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## INAUGURAL QFHS INC. FELLOWS

### DOROTHY GRICE

Dorothy Grice, member No.16, is one of the founding members of QFHS Inc., who became a life member in 1981 and has worked diligently for the Society in many capacities.

Dorothy started the Bookshop by becoming Convenor of Sale of Publications early in 1981, with a float of \$250. From such a beginning, the QFHS Bookshop is now a very successful part of the Society's operations.

Dorothy was President from 1989 to 1992, and was presented with the special Service to Family History Award in 1989. She helped produce the QFHS Pre-Separation Population Index which was launched at Newstead House on 13 October 1990, and presided over the original dealings with the LDS regarding the IGI™ being obtained for members' benefit.

Dorothy has been a stalwart of the Library in many activities, lately as a Library Assistant, and has helped the Society to become a major genealogical centre.

Congratulations to you, Dorothy, for your contribution to QFHS Inc. You have more than met the criteria for becoming a Fellow of our Society.

### ANN & TONY SWAIN

Ann was also a founding member of the Society at No.5, and whilst Ann was the public face of QFHS Inc., Tony was her backup, providing all the computer work and support in the background. Some years ago, the Society recognised Tony's invaluable work by making him our one and only Honorary Member.

To help provide the emerging Society with finances, Ann became a Life Member in 1980. She became Secretary in 1981 until 1984, and was later President from 1986 to 1989.

In the early days of the Society, the Swains housed sections of the *Hobart Mercury* newspapers, and also a set of Parish Maps donated from the State Archives, under their bed until they could be permanently located in our present Library.

Ann and Tony were the organisers of the Journal Exchange Scheme with local, interstate and overseas societies, and also started a postal borrowing scheme for members which became

the Journal Loan Scheme. It is only a few years ago that they were relieved of this big job.

Tony also organised the membership list, and the printing of all labels for the journals until a couple of years ago, but the Swain team really swung into action with the 1994 Congress of Genealogy and Family History, held at Queensland University. With many years in the planning under Ann as President, this was a very successful Congress run jointly by many Queensland societies, resulting in the distribution of over \$20,000 to QFHS Inc. coffers, money being allocated on a proportional basis to all contributing societies.

To Ann and Tony, a sincere thank you for your valued contribution to making our Society such a successful one. Congratulations to you both, you more than meet the criteria laid down. Welcome as Fellows of QFHS Inc.

### SHAUNA IDCKS

Shauna was also a founding member - No.7 - of our Society and hence was instrumental in instigating some of the basic collections like the Cemetery Indexes.

In 1980 she joined the Committee and was appointed Cemetery Liaison Officer, to coordinate the transcribing of Brisbane area cemeteries such as Sherwood, Archerfield Aerodrome, Chapel Hill, Moggill, The Gap, Tingalpa and Toowong. Shauna organised Cemetery picnics, usually on the Saturday following the Monthly Meetings, and it was nothing for her to stop on some lonely outback road during her travels to record some small cemetery, or lone graves. Shauna can be thanked for starting the Lone Graves Register. Our alphabetical indexes to burials in Queensland were extremely useful in the days before the release of the Death Indexes.

Shauna ran workshops for members to help them with their Family History and in her professional capacity was instrumental in forwarding the cause of the Society at the Queensland State Archives and State Library in persuading the Government to keep early Births, Deaths and Marriages at the QSA.

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### Shauna Hicks

For many years, Shauna was our monthly meetings' Speakers Co-ordinator, always working behind the scenes to help build the Society into the bustling, energetic centre it is today. Shauna was awarded the QFHS Service to Family History Award last year.

Welcome, Shauna, as a Fellow of our Society. Your contributions over the last 20 years have been very much appreciated.

### ROSEMARY KOPITTKE

Rosemary joined QFHS Inc. a little later than the previous Fellowship Award recipients, in 1985. She was very active in building up the Cemetery records from 1987 - in fact she still contributes to these records on her various trips around Queensland.

She became a hard-working Committee member in the late 1980s and in 1992 to 1995 was President of the Society, after Dorothy Grice. During this time, in conjunction with her husband Eric, she became involved in the publication of the *Emigrants from Hamburg* series of books, which complemented her period of running the Society's Bookshop from 1996. During this time she tirelessly promoted QFHS Inc. and its growing number of publications at various venues and fairs.

The hard work of Rosemary and her Publications Committee has seen the growth of QFHS Inc. earnings from not only the *Hamburg* series, but all the other essential records needed by family history societies. The increase in our resources and finances during her time as

Bookshop Convenor, which position she retired from last year, are a credit to her dedication and industry.

Congratulations, Rosemary, for being awarded a Fellowship of the Society. You certainly deserve such recognition.

### ERIC KOPITTKE

Eric also joined the Society mid 1980s and, like Rosemary, has worked tirelessly to help build a better Family History and Genealogical centre at QFHS Inc., particularly with his expertise in German research.

Under his guidance and with the benefit of his own research into his German ancestry, QFHS Inc. has found Eric's experience in this area invaluable, particularly with his willingness to promote the Society at fairs, and to give speeches and workshops on German research at various venues. As well, his involvement in the *Emigrants from Hamburg* series of books, which he researched and produced with his wife Rosemary, has greatly contributed to the Society's finances.

His guidance in running the Central European Group Workshops and Computer training workshops has also been a feature of Eric's involvement in the smooth, behind-the-scenes running of these facets of the Society, for members.

It is with great pleasure, Eric, that we offer you the Award of Fellow of the Society, and congratulate you on your contributions for the benefit of the Society.

## QFHS FAMILY HISTORY AWARD 2000

The Society is now accepting entries for the next year's **QFHS Family History Award**.

This will be presented to the person or persons producing the best history of a Queensland family, and the book should have been published within the last five years. It must be the story of a family, not of an individual. The award is open to the general public, as well as to members of the Society.

The competition will be judged by a panel of independent judges.

**Entries will be accepted up to 30 November 2000.**

Further details and entry forms are available from the Secretary, QFHS Inc., PO Box 171, Indooroopilly, Q,4068, or from Robert Adamson, 17 Kywong St., Wavell Heights, Q,4012.