**Graham Wilcox Profile**

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Graham John Rutledge Wilcox is a genealogist and family historian. Since his childhood he had known that many of his ancestors had had fascinating lives. However, it was only after the death of his parents in the 1970s that he began to collect information through his extended family. The more he gathered the more he wanted to know. As a member of The Society of Australian Genealogists he traced, as far back as possible, the family names of all his great-great-grandparents. In each name he was able to build a line of descent going back hundreds of years.

He then built a giant family tree of his great-great-grandparents' descendants that amounted to several thousand people.

Eventually he wrote about his ancestors and wanted to share those stories with his extended family to ensure they were preserved.

When he researched details of his great-grandfather Sir Arthur Rutledge he made a momentous discovery. Sir Arthur was not only a Wesleyan minister, lawyer, politician and judge, he played a crucial role in bringing together all the colonies on the continent to form one country of Australia.

This led Graham to write a book of considerable historic interest for all Australians. It is entitled *The Struggle For Unity - A Story of the Federation of Australia.*

Graham lives with Johanna, his wife of more than fifty years. Their home at Pitt Town on the Hawkesbury River in NSW, is close to the area where several of his ancestors settled on the banks of the river nearly 220 years before him.