



Snippets

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Queensland Family History Society
Inc.

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Welcome to Spring in Queensland. It's the perfect opportunity to take advantage of the warm and fine days to get out and about in search of Family History clues. Why not take the time to visit one of our historic cemeteries ...large or small, city or regional a walk around the grounds always evokes thoughts of people's lives and earlier times and, of course, you may want to go in search of a family member's grave.

Brisbane City Council has an online tool allowing you to search their records covering 12 cemeteries (9 historic) plus 3 crematoria across Brisbane and satellite regions. Click [here](#) to access the Grave Location search service. Historic Toowong cemetery offers two self guided walks. More information can be found [here](#) and if you're venturing to Toowong for a walk be prepared to work those muscles ...there'll be plenty of uphill and down dale.

QFHS can also help with your investigations. Our searchable datasets includes the Queensland Cemetery Collection Index. The database holds more than 900,000 records from cemeteries across Queensland, indexing burial registers, monumental inscriptions, funeral directors' records, newspaper articles and a range of other sources. You can search online by logging in to QFHS and entering your search words [here](#). More information on the dataset is available [here](#) and we can also help improve your searching skills with some hints

about using QFHSDatasearch [here](#).

Further on the topic of early Queensland, in October QFHS is running a special Member's Lounge "Presenting" session. Guest speaker Dr Jennifer Harrison presents [Pre-separation - Queensland Communicates](#) on **18 October 7.30pm**. Jennifer's presentation will concentrate on how as part of New South Wales, this rapidly developing area kept in touch with the rest of the globe. Subjects considered will be newspapers, postal services, coastal shipping, the 1846 and 1851 census and electoral rolls.

The event will be followed by the award of Pre-separation Certificates by Ann Swain and Jenny Davidson, Co-convenors of QFHS Qld Pre-separation Group. Register [here](#) if you'd like to join this thought provoking glimpse into early colony life.

Our Member's Lounge - Family History Toolkit sessions continue to hit the mark with over 20 members participating in Sue Reid's "Negative Evidence Workshop". Don't miss the final Toolkit event for the year on **Tuesday 31 October**. This session will include a demonstration of Momento's software and a talk about QFHS members experiences of creating a photo or memory or family history book. Libby Jeffery will join us from Momento. This free event will be open to members and non-members so book early [here](#).

The following sessions are also available on-line in the coming weeks:

2 Oct 10am (hybrid)	What's New in Family History?
13 Oct 10am (online)	Learn@QFHS - Tracing Mining Ancestors in Australia
25 Oct 10am (online)	Talking About ...Why join a family history society.

Why not include a freshen up of your Family History records on your to do list as part of the Spring Cleaning agenda? What research tasks do you want to complete in 2023? What's going on the 2024 priority list?

A special call out again to our regional members. If there's a place of historic interest in your region or a local family history event coming up please let us know. We're happy to help get the word out to your QFHS colleagues.

Best wishes,

Pat Smith
Editor

QFHS
Family History
Research Centre



Opening Hours

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

What's news?



Finding Your Family - the Fundamentals of Research Summer Program 2024

QFHS have just announced the dates for the upcoming summer offering of its popular training program for Family History researchers. Commencing on **Monday 12 February** the course offers weekly online tutorials presented by experienced QFHS Tutors who bring you the latest information on local and international resources. Relevant training materials are included in the registration fee.

This six week course will be very comprehensive for someone wanting to start researching their family history, but unsure of the process and will be valuable for those wishing to revisit the fundamentals of research or refresh their research skills. Content will include sources, methodology, organisation, repositories, DNA, and much more.

You can read more information [here](#).

We recommend early registration as the program is limited to 10 participants.



Up for a challenge ? Want to test your research skills ?

Join fellow members for

The QFHS Trout Game

Sunday 22 October 10 am - 4pm

Allow yourself the privilege of having a fun day in family history and play the Trout Game. The game simulates researching into an imaginary English Trout family using eleven types of records. Use the game to assess your skills using basic research techniques to see if you can get back to the 1500s. You may discover why you have brick walls in your research.

Numbers are limited and early bookings are essential. Please book with the Trout Game Master, Ann Swain, at a.swain@bigpond.com.

Please note

In person attendance is required at QFHS Family History Research Centre
46 Delaware Street, Chermside.

Cost : \$5.00 includes morning and afternoon tea (BYO lunch)

President's Update

Dear members

Tender for lease of 46 Delaware St Chermside

The application to lease the Brisbane City Council (BCC) community facility we currently occupy was submitted at 6pm on Friday 8 September. For the Management Committee, it was the culmination of many hours and much concentrated effort crafting responses to the criteria set by BCC, and providing as much documentary evidence as possible as to the ways and manner in which we met the criteria. We were delighted with the letters of support we received from members of our community - heart-warming testimonials from members both new and longstanding, all attesting to the value of the Society.

There is no doubt in my mind that QFHS is an ideal tenant for a BCC community facility: we are well established, we have a committed volunteer workforce that delivers a wonderful array of member programs and services, we meet a need in the community as evidenced by our 840+ membership, and we have the financial resources to maintain a BCC facility to a high standard. We benefit the community by providing not only opportunities for learning, sharing, supporting and socialising but also opportunities for volunteering. It is this last that is often overlooked but studies have shown that the benefits of volunteering can be profound to both the individual and to the community – with volunteers being more likely to be positive towards their fellow citizens, think more highly of their neighbours, and attend more community events. Bravo, volunteers – you are one of the jewels in our crown.

BCC, of course, has a requirement to make their valuable community facilities meet as many of the community's needs as possible and one of the selection criteria required details of arrangements to share the facility with other community groups. Of course, we can more than utilise the entirety of the facility with our activities, but a selection criterion is not to be ignored in a tender application. We have signed a Memorandum of Understanding with a community theatre group to, when we win the tender, provide storage for their props and costumes. This will require rationalisation of our own use of the storage shed at Delaware St. In addition, we have initiated contact with more than a dozen local historical societies on Brisbane's northside with a view to assisting them with resource management or developing joint activities. We are well pleased with the potential to work with other community groups – the MOU with Growl Theatre strengthens our application for the lease of 46 Delaware St and we've already received some positive responses from local history groups.

BCC has advised the tender assessment process may take up to three (3) months so it is possible we may not know the result until early December.

Members Lounge Socials...

a Growl Theatre production

Growl Theatre's next production is *Georgiana & Kitty: Christmas at Pemberley* and we have made a group booking to the matinee performance on Sunday 12 November - this will be the final Members Lounge Social event for 2023. Do join us if you loved Jane Austin's *Pride and Prejudice* & would enjoy a glimpse into the lives of the characters two years after the events of the novel. Members Lounge Social places are limited to 10 so secure your spot ([book here](#)) today! If the tickets sell quickly and we have members who miss out, it may be possible to make another group booking for a matinee later in Growl's season. If you miss out on securing a ticket, email us at MembersLounge@qfhs.org.au And if you're wondering about their name, the origin story is on their website, link provided elsewhere in this issue of Snippets.

Let's go together to the State Library

Another in our series of taking an excursion together to gain insight to the family history resources available - this time to the State Library of Queensland on Monday 23 October. The Members Lounge visit to State Archives was very interesting, I'm sure this to State

Library will be, also. [Book here](#) to visit in the company of your genea-friends at QFHS..

Additions to the Management Committee

We are grateful to three members who have volunteered to fill the vacancies on the Management Committee. We're delighted to welcome back Char Sale with her extensive history of work on previous MCs and pleased that Chris Robertson, who recently took up the role of Members Lounge Support, felt able to extend his volunteering to the Management Committee. And to the massive relief of all of us, Helen Evans has agreed to the role of Secretary. The Management Committee is now at the required strength.

That we have finally been able to fill the role of Secretary does not diminish the need for operational adjustment to the expectations of the role. It seems to be a role that has grown in magnitude over the years and now is not manageable, in its entirety, by one person who'd also like a life outside QFHS matters. One of the ways the role is made more doable is to identify discrete roles within 'Secretary' for other volunteers to do – Bev Young is currently Assistant Secretary Correspondence and Patricia Smith was our Minute Secretary until the AGM in June – our sincere thanks are extended to both Bev and Patricia. We very much need to identify replacements for both roles – Bev, an absolute stalwart, deserves a rest and a separate Minute Secretary allows all members of the MC to be fully contributing members to our discussions – not always possible if you're taking notes for minutes.

The [Volunteering page](#) on our website has been updated with the addition of roles needing a volunteer and a process for expressing interest in volunteering. In the coming weeks, specific role descriptions will be added for your consideration but, in the meantime, if a role title sounds interesting, or if you like to volunteer 'in general', please complete the expression of interest online form and Volunteer Co-ordinator, Caroline Brudell, will be in touch to have a chat about your preferences and your availability.

Changes to Research Centre opening hours

In moving to the premises at Chermside, one of the goals was to increase personal use of the facility. Unfortunately, while the pandemic increased our use of technology and allowed our remote or mobility-limited members to participate in more of the Society's programs and services, it also severely curtailed opportunities for social interaction – so essential to the good mental health for many. In reintroducing hybrid events, the deficiency in our new open-plan premises has been highlighted and it's obvious some activities are incompatible. When a hybrid event occurs during open hours for researchers, both groups' experiences are adversely affected.

As the Society exists for the benefit of all members, how the Society operates must consider the best interests of all groups and all activities. Consequently, Management Committee decided to close the Research Centre to all activity except the *Members Lounge Presenting...* event on Wednesday last week. This protected both researchers from the intrusion of a 90min presentation and Q&A, and the Guest Speaker and online members from interruptions caused by normal activity elsewhere in the open-plan premises.

I reassure you, we have grappled with the growing awareness that some activities are incompatible in the same space and time. We have tried to moderate behaviours but, frankly, asking others to change behaviour (ie lower voices, be constantly aware they are in others' spaces, etc) can only have limited success and it's best to allow each activity the resources each requires. We are satisfied that, even with a 2hr closure, the Research Centre is available for research for 70+hrs in the month. We will make further assessments during the remainder of the year.

Award for Services to Family History

Nominations for this important award close on 30 September. The award recognises our members' contributions to family history. Your nomination need not be lengthy or eloquent to get the ball rolling for the committee established for the purpose of deciding the recipient of the award. The Society seeks to recognise member contributions where it can and your assistance is necessary for this to be successful.

Another milestone for the Books Name Accumulation Index team

Congratulations to Bev Young and the entire team of indexers, proofreaders and file managers whose work has now made over 350,00 names available for searching in the Book Name Accumulation Index. This index helps open the contents of books in our collection to all members, regardless of their ability to physically access the Research Centre.

For members with a family connection to the Queensland Baptist Church, you might like to check out the recent addition of almost 26,000 names of church office bearers between 1907 and 1969. Go to [QFHS - Searchable datasets](#), scroll down to Miscellaneous Category, Login and follow the prompts.

I'm so sorry to do this!

...and that is to mention Christmas in September. The year is already flying by and I'm refusing to recognise the Christmas-themed displays already appearing in the stores. However, there's no denying that we can make a contribution to many in need at Christmas when poverty and isolation can feel even more miserable. Once again, we will collect non-perishable items and create a hamper or two to donate to the Salvos.

For those of you visiting the Research Centre, please consider adding an item to your shopping and bringing it with you. For those unable to visit, we will accept donations and use them to supplement the donated items. Donations can be made via the [Shop on the website](#). The Shop is already set up for donations of different denominations and we will add a \$5 option during the week.

Please add 'Christmas hamper' to the Comments field during the process so we know exactly where your donation is to be directed.

Best wishes to all



Allana O'Kane
President

What's on?

Your calendar for the coming weeks



Events

Seminars, Workshops, Courses and Conversations

- 27 Sept 10am (online) [Talking about ...Poetry](#)
- 2 Oct 10am (hybrid) [What's New in Family History?](#)
- 13 Oct 10am (online) [Learn@QFHS - Tracing Mining Ancestors in Australia](#)
- 25 Oct 10am (online) [Talking About ...Why join a family history society](#)
- 31 Oct 7.30pm (online) [Family History Toolkit](#)

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

Other important dates

- [New Members Orientation](#) Sat 21 Oct 9.30am (online)
 - [Trout Game](#) Sun 22 October 10am - 4pm
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Special Interest Groups (SIGs)



English West Country

Family Historian Software Users

Family Tree Maker Users

DNA (beginners questions)

Colonial India and Far East

Irish Research

The Master Genealogist Users

28 Sept 12pm

1 Oct 1pm

6 Oct 10am

7 Oct 1.30pm

8 Oct 10.30am

14 Oct 10.30am

19 Oct 7.30pm

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.**



Colonial India and the Far East Special Interest Group

Colonial India at various times included: India (including the areas now known as Pakistan and Bangladesh), Ceylon (Sri Lanka), the Nicobar and Andaman Islands, Assam, Burma (Myanmar), Kashmir, and the Persian Gulf Residency. From the 16th century, Portugal, Netherlands, Britain, France, and Denmark and their 'India Companies' all established a presence in these areas in pursuit of trade.

Meetings combine sharing member information and ideas with short talks and presentations about this fascinating time and place. We hope it will give you new ideas on solving your brick wall, research problem or simply put some increased context around the people and places you are researching.

The Group meets on the second Sunday on even-numbered months. Next meeting:

Sunday 8 October
10.30 am - 12noon
Online

Please contact the convenors indiafe@qfhs.org.au if you would like to join in and learn more about the group.



New Title for our Irish Special Interest Group

QFHS Irish Research Group

The group has grown significantly over the last few years and its research reputation is growing as well. Their regular research day events have been welcomed by members and the group's expertise is widely acknowledged.

If you would like to learn more about the Irish Research Group or their upcoming activities please feel free to contact the Group Convenor Dale Fogarty by emailing irish@qfhs.org.au.

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.

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 on Local Histories : Tuesday 26 Sept 10 am ([register here](#))

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

Join the final session on : Tuesday 31 Oct 7.30pm ([register here](#))

Presenting... – a guest speaker every month

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

Next activity ...a group outing to State Library of Queensland : Monday 23 October 9.45 am ([register here](#))

Talking about... – A monthly online only event. Join the conversation on a variety of engaging topics. Non-members are also welcome to attend.

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

What's New? - every month

Join the next session - Monday 2 Oct 10am ([register here](#))

We appreciate that some of our members are still working and many have regular daytime commitments so Members Lounge spreads activities on different days of the week throughout the month, mostly alternating between day and night times.

For those who can only participate 'after hours', here are activities for the remainder of the year*



**'After Hours'
in the
Members Lounge**

TUES	25-Jul	7.30pm	Book Club - biographies
THURS	10 Aug	7.30pm	What's New?
WEDS	16-Aug	7.30pm	Presenting ... finding your Norwegian ancestors
MON	04-Sep	7.30pm	What's New?
WEDS	18-Oct	7.30pm	Presenting ... Pre-separation – how Queensland communicated
SUN	22-Oct	10am-4pm	Trout Game – learn & test your research skills in this fun simulation activity
TUES	31-Oct	7.30pm	Family History Toolkit
MON	06-Nov	7.30pm	What's New?
TUES	28-Nov	7.30pm	Book Club – historical fiction



2023 QFHS Award for Services to Family History

Nominations close 30 September 2023

The Award for Services to Family History is presented annually to QFHS members who have made a significant contribution to family history. Further information and a downloadable nomination form can be accessed on the QFHS website [here](#).



**New Members
Welcome
and
Orientation**

Get ready to make the most of your membership

The next orientation session will be **held online**. It's your opportunity to learn more about our research resources, services and learning opportunities.

Session details: Sat 21 Oct 9.30am - 12.30pm (AEST)
Bookings are essential ... please email welcome@qfhs.org.au.



E-books Trial Genealogical.com

QFHS has the opportunity to explore this potential new resource for our members ?

Can you help us test it out ?

Do you keep meaning to visit our new Family History Research Centre and check out our

print library collection but don't have time? Do you live too far away to come to the library? Would you be interested in exploring a genealogical eLibrary?

QFHS is trialling a subscription to Genealogical.com but needs to know what the uptake would be among members before we commit. If you are interested in participating in a trial of the product, please email Alex at vice-president@qfhs.org.au and she will give you an access code. You will be able to browse and download books for a period of 21 days. Check out the catalogue [here](#)

You can get an idea of the range by searching the catalogue of over 800 titles, searching by Title, Author, Subject or region. Click [here](#) to watch this 30 second video which will hopefully entice you to participate.

THANK YOU!



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?

**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'?

We hope you'll also take the time to 'like' the posts that you appreciate.

Thanks for your engagement and help.



Events

Talking about ...



Poetry

Wed 27 September
Commencing 10am (AEST)

Online

Click [here](#) for more information

[Register Here](#)



Why join a family history society

Wed 25 October
Commencing 10am (AEST)

Online

Click [here](#) for more information

[Register Here](#)

Presenting ...

Pre-separation - Queensland
Communicate

Presenter: Dr Jennifer Harrison

Learn@QFHS

Follow the Gold

Tracing Mining Ancestors in Australia



Presenter: Shauna Hicks

Friday 13 October

10 -11.30 am (AEST)

Online

Tickets \$15 - \$25

Click [here](#) for more information

[Register Here](#)

Who Rocked the Cradle ?

Women of the Diggings



Presenter: Dr Dorothy Wickham



Wednesday 18 October

7.30 - 9.30 pm (AEST)

Hybrid: online and in person

Free event

Click [here](#) for more information

[Register Here](#)

Friday 10 November

10 -11.30 am (AEST)

Online

Tickets \$15 - \$25

Click [here](#) for more information

[Register Here](#)

Topics for 2024.

Is there a topic you'd like to propose for a discussion or presentation? Are you interested in being one of our presenters or discussion leaders? Send an email outline to secretary@qfhs.org.au and we'll contact you.



When in the Resource Centre at Chermside researchers now have full access to the BDA. Find the link on "Search the Internet > Subscription Websites" menu.

Interested in learning more about BDA ?

Join us in November for a special Members Lounge Presenting session. QFHS Founding Member and Fellow, Ann Swain will tell us all we need to know about the history, development and research capabilities of this unique database.

**Wednesday 15 November
1.00 - 3.00 pm**

This is a Hybrid Event. Members can participate online or in person at the QFHS Family History Research Centre, 46 Delaware Street Chermside.

Please note: After the guest speaker's presentation in November, those present in person can enjoy a Christmas celebration. Please bring a plate of festive food along to share.



[Please register your attendance here](#)



Genealogical Society of Queensland (GSQ)

Online seminar

AI and family history

Presenter: Andrew Redfern

October 7 @ 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

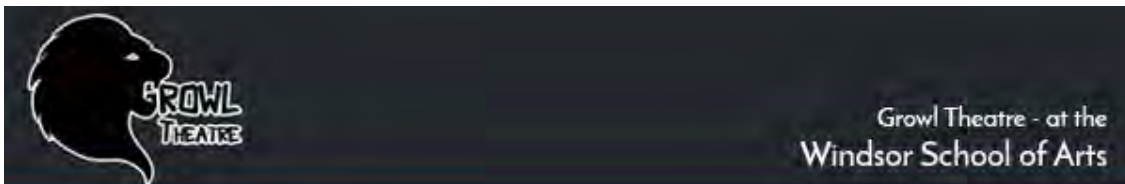
Learn about the potential and possible pitfalls of using Artificial Intelligence for Family History in this informative presentation by Andrew Redfern. Explore some of the latest tools that can be used to enhance your genealogical research for a variety of tasks including transcription, data analysis and writing tasks. Live demonstrations will be used to show artificial intelligence in action.

COST: Members: \$20.00 Non-Members: \$30.00

The sale of the tickets will close at **3pm Friday 6th October 2023**

The link for the session will be sent out sometime after 4pm Friday 6th October 2023

Details and bookings via the GSQ website [here](#)



Growl Theatre is a community 'partner' in our BCC lease tender submission. You can find

out more about Growl Theatre on their website [here](#).

Live theatre fans might also enjoy an outing to their upcoming November performance of the third play in the "Christmas at Pemberley" Trilogy.



Georgiana & Kitty
Christmas at Pemberley

by Lauren Gunderson
& Margot Melcon



Directed by Julie Bray

On stage:
10-26 November



Windsor School of Arts, 381 Lutwyche Rd, Windsor | GrowlTheatre.org.au
By arrangement with Music Theatre International Australasia Pty Ltd, on behalf of Dramatists Play Service, Inc.

Conferences



The Huguenot
Society of
Australia

Saturday 21 October 2023

Huguenot Heritage : Past and Present

Venue: Club York, 99 York St, Sydney

Keynote speaker: Dr Tessa Murdoch FSA, author of Europe Divided: Huguenot Refugee Art and Culture

Details available on the Society's website <https://huguenotsaustralia.org.au/2023-conference/>

ANNERLEY-STEPHENS HISTORY GROUP Inc
Memories of Stephens
21 October 2023

A history conference is being held on Saturday 21 October 2023 at Our Lady's College, 15 Chester Road, Annerley, 4103.

Papers will be presented on the history of the Stephens Shire, including local railway and tram history, the Stephens Scout Group, Chinese in Stephens, the cemetery, Tennyson, Yeronga Aboriginal history, the Congregational church, the Wilderness and Tarragindi, the eminent Dr Winterbottom and WWII war heroes.

Twelve distinguished speakers have been engaged to present papers.

Registration begins at 8.30am and the conference commences at 9am.
Cost \$40pp for morning tea and lunch.

RSVP: Please contact:

Convener: Stephen Sheaffe: 0417 770 176: ssheaffe@qldbar.asn.au



This major international event will be available on-line. Find out more about the program and how to register [here](#).

What's New?



Orphanage Admissions 1865-1909

Now available through QFHS Online Access

This dataset is provided by the Queensland State Archives via the Open Data Portal and released under Licence Creative Commons Attribution 4.0

These open data files contain indexes to admission registers from:

- St Vincent's Home, Nudgee;
- Diamantina Orphanage and the Diamantina Receiving Depot;
- Rockhampton Orphanage, later Rockhampton Receiving Depot;
- Meteor Park Orphanage, Neerkol near Rockhampton.

The data entries link to images of the original admission register, which will download to your viewing device if you click the 'Link for URL' button at the end of the data row.

The original admission registers make interesting reading for the general researcher as they give glimpses of attitudes and conditions in Queensland society at that time.

The dataset complements QFHS's extensive indexes for school admissions over a similar period. Log on to the QFHS Website and start searching [here](#).

QFHS Books: Name Accumulation Index

An additional 8590 names have been added to the QFHS Books: Name Accumulation Index taking the total to 358,844. Included in the additional names are those with links to titles not available in the QFHS Print Library but available from the Queensland State Library.

Just a few of the titles included in this latest upload are

- A Most promising corps': Citizen soldiers in colonial Queensland 1860-1903
- General orders of the Queensland Defence Force for 1885
- Good times, hard times : reflections on teaching in the 1930s
- From pioneering days : Nundah, Northgate, Virginia
- Queensland nurses, Boer War to Vietnam
- Logan River Tinnie Trail : a heritage trail along the Logan River (SLQ)
- People uniting : the Uniting Church in Australia on the Capricorn Coast from the beginnings (SLQ)

Do take time to pop your family names into Global Keyword Search [here](#). Additional names of early settlers from across the state have been included. Perhaps one of your family members?

Do you have a title you would like to see indexed? Perhaps you would like to borrow the book and index it for the benefit of all members. Few skills needed. If so, contact digitising@qfhs.org.au for more information.



New Irish Research Resources

From Irish Genealogy News

The Genealogist adds County Laois RC parish registers collection

TheGenealogist, has added a new record-set that provides a fresh index to the National Library of Ireland's online images of Roman Catholic parish registers covering County Laois. There are entries for more than 500,000 individuals. Each entry links to the NLI's image.

<https://www.irishgenealogynews.com/2023/09/the-genealogist-adds-county-laois-rc.html>

Ancestry adds two Northern Irish record-sets from PRONI

The Northern Ireland, Valuation Revision Books, 1864-1933 collection (with search and browse options) and the Northern Ireland Freeholders Records collection (a search index with 129,894 entries linked to PRONI's site). These records, currently searchable and viewable in PRONI's ecatalogue, have now been name-indexed, rather than being searchable only by place. It holds 3,193,180 entries. The Revision Books in Ancestry's 'Web' collection can be searched and viewed for free.

<https://www.irishgenealogynews.com/2023/06/ancestry-adds-two-irish-collections.html>

New records at RootsIreland

<https://www.rootsireland.ie/category/blog/>

The latest from John Grenham:

- Weird and wonderful civil parish maps

<https://www.johngrenham.com/blog/2023/07/14/weird-and-wonderful-civil-parish-maps/>

- A circus-full of maps

<https://www.johngrenham.com/blog/2023/09/05/a-circus-full-of-maps/>

The Irish Research Group will be taking a closer look at these maps at their next meeting on 14th Oct.

The National Library of Scotland have added high quality original 6" OS maps of Ireland to their website. Search for them [here](#).



If you're eager to keep abreast of the latest discoveries, resources and bright ideas join our free members forum.

What's New in Family History?

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 2 October 10am
Online meeting

[Register Here](#)

What's Online



Our online resources keep growing

If you haven't found time this year to explore our on-line resources the summer break might be the perfect time to run some keyword searches. Consider these data collections and indexes which have been updated or added in 2023.

- QFHS Books: Name Accumulation Index.
- Queensland Schools Pupils Index Part 7
- Orphanage Admissions 1865 - 1909

The following datasets are very comprehensive and might just throw up that piece of

evidence that you are looking for:

- Commonwealth Electoral Roll (Queensland) - 1903, 1906, 1913, 1922, 1934, 1941, 1949, 1959, 1969
- Early Queensland Electoral Rolls 1860-1884 and 1889
- Queensland Customs House Shipping 1852-1899: Passengers and Crew

Stay up to date by regularly searching our online collections and databases. You can search by logging in to the QFHS Website. Click on the **Online Access** tab then select **searchable datasets**.

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)

From the Research Centre at Chermiside

Ancestry

Biographical Database of Australia

British Newspaper Archive

Emerald Ancestors (Northern Ireland)

Findmypast

Irish Ancestors (Ireland)

MyHeritage

TheGenealogist (United Kingdom)



QFHS is a **FamilySearch** affiliate library.

You can reach limited-access FamilySearch databases and images on the QFHS computers.

Latest Online Journals

- Burwood Ances Tree 36 2 2023
 - Orange Newsletter 2023
 - PFFF Newsletter 51 2023
 - PFFF Newsletter 52 2023
 - Bedfordshire 24 3 2023
 - Gallus 125 2022
 - Gallus 126 2023
 - Gallus 127 2023
 - Goulburn Argyle Bulletin 97 2023
 - Saskatchewan Bulletin 54 2 2023
 - Shropshire Journal 44 3 2023
 - SoG Genealogists Magazine 34 07 2023
 - Whitsunday Branching Out 2023
 - Casino The Crossing 142 2023
 - Cumbria Newsletter 188 2023
 - Family History Federation Bulletin 36 2023
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On the homepage click the *Resources tab* then select *Subscription Journals* then *Electronic Journals*.

or [click here](#)

Around the Regions

CALOUNDRA FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH INC

Beginners Family History Research Course for Seniors

October 27 and 28, 2023

As part of Seniors Month, Caloundra Family History Research Inc., will once again be running our successful Beginners Family History Research Course for Seniors over one and a half days.

These training sessions break down the daunting task of where to begin into manageable and well-organised bite sized pieces.

Day One (9:00am-3:00pm) will explore the type of information you may need. It might be oral history, hard copies or other records. We will delve into the types of digital records that are available in genealogy programs, various archives, libraries, newspapers, military records and give you an overview of the resources that CFHR offers at its rooms.

Day Two (1:00-3:00pm) will see you split into two groups to enable everyone to explore their family history on our computers and view two short videos.

Cost: \$20 includes lunch on Day One, refreshments on both days and Training notes.

Venue: CFHR rooms, Corbould Park, via Gate 2, Pierce Avenue, Caloundra.

Bookings: <https://caloundrafamilyhistory.org.au>

Further information email: training@caloundrafamilyhistory.org.au

Toowoomba and Darling Downs Family History Society

TOOWOOMBA CHRONICLE INDEXES AVAILABLE

Toowoomba Chronicle is available on Trove up until 1933. However, Toowoomba and Darling Downs Family History Society (TDDFHS) holds copies of the Toowoomba Chronicle right up to August 2023.

Society volunteers have indexed this newspaper up to 1995.. This means you could find a birth, death or marriage notice for someone you're researching or another article that refers to them.

If you find something in the index and would like a copy of the full article/notice - you can: Email tddfhs452@gmail.com and pay \$2.50 per article OR

Come in to their research library Mon-Fri 10am-3pm. Cost is \$10 for non-members or \$2.50 members of TDDFHS or reciprocal societies. This fee will include a day's access to all of our records, maps and other resources, so come in and make a day of it.

Note: You can see the indexes via the society google drive, which you can access by joining the Society Facebook group [here](#). There is also a document on the google drive explaining the codes used when indexing these articles.

Members' Tips and Discoveries



Queensland Religious Places website

A useful resource for Queensland research is the Queensland Religious Places website

run by professional historian Thom Blake.

<https://www.qldreligiousplaces.net.au/index.html>

It has a database of over 5000 churches (as well as mosques and buildings of other religions) with basic information on the time period the church operated, location, etc. It can be searched by place name, religious denomination etc. Many of the database entries have a photo of the church.

It is a work in progress and Thom appreciates any corrections, additional information, and additional photos you might have (use the Contact button on the site to send him a message).

Note that Thom does not have knowledge of nor access to the baptism / marriage / burial records of the churches themselves; these are held by the churches or their dioceses or their archives etc. However, he knows a lot about churches and their architecture and may be able to assist in identifying churches from a photo or other clues you might have.

Thanks to Kerry Raymond for highlighting this developing repository of records and images.

We Are.xyz

Char Sale writes:

Members might like to explore this new way to present our family history and engage our family in our research.

Take a look [here](#) and let us know what you think.



Guidelines for Cemetery Conservation

There is more to tending a family grave than you might think.

The National Trust of Australia (New South Wales) has produced comprehensive "Guidelines for Cemetery Conservation" which can be downloaded from <https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/services/cemetery-conservation/>.

Another link in the same vein is at https://www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk/case_study/

Thanks to Nancy Edwards for providing some useful guidance.

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.

Editor

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



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