

NEWCASTLE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY Inc.

Pre – 1961 REGISTER OF DECEASED NEWCASTLE RESIDENTS

The Newcastle Family History Society Inc. invites contributions to a *Register of Newcastle Residents* who **lived and died** in the district from the earliest settlement up to and including 31 December 1960. The area to be covered is the present Newcastle Local Government Area, the suburbs of which are listed below.

Adamstown	Elmore Vale	Kotara	Minmi	Stockton
Adamstown Hts	Fletcher	Lambton	Newcastle	Tarro
Beresfield	Georgetown	Maryland	New Lambton	Tighes Hill
Birmingham Gardens	Hamilton	Maryville	New Lambton Hts	Wallsend
Broadmeadow	Hexham	Mayfield	Rankin Park	Waratah
Carrington	Islington	Merewether	Shortland	Wickham
Cooks Hill	Jesmond	Merewether Hts		

Requirements for contribution are –

1. The subject must be deceased on or before 31 December 1960.
2. Items are to be submitted as a narrative, up to but not exceeding 500 words. See sample on reverse page. Any number of contributions may be submitted, each on a separate sheet of paper.
3. Typed or word-processed items are preferred, but clear handwriting is acceptable.
4. A photograph may be included. If an original photograph is submitted and the contributor wishes to have it returned, please include a suitable SSAE (Stamped, self addressed envelope).
5. Acceptable abbreviations are the Chapman Code and also,
b.=born; bap.=baptised; m.=married; d.=died; bur.=buried
6. The Society reserves the right to edit or reject contributions.
7. The onus is on the contributor to ensure that information is correct, as it is not the Society's responsibility to carry out further research to verify information.
8. IN THE INTERESTS OF PRIVACY, persons still living who are named in the contribution must give their permission to be included by signing the submission as indicated on the sample page (see over).

Submission –

1. Items prepared as above, should reach the Society by MONDAY, 1 DECEMBER 2008, addressed to, "PRE 1961 REGISTER, Newcastle Family History Society Inc., PO Box 233, Lambton, NSW 2299
2. Your name, home or PO address, telephone number, e-mail address should appear at the foot of each contribution, although your entry will be assigned a number (No.).
3. IF YOU DO NOT WISH YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS TO APPEAR IN THE NUMERICAL LIST, PLEASE NOTE THAT ON YOUR CONTRIBUTION.

Other –

1. If you would like to be informed of the release of the published work (either as a book and/or CD), please enclose a SSAE.
2. Information about the project will appear from time to time on our website (<http://www.nfhs.org.au>)

**IN THE LONG PERIOD OF OVER 160 YEARS TO BE COVERED BY THIS REGISTER,
YOUR FOREBEARS WERE PART OF THE HISTORY OF THIS GREAT CITY.**

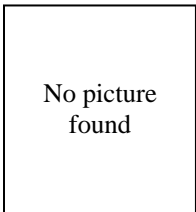
WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR CONTRIBUTION IN MEMORY OF THOSE PEOPLE.

Remember, closing date for submission is

MONDAY, 1 December 2008

SAMPLE PIONEER ENTRY

PRYDE, Thomas was born on 11 December 1857 in Newbattle, Co. Midlothian, Scotland, the fifth of nine children of **Alexander PRYDE** (1823-1898) and **Janet DAVIDSON** (1823-1893). His family had for generations been coalminers, which occupation Thomas inevitably followed.



On 31 December 1880, in the Free Church of Stobhill, Thomas married **Margaret DICKSON**, a 21-year old domestic servant, born at Collyburn, Linton, Peebleshire to **George DICKSON** and **Margaret ROSS**, also from generations of colliers.

Three children were born - Margaret (1881) who survived 2 days, and two unnamed males (1882 and 1883) who survived only a few hours. Whether these deaths influenced Thomas to leave Scotland is conjectural, but he decided to come to Australia as an assisted immigrant, again as a coalminer.

Alexander and Margaret departed Scotland on the immigrant ship *Stirlingshire*, leaving Greenock, Port of Glasgow, on 1 December 1883. The passengers included Thomas's brother, **Alexander PRYDE**, with his wife, **Jane KERR**, and their children, Isabella (11), Jessie (8) and Joan (1). Also on board were their sister, **Janet** (née **PRYDE**), her husband, **Adam KERR**, with children, Jessie (8), Isabella (6), Alexander (5), Adam (3) (who died of measles at the Quarantine Station) and Thomas (1). Another brother, **Brodie PRYDE**, also came to Australia. He settled on the Cessnock Coalfields, but a record of his arrival has not been found.

Stirlingshire arrived in Sydney on 16 February 1884 and proceeded to Newcastle, arriving on 6 March, discharging the PRYDE family to settle in the coalmining township of Lambton, where the men entered the colliery.

Five more children were born to Thomas and Margaret – Margaret (1884-1959, m. **Richard EGAN**), Jessie (1886-1959, m. **Clarence CROSS**), Jane Ann (1889-1951, m. **David NORTH**), William (1889-1991, m. **Jean LIGHTFOOT**) and Thomas (1902-1966, m. **Elsie AMBLER**).

Thomas and Margaret did not derive their income solely from coalmining, as they are recorded as conducting a small shop in Chinchin Street, Lambton and holding the *Marquis of Lorne* hotel licence from 1891 to 1898. This hotel was opened in 1874 and its successor survives on the corner of Dickson and Morehead Streets, Lambton. Family lore suggests that Margaret was the force behind these enterprises, borne out by Thomas appearing concurrently in directories as a miner.

“Family lore” adds that Thelma (daughter of Margaret and Richard Egan) remembered her grandfather as being of medium height and build, and that his Scottish accent was not as broad as Margaret's, a tall aquiline woman, regarded as stern and somewhat unbending, although always responsive to the needs of her family. At some time Thomas was banished from the family home, to live in the backyard shed and prepare his meals over an open fire. He was also known to go on the road with his “swag.”

Thomas died on 12 January 1931 and is buried in the Methodist section, Sandgate Cemetery, where Margaret had preceded him after her death on 6 July 1925. The single grave has a headstone.

CONTRIBUTED BY: (Mrs) Elaine M. Sheehan, 44 Florida Avenue, New Lambton, NSW 2305
Ph. (N/A); e-mail <sheehan@idl.net.au>

LIVING PERSONS WHOSE NAMES APPEAR ABOVE HAVE, BY SIGNATURE BELOW, INDICATED THAT THEY HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THEIR INCLUSION IN THE CONTRIBUTION TO BE PUBLISHED BY THE NEWCASTLE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY Inc.

“I have read the contribution and agree to the inclusion of my name in the proposed publication.”

Signature

Please print name

