



A Light in the Window, Harper's Mansion – Berrima, the place and its people

Author: Ann Beaumont

Published 2013

Soft cover, A5, 118 pp, colour illustrated

While the primary focus of this book is the story of Harper's Mansion and its people, it also shines a light on the creation of Berrima as an important presence in early colonial history. Many of Berrima's early

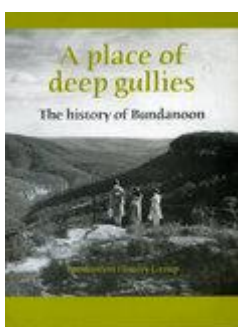
buildings, like Harper's Mansion, have been saved and retained making it a unique place to live and visit in today's modern world.

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Author: Bundanoon History Group Soft cover, 120 pp A4, illustrated

This 2015 Bundanoon History Group publication updates *From Jordan's Crossing to Bundanoon*, a previous local history published in 1990. Providing a comprehensive, thoroughly researched history of the Bundanoon area, it 'fleshes out' many of the earlier stories and anecdotes with a wealth of new material, insights and titbits.

The book relates how from early days the wild and spectacular gully country, now part of Morton National Park, attracted considerable interest. There are chapters on the coming of the railway, early families, village life with guest houses and emporiums, and much more, making it an interesting and

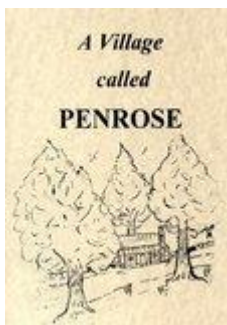
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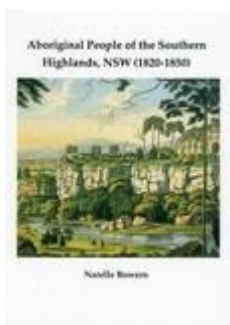
Author: Lesley Day Soft cover, A5, 48pp, photographs, published 1987. The hamlet of Penrose began when the railway came in 1868 and is nestled amidst towering pine trees, fringed by the Morton National Park, State Forests, gullies and gorges.

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Author: Narelle Bower

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In this publication on local Aboriginal People the author has compiled the limited information that is known from newspaper articles, official documents and accounts written by the early European settlers. Her book adds to our knowledge of this 30-year period of local history. It answers questions such as what happened to the Bong Bong Tribe and was there really a massacre at Gingenbullen?

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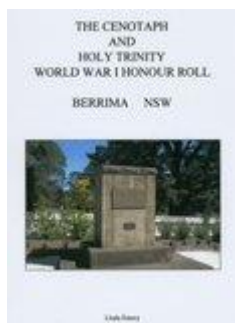
A facsimile of a booklet published by Alpine orchardist Sophie Corrie in the early 1900s giving her methods and recipes for preserving all types of fruit.

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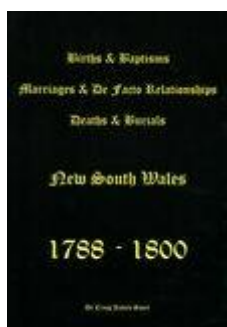
Author: Linda Emery Soft cover A4 Booklet, spiral bound, illustrated. The history of the building of the Cenotaph in Berrima and the World War I Honour Roll in Holy Trinity Church

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Births & Baptisms, Marriages & De facto Relationships, Deaths & Burials NSW 1788 - 1800

Compiled, edited and published by Dr Craig Smee of Canberra in 2015

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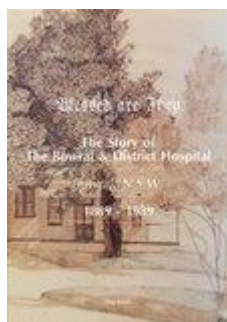
Dr Smee's book attempts to provide all the records covering the first 12 years of settlement in NSW. He introduces it by stating that "the early colonial church registers of baptisms, marriages and burials are somewhat disappointing, to say the least, from a genealogical point of view. Often there is just a date and name, with no place nor other identifying information". The author attempts to readdress this problem by combining the data in the church registers with data from the shipping indents, early colonial musters and the '1828 Census of NSW'.

The four major sources of information were derived from the registers of St Phillips Sydney and St Johns Parramatta, the Pioneer Register (C Smee), and Norfolk Island and its First Settlement (R Wright

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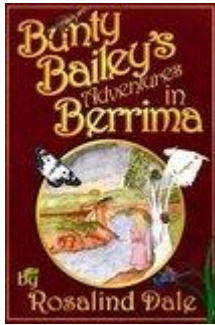
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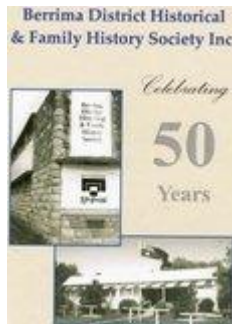
Author: Rosalind Dale Soft cover, 85 pp, size B5, colour illustrated.

The book is a novel for children. It explores life in 1849 experienced by Bunty, a girl aged 9 years who lives at Berrima. Her daily life and adventures highlight the difference between our Colonial beginnings and the present day. Everything we take for granted now was very different in 1849!

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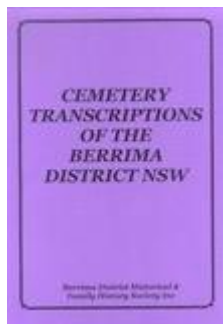
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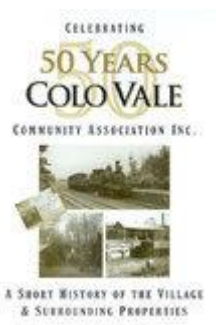
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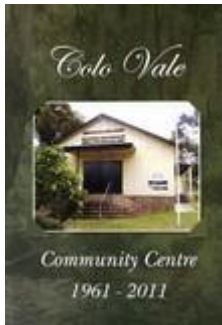


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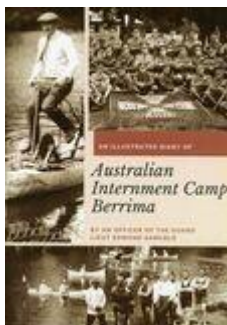
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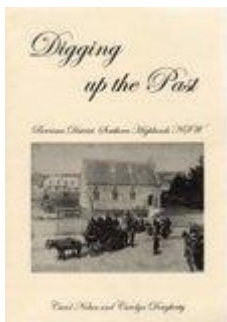
Author: Lt. Edmond Samuels, Soft cover, 27pp, includes photographs. Booklet on the World War I German Internment Camp at Berrima, written by Lt. Samuels, a member of the Berrima Guard.

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Compiled by Carol Nolan and Carolyn Dougherty Soft cover A4 383pp. Details of deaths, obituaries and inquests in the Berrima District pre-1900, as recorded in the local newspapers. Cross referenced where possible to registrations of births, deaths and marriages.

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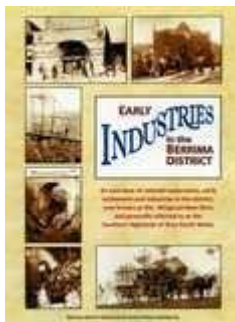


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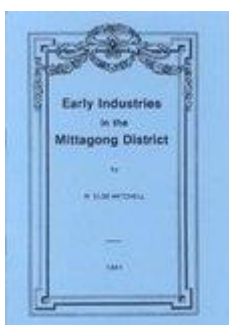


Author: Philip Morton and BDH&FHS volunteers; Second edition 2023, Soft cover, 72pp, A4 illustrated

An overview of colonial exploration, early settlement and industries in the Berrima District, now known as the Wingecarribee Shire. The book outlines how the area developed as a major centre for dairying and horticulture and how the discovery of coal, ore and stone led to several major industries. Visitors were attracted by the invigorating climate and scenic beauty spots. The varied fortunes of these endeavours makes a fascinating historical study and an enjoyable read.

Early Industries in the Berrima District 00073 **AU\$15.00**

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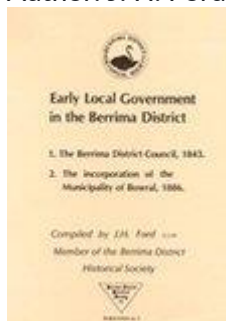
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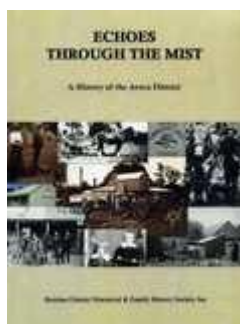


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Author: Various Published 2013 Soft cover, 120pp A4, illustrated

First compiled and published by the Avoca Bidentenary Committee in 1988 and reprinted by the BDH&FHS in 1992. This revised third edition (2013) remains true to the original text with some amendments and corrections and photographs enhanced or replaced. The book conveys that after more than 130 years of white settlement, Avoca still retains the natural beauty and charm which the early pioneers found so appealing.

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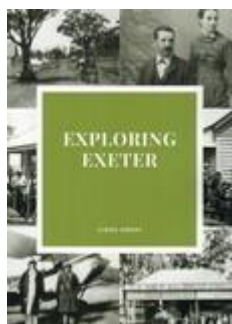
Author Ron Mumford Soft cover, A4, 120pp, illustrated with black and white and colour photographs. This book contains a short biography of each of the men and women named on the Honour Rolls in the Avoca Hall, NSW

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Author: Linda Emery New edition published 2020; A4 soft cover 83pp, black and white illustrated

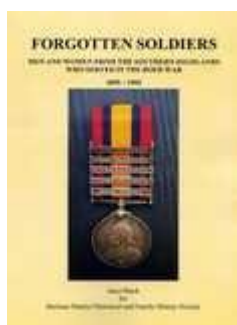
An overview of the history and heritage of the village of Exeter that brings to life the people and events that shaped this 'typical English village on the Great Southern Line'. Illustrated with more than 100 historic photos.

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Author: Janet Black Soft cover, 124 pp A4, illustrated

This is an updated and expanded version by member Janet Black of research published by the late Colin Sproule.

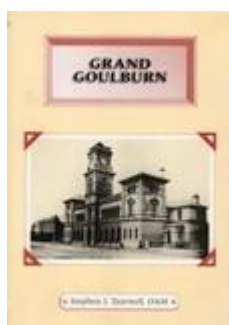
About 16,000 Australians served during the Boer War and, of these, 99 men and one woman have been identified as coming from the Southern Highlands district. This book outlines their family histories and activities during the war, through their letters home that were printed in local newspapers.

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Author Stephen Tazewell. Large octavo, softcover. 311pp with index and black and white illustrations. Published by the Council of the City of Goulburn 1991.

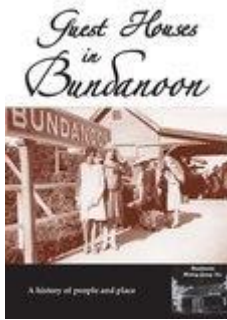
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Compiled by Bundanoon History Group Soft cover, perfect bound, 70pp, Indexed, photographs, 2017 reprinted and updated version of 3rd Edition first published in 2012.

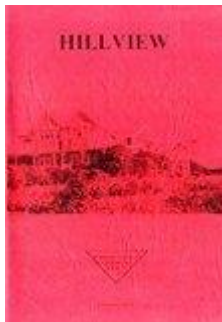
Guest Houses in Bundanoon - a history of people and place, gives a fascinating insight into more than 50 guest houses that once operated in Bundanoon. This new 2017 version provides updates to guest house entries and an enlarged index.

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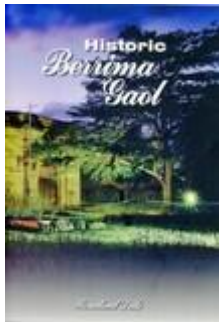
Author: R.C. Ralph Soft cover A5 booklet, 36pp, photographs, published 1986. An interesting history of the Sutton Forest country residence of the Governors of NSW from 1882-1957.

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Author: Ros Dale

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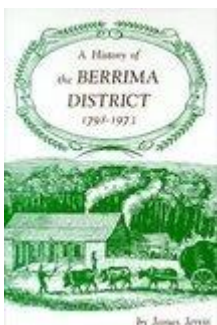
An historical overview of the gaol at Berrima with information and photos sourced from the archives of the Berrima District Historical & Family History Society. The author's stated aim is to breathe life and meaning into the rich tapestry of Berrima Gaol's past. Included is a poem by Jack Garvey and a sketch impress of the original gaol layout by Jon Lawrence.

Historic Berrima Gaol 00095

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Author: James Jervis Hard cover, 214pp, published 1986.

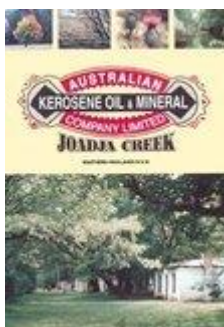
An overview of the history of the area, A History of the Berrima District is the most comprehensive written history of the Southern Highlands and the Wingecarribee Shire. First published in 1962, the book was reprinted with additional history to 1973, with two further reprints. Remains a relevant reference source.

History of the Berrima District 1798 - 1973 00038

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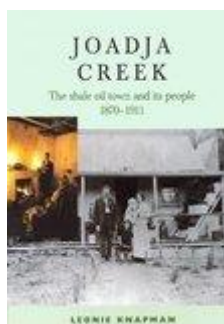
Authors: Leonie Knapman and Adrian Hutton Soft cover, A4, 20pp, photographs, published 1997.
Guide for visitors to Joadja Creek includes maps, photographs and location of the remnants of the village and mining operation at Joadja.

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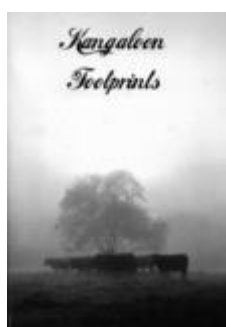
Author: Leonie Knapman Soft cover, A4, 176pp with photographs and index, published 1988. Fallen chimneys, derelict buildings and crumbling gravestones are the remnants of a once thriving community nestled in an isolated valley in the Southern Highlands of NSW.

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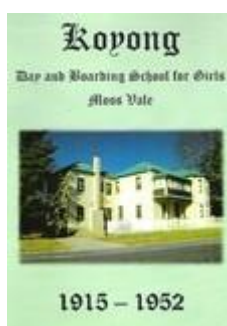
Compiled by: Bernadette Mahony Soft cover, 409 pp A4, illustrated.

A collection of recorded events, written and spoken, along with photographs, charts and anecdotes that together tell us much about Kangaloon's past, and the people who lived there. The book contains chapters concerned with different aspects of life in Kangaloon, East Kangaloon, Boxvale and Mount Murray. Follow the footprints and enjoy.

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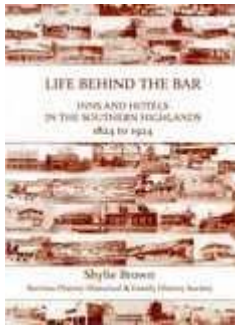
A4 soft cover 92 pp. Published 2012 This book is an account of Miss Hetta Mein and her mother, Bertha, who ran Koyong School in Moss Vale from 1915 to 1952 and provides an insight into life in a country boarding school.

Koyong Day and Boarding School for Girls, Moss Vale 1915 - 1952 00043

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Author: Shylie Brown Soft cover A4, 194pp, photos, maps and index. Published 2014

In Life Behind the Bar, the author has researched and detailed the many inns and hotels in the Southern Highlands of NSW between Tahmoor and Marulan, taking in the towns and villages of Mittagong, Bowral, Moss Vale, Berrima, Sutton Forest, Bundanoon and Robertson, as well as several other smaller hamlets. The research places all the properties on clear maps, and gives a lively account of many of the publicans and their families. More than 450 licensees and proprietors are listed in the appendix, providing a unique resource for historians and genealogists.

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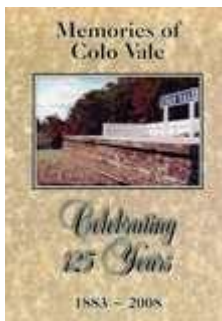
Author: Maureen Eddy Soft cover, 150pp, photographs and index. 2nd Edition 2007. Well researched and richly illustrated history of the town and district of Marulan, between the Southern Highlands and Goulburn. Originally published in 1985 for the 150th Anniversary of Marulan, it is a comprehensive history of early settlement, pubs and inns, architecture of the township, schools, churches and recreation.

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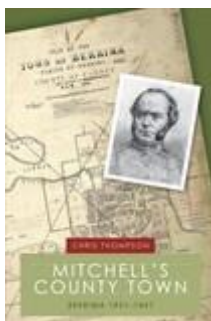
Author: Jeanette Schofield Soft cover, A5, 88pp, colour and black and white photographs, published 2008. Celebrating 125 years of the village 1882-2008, the book contains numerous photographs and memories of the families who lived in the area from its early days. Book 2 in a series on Colo Vale

Memories of Colo Vale 00024

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Author: Chris Thompson

Soft cover, 192 pp, A4, colour illustrated. Researched and published by Chris Thompson who volunteers at Harper's Mansion in Berrima and is a member of Berrima District Historical Society.

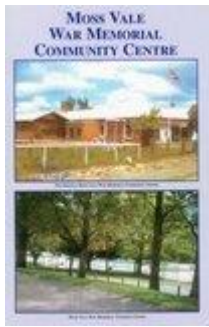
Berrima township, founded in May 1831, was to be the main administrative centre south of Sydney, complete with gaol and courthouse and service hub for travellers and local settlers. The book tells the story of the township's first ten years, and includes stories of ex-convicts, ex-military, first generation Australians and free immigrants who made it their home. For many, Berrima offered the opportunity of a better life than they had left behind.

Mitchell's County Town: Berrima 1831-1841 00096

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Author: Mary Pogson Soft cover, A4, 68pp, photographs, published 2005. Well researched story of the Moss Vale War Memorial Community Centre on land now occupied by the Wingecarribee Shire Civic Centre, swimming pool, TAFE and Donkin Pre-school. Important record of the 30 acre parcel of land and house given to the community by Mrs K.A. Donkin

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Author: Rosalind Dale Soft cover, 81 pp A4, colour illustrated.

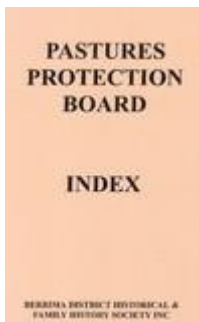
This book portrays the charm of historic Berrima and its pioneers through words and a multitude of fascinating photographs, and with stories of people and events from by-gone days. The people, streets, parks and old buildings of this heritage village are skillfully brought to life.

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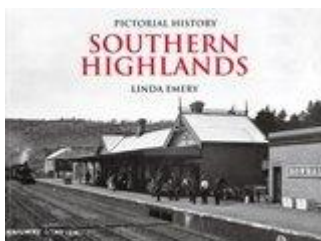
Soft cover, A4 spiral bound, 280pp, published 2007 by the Berrima District Historical and Family History Society. Indexes to the surviving Pastures Protection Board Rate books held by the historical society. Contains listings of property names, owners, occupiers and details of stock held and land under cultivation. An excellent reference source for finding people and properties in the Southern Highlands of NSW. Years covered are sporadic, but include years from 1911 to 1947.

Pastures Protection Board Index to the Berrima District 00049

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Author Linda Emery. Soft Cover, 21cm x 28cm, 140pp illustrated and indexed.

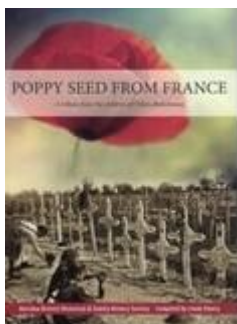
Published 2008. Contains over 200 historic photographs from the collection of the Berrima District Historical Society along with brief histories of all the towns and villages in the Southern Highlands. The book includes many photographs never before published and covers the early occupation the by Aboriginal people, European discovery and settlement, Berrima, Bowral, Moss Vale, Mittagong as well as the smaller villages such as Exeter, Sutton Forest, Robertson, Wildes Meadow and more.

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Poppy Seed from France: a tribute from the children of Villers-Bretonneux 2019, compiled by Linda Emery

Soft cover, 166 pages, 180 x 250mm, colour illustrations, includes Index to Poppy Seed Register

In January 1920 the director of Sydney Botanic Garden, Joseph Maiden, received a parcel from France, sent to him by Ettie Rout, Secretary of the New Zealand Volunteer Sisters. The box contained poppy seed gathered in the Somme Valley by the school children of Villers-Bretonneux and came with a request that the seed be distributed to the relatives of Australian and New Zealand soldiers who had fallen fighting on the battlefields. The book tells the story of how poppy seed from the battlefields in France found their way to ANZAC families to be planted in their gardens in remembrance of fallen loved ones. The tracking down of the names of the soldiers was adopted as a research project by Berrima District Historical Society and forms the basis of the book which also includes poignant background stories and the names of those who received the seed. The project was a collaborative effort involving researchers, authors and contributors. Of the recipients traced, a few resided in the BDHS's home region of the Southern Highlands, some in the nearby Illawarra district and in Sydney, with the remainder spread across NSW.

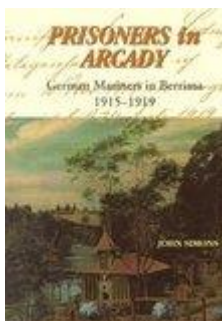
Read the book and be fascinated by the human-interest stories, written in a range of personal styles, and beautifully illustrated with images from the period. Perhaps your family name is one of those listed on the Botanic Gardens Seed Register.

Poppy Seed from France: A tribute from the children of Villers Bretonneux 00092

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Author: John Simons Soft cover, 258pp, photographs and index, published 1999.

Definitive history of the German Mariners interned in Berrima Gaol during the First World War, 1915-1919

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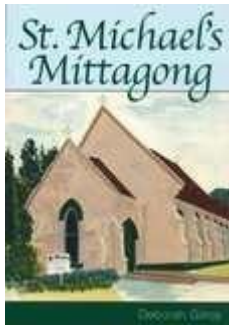
Author: John McColgan Soft cover, A4, 160pp. Stories of the history of the Southern Highlands

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Author: Deborah Gilroy Soft cover, A4, 248pp, photographs and index, published 2004. A

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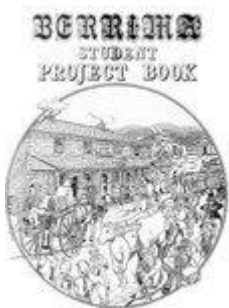
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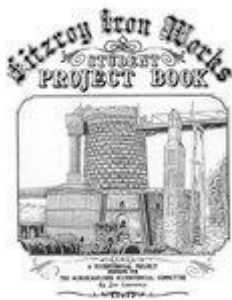
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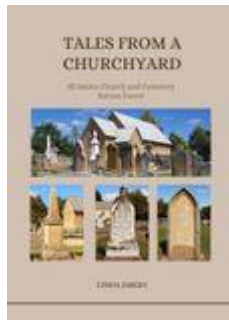
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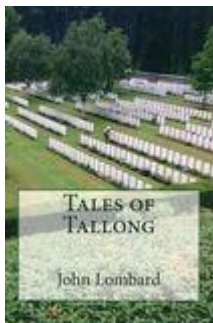
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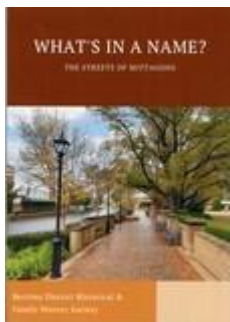
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