

Snippets 2024



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Welcome to the October issue of Snippets.

This month we have the Members' General meeting on 24th September but unfortunately the draft constitution is not ready for a vote to be taken, so another general meeting will be called for that purpose. It will be advertised in Snippets when it has been organised. In the meantime don't forget to register for the September meeting.

To celebrate our volunteers and let the general membership know the wide range of jobs that are undertaken and abilities that they possess we are showcasing a different interest group or volunteer group each month. This is being undertaken by Dornell Wylie as part of her university writing course. Thanks so much, Dornell. I hope that this will be of interest to all members of the society. It is very easy to forget how much work is done behind the scenes.

We are very fortunate that The Australian Conference 2025, Connections - Past, Present, Future is to be held in Brisbane on 21-24 March 2025. The conference combines the 17th Australasian Congress on Genealogy and Heraldry with the 5th Queensland History State Conference. The year 2025 will be a busy time for local and family historians as it is also Brisbane's bicentennial year. We will feature a speaker in each issue of Snippets leading up to the event. See further details in the Members Noticeboard.

It is amazing the wealth of information that we hold in our Research Centre that members can come in and peruse. But in this digital age we now have a huge range of information available on-line for our members and especially useful to those who are not able to visit in person. Included in these treasures are the events and subscription centres that members can access at no charge. Make sure that you check out all that is available and how to access them. If you are not sure what to do, why not book into the New Members Orientation sessions to learn what is available and how to access it?

These sessions are available in person at the centre and some are available on-line for remote members. Check the

session dates on the Calendar on the Home page.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow editor Deborah for her dedication and time spent in wrestling with MailChimp to produce this Snippets as I am abandoning her for a couple of months. Thank you also to the long-suffering Allana for her patience in trying to teach we newbies what is required to produce Snippets. I am sure that we sent her blood pressure through the roof! I would like to wish her every success in her new venture.

Best wishes to all

Sheena

News

Award for Services to Family History

The Award for Services to Family History is presented annually to QFHS members who have made a significant voluntary contribution to family history or to the Society.

The award presentation takes place at the Volunteers Thank You Morning Tea in December each year.

An award recipient will have made a significant contribution to:

- family history in general for the benefit of all family historians, *or*
- the Society that is of benefit to all members whether it be
 - to improve society resources (research material, educational resources) *or*
 - to help with the general running of the Society (library assistants, special interest groups, Management Committee positions, *or*
 - involvement in helping members and many other specialised tasks that are required to make a successful society.

All involvement must be on a volunteer basis and not done for self-promotion or monetary gain. No person may receive the award more than once.

Previous recipients of the Award for Services to Family History are [listed on the website here](#). As you will see there, multiple awards may be presented each year.

Please consider nominating a volunteer, or two, for this award!

Nominations will remain confidential and to be known only to the member submitting the nomination, the Secretary, and judges.



Nominations must address the criteria detailed above (in up to 500 words) and must be submitted [via the online form here](#) by **30 September**.

It's been FOUR months & we're still searching...



It's now almost FOUR months since our AGM. As there was not a full complement of executive members elected, we have been seeking a Secretary and a President. We are delighted to announce that we now have a President, but the Secretary position remains vacant.

In an attempt to lighten the duties of Secretary we have sought and secured volunteers to remove the minute taking and correspondence tracking duties from the main role.

Thanks to Susie de Kinderen and Barbara Richardson for taking on these tasks.

However, we are still without someone to take responsibility for our mandatory governance obligations. Currently, our Journal Editor and MC member, Lyndal Cosgrove, is carrying a double workload by acting as Secretary. **This cannot continue.**

Some not-for-profits, in a similar situation to ours, hire a professional Secretary. Of course, this is not ideal but we may be left with little option.

In summary, a Secretary:

- Keeps a track of regulatory and legislative compliance, decision-making and ethical obligations.
- Keeps the management committee on track with responsibilities and timelines
- Supports inclusion and accessibility and ensuring effective induction and onboarding of new management committee members.

Surely there is someone among our experienced and skilled membership who can step forward, or be given a gentle nudge?

This role is vital to the successful continuation of the Society.

Caroline Brudell

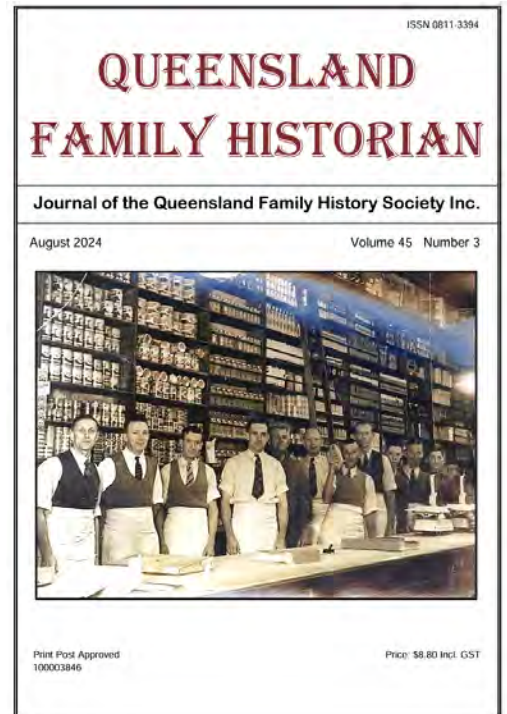
[Volunteer Coordinator](#)



Journal Article of the Year: Members Choice Award

In 2021, QFHS established a Members' Choice Award for the *Queensland Family Historian (QFH) Journal Article of the Year*. This award is decided by a poll of members of the Society and awarded at the Volunteers Thank You Morning Tea in December.

After publication of each issue of the QFH, members have the opportunity to select one article to enter in the Members' Choice Award.



This is a fun activity and in no way a competition! The reasons you choose particular articles each issue will be highly personal - perhaps the article struck a chord or paralleled events in your own family, perhaps you found the writing style appealing, perhaps you discovered the author was writing about a branch in your family tree and you now have a newly-discovered cousin - all are valid reasons to choose an article.

Support our wonderful volunteers who create and distribute the Journal, the authors who share their stories, and our Society by taking part in our **Journal Article of the Year: Members' Choice Award 2024**. [Click here to register your choice from the August issue.](#)

Members Welfare and Members Lounge Socials

I recently accepted the role of Welfare Officer for the Queensland Family History Society. Deciding on exactly what this role entailed has been a



work in progress. Essentially, I have come to see it as a way for members of the Society as a whole to express their care and concern for each other.

If you hear of any member who is ill, has had an accident or is in hospital, or if a member has had a bereavement in their family or indeed has passed away please notify me at: member.welfare@qfhs.org.au. I will then contact them on behalf of the Management Committee and Membership.

As an offshoot of the welfare role I have also taken over the organising of Members Lounge Socials.

On Monday 23 September we are going to visit the Antiquities Museum at UQ followed by coffee at one of the adjacent cafes. This visit will be during the University break so parking, while paid, will not be such an issue. However, checking out the bus routes especially with the 50c fares is probably the way to go.

Chris Robertson had already done the groundwork for a visit to the Diamantina Health Care Museum at the PA Hospital before having to hand over to me. Thank you, Chris, for a great job. We will be heading there on Wednesday 9 October. The visit to the Diamantina Hospital has been advertised in previous Snippets. We will begin with a gathering at Luv a Coffee in the Buranda Shopping Village before crossing the road to the Museum on Cornwall Road. There is a wealth of information at the Diamantina Hospital and could be of extra interest if any of our members did their nursing training at the PA. If that applies to you, please let me know as the curator has promised to unearth documents if she is given names. As for transport, parking is very limited and using the buses might again be the best option.

If you have any suggestions for future socials please let me know at: members.lounge@qfhs.org.au

Carolyn Grimward



Collections Policy Review Working Party—A request for a pause in donations

As many of you know, QFHS moved from Gaythorne to Chermside nearly two years ago now. We moved into a smaller space but are delighted to have a more open, airy and light filled research centre.

We still have items from our collection in storage and are keen to move them to Chermside as soon as possible. Space for our collection is at a premium.

To that end, we ask members to refrain from donating items to our collection for the next 12 months until we can 'recover' from the relocation . We want to make sure that our most precious items are stored properly.

We appreciate that many of you are probably in the de-cluttering phase of your life. If you have items in your collection that you consider rare or precious, perhaps consider 'loaning' them to a family member until we are able to assess and consider them.

Know someone who is busy de-cluttering and too busy to read this notice? Please let them know before they turn up on our doorstep with lots of boxes. Our Library Assistants struggle with the word 'No' - all book lovers suffer from the same problem - but the reality is that we don't have the physical space to accommodate everything and boxes become trip hazards if there is nowhere to store them.

We thank you for your cooperation in this regard

Alex Daw, Rosie Gall, Carolyn Grimward and Shauna Hicks (Collections Policy Review Working Party)

Introducing ... Volunteer or SIG profile

Colonial India and the Far East Special Interest Group (SIG)



Convenors: Dette Glenday and Wendy Angliss

Dette and Wendy have been members of QFHS for many years, but it wasn't until 2017 that, prompted by the ever-enthusiastic Charlotte Sale, they formed this group. Charlotte is currently the Welsh SIG convenor. In line with the QFHS mission, this SIG is non-discriminatory and embraces all. Dette is also the Library Roster Coordinator, and Wendy the Assistant Treasurer.

Both Dette and Wendy have extensive family connections with India. Dette's grandmother had 21 children. Her husband Mark is Anglo-Indian. His parents were born in Calcutta and both of their families migrated to England after the Partition in India, as they felt there was a better future for them there. In the 1980s Mark and his brother came to Australia with their parents for the same reasons. Since they married in 1999, Dette has been tracing his family through four generations in and around Calcutta. Wendy wanted to help her father trace his Indian connection. His grandfather Claude Hampton Chubb had been a railway engineer in the colony, and they discovered he had many other forebears in India. Wendy's mother was born in Nasik near Bombay, where her father became the Conservator of Forests and later lectured at the Forest Research Institute in Dehra Dun.

The Colonial India and the Far East SIG is passionate about exploring the geography and history of the areas which had a profound impact on its people and welcomes those of all cultural backgrounds and experience. They have uncovered fascinating details. Did you know that Australia's convicts were to be useful provisioning passing ships and as agricultural labour for Norfolk Island flax and pine intended for masts and sails for ships plying India and the Far East in search of silks and spices, that Caroline Chisholm came to Australia with her husband, who was on R & R from India, and that many words from the IndiaFE area were spread by Shakespeare whose theatre was located near the London docks?

The Colonial India and Far East SIG has two ways of regular communication. On the second Sunday of even months,

(February, April, June, August, October, December), an online meeting is held from 10.30am-12pm. Members of the enthusiastic and growing group who attend catch up on research stories, chat about finds and issues, and enjoy a short presentation to add context to the people and places in their research. In the odd months an eNewsletter is released to members and can be accessed on the SIG page on the QFHS website. Each edition has a special theme such as Blue (ed18), Communication (ed20), and America, European powers and the IndiaFE Region - Global trade, politics and opportunism (ed23), each designed to broaden the group's collective knowledge and access to resources. Wendy says, 'We help each other locate specific records of family details through web and physical resources and our extended network'.

New members are always welcome. If you have an interest in this group, make contact via the QFHS website. The library has some relevant books and are looking to add to the supply, so if you have a suggestion, please let them know. A list of key recommended online resources is being compiled for members and the leaders are looking for volunteers to assist in making them more easily available. You do not need to be a tech expert, so if you have a little time available, help would be appreciated.

Dornell Wylie

Oops! I made an omission from the last Snippets outline about the Eric Kopittke and the Central European SIG. I apologise.

I neglected to mention the remarkable series *Emigrants from Hamburg to Australasia: 1850-1879* by Rosemary and Eric Kopittke, for which he received the QFHS Award for services to Family History (1990). Eric was made a Fellow of the QFHS (2000) and was awarded the Australasian Federation of Family History Organisations Award in 2006.

Dornell Wylie

Important Dates

Special Interest Groups (SIGs)



Next meetings:

Central European:	Saturday 5 Oct - 10am
Colonial India & the Far East:	Sunday 13 Oct - 10.30am
DNA (beginners questions):	Saturday 28 Sept - 10am
DNA (for those with some experience):	Saturday 26 Oct - 10am
English West Country:	Thursday 26 Sept - 12 noon
Family Historian:	Sunday 6 Oct - 1pm

Family History Writing:	Saturday 16 Nov - 9am
Family Tree Maker:	Friday 4 Oct - 10am
Irish:	Saturday 12 Oct - 10.30am
The Master Genealogist:	Thursday 17 Oct - 7pm
QLD Pre-Separation:	Saturday 10 Dec - 1.30pm
Scottish:	Saturday 9 Nov - 10am
Welsh:	Sunday 1 Dec - 10am

Meetings vary between online or in person at our Family History Research Centre, 46 Delaware Street, Chermside. Please check the [QFHS calendar on the website](#) or contact the group Convenor to confirm your meeting location.

Learn more about QFHS Special Interest Groups

Would you like to learn more about a particular interest group or perhaps join them for a meeting? Click [here](#) and select an interest group. You can contact the Convenor if you have any questions or would like to join a meeting.

Management Committee News



At its meeting held on 13 August, the Management Committee elected Kevin Haley from their number to take on the role of President for the current term of the committee. We are grateful for his preparedness to do this.

Kevin joined QFHS in March 1987 and, later that year, volunteered as a Library Assistant for the Monday evening openings, then continuously for the next 35 years filled one or more sessions per month until evening openings were terminated on the move to

Chermside.

Over the years, Kevin has worked on numerous tasks for the Society. He has served on the Management Committee from 2013 to 2022: four years as President, and three years as Vice President.

In returning to the role of President, Kevin will continue to use his skills and experience to provide continuing good governance of the Society.

Events

Family Tree Maker Seminar



Image: Alex Daw using AI art generator, Nightcafe

International speakers:

Duff Wilson, *FTM*®
Stefan Harms, *Family Book Creator*®

Thursday 10 October 9.30am-3.30pm, in person

Geebung RSL

Member cost: \$70

Includes morning tea & lunch

New Members Welcome and Orientation



Get ready to make the most of your membership

These orientation sessions will be **held either in person at the QFHS Family Research Centre, 46 Delaware St Chermside** or **online via Zoom**. It's your opportunity to learn more about our research resources, services and learning opportunities.

Not a new member but need an update on accessing resources at our Family History Research Centre? You're very welcome to join the sessions.

Session details:

Sunday 22 September 9.30am - 12pm (online)

Sunday 19 October 9.30am - 12pm (in person at the Research Centre)

Saturday 24 November 9:30am - 12pm (in person at the Research Centre)

Bookings are essential - please email welcome@qfhs.org.au

Members Lounge - Social

Antiquities Museum

Let's get together for a coffee and a visit to the fascinating

Antiquities Museum

at UQ St Lucia

Monday 23 September 10am



[Register now for Antiquities Museum visit](#)

Members General Meeting



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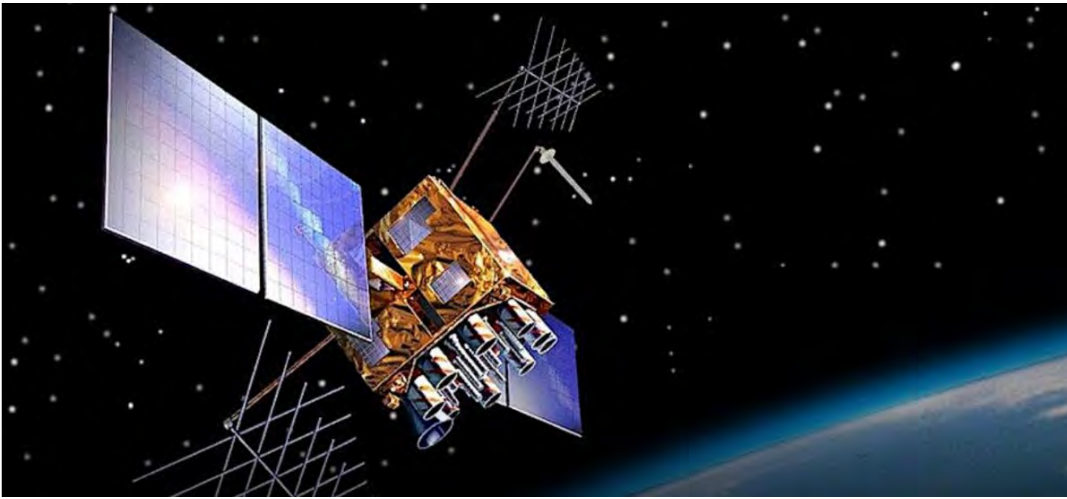
Tuesday 24 September
7.30pm

Online via Zoom

[Register now for Members General Meeting](#)

Members Lounge - Talking About ...

Universal access to information



Talking about...
International Day for Universal Access to Information
2024

Wednesday 25 September
7.30pm Online via Zoom

Image: Wikimedia Commons

[Register now for Talking About ... Universal access to Information](#)

Members Lounge - Social

Diamantina Health Care Museum, PA Hospital

Let's get together for a coffee and a visit
to the

Diamantina Health Care Museum
(PA Hospital)

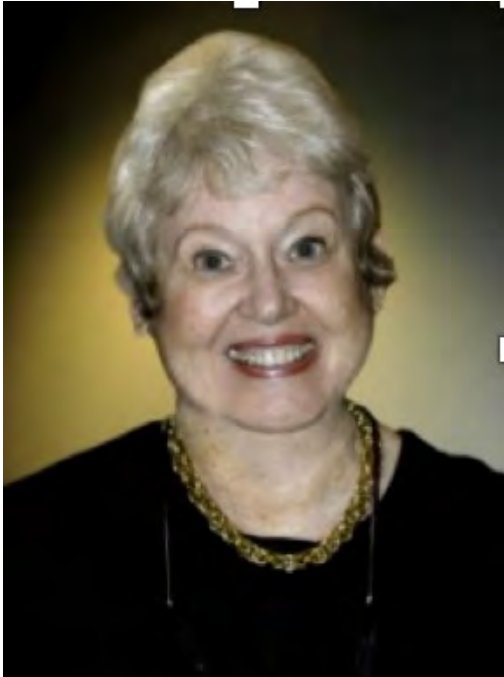
Wednesday 9 October 10am



[Register now for Diamantina Health Care Museum, PA Hospital](#)

Members Lounge - Presenting ...

Let's play - no more dull boys named Jack: social life in pre-separation Queensland



Speaker: Dr Jennifer Harrison

Zoom only

**Wednesday 16 October
7.30pm**

Dr Jennifer Harrison will join us on zoom to talk about life outside work in the years before 1859. Jennifer will investigate and identify who instituted social pursuits and how they achieved their aims. She will introduce us to what pastimes became available and what was the role played by access to delights generated by community attractions as diverse as music, literature, entertainment, education, religion, sport, holidays, food, politics and pets.

Jennifer is a research fellow with the School of Historical and Philosophical Inquiry at The University of Queensland following a career mainly based on history and biographical research. One of her main interests has been the worldwide input of the 'Coming of the Strangers' to nineteenth century Queensland. Tracing the origins of these pioneers - convicts, British soldiers, farmers, explorers and a complexity of others - raised many intriguing questions leading to much travelling over many years seeking answers. These research adventures have been a delight, as has investigating her own extended family connections which had its Australian genesis in 1792.



Courtesy: State Library of Queensland

[Register now for talk by Jennifer Harrison](#)

Members Lounge - Presenting ...

Untapped resources: Some almost forgotten WWII sites across Queensland



Speaker: Allan Tonks

**Wednesday 20 November
1.00pm**

Zoom and in person

Christmas meeting - please bring a plate
to share for afternoon tea

Allan Tonks will consider future tourism potential at just a few of the many WWII sites across Queensland. Topics likely to be covered in this presentation are *False Cape and Gordonvale*; *Charleville: Looking beyond the Secret Base*; *Charlie's Hill: Site of the WWII RAAF Station 211*; *Round Mountain: The American penal stockade site near Beaudesert*; *Julia Creek's crumbling RAAF ruins*; and *Brisbane's own WWII Mount Coot-tha sites*.

Allan is an amateur historian with a passion for hiking, heritage, and family history. He graduated in 1990 from the University of Waikato (New Zealand) with a Bachelor of Arts in history, and soon after moved permanently to Queensland.

Allan contributed a chapter titled 'The Rigby family during the First World War' to the 2020 publication *STEPHENS and WAR*, which was produced by the Annerley Stephens History Group with support from the RHSQ. He has since given a number of presentations on his favourite topic, Americans at Mount Coot-tha during WWII.



[Register now to hear Allan Tonks speak](#)

Learn@QFHS

More Newspapers: overseas



newspapers & more Australian newspapers

Presenter: Sue Reid

[Read more...](#)

Friday 11 October 10am

An online event

Cost: \$15 (members) \$25 (non-members)

Register now to attend Learn@QFHS

The QFHS Print Library is having a SALE

Our Print Library team has been quietly upgrading our library shelves and sorting the donations that we have been receiving over the past two years.

A number of books have been identified as being surplus to requirements or no longer meet our collection criteria.

These books are available in our centre only, and will sell for \$2 each. You will find them just outside the Administration Room. We will have them on permanent display, and they may be refreshed from time to time.

So why not call and grab yourself a bargain for Xmas!

Emerald Ancestors

Geoff Morgan has advised that Emerald Ancestors is once again available at the QFHS centre in Chermside. For access, go to the Search the Internet menu and choose 'subscription websites'.



GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF QUEENSLAND Inc

Enriching family history

Forgotten Women and Children

The Genealogical Society of Queensland is offering Forgotten Women and Children,

a zoom presentation by a group of speakers familiar with aspects of the lives of women and children in colonial Queensland that will be of interest to family history researchers.

When: 12 October 2024

9.00am to 5.15pm

By zoom

Bookings and payment:

Early bird price if booked by 1 October 2024

GSQ/QFHS members \$60

Non-members \$70

Price from 15 September 2024

GSQ/QFHS members \$70

Non-members \$85

Book online at www.gsq.org.au/events/

Payment may be made by credit card OR online by phoning GSQ at 07 3349 6072

OR online or in cash at GSQ OR bank transfer (make sure to note details)

Walls Come Tumbling Down

The Genealogical Society of Queensland is offering Walls Come Tumbling Down, a zoom presentation by popular lecturer Dave Annal, who will outline a practical, hands-on approach to solving problems in family history research.

When: Tuesday 5 November 2024

7.00pm to 9.00pm

By zoom

Payment: GSQ/QFHS members \$21

Non-members \$31

Book and pay online at www.gsq.org.au/events

[And for further information about GSQ events, click here.](#)

New Resources

Our new Research Kiosk

Recently, the Print Library team launched a new search tool: the Research Kiosk.

The Research Kiosk accesses almost 2 million pages of information including:

- * digitised print journals (journals with lots of names and photos have been prioritised for inclusion)
- * all e-journals (search the entire contents of our e-journal collection at once)
- * much of the contents of the QFHS CD collection (search the entire collection of 3065 PDFs created from the CDs at once).

Complete a [Research Kiosk Look-up Request](#) and the Print Library team expects to email your search results within 7 days.



FamilySearch Library

FamilySearch International is the largest genealogy organisation in the world. Millions of people use FamilySearch records, resources, and services to learn more about their family history. To help in this great pursuit, FamilySearch and their predecessors have been actively gathering, preserving, and sharing genealogical records worldwide for over 100 years. Their services and resources can be accessed for free online at [FamilySearch.org](https://www.familysearch.org) or by visiting a FamilySearch Affiliate Library - QFHS is one but there are over 6000 world-wide.

The free FamilySearch Library September 2024 webinars focus on US immigration research. Classes will share strategies on how to discover missing individuals in your family tree, effectively analyse information, and trace your family's origins.

Free webinars on this theme are available on demand – click to watch now

- [Unexpected Treasures: Family History in the American State Papers](#)
- [Unique Resources to Find Enslaved African American Ancestors, Especially in Border States](#)
- [Researching Your New England Passengers of The Great Migration 1620-1640](#)
- [Native American DNA - Ancient and Contemporary Maps](#)
- [Forgotten Wives, Mothers, and Spinsters: Tracing Women in U.S. Research](#)

Or check out the [FamilySearch Library webinars archive](#).

More FamilySearch resources:

- Explore 18 billion historical records and images at FamilySearch.
- Search historical record images using the powerful [Explore Historical Images](#) feature.
- Peruse over 1,500 free on-demand sessions from [RootsTech](#).

Schedule a [free 20-minute consultation](#) with a FamilySearch Library research specialist.

New QFHS datasearch dataset released - Assisted immigration to Queensland 1848 to 1912

A new dataset with 262,900 entries has been added to the QFHS online research resources.

See <https://www.qfhs.org.au/online-access/assistedimmigration/> - and please read its associated [ABOUT](#) document for details of the data.

The project repurposes a long-standing open-sourced dataset from the Queensland State Archives. Our adaption was originally commenced in 2020 but set aside due to Covid, data quality issues, and work on other projects.

Journals: a rich resource

Make sure you include journals published by family history and genealogy societies in your research resources.

You never know what gems they may contain - why not take some time to browse through the various titles?



E-journals received from other family history and genealogy societies in the last month:

New South Wales

[Casino The Crossing 146 2024 08](#)

[Coffs Genie Allergy 114 2024 06](#)

[Coffs Genie Allergy 115 2024 09](#)

[Newcastle Journal 247 2024 09](#)

Queensland

[Caloundra Clipper 126 2024 09](#)

[Redcliffe Newsletter 2024 07](#)

[Redland Researcher 152 2024 08](#)

[RHSQ 899 2024 09](#)

Victoria

[Richmond Tweed Cedar Log 161 2024 09](#)

[Tasmanian Ancestry 45 2 2024 09](#)

[Young Lambing Flat 46 3 2024 09](#)

[Narre Warren 141 2024 08](#)

New Zealand

[NZ Family Tree 2024 08](#)

England

[Bedfordshire 24 7 2024 09](#)

[Berkshire 48 2024 09](#)

[Birmingham Midland Ancestor 20 07 2024 09](#)

[Burwood Ances Tree 37 2 2024 09](#)

[Cheshire Ancestor 55 1 2024 09](#)

[Cornwall Issue 193 2024 09](#)

[Cumbria Fhs Newsletter 192 2024 09](#)

[Hertfordshire People 170 2024 09](#)

[Kent 17 08 2024 09](#)

[Lancashire 46 3 2024 08](#)

[LWM Metropolitan 183 2024 09](#)

[Shropshire Journal 45 3 2024 09](#)

[SoG Genealogists Magazine 34 11 2024 09](#)

[Suffolk Roots 50 2 2024 09](#)

[West Middlesex 42 3 2024 09](#)

Wales

[Glamorgan Journal 155 2024 09](#)

Canada

[Saskatchewan Bulletin 55 2 2024 08](#)

And a reminder: QFHS Subscriptions to International Databases

QFHS provides free access to an extensive range of information available through the library editions of the following websites (check the QFHS website for member login details)

From home

MyHeritage

TheGenealogist (United Kingdom)

From the Research Centre at Chermside

Ancestry

Biographical Database of Australia

British Newspaper Archive

Findmypast

Irish Ancestors (Ireland)
MyHeritage
TheGenealogist (United Kingdom)



QFHS is a **FamilySearch** affiliate library.

You can reach limited-access FamilySearch databases and images on the QFHS computers.

Les Moreland Scrapbook Index

There are 6,984 entries in the Les Moreland Scrapbook index. These point into a collection of 2,284 PDF files (not images). Some of the PDFs are excellent but other photocopies, done in the 1980s and 1990s, are not particularly clear. Nonetheless they can provide relevant information and may allow a better copy of the document to be located from current online sources.

This new and unique index has been added to Queensland Family History Society's valuable collection of searchable datasets. Our 62 searchable datasets provide access to information in electoral rolls, school admissions records, shipping and migration, occupations, cemeteries to name a few categories. While over half a million entries are available for online search by the general public, some 15 million more are reserved for QFHS members only.

[Read more about Les Moreland and his valuable collection of materials here.](#)

What is in the Les Moreland Scrapbook index

- Births, baptisms, marriages, banns, deaths, and burials
- Confirmations
- Naturalisations
- Impfung – vaccination (from Impfschein, vaccination certificate)
- Bürgerrechts-Verzichts – waiver of civil rights (in preparation for emigration)
- Reise Pass – permission to travel
- Auswandern Erlaubnis – permission to emigrate
- Entlassung – dismissal, usually from military service
- Gemeinderaths Protokoll (mention of emigrating families in municipal council minutes)
- Statutory Declaration
- Oaths of allegiance
- Passport applications
- Work contracts
- References – as provided for or by an employer
- Wills
- Volkszählung (census)
- Powers of attorney

[Check out the Les Moreland Scrapbook Index here](#)

Things to watch or read

A couple of members have suggested books and television items that may be of interest to QFHS people.

Wendy Angliss has brought out attention to the following SBS programs:

India: "Treasures of India with Bettany Hughes". <https://www.sbs.com.au/ondemand/tv-series/treasures-of-india>

Japan: "World's most Punctual Train - Japans' shinkansen" <https://www.sbs.com.au/ondemand/tv-series/worlds-most-punctual-train-japans-shinkansen>

Vietnam: "Aerial Asia" <https://www.sbs.com.au/ondemand/tv-series/aerial-asia>

Dornell Wylie has provided a review of last month's Book Club meeting and the books mentioned during the discussion.

Book Club Monday 26 August 7:30 pm – [Question 7 by Richard Flanagan](#)

I'm glad I decided to join this event, which is especially for readers of fiction and non-fiction about family history, history and local history. **Alex Daw (Book Club Convenor, member of the education team, and resource acquisitions volunteer), Charlotte Sale (Committee Member, convenor of the Welsh SIG, Research Team Coordinator, Constitution and Bylaws Volunteer, ZOOM Accounts Manager for Member Programs), and Rosie Gall (QFHS Services to Family History Award recipient 2023, Donation of library materials volunteer)** were welcoming, enthusiastic, insightful. There were lots of laughs as we shared information and ideas, with someone reminding us that we bring our own experience to our reading. I will be a regular going forward.

Question 7 by Richard Flanagan

Flanagan refers to his book as a 'love note to my parents and my island home'. The book begins, 'In the winter of 2012 ... I visited the site of Ohama Camp, Japan, where my father had once been interned'. *Question 7* portrays the genocide of Tasmania's Indigenous peoples and mention was made of similar themes in books such as *Killing for Country* by David Marr. Flanagan's own near-death experience is included. The title was inspired by Chekhov's absurdist joke question in a story he'd written. *On May 31, a train leaves Station A at 3am and is to arrive at station B at 11pm. Just before the train is about to leave, the order comes that it must be at station B at 5pm. Who loves longer a man or a woman?* In exploring the nature of existence, Flanagan combines truth, memory and fiction. He wonders about the 'power of literature to shape the world', because HG Wells's *The World Set Free* is the first connection of newly discovered radioactivity to a destructive device and Szilard (a reader) and Einstein fought for the Manhattan Project. Flanagan says good literature provokes questions and he's interested in how and what we each remember and how we try to make sense of the senseless. He says eventually memories disappear. Even language will become redundant. For hierarchical Europeans, time is linear but for some communities, it is richly circular and immersive. This book has a density and complexity which reward the reader's commitment.

Other books discussed

Throughout the meeting books were cited, prompted by and commenting on points raised in discussion. These included: *The Battle of One Tree Hill – The Aboriginal Resistance That Stunned Queensland* by Ray Kerkhove and Frank Uhr, *Normal Women* by Philippa Gregory, *Dirrayawadha* by Anita Heiss, who this year begins an Indigenous imprint for Simon & Schuster. We talked about *The Vandemonian War – The secret history of Britain's Tasmanian invasion* by Nick Brodie, *Collected Poems* by Margaret Scott. Rosie spoke about *My Grandfather's Clock* by Graeme Davison and Alex enlightened us about *Graft: Motherhood, Family and a Year on the Land* by Maggie MacKellar - set in Tasmania. Char had read the memoir, *Reckless* by Marele Day and reported about a Society of Australian Genealogists talk on *People of the River: Lost Worlds of Early Australia* by Grace Karskens. Dornell mentioned *Love Unleashed* by Melanie Saward and *Kakadu Man* by Bill Neidjie, Stephen Davis and Allan Fox. We each went away with a long list of other books to read from sharing our reading experiences.

Next meeting: Monday 28 October 10:00 am – [Killing for Country by David Marr](#)

Dornell Wylie

Noticeboard



Image: from Adelaide Film Festival website

Archie Moore - Family History in Art

In some exciting news for people in Brisbane, Queensland artist Archie Moore's amazing family-related artwork, *kith and kin*, is coming home to QAGOMA. Currently showing at the Australia Pavilion in Venice, it will be displayed at GOMA from August 2025.

In *kith and kin*, Moore follows his maternal First Nations (Kamilaroi/Bigambul) and paternal convict (British/Scottish) heritage in a vast hand-drawn genealogical chart.

The work was awarded the Golden Lion for Best National Participation at this year's Venice Biennale. The Australian Government acquired the work, and it is to be gifted to QAGOMA and its acquisition partner, the Tate in the UK. These two leading art museums will ensure the work's forceful and poetic contribution to First Nations truth-telling will remain on a global platform.

More news will follow when *Kith and kin* reaches Australia.

All about that place



All About That Place is a unique free learning event bought to you by the Society of Genealogists (UK), the Society for One Place Studies, the British Association for Local History and Genealogy Stories.

All About That Place will run over 10 days from Friday 27 September until Sunday 6 October. It will contain 140 recorded 10-minute talks on genealogy and local history. These talks will inform you about research techniques, social history, tools, websites, archives, record-keeping tips, ways of creating and sharing your findings and much more.

Also, throughout the event, you will be supported in putting your learning into action by completing challenge activities.

Click [here](#) for further information.

Unlock the Past: a two-day seminar about researching your family's history



Gould Genealogy is a business that publishes Unlock The Past (UTP) titles and also conducts UTP Cruises. One such cruise is scheduled to take place later this year. Along the way they will also conduct several land-based seminars in Australia featuring their internationally recognised speakers Chris Paton & Mia Bennett.

QFHS & GSQ were consulted about the likely viability of a two-day event in Brisbane. We were given the option for an exhibition table at the event. The location is 'next door' and the event provides an opportunity to position QFHS in front of family historians. Therefore, Management Committee agreed to sponsor the event.

WHEN:

Thu 12 December 2024

Fri 13 December 2024

WHERE:

[Geebung RSL Club](#),

Corner Newman Road & Collings Street, Geebung

COST – pre-book by 5 December 2024 to be in the draw for several hundred \$\$\$ in prizes.

- two days – \$150
- one day – \$95

Do look at the attached flyer to get further information about this exciting event! It includes a comprehensive agenda for both days.

For more information, click [here](#).

We Remember Them: our family's wartime stories

Thank you to those who've already contributed to our new project **We Remember Them: our family's wartime stories**. The project is off to a good start.

We'll be collecting your family's stories of their wartime experiences - whether in a theatre of war or on the Homefront anywhere in the world - during 2024 and will launch a virtual **We Remember Them** honour board on the website later in the year.

Submit your stories and an accompanying image via the [We Remember Them Project online form](#) in the Members Portal.

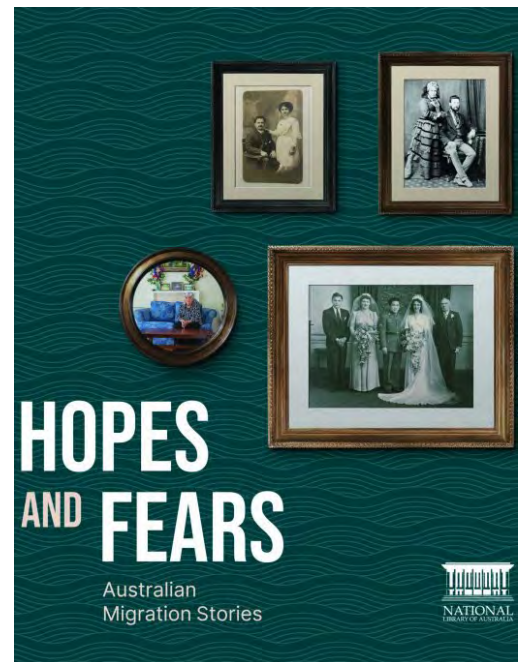


**Our ancestors live on
when we tell their stories.**

Hopes and Fears: Australian Migration Stories

A new free exhibition at the National Library - available online for those who cannot visit in person.

It showcases how migrants, who have come from all parts of the globe, have helped to make Australia one of the most diverse nations in the world.



The exhibition features letters to loved ones back home, music recorded by migrants, vintage advertising for boat voyages to Australia, and amazing stories like that of William 'Billy' Blue, an African American transported to Sydney in 1801 for stealing raw sugar and later appointed by Governor Lachlan Macquarie as a harbour watchman and constable.

Visitors will be able to see items such as a convict's uniform from Van Diemen's Land in the 1830s, photos and ephemera from the Snowy Hydro-electric Scheme that employed 60,000 migrants from more than 30 countries and archival photos of multicultural cafes and chefs that brought the taste of home to migrants in various Australian cities.

The exhibition is free and open until February 2025. No bookings required.

If you can't make it to the exhibition in-person, you can [explore online on our website](#), including our [exhibition soundtrack](#).



Connections is in Brisbane 21-24 March 2025

The Australasian Conference 2025 **Connections - Past, Present, Future** has been announced. This is Australasia's premier event for local and family historians, ancestry researchers and genealogists, and it will be held in Brisbane on 21-24 March 2025.

Hosted by the Genealogical Society of Queensland, the conference combines the 17th Australian Conference on Genealogy and Heraldry and 5th History Queensland State Conference.

Keynote speakers announced include Judy Russell (the Legal Genealogist), Dr. Nick Barrett, (well known for work on BBC's Who Do You Think Your Are?) and Hamish Maxwell-Stewart (CEO of Digital History Australia).

More details [here](#) where you can sign up for the Conference newsletter.

[Earlybird registration](#) is available until 30 November 2024

As Sheena mentioned in this month's editorial, we are planning to introduce you to one of the Connections speakers each month until the conference. Here is the first:

Judy Russell - Featured Speaker

Judy G. Russell, The Legal Genealogist®, is a genealogist with a law degree. She writes, teaches and lectures on a wide variety of genealogical topics, providing expert guidance through the murky territory where law and family history intersect. A Colorado native with roots deep in the American south on her mother's side and entirely in Germany on her father's side, she holds a bachelor's degree from George Washington University in Washington, D.C. and a law degree from Rutgers School of Law, Newark. Before she retired, she worked as a newspaper reporter, trade association writer, legal investigator, defence attorney, federal prosecutor, law editor and, for more than 20 years, as an adjunct member of the faculty at Rutgers Law School.

She is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, the National Genealogical Society and numerous state and regional genealogical societies. A recipient of the Silver Tray Award from the Utah Genealogical Association and the 2017 Award of Excellence from the National Genealogical Society Quarterly, she now serves as a member of the NGSQ editorial board.

An internationally-known lecturer and course coordinator and faculty member at numerous genealogical institutes, she holds credentials as a Certified Genealogist® and Certified Genealogical LecturerSM from the Board for Certification of Genealogists®. Her award-winning blog appears at The Legal Genealogist® website (<https://www.legalgenealogist.com>).



100 years of Greater Brisbane

100 years of Greater Brisbane is a shared calendar for all history and heritage organisations in Brisbane who want to join.

This is a project to commemorate the centenary of the Brisbane City Council—an amalgamation of Brisbane towns and shires in 1924/25 to work as one. This calendar is for heritage groups and history organisations who want to take part in celebrations throughout the year of 2025, sharing their events, coming to the collaborative conferences and open days, and learning from each other.

Please contact paddingtonthenandnow@gmail.com for further information.

The Western Echo Newsletter

The September edition of the Western Echo Newsletter has been released!

This month the cover story highlights the vibrant art scene in the Western suburbs, covering the local art galleries. Articles include regular columns Col's Chat by Colin Bushell, For the Love of Books by Sarah Krause, and Out & About - this month visiting Side Gallery in Red Hill.

Get details of a restaurant competition and a photo quiz, which offer the opportunity to win prizes.

And if you miss getting your hands on a hard copy of [The Western Echo](#), remember you can easily download a copy from The Western Echo's website.



Royal Australian Historical Society

The 5 September issue of the RAHS Journal is available online on the society's website.

Click [here](#) to gain access to the journal.



ChermSIDE & DISTRICTS Historical Society

The Journal of the ChermSIDE and DISTRICTS Historical Society is available online on the Society's website, but, unfortunately, it is not accessible at present as it is being rebuilt. Further information is available through Facebook - for access, search for the society's name.



The latest issue of What's on at National Archives is available

The National Archives safeguards the nation's memory. It collects, preserves and manages documents and other evidence that record important events in Australian history, and makes them available to the public.

Follow the link to go to the NAA website where you can subscribe to the National Archives e-newsletter. It holds information about the many events and items of interest currently being promoted by NAA.

[NAA website link](#)



Family History Academy

The Family History Academy has released its September newsletter, which includes information about forthcoming skills building events and news of interest to family historians. Find out about the Academy at their website:

<https://www.familyhistoryacademy.com.au>
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Message from VicGUM

VicGUM is turning 40 and we would like to celebrate! You and your members are

40th Anniversary

6th October 2024



welcome to come and join our celebrations on 6 October 2024, at the Leopard Lodge Conference Centre at Melbourne Zoo.

This is a great opportunity to hear the latest in genealogy research when using your computer. As a visiting person you will get to talk firsthand with the speakers and be eligible for the numerous prizes on offer. Zoom attendance is also on offer.

If you have any questions please contact bookings@vicgum.asn.au.



Something of interest to those with French Canadian relatives ...

MyHeritage has just acquired MesAieux.com, a popular family history service in Canada.

Founded in 2004, MesAieux.com has grown to become Quebec's most popular family history service, with over one million users. The website offers an online family tree builder with automated features to add ancestors, and is also home to approximately 15 million historical records from Canada, primarily from Quebec, and several exclusive collections.

To find out more about MyHeritage, [click here](#), and to view MesAieux.com, [click here](#).

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Regional entrants in the Centaur Memorial Fund for Nurses, Queen of the Nurses Quest attending a morning tea at the Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital, Brisbane, 18 December 1948. (2017). John Oxley Library, State Library of Queensland.

Country generosity to Queensland nurses - 1948

Dr Madonna Grehan, an independent historian and Honorary Fellow at the University of Melbourne, has written a blog about the country generosity shown to nurses through Queensland's Centaur Memorial Fund for Nurses, launched in early 1948.

You may have had relatives who nursed soldiers through WWII and it might be of interest generally.

Read the blog through this [link](#) and Madonna says to feel free to comment!



Image: Pine Rivers Heritage Museum, BLH website

Brisbane Living Heritage events

Brisbane Living Heritage was formed in 2001 with the intention of connecting Brisbane's small museums and heritage places within a larger network to help with promotion and raise awareness of their work. Today there are more than 90 member organisation in BLH.

Three examples of BLH activities are:

- the Convict Tokens Exhibition at the Redcliffe Museum,
- the Significant Sites Exhibition at Pine Rivers Heritage Museum, and
- Blacksmithing at the Redland Museum.

Click on this [link](#) to gain further information about these events and many, many more.

Using DNA to find a relative: a success story

A New Zealand woman, adopted after her birth mother died, did not have the name of her birth father on her birth certificate.

A local newspaper has published the story of how she found the name of her now-dead birth father, with the help of DNA and a generous young man with knowledge of how to use it.

Read this fascinating story [here](#).



Source of our cover illustrations



For the past several years, we have chosen an illustrated cover from *The Queenslander* to add to the header for Snippets.

The Queenslander was launched by the Brisbane Newspaper Company in 1866 and discontinued in 1939. It was the weekly summary and literary edition of the *Brisbane Courier*, the leading journal in the colony - and, from 1859, the State - of Queensland.

With weekly publication spanning 60+ years, there were many (out-of-copyright) images to consider as a header for Snippets.

Acknowledgements

We would like to thank all those who have taken time out to send items of interest to our Snippets mailbox at snippets@qfhs.org.au

The more we receive, the more interesting to members our newsletter will be. 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.

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