

Snippets

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We are honoured to have not one but two "Rockstar Genealogists" speaking at our seminar this Saturday. Shauna Hicks was voted #1 in Australia and Pauleen Cass came in at #5 in a recent annual poll.

Rockstar genealogists are defined as those who give "must attend" presentations at family history conferences or as webinars. Who, when you see a new family history article or publication by that person, makes it a "must buy". Who you hang on their every word on a blog, podcast or newsgroup, or follow avidly on Facebook or Twitter.

Shauna and Pauleen will be enlightening us on researching inmates, whether of asylums, prisons or hospitals. A great opportunity to see Pauleen while she's visiting from her home in Darwin. Grab your ticket [here](#).



Our members meeting this month features guest speaker Mary Sweeney who will tell us of the Negroes of the First Fleet and the circuitous paths by which they came to Australia. Little is known of some but others had interesting lives going from Africa to the Americas, then England and New South Wales. Remember that visitors are welcome too.

Calendar

- 03 Oct 2014 [Family Tree Maker® User Group](#)

- 04 Oct 2014 [Seminar: Inmates: asylums, prisons, and hospitals](#)
- 06 Oct 2014 [Closed - Labour Day](#)
- 10 Oct 2014 [Fridays@QFHS: Australian Joint Copying Project](#)
- 11 Oct 2014 [Irish Interest Group](#)
- 15 Oct 2014 [Members Meeting - First Fleet Negroes](#)
- 17 Oct 2014 [Trout Game](#)
- 18 Oct 2014 [New Members' Welcome and Orientation](#)
- 25 Oct 2014 [Family Tree Maker® User Group](#)
- 01 Nov 2014 [DNA Interest Group](#)
- 05 Nov 2014 [Management Committee Meeting](#)
- 07 Nov 2014 [Family Tree Maker® User Group](#)
- 08 Nov 2014 [Scottish Interest Group](#)

Happenings

Help Needed for Outside Events

Do you live near Taigum or Holland Park? On Thursday 23 and Friday 24 October, Taigum Square Shopping Centre is hosting the 10th Annual Ageing Expo. We need volunteers to promote the Society between 9am and 4pm each day.

We have also been invited to provide a table at the 80th Anniversary of Mt

Thompson Crematorium (Holland Park) Open Day to be held on Saturday, 8th

November, between 9am and 4pm. Both of these events are to promote the Society, and are not a sales table.

If you are able to assist for a few hours with either of these events, please email secretary@qfhs.org.au with details of when you will be available.

QFHS Excess Items for Sale

Several items including external hard drives, power supply unit, printers and card catalogue cabinets, excess to the needs of the Society, will be offered to members before being listed online for sale. These items will be on display in the library from 13 – 17 October. A list of items for sale can be obtained by email from

secretary@qfhs.org.au

Education - Workshops/Courses/Seminars

Seminar: Inmates: Asylums, Prisons and Hospitals

When: 4 October 2014

Where: Queensland Baptists Conference Centre, 53 Prospect Road, Gaythorne

Presenters: Shauna Hicks, Pauleen Cass

- Missing an ancestor: try looking behind bars
- Family skeletons or just old and sick: looking in asylum records

- Accidents, illness, and death

More information at <http://qfhs.org.au/activities/qfhs-seminars/>

Fridays@QFHS: Australian Joint Copying Project

When: 10 October 2014

Where: QFHS Library and Resource Centre

Presenter: Ann Swain

This project copied Australasian material held in UK repositories. The information is now held in more than 10,000 reels of microfilm records and is a valuable but under-utilised resource. More information at <http://qfhs.org.au/events/fridays@qfhs/>

QFHS Trout Game

Limited numbers so book early to avoid disappointment.

Have a fun day with family history playing the Trout Game! This simulates researching an English family (the Trout family) back to the 1500s without involving computers. Use the game to improve your basic research techniques and identify ways around brick walls.

When: 17 October 2014 from 10am to 4pm

Where: QFHS Library and Resource Centre

Game Master: Ann Swain

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

To book, contact Ann Swain by email at a.swain@bigpond.com or telephone (07) 3352 5537. More information at <http://www.qfhs.org.au/activities/trout-game/>

Fridays@QFHS: Scottish Research: How to Get Started

When: 14 Nov 2014 from 10:00 am to 11:30 am

Where: QFHS Library and Resource Centre

Presenter: Chris Schuetz

Researching in Scotland is not difficult but it is a little different to other places, so it may help to have some pointers. Come along hear from an experienced researcher of Scottish records. More information at <http://qfhs.org.au/events/fridays@qfhs/>

Members' Noticeboard

Talks at the National Archives

Remembering AE1 and AE2 – Australia's first submarines.

On 14 September 1914, a day after the official German surrender of the colony, the *AE1*, left Rabaul harbour and never returned. *AE2* was ordered to sail through the Dardanelles and disrupt Turkish shipping. The wreck of the *AE2* was located in June 1998. The location of the *AE1* is still a mystery. For more details go [here](#).

When: Wednesday 15 October at 10am or repeated

Friday 17 October at 2pm
Where: National Archives of Australia, 16 Corporate Drive, Cannon Hill
Cost: Free, bookings not required

Talks at the Queensland State Archives

Where: Queensland State Archives, 435 Compton Road, Runcorn
Cost: Free

For more details and to register for these talks, go [here](#).

Using microfilm and indexes workshop

When: 14 October

Morning tea with the Director, Collections and Access

When: 27 October

Find your First World War soldier

When: 28 October

Toowong History Group

This month's guest speaker is Jeff Hopkins-Weise, speaking about New Zealand's first Victoria Cross winner Charles Heaphy who is buried in Toowong Cemetery.

When: Thursday, 2 October from 7pm to 9pm

Where: Toowong State School Historical Library, entry via Kate Street (off Sylvan Road)

Cost: free, tea and coffee are available following the meeting

The Royal Historical Society of Queensland

The guest speaker at October's Lunchtime meeting will be Lisa Jones, and her topic will be '*An illustrated presentation of the history of the Queensland police*'.

When: Wednesday 8 October at 12.30pm

Where: The Commissariat Store, 115 William Street, Brisbane

Brisbane Open House

Brisbane Open House is on this month with many significant buildings free to enter over the weekend. The premises of the Royal Historical Society of Queensland are included, at The Commissariat Store Museum at 115 William Street Brisbane.

When: Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 October, from 10am to 3pm

Where: across Brisbane

Cost: free

Norwegians in Australia - Invitation

You are invited to a talk where author, Fredrik Larsen Lund will present a one hour

lecture which will cover a range of questions related to “Norwegian Australia” and the Norwegians’ life and activities both in past and present time.

His newly published book is available, titled (in Norwegian) “Nedenunder og hjem: Nordmenn i Australia gjennom 400 år”. This translates to something like “Down Under and Back Again: Norwegians in Australia throughout 400 years”.

When: Friday, 24 October at 7pm

Where: St. Andrew’s Lutheran Church, 25 Wickham Terrace, Brisbane

Cost: free, with coffee and Danish pastries available afterwards

No registration is needed, anyone with an interest in the history of Norwegians in Australia is welcome. For more information, see [here](#).

Web Wanderings

Woman's Suffrage Petitions

Last month Snippets mentioned the searchable database of signatories to Queensland's women's suffrage petitions from the 1890s that would soon be available. It was officially launched on 9 September 2014 and can now be searched online. Find out more, search the database and view the signatures go [here](#).

Passenger Lists for Victoria

Last month Snippets also mentioned improved access to Passenger Lists for Victoria. Some may have wondered why, as they have been available on the Public Records Office of Victoria's website for some time. The improvement is in their clarity and legibility, as they are freshly digitised images from the microfilm.

It now appears these improved records are also available from findmypast, available free to members at the QFHS library or by subscription. Go [here](#) for more information about the findmypast release.

Do you have a First Fleeter?

This site from University of Wollongong has lots of interesting info for you. First Fleet Online can be found [here](#).

Auckland Cemetery Records

Symonds Street Cemetery was the main Auckland Cemetery until it closed in 1886. Also, St Stephens in Parnell from 1849 – 1982. Find it [here](#).

Amazing Old Maps of the British Isles and WWI & II

The National Library of Scotland now offers a wonderful capability to overlap 19th century maps with modern maps or Google aerial photographs. See where your ancestors lived in relation to today's world. The facility includes the trench maps of WWI Belgium and France, and WWII Belgium. See these maps for free [here](#).

Cozens Index to Archdeaconry and Consistory Court of Canterbury Wills and Probate

You can search on surname, forename, place and any period of years. Find it [here](#).

UK National School Admission Registers and Log-books 1870-1914

FindMyPast has added 2.5million new records. The records include handwritten registers, log-books (diaries recording the daily occurrences at the school, including absences, illnesses, visitors and holidays) and attendance records, exposing our ancestors' school days in detail for the first time. Available by subscription or free at the QFHS library. Search [here](#).

The Workhouse of Leek in Staffordshire

The history of Leek Workhouse and who was born there is now available online from findmypast. This marks the start of the creation of the Staffordshire Collection on Findmypast, which on completion will comprise around six million fully searchable transcripts and scanned images of handwritten parish records. Available free at the QFHS library or via subscription. You can read more [here](#).

New Records at Findmypast

Recently added new records include:

- [Dorset Marriages 1538-1902](#)
 - [London Poor Laws Records, 1581-1899](#)
 - [Northamptonshire Hearth Tax, 1674](#)
 - [Archbishop of York Marriage Licences 1613-1839](#)
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Scottish indexes

Maxwell Ancestry now have a large collection of indexes, from unique sources such as prison and court records to more commonly used sources such as birth, marriage, death and census records. While currently many of the records are from the south of Scotland, they have Quaker records and mental health records covering all of Scotland. Find them [here](#).

Irish Marriages 1771 to 1812

Ancestry has added an index to Irish marriages that were announced in *Walker's Hibernian Magazine*. There are some 30,000 records in this collection and the marriage announcements are cross-referenced by both the husband and wife's surnames. The collection spans the years from 1771 to 1812. Available free at the QFHS library or via subscription. Find them [here](#).

Irish Archives Resource Goes Online

Irish Archives Resource, (IAR) is a portal that links together hundreds of unique

archival collections and 34 archive services in Ireland's north and south. It does not hold any images of archives or records. Instead, it provides a means to search archival descriptions from various contributing institutions.

The archive is not specifically a genealogy resource. It contains all sorts of archival descriptions, many of which will prove to be useful to genealogists. Find it [here](#).

Irish Street Directories and Maps

A new website contains historic Irish street directories and some maps. The website also contains a townland database. Check it out [here](#).

German Digital Church Book Portal

Of about 140,000 individual church books in Germany, the records of about 35,000 have been digitised so far. Most of the German Protestant regional church bodies are participating, others and Catholic archives and civil registrations may be joining in later. The entire web site is in German. You can access the site [here](#).

There will be a fee, payment information is available (in German) [here](#).

New from Family Search

FamilySearch has indexed some 288,000 census records from the Grand Duchy of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, Germany. This 1867 census consists of names of all household members, dates of birth, religion, marital status, occupation and nationality. Find it [here](#).

General items of interest

Researching Your Home

A comprehensive booklet "Researching the History of Your Central Queensland Home" is available from the Museum of Central Queensland. It is a practical, step-by-step guide to assist anyone interested in the homes of Central and Central West Queensland. Many of the housing styles are common to other parts of Queensland as well. The booklet can be found at the Museum's website [here](#).

Merseyside at War 1914-1918

This is an interactive website where you can read other people's stories or add your own for your Merseyside ancestor. Find it [here](#).

Library of Congress Offers a New Collection of Depression Era Photographs

The Library of Congress has recently updated its great collection of photographs from the Great Depression. It now has more than 175,000 portraits of America from 1935 to 1945. It includes all known data about the subject(s) in each photo, including the date and location of the photograph and the name of the photographer. You can

access this great collection of Depression Era photographs [here](#).

Europeana 1914-1918

This interactive site contains interesting images with tabs for New Zealand, America, Australia and Canada. You'll find it [here](#).

Images Added to PERSI

The Periodical Source Index, or PERSI, is the largest subject index to genealogy and local history periodical articles in the world. PERSI is updated frequently. Now it has added images to the indexes, allowing access to articles, photos, and other material that might be difficult to find using other research methods.

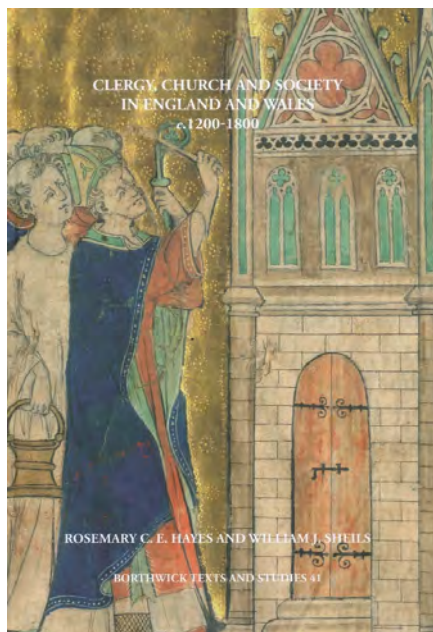
PERSI is available online at [finmypast](#), available free at the QFHS library or via subscription. More details of this resource [here](#).

Sugar Refiners and Sugar Bakers Databases

Perhaps you have an ancestor who worked in this industry? A history of the industry and a searchable database of some of those involved in the cane sugar refining industry, mainly in the UK, 16-20C can be found [here](#).

Book Review

Clergy, Church and Society in England and Wales c.1200-1800 by Rosemary C. E. Hayes and William J. Sheils.



The editors point out that for most of our history it is not possible to discuss the social history of England and Wales fully without considering the central place occupied by the Church and clergy. They have brought together ten essays that enlarge on the details of three major archive-based databases.

The database of 'The Records of Central Government in England and Wales: Taxation 1173-c.1700' contains material vital to anyone interested in medieval and early modern taxation. Three of the articles draw on 'The York Cause Papers Project', illustrating the riches to be found in the records of the court of the Northern Province for the study of Church and society in the medieval

and early modern periods.

The other two articles relate to 'The Clergy of the Church of England' database. One discusses the problems and potential of such a sophisticated database; the other uses it to illustrate patterns of clerical patronage in the 18th century.

This is a scholarly work but, being made up of a series of essays, it can be digested in smaller segments. The work is indexed and all essays sourced. 199 pp. Borthwick Institute for Archives. Review courtesy of Pam Masel.

Trivia

A Sea of Poppies

A spectacular art installation of poppies commemorates those from across the (then) British Empire who lost their lives in WWI. A sea of ceramic poppies spills out of the Tower of London and is beginning to fill the moat. The last poppy will be placed on Remembrance Day, 2018. The Tower was a major recruiting centre during WW1. Read more [here](#).

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Pauline Macfarlane

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