

Snippets

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Have you registered for the first Queensland local, family and social history Conference, In Time and Place?

The organising committee have been working hard and have organised an exciting two day event that is all set and ready to go. Keynote speakers Janis Wilton, Dave Obee and Shauna Hicks, together with fifteen local speakers, will complete the program which is available to browse on the website <http://itap.historyqueensland.org.au/>. Trade displays will give you an opportunity to check out what's new and talk with exhibitors.

The Conference will commence at 9.00am on Saturday 3 October and finish at midday on Sunday 4 October.



Calendar

- 11 Sept - [findmypast Workshop - \(new session 1.00pm - 2.00pm\)](#)
- 11 Sept - [DNA Follow up session for those who attended June session](#)
- 12 Sept - [Scottish Interest Group](#)
- 16 Sept - [Members' Meeting - Finders Cafe 1.00pm](#)
- 16 Sept - Moreton Library - Caboolture 10.00am. Directories and Almanacs with Rosemary Kopittke
- 18 Sept - [New Members Welcome and Orientation](#)
- 19 Sept - [Family History Writing Group](#)

19 Sept - [The Master Genealogist User Group](#)
20 Sept - [Welsh Interest Group](#)
24 Sept - [English West Country Group](#)
26 Sept - [Central European Group](#)
02 Oct - [FTM User Group](#)
03-04 Oct - [ITAP Conference](#)

Happenings

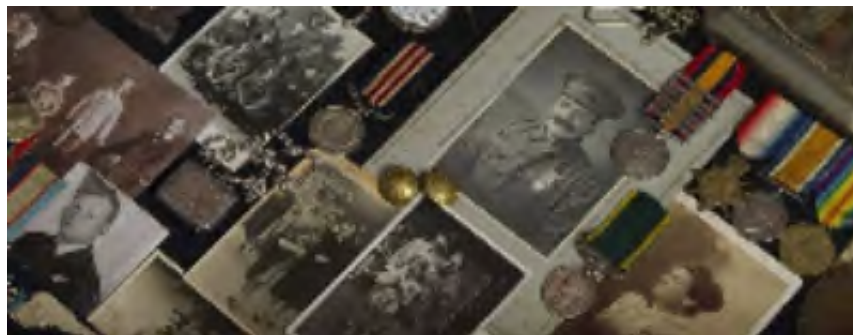
State Library of Queensland: Family History Day: Find Your Soldier

As part of Find your soldier, visit the Family History Librarians at our free drop-in session to chat about your research into your soldier. Explore the services and resources available, ask your questions, and get some clues about the next step in your research.

There's no need to book for this session - come along at any time from 10:30am to 12 noon on 19 September at the State Library of Queensland.

Fellowship of First Fleeters Open Day

The Fellowship of First Fleeters (Moreton Chapter) is having a free Open Day on Saturday, 10 October from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm at St Augustine's Anglican Church Hall, Racecourse Road, Hamilton. Members will provide information on their extensive family trees stretching back to the first white settlement of Australia. There will be opportunities to access members' own books, many of which relate to family histories which have been privately published or are out of print. Presenters of the morning include Julie Webb (DNA and its relevance to family history research), Mary Sweeney (Child Convicts of the First Fleet), Gaye Fitzpatrick (First Fleeter Robert Ross), Don Cornford and John and Christopher Palmer, (First Fleet Brothers).



Members' Meeting: Finders Cafe: The Global Facial Social History Project

Andrew Gildea is a member of QFHS and is an architect who enjoys breathing new life into heritage homes in Brisbane. He is the designer of the innovative website Finders Cafe which was launched in March 2015 at the AFFHO Congress.

Finders Cafe is a user content driven, socially conscious website which is Australian designed and owned. It was conceived as a tool to meet the need to link the vital information of the people in old photographs in dusty old boxes and bottom draws

around the world, undergo a through validation process and then be preserved for future generations to find. Visitors welcome.

Note: Afternoon meeting commencing at 1.00pm

Education - Workshops/Courses/Seminars

Fridays@QFHS

The following sessions will be held at the library and resource centre from 10.00am to 11.30 pm on dates shown below. You can [register for a session](#) at the library or on the website. Cost: \$11 members, \$15 non-members.



Confused about researching on findmypast? Come along and learn a variety of search methods for locating records relating to your family.

Note: Morning session booked out. Extra session from 1.00pm to 2.30pm now available.

Presenter: Rosemary Kopittke

When: 11 September 2015

Preparing for an overseas research trip?

How to get ready for that long awaited overseas research trip: what to pack, what are the 'must-takes', where to go and much more.

Presenters: Sue Reid and Charlotte Sale

When: 9 October 2015



Surnames

Where did they come from? What different types are there? How can knowledge of surnames help you research your family name? What resources and tools are available for your quest?

Presenter: Chris Schuetz

When: 13 November 2015

QFHS Trout Game

Allow yourself the privilege of having a fun day in family history and play the Trout Game. The game simulates researching an English family (the Trout family) using eleven types of records. The aim is to see if you can get back to the 1500s. Use the game to see how good a researcher you are using basic research techniques and find out why you may have brick-walls in your research.

The Trout Game will be played on Friday, 16 October 2015 from 10.00am to 4.00pm at QFHS Library. Cost is \$5.00 which includes morning and afternoon tea (BYO lunch). To make your booking, contact Game Master Ann Swain via [email](#) or telephone (07)

3352 5537. Numbers are limited and early bookings are essential.

Education Program 2016

Do you have some particular skill or knowledge of some website which you would be prepared to share with other members? The Education Sub-Committee of QFHS is in the process of devising the 2016 program. Perhaps you have a family history/genealogical skill or favourite website or particular knowledge that you might like to share.

Fridays@QFHS take place on the second Friday of each month, excluding January, and run for 45-60 minutes. The sessions can be in seminar format or workshop or computer based workshop. If you would like to offer something, please contact the

[Education Officer](#)

Brick Walls

In August 2015, we held a very successful Brick Walls session. The day comprised a presentation on Getting over Brick Walls followed by a one-on-one clinic to discuss members' particular 'brick walls'.

Your Education Sub-Committee would like to repeat this event in 2016. We seek people who have conquered 'brick walls' and may be prepared to come and share their success with other members at a Fridays@QFHS.

If you have a particular success you would like to share, please contact [Education Officer](#). The Education Sub-Committee will provide all possible assistance in preparing your short presentation.

Members' Noticeboard

Toowong History Group

This group meets on the first Thursday of the month from 7pm to 9pm at the Toowong State School Historical Library. Entry via Kate Street (off Sylvan Road). Everyone is welcome - no fees or membership are required. Tea and coffee are available following the meeting.

Web Wanderings

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission Launches New Online Resources

The digitised records cover British, Irish and Commonwealth casualties from the Second World War, together with records for most other nationals commemorated at CWGC sites: this includes the records for German soldiers. The documents give a unique insight into the process of commemoration undertaken by the armed forces and the CWGC during and after the war, and include details of personal headstone inscriptions, date of death, rank, regiment and even some documents which show the journey of the deceased to their final resting place. The records are freely available to the public through the [CWGC website](#)

Advice on Researching British Army First World War Records

A guide and tips on how to find out about a soldier of the British Army of the First World

War is available [here](#)

Nottinghamshire Parish Records Online

This site covers the area: Plumtree, Normanton, Clipston, Bradmore and adjacent areas 1800-1899 Marriages; Keyworth Burials 1654–1987, Cremations 1960–1996; Baptisms Keyworth 1653-1957 and Plumtree 1558–1899. Go [here](#) If you click onto “view other Plumtree Parish Records” the Baptisms and Burials will show.

Carmarthenshire Archive Service

This is a link to the latest information relating to the situation at [Carmarthenshire Archive Service](#)

Scottish Ancestral Research Company Releases New Records

This website is releasing thousands of historical Scottish paternity records. The total number of paternity records now indexed is 11,723

These records give a unique insight into the lives of our ancestors and allow people with illegitimate ancestors to trace their male line more easily, often helping you overcome a ‘brick wall’ in your family tree. Enjoy searching [here](#)

More Than 1,000 Biographies Posted on GenealogyMagazine.com

In the late 1800s and early 1900s, publishing companies sent representatives across America to compile local histories and interview area residents. To finance the printing, representatives sold pre-publication copies. These volumes are sometimes known as “mug books.” Those wanting to see their biography in print had to purchase the book in advance.

However, “mug books” are often valuable sources for the genealogist. Interviewees were typically asked their full name, date and place of birth, names of parents, name of spouse, names of spouse’s parents, and names of children. Names of grandparents, siblings, and aunts and uncles are frequently found as well. You can find the more than 1,300 biographical sketches for free [here](#)

FindMyPast

Available via subscription or for free at the QFHS library:

- [Over 39,000 additional baptisms from Northumberland and Durham](#)
- [Over 81,000 Scottish Covenanters, 1679-1688](#)
- [British Jewry Book of Honour, 1914-1920](#)
- [British Army deserters and absentees in Police Gazette, 1914-1919](#)
- [Over 514,000 records in probate calendars of England and Wales, 1858-1959](#)
- [Browsable probate calendars of England and Wales, 1858-1959](#)
- [Over 5.8 million new British newspaper articles](#)
- [Additional Hertfordshire baptisms, marriages and burials](#)
- [Browsable parish registers from Staffordshire](#)
- [Over 480,000 additional Staffordshire baptisms](#)
- [Over 265,000 additional Staffordshire marriages](#)
- [Over 280,000 additional Staffordshire burials](#)
- [British Army Casualty Index War of 1812](#)

- [Deserters and Absentees in Police Gazette 1914-1919](#)
- [Scottish Covenanters 1679-1688](#)
- [Church of Ireland parish record](#)
- [1828 New South Wales Census](#)

General items of interest



Have you renewed your membership for 2015-16? To continue to enjoy all rights and privileges, including monthly Snippets, you must renew by 30 September. We have lots of exciting events planned for the next year and would love to have you on board. [Renew now](#).

Book - Callan Park: Compassion and Conflict in the Asylum

Friends of Callan Park and Oral History New South Wales held a joint launch of Callan Park: Compassion and Conflict in The Asylum. It followed the recent exhibition of the same name for the National Trust's Heritage Festival where the interest and curiosity about the stories of the people who were patients at Callan Park, or lived in the housing on site or worked its wards was so high that Friends of Callan Park decided to publish the exhibition panels together with linking pages which set the context. Details on how to order the book are available [here](#)

Certificate of Irish Heritage Abandoned

The Certificate of Irish Heritage was a good idea even though it always was a bit controversial. It was basically a scheme for the Irish government to raise a bit of money from Irish descendants around the world. The certificates were issued to descendants of Irish citizens who don't qualify for Irish citizenship themselves, but are willing to pay up €40 for a piece of paper to prove their Irish roots.

The certificates were essentially useless. The Irish Government has now announced it is cancelling the program to sell Certificates of Irish Heritage. The announcement stated that sales had been "considerably less than anticipated." You can read more [here](#)

Genealogy Cartoons

For about a year over 2014/15 an artist produced three genealogical strip cartoons a week poking fun at many aspects of genealogy. These are archived [here](#) The best way to view these is via the archive on the right hand side, starting with strips 1-50. Enjoy!

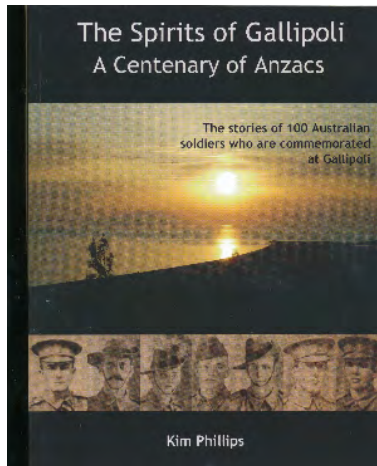
Copyright Law Reform

Unpublished works include old diaries, letters, company records, even recipes. Current Australian copyright rules mean that these valuable pieces of social history are locked away [here](#)

An Interesting Obituary: Dorothy McElhaney

This recently published obituary for 104-year-old Dorothy McElhaney is available [here](#)

Book Review



Kim Phillips has chosen 100 Australian soldiers who lost their lives in the eight months on the Gallipoli peninsula to produce a fascinating record of the period. It is not a typical military history but rather takes each selected soldier and weaves his mini biography plus the action of the day. The Spirits of Gallipoli: A Centenary of Anzacs presents a host of photographs, relevant maps and sketches and above all the voices of these men as they write home or in their diaries. The book of 340 pages is accompanied by a CD which contains over 50000 files. As the forward states this work "will prove an invaluable tool for present and future researchers."

Review courtesy of Pam Masel.

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Pauline Macfarlane

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