



Special Snippets No 11

August is *National Family History Month*. Along with many other groups we have added our events to the NFHM website. Of course, they are also available to our members on our own website for direct registration purposes.

The Library and Resource Centre has re-opened with restrictions on times, numbers, and what can and cannot be made available at this time. If you live locally and would like to call in for a session do make sure you read the attendance requirements link on the website home page.

More exciting data has been uploaded for you to access from home and new topics have been added to the Events program. Registration essential.

We hope you are still finding time for research in these very trying times.

Calendar

- 03 Aug – Management Committee Meeting
- 03 Aug – [Finding your family: a beginners course in research. Week 4](#)
- 07 Aug – [Family Tree Maker User Group](#)
- 08 Aug – [Irish Interest Group](#)
- 09 Aug – [Colonial India and Far East Interest Group](#)
- 10 Aug – [Finding your family: a beginners course in research. Week 5](#)
- 11 Aug – [Breaking down brick walls with DNA](#)
- 14 Aug – [Fridays@QFHS – Australian newspapers and substitutes – what](#)

[will we do after the 1950s - "What can we do when Trove runs out?".](#)

Sold out

15 Aug – [New Members Welcome and Orientation](#)

15 Aug – [TMG User Group](#)

17 Aug – [Finding your family: a beginners course in research. Final](#)

19 Aug – [Members' Meeting](#)

22 Aug – [Weekends@QFHS – Researching your Italian ancestors](#)

28 Aug – [Library Assistants' Team Meeting](#)

29 Aug – [Weekends@QFHS – Online Repository Assistant \(ORA\)](#)

Happenings

We're OPEN - business as new normal!

The library has re-opened with reduced hours and some very specific restrictions. We can't wait to see you again. However, in line with restrictions imposed on libraries there are some new rules. If you wish to visit please go to the [QFHS website](#) and follow the instructions. You must register for us to be able to control numbers.

Until further notice, all meetings and education sessions will be conducted via ZOOM and registrations are necessary. Closing date for registrations is important as a link, and possibly notes, will need to be emailed to all attendees at least a day prior to the meeting.

If you are planning to drive to the library be aware that there are roadworks in Samford Road for those turning into Pickering Street. Full details on the website.

It has been a long and drawn out shut-down but we hope you have kept busy online and using all of our uploaded datasets to break down some of your brick walls.

we're part of



Time to celebrate with other family historians and check out lots of

events being offered online from groups around Australia and New Zealand. Something for everybody. Do check out the list [here](#)

To celebrate QFHS is offering a [Special Membership Discount](#). Tell your friends.



As promised, we have uploaded this index for you. I am sure you will understand why it took us so long with over 5 million electors in Queensland registered to vote on the 1903, 1906, 1913, 1922, 1934, 1941, 1949, 1959 and 1969 Commonwealth Electoral Rolls. The Australian Electoral Rolls are the closest we can get to the UK Census which has proved invaluable to family history researchers.

The database lists all the information recorded in the main rolls (and the supplementary rolls, where available)—National Archives of Australia: BP94/2 (Commonwealth Electoral Rolls for Queensland).

Do use [Global Keyword Search](#) to quickly search for your family member/s in all available datasets.

[Commonwealth Electoral Roll \(Queensland\): Covering years 1903,1906,1913,1922,1934,1941,1949,1959,1969](#)

We are currently in the process of preparing Electoral Rolls from 1860 - 1879.

Watch this space!

Also, now available is the index compiled by QFHS members during the early days of the pandemic isolation. Sincere thanks to those volunteers who spent many hours keying in names from stories and other significant items printed in the Queensland Family Historian 1979 - 2019. There are over 15,000 names in this index. Is a member of your family one of them?

[Queensland Family Historian name index 1979-2019](#)

and there's more ...

This is an index to a scrapbook collection of Personal Notices in the **Brisbane**

Courier Mail and **Toowoomba Chronicle** between 1982 and 1985 held by the Queensland Family History Society. The index, of over 66,000 names, covers Births, Deaths, Marriages, In Memoriam, Engagements, and a range of other notices appearing in the paper during this period.

[Personal Notices in the Brisbane Courier-Mail and Toowoomba Chronicle between 1982 - 1985](#)

On 7 August 1909, the weekly Brisbane newspaper, **The Queenslander**, celebrated Queensland's Jubilee by publishing a supplement, *Queensland, a Pictorial memento of her first **Fifty Years of Existence as a self-Governing State***. The supplement included portraits of early pioneers who had been in the colony for 50 years or more. This dataset provides a list of the images of the Living Pioneer Colonists. Be sure to read the About to view an image.

[Fifty Years In Queensland : Living Pioneer Colonists \(1909\)](#)



Members' Meeting

When: 19 August from 7.30pm

Where: your own home – **online via ZOOM**

A short meeting for Chris Gibbs, QFHS President, to update you on what's happening in the library followed by a presentation by Guest Speaker, Lisa Jones from the Queensland Police Museum.

The Queensland Police Museum aspires to be an accessible and valued museum of national standing that collects and explores Queensland's policing history.

The Police Museum use its resources, exhibitions and public programs to investigate and compare issues faced by police officers of times past and of today.

[**Register online now**](#)



Social Media – Do you love it or hate it? Is your only experience what you hear or read in the media? Perhaps you have never taken the time to see what benefits it can have for family history research. If you go to Facebook and type in a friend you would like to connect with again, a town you might have lived in, an area your family originated from, a school you or your family attended, you might just be surprised by the contacts you can make.

QFHS has a Facebook page. Alex Daw is the QFHS Facebook Co-ordinator and regularly uploads all sorts of interesting articles and events that may be of interest in your research. If you open your FREE personal Facebook page and 'like' QFHS page you will receive each and every post that Alex has added.

The QFHS Facebook page can be found [here](#)

Education - Workshops/Courses/Seminars

Weekends@QFHS - Burial in Queensland: both an end and a means

Presenter: Dr Kerry Raymond



Kerry will explain how death and burial practices have changed in Queensland over time, and therefore what resources you may be able to use to find fascinating clues to advance your family history research.

When: **SUNDAY** 2 August 2020 from 10.00am to 11.30am

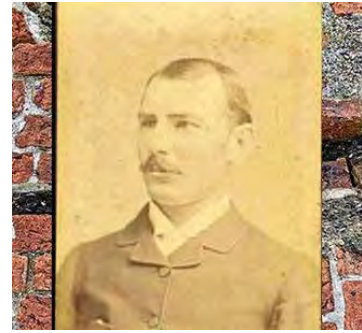
Cost: \$11 QFHS and GSQ members and \$15 all others

Where: in your own home – **online via ZOOM**

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Breaking down brick walls with DNA

Presenter: Amelia Bennett from the UK



DNA provides a useful tool to help chip away at brick walls. Combined with traditional genealogy research it can be a powerful tool.

This talk takes you through a journey of breaking down a long-standing brick wall to using more DNA to understand the family hiding behind the wall.

Practical methodology and techniques will be tied into the story of discovery to help you learn the skills to help chip away at your brick walls.

When: **TUESDAY** 11 August 2020 from 7.00pm
Cost: \$11 QFHS and GSQ members and \$15 all others
Where: in your own home – **online via ZOOM**

[Register online now](#)



Weekends@QFHS - Researching your Italian ancestors

Presenter: Charlotte Sale

In this presentation, Charlotte will show you how to start your Italian family research.

You will learn to manage the challenge of reading documents in Italian or Latin.

In addition, you will discover how to find records of your family in Italy

including those for births, deaths, and marriages. We will also discuss how to navigate Italy's complicated history to find the right archive.

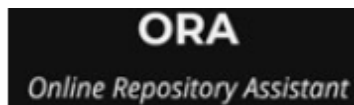
When: **SATURDAY** 22 August 2020

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

Where: in your own home – **online via ZOOM**

[Register online now](#)

Weekends@QFHS - Online Repository Assistant (ORA)



Presenter: Chris Wright

Online Repository Assistant (ORA) is an automated assistant for use with online repositories including Ancestry, FamilySearch, and [others](#). ORA combines a Windows program with a web browser extension, which when added to your favourite web browser (e.g. Google Chrome) will extract data and streamline your use of popular online services. The browser extension is compatible with Chrome, Edge, Firefox and Opera.

When: **SATURDAY** 29 August 2020 from 10.00am to 11.30am

Cost: FREE

Where: in your own home – **online via ZOOM**

[Register online now](#)

Fridays@QFHS - Lets dig into the records at Queensland State Archives



Presenter: Niles Elvery

Niles will provide an introduction to what an inquest is and an overview of what inquest records are held at Queensland State Archives. He will also look at how you locate inquest documents in the new ArchivesSearch catalogue and using the indexes. Niles will also take a look at what documents you are likely to find in the inquest file and what these documents might tell you.

When: 4 September 2020

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

Where: in your own home – **online via ZOOM**



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Fridays@QFHS - Remembering those who served: World War II records at the National Archives of Australia

Presenter: Cara Downes

This webinar will provide an overview of the National Archives' collection relating to World War II, with a focus on the defence records of those who served with the army, RAAF, and Navy. We will showcase the National Archives' website and online database RecordSearch, where you can search for service records. The seminar will also touch on other records relating to pay, repatriation, court-martial and civilian service.

When: 11 September 2020 from 10.00 to 11.30am

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

Where: in your own home – **online via ZOOM**

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Fridays@QFHS - Persons called before Government Committees 1860-1920

Presenter: Stephanie Ryan



People could be called before a Queensland government committee regardless of their status or occupation but they did need to explain why they were appropriate witnesses. As a result, we get insights into their personal history and the life of the times we would not otherwise get. Furthermore, we get it in their own words. The proceedings of government committees are therefore a valuable source of information which can be backed up with a range of other resources such as photographs, news items, and other documents.

When: 25 September 2020 from 10.00am to 11.30am

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

Where: in your own home – **online via ZOOM**

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Fridays@QFHS - Loving Aussie Libraries

Presenter: Susie der Kinderen

We all love libraries and may often forget that there is much much more than searching the catalogue and the indexes.

During this webinar we will take a look at a number of Australian libraries and I will show you some very useful and fun things that you may not have been aware of.

When: 11 October 2020 from 10.00am to 11.30am

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

Where: in your own home – online via ZOOM

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Do as I say not as I did: reflections of an Imperfect Genealogist

Presenter/s: Sue Swalwell



In looking back over her journey in family history, Sue Swalwell has concluded that she is indeed an Imperfect Genealogist. She would love to be able to go back to the beginning start again. She would then be able to use the knowledge and experience she has now to help her younger self avoid all the mistakes she has made, and knock down that brick wall she is still attempting to break through forty years on. As she cannot do that, she has decided to share her reflections on the lessons she has learnt with her fellow genealogists to help them to avoid those same pitfalls.

When: **TUESDAY** 20 October 2020 from 7.00pm to 8.30pm

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

Where: in your own home – **online via ZOOM**



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Fridays2QFHS - Australian newspapers and substitutes after the 1850's: what can we do when Trove runs out?

Presenter: Sue Reid

When the wonderful Trove Digitised Newspapers project began more than a decade ago, the only newspapers available via Trove were those published up to 1954. This was for copyright reasons.

We have come to rely on Trove Digitised newspapers to enrich our research, but what can we do 'when Trove runs out?'

When: 31 October 2020 from 10.00am to 11.30am

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

Where: in your own home – **online via ZOOM**

Note: This session is a repeat.

[Register online now](#)

Special Interest Groups (SIGs)



Make sure you check the Calendar (above) to ensure you don't miss your next SIG meeting. Meetings are being conducted online and registration is required. If you are still unsure about ZOOM and using it please do contact your Convenor for assistance.

Web Wanderings

[The Cairns Museum and Historical Society](#)

The collection covers the area from Cardwell to Normanton and north to the Torres Strait, taking in most of the Wet Tropics, Cape York Peninsula

and the eastern Gulf of Carpentaria. Cairns is a particular focus. An amazing collection to explore for those with a connection to Far North Queensland. Thanks to Margaret Somers for this item.

A publicly available national database covers the 50-year history of the Queensland Native Mounted Police (1849–1904) and stories of many of the 800 troopers and 400 officers. It is the only publicly available historical and archaeological dataset of their lives and activities. It is available [here](#) The initial search space is at the bottom of the page. A sign in is required. Thanks to Nancy Edwards for this item.



[Warwickshire Burials](#)

Pinpoint the final resting place of your Warwickshire ancestors with over 140,000 additional records from three cemeteries.

[Warwickshire, Coventry Pawnbroker Tickets 1915–1923](#)

These tickets offer a unique insight into pawnbroking during and immediately after the First World War, revealing items that people pawned, how much they were paid and how often they received loans.

Perhaps you have Warwickshire family that have eluded you. Check out what other Warwickshire records can be found on Findmypast [here](#)

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