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# Snippets

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Another packed edition for you with many great events coming up, and lots of new websites and records to explore.

Our marvellous Library Assistants have the opportunity this month to refresh their knowledge and discuss a range of issues to do with library duty. If you're an LA please do your best to attend one of the Library Assistants meetings, as they are a wonderful chance to improve the library's use and make your duty days smooth running. Details are below.

Don't forget the QFHS AGM is coming up in June – would you like to nominate to be on the Management Committee? Details are covered in Happenings.

Have you looked at the QFHS website recently? There are constant 'tweaks' to make it easy for you to find what you're looking for, and to keep you up to date with the Society's activities and offerings. Remember you can prepare before you come in to the library by searching the catalogue for the resources you need before you arrive.

Find the catalogue at: <http://www.qfhs.org.au/resources/catalogue-search/>

We are always seeking volunteers to help with roles as diverse as office bearer and committee member, library assistant, gardener, and helper at events and meetings. It's a great way to make friends and learn more about family history. If you would like to contribute to the work of the Society please email [secretary@qfhs.org.au](mailto:secretary@qfhs.org.au).

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## Calendar

- 02 May [Family Tree Maker® User Group: Brief outline of Books](#)
- 03 May [Library Assistants meeting](#)
- 03 May [DNA Interest Group](#)
- 07 May [Management Committee Meeting](#)
- 09 May [Fridays@QFHS: QFHS Directories Collection](#)
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- 16 May [New Members' Welcome and Orientation](#)
- 17 May [Family History Writing Interest Group](#)
- 17 May [The Master Genealogist® User Group](#)
- 18 May [The Trout Game](#)
- 21 May [Members Meeting: Research Tips for Family History Travellers](#)
- 22 May [English West Country Interest Group](#)
- 23 May [Library Assistants meeting](#)
- 24 May [Central European Interest Group](#)
- 25 May [Welsh Interest Group](#)
- 28 May [Nominations close for 2014/15 Management Committee](#)
- 04 Jun [Management Committee Meeting](#)
- 06 Jun [Family Tree Maker® User Group](#)
- 07 Jun [Seminar: Where there's a Will](#)

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## Happenings

### QFHS Annual General Meeting

The Society will hold its Annual General meeting on 11 June this year. Perhaps you would be interested in being on the Management Committee for 2014/15.

Members are invited to nominate for election to the positions of President, Vice-President (2 positions), Secretary, Treasurer, and Committee members (minimum 5 positions). All positions will be declared vacant at the AGM. Neither our current Treasurer nor our Secretary will be standing for their roles so nominations for these positions are particularly sought.

Nominations close on 28 May for all positions, you can find the nomination form [here](#). If you are unable to attend you can still vote by proxy by using the form [here](#).

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### QFHS Open Day

The Society will hold its annual Open Day on Saturday 23 August, 2014, during National Family History Month. The theme is 'Your Family Tree – more than names and dates!' Help us illustrate QFHS Open Day this year. Do you have photos or copies of those family treasures and records that 'put meat on the bones' of the story of your family? We would like to produce a slide show featuring these, complete with a short story and

image, if you have one. Homes, schools attended, Nana's recipes, Grandpa's travels, newspaper articles - anything you may have used to complete an interesting story about a family member.

Please email your contributions to: [marketing@qfhs.org.au](mailto:marketing@qfhs.org.au)

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## Education - Workshops/Courses/Seminars

### **Fridays@QFHS: Using Directories for Research**

**Fully booked!**

**If you've booked and can't make it, please let us know so another can take your place.**

When: 9 May 2014

Where: QFHS Library and Resource Centre

Presenter: Chris Schuetz

Trade directories, post office directories, court directories, and almanacs from Australia and other countries contain a wealth of information.

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### **QFHS Trout Game**

**Limited numbers so book early to avoid disappointment.**

When: 18 May 2014 from 10am to 4pm

Where: QFHS Library and Resource Centre

Game Master: Ann Swain

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 not involving computers at all, and find out why you may have brick-walls in your research. Cost is \$5.00 which includes morning and afternoon tea (BYO lunch). To book, contact Ann Swain by email at [a.swain@bigpond.com](mailto:a.swain@bigpond.com) or telephone (07) 3352 5537.

More information at <http://www.qfhs.org.au/activities/trout-game/>

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### **Seminar: Where there's a Will: Wills and associated matters in Queensland, Australia, and the UK**

When: 7 June 2014

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

**Saadia Thomson-Dwyer** will guide you through records available at the Queensland State Archives and how you can locate them. Saadia is the Senior Reference Archivist at the Queensland State Archives.

**Shauna Hicks** will look at resources available for researching wills, intestacy and probate administrative records in Australia. Shauna is an archivist, librarian, and family historian with over thirty-five years' experience.

**Ann Swain will demonstrate that you can** never say, 'my family was too poor to leave

a will.' She will show how to access wills in the differing administration systems of England, Wales, Ireland, and Scotland. Ann started researching her family's history in 1975 and is a founding member of the Queensland Family History Society.

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

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### **Fridays@QFHS: From Desktop to the Dark Web**

When: 13 June 2014

Where: QFHS Library and Resource Centre

Presenter: John Perryn and Dr Geoff Morgan

Beyond the reach of Google and Ancestry lie oceans of data awaiting your scrutiny. John and Geoff will lead you through a number of tools and techniques that will assist you to both broaden and focus your approach to finding hidden gems in the vast amount of data now available to the researcher. More information at

<http://qfhs.org.au/activities/qfhs-training-courses/>

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## **Noticeboard**

### **Police Expo: 150 Years of Service**

When: 22 August 2014 from 9am – 7pm and  
23 August 2014 from 9am – 4pm

Where: Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, Merivale Street, Sth Brisbane

Entry: gold coin donation, or free for school groups

This year the Queensland Police Service celebrates 150 years of service to the Queensland community. Celebrations include a Police Expo to highlight the diverse nature of policing activities and environments across Queensland. With active displays from a range of Policing units and sections, attendees can talk to the officers doing the job. This event is a must-see for anybody interested in becoming a Police Officer, or just wanting to see what we do.

More details will be provided closer to the date via the QPS Facebook page and the myPolice blog. For more information see: <http://bit.ly/1kjYMXn>

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### **Seminars at the National Archives**

Free entry, Bookings not essential, morning tea provided.

phone: 07 3249 4200

email: [brisbane.events@naa.gov.au](mailto:brisbane.events@naa.gov.au)

### **The Postal Service of Queensland**

When: 16 May 2014 at 2pm or  
21 May 2014 at 10am

Where: National Archives of Australia, 16 Corporate Drive, Cannon Hill

The National Archives Brisbane Office has a large collection of records relating to the operation of the Post Office in Queensland. The talk will discuss items, files and photographs that were previously held by the GPO Post Museum.

## The Nuclear History of Australia

When: 18 June at 10am or  
20 June at 2pm

Where: National Archives of Australia, 16 Corporate Drive, Cannon Hill

This talk will look at the history of uranium mining and the testing of nuclear bombs in Australia, and the lasting and deadly legacy of these.

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## Web Wanderings

### Glimpses of Brisbane's Past

This website shows the history of Brisbane from Foundation to Federation in a pictorial and narrative format. You will find it at: <http://www.brisbanehistory.com/>

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### History of your House

The Brisbane City Council's link to their guide for researching your house history is available at: <http://bit.ly/1iHn0OZ>

For a pre-1946 house the Council Archive section recommends a titles search to determine who owned the land when the dwelling was constructed. The title record may also indicate when a mortgage was first taken out on the land to finance the construction of the dwelling.

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### Family History Journal

This free quarterly newsletter of the Queensland Births, Deaths and Marriages area is valuable reading for anyone interested in Queensland's history. Available at:

<http://bit.ly/1frZyWw>

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### John Sands Directories

John Sands Ltd (Printers and Stationers) published its directory each year from 1858–59 to 1932–33 (except for 1872, 1874, 1878 and 1881). The household and business information it contains has become a fundamental source for research into Sydney history, especially family history.

A complete digital edition of the directory, scanned from microfiche, is now available online at: <http://bit.ly/1mc15OG>

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### Crimean War Veterans in Western Australia

If you have an ancestor who served in the British military and arrived in Western Australia in the mid-19th century, you may discover that he was a veteran of the Crimean War. Enjoy searching at: <http://crimeanvetswa.wags.org.au/>

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### Australian Monument to the Great Irish Famine

The Sydney memorial to the Great Irish Famine (1845-1852) focuses on the more than 4,000 single young women, mostly teenage orphans, who came from the workhouses of Ireland to Australia. The website is motivating and rewarding for anyone interested in Irish history and genealogy or the broader issues related to famine, displacement and immigration. You will find the website at: <http://www.irishfaminememorial.org/>

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### **England, Kent, Register of Electors, 1570-1907**

This register is of the Electors for the County of Kent. It also contains a few militia muster rolls for Faversham. Availability of records varies by year and locality.

Learn more at: <http://bit.ly/1mVNaQP>

Search the register at: <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/1949807>

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### **Harbour Canteen Visitors Books**

An online archive contains the names of 42,000 people who passed through Folkestone en route to France between 1914 and 1919. There are lots of interesting stories on this site. Subscription is required to use the searchable database at:

<http://www.stepsshort.co.uk/>

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### **WWII RAF Records**

For those researching WWII personnel that serviced in the air, or who had connections with RAF and overseas services, this is a wonderful site to visit: <http://bit.ly/QWYMX>

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### **FamilySearch Adds More Records**

- England, Norfolk Register of Electors, 1844–1952:  
<https://familysearch.org/search/collection/1824705>
  - England, Northumberland, Cumberland, Durham, Miscellaneous Records, 969–2007: <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/1918635>
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### **Ancestry and the Irish Genealogy Market**

The Irish Times consultant genealogist John Grenham writes that Ancestry.com has changed the face of Irish heritage forever. The website has added 750,000 transcripts from 71 Irish parishes in a move that has taken experts by surprise. Included are the records of four parishes from the long-embargoed diocese of Cashel and Emly, from most of Killala, from Galway, Wicklow, Dublin, Carlow, Donegal, and Tyrone. Read more at: <http://bit.ly/1kl7m9l>

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### **Here & Then: Mobile App for The British Newspaper Archives**

With an iPhone you can now view fascinating historic articles, images and adverts from The British Newspaper Archive for free. Read stories from over 200 years of historical newspapers wherever you are. Download Here & Then from the iTunes store at:

<http://bit.ly/1iy0GYN>

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### **GRONI Birth, Marriage, and Death Records Available Online**

The General Register Office for Northern Ireland (GRONI) has placed birth, marriage, and death records online. Records include births more than 100 years ago, marriages more than 75 years ago, and deaths (including World War II records) more than 50 years ago.

There is a fee to view the images of the original records. Most major credit and debit cards are accepted. There is a limited free search that will return basic information but does not display images of the original records. For more information and to search for records: <http://www.nidirect.gov.uk/gro-info>

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### **Images of The Great Parchment Book now Online**

The Great Parchment Book of the Honourable The Irish Society records a major survey of the estates in Derry managed by the City of London through the Irish Society and the City of London livery companies. It was compiled in 1639 and is an important source for the City of London's role in the Protestant colonisation and administration of Ulster.

165 folios survived a fire in 1786 but uneven shrinkage and distortion rendered much of the text illegible. The parchment sheets have now been flattened as far as possible and digital imaging used to improve legibility and provide digital access to the original manuscript.

Read more at: <http://goo.gl/SK98AL>

See images of The Great Parchment Book at: <http://www.greatparchmentbook.org>

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### **Important Irish Index now Online**

The Irish Genealogical Research Society has begun adding Captain Clanchy's Marriage Index to the Member's Area of their website. Organised by surname, the index is being made available to IGRS members in a series of downloadable PDFs. The first tranche covers the card entries for letters A through to C, with more uploaded in coming months.

During the 1950s Captain Henry Clanchy prepared an extensive card index of marriages from some of the Society's unique manuscript collections and pedigree files. The marriages tend to be those of the well-heeled and well-connected. The index covers the entire island of Ireland and there are nearly 6,000 entries for records from the 17th to the 19th century.

Go to: <http://www.irishancestors.ie/?p=5071>

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### **Bandon, County Cork Online Records**

This website continues to add free genealogy records from the town and surrounding area of Bandon, County Cork in Ireland. The list of records is extensive and includes everything from Griffiths Valuations to local directories, to leases and tenancies to military records to census records and much more. Go to: <http://www.bandon->

[genealogy.com/](http://genealogy.com/)

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### **Ennis (Drumcliff) parish, County Clare**

An index of Roman Catholic records from Ennis parish (also known as Drumcliff) in County Clare is available by subscription. It includes Baptisms (1841 to 1900) and Marriages (1837 to 1900). Access is at: <http://www.irishancestors.ie/>

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### **20,000 Open Access Hi-Res Maps Online**

The New York Public Library has released more than 20,000 cartographic works as high-resolution downloads. The maps have no known US copyright restrictions, and can be viewed and downloaded through the New York Public Library's Digital Collections page. First, create an account, and then click a map title and go. See: <http://on.nypl.org/1nEBmIT>

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### **More Italian Record Images Online**

FamilySearch has added more than 2.1 million images to its Italian collections.

- Italy, Genova, Civil Registration (State Archive), 1796–1812, 1838–1859, 1866–1899 at: <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/1928859>
  - Italy, Lucca, Civil Registration (State Archive), 1807–1814 at: <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/1939430>
  - Italy, Napoli, Civil Registration (State Archive), 1809–1865 at: <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/1937990>
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### **Download 83,947 Genealogy Books for Free**

Archive.org's genealogy collection includes books on surname origins, vital statistics, parish records, census records, passenger lists of vessels, and many other historical and biographical documents – mainly with a focus on the United States.

Documents appear exactly as they were printed or written, without additional indexes. For instance images of census records are available but you can only search them by finding the town or city of interest in the printed index and manually "turning the pages" of the images to look at the records, page by page.

View the book images on your computer screen or download the files in PDF at:

<https://archive.org/details/genealogy>

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### **World's Oldest Jewish Newspaper now Online**

MyHeritage has added The Jewish Chronicle newspaper archive to its digital collection of historical records. The Jewish Chronicle is the world's oldest continuously published Jewish newspaper and its archive contains more than 200,000 pages and millions of names, dating back to 1841.

The newspaper captured the lives and times of the Jewish people during waves of immigration from Europe to Britain, during two world wars, and Jewish life in England at the turn of two centuries. It provides a rich source of information for family historians.

See it at: <http://bit.ly/1frZyWw>

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### **How to Search findmypast**

findmypast.co.uk recently made radical changes to the sites search software that has generated a lot of negative feedback from users. While being quite different from previous versions, findmypast believe the new search provides improved search capability as it allows searches across more record sets in a much more flexible way. By learning how the new search works, users are likely to find all the records they used to find and more. To read more and find step-by-step instructions for using the new search capabilities, go to: <http://bit.ly/1o2QBT0>

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### **Help Digitise Every Gravestone in the World**

MyHeritage has partnered with BillionGraves to "crowdsource" an effort to digitally preserve every cemetery and gravestone in the world. The companies are working together to providing the content online for everyone to see, free of charge. This project is important and beneficial for genealogists everywhere.

The more people that participate now, the more data will be preserved for future generations, before inscriptions start to fade. You can watch a short video about this effort at <http://youtu.be/Kclz8gdM7fo>

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## **General items of interest**

### **Measuring Worth**

Have you ever come across an old family will or an old land record that states the value of an estate and you wondered how much it would be worth in today's dollars? This site will convert for you: <http://www.measuringworth.com/>

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### **40 Million Wartime British Records Go Online**

The National Archives and findmypast are putting online the records of more than 30 million civilians held in the 1939 register. This is the only surviving record of England and Wales between 1921 and 1951 because the 1931 census was destroyed and one was not taken in 1941.

The records contain the address, full name, date of birth, sex, marital status and occupation of individuals, as well as changes of name. Information about living individuals will be closed for 100 years from their year of birth or until proof of death has been authenticated.

Register to be kept informed about the project at: <http://www.1939register.co.uk>

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### **History of the Atlantic Cable & Undersea Communications**

This website intends to make as much information about submarine telegraphy and telephony as possible available in one place. Go to: <http://www.atlantic-cable.com>

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### **FamilySearch Seeks Feedback from Volunteer Indexers**

FamilySearch is planning to introduce a new process to maintain indexing quality. In this new model, a single volunteer will index and submit a batch, and a second volunteer will review the completed work. The reviewer can add corrections to the values entered by the first indexer, and both values can be included in the searchable index on FamilySearch.org.

If the reviewer makes a small number of changes, the program considers that both volunteers mostly agree, and the batch is finished. If there are a large number of corrections, the program may route the batch to another volunteer for additional review. In this new model, it is anticipated that all volunteers will split their time between indexing and reviewing.

Read more and share your view at: <https://familysearch.org/blog/en/attention-indexers-feedback-needed>

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### **Tour of Prehistoric Britain**

Odyssey, an Australian travel company specialising in educational tours for seniors, is offering a 19-day tour of Pre-historic and Ancient Sites in Britain, beginning 14 August 2014. It departs from Edinburgh and takes in the Shetland Islands, Orkneys, Hebrides, Southern Scotland, Anglesey, Southern Wales and the area around Salisbury. This may interest members with British ancestry, especially those with links to Scotland, Wales and south-west England. See: <http://bit.ly/1jf2K6K>

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### **Odisha [India] State Archives Records About to Go Online**

The rare records and books in the Odisha State Archives will soon be available online. More than 50,000 rare books and more than 6,000,000 important records from 1803 to 1947 related to Odisha's political, cultural, social and administrative history are expected to be uploaded. They include rare agreements, books and old maps. You can read more at: <http://bit.ly/1m98Nco>

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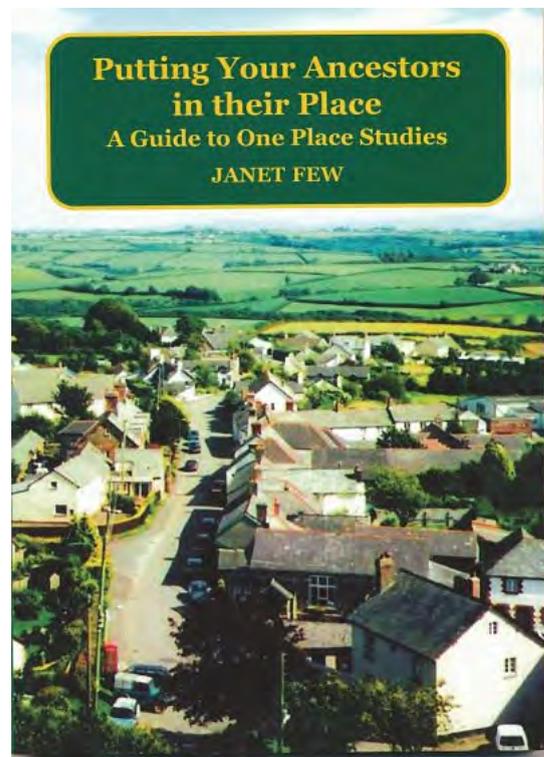
## **Book Review**

One name studies have been common in genealogy for some time but what of the "One Place Study"? In "Putting Your Ancestors in their Place" Dr Janet Few points out that our ancestors did not live in isolation but were members of a community. The One Place Study brings together the local history area in which they lived and the family to which they belonged.

Dr Few states that there is no single way to conduct a One Place Study. Rather she provides a set of guidelines to bring to life a chosen geographic area. When we talk of putting flesh on the bones, the One Place Study would seem an ideal mode for bringing to life the community in which an ancestor lived. Dr Few's book could be regarded as a

handbook for carrying out a One Place Study. It is a small book but bursting with a wide range of avenues one can explore.

Indexed, 96 pages, The Family History Partnership. Review courtesy of Pam Masel.



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## Trivia

### Avoid Dating Your Cousin - There's an App for That

Iceland is a small island nation with about 320,000 citizens. Most Icelanders are descended from a small number of Norse settlers who arrived in A.D. 874. In Iceland almost everyone is distantly related to everyone else.

Luckily almost every Icelandic citizen since the 9th century has been documented and listed in what is probably the most complete genealogy of any nation. The database Íslendingabók (The Book of Icelanders) contains Icelandic genealogical information dating back more than 1,200 years.

Icelanders often check this database to determine if a potential date is a cousin. Now a smartphone app will do that quickly and

easily. Íslendingabók is now available for Android with developers reportedly working on an iPhone and iPad version. It is only available in the Icelandic language. Read more at:

<http://bit.ly/1iyUpfm>



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### **10 Most Popular Baby Names**

How do the most popular Aussie baby names compare to the top American and British choices? Read the similarities and differences between baby names at:

<http://bit.ly/R00Xbe>

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### **First World War Mystery Solved with DNA and a Genealogist**

Corporal Francis Carr Dyson is one of 15 soldiers whose remains were discovered during construction work near the French village of Beaucamps-Ligny five years ago. They all served with 2nd Battalion the York and Lancaster Regiment and were killed in battle on 18 October 1914.

A genealogist from the Ministry of Defence used DNA samples from surviving relatives to identify 10 of the soldiers so far. You can read about one such experience in an article at: <http://bit.ly/1fOVytA>

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### **Pronounce Names from Around the World**

This is a website dedicated to the pronunciation of names from around the world. You can either type in a name and it will tell you how to pronounce it or you can search for names by language. Over 25 different languages are listed on the website. Go to:

<http://www.hearnames.com/>

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### **Bizarre Jobs That No Longer Exist**

The United States' Bureau of Labour Statistics occupational classification list from 1850 lists a number of occupations that are rare or no longer exist. Read more and see pictures of these occupations at <http://bit.ly/1krLuer>

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### **Man Writes His Own 3-Word Obituary**

92 year old Swedish aviator Stig Kernell gave his funeral home instructions before he died on 6 April, and the funeral home followed through. They published his 3-word obituary in two newspapers, simply stating "I Am Dead." Read more at:

<http://t.sr.se/1lx7JRj>

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### **200-Year-Old Bible Returned to Family**

The Bible was an odd inclusion in the donation box in Denver, Colorado. It was surrounded by computer parts when it arrived at a Goodwill store, which may have been why the employees took notice of it. It was lucky they did. You can read more of how the bible was returned to descendants of its original owner at: <http://bit.ly/1iz1jl4>

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### **After Seven Decades Apart, 'Daisy's Daughters' Reunite**

When Daisy Beagle's daughters grew up, they remembered their mother's stories about the baby girl she gave up for adoption. They remembered how she'd talk about

the hard days, trying to raise five children in Kansas City in the 1940s. And they remembered how she'd wonder aloud if the child had a good life.

In February, one of Daisy's daughters received a certified letter. The writer claimed to be the infant that Beagle had given up in 1944. Read more about the family reunion at: <http://bit.ly/1u2HMgo>

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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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