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The first 2016 Library Assistants' Team Meeting was held yesterday and a very pleasant morning was had by all. If you are an LA and missed that session you will have another opportunity this coming Saturday morning commencing at 9.30am. Please register online [here](#)

At the next Members' Meeting Guest Speakers Noel and Dell Bergman will speak on The Suzanne Godeffrey and Life in Germany. This is an afternoon meeting commencing at 1.00pm. Come along and bring a friend.

Want to test and expand your research skills and knowledge of family history records? The Trout Game with Ann Swain will be held on Sunday, 18 May. Details below.

Calendar

- 02 May - Labour Day **CLOSED**
- 04 May - Management Committee Meeting
- 06 May - [Family Tree Maker User Group](#)
- 07 May - [LA Team Meeting](#)
- 07 May - [DNA Interest Group](#)
- 13 May - [Fridays@QFHS Showcasing the Print Library](#)
- 14 May - [Scottish Interest Group](#)
- 15 May - [Trout Game](#)
- 15 May - [Welsh Interest Group](#)
- 18 May - [Members' Meeting - The Suzanne Godeffrey and Life in Germany](#)
- 20 May - [New Members' Welcome and Orientation](#)
- 21 May - [Family History Writing Group](#)
- 21 May - [The Master Genealogist User Group](#)
- 24 May - Moreton Regional Library, Bribie Island - Genealogical Proof *
- 24 May - Moreton Regional Library, Strathpine - The Ryerson Index*

- 26 May - [English West Country Group](#)
- 26 May - Moreton Regional Library, North Lakes - The Huguenots - Protestants in a Catholic country*
- 27 May - Management Committee 2016/17 Nominations close
- 28 May - [Central European Interest Group](#)
- 01 Jun - Management Committee Meeting
- 03 Jun - [Family Tree Maker User Group](#)
- 03 Jun - Moreton Regional Library, Burpengary - Genealogical Proof *
- 10 Jun - [Fridays@QFHS The Servant Problem](#)
- 10 Jun - [Fridays@QFHS Electronic Resources](#) - Fully booked.

* For Moreton Regional Library session booking please contact the venue direct.

Happenings



Have you ever visited the Queensland State Archives? Many members have found it either too difficult to drive or all a little 'too hard'. Where to start, who to ask for help, are common remarks heard.

To make it easier for you we have organised a door to door bus charter, with a bonus behind the scenes tour by QSA staff of resources available. Leaving Gaythorne at 10.00am and returning by 3.00pm, you will have plenty of time to do your own research .

This event will take place on Friday 14 October 2016 but **closing date** will be **Friday 16 September 2016**. The reason for the early closing date being that QSA need to allocate extra staff to assist you during the tour. Maximum number will be 20 so book early to avoid disappointment. More information can be found [here](#)

Education - Workshops/Courses/Seminars

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 Sunday, 15 May 2016 from 10am to 4pm at the QFHS Library. Cost is \$5 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.

Showcasing the print library

Presenter: Librarians



Come along to hear how you can use our vast collection of printed resources to assist your family history research. How to get the most from v-Library, printed Census records, Conference Papers and more.

When: 13 May 2016

Where: QFHS Print Library

Cost: \$11 members and \$15 non-members

[Register online](#)

The servant problem

Presenter: Chris Schuetz



Service in Australia from both servant and employer's point of view.

When: 10 June 2016

Where: QFHS Library and Resource Centre, 58 Bellevue Avenue, Gaythorne

Cost: \$11 members and \$15 non-members

[Register online](#)



Finding your family: a beginners course in research

Presenters: QFHS Tutors

This six week course will be very comprehensive for someone wanting to start researching their family history, but unsure of the process. Content will include home sources, organisation, BDM certificates, archives, libraries, newspapers, overseas research, and much more. Registrations will be limited to 15 people.

The cost includes:

- The book, *Where do I start?: a brief guide to researching your family in Australia and New Zealand* by Shauna Hicks (rrp\$19).
- For non-members, complimentary use of the QFHS Library and Resource Centre for the term of the course.

When: Commences Monday 27 June 2016 weekly for six weeks - 7.30 pm - 9.00 pm

Where: QFHS Library and Resource Centre, 58 Bellevue Avenue, Gaythorne

Cost: \$50.00 members and \$75.00 non-members

[Register online](#)

Seminar: Researching your Scottish ancestors

Presenters: Rosemary Kopittke, Professor Eric Richards and Margaret McLaren



Rosemary Kopittke currently works as an editor of the Unlock the Past series of guidebooks. She is a Life Member of the Queensland Family History Society and has been active in a variety of roles since joining the Management Committee in 1986.

Eric Richards, Emeritus Professor of History at Flinders University in Adelaide, has extensively researched and written on the Scottish highland clearances.

Margaret McLaren has been a member of the Genealogical Society of Victoria's Scottish Ancestry Group and the Committee for several years, being Secretary, Thistle mailing and currently Chairperson. She was a speaker at the Third Australian Scottish Genealogy Conference.

Topics will include: ScotlandsPeople, The Highland Clearances and Life in Scottish Tenements 1750-1850, tenants, lodgers and factors.

When: 2 July 2016

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

Cost: \$15 members and \$20 non-members

[Register online](#)

Searching and indexing—introduction

Presenters: John Perryn and Geoff Morgan



Learn about the concepts of files, tools, and indexes. Useful, for example, in finding lost files on your computer; differentiating between keyword, faceted, and field searches; face/image searches; PDF searches; Boolean searches, wildcards, etc. Examples would be from QFHSdatasearch, Picassa, the QFHS PDF collections, and the internet.

When: 8 July 2016

Where: QFHS Library and Resource Centre, 58 Bellevue Avenue, Gaythorne

Cost: \$11 members and \$15 non-members

[Register online](#)



Researching your Chinese ancestry

Presenter: Dr Kevin Rains

Kevin will present a brief overview of the history of Chinese immigration to Queensland. He will follow this with a review of the historical and archaeological sources available for researching Chinese ancestry.

When: 6 August 2016

Where: QFHS Library and Resource Centre, 58 Bellevue Avenue, Gaythorne

Cost: \$11 members and \$15 non-members

Please note: This is a **SATURDAY** session

[Register online](#)

Treasures from the QFHS CD Collection

Burial records and cemetery headstones can provide vital information to assist your investigations to discover more about particular ancestors. It is likely, therefore, that you have looked at some of the photo albums in the George Bond Collection, and the printed indexes, in the QFHS Cemetery Room. However, have you complemented your search with an exploration of the 343 Cemetery CDs on the QFHS computer network? These range from indexes for particular cemeteries to photos of headstones, primarily within Australia and the United Kingdom – e.g. there are 69 CDs of Qld cemeteries, 31 for NSW, 3 for NZ. By far the largest group in the collection relates to cemeteries in Scotland (165 CDs). Each of these provides

photos of the particular cemetery, a photo of each headstone, and the text for the inscription on each. As for all but a few CDs in the QFHS Collection, there are two methods of access from each computer in the Computer Room – (a) directly from v-Library, and (b) via the Category Menu and then the Cemetery Menu. Information courtesy of Geoff Morgan.

Members' Noticeboard

Were You a Pupil at Toowong State School?

Were you a pupil of Toowong State School? Toowong History Group has received a query asking if there was a presbytery or something of that nature at 31 St. Osyth Street, the street going up to the School? If you have any information, please contact Marilyn England by [email](#)

World War 1 Seminar - a Commemorative Centenary event

Caloundra Family History Research will be conducting this seminar on 2 July from 10am to 4pm. For further information go [here](#)

Web Wanderings

Queensland State Archives YouTube Channel

Enjoy watching the numerous educational videos available [here](#)

New from FamilySearch

Coastal passenger lists from Victoria.

[Australia Victoria Coastal Passenger Lists 1852-1924](#)

TheGenealogist Adds World War II Prisoners Of War

Over 150,000 World War II Prisoner of War records have now been added to this website's already significant military records collection. These new records detail officers and other ranks from the British Army, Royal Navy, RAF and those members of the British Empire land forces that were held as Prisoners of War in Germany and German Occupied territories between 1939-1945. Scroll down through Latest News to find this resource [here](#)

GENUKI is 21 Years Old and is Making Major Changes

In March the GENUKI service turned 21 and is being given an extensive makeover, to provide a better experience for its end users, and to make it easier for page maintainers to maintain and develop.

What GENUKI users will see is greater consistency across the counties, supported by an improved search facility, whilst in the future we will have a framework that enables us to provide additional ways of presenting and viewing GENUKI's data. Conversion began in mid-2015 and is continuing to be dealt with steadily, county by county, whilst ensuring that there is minimal disruption to our normal service. Go to Genuki [here](#).

Nearly 400,000 Yorkshire BMD announcements indexed online

A 6-year project by volunteers at the Central Library in Halifax has enabled indexes to 394,000 names from birth, marriage, and death announcements published in the Halifax Guardian between 1832-1921 to be made available free online. You can

download the indexes, which are in PDF format, [here](#)

Scottish Chapbooks are Now Online

More than 3,000 Scottish chapbooks are now available in the National Library of Scotland's online Digital Gallery. You find them under the heading "Chapbooks printed in Scotland".

The chapbooks available in the National Library of Scotland's online Digital Gallery were printed in the 18th and 19th centuries across the country. Chapbooks formed the staple reading material of the common people. You can find out more about the Library's most important collection of chapbooks, at the [National Library of Scotland](#)

A Collaborative Index of the Men Who Died for France in Verdun

The Dead for France in the First World War is a web site dedicated to indexing the French heroes of World War I and to contribute to a more precise knowledge of the conflict. The goal is to accurately honour those killed in the Battle of Verdun.

To date, more than 435,000 records have already been indexed. If everyone contributes, all the records will be indexed and should be available by 2018. You can find Mémoire des hommes et le d'indexation collaborative website is available (in French) [here](#). An English translation of the page made by Google may be found [here](#).

The New York City Marriage Index 1908-1929 Goes Online for free public use

The index to the New York City Clerk's Office marriage records (the application, affidavit, and licence) for 1908-1929 is now online and open for public use. There are no log-ins required, no paywalls, no copyrights, and no usage restrictions. The index is now free and open data, forever. 39 of the 48 microfilms are now online at the Internet Archive, and the remaining nine films will be put online throughout the next few weeks. Enjoy searching [here](#)

Findmypast

These records are available for free at the QFHS library, or via subscription.

[Queensland Births 1829-1919](#)

[Queensland Marriages 1829-1939](#)

[Britain, directories & almanacs](#)

[National School Admission Registers & Log-Books 1870-1914](#)

[British Royal Navy & Royal Marines Service and Pension Records, 1704-1919](#)

[British Newspapers](#)

[Devon, Tavistock Borough Court Luxton Manuscripts, 1839-1896](#)

[Kent, Bromley Absent Voters List 1918](#)

[Lancashire, Manchester Cremation Records, 1818-2001](#)

[Middlesex Baptisms 1543-1876](#)

[Plymouth & West Devon Land Tax and Valuation Records, 1897-1949](#)

[Suffolk Marriage Index](#)

[Worcestershire Marriages 1571-1900](#)

[Worcestershire Burials 1571-1900](#)

[Scotland Registers & Records](#)

[Ireland, Society Of Friends \(Quaker\) Congregational Records](#)

[Ireland, Society Of Friends \(Quaker\) School Records](#)

[Easter Rising & Ireland Under Martial Law 1916-1921](#)

General items of interest

Commissioned Research Service Available from Armagh Ancestry for Selected Church Records

Armagh Ancestry has been computerising more Church records over the past year. These have not yet been added to the RootsIreland.ie website but Armagh Ancestry's researchers can manually search these offline records on your behalf for a fee. You need to contact Armagh Ancestry about this service.

The fee for the manual research service of these records is £10.00GBP for each specific individual research request across all the new records. The new Church records (approximately 10,000) which can be searched via Armagh Ancestry are:
Church of Ireland

Loughgall Parish - Baptisms 1779-1864; Marriages 1779-1845; Deaths 1779-1815 & 1829-1839

Eglishe Parish - Deaths 1803-1865

Armagh Parish - Baptisms 1823-1827

Annaghmore Parish - Baptisms 1856-1864

Milltown (Tartaraghan) Parish - Baptisms 1840-1865; Marriages 1840-1845; Deaths 1845-1889

Charlemont Parish - Baptisms 1828-1830

Derrynoose Parish - Marriages 1825-1829

Montiagh Parish - Marriages 1823-1845

Presbyterian

Newtownhamilton 2nd - Baptisms 1823-1863; Marriages 1823-1844

Keady 2nd - Baptisms 1855-1865

Poyntzpass - Baptisms 1866-1936

Ahorey - Marriages 1834-1841

Miscellaneous Marriages - 1819-1829

Markethill 2nd - Marriages 1821-1845

Quaker

Grange/Charlemont - Deaths 1689-1823

If a search proves successful, Armagh Ancestry will provide a scanned copy of the relevant record. For further information on this service go [here](#).

Ancestry Concedes Defeat as It is Unable to Restore All of the RootsWeb Site

Ancestry has been trying for weeks to fix a data loss in its RootsWeb/USGenWeb/WorldConnect web pages. The company has been able to repair many of the lost pages but not all. In fact, the company is asking customers to upload any pages they may have available. If you have a backup of your own please upload it to the site so that you have the most current version of your pages. More details available [here](#).

Jewish Genealogy: Video - Hebrew Naming and How to Read Hebrew Headstones

Hebrew headstones provide arguably Jewish genealogy's most important

advantage, patronymic names. This video will help you find this valuable information, whether you can read Hebrew or not. You can access 16 short instructional videos from YouTube [here](#)

Ranks, Professions, Occupations and Trades

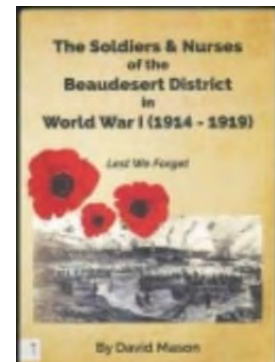
If you have an occupation for an ancestor that you cannot understand, take a look at this web site. It features hundreds of obsolete job titles that may be found in old documents and even census records. Go [here](#)

Useful Hints on Saving Your Family Photos & Films

Very interesting reading [here](#)

Book Review

The centenary of World War 1 has produced a plethora of books on a range of subjects pertinent to this event. The quality has been variable although one must always acknowledge the efforts of those who have given of their time and resources in the hope that this event will never be forgotten. Davis Mason's work, *The Soldiers & Nurses of the Beaudesert District in World War I (1914 - 1919)*, is a quality work which should remain a vital resource to anyone researching in the Beaudesert area. Mason covers 630



service personnel while stating that there are others for whom no record could be identified. The records are presented chronologically while he points out that space does not allow for details of specific battles etc. There is a range of avenues one can follow up for such details, the Australian War Memorial site being one. In the Introduction Mason discusses his methodology and the structure used for each person. There is also a wealth of general information. This work of 363 pages is indexed and sourced. Published by the Historical Society of Beaudesert, 2015. Shelved at QFHS H5 4 1. Review courtesy of Pam Masel.

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Pauline Macfarlane

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