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The Treasurer needs your help. Banks now require the payee on cheques be the full title of the person, company, or organisation. In the case of our Society some members are choosing to shorten the title, i.e. '*Queensland Family History Society Inc.*' to '*QFHS*'. That has been acceptable in the past and we certainly refer to our Society in that form but the bank is now refusing to honour those cheques necessitating the return to sender for correction. That costs postage both ways. If your payment method of choice is by cheque could you please ensure you make **payable to Queensland Family History Society Inc** and **not QFHS**.

As an alternative renewal method, you can use credit card, online [here](#), or by direct credit (details on form or on [website](#)). Our preferred method is direct credit (bank transfer) as there are no fees attached.

A bumper issue for you this month. We hope you find something to help you with your research.

Why not celebrate everything Queensland with a visit to Government House Open Day on 4 June, and check out the events planned for National Family History Month.

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## Calendar

- 01 June - Management Committee Meeting
- 03 June - [Family Tree Maker User Group](#)
- 03 June - Moreton Regional Library, Burpengary. Genealogical Proof with Geoff Morgan\*
- 10 June - Fridays@QFHS: [Electronic Resources Workshop](#)
- 10 June - [Fridays@QFHS - The Servant Problem](#)
- 11 June - [Irish Interest Group](#)
- 15 June - [QFHS AGM and Annual Book Award Presentation](#)

- 18 June - [New Members' Welcome and Orientation](#)  
18 June - [The Master Genealogist User Group](#)  
21 June - Moreton Regional Library, Bribie Island. Where did they come from - where did they go? with Chris Schuetz\*  
25 June - [Family Tree Maker User Group](#)  
27 June - [Finding your Family: a beginner's course in research Week 1](#)  
28 June - Moreton Regional Library, Strathpine. Where did they come from - where did they go? with Chris Schuetz\*  
01 July - [Family Tree Maker User Group](#)  
02 July - [Seminar - Researching your Scottish Ancestors](#)  
02 July - [DNA Interest Group](#)  
04 July - [Finding your Family - a beginner's course in research Week 2](#)

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

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## Happenings



Celebrate **Queensland Day**. Tour parts of Fernberg estate, including the Governor's official residence (which was built in 1865), and enjoy a picnic in the picturesque 14 hectare heritage-listed gardens. A statue of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II will also be officially rededicated onsite at 1pm. All are welcome to attend. Entry is free via Fernberg Rd and Baroona Rd, Paddington. For more information go [here](#)

His Excellency the Honourable Paul de Jersey AC, Governor of Queensland, is Patron of Queensland Family History Society Inc.

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Check out the [website](#) for *What's On* in Queensland in August

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### Grave loss of QFHS Roman Catholic Parish Records



According to the current 2016 fiche stocktake, important baptismal records have been removed without permission. They are a total of 10 fiche (including card) of St. Stephen's Roman Catholic Cathedral baptisms from 1844 to 1993. These are of heritage importance to us all. Would the person/s responsible for their removal please return them asap to the library by placing them in the pigeon hole of Lyn Hooper, located in the Cabinet Room, or in an envelope placed on the LA front desk.

Our microfilm collection has recently had many thousands of dollars spent on the preservation of both fiche and film which hopefully will last us for decades to come. With two new readers soon to be available, both fiche and film will be able to be viewed and printed out or downloaded to USB. Contrary to the numerous rumours circulated last year, no fiche are to be discarded.

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The Management Committee is pleased to extend an invitation to you to attend the AGM scheduled to be held from 7.30pm on Wednesday 15 June 2016. The 2016 QFHS Book Award will be presented to the winner and the Management Committee 2016-17 announced.

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### Solving Members' Brick Walls

Members' Meeting, Wednesday, 20 July 2016, 1pm



If you have hit a brick wall and would like to try to break it down by having some fresh experienced eyes look into it and by group discussion of it, now is your chance. The QFHS Research Team is looking for problems for them to research and for discussion at the QFHS July Members' Meeting. Please [email](#) details by Friday 1 July.

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### **Spirit of Anzac Centenary Experience**

This is a travelling exhibition providing visitors with an opportunity to follow in the footsteps of Australia's First World War soldiers, sailors and nurses. Containing an array of artefacts from the Australian War Memorial's collection and using photographs, film and projection in an immersive and innovative way, the exhibition will provide many perspectives of Australia's involvement in the First World War. A significant feature of the experience is the curated 'community zones' created in partnership with local communities. Through [Q ANZAC 100: Memories for a New Generation](#), SLQ is curating these zones by collecting stories and artefacts from local communities as the exhibition travels throughout Queensland. This incredible exhibition is scheduled to visit Toowoomba, Brisbane, Mackay, Cairns and Townsville. More details available [here](#).

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## **Education - Workshops/Courses/Seminars**

### **The servant problem**

**Presenter:** Chris Schuetz



Among the usually unseen aspects of our ancestors lives are servants, many young women in particular, who worked as a servant for a short time in their late teens or when they first arrived in Australia. More people than you think employed servants. This talk looks at both sides of the Australian experience, and where you can find useful sources of information.

**When:** 10 June 2016

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

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

[Register online](#)

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### **Electronic Resources - *Afternoon session***

**Presenter:** Geoff Morgan



This workshop will show you how to search and use the QFHS digital collection.

***Due to heavy demand the morning session was filled quickly so an afternoon session has been added. Register quickly if you wish to attend.***

**When:** 10 June 2016 (Afternoon 1.00pm - 2.30pm)

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

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

[Register online](#)

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## Seminar

### Researching your Scottish ancestors

**Presenters:** Rosemary Kopittke, Professor Eric Richards and Margaret McLaren

- ***If you have any Scottish forebears you cannot afford to miss this seminar. Our speakers are all recognised Australia wide as experts in their field and this is the first time that some topics have been presented in Brisbane.***



**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.

More information [here](#)

**When:** 2 July 2016

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

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

[Register online](#)

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### 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](#)

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### 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.

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

**When:** 6 August 2016

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

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

[Register online](#)



## The deep web—advanced searching

**Presenter:** John Perryn and Geoff Morgan

Investigate alternative ways of searching the Internet using aggregate search services, internal searches on specific sites, and so on. Perhaps you have something to contribute.

**Please note: this session is for those with experience in using Internet search techniques.**

**When:** 12 August 2016

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

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

[Register online](#)

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## The Genealogist: what's the difference

**Presenter:** Rosemary Kopittke



TheGenealogist 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 TheGenealogist has and how to best utilise its unique searches and other features.

**Please note: this is an **afternoon** session.**

**When:** 9 September 2016

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

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

[Register online](#)



## Bus trip to Queensland State Archives

**Presenters:** QSA staff

Join us for a visit and behind-the-scenes tour of the Queensland State Archives. We will travel by bus from the Library and Resource Centre.

Our 20 seater bus will leave the QFHS Library and Resource Centre promptly at 10.00 am for the trip to Runcorn. You will need to be at the Library and Resource Centre by 9.45 am. You will have some free time at the Archives before the Archivists take us on a behind-the-scenes tour.

After the tour, you will have more time in the Reading Room for your own research. In the afternoon, the bus will leave QSA at approximately 2.15 pm to be back at the QFHS Library and Resource Centre at approximately 3.15 pm.

**Note: Booking for this trip will close on Friday 16 September 2016, to enable QSA to make arrangements for staff to guide the tour. Filling fast so book early to avoid disappointment. Limited to 20 persons.**

More information [here](#)

**When:** 14 October 2016 - (10am to 3pm)

**Where:** QSA, 435 Compton Road, Runcorn

**Cost:** \$20 members and \$25 non-members

[Register online](#)

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## Topographic and cadastral maps of Queensland

**Presenter:** Bill Kitson



Part 1 - Topographic Mapping in Queensland 1839 to 1970

Part 2 - Cadastral Mapping in Queensland 1839 to 1970

**When:** 11 November 2016

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

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

[Register online](#)

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## Treasures from the QFHS CD Collection



Some items in the QFHS microfilm collection had been deteriorating substantially, as evidenced by a strong vinegary smell. Fortunately, last year the representative who supports the use of the library's ViewScan offered to have fifteen of these microfilms digitised free of charge. All are now in pdf format and available both via the Category Menu and v-Library. Some of the newspaper editions (e.g. *Queensland Times* 1891) are available on Trove; however, most are not readily available from another source – e.g. *The New York Times* (1978-1980), *The Bulletin* (1896-1897, 1979). The digitised microfilms also include birth, death and marriage records – e.g. The Parish Register Society's English *Parish Registers* (Vol. 26-84), *Warwick (Qld) Burial Register* (1868-1958), *Galway Tithe Applotment Books*.

However, these documents cannot be keyword searched, merely browsed. The *Warwick Burial Register* is a hand written document, similar to the Queensland *School Admission Registers* held in digitised form by QFHS. Report courtesy of Geoff Morgan

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## Members' Noticeboard

### **Toowong History Group**

On Wednesday, 15 June Beryl Roberts will tell us about the horse-drawn buses in Toowong and Brisbane's western suburbs.

Toowong History Group meets on the third Wednesday of the month from 7pm – 9pm. Meetings are held in the Toowong Community centre in Josling Street, off Burns Road. No fees or membership are required – everyone is welcome. Tea and coffee served after the meeting. For more information on Toowong History Group check our [website](#)

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### **The Royal Historical Society of Queensland**

This year's *History Alive* festival is being held on Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 June 2016. The iconic Fort Lytton is the perfect backdrop for such a unique event where more than 400 re-enactors and historians portray and display 2000 years of history. Come and immerse yourself in the sights and sounds of times gone past in one of Brisbane's best kept secrets – Fort Lytton National Park. To buy your tickets and for more information, go [here](#)

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### **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](#)

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## Web Wanderings

### **Public Records Office of Victoria Records now available to search through Trove**

15,313 records are now available in Trove's Diaries, Letters, Archives zone. Once you land on the record you're interested in, you simply click on the 'related resource' link which will take you directly to the record in our collection. Search [here](#)

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### **Free Online Maps of Britain**

This historic map collection covers England and Wales and Scotland, and now

includes maps of WW1 trenches in France and Belgium. Check it out [here](#)

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### **Crew Lists of the British Merchant Navy 1915**

For the first time ever, the Crew Lists of the British Merchant Navy for the year 1915 have been digitised and made available to search for free. Over 39,000 crew lists and over 750,000 names are available to be searched [here](#)

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### **Royal Navy First World War Lives at Sea project**

Lives at Sea aims to capture personal and service details for every Royal Navy officer and rating who served in the First World War, and will be an excellent resource to use alongside our Royal Navy collections Find out more [here](#)

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### **Royal Navy Ratings' Service Records 1853-1928**

We have digitised over 700,000 Royal Navy service records for ratings who entered the service between 1853 and 1928. You can search records for continuous service engagement books, registers of seamen's services and continuous record cards [here](#)

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### **Occupations in the 1841 Census**

Many of the occupations recorded on the censuses don't exist anymore, so it can be hard to know how common our ancestors' occupations were - and sometimes we may struggle even to decipher what has been written, especially in the 1841 Census (because the enumerators wrote in pencil). In 1844 James Gilbert published a useful summary of the occupations recorded in the 1841 England, Wales, and Scotland censuses which is available for free [here](#)

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### **A-Z Index of Research Guides National Records of Scotland website**

Check them out [here](#)

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### **The Distribution of Irish Surnames**

Many people with Irish ancestry don't know which part of the island their ancestors came from. An 1894 book based on the records of the General Register Office not only shows the distribution of surnames, but also gives information about their derivation and ethnicity - you can download it free [here](#)

The Irish Times website also has a useful surname guide - you'll find it [here](#)

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### **Irish Maps and other sources**

Includes maps of the Roads of Ireland 1777, R.C., Chapel, and Parish Search, Photographers of Ireland 1848 – 1958, and more. Available [here](#)

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### **Eddies Extracts, a Northern Ireland resource**

Heaps of information for those researching in Northern Ireland, particularly around Belfast. All free to download [here](#)

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### **Dublin Metropolitan Police Prisoners Books are now online**

The Dublin Metropolitan Police Prisoners Books for 1905-1908 and 1911-1918 are amongst the most valuable new documents to come to light on the revolutionary decade. They include important information on social and political life in the capital during the last years of the Union, from the period of widespread anticipation of Home Rule, to the advent of the 1913 Lockout, the outbreak of the First World War, the Easter Rising and its aftermath, including the conscription crisis of 1918. They will also be invaluable to those interested in criminology, genealogy, and family

history. You can learn more and also access digital images of the books [here](#)

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### **New Records online for County Westmeath**

Westmeath Genealogy has added 36,000 new records to its [online database](#). The new records include Mullingar death records, Westmeath Gravestone inscriptions and various baptisms and marriages between the years 1900 to 1920. Each record consists of a transcript of the information recorded in the original list. Each transcript will list your ancestor's name, service number, rank, regiment, service branch and home address

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### **The Social Security Death Index (SSDI) is still available**

The Social Security Death Index (often called the SSDI) is a valuable tool for genealogists. It lists deceased people within the United States. When first created, the SSDI only listed those people who were receiving Social Security benefit payments at the time of death. However, as the years went by, the database was expanded to include almost all deaths, whether receiving benefits or not. The Social Security Administration (SSA) Death Master File (DMF) contains more than 80 million records of deaths that have been reported to SSA. You can search it online [here](#)

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### **World Memory Project**

An effort to build a free online database of Holocaust victims and survivors has reached a milestone. The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and Ancestry.com have announced that records of one million people persecuted by the Nazis are now available to be searched. The crowd-sourced database was launched in 2011 and is known as the World Memory Project. You can read more about the World Memory Project [here](#)

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### **Troy Irish Genealogy's new database, St. Joseph's Cemetery, Waterford, New York**

This new data base covers interments from 1862 to 2013 and lists 17,237 names. As this cemetery was operated by the French speaking St. Joseph's Church in Cohoes, the interments in this cemetery are overwhelmingly of French-surnamed individuals. To see these records go [here](#) click on projects and then under cemeteries click on St. Joseph's Cemetery, Waterford, NY

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### **PERSI Update**

[Video](#): How to explore criminal records

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### **New from Ancestry**

Available via subscription or free at the QFHS library

[UK, Railway Employment Records, 1833-1956](#)

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### **New from FindmyPast**

Available via subscription or free at the QFHS library

[Britain, School and University Register Books 1264-1930](#)

[Greater London Burial Index](#)

[London Lives, Culture & Society 1680-1817](#)

[The London Gazette, supplements August 1914 -January 1920](#)

[Anglo-Boer War Records, 1899-1902](#)

[Dorset Baptisms](#)

[Dorset Marriages](#)

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[Alternative resources for tracing criminals](#)

[Bestiality, bigamy and burglary](#)

[United States Marriage Records](#)

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## General items of interest

### Do you have family buried in Rookwood, Waverley or Macquarie Park Cemeteries?

Is there a great story in your family about someone buried in one of the above cemeteries? We're currently gathering together some publicity material about our headstone transcriptions of these cemeteries and we'd love to hear from you if you have a famous or infamous ancestor buried in one of them. Did they die a mysterious or tragic death, is there more to their life than their headstone reveals? If you'd like to share your story with us, please make [contact](#) giving a summary of about 200-300 words, together with your contact details.

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### Australian Census - 9th August 2016

The 2016 Census will be Australia's first Census where more than two thirds of Australia's population (more than 15 million people) are expected to complete the Census online. In the lead-up to 9 August, households will receive a letter from the Australian Bureau of Statistics, addressed 'To the Resident', including a unique log-in and instructions on how to complete the Census online. For more details, see [here](#)

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### Q ANZAC 100: Memories for a new generation

First World War soldier portraits illustrated in *The Queenslander* newspaper are being digitised by State Library of Queensland and made available through the [One Search catalogue](#). With more than 25,000 portraits now available, the best way to search for a soldier is by including their surname and the word 'soldiers' in the search field. [here](#)

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### Photographs Project

The Somerset & Dorset Family History Society is setting up a searchable database of photographs of named people from those two counties. It aims to become a valuable resource giving people across the world opportunities to find images of their relatives. You can read more about the project on the Society's [website](#)

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### Scottish Mental Health and Paternity Records

Scottish Indexes has released thousands of Scottish paternity and mental health records. The new section of the website, [Mental Health Institutions in Scotland](#), is designed to help you locate each Scottish mental health institution and its records

as well as learn about the history of mental health care in Scotland.

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### **The Surnames of Scotland by George F Black now available free online**

This 800 page book is now available to read online [here](#)

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### **Immigration Animation**

In this animated clip, historical immigration flows to the United States in different time periods are illustrated. Available [here](#)

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### **Half of Western European men are descended from one bronze-age person**

Half of Western European men are descended from one Bronze-Age 'king' who sired a dynasty of elite nobles which spread throughout Europe, a new study has shown, according to an article online. The 'king,' who lived around 4,000 years ago, is likely to have been one of the earliest chieftains to take power in the continent. Although it is not known who he was, or where he lived, scientists say he must have existed because of genetic variation in today's European populations. You can read more [here](#)

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### **Long Names can be a problem**

An unusual quirk of Australia's airport arrivals automated border processing system means travellers with long names are refused entry at the SmartGates, and are instead forced to resort to manual processing. Read more [here](#)

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### **Finding new genealogy sites online**

This web page provides researchers with a guide to new genealogy records on the Internet. It maintains a list of the newest genealogy record sets from around the world. It primarily includes updates to well-known sites such as FindMyPast, Ancestry, Deceased Online etc but also highlights smaller websites which have added new record sets. You'll find it at [GenealogyInTime Magazine's Newest Genealogy Records](#)

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### **Locate My Name – a distribution of names across regions**

This web site promises to help you find distribution of names across countries and regions. It mainly focuses on surnames, because more people with the same surname in a place, means something: either those people are in the region since long ago and the name originates from there or nearby, or members of the same family for some reason relocated there. The Locate My Name website is mainly used for finding origins of names, curiosity, entertainment and genealogy research. The following countries are available: Argentina, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Brazil, Chile, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Germany, Hungary, Latvia, Moldova, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine. You can find the Locate My Name web site [here](#)

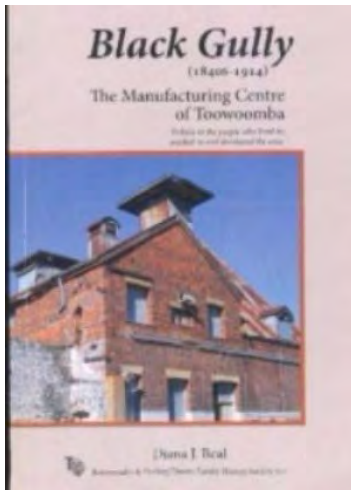
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### **Separated for 65 Years, two brothers reunited by MyHeritage**

MyHeritage has released the details of another heart-warming reunion, this time involving two long-lost brothers born in the Bergen-Belsen displaced persons camp. The reunion is told in the MyHeritage Blog [here](#)

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## **Book Review**



Developments in Toowoomba have always played a crucial role in developments of what has become the south-east corner of Queensland. Diana Beal has tracked its very early manufacturing growth from 1840 through to 1914 in the area known since early days as Black Gully. This area is easily identified in the clearly reproduced early land holding map and its later subdivision into estates. Speculation follows the opening up of land much as night follows day. Ms Beal has identified the early speculators, big and small, in a series of mini biographies.

Settlers followed and with them the industries vital to a developing area such as Toowoomba. The Black Gully area would not have been a choice residential area with several tanneries rendering the air "malodorous". Providing for the growing population led to more farms and associated industries such as flour mills, butcheries, a bacon factory and as might be guessed - hotels.

In the period 1895 to 1914 the subdivision of land became what the writer refers to as "a real estate agents' paradise". Early settlers were dying or retiring and large parcels of land came on the market. The necessary infrastructure bloomed. Tracks became streets, old roads were revamped. The railway arrived and so the Toowoomba of today emerged.

For anyone with family in this area Black Gully is a read well worth investigating. 69 pages, indexed and sourced. Toowoomba and Darling Downs Family History Society Inc. Review courtesy of Pam Masel.

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## Trivia

### **Elderly First-Time Mother**

Doctors in India raised ethical and health concerns after a woman gave birth to her first child in her 70s, following two years of IVF treatment. Daljinder Kaur gave birth last month to a healthy boy after falling pregnant by her 79-year-old husband, following fertility treatment at a northern Indian clinic. Read more [here](#)

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Pauline Macfarlane

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