

ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

For Genealogists and Family Historians

This is a list of acronyms and abbreviations that may be useful to anyone researching the family tree at QFHS. Its purpose is simply to assist you with your research and is in no way intended to serve as a definitive list. Those having an asterisk (*) have relevance only within QFHS circles.

AAGRA	Australasian Association of Genealogists & Record Agents	bur	buried	FTM	Family Tree Magazine [a monthly periodical - England]
Admons	(Wills and) Letters of Administration	c	child	FTM	Family Tree Maker [a computer program for organising FH data]
AFFHO	Australasian Federation of Family History Organisations	chn	children	FTMU*	Family Tree Maker User (Special Interest Group)
Aft	after (prefixed to a date)	CEG*	Central European (Special Interest) Group	GBPC*	George Bond Photographic Collection
AFTC	Australian Family Tree Connections [a monthly periodical]	cert/s	certificate/s	GEDCOM	Genealogical Data Communication - a type of computer file which allows for the transfer of data from one family history program to a different one
ag lab	agricultural labourer	chr	christened	GOONS	Guild of One-Name Studies
AGRA	Association of Genealogists & Record Agents [England]	circa/ ca/ c.	about [applied to dates/year]	GRD	Genealogical Research Directory
AIGS	Australian Institute of Genealogical Studies [in Melbourne]	Col Sec	Colonial Secretary (of NSW)	GRO	General Register Office [BMDs for England & Wales at the FRC qv; part of ONS]
AKA / aka	also known as	CWGC	Commonwealth War Graves Commission	GSQ	Genealogical Society of Queensland
ASRAM*	Adoption Scheme for Remote Area Members	CRO	County Record Office [England]	GSV	Genealogical Society of Victoria
Asterisk (*)	born	Cross (†)	died	HAGSOC	Heraldry and Genealogy Society of Canberra
AWM	Australian War Memorial	d.	died	IGI	International Genealogical Index
b.	born	dau	daughter	IHGS	Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies [England]
bapt.	Baptised	DC	death certificate	IIG*	Irish (Special) Interest Group
bef	before (prefixed to a date)	d/o	daughter of	IRCs	International Reply Coupons [exchanged at post office for payment in kind/reply postage]
BC	birth certificate	DOB / dob	date of birth	ISBN	International Standard Book Number
BDMs	births, deaths, marriages [may be used in various connections/combinations]	Equal sign (=)	spouse of/married to	JLS*	Journal Loan Scheme
BHG	Brisbane History Group	EWC*	English West Country (Special Interest)	JOL	John Oxley Library [Queensland section of SLQ qv]
BIBL*	Software program used to organise QFHS catalogue on computer	Group	Federation of Family History Societies [England]	L/A*	Library Assistant
BigR	British Isles Genealogical Register	FFHS	Federation of Family History Societies [England]	LDS	Latter Day Saints [The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints]
BK	Brothers Keeper [a shareware computer program for organising FH data]	FH	family history	LRC*	Library and Resource Centre
BMDs	births, marriages, deaths [may be used in various connections/combinations]	FHC	Family History Centre/s [of LDS qv - worldwide] – also known as FHL= FH Library	m (1)	first marriage
BTs	Bishops' Transcripts	FHS / FHG	Family History Society or Group – generic terms		
		FHW*	Family History Writers (Special Interest Group)		
		fiche	microfiche		
		FoTC	Friends of Toowong Cemetery		
		FRC	Family Records Centre (GRO at Angel/Islington, London)		

m (2)	second marriage	prev	previous	name, not to be confused	RO	Record Office [may be used in various connections]
m.	married	with née)			SAE or sae	self-addressed envelope
MC	marriage certificate	PRO	Public Record Office [This might be used with a place name, such as Victoria or Ireland.]		SAG	Society of Australian Genealogists
MC*	Management Committee		[The England and Wales PRO was renamed The National Archives in April 2003. It is located at Kew. One branch is the FRC qv.]		SAGHS	South Australian Genealogy and Heraldry Society
MI	monumental inscription				SG	Scottish (Special Interest) Group
microform	includes microfiche and microfilm				SIG*	special interest group eg Irish, Scottish, Central European etc
Mormons	The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints [also called LDS]	PRONI	Public Record Office of Northern Ireland		SLQ	State Library of Queensland
NAA	National Archives of Australia	QALFHS	Queensland Association of Local and Family History Societies (now History Queensland)		s/o	son of
National Archives	The National Archives - prev k/a PRO (Eng). See also NAA	QFH*	Queensland Family Historian [QFHS quarterly journal]		SoG	Society of Genealogists [England]
née	born (applied to a woman's maiden surname)	QFHS*	Queensland Family History Society Inc		SRS*	Special Records Scheme
NLA	National Library of Australia	QGMI*	Queensland Genealogical Master Index – a QFHS initiative		SSAE or ssaestamped,	self-addressed envelope
NMO*	New Member Orientation	QPOD	Queensland Post Office Directory		St Caths	St Catherine's House – former home of Civil Registration in England & Wales, now k/a GRO
NMW*	New Member Welcome	QPS	Queensland Pre-Separation [separation of the Colony of Queensland from New South Wales (NSW)]		stray	someone who is born in one place, & turns up as having married/lived/died in another place
ONS	Office of National Statistics [England]	QSA	Queensland State Archives		TFHS	Tasmanian Family History Society
OPR	Old Parish Registers [Scotland]	QSL	a former acronym for SLQ - State Library of Queensland		TMG	The Master Genealogist [a computer program for organising FH data]
PAF	Personal Ancestral File [a free LDS computer program for organising FH data]	QSPI*	Queensland School Pupils' Index [a QFHS publication]		UQ	University of Queensland
Plus sign (+)	applied as a suffix to date meaning "after the quoted year"	QU	used by some as an acronym for University of Queensland		unm	unmarried
POD	Post Office Directory	qv	which see		WAGS	Western Australian Genealogical Society
PCC	Prerogative Court of Canterbury [England]	RHSG	Royal Historical Society of Queensland		WW 1 or I	World War 1914-1918
pre	prior to/before [applied date/year]				WW 2 or II	World War 1939-1945
Pre-Sep*	Pre-Separation [relating to what is now Queensland, prior to Dec 1859]					