

# Snippets 2025



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Welcome to the first issue of Snippets for 2025.

I hope you all had a good break over the holiday season and have come back with renewed enthusiasm for tracing your family roots. It has been a good time to catch up with friends and family.

Congratulations to our new Fellows - Bev Bonning, Jackie Buttress and Mary Geiger - and our winners of the Services to Family History awards. It was great to see that our Patron, Professor Graeme Nimmo RFD, was able to attend the Fellows presentation ceremony and perform those duties. It was the first time that he had been to our new premises so was able to enjoy a conducted tour after morning tea.

The QFHS General Meeting is being held on Tuesday, 25 March, on-line. If you wish to register items for the agenda please email the secretary as soon as you can and don't forget to register to attend or put in an apology. See below for details.

Please consider if you can spare some time to help your society as we currently need volunteers for several positions. Even a few hours can help as most jobs can be broken into smaller parts if necessary. So to be able to keep offering our members all our existing

services we need YOU.

Finally, be sure to check this issue for exciting new resources and events coming our way.

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

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## NEWS

### **QFHS General Meeting (online)** **Tuesday 25 March 7:30pm-9pm**



Image from Pixabay

The meeting [agenda plus President's and Treasurer's Reports will be available on the website for member perusal](#) seven (7) days prior to the General Meeting.

Members may register questions and/or add items to the agenda - email the Secretary at [secretary@qfhs.org.au](mailto:secretary@qfhs.org.au)

All members are urged to participate.

Register to attend or record your apology below.

**[REGISTER](#)**

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### **An update from our QFHS treasurer**

Our society enjoys the benefits of being in a strong financial position through great work over a number of years. In an endeavour to maintain this advantage, we keep a token amount in our cheque account for payments as it generates no income stream (no interest). The current QFHS investment strategy has



the remainder of our “liquid” funds invested at optimal market

rates (currently ranging from 2.25% to 4.7% p.a). This strategy requires close monitoring however the increased interest returned is considered to be worth the effort.

### **Expenditure**

On the expenditure front, forward estimates and their likely timing give us a guide to our requirements. To illustrate, a few of the larger cost items:

- air conditioning reinstalling \$21,500,
- new photocopier \$4,800,
- insurance policy renewals \$8,800,
- My Heritage library access \$5,181.

Looking ahead, expenditure is expected around improvements to our property, a new front door, portico, signage, further painting and down the track a mural. There will be ongoing projects as we settle into Delaware Street. Our aging IT network is currently undergoing a review and significant expenditure is anticipated in the ensuing two years.

### **Grants**

We are very pleased to announce that member Peter Gehrke has undertaken to be our grants writer. Peter is focussed on locating grants applicable to our organisation, especially for the expected IT upgrade. It is pleasing to report Peter's efforts in the few months he has been onboard have gained us a BCC grant to upgrade the security lighting at Delaware St. He has several others in the pipeline being fully conversant with the time frames for lodging future grant applications.

It is expected that the society will transition its digital platforms in the ensuing few years which will afford members and the public ever evolving service facilities, and income stream opportunities.

### **Property**

Our Brisbane City Council lease is for four years to 5th March 2028. Our first year's rates account for the property was just over \$600.00.

### **Cheques & Postal Orders**

Suncorp Bank advise that, as from 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025, like other banks in Australia, they will no longer accept cheques or postal orders as deposits. You may have seen this in the media recently.

The Management committee shall continue to monitor our financial position.

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## Awards 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.

Nominations for 2024 closed on 30 September 2024 and the President of QFHS, Kevin Haley, presented award winners with their certificates at the Volunteers Thank You Morning Tea on Tuesday 9 December 2024.

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



Alex Daw (nominated by Allana O'Kane)

Wendy Angliss (nominated by Alex Daw)



Dale Fogarty (nominated by Ruth Linde). Dale was overseas and will be presented with her certificate early in 2025.



We also presented an Honorary Life Membership and certificate to Maureen Arthur.

Mary Geiger, Bev Bonning and Jackie Buttress were made Fellows of QFHS. Their certificates were presented at our premises on 6 February 2025.



Allana O’Kane announced the winner of the Journal Article of the Year: Members Choice Award, Jan Swift.

All participating members were placed in a draw for the prize of a gift voucher for an Education event of their choice. Ross Hansen was the delighted winner.

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## Queensland Family Historian

The February 2025 issue of the Queensland Family Historian can be

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found on the QFHS website at 'Resources/Documents'. The latest edition is 'Queensland Family Historian Vol 46 No. 1 Feb 2025..



## Volunteer Profile

Jenny Davidson - East West Country  
SIG

Jenny Davidson is a volunteer with several roles. The English West Country SIG began in 1991 and has 43 members, researching in Cornwall, Devon, Dorset, and Somerset. Jenny has been in this group for 18 years, and convenor for eight. Members meet informally via Zoom every two months to share recent breakthroughs, difficulties, interesting websites or books, and research techniques. The group's ancestors had careers in mining, construction, the clergy, and maritime industries including Merchant and Royal Navies. As convenor, Jenny sets up the Zoom meetings, emails members before and after (with notes), and runs the meeting. You can email [englishwestcountry@qfhs.org.au](mailto:englishwestcountry@qfhs.org.au) to join the group. Maps, books, and hard copy journals are available at our Resource Centre.

Another role Jenny fulfills is to support 'Presenting ...' sessions via Eventbrite and Zoom. This takes a few hours every couple of weeks. Jenny finds organizing the Zoom sessions okay, but Eventbrite is more challenging.

Jenny joined QFHS about 2006 because it was situated close to family. Her areas of interest include Germanic countries, DNA, Scotland, and England. Jenny loves learning the history of the early days of what is now south-east Queensland. An interesting snippet is that Jenny's mother's paternal grandfather was known only as John Johnson, but he was supposedly Dutch, possibly from what's now Germany - hence her interest in DNA.

One of Jenny's great-grandfathers came to Brisbane in the late 1850s with his siblings and parents, and she is a certificated member of our Queensland Pre-Separation Group. Membership is open to those who have at least one ancestor who lived in Queensland pre-separation (i.e. before 10 December, 1859).

The day I joined the English West Country SIG meeting, there were six attendees and a few apologies. The lack of numbers was immaterial, because enthusiasm and sharing of information flowed. I was able to talk about my Williams and Buncombe family connections with Fowey, in Cornwall.

Jenny has ancestors from all four counties covered by this SIG, and loves discussing her research with others. She showed us photos from her travels in the English West Country. She explained she had found records for her second cousin three times removed, Isaac Hawker, born in 1835 in Devon, from where in the 1860s he paid poor rates. She also found him in water rental books.

Jenny Davidson is another enthusiastic and active QFHS volunteer. She also loves cooking, and I wonder if she has recipes from each of her family interest counties?

**Dornell Wylie**



### **QFHS is seeking replacement volunteers**

As mentioned in the last Snippets, Caroline Brudell has reluctantly stood down as the **Volunteer Coordinator** and **Welfare Officer** at QFHS. In addition Carolyn Grimward used to do the **Members Lounge**. Many thanks to these two ladies for all their hard work for QFHS. It has been greatly appreciated.

Now is the chance for other members to contribute to our society. Consider if you can spend a little time helping and have an interest in filling any of these vacancies. For more

information and to register your interest please

... send your enquiry to [volunteering@qfhs.org.au](mailto:volunteering@qfhs.org.au).

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## 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 5 Apr 25 - 10am**

**Sunday 13 Apr 25 - 10.30am zoom**

**Saturday 29 Mar 25 - 10am**

**Saturday 22 Feb 25 - 10am**

**Thursday 27 Mar 25 - 12 noon**

**Saturday 15 Mar 25 - 9am**

**Sunday 2 Mar 25 - 1pm**

**Saturday 1 Mar 25 - 10am**

**Saturday 13 Mar 25 - 10am**

**Thursday 8 Mar 25 - 7pm**



**Sunday 8 Mar 25 - 10am**

**Thursday 17 Mar 25 - 7pm**

**Sunday 16 Mar 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.

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## **Next Management Committee meeting**

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

**11 March 2025 at 7.00pm by zoom**

QFHS members may submit items for the MC meeting via the Secretary at [secretary@qfhs.org.au](mailto:secretary@qfhs.org.au).

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## **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 next session will be held on 30th March at 9.30am at the QFHS centre, 46 Delaware St, Chermside.**

Bookings are essential at [welcome@qfhs.org.au](mailto:welcome@qfhs.org.au)

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## Members Lounge - Presenting ...

### **Moments in Migration: Exploring the Immigration Experience**

**19 March 2025, 1 pm**

Hybrid

**Eve Terry** has worked for the National Archives of Australia for ten years. An important aspect of Eve's work with the collection included making World War I repatriation records available online.

[Read more...](#)



### **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.

[Read more...](#)

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## Book Club

**Monday 24 February, 10:00am**

## "A Periodic Tale. My Science Memoir"

by Dr Karl Kruszelnicki

This event will be held ONLINE.

[Read more...](#)



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## Learn@QFHS

Friday 21 February 10:00am ONLINE

### YouTube for Family Historians

This presentation covers the anatomy of a channel, subscriptions, and then a wide range of channels- libraries, archives, professional genealogists, geographic areas of interest, Family History/genealogy groups, Search providers, genealogy software etc. The session finishes with Your own channel - how to set it up and suggested content.

Book and read [more here...](#)

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## RESOURCES - NEW AND ONGOING

QUEENSLAND  
STATE ARCHIVES

### Forthcoming release of the 1994 Queensland Cabinet papers

Can you remember what happened in 1994? To be reminded, dive into the Queensland Cabinet Minutes, which are about to be released by the Queensland State Archives.

Read further through the following

link: <https://mail.archives.qld.gov.au/v/40791/1604806/email.html?k=Djo2P8ZTjxvhH-5jSs26jGjZecPTvelxIY41Z8EYwUc>.

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## **Unlock the Past**

**An event held on 12-13 December 2024**

This two-day workshop was held at the Geebung RSL Club and featured British presenters Chris Paton and Mia Bennett. The programme aimed to help participants take their research further, with talks covering various Scottish, English and Irish records as well as DNA use and sharing family history online.

As a sponsor of the event, QFHS had an information stand, which we manned. The workshop was well attended and it was a great opportunity for us to catch up with the many members present; and to promote the society, its activities, publications and online resources to others, two of whom joined QFHS while there. Many thanks to Gayle Wallace and Pat Gardner for organising hand out material and CDs for sale, and to John Haberecht and Alex Daw for transporting items to and from the venue.

Overall, the event clearly went well, with many participants commenting on the high levels of expertise of both presenters and on their professional, informative and entertaining presentations. Attendees and the organisers were also very appreciative of the QFHS presence.

The next major event with QFHS sponsorship will be the Connections Conference in March and we are looking forward to again spreading the word at the QFHS stand then!

**Ann and Tony Swain**

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## **Review of 'A Home-Grown Monarch of the Queen's State' by guest speaker Dr Gary Bacon**

The presentation took place on Wednesday 18 September 2024 at 1 pm.

The first known discovery of the Hoop Pine by white men was made by John Oxley and Allan Cunningham on 21 September 1824.

*Oxley*: 'We penetrated through a very thick brush abounding with stately and magnificent pines, which towered far above the other timber of the hill. Mr C(unningham) procured a couple of young cones, which satisfactorily demonstrated that the tree which had excited so much admiration was an entirely new species of the genus *Auricularis* (*Araucaria*). To this stately tree Mr C gave the name of the Brisbane pine.'

*Cunningham:* 'Hitherto in our examination of this River, we have been only gratified with a distant view of the Pine; immediately we approached one of magnificent stature, the Monarch of these woods. It was a healthy well-grown Tree, exceeding 120 feet in height with a trunk 3'6" diam. It was totally impossible not to halt a few moments to admire this noble tree.'

The son of a logger, from his early teens, Dr Gary Bacon went out to help, as a 'bluetonguer', (doer of tough jobs). He says a tree is his favourite biota and he took us on a virtual tour of Australia to see where different species were found. He points out the benefits of trees in social, environmental and economic terms. Surprisingly, Russia has the largest expanse (25%) of the world's forests. Gary described with passion the different species, pointing out that, because of the measured benefits of green growth, there are now moves to recreate forests on high-rise buildings.

Gary elaborated on the botanical exploration of Joseph Banks, (who accompanied Cook in 1770), Robert Brown (who circumnavigated Australia with Flinders, and Allan Cunningham. (who came to Brisbane with Oxley in 1824). Gary's enthusiasm was evident in every word and movement (he stood to illustrate size and detail). He showed an illustration of Australia's first prefabricated building at Redcliffe to which were added blue gum weather boards and rafters; of Cunningham's group meeting a friendly Aboriginal Australian spear fishing in the river before they climbed Pine Mountain and found the tree that bears Cunningham's name (*Araucaria cunninghamii*).

The hoop pine got its name from the round hoop left when a downed tree was eaten out. With the establishment of Queensland's timber industry, founded on this tree, bullock teams carried felled trunks to timber mills. Within 20 years the old forests were gone, but hoop pines began to be replanted, following the advice of Edward Swain, the man who laid the foundation of modern forestry economics in Queensland.

**Dornell Wyllie**

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## **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 world-wide.

By going to <https://www.familysearch.org/en/newsroom/familysearch-library-webinars-november-2024>, you will gain access to view the newsletter, which gives information about the latest events and also further information about FamilySearch's expanding collection

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## 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.

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### Journals: a rich resource

#### NSW

[FOUNDERS 56 1 2025 02](#)

[Bega Valley Genealogist 41 1 2025 02](#)

[Patrick Plains Gazette 41 3 2024 12](#)

[PFFF Newsletter 61 2025 01](#)

[SAG Descent 54 4 2024 12](#)

[Wyong Tree Of Life 42 1 2025 02](#)

[Young Lambing Flat 46 4 2024 12](#)

[Young Lambing Flat 47 1 2025 02](#)

#### NT

[Gensoc NT Progenitor 43 3 2024 09](#)

[Gensoc NT Progenitor 43 4 2024 12](#)

## **Queensland**

[Chermside Gazette 27 6 2024 11](#)

[Gladstone Timeline 27 2 2024 11](#)

[GSQ Generation 48 2 2024 12](#)

[Ipswich Bremer Echoes 42 3 2024 11](#)

[RHSQ 903 2025 02](#)

[Whitsunday Branching Out 2024 07](#)

[Whitsunday Branching Out 2024 11](#)

## **SA**

[South Australian Genealogist 51 4 2024 11](#)

## **Tas**

[Tasmanian Ancestry 41 1 2020 06](#)

[Tasmanian Ancestry 41 2 2020 09](#)

[Tasmanian Ancestry 41 3 2020 12](#)

[Tasmanian Ancestry 41 4 2021 03](#)

## **Victoria**

[Gensoc Victoria Ancestor 37 3 2024 09](#)

[Hawkesbury Crier 2024 12](#)

## **England**

[Berkshire 48 2024 12](#)

[Bristol Avon 197 2024 09](#)

[Bristol Avon 198 2024 12](#)

[Cheshire Ancestor 55 2 2024 12](#)

[Derbyshire 191 2024 12](#)

[Dorset 38 1 2024 12](#)

[Herefordiensis 15 12 2025 01](#)

[Hertfordshire People 171 2024 12](#)

[Manchester Genealogist Issue 60 3 2024 09](#)

[Manchester Genealogist Issue 60 4 2024 12](#)

[Northamptonshire Footprints 47 3 2025 02](#)

[Nottinghamshire Journal 18 01 2025 01](#)

[Shropshire Journal 45 4 2024 12](#)

[Somerset Greenwood Tree 49 4 2024 12](#)

[West Middlesex 42 4 2024 12](#)

## **Scotland**

[Shetland Coontin Kin 132 2024 12](#)

[Tay Valley Historian 130 2025 02](#)

## **Canada**

[Saskatchewan Bulletin 55 3 2024 12](#)

NZ

[NZ Family Tree 2024 12](#)

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## Ken Your Kin!

### Strathclyde Institute for Genealogical Studies (SIGS)

is thrilled to launch Ken Your Kin, an exciting new event being held in **Glasgow, Scotland from the 4<sup>th</sup> to the 11<sup>th</sup> of June 2025.**

Whether you're a seasoned genealogist or taking your first steps into the world of Scottish family history, the **Ken Your Kin Summer School** promises an unforgettable journey into the heart of Scottish ancestry and heritage.

Our **7-day programme** includes -

- Talks from Scottish historians, museum curators and family history experts
- Further your genealogy journey with one-to-one input from qualified genealogists
- Experience Scottish food, drink and traditions
- Visit a range of museums, cultural and literary venues
- Enjoy a vibrant social programme
- Ideal for groups or the solo traveller
- [Join an optional 2-day 'Introduction to Scottish Family History' course.](#)

More information and bookings [here...](#)

## NOTICEBOARD

During building works at The Hutchins School in Hobart in March 2024, bones were found and construction halted — leading to the ultimate discovery of almost 2,000 bodies that were believed to have been moved from the old graveyard over which the school is located.

An archaeological team undertook what is believed to be the largest mass exhumation in Australian history, digging up the bodies and attempting to identify them — hampered by appalling burial practices and poor record-keeping.

Who were these people and how did authorities go about identifying their identities? Go to this link to find out: <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2024-12-15/largest-mass-exhumation-in-australian-history-hutchins-school/104559368>





## Australia's largest mass exhumation revealed



## Winner of the GSV writer's prize for 2024

... is **Sue Reid**, for her story 'Speak Now or Forever hold your Peace'.

What happened at the wedding at Ripponlea Estate in 1870?

The bridegroom was an important public figure and member of Parliament.

What could possibly go wrong?

To read more, click on the following link: <https://www.gsv.org.au/blog/speak-now-or-forever-hold-your-peace-wins-gsv-writing-prize-2024>

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## 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). Some can be accessed from home, and others the Research Centre in Chermide.

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.

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

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

Open until **21 April 2025**

Daily, 9am - 4pm

Free admission, no bookings required

For further information, click below:

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

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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.

For further information, go to <https://harrygentle.griffith.edu.au/>. The page 'Search Guide' will assist in navigating the dictionary.

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## A First Fleet reunion

In October 2025, a gathering of descendants of three convicts of the First Fleet will take place in Hobart. The purpose is to celebrate the strength and resilience of our ancestors, their unique history, and to share stories of their lives.

When the First Fleet set sail on 13 May 1787, on board the *Scarborough* were Jacob Bellett and Edward Garth and, on the *Friendship*, was Susannah Gough. All were convicts, found guilty of theft and sentenced to transportation. During their years in Australia, the three people and their subsequent families knew each other well, intermarried, and had many descendants.

If you are interested in gaining more information about the reunion, email [hobartoct2025@gmail.com](mailto:hobartoct2025@gmail.com), or go to <https://garthbellett.wordpress.com/the-event/>.

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## 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.**



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# STATE LIBRARY QUEENSLAND

For the last eight years, eight researchers have delved deep into the treasure of the State Library of Queensland's collections, uncovering untold stories and surprising insights. Now, the researchers and the Library are ready to share their discoveries.

*Research Reveals* will be offered over two days in March 2025: Friday 14 Mar, 6 - 7.30 pm and Saturday 15 March 10 am - 4 pm

To see the full program, click on the following link.

[Click here](#)

Venue:| SLQ Auditorium 1

Cost: Free, booking required.

To register, go to <https://www.slq.qld.gov.au/whats-on/research-reveals-2025-queensland-history-symposium>.



**Connections will take  
place in Brisbane 21-  
24 March 2025**

The Connections organisers have recently released a newsletter that advises changes to some program details. For further information about what the conference will offer, go to <https://www.connections2025.org.au>.

To register, go to <https://www.connections2025.org.au/registration>.



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## **Queensland Family History Society's Sponsor Speakers - Alex Daw and Charlotte Sale**

### **Alex Daw**

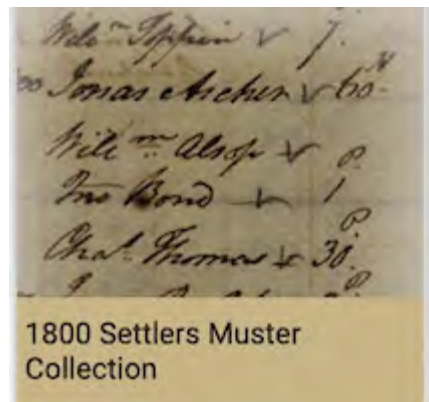
With a background in libraries and education, Alex brings her enthusiasm for family history to life, both in person and through her popular blog, FamilyTreeFrog. A dedicated volunteer at the Queensland Family History Society and the Coordinator of National Family History Month 2023, Alex loves helping others discover their roots.

### **Charlotte Sale**

A seasoned genealogist with more than three decades of experience and training, Charlotte has a talent for solving complex family puzzles. She has now researched her family in more than ten countries. A passionate storyteller, her engaging presentations make her a favourite in the genealogy community.

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*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 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/>.

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## 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](mailto: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.

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.

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

[Register here](#)

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## MyHeritage's French historical record collection



MyHeritage offers an important historical record collection: France, Tables of Successions and Absences, 1890–1970. This 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](#)

## MyStories

MyHeritage is also launching MyStories, a new Global service that enable you to capture your personal stories in a printed book. You can check it out at [MyStories.com](#),

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## 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.

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## 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](mailto: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.

Many images used in Snippets are sourced from Pixabay, State Library of Queensland, Wikimedia Commons.

*The Family History Research Centre is located on  
the traditional lands of the Turrbal and Jagera peoples.*

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