

Snippets

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Welcome to 2015, and may you meet all your New Year resolutions for your family history research. We have several opportunities to help you get off to a great start.

Great news - the QFHS library is now air conditioned so it's the place to be on a hot day!

The new QFHS indexed data CD is available, with many of us keen to see if we can find those elusive ancestors who "swum" to Australia amongst the entries. Read about the Queensland Customs House Shipping 1852-1885: Passengers and Crew in the "Happenings" section below.

Workshops and seminars begin for the year in mid February with the recommencement of Fridays@QFHS - the first one looking at how to ensure our ancestors are who we think they are. We also have our first seminar for the year, this time discovering more about court and police records. See the "Education" section for details, and there are also some records for you to check out beforehand on this topic in "Web Wanderings" below.

Make sure you mark your calendar for Colleen Fitzpatrick's seminar on Forensic Genealogy in April. Despite the title of her seminar, this is not a CSI-type discussion! Colleen is a highly regarded international speaker and will be talking on a number of topics. You can read more about her below.

One lucky member will have the opportunity to turbo-charge their family history research, with a gift voucher for a nine-course certificate. Check out how to apply - it's easy!

- 07 Jan 2015 [Management Committee Meeting](#)
- 12 Jan 2015 Library re-opens for research
- 17 Jan 2015 [Family History Writing Group](#)
- 17 Jan 2015 [The Master Genealogist Group](#)
- 18 Jan 2015 [Welsh Interest Group](#)
- 22 Jan 2015 [English West Country Interest Group](#)
- 24 Jan 2015 [Central European Interest Group](#)
- 26 Jan 2015 Closed for Australia Day
- 04 Feb 2015 [Management Committee Meeting](#)
- 06 Feb 2015 [Family Tree Maker® User Group](#)

Happenings

A Gift for You

QFHS has a Gift Certificate worth about \$960 to give one of its members, from the National Institute for Genealogical Studies. This entitles enrolment in a package of nine basic level courses in the Certificate in Genealogical Studies Program. Included are four courses in methodology, four courses in the records of the country of your choice, and an analysis and skills mentoring course.

The gift certificate will be awarded to the QFHS member who provides the best short account (up to 400 words) explaining both how they will benefit, and how the Society would benefit from their participation.

Please forward your application to the secretary@qfhs.org by 31 January 2015. The decision of the Education Sub-Committee is final and no correspondence will be entered into. For more information about the QFHS gift go [here](#) and about the National Institute of Genealogical Studies go [here](#).

New Qld Shipping Records to Explore

QFHS has a new dataset available, thanks to the fantastic work of our indexing team. It is available for purchase as a CD from QFHS, and can also be searched in the QFHS library.

Queensland Customs House Shipping 1852-1885: Passengers and Crew is a searchable index of more than 107,800 passengers and crew from 485 ship voyages arriving in Brisbane between 1852 and 1885. The records are sourced from Customs House (Brisbane) records and typically mention both passengers and crew. More than 90 of the lists are for voyages not found in the Queensland State Archives Assisted immigration 1848-1912 online index.

Included are ships departing from Batavia, Boston, Dundee, Glasgow, Greenock, Hamburg, Hong Kong, Liverpool, London, New York, Newcastle on Tyne, Plymouth, Queenstown, Singapore, San Francisco, Sydney, the South Sea Islands and

Southampton. Read more about it [here](#).

Education - Workshops/Courses/Seminars

Fridays@QFHS: Ensuring the validity of your genealogical assumptions

When: Friday 13 February 2015 - 10:00 am to 11:30 am

Where: QFHS Library and Resource Centre

Cost: \$11 QFHS members, \$15 others

Presenter: Geoff Morgan

Are you sure you have the right people in your tree? This workshop outlines strategies that help to ensure the validity of your genealogical data – e.g. that your ggg-grandmother really is the person you think she is. Examples of incorrect assumptions will also be considered. More information [here](#).

Seminar: Criminals and Victims

When: Saturday 7 March 2015 - 9:00 am to 12:30 pm

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

Cost: \$15 QFHS members, \$20 others

Presenters: Shauna Hicks, Rosemary Kopittke, Helen Smith

This seminar will show how to use court records, including local courts of petty sessions records, Australian police gazettes, and researching criminals in England. More information [here](#).

Fridays@QFHS: Ancestry Library Edition

When: Friday 13 March 2015 - 10:00 am to 11:30 am

Where: QFHS Library and Resource Centre

Cost: \$11 QFHS members, \$15 others

Presenter: Sue Reid

Learn more about searching on Ancestry. Ancestry Library Edition is available at QFHS, but despite what the advertisements say, yes, you do need to know what you are looking for. More information [here](#).

Fridays@QFHS: The Genealogist: what's the difference

When: Friday 10 April 2015 - 10:00 am to 11:30 am

Where: QFHS Library and Resource Centre

Cost: \$11 QFHS members, \$15 others

Presenter: Rosemary Kopittke

The Genealogist offers records not available on other subscription websites and has some interesting search options that can help break down brick walls. Come and learn what records The Genealogist has and how to best utilise its unique searches and other features. More information [here](#).

Seminar: Forensic Genealogy

When: Saturday 18 April 2015 - 9:00 am to 12:30 pm

Where: St Joseph's College, 285 Gregory Terrace, Spring Hill, Brisbane

Presenter: Colleen Fitzpatrick

An international speaker, Colleen is very down-to-earth and easy to understand. She combines high-tech DNA analysis with the skills of an old-fashioned detective, combing birth and death certificates, newspaper articles and church and cemetery records—and making calls to distant continents far into the night. Her talks will spark your imagination and motivate you to discover new ways of looking at your family mysteries. Interesting articles about Dr. Fitzpatrick and her work are available [here](#) and [here](#).

Watch the QFHS website for registration details.

Members' Noticeboard

Talks at the Queensland State Archives

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

Using microfilm and indexes workshop

When: Thursday 29 January 2015, 8:30-9:30 am

Where: Public Search Room, Queensland State Archives, 435 Compton Road, Runcorn

Cost: Free

Learn how to use the Archives' microfilm equipment, including scanning and saving records to USB from microfilm. You will also learn how to best use the Public Search Room computers and the catalogue, the Archives' website, and QSA indexes. BYO USB device.

Getting started with research

When: Thursday 29 January 2015, 10:00-11:00 am

Where: Lecture Theatre 2, Queensland State Archives, 435 Compton Road, Runcorn

Cost: Free

Find out about resources available at Queensland State Archives and learn how to use the collection to meet your research needs.

Talks at the State Library of Queensland

For more details go [here](#).

Liquid gold: how artesian water transformed Queensland

When: Thursday 19 Feb 2015, 12:30 pm - 01:30 pm

Where: Auditorium 2, Level 2, State Library of Queensland,

Cost: Free

More than 30 Queensland towns rely on artesian water for their water supply. Could they have survived or grown as they have without this water source? What were the logistics and costs of drilling down 500m to tap into the Great Artesian Basin and how was the water managed once it came to the surface?

Congress 2015 - Generations Meeting Across Time

When: 26-30 March 2015

Where: The National Convention Centre Canberra, the Australian War Memorial and the Great Hall of Parliament House, Canberra, ACT

Cost: \$550 full registration, single days also available, options [here](#).

Australia's premier genealogy event, held every three years, is on this March. It will bring together high quality Australian and international speakers and will provide opportunities for Congress participants to meet the speakers and to meet with others who share the same interests and enthusiasm. Hear about the newest developments in family history research, emerging issues and the latest technologies. There will be an extensive trade display showcasing the latest publications, products and services for the family historian.

You can follow Congress 2015 on Facebook and Twitter for all its registration announcements. Check out the wonderful official Congress bloggers: Jill Ball, Pauleen Cass and Shauna Hicks for lots of great posts on Congress 2015 and its speakers. For more information on Congress, the exciting speakers' program and registration details, visit the Congress 2015 website [here](#).

Web Wanderings

Centre for Indigenous Family History Studies

This web site has been created to provide a resource for those people researching their Aboriginal heritage. The material on this site has been extracted from publicly available records in various state and federal archives throughout Australia. Search for free [here](#).

More Australian records

Recently added or updated Australian collections on Ancestry can be searched at the QFHS library for free, or [here](#) by subscription.

- New South Wales, Australia, Colonial Secretary's Papers, 1788-1856 - updated
- Australia Birth Index, 1788-1922 - updated
- Sydney, Australia, Morgue Registers of Bodies, 1881-1908 - new

More New Zealand records

Recently added or updated New Zealand collections on Ancestry can be searched at

the QFHS library for free, or [here](#) by subscription.

- New Zealand, Birth Index, 1840-1950 - updated
- New Zealand, Death Index, 1848-1964 - updated
- New Zealand, Who's Who in New Zealand and the Western Pacific, 1908, 1925, 1938 - new
- New Zealand, Cemetery Records, 1800-2007 - new

Britain Trade Union Registers

FindMyPast has put online some 3.4 million trade union membership records from nine different trade unions. Trades include boilermakers and iron shipbuilders, carpenters and joiners, lithographers and railway workers. The railway workers records in particular might be very useful as most families had at least one person who worked for the railways during the age of steam. Available for free at the QFHS library or via subscription [here](#).

1871 British Army Index

The 1871 Worldwide British Army Index is now available online with FindMyPast. With more than 207,000 records, the primary aim has been to identify the location of men serving in the British Army as at the 1871 Census day – 2 April 1871. It contains details of both officers and men of the Cavalry, Royal Artillery, Royal Engineers, Guards, Infantry and Colonial units serving both in Britain and elsewhere in the British Empire. Available for free at the QFHS library or via subscription [here](#).

Remembering the soldiers of the Great War

The Folkestone Harbour Canteen served refreshments to soldiers before they embarked for France in WWI. Search an index of 42,000 names from the visitor's book at the canteen for free [here](#).

UK Coal Mining Accidents and Deaths

This is a database of over 164,000 records of coal mining accidents and deaths. It is searchable [here](#) by name with the resulting information normally including date, year, colliery, town, notes, age and occupation.

Expert in Genealogy Technology

Hack Genealogy (Thomas MacEntee) will help you [here](#) with your genealogy, providing information on emerging technology inside and outside the genealogy industry. Free software and advice on 'the tricky bits' to assist you with your family history research. Pinterest is a treasure trove for almost everything. Check it out. Registration is free and if you find a topic that interests you can create your own online library.

More British Newspapers online

Over 800,000 new articles have been added to the FindMyPast collection of British Newspapers. Two new titles have also been added: the Aberdeen Weekly Journal, County Chronicle and the Surrey Herald & Weekly Advertiser for Kent. These are available for free at the QFHS library or via subscription [here](#).

UK - More Headstone Records

More than 22,000 records have been added to The Genealogist's Headstone project, now covering the twelve parishes of the Island of Jersey including all of the island's historic cemeteries. Also released are a further 13 cemeteries from Buckinghamshire, Devon, Gloucestershire, Northamptonshire, Somerset, The West Midlands and Wiltshire. The records are linked to images of the stones and maps to locate the actual burial grounds, they are searchable by name, year of death and graveyard. Read more about it [here](#).

England Marriages and Deaths updates

Findmypast has added extensively to a number of record sets for England. Access is free at the QFHS library or by subscription.

- England marriages 1538–1973 - more than 31 million International Genealogical Index (IGI) Marriage records have been added [here](#).
 - England deaths and burials 1538-1991 - contains over 14 million International Genealogical Index (IGI) death and burial records for England [here](#).
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Wales Marriages and Deaths updates

Findmypast has added extensively to a number of record sets for Wales. Access is free at the QFHS library or by subscription.

- Wales Marriages 1541–1900 - more than 131,000 International Genealogical Index (IGI) marriage records for Wales have been added [here](#).
 - Wales deaths and burials 1586-1885 - contains more than 1,200 IGI death and burial records. Most records are from the historic counties of Glamorganshire and Monmouthshire and can be searched [here](#).
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North Yorkshire records for Ryedale

FindMyPast offers three record sets particular to nine parishes across the Ryedale district in North Yorkshire.

- Ryedale baptisms 1790-1950 - more than 12,000 records for free at the QFHS library or by subscription [here](#).
- Ryedale marriages 1754-1928 - about 6,000 records for free at the QFHS library or by subscription [here](#).

- Ryedale burials 1813-1999 - more than 7,000 records for free at the QFHS library or by subscription [here](#).
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Bexley Asylum in Kent

The minute books for the Bexley Asylum contain more than 11,000 records from 1901-1939. This asylum opened in 1898 and was the seventh in London. Built on 750 acres next to Dartford Heath, the so-called 'Heath' Asylum housed 2,544 patients at its occupancy peak in 1915. None were there on a voluntary basis. Records include details of release and temporary release of patients as well as the hiring and promotion of staff and tradesmen's contracts. Search on FindMyPast for free at the QFHS library or by subscription [here](#).

Updated Kent BDM records

Available from FindMyPast for free at the QFHS library or via subscription.

- Over 7,000 North West Kent Baptisms 1560-1962 from the Parish of Westerham have been added [here](#).
 - Over 15,000 North West Kent Marriages 1562-1951 from the Parish of Westerham have been added [here](#).
 - Over 5,000 North West Kent Burials 1563-1983 have been added [here](#).
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More Essex Wills online

The website Essex Ancestors run by the Essex Records Office has uploaded an additional 22,500 historic wills. This brings the total number of wills on the website to some 70,000, spanning from the 1400s to 1858. It is a subscription site [here](#).

New Asylum Records

New records at Ancestry give insights about patients and criminal lunatics. Search the [Patients Admission Registers](#) for those in lunatic asylums and hospitals between 1846 and 1912. These note the name of the patient, the hospital or asylum, and the date of admission and discharge (or death). Meanwhile the related [Criminal Lunatic Asylum Registers](#), and [Criminal Lunacy Warrant and Entry Books](#) reveal the departure from prison and arrival at asylums of convicted criminals judged insane. More information [here](#).

1911 England and Wales Census — corrections

Ancestry has recently revised its record set for the 1911 Census of England and Wales. This update corrected "Gender" for 523,758 records, the link between data and image on 97,609 images and other corrections for 207,741 records, such as relation to head, residence, and district. Search the revised data for free at QFHS or by subscription [here](#).

More UK records on Ancestry

Recently added or updated collections on Ancestry for England, Wales, Scotland or Ireland can be searched at the QFHS library for free, or [here](#) by subscription.

- UK and Ireland, Masters and Mates Certificates, 1850-1927 - updated
- UK, Coal Mining Accidents and Deaths Index, 1700-1950 - new
- UK, Women's Royal Air Force Index, 1918-1920 - new
- UK, Coal Mining Accidents and Deaths Index, 1700-1950 - new
- UK, Methodist Ministers Death Index, 1800-1963 - new
- Perth, Scotland, Burgh Burial Index, 1794-1855 - new
- England, Select Marriages, 1538–1973 - updated
- Surrey, England, Electoral Registers, 1832-1945 - updated
- Gloucestershire, England, Overseers Index, 1615-1888 - new
- Dorset, England, Deaths and Burials, 1813-2010 - updated
- Dorset, England, Marriages and Banns, 1813-1921 - updated
- Dorset, England, Births and Baptisms, 1813-1906 - updated
- Dorset, England, Baptisms, Marriages and Burials, 1538-1812 - updated
- West Yorkshire, England, Select Land Tax Records, 1704-1932 - updated
- West Yorkshire, England, Select Rate Books, Accounts and Censuses, 1705–1893 - updated
- West Yorkshire, England, Bastardy Records, 1690-1914 - new
- West Yorkshire, England, Baptisms, Marriages and Burials, 1512-1812 - updated
- West Yorkshire, England, Deaths and Burials, 1813-1985 - updated
- West Yorkshire, England, Births and Baptisms, 1813-1910 - updated
- West Yorkshire, England, Wakefield Charities Coroners Notebooks, 1852-1909 - new

Irish Petty Sessions Court registers 1828 - 1912

The last 710,000 records have been added to complete FindMyPast's collection of Irish Petty Sessions Court Registers. Petty Sessions handled the bulk of lesser criminal and civil legal proceedings including trespassing and disorderly conduct. Available for free at the QFHS library or via subscription [here](#).

Ireland Dog Licence Registers

FindMyPast has added some 3.6 million records of Irish dog license registers, making a total of some 6 million records. Ireland's licensing program for dogs began in 1866 covering a period when census records are not available. It is well worth checking out since all strata of society tended to own dogs. Available for free at the QFHS library or via subscription [here](#).

More records in the Irish Marriage Index

More than 4,000 new entries brings the Irish Marriage Index to 62,065 records, with 139,000 names of brides, grooms and their parents for marriages prior to 1864. This update has drawn from the diocese of Cloyne, Kildare and Elphin among others. The marriage licence bonds may include Roman Catholic couples ensuring that their union was legal, particularly in the eighteenth century. New records are uploaded every month. Read more about the update [here](#) or search for free [here](#).

More records for Derry City

Derry Genealogy Centre has compiled seven new databases for Derry, dating from 1628 through to 1921. Search them [here](#) for free.

Historic Glasgow Hospital Records

Admission records to the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Glasgow for 1883-1903 are now available. These complement databases already available for three London hospitals: the Hospital for Sick Children at Great Ormond Street, the Evelina Hospital and the Alexandra Hospital for Children with Hip Disease. The Historic Hospitals Admissions Records Project provides access to nearly 120,000 individual admission records between 1852 and 1914, as well as a collection of articles on the early history of the hospitals, pen-portraits of personalities who inhabited them and a gallery of images. Search for free [here](#).

Hebridean Connections

On this website you will find thousands of records relating to the genealogy, history, traditions, culture and archaeology of the Western Isles (or Outer Hebrides), a chain of islands off the west coast of Scotland. You can search for people, businesses, locations and other categories. Access it [here](#).

Heritage Cotton Mill Town Records

New Lanark is a village on the River Clyde some 40 km southeast of Glasgow, Scotland. It was founded in 1786 and comprised cotton mills and housing for the mill workers. FindMyPast now has a record collection of the people of New Lanark from 1785-1935 that includes court appearances, employee transfers, poor relief applications, warrants for arrears of poor rates, work records, rent books and more. Search it for free at QFHS or by subscription [here](#).

Records for Austria and surrounding countries

The genealogy website GenTeam has added some 400 new collections. Highlights include citizen rolls from Bratislava, a marriage index for Vienna (starting in 1542), an index of Catholic baptisms in Vienna and Jewish indices of Prague for the years 1784 to 1804. The website currently has over 11 million records from Austria and surrounding countries, covering most of the former Austro-Hungarian Empire. The website is in English. Access is free upon registration. See more [here](#).

General items of interest

Biggest Digitisation of Irish Genealogy Records

The National Library of Ireland is to digitise more than 400,000 images of Catholic parish register microfilms and publish them free online. The microfilms will be available from the National Library of Ireland by mid-2015. More details [here](#).

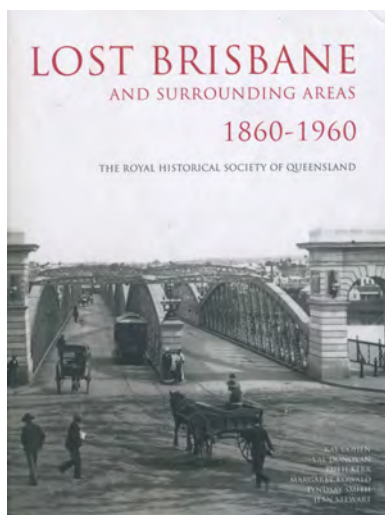
New Manning River book

The book Mondrook, Manning River - Chronicles of the Early Days 1837-1970 gives an insight into the efforts in establishing one of the most beautiful districts on the Manning River. It is in A4 format, with 154 pages and costs \$25, postage free within Australia. More details available [here](#).

WW1 Soldiers from Blaenau Gwent, Wales

This website is dedicated to World War I soldiers from Blaenau Gwent, a county borough in southern Wales. It is called Blaenau Gwent Remembers. Worth checking out if you have ancestors from the region. Access is free [here](#).

Book Review



Lost Brisbane and Surrounding Areas 1860 - 1960 is a 360 page monumental work, a joint effort by the Royal Historical Society of Queensland and QBD The Bookshop. Its aim is to capture the story of the city and its environs. With the term "lost" we should be prepared for demolition - the accompaniment to this city's development over the years. The question was what to show, the totally lost or the still existent but much changed? The choice was to cover both. This was a time of enormous development. By the early 1860s Brisbane was throwing off its convict origins and starting to bloom, as the photographs in this work

demonstrate. In some 500 of these we can follow material that is loosely themed in geographical and chronological order under the major headings of City, River and People. The reproduction is superb. One could spend hours just tracking development via the panoramic shots. The work is indexed and sourced and could be seen as a "must" for family historians who wish to capture the essence of life for a Brisbane based family in the late 1800's. Review courtesy of Pam Masei.

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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.

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Pauline Macfarlane

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