



## Snippets

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Inc.

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Happy mid-year everyone

Can you believe how quickly the year has marched on? We're now in the season of knits and slippers but, as you know, that's no impediment to family research. So many resources are now easily accessible online that it's not unusual to lose half the day on the hunt for records. Has that happened to you? I can put my hand up ...but isn't it exciting when you find that one clue and a whole new avenue opens up to pursue?

When it comes to records in Queensland there's one special place that serves as a critical repository - the **Queensland State Archives**. Here you can find original sources and verify much of your family's background and history in the State. If you're not sure about what's held there and how to access specific information, QFHS is offering two special opportunities to learn about QSA. Firstly on **Tuesday 27 June** our Member's Lounge **"Family History Toolkit"** session will focus on an introduction to making the most of the State Archives. Commencing at 7.30pm this is a Hybrid event (you can attend in person at the QFHS Research Centre or on-line). Register [here](#) if you'd like to participate. This session is designed to help you prepare for your own research at home or you can take your research questions to our follow-up in-person outing to the Archives on **Monday 10**

**July.** Find out more and register for this exciting guided excursion [here](#).

These two events are offered exclusively to QFHS members as part of our **Members Lounge** program. All activities are easily accessible via the QFHS website [here](#). Dates, times and registration links are also listed on our website Calendar so you don't miss an opportunity to participate in the events that appeal to you.

QFHS also invites members, past members and family historians to join us for a very special event. On **Saturday 24 June** we will mark the **20th Anniversary of our Irish Special Interest Group** with a celebration of all things Irish at the new QFHS Family History Research Centre, 46 Delaware St, Chermshire. Do come along to join in the Irish festivities, information sessions and the opportunity to tour the new Research Centre. Read more under **What's News** below or check the QFHS Website [here](#) for all the details.

Would you like to create a Slideshow Presentation of your family history but cannot afford to buy Microsoft Office so that you can use PowerPoint? Luckily for you there is a free option - using Google Slides. At our next **Learn@QFHS** session on **14 July** commencing at 10am, Chris Wright will introduce us to this useful tool and take us through some of the main aspects of developing a presentation. Each topic will have a follow up video which you can watch at your leisure, and step through as you are trying this out for yourself later. There will also be a handout with Resource links. This session will be delivered online. Register [here](#) if you're keen to develop a new set of skills.

Finally a sincere thank you to the many members who attended our recent QFHS Annual General Meeting. Members elected to your Management Committee 2023-2024 are listed below. We congratulate them and acknowledge their generous commitments of time and skills to support continuous improvement, valued services, trusted governance and strategic planning that will strengthen your Society.

Regards,

**Pat Smith**  
Editor

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**QFHS**  
**Family History**  
**Research Centre**

**Opening Hours**

**Tuesday, Wednesday,**  
**Thursday, Saturday**  
**10am - 3pm**



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## What's news?



### Welcoming your incoming Management Committee

At the QFHS Annual General Meeting on 14 June the following members were elected to serve on QFHS Management Committee 2023-2024

#### Executive positions

President : Allana O'Kane

Vice-President: Alex Daw

Treasurer: John Young

Secretary: vacant

#### General members

Carmel Bell   Caroline Brudell   Lyndal Cosgrove   Clem Ditton

**Congratulations and thank you for your service**

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**Linda Cartmill**

winner of the

**QFHS Family History Book Award**

Linda's family history ***From Green to Gold : the Cartmill family journey from Armagh to Australia*** was selected from a field of fine submissions. At our recent Annual General Meeting, Award Convenor Gayle Thomsett acknowledged Linda's outstanding publication and presented her with the 2023 QFHS Award.

Linda's book, along with copies of all other shortlisted entrants, will be available in coming weeks from the QFHS Lending Library.

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**You're Invited**

**to join us in**

**Celebrating the 20th Anniversary of QFHS Irish Interest  
Group**



# Celebrate all things Irish !

fun & free



Qld Irish Assoc'n Pipe Band

Irish music by \*Coolybar\*

Irish dancers

Fun activities for the kids

Fancy dress competition

Discover your Irish heritage

**Saturday 24 June**

**11.30am-2.30pm**

Enjoy free entertainment and  
have lunch in 7th Brigade Park!



**Baked Spuds**  
LOADED BAKED POTATOES



**Qld Family History Society**

**46 Delaware Street, Chermside/Geebung**



The day's celebrations will begin at 10 am with a formal function for past and present QFHS members. We will enjoy a special morning tea together and acknowledge those who have provided leadership and support to the Irish Interest Group over the years.

For those who cannot participate in person, this part of the day's activities will be available to access on Zoom. Whether attending the formal proceedings in person or on-line please register below to assist with planning.

[Register Attendance Here](#)

From 11.30 am, the festivities move to marquees outside where a celebration of 'all things Irish' with performances, food, competitions, prizes and entertainment will continue until 2.30 pm.

All members of the QFHS community are invited to join us in celebrating the Irish Interest Group's wonderful milestone. We will be conducting free group tours of the QFHS Research Centre throughout the day and you're welcome to drop in to our QFHS information tent to talk all things family history.

Don't forget to grab some raffle tickets as well. We have the following enticing prizes on offer thanks to the generous support of our donors.

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## Prizes: Tickets \$2 or 3 for \$5



1 Year Complete Plan (value US\$ 309)



3 x 1 Month Subscriptions (value €9.99)



2 x 1 Month Subscriptions (value €30)



Legacy Family Tree Webinars - Yearly Membership  
(value US\$49.95)

Legacy 9.0 Deluxe (PC software download, PDF manual)

Windows only



(value US\$34.95)



20% discount voucher on Irish products

plus Bundles of Genealogy Books

# Special Offers



50% discount annual subscription

Irish Ancestors

33% discount annual subscription



No joining fee for new members  
Save \$14

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## Entertainment in true Irish Style

Don't miss the stirring sounds of the **Queensland Irish Association Pipe Band** or get your toes tapping to Irish folk duo **Coolybar**. And if you're a fan of Irish Dancing enjoy the skills of the **QIA Dancers**.





Thanks to all our performers for making our day joyously Irish

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## President's Update

Dear members

This month's AGM saw confirmation of nominations received for the Management Committee for 2023-2024.

In addition to the return of Caroline Brudell, Lyndal Cosgrove, Alex Daw, Clem Ditton, and John Young, we warmly welcome Carmel Bell to the Management Committee. Carmel has been a member of the Print Library team for some time & has a keen interest in the wellbeing of the Society. We're grateful John Young has taken on the role of Treasurer & look forward to his steady oversight of the Society's finances and development of the Finance team.

Unfortunately, there were no nominations for the role of Secretary. This position can be purely administrative – monitoring the correspondence & ensuring that enquiries from members, the public, and government are dealt with appropriately (mainly redirected to relevant persons or groups within the organisation) – but the major benefit to the Society is a Secretary who assists the Management Committee to function smoothly, and follows up on matters requiring action.

I think of the Secretary as being an Operations Manager, an integral role within an active organisation, and one that supports lots of other activities – not necessarily 'in person' but just by being an efficient and effective central clearing house. It is also a role that can be divided to allow for job sharing.

If you would like to play a role in an active organisation and would like more information



about the various component parts of the Secretary's role, please contact me or Vice President, Alex Daw for (as they say) a no-obligation chat :)

In welcoming the new, we also say farewell to those who retired from their positions on the Management Committee. We are very grateful for the contributions of Charlotte Sale, Judy Cronin, Anna Gallagher, Chris Gibbs, Chris Schuetz, Bev Young and Greg Crawford throughout what was, certainly, a very challenging year. As volunteers, we all give what we can, when we can, and there's no doubt that the last year required far more than expected. None of us comes to our volunteer roles in a vacuum – we all have other commitments, so we do understand when 'life happens' and there's a need to step back for a time or step away completely.

Nevertheless, no matter what our individual roles entailed, we can all be proud of what's been achieved over the past year.

I thank all members of the 2022-2023 Management Committee most sincerely for their generosity and stewardship of the Society and look forward to working with the new committee during the next year of exciting developments in the Society's future.

Best wishes to all

**Allana O'Kane**  
**President**



**Seeking extra hands for the Irish SIG 20th Anniversary Event on Saturday 24 June.**

Many thanks to those who have volunteered to help on the day. We're still a few hands

short for some of the many duties that we need to cover to make the day run smoothly.

If you can spare an hour or so to come along and help us it would be greatly appreciated.

Contact Alex Daw [vice-president@qfhs.org.au](mailto:vice-president@qfhs.org.au) for further information. She be delighted to hear from you.

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## What's on?

Your calendar for the coming weeks



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## Events

### Seminars, Workshops, Courses and Conversations

- 27 June 7.30pm (hybrid) [Family History Toolkit](#)
- 28 June 3pm (online) [Talking about ....Writing your family history](#)
- 3 July 7.30pm (hybrid) [What's New in Family History](#)
- 14 July 10 am (online) [Learn@QFHS ...Google Slides for Family History](#)
- 19 July 1pm (hybrid) [Presenting ...Women in Brisbane's Social Protests 1967-1982](#)
- 25 July 7.30pm (hybrid) [Bookclub ...Biographies](#)
- 26 July 10am (online) [Talking about ..Metalsmiths Past and Present](#)
- 28 July 10am (online) [Researching using TheGenealogist](#)

Bookings essential. Please check [website](#) for more information.

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## Other important dates

[Queensland State Archives - Excursion](#) Monday 10 July from 9.15am

[New Members Orientation](#) Fri 21 July 10am (in-person at QFHS Research Centre)

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## Special Interest Groups (SIGs)



### Upcoming SIG Meetings 2023

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Family Tree Maker Users	1 July - 10am
DNA (experienced)	1 July - 1.30pm
Family Historian Software Users	2 July - 1pm
Scottish	8 July - 10am
Irish	13 July - 10am
Family History Writing Group	15 July - 9am
Welsh	16 July - 10am
The Master Genealogist Users	20 July - 7pm
Central European	22 July - 10am
English West Country	27 July - 12pm

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Please check the QFHS website or contact the group convenor to confirm your meeting location. Meetings may alternate between online or in person at our **Family History Research Centre - 46 Delaware Street, Chermside.**

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### Learn more about QFHS SIGs

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 SIG Convenor if you have any questions or would like to join a meeting.

### English West Country Special Interest Group



The English West Country Group researches the **counties of Cornwall, Devon, Somerset, and Dorset**. During our informal meetings, we share our recent breakthroughs, difficulties, interesting websites or books and research techniques, thereby assisting the research of others in the group. We encourage all members who have connections with these counties to submit their names to the QFHS Members' Interest Dataset.

If you have interests in this area, please join us at the English West Country meetings.

The group meets on the fourth Thursday in January, March, May, July, September, and November between 12.00 noon and 2.00 pm, currently on-line using Zoom until further notice.

**Next meeting: Thursday 27 July**

**Convenor: Jenny Davidson**

Please contact Jenny [englishwestcountry@qfhs.org.au](mailto:englishwestcountry@qfhs.org.au) to receive details on how to join the meetings.

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## Members Noticeboard



### Members Lounge

Interested in meeting fellow members and sharing common interests?

**We'll be providing many opportunities to do so with some informal learning and sharing events, and enjoyable social activities.**

## Activities included in the Members Lounge

### **Book Club** – every two months

Next club discussion: Tuesday 25 July 7.30pm ([register here](#))

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### **Family History Toolkit** – every two months, alternating with Book Club

Join the next session for an introduction to the Queensland State Archives - Tuesday 27 June 7.30pm ([register here](#))

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### **Presenting...** – a guest speaker every month

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**Socials** - mostly in-person activities every month: a film, excursion, coffee morning.  
Scheduled variously throughout the month as the activity dictates.

Join the next activity - an excursion at the Queensland State Archives. Meet at QSA 435 Compton Rd. Runcorn, at 9.15am - the day's activities will include a tour and an opportunity to undertake your own research in the Reading Room ([register here](#))

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### **Talking about...** – a variety of engaging topics every month.

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### **Trout Game** - an in-person activity, twice per year

Use the game to assess your basic research skills and see if you can get back to the 1500s

Next game - Sunday 22 October 10am

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### **What's New?** - every month

Join the next session - Monday 3 July 7.30pm ([register here](#))

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## **Family History Toolkit**

### **Don't miss the next session**

**Tuesday 27 June 7.30 - 9.00pm (AEST)**

**Free Event**

hybrid - you can participate online or in person.

Bookings are essential. Register [here](#).

## **Join us to learn new skills and improve your effectiveness as a family historian**

This time, an introduction to making the most of the State Archives is planned - in preparation for your own research at home or during our Members Lounge Social outing to the Queensland State Archives on **Monday 10 July 7.30 - 9.30pm.**

Family History Toolkit events are:

usually on the 4th Tuesday of the months of April, June, August and October.

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## New Members Welcome and Orientation

### Get ready to make the most of your membership

The next orientation session will be held at the **QFHS Research Centre 46 Delaware Street, Chermside**. It's your opportunity to learn more about about our research resources, services and facilities available at the Centre and online.

Session details: **Friday 21 July 10am - 12pm (AEST)**

Parking available

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



### Re-cycle and raise funds for QFHS

QFHS has recently registered as a Charity with Re-Collect. If you have bottles and cans at home that need re-cycling you register with this service. They will come to your address to collect. If you nominate QFHS as your selected charity proceeds will flow directly to QFHS. You can read more about this service and how to participate [here](#).

**Thanks for helping your society**

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**Are you keen to stay up to date with the latest in Family History research?**

**Do you want to know more about local events and QFHS news?**

Over the last few years many of our members have discovered the benefits of staying informed via social media. QFHS is eager to harness the power of social media platforms to bring you instant news. If you haven't already done so we encourage you to try it out.

**You decide on the platform/s that suits you.  
We have a presence on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.**

**See our pages by clicking on the icons below**

**Already 'Following'?**

If so, that's great - thank you - but also **please take the time to 'like' the posts that you appreciate**. When you take this extra step it lifts the profile of QFHS and makes the Society more prominent in appealing to other people. So, in a simple action you can spread the word about your Society to prospective and already passionate Family History researchers across Queensland, Australia and beyond.

**Thanks for your engagement and help.**



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## Events

*Talking about ...*

*Learn@QFHS*



**Google Slides for For Family History**



**Talking about ... Writing your family history - what are the options?**

**Wednesday 28 June  
Commencing 10am (AEST)**

Online

Click [here](#) for more information

[Register here](#)



**Presenter: Chris Wright**

Friday 14 July

10 -11.30 am (AEST)

Online

Tickets \$15 - \$25

Click [here](#) for more information

[Register here](#)

**Talking about ... Metalsmiths  
Past and Present**

**Wednesday 26 July  
Commencing 10am (AEST)**

Online

Click [here](#) for more information

[Register Here](#)

*Presenting ...*

**Presenting...the Roles and  
Visibility of Women in  
Brisbane's Social Protests**

**1967-1982**

**Presenter: Jennifer O'Dempsey**



Wednesday 19 July

1 - 2.30 pm (AEST)



**Researching using  
TheGenealogist**

**Friday 28 July  
Commencing 10am (AEST)**



Online

Click [here](#) for more information

Hybrid: online and in person

**Free event**

Click [here](#) for more information

[Register Here](#)

[Register Here](#)



## Finding your Family - A Beginners Course in Research

### Course Registrations close Monday 3 July

This six week course will be very comprehensive for someone wanting to start researching their family history but unsure of the process. Content will include home sources, organisation, BDM certificates, archives, libraries, newspapers, overseas research, and much more.

**Commences Monday 10 July 2023**

(course conducted online)

Cost: \$60.00 members and \$90.00 non-members.

**The cost includes** the book, *Where do I start?: a brief guide to researching your family in Australia and New Zealand* by Shauna Hicks 2nd Edition (rrp \$25).

Non-members who join the Society during or immediately post-course, will be refunded \$30 of the cost of the course.

[Register your place here](#)

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## What's New?



## What's New in Family History?

A members forum for sharing new discoveries, resources and bright ideas.

Each month, we will have an opportunity to share something new we have discovered, resulting from our own research or from within our networks. Maybe it was something we viewed on TV, saw online, or read on a family history blog.

Join the next session  
**Monday 3 July - 7.30pm**  
Hybrid meeting (In person or online)

[Register Here](#)

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## What's Online



### QFHS Books Name Accumulation Index

[New records added](#)

### Digital books available on the QFHS website.

Have you ever wondered what day to day life on board a ship travelling from the British Isles to Australia in early times would be like? If so, I would recommend you take the time to read the account of the Voyage of John Forbes Carswell 1st March 1883, edited by Elaine Mary Davis, great-granddaughter of John Forbes Carswell, from his hand written diary uploaded recently to the QFHS website - access a copy [here](#).

### Searchable Collections

The collections also contain a growing number of digital books from Family Histories, QFHS Book Award entries and various titles under Other Works.

Are you researching in a specific region of Queensland?  
Take a look at the Queensland Regional Map [here](#). Click on a region to check out titles.

These additions are to provide more resources online for members and is a work in

progress by the Digitisation Team. We recommend you check on a regular basis to avoid missing more uploaded titles.

Start your search [here](#). Don't forget you must be logged in via the website to access these and other online collections.

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## International Databases and Sites

### 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)**  
**Irish Ancestors (Ireland)**

#### From the Research Centre at Chermiside

**Ancestry**  
**British Newspaper Archive**  
**Emerald Ancestors (Northern Ireland)**  
**Findmypast**

QFHS is a **FamilySearch** affiliate library. You can reach limited-access FamilySearch databases and images on the QFHS computers.

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## Latest Online Journals

- Cooroy Missing Link 52 2023
- Huguenot Times 41 2023
- Wyong Tree Of Life 40 2 2023
- Aberdeen NES No 166 2023
- NZ Family Tree 2023
- 26May2023
- Bedfordshire Vol 24 2 2023
- Devon Historian 186 2023
- Richmond Tweed Cedar Log 156 2023

- Suffolk Roots 49 1 2023
  - IOW Journal No149 2023
  - Lithgow DFHS Vol 37 3 2023
  - SA Genealogist 50 2 2023
  - Cumbria Newsletter 187 Jun 2023
  - JGSGB Newsletter 101 2023
  - Kent 17 03 2023
  - Lambing Flat Vol 45 2 2023
  - Lancashire Vol 45 2 2023
  - LWM Metropolitan 178 2023
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- Maranoa Enquirer No 101 2023
  - Milton Ulladulla Pigeon House 56 2023
  - Shropshire Journal 44 2 2023
  - Tasmanian Vol 44 No 1 2023
  - Berkshire 46 2023
  - Botany Bay Endeavour 155 2023
  - Caloundra Clipper 121 2023
  - Cornwall Issue 188 2023
  - CQ Genie Ologist 146 2023
  - Dorset 36 2 2023
  - Founders 54 3 2023
  - Manchester Genealogist 59 2 2023
  - Northumberland Durham 48 2 2023
  - RHSQ Bulletin 885 2023
  - Sussex Historian 25 6 2023
  - Yorks Family Historian 49 1 2023



**Reminder: You must be logged on to the QFHS website to access the journals.**

**On the homepage click the *Resources tab* then select *Subscription Journals* then *Electronic Journals*.**

or [click here](#)

## Around the Regions

### Caloundra Family History Celebrates 30 Years!

The last meeting of Caloundra Family History saw the monthly formalities completed in record time so the 30th Birthday Celebrations could get underway. The group had a glorious sunny day for the event, held under marquees at their headquarters at the Sunshine Coast Turf Club.

Current President, June Blackburn, welcomed our long-standing patrons, Mark and Judy McArdle, representatives from other local history societies, Committee Members, visitors from other genealogy groups and members past and present. Approximately forty attended the celebrations where the group also launched their anniversary book detailing the groups' 30-year history.

Founding members Jan Hunter (formerly Woods), Brenda Smith, Pat Norton, as well early members, Fran Lawrence and Therese Matthews shared the story of how CFHRI grew from friends researching at the local Caloundra library to the group it is today with 115 members.

With several special interest groups and a fully resourced library available to aid the need of those new to family history research, CFHRI welcomes new members as they to continue to serve the Sunshine Coast community. Further information can be found on the CFHRI website [here](#). As Mark McArdle reminded us, "if you don't know your past, you won't know your present and you won't know your future."

Congratulations and best wishes for the future CFHRI.



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## Members' Tips and Discoveries

### The U.S. National Archives and Records Administration - NARA

NARA recently announced that a large trove of Microfilm Publications and Original Records had been digitized by several Digitization Partners.

The announcement states:

"Several of our digitization partners, including Ancestry.com, Fold3.com, and Familysearch.org, have digitized microfilm publications and original records from NARA's holdings and made them available on their websites."

Their website [here](#) includes an extensive list of microfilm publications and original records that have been either partially or wholly digitized by the partners.

If you're interested in accessing these records please note the NARA advisory about access conditions for each of the digitisation partners. As in Australia some records are free to access and others are only available through subscription.

According to NARA the list will continue to be updated as additional materials are digitized.

Thanks to member **Jon Kehrer** for pointing us in the direction of this incredible repository of records.

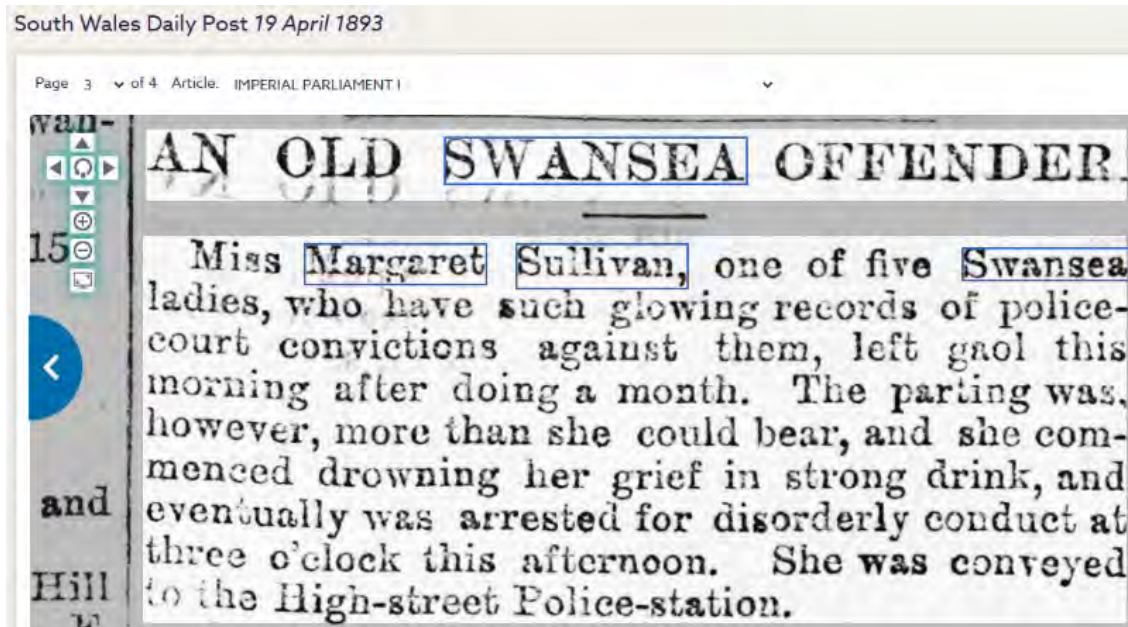
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## When Searches Don't Quite go to Plan

We close this issue of Snippets with an unexpected search outcome that member Barbara recently shared.

Barbara writes "I came across this newspaper article on FindMyPast and found it amusing. Thankfully it isn't my Mrs Margaret Sullivan from Swansea in Wales."

Thanks for making us smile Barbara and we hope you eventually tracked down your Margaret Sullivan.





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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 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.

### Editor

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



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