



Special Snippets No 5

It has been reassuring to hear from members with some very positive messages recently. Having the extra online family history websites and databases has kept them interested and occupied during the COVID-19 isolation period.

You are receiving regular Special Snippets to keep you informed regarding what your QFHS team is doing for you. It's not all roses as we build more online content but we are getting there.

As you know we made the decision to send our May journal, the Queensland Family Historian, electronically to all members. The paper copy will be posted when the isolation period ends. Some members had problems opening this issue. The problem seems to be with some versions of the Google Chrome browser and we advise members to try another browser such as Firefox or Edge. While Findmypast has given our members remote access to their website, they have restricted us with only one login so we are treated as one user and their site has maximum daily and monthly limits which we easily exceed. We are working with them to try to fix this.

We are holding Management Committee meetings online and the Central European interest group has also held a meeting online. Fridays@QFHS are taking bookings for sessions online for the rest of 2020. We have had some teething problems, but there are a lot of positives. One of those being that online sessions has allowed regional Queensland and interstate members to attend. Our May Members' Meeting is planned to be held online. We will keep you informed of

future online sessions as we work through the protocols.

We want to keep our members engaged and able to research. So please take advantage of our online initiatives:-

- [AskQFHS](#) A free service. Send in a family history query and our experienced and friendly panel will investigate and hopefully find an answer or suggestion.
- [Online Access](#) There is a treasure trove of QFHS published datasets for you to browse. From here you can also access our MyHeritage, Ancestry, TheGenealogist, Irish Ancestors, Findmypast, and more.

We are working hard to provide you with ideas to assist you to continue to research at home. We value your membership and very much hope you will see value in our effort and renew your membership when it expires.

Stay safe and keep active online.

Chris Gibbs – President



This dataset will be of particular interest to members with European ancestry.

[Emigrants from Hamburg to Australasia 1850 – 1879](#)

This database provides a searchable index to all available departure lists for ships from Hamburg to ports in Australia and New Zealand during the period. The database records the name, former place of residence, age, occupation, ship, destination and departure year for more than 40,000 emigrants between 1850 and 1879. Each entry links to a pdf file from the published series of 21 books so that the information on the ships, reports extracted from the contemporary newspapers and the footnotes are also accessible. Listed are emigrants destined for all states in Australia (except Western Australia) and ports in both the north and south islands of New Zealand. It includes passenger lists for which no Australasian records exist.

And a little closer to home you might browse this set from a very early Brisbane cemetery.

[Queensland Cemeteries Monumental Inscriptions: South Brisbane](#)

South Brisbane Cemetery Monumental Inscriptions indexes all the approximately 12,600 monumental inscriptions in South Brisbane Cemetery, Dutton Park, as transcribed during the 1980s by members of the Queensland Family History Society, with some more recent inscriptions added in 2007 while the index was in preparation.

What's On!

Members' Meetings



Members' Meetings during [May](#) and [June](#) will be conducted online using Zoom. We have some interesting speakers for you, described below.

If you would like to 'attend' one of these meetings you will need to email the [Secretary](#). These meetings are free of charge but registration is required to enable us to send attendees a link to connect to the Zoom meeting.

A wonderful opportunity for those unable to attend meetings at the library due to distance or mobility.

When: 20 May 2020 from 1.00pm

Guest Speaker: Greg Hallam, Queensland Rail Historian.

A short [meeting](#) followed by Greg's talk that will focus on the Centenary of the arrival of the then Prince of Wales, who later became King Edward VIII on a royal visit to the Sunshine State.

When: 17 June 2020 from 7.30pm

Guest Speaker: Chris Schuetz

A short [meeting](#) will be followed by Chris' talk about patterns of migration within Australia and beyond with examples from his mining and farming forebears.

The general principles are taken from detailed academic studies over 150 years.



Fridays@QFHS

All *Fridays@QFHS* sessions that will be presented this year can be found [here](#).



Google for family history

Presenter: Susie der Kinderen

We use Google for many reasons, however using Google for efficient family history research and to obtain good results requires a few extra skills. More information can be found [here](#)

When: 8 May, 2020 from 10.00 to 11.30am

Cost: \$11 QFHS and GSQ members, \$15 all others

Note: This session will be delivered online.

Be quick – only a few spaces left!

Register online now

Queensland School Records: What can I learn?

Presenter: Rosemary Kopitke

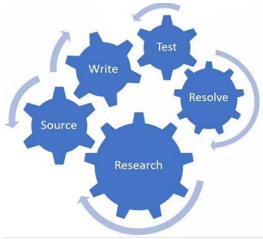


Our schools produced many records. Usually we think of the admission registers and are happy to locate our family in these but do we know what more we can learn by checking out the original record? We need to

realise too that many other records also exist: corporal punishment registers, school inspectors' reports, lists of promotions for teachers, and much more. More information can be found [here](#).

When: 26 June 2020 from 10.00 to 11.30am
Cost: \$11 QFHS and GSQ members and \$15 all others
Note: This session will be delivered online.

[Register online now](#)



The Genealogical Proof Standard: are your family history conclusions acceptable?

Presenter: Charlotte Sale

As family historians we need to ensure that the information and stories we gather, and the conclusions that we draw are valid. Otherwise, our precious research is likely to be more fiction than fact. More information can be found [here](#).

When: 10 July 2020 from 10.00 to 11.30am
Cost: \$11 QFHS and GSQ members and \$15 all others
Note: This session will be delivered online.

[Register online now](#)

The Huguenots: the almost forgotten people

Presenter: Robert Nash



The Huguenots were the Protestants of France. In the sixteenth, seventeenth, and eighteenth centuries, they suffered severe persecution in their homeland because they did not follow the Catholic faith. More information can be found [here](#).

When: 25 July 2020
Cost: \$11 QFHS and GSQ members and \$15 all others
Note: No decision at this stage if this event will be presented online or

at the library.

Register online now

Special Interest Groups (SIGs)



There are plans to hold some *Special Interest Group* meetings online.

You will be advised by your group Convener regarding your specific group.

If you'd haven't already been but would like to attend a meeting please contact the Convenor of that group.

Ask QFHS

Have you sent in a quick family history or genealogy question to test our panel of experienced experts?

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.



If you're stuck at home and want to do something different, then why not do a little indexing to help QFHS upload more data to our website.

The current project is to provide a name index for the *Queensland Family Historian 1979–2020*.

Volunteers enter information from journals into an Excel spreadsheet. All you need is a computer, internet connection and a willingness to learn. No minimum time commitment for volunteers. Whether you can do a little or a lot, all contributions are welcome. Instructions will be provided.

For more information and to register your interest email the team [here](#)

Web Wanderings

Australia

[Find and Connect](#)

A resource for Forgotten Australians, former child migrants and anyone interested in the history of child welfare in Australia.

On 29 April 1770 Capt. Cook came ashore in Botany Bay, Australia. On line exhibitions and maps to recognise this event are available at these web sites:

[National Museum Australia](#)

[Australian National Maritime Museum](#)

[National Library of Australia](#)

Item courtesy of Maurice Friend.

Queensland

Did you go to school in Queensland?

Schools of Queensland – Snapshots of Queensland's Educational Past, and images of schools across the region. Over 700 photographs of schools, students, teachers, plans and more. You might find a photograph of a family member. Click [here](#)

New South Wales

For those with a connection to the Sutherland District there is lots of interesting information [here](#) (Item courtesy of Anne Taylor).

Victoria

Victoria has reduced the price for gaining email historical BDM certificates to \$20. Check the website [here](#) (Item courtesy of Helen Vince).

Victorian divorce files and cause lists

This is a transcribed copy of VPRS 5335/p4/3. A fantastic effort coordinated via the Archives Access Victoria Facebook page. A great community effort during the pandemic. Click on [Divorce Index 1939 - 1942](#) at bottom of page to view all 4300 names.

New Zealand

[Papers Past](#) is the New Zealand equivalent of Trove. (Item courtesy of Bev Moore).

Other countries

[Fibis – Families in British India Society.](#)

This is an excellent source of data for families with a connection to India in times past. (Item courtesy of Bev Moore).

[Cornwall Parish Records](#)

This website is excellent for tracing family in Cornwall. This is an Online Parish Clerks site.

The term OPC refers to unpaid volunteers who are willing to help others with their genealogical research. They collect, collate and transcribe records for various parishes within their respective areas.

Read more [here](#) (Item courtesy of Bev Moore)

For our [Isle of Mann](#) members:

Free during the pandemic. Access the website [here](#) (Item courtesy of Bev Moore)

[Jersey Archive Talks – listen online](#)

Jersey Heritage is holding a series of live webinars over the coming weeks to enable it to continue delivering its archive talks and connecting with Archive users during the Coronavirus lockdown.

These will consist of both old and new 'What's Your Street's Story?' webinars as well as tutorials to introduce the thousands of online resources available on our Archives and Collections Online Catalogue. For times and topics go to the website.

[Irish Podcasts courtesy of Eneclann](#)

Access a wide range of Irish history and genealogy podcasts. Recorded live in the National Library & for the Expert Workshop series (thanks to hosts the Royal Irish Academy, and the Military History Archives).

New on Subscription sites



[Northumberland and Durham Memorial Inscriptions](#)

Discover your English ancestry through the Northumberland and Durham monumental inscriptions. These are a fantastic addition to your family history research. The records include the full inscription on your ancestor's burial headstone which most often includes additional family names and dates.

[Northumberland Baptisms](#)

You can search both parish registers and bishop's transcripts. FMP have brought together records from the College of Arms, Durham University Library and the Northumberland & Durham Family History Society.

[Northumberland Marriages](#)

The collection comprises records from Northumberland Record Office, College of Arms, and Durham University Library. Other records were created in partnership with the Northumberland & Durham Family History Society.

[Dublin Workhouses Admission & Discharge Registers 1840–1919](#)

High levels of poverty in 19th century Ireland meant that hundreds of thousands of Irish people passed through the workhouses. The workhouses of the North and South Dublin Unions were among the busiest in Ireland, not simply because they were in the capital but because they often took in paupers from across the country.

[Durham Baptisms](#)

This collection of records also includes bishop's transcripts.

The [Greater London Burial Index](#) is a collection of the Middlesex Burials & Memorial Inscriptions, South London Burials Index 1545–1905, City of London Burials 1754–1855 and Middlesex Burials 1538–1992. This collection has recently been updated.

[Surrey Burials](#)

Over 450,000 records have been added to this index.

Kent – over a million new records. These records constitute a valuable resource for researching ancestry in Kent and have been provided in association with Canterbury Cathedral Archives, Kent County Council, Medway Archives, the North West Kent Family History Society and Val Brown.

[Kent Baptisms](#)

[Kent Marriages and Banns](#)

[Kent Burials](#)



[London, England, Newgate Calendar of Prisoners, 1785 –1853](#)

This collection contains a calendar of prisoners for the years 1785 to 1853. These calendars consist of lists, for the most part printed, of prisoners tried at Assizes and Quarter Sessions.

[UK, Imperial Yeomanry Records, 1899–1902](#)

This collection comprises attestation and discharge documents from the

War Office of men who enrolled in the Imperial Yeomanry during the South African War. The Imperial Yeomanry was a mounted volunteer force of the British army, made up of just under 35,000 men, and saw action in the Second Boer War between 1899 and 1902. The force was disbanded in 1908.

[Victoria, Australia, Coroner Inquest Deposition Files, 1840-1925](#)

This database contains Coroner Inquest Deposition Files

[New Zealand, Cemetery Records, 1800-2007](#)

378,207 new records added to this database in February 2020.

General items of interest

The [Internet Archive](#) is one of my favourite websites. It is one of the richest sources of family history resources currently on the internet and its just waiting for you to start researching or browsing. It a repository for text based items like books, registers, newsletters, journals, gazettes and almanacs, gazetteers, historical magazines, articles on social history, local history, family histories and military campaigns. If you find a text item that is of interest to you try searching within the text of the item with your keywords. The internet archive will bookmark each page that has your “keywords” listed.

To borrow and/or download items you must register and log in. It is a free service.

If you can't keep yourself busy with family research or perhaps need to have a breather here are some ideas from the Internet Archive to keep yourself out of trouble. Enjoy! Click [here](#)

Electronic Journals

[Journals received to 30 April 2020](#)

Journals can be an absolute treasure chest for researchers. Do check out the latest arrivals. England, Scotland, Australia, to name a few.

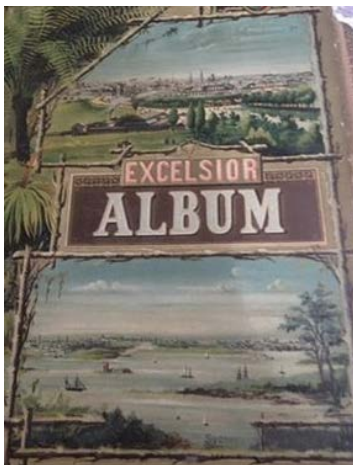
A couple of ephemera stories for you:

- In 1980 a man in Glasgow whose hobby was Early Victorian Postal history wrote to Latrobe library and other Australian libraries because he had found some letters written by an Isaac Ray, who was a convict in the service of Hamilton Hume, and other members of Isaac's family. A family historian found the biographical index at the library and was able to contact the man and acquire the original letters. The letters formed the foundation of the book *Two Sovereigns Worth!!* by Ian G. Ray
- Founders journal – founders-51-1-2019_02 – can still be accessed in QFHS subscription journals The front page story of this journal is of a jigsaw puzzle partly solved on page 5 of the journal by a 1794 land document offered for auction in 2012. It is an interesting read.

BEWARE these can become addictive and time wasting. However they did get me thinking. I googled ephemera and this site led me on to other sites.

<https://blog.genealogybank.com/ephemera-a-surprisingly-fertile-genealogical-resource.html>

There is also <https://www.ephemerasociety.org.au/> (Item courtesy of Nancy Edwards).



Is this your family album?

Member Susan Muller has a lovely old photo album and is seeking its family to treasure it once more. Possibly McInroy, Atkinson, Imrie, Buhr, or Homann families. The only identifying photo is of a gravestone at the Toowong Cemetery. The grave contains four people.

- Alexander McInroy b. 1831 Scotland d. 1884 Brisbane
- His wife Mary Ann McInroy née Gorman b. 1847 Ireland d. 1876 Brisbane
- His sister Eliza Atkinson née McInroy b. 1823 Scotland d. 1877 Brisbane
- Eliza's granddaughter Ann Atkinson Imrie b. 1879 d. 1879 Brisbane.

Ann's father Alexander Imrie lived to 1930 and was "an old identity of Queensland", he was survived by two daughters and three sons. [Obituary](#) of Alexander Imrie.

More details can be found on our [Facebook](#) page.

The Light Horse Plumes item in the Special Snippets – Anzac Edition stirred a few memories for members. Enjoy their stories.

The emu feathers were worn by the Queensland Mounted Infantry when they went to fight in the Boer war. After Federation they were amalgamated into the Australian Army and the Queensland Mounted Infantry became part of the light horse. Thus, the Light Horse took to wearing the emu feathers.

A bit more – if you join the army directly into the mounted infantry you get to wear the feathers even if you transfer to another branch of the army. If you join the army in a section other than the mounted infantry then transfer into the mounted infantry you can wear the emu feather whist in the mounted infantry but if you transfer out of the mounted infantry you have to stop wearing them. (Item courtesy of Alan Bourne).

I would like to comment on the emu plumes in the soldiers' hats. It is a funny story I tell but it is about my grandmother – of French descent – with her gggrandfather going to Malta to negotiate peace with Napoleon. My grandmother was born in Malta and met my grandfather who was injured at Gallipoli and was recuperating in the hospital in Malta. My grandmother was very young at the time – spoke very, very little English, but I think it was a case of love at first sight. They were married in Malta in 1915 according to the Maltese reports and she was disowned by her wealthy and titled family as they were very staunch Catholics. My grandfather was, as called in those days, High Church of England. When my grandmother went to England to stay with her older brother before she set sail for Australia, she and my grandfather were married again in the Catholic Church in Bournemouth, in the Sacristy. Unfortunately, her parents did not relent and she never saw her parents or had contact with them again. However, she did have contact with 2 brothers and one sister – she was one of 15.

Because my grandmother was young, spoke little English and no doubt was very impressionable, I think the Australian soldiers used to tell her tall stories. They told her that the plumes in the soldiers' hats came

from the kangaroo – which they may have told many, but the funny thing was that when my grandmother came to Australia as a war bride in 1918, the first thing she did when she saw a kangaroo, was to lie on the ground, wriggle underneath him – how she did that I do not know, but was pulling at his stomach trying to find the plumes. How the soldiers’ laughed at her she said. But for many a long day, she believed that those beautiful plumes came from the kangaroo’s stomach. The other thing they told her was that the translation for butterflies was flutterbies and until the day she died at age 97, they were always flutterbies. She was a very interesting, lively, stubborn and independent person – all of these traits she has passed on to her family. (Item courtesy of Marion Atkinson).

If you go back to the 1840s when there was a racecourse at “The Grange” at Ipswich you will find it was a very active course. Barely a meeting would pass when a flock of emus would scamper into the grounds and immediately racing would cease and men women and teens would quickly mount their steeds and chase them. A little later the spectators would return some proudly with emu tail feathers in the headbands of their hats. Among them of course there will have been men who were volunteers in the various Militia. This continued for some time. Family records also mention the same happenings at the racecourse on my ggggrandfather's property, now Archerfield, and was still happening when he closed down the course in 1866 shortly before his passing. (Item courtesy of Darcy Maddock).

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 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. Please note that reference to any product does not imply endorsement. Members are cautioned to evaluate products prior to purchase.

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