

HAWKESBURY LIBRARY SERVICE - LOCAL STUDIES FACT SHEET

This Fact Sheet outlines some of the useful material available online for researching families in the Hawkesbury. To find out more about the unique records available in the Local Studies Collection, check the Local Studies Fact Sheet: **Family History - Hawkesbury Resources** and also **Using the Local Studies Collection**.

Researching Hawkesbury families on the internet

The internet is a powerful tool for family historians and more and more information is being made available to access. However it is important to recognise that not everything is available online, or in a searchable format and it is still necessary to undertake in-depth research at various repositories. Always revisit websites as many sites are updated regularly and more information is being digitised and made available. Find out about new sites through genealogical magazines, blogs, eNewsletters and social media.



Births, deaths & marriage resources

Births, deaths and Marriage certificates provide a great deal of useful information for family historians. It was not compulsory to register these events in NSW until after 1856. **Indexes for Births, Deaths and Marriages** in NSW are available to search at <u>http://www.bdm.nsw.gov.au/Pages/family-history/family-history.aspx</u> Copies of certificates can be purchased via the Transcription Agents, see above website. The Library also holds indexes for other Australian states on CD-ROM but most of these are now accessible online. *Cora Num's* gateway has web addresses http://www.coraweb.com.au/bdmindex.htm

Hawkesbury on the Net

This site <u>www.hawkesbury.net.au</u> records information on local cemeteries, church registers, memorials and a variety of lists. This site is updated on a regular basis.

Cemetery Register www.hawkesbury.net.au/cemetery Project to transcribe, photograph & map local cemeteries. Church Register www.hawkesbury.net.au/church Transcribed local church registers Lists www.hawkesbury.net.au/lists Lists of various names including 1901 Census; Hawkesbury Landholders etc Memorials, Monuments & Plaques www.hawkesbury.net.au/memorial Transcription and images.

Rootsweb Hawkesbury-Hills-Hunter-Valley Mailing List

This Rootsweb mailing list was established for discussion of families living in the Hawkesbury, Hunter Valley and the Hills. Archives can be searched and you can join the list to post, or respond to, messages. Hawkesbury <u>http://lists.rootsweb.com/index/intl/AUS/AUS-NSW-HILLS-HAWKESBURY-HUNTER-VALLEY.html</u> Port Jackson Convicts <u>http://lists.rootsweb.ancestry.com/index/intl/AUS/AUS-PT-JACKSON-CONVICTS.html</u> Penrith/Castlereagh <u>http://lists.rootsweb.com/index/intl/AUS/AUS-NSW-PENRITH.html</u> Australian lists <u>http://lists.rootsweb.com/index/intl/AUS/ or all lists http://lists.rootsweb.com/</u>

TROVE Historic Australian Newspapers 1803-1954

Search Australian newspapers and access the original digitised copy and transcript online. An excellent resource which includes a large collection of Hawkesbury papers sponsored by Hawkesbury Library http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper including



Australian: Windsor, Richmond & Hawkesbury Advertiser 1873-96; Hawkesbury Advocate 1899-1900; Hawkesbury Chronicle 1881-88; Hawkesbury Courier 1844-46; Hawkesbury Herald 1902-04, 1923-24 & 1937-45; Windsor & Richmond Gazette (now known as Hawkesbury Gazette) 1888-1954 and Windsor Express 1843 – 1844. For more information see our Fact Sheet on Newspapers. Also includes the Sydney Gazette, Sydney Morning Herald, Australian Town & Country Journal and NSW Government Gazette.

Hawkesbury people & places

This database <u>http://www.hawkesbury.org/</u> records information and locates places, built objects, geographical features, organisations and people associated with the history of the Hawkesbury Region. Updated regularly.

Hawkesbury Family History Group news sheet

A free monthly news sheet is distributed by the Hawkesbury Family History Group with information about events and resources. Current & archived copies can be accessed at <u>www.hfhg.hawkesbury.net.au</u> If you would like to be placed on the mailing list email <u>history@hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au</u> Enquiries, reunions and news items are always welcome. The *"Hawkesbury Crier"* quarterly newsletter is available by subscription. See contact details or <u>www.hfhg.hawkesbury.net.au</u>

Facebook

Social media is another fantastic way to learn more about family history. Many institutions, local family groups as well as local families, have Facebook pages. Check out the following Hawkesbury Family History Group <u>www.facebook.com/HawkesburyFHG</u> Hawkesbury Library <u>www.facebook.com/HawkesburyLibrary</u>

Ryerson

Death notices and obituaries in Australian newspapers http://ryersonindex.net/

Convict Trail Project

The Convict Trail Project <u>http://www.convicttrail.org/</u> gathers historical information about the Great North Road, and the people connected to it. From 1826 to 1836 convicts who had commit a felony in the colony, were put to work on the Great North Road, a major engineering feat connecting Sydney to the Hunter Valley.

Historical Societies

Hawkesbury Family History Group http://goo.gl/ZL9jQJ Hawkesbury Historical Society http://hawkesburyhistoricalsociety.blogspot.com.au/ Kurrajong-Comleroy Historical Society www.kurrajonghistory.org.au/ Dharug and Lower Hawkesbury Historical Society www.dlhhs.org.au/

Sites relating to land & heritage properties

Parish and historic maps http://www.lpi.nsw.gov.au/mapping_and_imagery/parish_maps Land & Property Information http://www.gov.au/land_titles/historical_research Geographical Name board http://www.gov.au/land_titles/historical_research State Heritage Inventory NSW http://www.gov.au/land_titles/historical_research

General sites

There are many fantastic internet sites available to use whilst researching your family history. The following is a list of general sites. Web addresses can change so if you are unable to locate a particular site, double check by using a reliable search engine such as GOOGLE. It is also useful to use searches on specific names and places. See www.google.com.au/advanced_search - for more information about searching click on Advanced Search Tips Gateways to information are very useful, try Websites for Genealogists (AUS) www.cyndislist.com/austrz.htm and Genuki www.cyndislist.com/austrz.htm and Genuki

Repositories

State Library of NSW <u>www.sl.nsw.gov.au</u> State Records NSW <u>www.records.nsw.gov.au</u> National Library of Australia <u>www.nla.gov.au</u> National Archives of Australia <u>www.naa.gov.au</u> Registry of BDMs NSW <u>www.bdm.nsw.gov.au/Pages/family-history/family-history.aspx</u> Familysearch www.familysearch.org

War records & information

National Archives (Australia) <u>www.naa.gov.au</u> Australian War Memorial <u>www.awm.gov.au</u> World War 2 Nominal Roll <u>www.ww2roll.gov.au</u> National Archives of Australia <u>www.naa.gov.au</u> Commonwealth War Graves Commission <u>www.cwgc.org/</u>

Other sites

Society of Australian Genealogists <u>www.sag.org.au</u> AFFHO (family history groups) <u>www.affho.org/members.html</u> National Archives (UK) PRO <u>www.nationalarchives.gov.uk</u> Public Record Office of Nthn Ireland <u>www.proni.gov.uk</u> Scotlands People <u>www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/</u> Free BMD <u>www.freebmd.org.uk/</u>

Convicts

For the most comprehensive material available on convicts see State Records <u>www.records.nsw.gov.au/</u> British Convict transportation registers 1787-1867 <u>http://www.slq.qld.gov.au/info/fh/convicts</u> Proceedings of the Old Bailey <u>www.oldbaileyonline.org/</u> Claim a Convict <u>http://www.hawkesbury.net.au/claimaconvict/</u>

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Access the catalogue http://www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/catalogue