

# Snippets

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Alternately, scroll down on the QFHS website homepage for the convenient “add to cart” options to choose the membership for you, then view your cart to be guided through the payment process. Go [here](#) for more information on your payment options.

Members enjoy discounted rates for all our seminars and workshops, which have mushroomed in number in the last year. Many are planned for the coming months and are listed below, or go to <http://www.qfhs.org.au/events/>

Of course you will continue to receive Snippets and the quarterly Queensland Family Historian journal, with up to the minute news on family history matters.

Don't forget the plethora of resources available at the library and resource centre including a number of subscription websites, the extensive collection of print, microform, and digitised records for Queensland, other Australian states, and overseas countries, and convenient access and assistance with the FamilySearch Microfilm Hiring service.

The special interest groups offer valuable assistance how to research particular areas or use your particular software, and can assist you on the various holdings in our library, including maps, books and journals.

Happy researching!

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## Calendar

- 04 Jun [Management Committee Meeting](#)
- 06 Jun [Family Tree Maker® User Group](#)
- 07 Jun [Seminar: Where there's a Will](#)
- 09 Jun QFHS Library closed for Queen's Birthday holiday
- 11 Jun [QHFS Annual General Meeting and Book Award presentation](#)
- 13 Jun [Fridays@QFHS: DNA Basics, What do my Results Mean?](#)
- 13 Jun [Fridays@QFHS: From Desktop to the Dark Web](#)
- 14 Jun [Irish Interest Group](#)
- 21 Jun [New Members Welcome and Orientation](#)
- 21 Jun [The Master Genealogist® User Group](#)
- 28 Jun [Family Tree Maker® User Group](#)
- 02 Jul [Management Committee Meeting](#)
- 04 Jul [Family Tree Maker® User Group](#)
- 05 Jul [DNA Interest Group](#)

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## Happenings

### **QHFS Annual General Meeting and Book Award Presentation**

The Annual General meeting will be held at the QFHS library on 11th June at 7:30 pm. All members are invited to attend, to participate in electing the Management Committee for 2014/15.

The books nominated for the QFHS Book Award for 2014 will be discussed and the award presented to the winner. This is a wonderful opportunity to see examples of interesting family histories and to meet the authors. More information about the Book Award is [here](#).

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### **QHFS Open Day**

Help us illustrate QFHS Open Day this year. The theme is 'Your Family Tree – more than names and dates!'

Do you have photos or copies of those family treasures and records that 'put meat on the bones' of the story of your family? We would like to produce a slide show featuring these, complete with a short story and image, if you have one. Homes, schools attended, Nana's recipes, Grandpa's travels, newspaper articles - anything you may have used to complete an interesting story about a family member.

The Society will hold its annual Open Day on Saturday 23 August, 2014, during National Family History Month. Please send your contributions to: [marketing@qfhs.org.au](mailto:marketing@qfhs.org.au)

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## Education - Workshops/Courses/Seminars

## **Seminar: Where there's a Will: Wills and associated matters in Queensland, Australia, and the UK**

When: 7 June 2014

Where: Queensland Baptists Conference Centre, 53 Prospect Road, Gaythorne

**Saadia Thomson-Dwyer** will guide you through records available at the Queensland State Archives and how you can locate them. Saadia is the Senior Reference Archivist at the Queensland State Archives.

**Shauna Hicks** will look at resources available for researching wills, intestacy and probate administrative records in Australia. Shauna is an archivist, librarian, and family historian with over thirty-five years' experience.

**Ann Swain** will demonstrate that you can never say, 'my family was too poor to leave a will.' She will show how to access wills in the differing administration systems of England, Wales, Ireland, and Scotland. Ann started researching her family's history in 1975 and is a founding member of the Queensland Family History Society.

Go [here](#) for more information.

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## **Fridays@QFHS: From Desktop to the Dark Web**

**Sold out!**

**If you've booked but can't make it, please let us know so another can take your place.**

When: 13 June 2014

Where: QFHS Library and Resource Centre

Presenter: John Perryn and Dr Geoff Morgan

Beyond the reach of Google and Ancestry lie oceans of data awaiting your scrutiny.

John and Geoff will lead you through a number of tools and techniques that will assist you to both broaden and focus your approach to finding hidden gems in the vast amount of data now available to the researcher. More information at

<http://www.qfhs.org.au/events/fridays@qfhs/>

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## **Fridays@QFHS: QFHS Electronic Resources**

When: 11 July 2014

Where: QFHS Library and Resource Centre

Presenter: Dr Geoff Morgan

This workshop will explore the collection of CDs held by the QFHS Library and Resource Centre. Learn how to find a CD of relevance to your research and how to globally search CDs from Archive Digital Books Australasia. More information at

<http://www.qfhs.org.au/events/fridays@qfhs/>

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## **Seminar: Ancestry and Family Tree Maker™**

When: 20 July 2014

Where: Aspley Hornets Football Club, 50 Graham Road, Carseldine

Robert "Duff Wilson" is the Senior Product Manager Family Tree Maker from Ancestry.com, Provo, Utah. He has over twenty years of software design and development experience. He holds a Master's Degree from Utah State University in

Instructional Technology with an emphasis on computer-based instruction and has earned a number of notable awards for his work.

John Donaldson, an alpha tester for Family Tree Maker™ and Past Secretary of Victoria GUM Inc., an association of family history researchers using computers ([www.vicgum.asn.au](http://www.vicgum.asn.au)), and will be joined by Doug Elms, President of Victorian GUM. Go [here](#) for more information.

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### **Seminar: Fortune and Misfortune: Parish Chest, Poor Law, and Bankruptcy**

When: 2 August 2014

Where: Queensland Baptists Conference Centre, 53 Prospect Road, Gaythorne

Presenters: Bev Bonning, Sue Reid, and Chris Schuetz

This seminar will give insight into topics rich in record keeping, with opportunities to find family members in unexpected ways.

The records from the Parish Chest provide a contemporary and revealing insight into the social fabric of the parish. Your family may be here if they received or donated charity, or served their time administering their local parish.

For some, bankruptcy was just a part of doing business but it could also change lives—and for us—leave a paper trail in both England and Australia.

More information at <http://www.qfhs.org.au/events/qfhs-seminars/fortune-and-misfortune/>

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### **Fridays@QFHS: Overlooked Resources at QFHS**

When: 8 August 2014

Where: QFHS Library and Resource Centre

Presenter: Ann Swain

Are you neglecting valuable resources at the QFHS Library and Resource Centre—information sources that are not available on general or subscription websites? This seminar will make you aware of these and ensure you have fewer brick walls.. More information at <http://www.qfhs.org.au/events/fridays@qfhs/>

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## **Members' Noticeboard**

### **Research Team Coordinator Wanted**

The position requires someone to coordinate a small team of interested researchers for the research queries that come into the Society. For more information about the role please contact: [secretary@qfhs.org.au](mailto:secretary@qfhs.org.au)

Alex Daw has resigned from this position due to work pressures. We thank Alex for her contribution to the Society. Alex has led the research team for the past two years. She has dealt promptly with all queries – at times several have come in one week. When a query cannot be dealt with using our resources she has often provided information or

suggested sources that may prove useful. Her expertise and attention to detail will be sorely missed. We wish her well in her new position.

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### **Talks at the National Archives** **The Nuclear History of Australia**

When: 18 June at 10am or  
20 June at 2pm

This talk will look at the history of uranium mining and the testing of nuclear bombs in Australia, and the lasting and deadly legacy of these.

Where: National Archives of Australia, 16 Corporate Drive, Cannon Hill

Entry: Free

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### **Talks at the Queensland State Archives** **Moreton Bay Convict Records**

When: 3 June

**Basic Catalogue Search:** an introduction to the QSA searchable catalogue, which can be accessed online.

When: 29 July

For more details and to register for either of these, go to: <http://bit.ly/1tlawOd>

Where: Queensland State Archives, 435 Compton Road, Runcorn

Entry: Free

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### **Talks at the State Library of Queensland** **Aspects of Immigration for Family Historians**

When: 4 July

For more details and to register, go to: <http://bit.ly/1tMVOSi>

### **Family Connections to WWI**

When: 1 August

For more details and to register, go to: <http://bit.ly/1phzhNq>

Where: State Library of Queensland, Stanley Place, South Bank

Entry: Free

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## **Web Wanderings**

### **Tasmanian Immigration: 1920-1943**

FamilySearch has a new Australian data collection with 'Tasmania, Correspondence of the Immigration Office Concerning the Nomination, Arrival and Settlement of Migrants, 1920-1943'. Click on 'Browse through 36,424 images' at: <http://bit.ly/RzLUVx>

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### **New South Wales Census and Population Books 1811 – 1825**

All these records pre-date the first official Census held in 1828. Available free at the QFHS library or by subscription. You can search the books at: <http://bit.ly/1phzpwT>

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### **Australian Imperial Force Embarkation Roll from WWI**

Trace your ancestor's military service with these World War I embarkation rolls for the Australian Imperial Force. Discover biographical details, learn about their enlistment and uncover their next of kin. Available free at the QFHS library or by subscription. Go to: <http://bit.ly/1jZrBxp>

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### **New Titles Added to Trove**

Find out which newspapers have been recently digitised and added to Trove at: <http://bit.ly/1phzsbB>

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### **New Zealand Passenger Records: 1839-1973**

This collection includes 3.7 million indexed records of the ship passenger lists from Archives New Zealand. It includes both outbound and inbound passengers at the various ports of New Zealand. The earliest outbound lists are from minor ports and begin in 1886. The inbound passenger lists also include aeroplane arrivals in Auckland beginning in 1939 and continuing through to 1965. Find the collection at:

<http://bit.ly/1pwBMsF>

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### **New Records Featuring the Ten Pound Poms**

Ancestry has added the Fremantle Passenger Lists from 1897 all the way to 1963, providing vital clues for those tracing their ancestor's passage to Australia. Available free at the QFHS library or by subscription. Go to: <http://bit.ly/1phzQXP>

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### **Family Search Adds English Records**

- London Electoral Registers, 1847-1913: <http://bit.ly/1iqnipA>
  - Dorset, Parish Registers, 1538-1936: <http://bit.ly/1kdL7AA>
  - Essex Parish Registers, 1503-1997: <http://bit.ly/1ol6QWv>
  - Kent, Parish Registers 1538-1911: <http://bit.ly/1k0kdAL>
  - Lancashire, Parish Registers 1538-1910: <http://bit.ly/1k0kdALnn>
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### **100 Record Sets & Millions of Names in 100 days**

findmypast.co.uk's project to release a new record set every day for 100 days is seeing the release of new records at a wonderful rate, offering opportunities to break through long-held brick walls. Available free at the QFHS library or by subscription, keep up with the latest new releases at <http://bit.ly/1pwCdmI>

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### **Find English Wills**

Search the National Wills Index – the largest online resource for pre-1858 English probate material. Access to the indexes is generally free, with a charge to view the records. Search at: <http://bit.ly/1ntobWa>

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### **Kent Will Abstracts 1328-1691**

This collection contains indexed abstracts (summaries) to wills proved in the Archdeaconry & Consistory Courts of Canterbury for people living in or near Faversham 1450-1642 & Thanet 1328-1691. The collection also includes abstracts to a small number of wills proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury. Images of these abstracts are available online, containing a detailed summary of each will including all names and places appearing in the will plus more such as relationships, occupations, date of death, burial place and value of estate where found in the original document. Happy searching at: <http://bit.ly/1kdKZAT>

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### **Durham Records Online**

This comprehensive website for historic County Durham in north-east England currently offers 4,092,543 record transcriptions, including baptisms, marriages, and burials from many parishes from the beginnings of each parish register into the early 20th century, including nearly every burial recorded in the Greater Sunderland area before 1900.

The site is easy to use, and searching is free – you pay only to view a record whose details you want to see, and a record transcription can cost as little as 75p. You can give the site a try at: <http://bit.ly/1iqnchE>

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### **Over 2 Million Shropshire Records**

Spanning 1538 to 1900, the Shropshire Collection at [findmypast.co.uk](http://findmypast.co.uk) has around 2.1 million fully searchable transcripts and 155,000 scanned colour images of the parish registers including baptism, marriage and burial records. A selection of Anglican, Methodist and Non-Conformist registers from well over 200 Shropshire parishes from Abdon to Yockleton are included in the collection. Available free at the QFHS library or by subscription. Go to: <http://bit.ly/1jCuzlB>

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### **VE Day: Scots Who Died During World War II**

To mark the 69th anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE) Day BBC Scotland has created an online database of 21,740 of the 57,000 Scots who died during World War Two. You can read more at: <http://bbc.in/1jZsAOc>

The database can be found at: <http://bit.ly/1kJnd4u>

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### **Annual Reports of Ireland's BDMs now Online**

Ireland's Central Statistics Office (CSO) has placed online the series of annual reports on marriages, births and deaths in Ireland from 1864 to 1886 and from 1922 to 2000 inclusive. Those for 2001 to 2011 are already available in the Births, Deaths and

Marriages Archive on the CSO website. Annual reports for the years 1887 to 1921 were scanned by the Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency (NISRA). These reports provide detailed statistics about the births, deaths and marriages, not the names of the individuals. Details may be found at: <http://bit.ly/1nSz1AT>

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### **Irish Census Records Online Free of Charge**

Over 600,000 names from pre-1901 Irish census records are now available for free on findmypast and the National Archives websites. The records cover three decades, 1821-1851, and include the surviving Irish census records from 1821-1851, and census search forms from 1841 & 1851. To learn more about the records and to access them free of charge visit [www.genealogy.nationalarchives.ie](http://www.genealogy.nationalarchives.ie) or [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk) The records will be available shortly on [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)

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### **Derry Hearth Tax Rolls**

Ireland Genealogy Projects has added some hearth tax rolls for Derry. Included in the new update are hearth tax rolls from Londonderry, the parish of Comber, the parish of Clandermoyt and Faughanvale. All of these records date from 1663. Free access at: <http://bit.ly/1ntp7tx>

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### **Mount Saint Lawrence Cemetery, Limerick**

Mount Saint Lawrence Cemetery in Limerick has launched a new website. The website is designed to include photographs of each tombstone, transcriptions of the tombstones and an interactive map to show the exact location of each grave. Several thousand transcriptions are already available online. Access is free at: <http://bit.ly/1kdMcs2>

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### **Records of Modena, Italy**

FamilySearch.org has indexed some 250,000 civil registration records from Modena. These records date from 1806 to 1942 and come from the State Archive of Modena. Go to: <http://bit.ly/1IQ3mgM>

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### **Searching on FindmyPast**

A video has been prepared by FindmyPast to assist those searching on the revamped website. Go to: <http://bit.ly/1iqoKZ1>

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### **Lives of the First World War**

A new web site called “Lives of the First World War” has been launched. It is a permanent digital memorial to the 8 million men and women from across Britain and the Commonwealth who made a contribution during the First World War. Each person will have their own Life Story page. Members of the public can add information and historical evidence to Life Story pages, including digital images and family stories at: <https://livesofthefirstworldwar.org/> You can also watch a video at: <http://bit.ly/1nSzJhr>

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### **Free Search on all Origins.net Collections**

Researchers can enjoy the free search facility to search any collection without the initial need to register or subscribe. You can search and only need to pay if you want to view the records. Start your free searching at: <http://bit.ly/1kJnS5R>

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### **Cable Station Archives**

Archives, including staff records for the cable stations other than those of the Pacific Cable Board, are held at the Porthcurno Telegraph Museum, Cornwall, UK. You can find the staff record index at: <http://bit.ly/1nSzQJT>

While a search by Museum staff for a record is free, for a copy there is a charge of £5 per page. To see the companies involved go to: <http://bit.ly/1hcfpJF>

This applies to records up to 1946 when these cables and cable stations were taken over by the Australian Government.

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## **General items of interest**

### **Better Off Than Our Ancestors?**

Recently a researcher compared the travel times in the city of London through the years. He noticed that the amount of time it took to go from point A to point B in horse-and-buggy days was the same as it was after automobiles became common. Then he noticed that the time required today to travel the same routes is actually worse during rush hour than it was in horse-and-buggy days. Are we really better off? You can read more at: <http://bit.ly/1tldLFe>

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### **Reunited With Birth Mother After 22 years**

A woman has reunited with her birth mother through Facebook after a gap of 22 years. The adoption agency that held Carrie Leach's birth records had been closed for years, forcing her to dig deeper. Recently, Carrie posted on Facebook a picture of herself holding a sign with the information she had about her birth parents. Less than 24 hours later her sister emailed her, and shortly Leach and her birth mother Kelly Gallant were reunited. You can read more at: <http://yhoo.it/1tldPEU>

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### **Official Coat Of Arms for Married Gay Couples**

Same-sex couples can now create their own coat of arms. For centuries, married couples have been designing shared shields that combine their family histories in one heraldic symbol. But the strict rules of the ancient body meant civil partners could not qualify. Now, a month on from the first ever same-sex marriage, the College of Arms has revealed gay and lesbian married couples can be welcomed into the tradition.

Details may be found at: <http://daily.m.ai/SNW06n>

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### **Fascinating Snapshot of Victorian Street Traders**

This 1877 collection shows what life was really like for thousands of working-class Londoners in Victorian Britain. You can view the pictures and a video at:

<http://dailym.ai/1IQ3xsD>

A PDF of the book is available for download at: <http://bit.ly/RzOquS>

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## Book Review

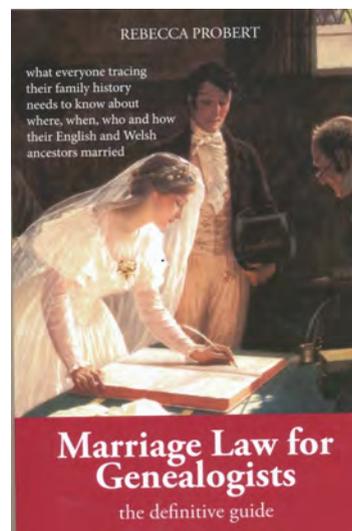
R. Probert. *Marriage Law for Genealogists*.

In the 370 years prior to the 1970's, the option of sharing one's home in a long-term sexual relationship with an unrelated member of the opposite sex without going through a formal, legally recognised ceremony of marriage was almost inconceivable.

Professor Probert discusses in detail firstly the whether and why of marriage and then the who, how, where and when. She addresses the various laws pertaining to marriage and also challenges some of the arguments put forward for cohabitation in earlier times. This work is an indispensable guide for genealogists who wish to better understand their English and Welsh ancestors' motivations.

160 pp, indexed and sourced, Takeaway Publishing, 2012.

Review courtesy of Pam Masel.



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## Trivia

### Chinese Women Wear Helmets Made of Ancestors' Hair

Women in the Miao minority of China often have mementoes from many generations of their maternal ancestors: hair. Instead of throwing away their hair when they comb it, the women save the strands and add them to their collection of hair to create spectacular headdresses. The hairpieces are passed down to daughters as more and more hair from each generation is added. The tradition allows the women to create spectacular headdresses with hair and yarn and the owners of the headdresses claim go back hundreds of years. You can read more at <http://dailym.ai/Sjm8W8> and <http://bit.ly/RzOuuB>

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### Twins Separated at Birth Reunite After 78 Years

Her entire life, Ann Hunt believed she was an only child. Growing up in England, she used to pretend to be a twin. One of her daughters delved into the family's genealogy and discovered, after 78 years, Hunt's birth mother had given her up for adoption to focus on her twin sister, who needed medical attention. You can watch a video about the twins reuniting at: <http://cbsn.ws/1wiHjrw>

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### **Inside Grandpa's Trunk**

After their grandfather passed away, one family went through the belongings left behind and found a large, old trunk. They had never seen it before nor did they know what was inside. Very carefully, they examined it. They had no idea what they were going to find, but it was fascinating. You can read the story and also view many pictures at:

<http://bit.ly/1iqppJK>

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### **13 Tips for Landing a Wife**

In 1883, a Methodist minister named George W. Hudson wrote an "advice for men" book —The Marriage Guide for Young Men: A Manual of Courtship and Marriage. Read his tips for selecting a wife here: <http://bit.ly/1iqprkX>

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### **Most Popular and Unusual Baby Names in America**

Only in America. From girls being called Andrew to boys being called Isabella, 2013's most popular baby names have been published. You can read more at:

<http://bit.ly/1pwDES4>

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The more we receive, the more frequently we can produce a Newsletter. If your submission does not appear in this issue, we will try to include it in a future edition.

Please note that reference to any product does not imply endorsement. Members are cautioned to evaluate products prior to purchase.

Pauline Macfarlane

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