

Macquarie Schoolhouse Bicentennial

Newsletter - Issue 4 – June 2020

THE PARISH REGISTERS

The Parish Registers hold wonderful depth of information for the Wilberforce area and the families who have their lives documented through baptisms, weddings and burials. Many Wilberforce pioneer names appear frequently throughout.

The Registers begin in 1826, prior to that these life events were recorded in the Windsor Registers.

The first Registers at St. John's containing baptisms, marriages and burials were rebound in 1964 as a gift of Dennis Bruce Gosper in memory of his ancestors.

At the Bicentennial weekend, we intend to have an original register on display, as well as copies of all pages for families to find their relatives and research their family history.

The early volumes are now held at the Anglican Diocese archives where they are appropriately preserved for future generations. They are also available to view on microfilm at Hawkesbury Library.

Alicia Bates

Coordinator – Macquarie Schoolhouse Bicentennial

GET INVOLVED

Are you interested in the local history of Wilberforce or the Hawkesbury generally?

Did your ancestors attend school at the Macquarie Schoolhouse?

Were your ancestors involved in the Sunday congregation that met at the Macquarie Schoolhouse?

Was your family involved in the Wilberforce community?

Are you a descendant of one of a Schoolmaster or Minister?

We would love to hear from you!

Please get in contact with the team on our details in this newsletter

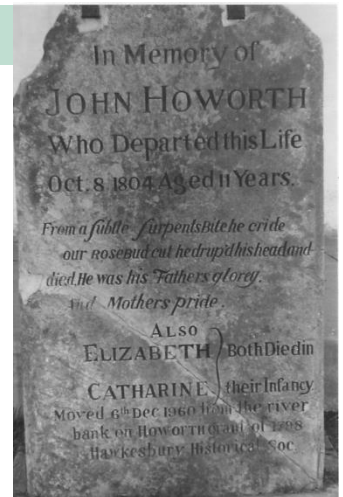
PAGE 111

Burials in the Parish of Wilberforce in the County of Cumberland in the Year 1829

| Name. | Abode. | When Buried. | Age. | Ship's Name. | Quality or Profession. | By whom the Ceremony was performed. |
|---------------------------------|-------------|--|------|--------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Charlotte Cokeroff No. 31 | Wilberforce | 12 January 1829 | 34 | - | - | M. D. Meares |
| Elizabeth Wilberforce No. 32 | Wilberforce | 8 th Jan ^y 1829 | 17 | - | - | M. D. Meares |
| William D. L. S. No. 33 | Wilberforce | 24 th Jan ^y 1829 | 67 | Francis Eliza | Sabourer | M. D. Meares |
| John Wildmass No. 34 | Wilberforce | 18 th April 1829 | 60 | Royal Admiral | Captain | M. D. Meares |
| Ann Gorrick No. 35 | Wilberforce | 19 th April 1829 | 13 | Born in the Colony | - | M. D. Meares |
| John Green No. 36 | Wilberforce | 8 th Aug ^y 1829 | 41 | Shiplay 12 | Ticket of Slave | M. D. Meares |

HOWARTH TOMBSTONE

This headstone that stands next to the Schoolhouse is for a young man named John Howarth. He died by a snake bite on his family property on the Hawkesbury River. A newspaper article in *The Sydney Gazette and New South Wales Advertiser* details the events of October 1804 and can be found on Trove. The headstone was maintained until 1960 where it was restored and moved onto the Church property by the Hawkesbury Historical Society.



WILL THE BICENTENNIAL GO AHEAD?

Obviously much has changed since our last newsletter. With COVID-19 now impacting the way gatherings happen, we have begun discussions about whether the Bicentennial celebrations will go ahead. At this stage, we are still planning towards the weekend going ahead, although some adjustments may need to be made. A definitive decision will be made about 6 weeks out. If the decision is made that we cannot go ahead on the October Long Weekend, the events would be postponed until early next year.

SCHOOLMASTER SPOTLIGHT – SAMUEL RUSSELL (1874-1877)

Samuel Russell was born in Kent, England in 1838. He came to Australia in the late 1850's. He met and married Ellen Newton in 1859 in the gold mining town of Tambaroora. They had 9 children as they travelled around New South Wales for his teaching appointments. He taught at Wilberforce for only 3 years before moving on to Windsor. He lived out his days in Bowral and upon his death in 1907, his obituary espoused him as a beloved educator with high moral character.

SPONSORS



We have different levels of sponsorship, there will be one that suits you. Contact the team through our website to organise it.

Macquarie Schoolhouse

43 Macquarie Road, Wilberforce

www.macquarieschoolhouse.com.au

admin@macquarieschoolhouse.com.au

www.facebook.com/macquarieschoolhouse

Descendants of
William Pashington Terry Gow (c.1795-1872)
are invited to attend a
Gow Family Gathering
Sunday 4 October 2020
Macquarie Schoolhouse
St John's Anglican Church
43 Macquarie Road Wilberforce NSW

For further details email: wptgowdescendants@gmail.com

After arriving as a convict in 1817, William went on to become a schoolmaster, farmer and father of 10.



**Look out for our next
Newsletter. Due out in
August 2020**