

FAMILY HISTORY - HAWKESBURY RESOURCES

HAWKESBURY LIBRARY SERVICE - LOCAL STUDIES FACT SHEET

This Fact Sheet outlines some of the useful material in the Local Studies Collection for researching families in the Hawkesbury. Most of the records are unique to our collection and concentrate on Hawkesbury families. If this is your first time using the Local Studies Collection, check the Local Studies Fact Sheet: - **Using the Local Studies Collection** as well as **Family History - Hawkesbury Internet Resources**.

Library holdings

The Library Catalogue is available online to search at <http://www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/catalogue>

Births, deaths & marriage resources

- Check the availability of **Church registers** and **cemetery transcriptions** via the listing in Local Studies or the Library catalogue. These resources are useful for verifying dates of baptisms, burials and marriages. A number of cemeteries have been transcribed on the *Hawkesbury on the Net Cemetery Registers* <http://www.hawkesbury.net.au/cemetery/> and church registers <http://www.hawkesbury.net.au/church/>
- **Indexes for Births, Deaths and Marriages** are available for most States. NSW BDM Indexes are available to search at <http://www.bdm.nsw.gov.au/Pages/family-history/family-history.aspx> 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>
- Check the *Arndell Index to Hawkesbury Pioneer Families* on microfiche located in the Microfiche cabinet top drawer call no. FICHE ARN (This is an alphabetical index of Hawkesbury Births, Deaths & marriages) Also try the *Mutch Indexes to births, deaths & marriages for NSW* on microfilm.
- Check selection of local **Wills** at **RLP BOOK 64-66**. *NSW Will Books 1800-1952* are now available on Find My Past (FMP). You can access our free FMP subscription by visiting the Library. *Indexes to Deceased Estate and Probate Packets for NSW* are available to search on State Records www.records.nsw.gov.au
- Check the **Hawkesbury Births, deaths & marriages card index** 1980s-2000s from various newspapers.
- Also check the *Ryerson Index* which is an index to deaths online <http://ryersonindex.net/search.php>
- Check holdings of **Electoral rolls** on the catalogue. See the *NSW Electoral rolls 1842 - 1864* at FICHE 768 – 779 also *NSW Electoral rolls 1903 – 1916* at FICHE NEW, also see RLP BOOK 31. 26 & 17. AncestryLibrary has a selection of electoral rolls and you can access our free subscription by visiting the Library. **Postal directories** are also useful. *Greville's PO Directory 1875 - 1877* at RLP BOOK 56. Sands directories 1858 - 1900 at FICHE SAN and also accessible on the Local Studies PC.

Family histories & other useful items

- The library holds many published and unpublished family histories. To find whether information is held on a specific family, search the catalogue by using a keyword search e.g. surname family i.e. **COX FAMILY**. Pamphlets are held in the locked filing cabinets, so request a file from staff at the Information Desk. Published books on local families are located on the shelves at RL929.20994. We do not hold information on every family that lived in the Hawkesbury, only where material has been collected or deposited.
- Check the **Hawkesbury Pioneer Register Vol. 1** (1994) & **Vol. 2** (2001) shelved at RL929.39442 NIC and the **Hawkesbury pioneer families bi-centennial day 1988** at RL929.39442 HAW.
- The library has a collection of old Card Indexes that have been created over the years by local historians & staff. These are located in the filing drawers near the map cabinets.
- Some NSW musters and census are shelved at RL929.3944.



Wilberforce Schoolhouse c.1920s
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Photographs

Check the Hawkesbury Images database for historical images. This is currently only available to access in person in the Library however the database should be made available online soon.

Newspapers

Search Historic Australian Newspapers 1803-1954 on TROVE <http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper> and access the original digitised copy and transcript online. This is an excellent resource and includes a large collection of Hawkesbury content sponsored by Hawkesbury Library Service eg **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 Hawkesbury Gazette) 1888-1954 and **Windsor Express** 1843 – 1844. Trove includes hundreds of titles such as the **Sydney Gazette**, **Sydney Morning Herald** and is updated regularly. Local newspapers, Sydney Gazette, Sydney Morning Herald and some surrounding newspapers are still available on microfilm to access in the library.

Special Collections

There are a number of Special Collections which include bequests from local historians, or distinct collections such as the Pitt Diaries, Bowd Collection, Jeannie Scott Collection. Walker Papers are a collection of solicitor records from the 19th and 20th century.

Local Government records

Material relating to the early councils in the area Windsor Richmond and Colo (which now form the Hawkesbury LGA) is available. These include minutes, rate books and some correspondence. The rate and minute books are on microfilm but are not indexed.

General hawkesbury information

- Check **HISTORICAL** books published on the local area. Also check for families names & places if indexed. These are found on the shelves at the call no. RL994.41 to RL994.42.
- **SCHOOL HISTORIES** Books on individual schools are located at RL372.99441-RL372.994412.
- **CHURCH HISTORIES** Books on individual churches are located at RL283.9441.
- **CONSERVATION PLANS** on local buildings & areas see RL728.099442 and **ARCHITECTURE**. Books on architecture at RL720-RL728 plus in reference R720-R728
- Check the map collection in the map cabinets. Parish maps are also available online, see websites below.

What has already been done?

Investigate if anyone has already done research on a particular family to save repetition. As well as checking with various relatives, check the Pamphlet file to see if any research has been contributed. Check the contributors to the **Hawkesbury Pioneer Register** Vols 1 & 2 shelved at RL929.3944 NIC. Check Rootsweb Hawkesbury mailing list <http://lists.rootsweb.com/index/intl/AUS/AUS-NSW-HILLS-HAWKESBURY-HUNTER-VALLEY.html>

Websites

- Hawkesbury Family History Group www.hfhg.hawkesbury.net.au
- Hawkesbury on the Net (HON) - Cemetery Register <http://www.hawkesbury.net.au/cemetery/>
- HON - Church Registers <http://www.hawkesbury.net.au/church/>
- HON – Memorials & Monuments <http://www.hawkesbury.net.au/memorial/>
- Historical research NSW land http://www.lpi.nsw.gov.au/land_titles/historical_research
- Parish maps NSW http://www.lpi.nsw.gov.au/mapping_and_imagery/parish_maps
- Dharug & Lower Hawkesbury Historical Society <http://www.dlhhs.org.au/>
- Hawkesbury Historical Society hawkesburyhistoricalsociety.blogspot.com.au/
- Kurrajong-Comleroy Historical Society www.kurrajonghistory.org.au/
- Hawkesbury People & Places <http://www.hawkesbury.org/>
- Convict Trail Project www.convicttrail.org/

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