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Special Snippets No 2

This is the second edition of our Special Snippets that will be a regular email to all members while our library is closed. Did you find any items of interest in Special Snippets No 1? We would love you to interact with us and tell us what you would like us to find and include.

This edition has three very special items:

- Special Offer to encourage not-yet-members to join us. Do tell your friends.
- We have uploaded Toowong Cemetery Monumental Inscriptions for you.
- **Ask QFHS** - a quick family history or genealogy question.

We have not yet received any Online Cuppa items to include in this issue. Do have a think and anything that you might ask a fellow member in the QFHS kitchen you can ask online. A family name and a town might just be a connection to another member's family.

We are in uncharted waters but we hope it will not be too long before we can again chat in the library over that all-important cuppa. In the meantime, we need to stay positive.



Do you have any friends or family interested in family history research? While our library is closed, we have discounted our membership.

Being a member of QFHS provides access at home to *MyHeritage* and *QFHS Online Access*, and more. This is much less expensive than directly subscribing to any of the big commercial subscription sites. Go [here](#)

Do tell your friends.



We have uploaded another new dataset for you to research.

[Toowong Cemetery Monumental Inscriptions](#)

Toowong Cemetery is the largest cemetery in Brisbane. It was opened on 5 Jul 1875 though several burials had already taken place prior to this – Colonel Samuel Wensley Blackall in 1871 being the first.

It also contains several earlier headstones – after 1881 the bodies of three children (the children of guards of the convict settlement) who died in the 1830s were moved from a North Quay site to Toowong along with the original headstones. After the Paddington Cemeteries Act of 1911, several memorials and bodily remains were also removed from Paddington Cemetery (Lang Park) to Toowong Cemetery.

Though all plots had been sold by 1975, burials still take place in family plots and a columbarium has been established.

As well as a searchable index of the approximately 44,000 entries, a PDF of the inscriptions will reveal the actual inscription for each entry.

More previously unpublished data is planned to be released in April so keep an eye on our website for details.

Ask QFHS

Do you have a quick family history or genealogy question?

Email our new “**Ask QFHS**” service at and one of our panel of experienced members will be in touch to help.

For example, you could ask for help with

- Finding out how to use a particular website or resource
- Understanding an unfamiliar term or phrase in a record
- Get recommendations for where to find records
- and more...

Email askqfhs@qfhs.org.au and find out how we can help.

Suggestions from fellow members

Do send your favourite website to [share with fellow members](#) in the Special Snippets. It doesn't have to be a research site. Perhaps it is a music video or a hobby. e.g. Do you grow orchids? Send us some photos and how you have established your collection. Have you taken a trip in the last few years? Some highlights for those who are planning something similar when normality returns.

Here are some snippets sent in for this edition.

I find [Trove](#) a never-ending source of entertainment, filling out my family stories as well as finding articles about various historical events. In the current climate where measures being rolled out to combat COVID-19 are being compared with what

happened in the Spanish flu epidemic of 1919 I'm finding it interesting to read newspaper articles of that time, especially as 2 people on my family tree died from it in Townsville. (Item courtesy Lesley Stratford).

One website that I find useful if I can't find when somebody died is www.findagrave.com which I find by searching its name using Google. It includes worldwide cemeteries and sometimes has photos of headstones, which can give you vital information. However, if there is no headstone the details are not recorded. I have found headstones in Britain, Canada, U.S.A. and Australia.

If you know the place where your ancestor is interred, you could try the local council, county or town website to see if the burial records are available.

Hope this helps someone. (Item courtesy Bev Moore).

All of the State Archives have websites that are free, and immigration records & other details can be got from them. Also Australian Archives for Immigration and war records. Just Google the appropriate Archive. A lot of people forget about these. The National Archives can be found [here](#) and the Queensland State Archives [here](#)

Another web presence is [Bellarine Historical Soc. Inc.](#) in Victoria. They have searchable data bases. Bellarine Is a district of Victoria around Geelong and the Bellarine Peninsula. (Item courtesy of Bev Moore)

Looking for a challenge?

Q1 What was the name of the ship John Kelly was a passenger on? John arrived in Brisbane in 1865. He arrived with his wife and family. How old was he and what was his occupation.

Q2 Where have these records been sourced from?

Q3 How would you write the citation?

For more about writing citations:

Evidence explained – [Historical Analysis](#), citation and source usage by Elizabeth Shown Mills –

YouTube tutorial: [Complete and Accurate Citation of Sources](#)

Answers next edition.

(Challenge courtesy of Susie der Kinderen).

Anzac Day 2020

With Anzac Day fast approaching and all local services cancelled you might like to tune in to the live broadcast of the dawn service at the Australian War Memorial. For more information go [here](#) and perhaps you might like to do some more research into your defence force ancestor/s.

[Service Records WWI](#) All records digitised.

[Service Records WWII](#) These records are slowly being digitised. Worth a look.

[What's in the collections?](#) Perhaps you would like to ask a question? You can do that [here](#)

[Rats of Tobruk](#)

Would you would like to learn more about a battalion your family member might have served in. Simply go to Google and use 'Facebook battalion Queensland' as your search words. You could do the same for all states. Remember, when the library re-opens there is an impressive collection of battalion histories in the Print Library.

How about doing an online course?

The State Library of Queensland has [online courses](#) in every subject imaginable. You will need a SLQ library card to enrol free but that is easy to do online [here](#)

Genealogy: Researching your family tree

Free online course Family History for Beginners from Strathclyde

University via Future Learn platform. Develop an understanding of genealogy – how to research your family tree and share the results. (Course recommended by Charlotte Sale). More information [here](#).

Perhaps a little exercise program for those self-isolating.

YouTube is the best place to find at home exercise programs. Check out an easy 5 min program [here](#)

Web Wanderings



For those with a personal subscription site. May be of interest to you.

[Middlesex Baptisms](#)

Do you have ancestors from Middlesex? Search this collection of baptism records to find out details such as birth year, baptism year, parents' names and residence.

[Cambridgeshire Burials](#)

Discover whether your ancestor was buried in Cambridgeshire. Search records of deaths in Cambridge and the surrounding county from the earliest 16th century registers.

Electronic Journals

Electronic Journals received this month include societies in British Columbia, Aberdeen, Ipswich, Central Queensland, and more.

You can browse these and other earlier journals [here](#). You will need to login.

Other items that may be of interest

Welcome to ISOGG... | International Society of Genetic Genealogy

It might be a perfect time for people to get into using DNA as a research tool. There are many sites to learn how to use it and this is one of them. Check it out [here](#)

Once you've got your test results you need never be bored again! Following up your matches leads to more information for your family tree and new contacts. Great stuff. (Item courtesy Lesley Stratford).

Everyone has family stories. What about yours?

Have you ever thought about writing a story about your life? This could be a fun activity to share with your family in the future. To get started go to [FamilySearch](#).

We read stories of the [Spanish Flu](#) that killed many thousands of people immediately after WW1. [Spanish Flu Australia 1919](#) Why not write a day-to-day account of the Coronavirus/COVID-19? Your descendants in 100 years time might appreciate a first hand account of its impact on the world. Store it with your family history papers.

Volunteer?

Have you ever thought that, one day, you might find time to do some online indexing. *The Ryerson Index* is a free index to death notices appearing in Australian newspapers. The date range covered extends from the *Sydney Gazette* of 1803 up to newspapers published within the last week or so. The Index also includes many funeral notices, and some probate notices and obituaries. They would welcome new volunteers. More information [here](#).

Perhaps you would like to do some *Trove* editing. More information [here](#).

The Real Face of White Australia

The Real Face of White Australia is an online project to

transcribe data from identification documents – namely Certificates of Domicile and Certificates Exempting from the Dictation Test – created by the administration of the Immigration Restriction Act in the first half of the 20th century.

All data extracted by the Real Face of White Australia project will be made available to the public for further research.

Would you like to volunteer in transcribing records that document the lives of ordinary people living under the restrictions of the White Australia Policy.

For more information click [here](#)

Virtual tours

Have you ever wanted to visit the [Scottish Highlands](#).

We certainly can't physically travel to Ireland at present but you can still do a virtual tour. Perhaps you have been to Ireland and would like to bring back some memories.

[10 Irish Museums to visit virtually](#)

[How about 12 World-Class Museums](#)



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

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