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Happy Christmas! I hope everyone has a lovely break and enjoys time with family and friends. You might be tempted to forget about family history for a while, but maybe not! Might be a great time to work on all the details you have been putting off for that elusive quiet period.

QFHS has some wonderful things happening in 2025. Do read about the speakers already organised for the first half of the year, and also the wonderful gathering scheduled for the Connections 2025 conference in March.

Enjoy the break from work and everyday activities, and we hope you can find time to fit in some enjoyable family research.

Deborah Clark-Dickson and Sheena de Jager Miles
Snippets Co-editors

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. Multiple awards may be presented each year.

Nominations for 2024 closed on 30 September and **the award presentation took place at the Volunteers Thank You Morning Tea on Tuesday 9 December 2024.**

Snippets intends to cover the various awards and who won them and why in the February 2025 issue. So watch this space!

Full details of the requirements for eligibility will return to Snippets in 2025.

Queensland Family Historian



The November issue of the Queensland Family Historian can be found on the QFHS website at 'Resources/Documents'. The latest edition is 'Queensland Family Historian Vol 45 No. 4 Nov 2024'..

VOLUNTEER PROFILE



Lyn Hooper - Management Committee member and volunteer for the Print Library

Lyn Hooper is a Committee member and a volunteer for the Print Library. In 2014 Lyn received the QFHS Award for Services to Family History. In 2018 she also received the Everton Volunteer Recognition Award, given exceptional people who have made an outstanding contribution to their organisation and the sector, from Tim Mander MP. Lyn is working to update and clarify records and is currently indexing the Queensland School Pupils records (QSPI) along with other projects.

I met Lyn at the QFHS research centre on the day photographs were being taken to file for inclusion in publications such as the Journal and Snippets. Lyn, a dynamic personality, told me that she had been a travel agent and had travelled widely to places such as China, South and East Africa, and South America.

Prompted by her twin sister, Lyn joined QFHS in 2006 to begin compiling their family tree. In doing this, she found their father's ancestors were from Lancashire, Devon and Bristol, as well as that the Neumann connections on their mother's side were from Germany, the Peppink family from Holland, and the Kerr family from Northern Ireland. This became a somewhat daunting task, but along the way she discovered many interesting connections such as Laura Ashley, whose homewares she and her sister had always loved.

Lyn is full of enthusiasm, and eager to talk about the wonderful resources that are available through the QFHS for family history research. Through working on the indexing of the Les Moreland records, she discovered family that she hadn't known about, and with the assistance of the school pupil records, she has been able to compile a large branch of her German family here in Queensland.

Lyn's is a perfect example of how, by volunteering in any capacity, you can increase your knowledge and gain experience in research and unearth family information. Wherever your family come from, Lyn recommends that you join that Special Interest Group if available.

Do not forget also Family Tree Maker, which is a perfect way to record your work. So many of our members use it, so there is always help on hand, she says.

In her spare time, Lyn loves to relax by gardening and keeps her brain active by doing sudoku and crosswords.

Dornell Wylie



Goodbye from Caroline

Farewell

After 18 months working as the Volunteer Coordinator at QFHS I have to reluctantly stand down.

My family obligations are particularly heavy at the moment with no immediate end in sight.

I can recommend the role to anyone who enjoys meeting people and 'matchmaking'; i.e. trying to match a person's talents to a role at QFHS. Of course, as any volunteer knows, you can put as many hours into it as you like to spare! However, at base, answering the volunteering email and putting enquirers in touch with other volunteers is what is required. Anything else is icing on the cake.

If you think you would like to give it a try, send your enquiry to volunteering@qfhs.org.au.

Warm regards.

Caroline Brudell

Special Interest Groups (SIGs)



Next meetings:

Central European

Colonial India & the Far East:

DNA (beginners questions):

DNA (some experience):

English West Country:

Family History Writing:

Family History Software:

Family Tree Maker:

Irish Research Day:

QLD Pre-Separation:

Scottish:

The Master Genealogist:

Welsh:

Saturday 1 Feb 25 - 10am

Sunday 9 Feb 25 - 10.30am zoom

Saturday 25 Jan 25 - 10am

Saturday 22 Feb 25 - 10am

Thursday 23 Jan 25 - 12 noon

Saturday 18 Jan 25 - 9am

Sunday 5 Jan 25 - 1pm

Friday 7 Feb 25 - 10am

Saturday 13 Mar 25 - 10am

Thursday 20 Jan 25 - 7pm

Sunday 19 Jan 25 - 10am

Thursday 20 Jan 25 - 7pm

Sunday 19 Jan 25 - 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.

Learning 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.

Next Management Committee meeting

The next meeting of the Management Committee will be held on:

14 January 2025 at 7.00pm by zoom

QFHS members may submit items for the MC meeting via the Secretary at secretary@qfhs.org.au.

EVENTS



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.

The first session for 2025 will be held on 26 January (yes, on Australia Day) at 9.30am at the QFHS centre, 46 Delaware St, Chermside.

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



Members Lounge - Presenting ...

A review of *Civilising Brisbane*, a presentation by Duncan Richardson given on 20 November 2024

If you did not attend Duncan Richardson's zoom presentation on the power and influence of three colonial women of Brisbane, you missed a brilliant session.

Duncan has published books of fiction, history and children's literature and this is his third presentation to QFHS. *Civilising Brisbane*, his latest book, a copy of which he has generously donated to the QFHS library, was published in 2021. It is about Lady Diamantina Bowen, Sister Ellen Whitty and Eliza O'Connell – three diverse and exceptional women who challenged indifference and prejudice to improve health care, the arts and education in Brisbane between 1859 and 1880.

In 1864, Brisbane's centre was destroyed by fire, just one year after disastrous floods caused massive losses. There was no government support. Friendly Societies, charities and churches gave limited assistance. Residents still paying off loans could not obtain more, and the city's poor, who lived behind the destroyed shops, had nowhere to go. Duncan was curious about where they might have stayed and who might have helped them, and his research led to this book. The three women featured, while not involved in post-fire assistance, were prominent in the city's development.

Brisbane was not considered a great place. The founder of the Botanical Gardens, William Hill, said it was 'not attractive', and the Queensland Daily Guardian described Brisbane as not as good as 'a tenth-rate English town'. Ipswich taunted Brisbanites by declaring itself the 'Athens of the South'. There was a 'surplus' of women in Britain and a decided lack of them in Brisbane. The solution, ship middle-class women to the colonies to 'raise the moral tone'. Diaries and letters clarify matters and shed light on the work instigated by the three women outlined in Duncan's book.

Lady Diamantina Bowen, Greek countess and wife of the first Queensland Governor, arrived in Brisbane in 1859. It is said that she had the diplomatic skills that her husband lacked. When they moved into Government House, she employed a large staff. They had five children, and she was insistent on not relying on a nanny to raise them. She attended picnics and 'strolled through like a princess'. Jordan cottage in Sandgate was her summer 'escape', perhaps from the eccentricities of her husband who, unlike her, was blind to the presence of pauperism and distress in the city. Duncan spoke of how she noted problems with poverty, health care, education and of cultural expression and set out to fix them. We learned how she set up the maternity facility Lady Bowen Hospital in Ann Street and accommodated vulnerable women and had them taught employable skills. Many people lived in tents in Spring Hill and in Musgrave Park, wages were poor and living conditions bad. Premier Herbert was in awe of her caring, thoughtful treatment of others.

Next Duncan elaborated on the work of Sister Ellen Whitty, who arrived in 1861 and began the secondary school for girls of all denominations in what became All Hallows School. She was an experienced teacher, idealistic and accepting, and with a sense of adventure and a belief in the power of music to convert people to Catholicism. Technical training was offered to boys, who left school at the age of 10. Women, accommodated in tents in the nearby park, were trained as teachers. Her attitude of 'See a problem, fix a problem' did not sit well with Bishop James Quinn, who interfered and expected the convent to pay for his real estate purchases. Eventually Father Duncan McNab, who decried concerts which continued until 11pm, had her replaced as head of the convent.

The third woman Duncan spoke about, Eliza O'Connell, unfailingly supported her husband, who spent wildly. They had to sell their home and rented one near Government House. They adopted two daughters. She helped at the Lying-in hospital and taught the women needlework. The Princess Alexandra Hospital links back to her. She was a 'one woman powerhouse' in supporting others.

These three women defused the sectarian divide and helped the needy. They believed that privilege carries obligations and each of them stepped forward to rectify matters. Brisbane is the richer for their work. I have merely touched the surface of Duncan Richardson's book, *Civilising Brisbane*, which is available for purchase and would be a fascinating read.

Dornell Wylie

Members Lounge - Presenting ...

2025 Speakers - a taste of what is to come

The following speakers have been organised for the first few months of 2025. Closer to the time, we will be providing more information, but this list might help you decide when you

need to keep some time free to attend one of more of the talks.

Please note that it is not yet possible to register for these 2025 events. Registration will commence early in the new year.



Social Life in Pre-separation Queensland

19 February 2025, 1 pm

By zoom

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

National Archives of Australia - Public engagement

19 March 2025, 1 pm

Hybrid

Eve Terry has worked for the National Archives of Australia for ten years, and is currently acting in the role of Assistant Manager, Public Engagement for the Queensland office. She has worked mainly in the area of collection management. An important aspect of Eve's work with the collection included making World War I repatriation records available online, through her management of the Project Albany team in Brisbane.



Brisbane@War - Military Locations in Brisbane during WWII

16 April 2025, 1 pm

Hybrid - Peter in person at the QFHS Research Centre

Peter Dunn OAM will share details and



photos of numerous military camps and depots located around Brisbane during WWII.

Queensland Rail

21 May 2025, 1 pm

Hybrid - Greg in person at the QFHS Research Centre

Greg Hallam has been with Queensland Rail since 2000 and has been historian for the organisation for nearly all the last 23 years. He is a third generation family member to work at Queensland Rail and has been active professionally in the community history and cultural heritage fields for nearly 30 years.



RESOURCES - NEW AND ONGOING

Our Research Kiosk

Who exhibited at the EKKA?





Did you have a relative who may have entered one of the many classes of exhibits at the EKKA? You could find the answer by investigating the above resource using the Research Kiosk.

The book contains listings of each of the various classes of exhibits, names of those who entered, names of Stewards for each class and the relevant regulations. Also included are the names of the President and other RNA Office Bearers.

The book is extremely fragile. After being processed and added to the Kiosk each page is searchable and can be downloaded as a PDF. Although the pages of the original are thin and yellowed the PDF is clear with legible black print on a white page.

This is a resource to be used, so please click on the link below to gain access to the Research Kiosk Look-up Request form, which can also be found under Members Portal, Look up Request – Research Kiosk.

Alternatively contact me via research.kiosk@qfhs.org.au to set up a time to meet at the QFHS premises.

Carolyn Grimward

[Research Kiosk Look-up Request](#)



FamilySearch International

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 worldwide.

Free webinars on this theme are available on demand

Over 2,000 webinars are available on demand: go to the FamilySearch Library to see what is available.

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.

Click on the button below to view the newsletter, which gives information about the latest events.

[Click here](#)

FamilySearch has added to its collection!

Recently, FamilySearch added 49.8 million new records to its free online archives. Some exciting additions include over 22 million additions to the United States City and Business Directories collection and over 19 million new records from the Philippines, covering civil registrations, Catholic Church records, and church censuses.

Other countries with significant record additions include the following:

- Chile
- Ireland
- Italy
- Philippines
- United States
- Zimbabwe

Click on the button below to gain access to further information.

[Click here](#)

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



NSW

[Bega Valley Genealogist 40 3 2024 10](#)

[Casino The Crossing 147 2024 11](#)

[Huguenot Times 44 2024 11](#)

[Manning Wallamba Figtree 172 2024 12](#)

[Newcastle Journal 248 2024 12](#)

[Orange Newsletter 2024 12](#)

[Parramatta Hambledon Herald 41 10 2024 11](#)

[Parramatta Packet 29 2 2023 07](#)

[Parramatta Packet 29 3 2023 11](#)

[Richmond Tweed Cedar Log 162 December 2024 122](#)

Qld

[RHSQ 902 2024 12](#)

Tas

[Cronicl Powys 123 2024 12](#)

[Tasmanian Ancestry 45 3 2024 12](#)

Vic

[Bridges Branches 136 2024 12](#)

WA

[Western Ancestor 14 01 2018 03](#)

[Western Ancestor 14 02 2018 07](#)

[Western Ancestor 14 03 2018 09](#)

[Western Ancestor 14 04 2018 12](#)

UK

[JGSGB 103 2023 10](#)

[JGSGB 104 2024 01](#)

[JGSGB 106 2024 07](#)

[SoG Genealogists Magazine 34 12 2024 12](#)

England

[Bedfordshire 24 8 2024 12](#)

[Berkshire 48 2024 12](#)

[Birmingham Midland Ancestor 20 8 2024 12](#)

[Buckinghamshire Origins 48 3 2024](#)

[Cornwall Issue 194 2024 12](#)

[Cumbria Newsletter 193 2024 12](#)

[Devon Historian 191 2024 08](#)

[Devon Historian 191 2024 08 Supplement](#)

[Kent 17 08 2024 09](#)

[Kent 17 09 2024 12](#)

[Liverpool Family Historian 46 4 2024 12](#)

[LWM Metropolitan 184 2024 12](#)

[Northumberland Durham 49 4 2024](#)

[Suffolk Roots 50 3 2024 12](#)

[Sussex Historian 26 3 2024 09](#)

[Sussex Historian 26 4 2024 12](#)

[Wiltshire 175 2024 10](#)

Ireland

[JGSI Vol 25 2024](#)

Scotland

[Fife Roots 12 2024 12](#)

Wales

[Dyfed 15 4 2024 12](#)

[Glamorgan Journal 156 2024 12](#)

NSW Family History Transcriptions - Christmas Special

NSW Family History Transcriptions is offering a Christmas Special on full NSW BDM transcripts for \$18 until midnight of 1 January 2025. The usual price is \$67, so, if you don't need an original certificate, this can be a more cost-effective way to purchase multiple certificates.

NSW Family History Transcriptions is an approved transcription agent of NSW BDM certificates.

Go to <https://www.nswtranscriptions.com.au/> for further information.

NOTICEBOARD

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
Emerald Ancestors (Northern Ireland)
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, many from German sources. 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.

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



Ellis Rowan: Colonialism and Nature Painting Queensland Museum Cobb+Co, Toowoomba

Immerse yourself in Ellis Rowan's 28 original watercolour paintings depicting flowers and plants, paired with museum objects that explore how these plants were used by First Nations peoples.

Open until 21 April 2025

Daily, 9am - 4pm

Free admission, no bookings required

For further information, click here:

[Ellis Rowan , Queensland Museum, Toowoomba](#)



The Harry Gentle Resource Centre (School of Humanities, Languages and Social Sciences, Griffith University) has announced the soft launch of the Centre's online Harry Gentle Resource Centre Dictionary of Biography.

This resource is designed to initially recognise those people who lived in the place now

known as Queensland, prior to 1860. A unique feature of the dictionary is the inclusion of sources to enable further research into a specific individual.

The dataset can be searched on the following fields:

1. Surname
2. First name
3. Middle name
4. Religion
5. Other names
6. Cultural heritage
7. Birth year range
8. Death year range
9. Gender
10. Occupation name
11. Birth place
12. Death place
13. Burial place
14. Place of residence or property owned
15. Residence or property owned name
16. Indigenous status
17. Year arrived Australia
18. Year arrived Qld
19. Ship arrived in Australia
20. Ship arrived in Qld

For further information, click on the following link. The page 'Search Guide' will assist in navigating the dictionary.

[Harry Gentle Resource Centre](#)

Royal History Society of Queensland forthcoming event:

History of the South Brisbane Dry Dock



Keith Boulton will discuss the background and history of the South Brisbane Dry Dock.

The presentation will include an insight on the background of how the South Brisbane Dry Dock came to be, its small part in the young Queensland history and its working life to 1972. It covers the construction, site infrastructure and the vessels repaired, including its vital WW2 role.

As well, Keith will give an overview of the dock's new role as part of the Queensland Maritime Museum. The presentation includes many rare and historic photos.

The program:

- **1859-1972** The History of the South Brisbane Dry Dock.
- **1972- 2022** The History of the Queensland Maritime Museum.
- An insight about QMM today.

Date: Wednesday, 12 February 2025

Time: 12:30pm

Where: The Commissariat Store Museum, 115 William St, Brisbane

Keith Boulton is Honorary Life Member and a volunteer of the Queensland Maritime Museum. He is one of the “Monday Crew” and is involved with guiding, events and editor of the two QMM publications.

Keith is a retired Health and Safety and Quality Assurance Lead auditor. While initially starting his employment as a mechanic with Hornibrooks in Brisbane, his work experience has included the automotive, transport, mining, construction, marine and petrochemical industries.

From 1967 to 1970, his marine experience involved vessels at Heron Island and later on the Brisbane River and Moreton Bay with the sand and gravel industry at South Brisbane.

He spent 26 years in many roles in the lubricant business with Castrol and later BP. He has also worked overseas in Canada, England, the South Pacific, Vietnam and Thailand.

He is an avid amateur historian with a keen interest in all things marine.

[Register here](#)

We Remember Them: our family's wartime stories

Would you like to contribute to our project **We Remember Them: our family's wartime stories**?

We are collecting family stories of wartime experiences - whether in a theatre of war or on the homefront anywhere in the world - and in due course will launch a virtual **We Remember Them** honour board on the website.

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](#).



The Genealogical Society of Queensland is offering a **Family History Fundamentals** course over several weeks in February 2025.

Click on the following link to find out all about it.

[Click here](#)



**Connections will take place 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).

[Register](#)

Connections Conference Lunches

Message from the GSQ Conference Convenor

gsqconferenceconvenor@gsq.org.au

The position at the conference venue is:

There are a number of lunch cafes in the complex that are open on the Friday but you would not be able to bring any food from them into the Conference Venue, due to the venue's licencing restrictions. These cafes are not open on Saturday or Sunday.

Also, you cannot bring your own food into the venue, but it can be consumed outside the building

Please advise how many people you will require lunches for each day and if they have dietary requirements (the options are: vegetarian /vegan or celiac).



Speaker Profile - Dr Nick Barrett

Internationally renowned historian, academic, and genealogical researcher and former presenter of British television program *Who Do You Think You Are*, Dr Nick Barratt, will be among the keynote speakers at the Genealogical Society of Queensland's family history

conference Connections 2025 in Brisbane next March.

Dr Barratt will present two sessions on the topics *When Harry Met Dotty*, which will explore his quest to find his illegitimate grandmother's parentage and *The Future of Family History*, a look at the changes facing family history in an increasing digital world. His two Master Classes on *Researching and Writing Your Family History* and *Researching Your English Ancestors prior to 1700* have already sold out as family historians from around Australasia register for the four-day event.

The conference will be held at Brisbane Technology Park, Eight Mile Plains from March 21-24. It is the first of its kind to be hosted by the leading Queensland family history society and will combine the 17th Australian Conference on Genealogy and Heraldry and the 5th History Queensland State Conference.

Dr Barratt obtained a PhD in history from King's College London in 1996, editing the 1225 Exchequer pipe roll and several Exchequer receipt rolls from the 1220s. His thesis became the cornerstone for his academic work on medieval state finance and fiscal history.

However, Dr Barratt has a deep interest in family history and is more than a decade into his own family history search, driven by curiosity to uncover the story behind his grandmother's parentage.

"It took many years, twists and turns and I hit a brick wall for a while, but I finally managed to crack it," Dr Barratt said.

"Family history is powerful storytelling which goes to heart of people and place. The purest form of storytelling started with people sitting around fires, finding out stories and passing them on."

Dr Barratt has extensive background as a researcher or presenter of history-related television programs in the UK including *House Detectives*, *Hidden House Histories*, *Secrets from the Attic*, *So You Think You're Royal*, *Live the Dream as Seen on Screen* and *Missing Millions*. He was also involved in establishing the Australian and Irish versions of *Who Do You Think You Are*. He is a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society and the author of several books. He lectures on a range of subjects including family, house and local history; the history of greater London; and medieval history, in particular Magna Carta, the reigns of Henry II, Richard I and John, and democracy through the ages.

His session *Harry Met Dotty* is at 12pm, March 21 and *The Future of Family History* session is at 4.30pm, March 23.

The Settlers' Muster Book 1800



On 23 October 2024, the NSW Parliamentary Library, in collaboration with Museums of History NSW, announced the launch of the digitised version of *The Settlers' Muster Book 1800*. The event was offered in partnership with Sydney Rare Book Week.

The Settler's Muster Book 1800 is a unique window into the early social history of the NSW colony.

Nominated for UNESCO Australia's – Memory of the World Register, it is the earliest NSW record of occupations, ship arrivals, the animals and land owned by people.

The Muster Book is actually two volumes, both held by The NSW Parliamentary Library, *The 1800 Settlers Muster Book* and *List of Convicts Allowed to Officers June 1st 1800 Statement of the Numbers Victualled at Parramatta and Toongabbee July 1800*.

The book can be accessed through the archives collection of NSW parliament at <https://images.parliament.nsw.gov.au/>.

The following link leads to information about the October launch.

[Information about the recent launch](#)

100 years of Greater Brisbane

The organisers of **100 years of Greater Brisbane** has contacted QFHS about its 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.



RootsTech by Family Search has held an annual conference every year since 2011. It has grown and changed during the years it has been offered.

The RootsTech conference is offered both in-person and online. It runs Family History classes tailored to all interests and skill levels, and is available in over 40 languages and covers nearly every country. Each year, RootsTech partners with companies to showcase innovations and cutting-edge technology that can help make new family history connections.

The 2025 conference will be held on March 6-8 in Salt Lake City, USA. Online attendance is free and in-person costs are listed in the registration information.

RootsTech has announced four of its keynote speakers. Author **Ndaba Mandela** (grandson of Nelson Mandela), prominent artist **Dana Tanamachi**, and Olympic and Paralympic Gold-medalists **Tara Davis-Woodhall** and **Hunter Woodhall**, are the first keynote speakers to be announced. They will take the main stage to share their unique and inspiring personal, family, and historical experiences with the global RootsTech 2025 audience.

Click on the link below to find out more and to register.

[Register here](#)

MyHeritage has an important new French historical record collection



MyHeritage has published an important new historical record collection: France, Tables of Successions and Absences, 1890–1970. This valuable collection offers an index of deceased or officially missing people from various French departments, spanning 80 years of history. It includes 26 million records, with high quality scanned images.

Gain access to the collection here:

[Search France, Tables of Successions and Absences, 1890–1970](#)



Public Record Office Victoria: Despatch

The Public Record Office of Victoria has released the December edition of its newsletter, *Despatch*. Click on the following link to gain access to the PROV website.

[Click 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

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