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We also have available for sale a large selection of publications not produced by the Society but covering the local district among them are:

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Short History of Raymond Terrace	\$ 5
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SKETCHLEY COTTAGE MUSEUM is located opposite Bettles Park, Raymond Terrace and is open to the public on Sundays 10am to 3pm other times by appointment. Bus groups are most welcome, please contact the Secretary to arrange a date and time.

The Society's **RESEARCH ROOMS** are located in the Port Stephens Library, cnr William & Port Stephens Streets, Raymond Terrace

Open Monday & Wednesday
9.30 am to 2 pm - other times by appointment

Membership of the Society is open to everyone with an interest in Local and Family History.

Joining Fee \$2.00 Concession \$15.00 Full Membership \$20.00

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circumnavigated Tasmania, 1798–99), the first two volumes of the journal of *HMS Investigator* (1801–03), his private journal (started while a prisoner in Mauritius), three volumes of private letters, his public letter book, charts, and personal memorabilia. The third volume of the letter book also contains letters by Flinders’s wife, Ann.

The site is well laid out and easy to navigate. Material is arranged into “Manuscripts,” “Maps and Charts,” and “Realia.” The last of these consists of images of objects associated with Flinders that were preserved by his family after his death.

To put the material in context, the collection includes a timeline of Flinders’s life and biographical details on relevant individuals. The biographical lists also include information on the *Norfolk* and the *Investigator* and on Flinders’s beloved cat Trim, who circumnavigated Australia, survived an 1803 shipwreck, and came to grief in Mauritius, where Flinders suspected he had been stolen and eaten by slaves. A short account of Flinders’s life, “Voyaging with Matthew Flinders,” allows access to material from the archive mentioned in the account, as well as to images of 23 “People and objects associated with Matthew Flinders.”



New Acquisitions listing.

REID'S MISTAKE - donor Ann Knott

HOW TO TRACE YOUR FAMILY TREE - donor Ann Knott

INTERNET SITES

www.foundingdocs.gov.au/default.asp

This site includes scans of The National Archives of Australia presents 110 key documents that are the foundation of our nation.

Including

[Secret Instructions to Lieutenant Cook 30 July 1768 \(UK\)](#)

James Cook is told what to do if he finds new land

[Governor Phillip's Instructions 25 April 1787 \(UK\)](#)

How to start a colony of convicts in an unseen land ... still searching

[New South Wales Courts Act 1787 \(UK\)](#)

An Act to keep the convicts on the straight-and-narrow

[Governor Darling's Commission 1825 \(UK\)](#)

New South Wales gains territory to the west but loses in the south

http://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/discover_collections/history_nation/terra_australis/flinders.html

This site celebrates the life and work of Matthew Flinders (1774–1814), an English naval officer who made some of the first charts of the Australian coast and promoted the name Australia for that continent. Between 1801 and 1803, Flinders circumnavigated Australia in *HMS Investigator*, carrying out an extensive survey of the coastline. On his return voyage to England, he was imprisoned for six years by the French on the island of Mauritius in the context of the Napoleonic Wars. He published *A Voyage to Terra Australis* in 1814 and died a day after he received the first copy of the book from the publisher.

The primary sources are found in the “Matthew Flinders Electronic Archive,” accessed from the home page. The archive includes 13 manuscripts with more than 2,000 pages and more than 60 images of memorabilia, pictures, and maps. They have been digitized and are displayed in the form of Web books. The manuscript collection includes Flinders’s journals of his voyages in the sloop *Norfolk* (in which Flinders

- It is great to **welcome new members** to the Society –John Bobbins has offered to help out at the Cottage – his assistance will be greatly appreciated.
- Volunteers from Fort Scratchley spoke at our June meeting. The provided a very polished display of the history of the Fort, and everybody learnt some interesting facts.
- The Garage sale at Peter and Glenys Francis’ place was a great success. The sun shined on the event, and many people called in to peruse the items for sale. It raised over \$450 for the Society. Thanks to Peter and Glenys for providing the location and hot coffee to keep everyone going, and to all of the volunteers for giving their time. The next one is planned for Sat August. If you have any items to donate, please take them to Glenys and Peter’s place before that date. If you have some time on the day, your assistance would be appreciated.
- We have had 2 visits from the Young at Heart Group this time. They always really enjoy the Cottage and the work that is being carried out there. Thanks to the volunteers who helped out. It is a big job, but is well worth the effort.
- The Hunter River High School students were recognised for their efforts in production of the Fiesta Theatre Exhibit with the presentation of an award at the inaugural Hunter Heritage Bona Fide Awards. Robyn Cox, their teacher from the high school, Val Mason and Kath Wellard were all present at the ceremony held at the site of James Fletcher Hospital. This was followed by High Tea, which was an enjoyable event.
- The Market Day has generally been held in August, but with the poor weather over the last 2 years, it was decided that it would be moved to later in the year to try and encounter some milder weather. The date is SUNDAY 24 OCTOBER.

- I have taken over the production of the newsletter from Helen Giggins, as her very heavy workload takes up a large part of her time. Thanks to Helen for the work she has done in maintaining the newsletter. When you receive this issue, you will also receive your membership renewal. Please complete the information on the form, ensuring that all of your details are correct. You will also be asked whether you wish to receive your newsletter by mail or email.
- Raffle tickets for the mid year gourmet food raffle are also included with this mailing. The raffle will be drawn at the Market Day in October.
- David Gunter will be producing a list of tips and useful sites for the study of family history, beginning next volume. Thank you for agreeing to do that. We look forward to your insights.



- Christmas in July Dinner this year, is a Progressive Dinner, 6.30pm Sat 17 July, beginning the Clarks – 14 Kingston Pde, Heatherbrae - \$35.00 per person. Hope to see you there. Let Faye or Moira know if you are attending.

Seniors Week March 22-26

Seniors week was a very busy, and rewarding week, with many of our Volunteers giving up their precious time to take part.

Trish Harris and I spent Monday at the **Seniors Expo**, at the Raymond Terrace Bowling Club, being entertained by music and a fashion parade. We set up a stall for the Historical Society, and achieved some valuable networking opportunities. Some interesting chats were held with quite a few Seniors, with the possibility of a new member. Peter Francis was the MC for the day and was kept very busy as a large number of people attended the event.

Our "History for Seniors" event at the Cottage occurred on Tuesday and Thursday. A group of residents from **Magnolia Gardens** were the main visitors on Tuesday. They were very impressed with the Cottage, and were eager to have a really good look around. They had some fascinating tales to tell of their travels, and of their interest in all things historical.

Thanks to all of our Volunteers for their cooking, and for attending on these days to offer their assistance. The events would not have been possible without their input. The interest that they show is also important in attracting other people to join our Society, and the Ladies and Gents from Magnolia Gardens commented on the friendliness of our members.

WANTED, by a respectable married Woman, a CHILD to Wet-nurse. Apply Mr. Hood, Paddington.

WANTED, to Buy Left-off Clothing. Mrs. Maskell, next Theatre, Castlereagh-st. Notes attended to.

WANTED, a Nursery GOVERNESS. Apply Mrs. Armitage, Edgecliff Road, Double Bay. 12 and 2.

WANTED by a Carpenter, EMPLOYMENT on wharf or store. Carpenter, HERALD Office.

WAITRESS, Cooks, Laundress, good Housemaids, General Servants, for Engagement. Mrs. Capps.

WANTED, an experienced Young Woman, as BAR-MAID. European Hotel, Castlereagh-street. Apply between 10 and 11 a.m.

WANTED, a strong Girl, with good character, as General SERVANT. E. Black, Milson's Point, North Shore.

WANTED to Sell, a first-class HORSE, Dray, and Harness. Apply to J. Lenard, Royal Oak, Wattle-street, Chippendale.

WANTED, a respectable and thorough General SERVANT (English). Blake and Co., Mort's-passage, Pitt-street.

WANTED, a respectable Young Woman, as COOK in a gentleman's family, where there is a little washing; also a thorough General SERVANT, no washing (Protestants). The Home, 98, Elizabeth-street.

WANTED, a smart active LAD, for the Boot and Shoes, one who has a knowledge of the business. Good references required. W. Audsley and Co., Hall of Commerce, South Head Road.

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Photo 43. Raymond Terrace Court House, William Street.

The arm of government and the administration of justice were frequently at the forefront of the establishment of significant townships in the Colony of New South Wales. In the 1830s, Mr Oliver's Inn was a much used building indeed, as in addition to being post office, and having occasional use by the clergy, magistrates Edward Johnstone of Paterson and John Wighton of Brandon, stated in a letter to Government dated April 1836, that he was the only person resident at Raymond Terrace, and that he had been asked permission to hold Court at his house, and on what terms such permission could be reasonably obtained.

The residence of Mr Oliver is the only covered building at the Terrace; we (the magistrates) had no other place to hold Court in unless we did so under the Canopy of Heaven or that of a Gum Tree..... Werecommend that we be authorised to order payment to Mr Oliver of the very reasonable sum required by him for the use of his house for the purpose required until such time as a Public Court House and lock-up can be regularly established'.

The township was surveyed and laid out, and 2 acres set aside for Court House and Jail, bounded by William Street, Sturgeon Street and Adelaide Street (Pacific Highway). Plans for the proposed Court House were drawn up and tenders called for. A modified Mortimer Lewis design was erected 1840-1841, and at the time of the 1841 census of the Colony, this was the only building of 'Stone or Brick' at Raymond Terrace.

The site was progressively occupied by a series of watch-houses or lock-ups-1846,1877,1907-, a Police Station-1877-, Keeper's residence-1907-, Police Office and Cell block-1949-, and a new court room-1984.

S T. MARY'S CATHEDRAL
In a few days will be published a complete HISTORY OF ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL, SYDNEY,
from the laying of the Foundation Stone to its lamentable destruction by fire,
WITH NUMEROUS ENGRAVINGS
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Raymond Terrace Court House, William Street

Thanks so much to the Windeyer Family for helping to preserve history in this way. Some people would just see these papers as passed their used by date, and would have thrown them away. It is wonderful that Mr and Mrs Windeyer showed their support for local history, and put in the time and effort to contact the Society, to ensure that this precious resource has been preserved

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DONATION OF NEWSPAPER COLLECTION.

Mr William Windeyer wrote to the Society offering to donate a collection of newspapers found at his parents' home. The newspapers had been stored away for many years and generally contained some history of the Windeyer Family. Some of the papers go back to the 1800s.

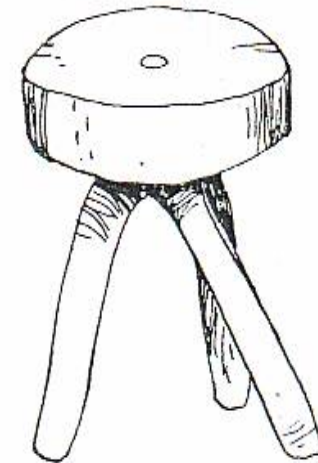
A time was arranged for Mr and Mrs Windeyer to bring the papers to Raymond Terrace Library. When they arrived, they were carrying a suitcase, containing the newspapers. The suitcase had a label on it that said "Lady Windeyer". Inside were about 80 newspapers, in remarkably good order. It felt truly amazing to be able to pick up one of these papers, and be transposed back to the 1800's. The way that the news is reported, the kinds of stories that are told, and the language that is used, have all changed a significant amount.

I would suggest that you make some time to go to the Research Rooms at the library, and have a look at the collection that has been so thoughtfully donated. It really is a treasure trove of information.

THREE LEGGED STOOL

This type of stool may still be seen on the verandahs of many station homesteads. Usually each leg of a stool is made from a separate piece of timber, but years ago some old bush carpenter realised that it was possible to find three legs growing together, and this formed a very strong tripod.

Any suitable piece of branching timber forms the legs and the seat is made from a slice of log. They may be pinned with dowel through the top, as in this example, or screwed through from the bottom.



TAKEN FROM "A FIELD GUIDE TO AUSTRALIAN TRADITIONAL BUSH CRAFTS" BY RON EDWARDS

Visit by Seaham Public School

A group of 59 students, parent helpers and teachers visited the Cottage on Friday 26 March.

Five of our Volunteers were on hand to greet the students. The students learnt about the Cottage, how the kitchen works, how the washing was carried out, the tool shed and well, and a tour of the Museum. We had 3 Volunteers on board who were new to the School Visits. By the end of the school visit, they were still smiling, and had plenty of stories to tell, so I'm guessing that they enjoyed the experience. It is good for the spirit to spend some time with such energetic and enthusiastic young people. Laraine said that the students were asking another question before she had answered the previous one.

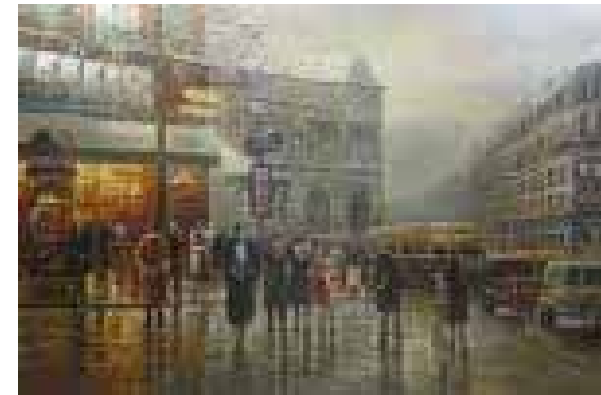
The students were open-mouthed at wonder when told about the way the laundry was done, and how the irons had to be put onto the stove to heat them up, before ironing the clothes. Even I still wonder at how well the meat safes worked, when you consider how careful we are with meat storage in these times.

It was encouraging to see how well prepared the students were in terms of their previous knowledge, and inspiring to see how enthusiastic they were about hearing the stories of the past, and seeing how families lived.

GOOGLE MAPS AND HISTORYPIN.

A new project is underway to collect photographs of streetscapes from past times. The idea is to be able to link these old images, with the present day images. Ideally, the photos include a section of a street, showing the arrangement of buildings, parks, cars etc. These older images will then be "pinned" over the present images to allow comparisons to be made.

If you have some suitable photos of the local area that you would be willing to make available to the project, please either bring the photo to Raymond Terrace Library Family Research Room (Mon and Wed 9.30am-2pmm) where they can be scanned into the computer, or email the photo, with a label describing the location, to info@sketchleycottage.org.au.



THE GREAT DEPRESSION

Weekly rations were available at country Police Stations throughout New South Wales.

The following list of rations was printed in *The Gosford Times* in 1931. (Unfortunately I do not have the exact date.) The ration was worked out by the status of the individual.

SINGLE MAN - 3 loaves bread: 3lb meat: 4oz tea: 1lb sugar; 12oz jam: 1lb condensed milk: ½ lb butter: ¼ bar soap.

MARRIED COUPLE WITH NO CHILDREN - 7 loaves bread: 5lb meat: 2lb flour: 8oz tea: 4lb sugar: 1lb wheatmeal: 36oz jam: 2lb condensed milk: 2lb golden syrup: 1lb butter: 1lb rice: ½ bar soap.

MARRIED COUPLE WITH 2/3 CHILDREN - 9 loaves bread: 8lb meat: 3lb flour: 14oz tea: 4lb sugar: 2lb wheatmeal: 48oz jam: 8lb condensed milk: 2lb golden syrup: 1½ lb butter: 1lb rice: ¾ bar soap.

MARRIED COUPLE 4/5 CHILDREN - 10 loaves bread: 9lb meat: 4lb flour: 16oz tea: 8lb sugar: 3lb wheatmeal: 48oz jam: 8lb condensed milk: 2lb golden syrup: 1½lb butter: 2lb rice: 1 bar soap.

MARRIED COUPLE 6/7 CHILDREN - 13 loaves bread: 9lb meat: 4lb flour: 16oz tea: 7lb sugar: 4lb wheatmeal: 60oz jam: 4lb condensed milk: 2lb golden syrup: 2lb butter: 2lb rice: 1 bar soap.

The second and last ration orders, are combined, when issued to families with 8 children, and the 4th and last, where there are 10 children.

In addition milk and other special items were supplied when absolutely necessary. Powdered milk and dripping are supplied, but only in lieu of other items provided on the schedule.

Lesley Gent



Gary Middleton showing the Students around the Museum



TRISH HARRIS INSTRUCTING THE STUDENTS ABOUT THE LAUNDRY

CENSUS OF ENGLAND AND WALES 1911

I recently obtained a 1911 Census for a family member living in Grimsby, Lincolnshire only to find the last column INFIRMITY was whited out. After enquiring of the help page I received the following information (somewhat edited), which I thought might be of interest to other researchers.

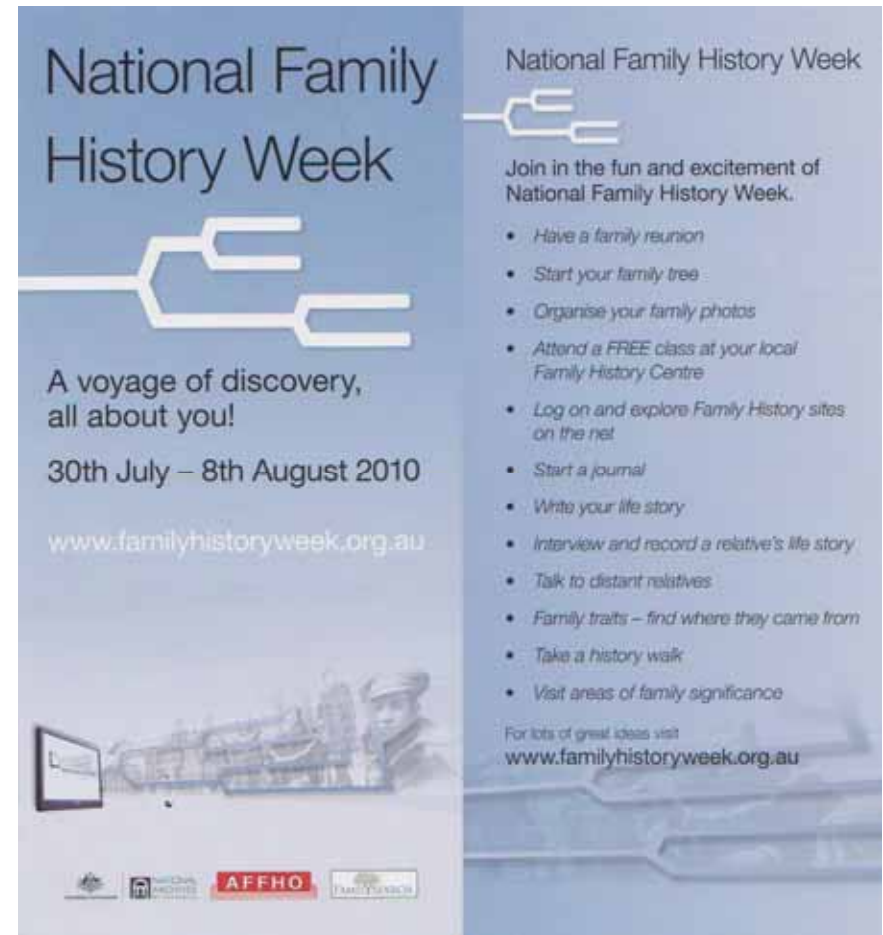
The 1911 census was taken on the night of Sunday 2 April, 1911 and obtained more personal details than previous census. The census contains the following:

- Name - both given and surname
- Relationship to head of household
- Age - last birthday
- Sex
- Marital Status
- Years the present marriage has lasted
- Children born alive to present marriage
- Occupation
- Employer - self or employed, and if working from home.
- Birthplace
- Nationality
- Infirmity

The census lists the number of children that a woman had given birth to and this proves particularly valuable to genealogists as it lists children no longer living at home as well as those who had died before the census was taken. The householder schedules are, mostly, in the ancestors' own handwriting and often have comments made by them that are not always very flattering to the authority that organised the census.

The column not shown covers infirmities such as if the person listed is blind, deaf, an imbecile etc. This information is being withheld until the Census is officially opened in January 2012. The Information Commissioner has ordered that these details be obscured in the images that are made available prior to that date.

Lesley Gent



The poster for National Family History Week features a large white tree graphic on a blue background. The text 'National Family History Week' is prominently displayed at the top. Below it, the tagline 'A voyage of discovery, all about you!' and the dates '30th July – 8th August 2010' are included. The website 'www.familyhistoryweek.org.au' is listed twice. A list of activities is provided on the right side, and a small image of a historical building and a person is shown at the bottom.

National Family History Week

Join in the fun and excitement of National Family History Week.

- Have a family reunion
- Start your family tree
- Organise your family photos
- Attend a FREE class at your local Family History Centre
- Log on and explore Family History sites on the net
- Start a journal
- Write your life story
- Interview and record a relative's life story
- Talk to distant relatives
- Family traits – find where they came from
- Take a history walk
- Visit areas of family significance

For lots of great ideas visit www.familyhistoryweek.org.au

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