

STATE RECORDS NEW SOUTH WALES

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Welcome to the latest issue of Now&Then - News from State Records. Now&Then is a new electronic newsletter for anyone interested in the State archives of NSW. Now&Then provides information about new research tools and resources, services and seminars, exhibitions and other activities.

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Online News

The latest additions to the online indexes and resources on our website include:

1. Index to AIF

This is a new and complete index. State Records Volunteers compiled the index from NRS 15905 Nominal Roll of the First Railway Section, Australian Imperial Expeditionary Forces (AIF).

The volume provides details of the 435 railway employees from around Australia who formed the 1st Railway Section of the AIF. Details recorded include name, rank, age, marital status, trade or calling, address at date of enrolment, next of kin and address, religion, date of joining, unit for those already serving in the military, per diem paid before and after embarkation, daily rate of deferred pay, name and address of allottee and remarks.

For more information and to search the Index see:

www.records.nsw.gov.au/indexes/railway/introduction.htm

Forces (AIF) is available at the Western Sydney Records Centre.

2. Archives in Brief No. 91: Child and youth migrants

This latest Archives in Brief (AIB) provides information relating to youth migration. The AIB contains a brief history of various youth migration schemes in operation in NSW, which started with the Dreadnought Boys who were brought out by the Dreadnought Trust in 1911 under an agreement with the New South Wales Government. There is a select list of records relating to youth migration held in the State archives, information for former child migrants, including a list of support groups and a number of useful publications on child and youth migration.

To go to AIB No. 91 see:

www.records.nsw.gov.au/publications/aibs/091/page01.htm.

For further research into youth migration schemes in operation in other states, the Council of Australasian Archives and Records Authorities has a guide: 'Child Migrants: Accessing records held by Commonwealth and State Archives'.

To go to the guide see: www.caara.org.au/Publications/child_migrants.htm.

3. New additions to Photo Investigator

The digitising of *NRS12932 Photographs displayed in NSW trains, c1938-c1969* has been completed and the images are available to view in [Photo Investigator](#). The images cover a wide variety of themes ranging from scenic country views to metropolitan Sydney and its beaches.

See more information about [NRS12932](#).

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Easter Opening Hours

Our opening hours over easter are as follows:

Easter Thursday	24 March	Open 9.00am–5.00pm
Good Friday	25 March	CLOSED
Easter Saturday	26 March	CLOSED
Easter Monday	28 March	CLOSED
Tuesday	29 March	Open 9.00am–5.00pm

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Discovery After Dark

The one night of the year ... 2 April 2005 is the one night of the year when Sydney's favourite cultural venues open their doors in unison, and invite you in. Sydney is an amazing city. Discovery After Dark is a chance to explore its famous icons and its little known treasures, all in one glittering night.

A variety of museums, galleries and heritage venues, including State Records at The Rocks, host a night of exhibitions, tours and glimpses behind-the-scenes, from 6.00 pm 'til midnight. Travel between venues on the free bus, enjoy the live entertainment and sip your complimentary glass of wine while you soak in the festival atmosphere.

One pre-paid ticket covers entry to all participating venues. You can pre-purchase your tickets through Ticketek (02) 9266 4800 or www.ticketek.com.au

Adult: \$29.50

Concession: \$19.80

Family: \$65.00

Get on line to find out more. Details available at www.discoveryafterdark.com.au

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Seniors Week

Our annual Seniors Week introductory talks and tours will take place in March. Participants will have the opportunity to see what happens 'out the back', beyond the view of the reading room. The talks and tours are free and morning tea is included. The dates for the talks and tours are:

- Sydney Records Centre (Globe Street) 14 March 2005, 10.30am-12.30pm
- Western Sydney Records Centre (Kingswood) 18 March 2005, 10.30am-12.30pm

Please contact Lindsay Allen on (02) 9673 1788 to make a booking.

Bookings are essential!

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Spotlight on Teachers

Family historians searching for information on any teachers in their family tree will be pleased to learn that State Records holds a variety of sources relating to the teaching profession.

The earliest surviving records date back to the 1820s. The Returns of the Colony 1822-57, CGS 1286, provide information relating to both country and Sydney based public schools, including the names of teachers and their salaries.

As the number of public schools increased throughout NSW from 1866 onwards, so did the demand for qualified teachers. Teachers' rolls, applications for employment, salary and leave registers and teacher examination results have survived from the 1860s through to about 1908.

A number of other records also exist that can help to document such areas as the establishment of public schools, teacher working conditions, school supplies and costs, correspondence with local school boards and Teacher Inspector diaries and reports. These details can help to flesh out the existence of any teachers lurking in your family tree.

For more information on teachers see Archives in Brief No. 19 at: www.records.nsw.gov.au/publications/aibs/019/page01.htm.

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Christmas Competition Winners

Thank you for the great response to our first Christmas Give Away and congratulations to the lucky winners: C Sim, R Connell, G Carden, K Cunningham, J Burt, R McMurdo, C Inman, P Reinberger, V Hails and P Armstrong.

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Exhibitions

'Natura Morta: the Scientific Illustrations of EH Zeck & Margaret Senior'

Presented by State Records & the NSW Department of Primary Industries from 5 March – 25 June 2005

Natura Morta features hauntingly beautiful watercolours depicting insects, mites and plant diseases by Australian illustrators EH Zeck and Margaret Senior. To see examples of their illustrations go to:

www.agric.nsw.gov.au/Hort/ascu/collecti.htm

Zeck and Senior brought the art of illustration to the scientific task of identifying agricultural pests and diseases. They worked closely with specialist plant pathologists and entomologists from the former NSW Department of Agriculture to produce drawings of the principal pests and diseases of their times.



EH (Emil) Zeck was originally seconded to the department in 1923

to produce a series of paintings for the Better Farming Train -- an educational display which travelled throughout rural NSW in the 1920s. Margaret Senior was a natural history artist and children's book illustrator who was commissioned by the department in 1964 to prepare illustrations for a series of leaflets on the main diseases of agricultural plants.

The Zeck and Senior illustrations are the property of the NSW Agricultural Scientific Collections Trust.

State Records Gallery (Sydney Records Centre)

2 Globe Street (off George Street) The Rocks

FREE ENTRY

9.00 am – 5.00 pm Mon – Fri

10.00 am – 4.00 pm Sat

closed Public Holidays

enquiries: (02) 8247 8660

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Upcoming talks, tours and seminars

This month we are presenting a seminar on *Breaking Up: a guide to the newly available divorce records*, which will provide an overview of the available sources and the procedures required for accessing these divorce records. It will be held on 14 February from 10.30am-12.30pm at the Sydney Records Centre (Globe St) and 17 February from 10.30am-12.30pm at Western Sydney Records Centre. Free but bookings are essential.

As part of our services to the public, we also offer a wide range of talks, tours and seminars at our two locations. Further details of the activities planned for the first half of next year are available at: www.records.nsw.gov.au/events/eventsap.htm

State Records' staff also participate in external activities with other organisations, including displays, talks and advice. For further details of where you'll find us in the upcoming months see: www.records.nsw.gov.au/services/activities.htm

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2. as a page on our website with identical content to the email version, plus images in some cases.

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1. read it on-line, following the links to other resources as you go
2. print it to read at your leisure or distribute to others in hard copy or
3. forward the email version to other people.

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That is, we do not accept nominations to be added to the list for people other than yourself.

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