

Gazettes and genealogical service boost archives

What you need to know

■ The CSU Regional Archives are open Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm, and the first Saturday of every month from 10am to 3pm. Located in the Blakemore Building on South Campus of the University, access can be gained via College Avenue or Hely Avenue. Members of the public are welcome to visit the search room where professional archival staff can assist with inquiries. For those people unable to visit the archives in person, staff can provide a research service for straight-forward inquiries for a fee of \$55 per hour including copying and postage. For further information, please phone 6925 3666, email archive@csu.edu.au, or visit our website at www.csu.edu.au/research/archives for a full listing of holdings and more detailed information.

Resource Goldmine



at the archives
Wayne Doubleday

In recent weeks, there have been a number of new resources arriving at the regional archives that are causing some excitement. The first of these is the result of a joint initiative between the archives and the Wagga and District Historical Society – the purchase of the *NSW Government Gazettes* in electronic form.

The regional archives already has a full run of *NSW Government Gazettes* from the first issue published in March 1832 until December 1870 available on microfilm. From 1870 to December 1959, then October 1970 to May 1997, the gazettes are available in paper format, the majority of which are bound into thick volumes, which create an imposing site in our search room.

These bound gazettes are currently on special loan to the regional archives from the Wagga office of the Land and Property Management Authority.

There are numerous advantages to the electronic format, the foremost being that pages can be searched, browsed, enlarged and printed out if required.

The government gazettes are an absolute goldmine for researchers, especially for family and local historians, although in the past they have been a very underused resource.

This has been mostly due to the difficulty of searching without any dating reference. The words "needle" and "haystack" usually closely follow an explanation of the wonders of the government gazettes.

The following is a just a sample of the type of information which can be found in the *NSW Government Gazettes*:

- notifications of appointments to, transfers, promotions and retirements within the public service (positions in schools, courts, hospitals, the police service, local government and on the railways are most common);
 - the opening and closing of schools, courts, hospitals, police stations and other government services and departments;
 - applications and approvals of licences such as publican's, auctioneer's, and water rights;
 - mining claims and land grants, transfers, leases, and sales;
 - details of absconded prisoners, rewards, tickets of leave and certificates of freedom; and
 - lists of licensed medical practitioners.
- The second addition that will be of use to researchers is *Ancstry.com.au*, the online genealogical resource.

Through the assistance of State Records NSW, this tool is now available for public use in our search room.

Ancstry provides researchers with access to a massive range of historical and genealogical resources from all over the world, including military, court, land, probate, church, and immigration records.

State Records NSW has also been involved with *Ancstry* to make available many of their most popular records to the wider world.

Ancstry has digitised a considerable quantity of material chosen from State Records NSW's archival collection, including the following series

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NEW SOUTH WALES

GOVERNMENT GAZETTE,

published by Authority.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Sydney, 29th April, 1847.

ELECTORAL LISTS.

HIS Excellency the Governor directs it to be notified, that he has appointed the under-mentioned Gentlemen to assist in revising the Electoral Lists, under the Act of Council, 6 Victoria, No. 16, viz. —

- Larapsoo.—Thomas Parsons, Esq.
 - Pictou.—Mr. James Templeton.
 - Bourne.—Messrs. Thomas Dixon, Francis Flanagan, Junr., and George Henry Tapping.
- By His Excellency's Command,
E. DEAS THOMSON.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Sydney, 30th April, 1847.

PETTY SESSIONS.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint the undermentioned places to be places for the holding of Courts of Petty Sessions, under the provisions of the Act of the Colonial Legislature, 3rd William IV., No. 2, viz. —

- (1) BOMBALA, at the crossing place on the River in the District of Monaro.
 - (2) WAGGA WAGGA, on the Lower Murrumbidgee, seventy miles below Tumut.
 - (3) TERRARAVERIA, (Mc Donalson's station), in the Clarence River District.
 - (4) TASMANIA, (Mr. C. Winderley's station,) on the road to New England.
- PORT PHILLIP.
In the *Wimmera District*,
Horsman, (a place to be called,) at Mr. Lachlan and Dalrymple's station on the Wimmera.
- By His Excellency's Command,
E. DEAS THOMSON.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Sydney, 30th April, 1847.

PETTY SESSIONS.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint the undermentioned Gentlemen to be Clerks of Petty Sessions at the places mentioned in connection with their respective names; viz. —

- BOMBALA.—Mr. Anthony Brown.
 - WAGGA WAGGA.—Mr. Frederick Walker.
 - TERRARAVERIA.—Mr. Richard Thomas Goulding.
 - TASMANIA.—Mr. Frederick Dunbar.
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TUMUT.—Mr. William Stewart Caswell, in the room of Mr. Frederick Walker, appointed to Wagga Wagga.
- By His Excellency's Command,
E. DEAS THOMSON.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Sydney, 30th April, 1847.

POLICE BEYOND THE BOUNDARIES.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint the undermentioned persons to be Chief Constables at the places mentioned in connection with their respective names; viz. —

- BOMBALA.—Mr. William Millington.
 - WAGGA WAGGA.—Mr. Michael Norton.
 - TERRARAVERIA.—Mr. John Tracy.
 - TASMANIA.—Mr. Peter Byers.
- By His Excellency's Command,
E. DEAS THOMSON.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Sydney, 28th April, 1847.

TWENTY POUNDS REWARD, OR A CONSIDERABLE PARDON.

WHEREAS it has been represented to His Excellency the Governor, that on the evening of Tuesday, the 29th instant, a party, consisting about sixty bushels of wheat, and a stack of hay, belonging to Mrs. Susan Huxtable Prosser, of

Saturday openings

The CSU Regional Archives is currently extending its opening hours to include the first Saturday of every month. On these days the archives will be open from 10am to 3pm. The next Saturday opening will occur on August 6, 2011. This trial initiative has been put in place to cater for those researchers who are unable to visit the archives on weekdays during normal business hours. It is hoped that enough researchers and visitors will avail themselves of this service to warrant it becoming a permanent occurrence.

- of records:
- Unassisted Passenger Lists, 1826-1922;
 - NSW and Tasmania Convict Pardons and Tickets of Lease, 1834-1859;
 - Convict Muster Rolls and related records, 1790-1849;
 - NSW and Tasmania Settler and Convict Lists, 1784-1834;
 - NSW Bounty Immigrant Lists, 1828-1842;
 - Certificates of Naturalisation, 1849-1903;

- Gaol Description and Entrance Books, 1818-1930;
 - Registers of Coroners' Inquests, 1796-1942; and
 - Sand's Directory.
- If you have any questions about using either of these resources, please visit our search room or contact our reference archivist by email (archive@csu.edu.au) or phone 6925 3666.