federation of Family History Organisations Congress on Genealogy and Heraldry, which was held in Auckland, and has been reporting his experience in very glowing terms. Peter's report on his experience and the Congress of NZ appears in this Newsletter, and will be reprinted in the forthcoming publication of "The Compass"

It is reiterated here that in 2012 The Congress will be held in Adelaide, and this is going to be an event that no one should miss, it is hoped that most, if not all our members can attend on at least one day of the convention

On the Saturday the 24th January, the first meeting of the UK Interest Group was held; there were 10 attendees of which several Australian born members were present, all seeking to establish research into their UK family connections. This first meeting was more of a social meeting, with discussions on several subject of interest, and used mainly to establishing a basis for future meetings and the agendas. Basically each meeting will hold problem sessions, followed by a group discussion on how to remedy the research problem raised. Predominantly the group is a self held one, whereby each member participating can learn how to do UK research,

and the best methods of tracing their ancestry. The aim of the group is to help each other by offering advice and counselling.

The first edition of "The Compass" our new quarterly Journal is well on the way to completion, and it is hoped that this will prove to hold much interest of all members. Because the 1911 Census has now been released, although only on a pay to view site, a review of this most invaluable resource will be included in the first edition.

The 1911 Census is the first Census to include the actual information form returned completed entirely in our ancestor's handwriting. All previous census returns available to us e.g. 1841-1901, contain the information provided by the householder or someone in the house on census night, and later transcribed by the enumerator on his return book.

Much of the information of the previous census's' was more than likely written by the only member of the family that could write, that may have been a school child whose hand writing may have left something to be desired, hence mistakes were often made by the enumerator transcribing them. One feature of this 1911 Census that differs from any other is the question addressed to the women of the household, asking them "how many children did they have?" hence the census has become known as the "fertility census."

The 1911 Census

- Is available online at 1911census.co.uk but at a cost around GBP £3 or AUD \$7.00 to view the census documents for a single household, it could prove to be too expensive for the average research.
- However the good news is that the 1911 census can be viewed for FREE at the National Archives located at Kew in Surrey UK. The exclusive licence granted to 1911census.co.uk only lasts for 6 months from the final content launch - after that other providers will be able to provide online access to the 1911 census at more affordable rates ♦♦♦

A New family search site has been released by the Genealogical Society of Utah (hence forth GSU) a site established by the Latter Day Saints. Whilst it is only a pilot site at the moment, which means that the site is still under development, and from time to time it will not be available for viewing, whilst it is being developed by adding additional records of improving some of its features.

Having explored the site, I find that it is easy to negotiate, and by clicking on the results of a search, more details are revealed. For example searching a marriage for a person, will display a result for that person e.g. date of marriage, but by clicking on the name this causes another widow to slide across the screen revealing much more information, such as:

- Groom or spouse's name
- Residence.
- The event location.
- Date.
- Batch Number.

- Film Number

But where this site differs from the usual IGI search result, is the results appearing for a search not only include BDM information, but Census return listings as well. By selecting an entry the slide window view appears, and stays until closed, but by selecting another name from the result display, the information is immediately displayed.

I played around with the search, entering made up names such as William Williams, and asked for a view of all records, the results displayed included Census, Baptism, Marriage, burials, and immigration records with departures from Plymouth to the US

Some of the information available thus far includes search pages related to:
Europe including the UK and the 1841 and 1861 census.

Ireland. Baptisms 1845-1958

- Norway. Baptisms 1700-1900
- Germany. Baptisms 1700-1900
- Czech Republic. 1552-1900
- Spain. 1550-1930
- Hungary. Funeral Notices. 1840-1990
- France. 1802-1908
- US, Canada, Mexico records
- Latin America. Brazil, Peru, Costa Rica, Argentina, and
- Russia

This site when fully developed is in my estimation going to be far more user friendly and return more results than the IGI ever could. We recommend a tentative search at least be undertaken. Location of this site is at.

<http://pilot.familysearch.org/recordsearch/#p=0>

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A report from the President

The 12th AFFHO Congress held in Auckland New Zealand.

After a 4hour flight from our home here in Adelaide, I arrived at Auckland Airport. Congress Representatives were on hand to meet us and arranged a Shuttle Bus, to the venue, one of New Zealand's Best Private Schools, Kings College.

I was checked in, fed and accommodated. I had, due to flight times arrived a day early so I had plenty of time to settle in to the wonderful grounds, which I viewed in depth. Some killed the first day with a Tour of the Auckland Archives, but we South Australians set up our stall to promote the 13th congress in Adelaide in 3 years time.

That night, we were whisked to the event opening cocktail party at New Zealand War Memorial Museum. The Maori dancers were wonderfully entertaining, but best part was the interaction and chit-chat between a room full of Genealogy Tragicists.

Saturday morning it all started in earnest. Speaker after Speaker, we whiled away the days. There were Americans, English, Canadian, Australian and of course New Zealand Speakers, just to name a few and over 400 delegates. One was a live satellite link up with Elaine Collins from the UK of the Find My Past 1911 Census Project, which is now available online. The highlight was the evening coffee in the common room of the accommodation blocks with the Genealogy Tragicists, again. But I was unable to show up every night, due to meetings.

The Banquet on Monday night held at Eden Park, home of the "All-Blacks" New Zealand's International Rugby team, most of us from South Australian managed to land the same table (due to some insider trading) along with those from Western Australia and Cora Num, and the Closing Ceremony on Tuesday afternoon, where the

batten was handed over to us from South Australia for 2012 congress. The Promotional presentation did our state proud.

The AFFHO Meeting.

Being my first AFFHO meeting, I was bit intimidated, I must admit. But these people are just like us. The meeting was chaired by President Lesley Berry, with Andrew Peake doing the minutes. Although this was not a full meeting by any stretch of the imagination and the membership were quite casual, it was pleasant to sit through. Lesley Berry is a very down to earth person, and comments made to me, by other members of the group, reinforced we are on the right path with what we are doing in General. At the end of it all, I left the meeting with a more open picture of what is required of us by the membership present, and that some of us in South Australia had been presented with an unrealistic picture of the standard.

The Guild of One Name Studies Meeting.

It had been planned that Peter Walker, the Current Chairman of the Guild of One-Name Studies would chair the meeting, but due to illness in his family he had to cancel his trip. The meeting was chaired in his absence by David Evans from Australia; he is an Australian area representative. We had presented two visitors from the UK, Sandra Turner of Hampshire and Mary Rix of Suffolk both very active members of the guild.

Much of the discussion at the meeting involved their website.

Particularly the Guild Marriage Index, which is a project which Mary is very much involved with which in the long term will enable guild members to target parishes, which have a high proliferation of their surname both from Male, as well as the Female line, as well. Another Project is the Marriage Challenge; this seems to be a very useful tool as well. Members in different locations do surname searches for other members for their surname interest, in other words offering them the Challenge. For example, if we as Appleby researchers know that there is a high proliferation of Appleby's in Stratford-upon-Avon and there is a guild member there, the challenge is offered to him/her.

Another subject covered was DNA, and it use in a One-Name Study. David Evans, the chair of the meeting is in the process of doing a DNA study of his choice of surname including the variants, i.e. AKEHURST, ACKEHURST, ACKHURST, AKHURST, AKURST It appears that through this DNA Study that the Name AKURST that particular family can now be culled from this Study as they appear from early findings to be those of a different family.

*ANDFHG President
Australian Representative of Appleby Research
Organization ♦♦♦*



ON THE CALENDAR - FEBRUARY 2009

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| THURSDAY | 5 February. | <i>Midweek Open Day.</i> | 10.00am. to 4.00pm |
| | | <i>(Margaret Flaiban & Ivan Randall)</i> | |
| | | <i>Host Research Assistants.</i> | |
| SATURDAY | 14 February. | <i>Research and Networking Day.</i> | 1.00pm. to 4.00pm |
| | | <i>(All Committee Members available)</i> | |
| THURSDAY | 19 February. | <i>Midweek Open Day.</i> | 10.00am to 4.00pm |
| | | <i>(Margaret Flaiban & Ivan Randall)</i> | |
| | | <i>Host Research Assistants</i> | |
| THURSDAY | 19 February. | <i>Guest Speaker Night.</i> | 7.00pm to --- |
| | | <i>“The Clipper Ship, City of Adelaide.”</i> | |
| THURSDAY | 26 February. | <i>Midweek Open Day.</i> | 10.00am to 4.00pm |
| | | <i>(Margaret Flaiban & Ivan Randall)</i> | |
| | | <i>Host Research Assistants</i> | |
| SATURDAY | 28 February | <i>Research and Networking Day</i> | 1.00pm to 4.00pm |
| | | <i>(Committee Members available to</i> | |
| | | <i>Assist in Research)</i> | |
| | | <i>2nd Meeting of UK Interest Group.</i> | |
| | | <i>(Barbara Such Coordinator)</i> | |

Websites of Special Interest.

These websites are included here for the interest of members

<http://airminded.org/> Website of Air Power and British Society 1908-1941

<http://www.acepilots.com/wwi/main.html> Features Battles of legendary Aviators and Air Craft of World War 1. Includes British, British Empire, French, American and German War Aces and their Aircraft.

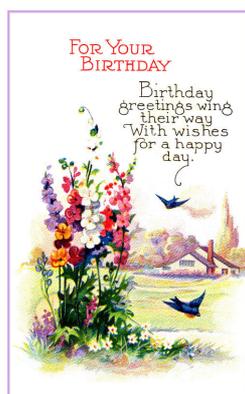
<http://www.acepilots.com/index.html#top> World War 2, Aviation History, and related topics

<http://www.genealogyworld.net/boer/tracing.html> A Website for tracing Boer War Veteran Ancestors.

<http://www.genuki.org.uk/big/MerchantMarine.html> The Genuki site listing information on British and Irish Merchant Mariners. Includes many links.

<http://www.mariners-l.co.uk/> Research site for researching Mariners, and the ships of Merchant Marine and the world's navies.

<http://www.angelfire.com/de/BobSanders/Site.html> A website dedicated exclusively to tracing British Seamen and their ships of the 19th and 20th Centuries.



On behalf of all Members, the Committee extend Congratulations and Best Wishes to the following members celebrating their Birthday during this period.

February

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| 2nd | Roger | OSBORN |
| 7th | Jeffrey | SCHULTZ |
| 15th | Marjory | TRIGG |
| 27th | David | JEFFREYS |

March

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| 6th | Anne | MELLON |
| 11th | Anne | McLEAN |

Happy Birthday, and may you enjoy many more.