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August is National Family History Month and to celebrate we will be holding our annual Open Day on Saturday, 13 August, from 10.00am to 3.00pm. Do come along and bring a friend. It is the one day of the year when all experts are available to chat to in the library. Tell your friends.

If you are a Library Assistant don't forget to register to attend one of the Team Meetings to be held on Friday 26th August and Sunday 28th August from 9.30am to 12.30pm. Register [here](#)

With a few of our long time volunteers stepping down for various reasons we are desperately in need of members to step up. If you are able to assist us for a day or a few hours a month please [email](#) Secretary, Bob Thistlethwaite. We have something to suit all skill levels and would love to hear from you.

Calendar

- 01 Aug - [National Family History Month commences](#)
- 01 Aug - Caloundra Family History Group visit
- 01 Aug - Management Committee Meeting
- 01 Aug - [Beginner's Course Graduation](#)
- 05 Aug - [Family Tree Maker User Group](#)
- 06 Aug - [Researching your Chinese Ancestry](#)
- 12 Aug - [Fridays@QFHS - The Deep Web: advanced searching](#)
- 13 Aug - [Open Day](#)
- 17 Aug - [Members' Meeting - Reconstructing Brisbane's historic aboriginal camps](#)
- 20 Aug - [New Members' Welcome and Orientation](#)
- 20 Aug - [The Master Genealogist User Group](#)
- 26 Aug - [Library Assistants' Team Meeting](#)

- 27 Aug - [Family Tree Maker User Group](#)
- 28 Aug - [Library Assistants' Team Meeting](#)
- 31 Aug - National Family History Month concludes
- 02 Sep - [Family Tree Maker User Group](#)
- 03 Sep - [Seminar - Preserving your family history](#)

Happenings



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

Open Day



Shake your family tree and watch the nuts fall

Remember, it's the nuts that make the tree worth shaking!

All of our QFHS experts will be on hand to answer your questions. Special discounts for those who join on the day. Come along and bring a friend, or two!

13 August - 10am to 3pm

We have the resources to help you crack the nut

Download a flyer [here](#)

Buddy Program



.QFHS offers new members the opportunity to have a QFHS Buddy. Buddies are experienced QFHS members who will assist new members by meeting at an agreed time to provide one-on-one guidance, encouragement, and sharing of experience. The arrangement is available for between three and six months.

If you are a new member and would like a Buddy please [email](#) Co-coordinator.

Would you like to be a Buddy? A great way for more experienced members to give back to the society.

More information on the program can be found [here](#)

Save the Date

The Royal Historical Society of Queensland invites you to attend Riverfire on 24 September from 5pm to 9:30pm. Enjoy fireworks and flyovers, pizza and drinks while watching Queensland's most remarkable light display from the best view, and most comfortable position, in Brisbane – the Commissariat Store courtyard in George Street. Friends and family are all welcome. More details available [here](#)

Upcoming QFHS Monthly Meeting Guest Speaker

Topic: Reconstructing Brisbane's Historic Aboriginal Camps and their History: the role of local non-indigenous knowledge

Speaker: Dr Raymond Kerkhove

Many non-Indigenous families who have been long-term residents in various suburbs retain stories about the location of Aboriginal camps and events in and around them. Even in the 19th century, these stories proved vital in filling in the very numerous gaps in our historic records. This continues today. Dr Kerkhove will also offer an overview of how campsites functioned, their basic features, and what we have reconstructed generally on their occurrence and history around Brisbane.

When: 17 August at 7.30pm

Education - Workshops/Courses/Seminars



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

Presenters: 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.

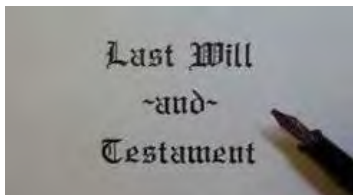
Please note: this session is for those with experience in using Internet search techniques.

When: 12 August 2016

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

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

[Register online](#)



Preserving your family history

Presenters: Tony Biggar, Helen Browne, and Christine Ianna

Tony Biggar: Legal Practitioner, Director of Big Law Pty. Ltd. at Strathpine. Tony has worked for 30 years as a lawyer, both in the country and in the city.

Helen Browne: Solicitor employed by Tony at Big Law Pty. Ltd. She is a dedicated wills and estates lawyer.

Estate planning in relation to family history Tony and Helen will cover some of the areas you may need to consider when making your will, and discuss what may happen to your research when you die.

They will discuss the issues that may arise for you in the way you gift your research and some of the issues which may arise for your executors and trustees when dealing with the research you have bequeathed to an individual or organisation.

There will be time after each session for a short question time.

Disclaimer Individual assets and wills advice cannot be provided on the day. This will require an appointment with a lawyer for unique advice relevant to your assets and

Christine Ianna: Christine has worked in the Museum and Materials Conservation

profession in Queensland for more than thirty years. She has held varied positions including Scientist (Materials Conservation) at the Queensland Museum; Manager, Preservation Services, Queensland State Archives; Manager, Publications Reformatting and Coordinator, Reformatting at the State Library of Queensland. Christine is an active member of the Australian Society of Archivists (Qld Branch) and a Professional Member of the Australian Institute for the Conservation of Material Inc (AICCM), the peak body for Conservators in Australia.

Caring for and preserving your family history memorabilia. Christine's presentation will cover caring for and conserving paper records, photographs, historic books, and textiles. She will provide tips and tricks for preservation, cover the causes of deterioration, and provide practical ways to preserve memorabilia.

[Register online](#)

Family HiStory Mapping using ArcGIS for Desktop

Presenter: Dr Graeme Browning



Graeme will use an interactive Family HiStory Map to tell the story of his Scottish third great grandfather, William Slight, and his son, James, who were pre-eminent 19th century map engravers for the Victorian Government.

There is a sporting twist to the story, and the tale will be followed by a brief explanation of what is involved in creating a Family HiStory Map of this type.

See Graeme's Family HiStory Map: [William Slight: Engraver at Map Office](#).

Graeme is a specialist in Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and passionate about Family History. He is a moderator of the Genealogy and Family History Stack Exchange and also of the GIS Stack Exchange, which are Q&A web sites for enthusiasts and professionals. His genealogical interests are principally in England (Cornwall), Scotland, Wales, and South Australia.

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 Register online Register online 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](#)

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](#)



did you know?

QFHS Subscription websites

- [Ancestry \(Library Edition\)](#)
- [Biographical Database of Australia](#)
- [British Newspaper Archive](#)
- [Emerald Ancestors \(Ireland\)](#)
- [Findmypast \(Australasia–United Kingdom-Ireland-US\)](#)
- [TheGenealogist \(United Kingdom\)](#)
- [World Vital Records](#)

All of the above subscription databases are available to members free of charge at the library and resource centre. Members have the opportunity to search millions of records, including birth, marriage, and death indexes, baptism and burial indexes and images, census transcripts and images. Pay us a visit soon. [Opening hours](#)

Treasures in the QFHS CD Collection

Continuing the theme from the last edition of *Snippets*, the focus for this month is *The history of Queensland: its people and industries*, commonly referred to as *Fox's History of Queensland*. Archive Digital Books Australasia digitised this document, which was published in three volumes from 1919 to 1923. The information presented well satisfies a family historian's desire to embed the lives of ancestors into the locality and times in which they lived. Each volume contains a detailed Table of Contents.

Not only do the CDs present accounts of early Queensland history (e.g. the development of railways, noted explorers and political events), they also provide descriptions of the main regions into which Queensland is divided. Overviews of the main population centres in each region, although general in nature, provide insights into the state of development of these towns and localities post-World War One. Most importantly, Volumes 2 and 3 present biographies of prominent individuals in early Queensland, each accompanied by a photo of the individual being discussed. An Index to the biographies is included at the end of Volume 3. Many photos of buildings, landscapes, and other individuals are also included throughout each of the volumes.

To aid researchers, each of the three volumes can be globally searched by selected the "Binoculars Icon" on Adobe Reader's menu bar, or by pressing "Shift CTRL F" on the keyboard. Such a search may well reveal a person of interest in one of the featured biographies – for example, a farmer mentioning the name of a teacher who taught him many years ago. Interesting revelations may await.

Geoff Morgan

Members' Noticeboard

Huguenot Society (Queensland Chapter)

Please join us at 2pm on 31 July at the Library at Toowong Village Shopping Centre, where guest speaker Robert Nash will present 'The Huguenot Refugees of the Channel Islands'. Afterwards, we will have 'a cuppa and a chat'. You will also have an opportunity to meet the Society's new president, Marcia Cameron who will be attending.

Everyone is welcome to join us.

Queensland Living History Federation Conference

On 27 and 28 August, the Queensland Living History Federation is holding a conference themed "Learning from the Past". They are looking for speakers – if you are interested, please contact Jill [here](#) or 0488 657 543 for more information. The QLHF's website is [here](#)

Upcoming events at Queensland State Archives:

- Thursday, 29 September - Morning tea with the Executive Director and State Archivist, 10:00am – 11:00am
- Thursday, 13 October 2016 - Real Estate records [webinar](#)

Want more information on upcoming events? Visit our [website](#) for our 2016 events program. We are open to the public on the second Saturday of every month from 9 am to 4:30 pm. The next Saturday openings are:

- 13 August
- 10 September
- 08 October

[Queensland State Archives](#) is located at 435 Compton Road, Runcorn QLD 4113.

Wynnum Manly Historical Society

Free talks are available each month as follows

25 August..... 10am..... Elizabeth Gondwe..... The Wynnum-Stradbroke Connection

29 September... 10am..... Greg Cope..... Australian women in wartime

The talks are held at Wynnum Library History Room, 66 Bay Terrace, Wynnum. For more details, contact Kate Harbison - Local History Librarian on: Telephone: (07) 3403 2199 or [email](#)

Web Wanderings

State Records NSW - new website

[State Records NSW](#) has launched a new website which includes a new search

engine for their collections. Researchers will now be able to do a single, simple search to discover photographic and documentary content from amongst the Collection. Note that the online indexes are still accessible via the new website but have not yet been migrated to the new system. This will be an ongoing process over time; however, they will ultimately all be accessible from the single search engine. For more information on using the new website click [here](#)

The Prosecution Project

This project is investigating the history of the criminal trial in Australia. It will also tell us much about Australian history – how people lived, how they behaved, how they dealt with conflict and tragedy, how legal and political institutions responded to crime and its consequences. More information [here](#)

Scotland's Register of Corrected Entries

Scotland's system of civil registration is different from the English system, and one of the differences is the Register of Corrected Entries. Recently ScotlandsPeople published a helpful guide to this register, which shows many examples, You can find it [here](#)

Stories of the Somme

To commemorate the start of the Battle of the Somme on 1 July 1916, the National Records of Scotland (NRS) and ScotlandsPeople have been exploring the unique records that you can search when tracing your First World War ancestors. You can read about the lives of eight soldiers who died on the first day.

In the [first article](#), you can read the stories of two soldiers who served in the 15th Battalion, Royal Scots. In the [second article](#), you can learn about the short lives of six soldiers - both in peacetime and wartime.

Early Irish Marriage Index reaches 80,000 records

The Irish Genealogical Research Society's Early Irish Marriage Index has now been updated, with several thousand more records being added, all noted from obscure and under-used sources. The database now holds reference to more than 80,000 marriages. Combining the names of brides, grooms with the various relatives mentioned in the database, the Marriage Index now notes almost 177,000 named individuals. You can search the updated Marriage Index by following the link [here](#)
More details available [here](#)

Welsh Almanac Collection online

The National Library of Wales has digitised and placed online a large collection of almanacs. An almanac is an annual publication that includes information such as weather forecasts, farmers' planting dates, tide tables, and tabular information often arranged according to the calendar. If you have Welsh ancestry and if you also read Welsh, you will want to look at the Welsh Almanac Collection [here](#)

Early Rhode Island Court Records now available online

The Rhode Island Historical Society has launched the digital archive "Colonial Justice: Preserving and Digitising Early Rhode Island Court Records." These specific collections were selected for digitisation based on their rarity, as well as their unique documentation of the colonial justice system in Rhode Island.

Users can now access selected 1729-1812 records from the courts of Providence County, Kent County, and what was known as Kings County (now Washington County). The online archive is free. The Court Records are available to search [here](#)

The Freedmen's Bureau Project

A project to index the records of 4 million freed African-American slaves is now complete and available online. The Freedmen's Bureau Project has uncovered the names of nearly 1.8 million of some 4 million pre-Civil War era slaves. Enjoy searching [here](#)

Staten Island Historical Newspapers now online

More than 9,000 pages from The Richmond County Advance have been posted online, covering the years 1886 to 1910. Find them [here](#) You can read more about this new collection [here](#)

Newly Available Online: Marriage Notices appearing in Troy, New York Newspapers 1797 – 1860

An index to 6,177 marriage notices covering 12,354 names that were published in five different Troy, New York newspapers from 1797 to 1860 has been created. Go [here](#) Click on 'Projects' and then, under 'Marriage Records', click on 'Marriage Notices Appearing in Troy Newspapers'.

Episcopal Diocese of Utah Database of indexed Parish Records is now online

This initial database covers the years 1870 to 1975. The database contains 4,163 line item entries covering Baptisms, Confirmations, Marriages, Burials, Communicant members, Clergy, services held, and in Archdeacon Ridgley's case. "persons to be visited". The index may be found [here](#).

Virginia Tech's Civil War Newspaper Collection is online

The American Civil War Newspapers website can be a valuable resource for genealogists researching Civil War era ancestors. The site is available free of charge and is searchable by keyword. Each page provides options for downloading and viewing printable digital images of the newspaper columns in which a search finds a hit, and also to browse the pages throughout an issue. You can access Virginia Tech's Civil War Newspapers [here](#)

CanadianHeadstones.com now exceeds 1.5 million records

CanadianHeadstones.com (CH) was founded in 2009 as a completely free archive of headstone photographs. CH is the only fully Canadian site which indexes every name on the headstones, provides the complete transcription and is fully searchable on multiple levels including the text of the transcription. You can learn more, or even submit your own headstone photos for others to enjoy [here](#)

City Directories of Peterborough, Ontario are now online

A collection of 115 Peterborough city and county directories, dating back to 1858, have been digitised. Please note that a few years are missing. The directories are now available online for anyone to search – for free [here](#). You can read more about the directories [here](#)

Ancestry unveils three new Canadian collections

Available for free at the QFHS library, or via subscription:

[Canada Photographic Albums of Settlement, 1892-1917 Collection](#)

[Canada Homestead Grant Registers 1892-1930 Collection](#)

[Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada, Honeymoon and Visitor Registries, 1949-2011](#)

New from Findmypast

Available for free at the QFHS library, or via subscription.

[British Army Service Records](#)

[British Royal Air Force, Gallantry Awards 1914-1919](#)

[British Army Service Records Image Browse](#)

[Britain, Absent Voters Lists 1918-1921 Browse](#)

[British Newspapers](#)

[PERiodical Source Index](#)

[Devon Burials](#)

[Essex Memorial Inscriptions](#)

[Middlesex Monumental Inscriptions 1485-2014](#)

[Worcestershire Monumental Inscriptions](#)

[Northumberland and Durham Marriages](#)

[Northumberland and Durham Baptisms](#)

[Northumberland and Durham Burials](#)

[Scotland, Linlithgowshire \(West Lothian\), Electoral Registers 1864-1931 Image Browse](#)

[Aberdeenshire, Banffshire & Kincardineshire Monumental Inscriptions](#)

[New South Wales 1901 Census](#)

[Canada 1911 census](#)

[United States Naturalisation Petitions](#)

[US Passport Applications and Indexes](#)

General items of interest

Queensland Historical Certificates

As at 4 July 2016 the cost for historical images and certificates has increased. The prices are as follows:

- Historical images - \$20.70
- Historical certificates - \$29
- Commemorative ANZAC Death certificates - \$29

It will still be free to search our historical records [here](#)

Fire breaks out at Essendon Historical Society Museum

A blaze has swept through a 125-year-old former court house containing old records and valuable photos in Melbourne's north-west. The Metropolitan Fire Brigade said at least 50 firefighters tackled the fire at the building, at about 8:30am on 27th June. The top floor of the two-storey former court house was fully ablaze, but crews brought the fire under control within an hour. You can read more about the fire and view photos [here](#)

Woolmers Estate Bicentennial Celebrations

We are currently making plans for a very special year of events to celebrate our 200th year in 2017. As part of this, we are seeking any interested descendants who may wish to participate. Dates and details of this very special occasion are yet to be finalised.

Interested parties are welcome to contact me for further information and inclusion on our mailing list to ensure all are kept up to date with plans. Sue-Ellen Groer – Collections, Bicentennial Committee Member, Woolmers Estate, Tasmania.
Telephone: (03) 6391 2230 or [Email](#) For more details about Woolmers Estate [here](#)

The National Archives of Australia is moving

The National Archives of Australia is moving the Canberra-based collection and some of its audio visual collection from Sydney to a new preservation and storage facility currently being constructed in Canberra. This relocation of some 15 million items will commence in November 2016 and continue through until 30 June 2017. During this period access to the National Archives' collection based in Canberra and some audio visual material from Sydney will be disrupted. There will be periods when it is not possible for the Archives to provide access to records within the timeframes of its Service Charter. Access to Archives records online or those held in National Archives state and territory offices will not be affected.

You can read more [here](#) and view a time-lapse slideshow of building progress [here](#)

A Short Film of Jamaica Street in Glasgow In 1901

This wonderful, short film of Jamaica Street in Glasgow in 1901 may interest you. It offers a fascinating glimpse of the city's past. The fact that 1901 is also a census year makes it even more of a rare treasure for researchers who are tracing Glaswegian ancestors from that era. It's also very interesting to see how much traffic there was on the roads! Check it out [here](#)

Brexit fuels Increased online Irish ancestry searches seeking information about Irish passport applications

Anyone born on the island of Ireland before 1 January 2005 or whose parents are Irish automatically qualifies for Irish citizenship. In some cases, those who have an Irish grandparent can also apply. The recent Brexit vote apparently is encouraging many people to consider applying for an Irish passport.

Ancestry.com has reported a 40% surge in new trial memberships in the week since the UK voted to leave the European Union, with daily searches of the site's Irish records up by 20%. Some Northern Ireland Post Offices ran out of Irish passport applications in the wake of the referendum result. You can read more in an article [here](#)

Photographs of men who fought in the Revolutionary War

Yes - **photographs** of Americans who fought in the Revolution are exceptionally rare because few of them lived until the dawn of practical photography in the early 1840s. You can view some early photographs (known as daguerreotypes) of the veterans [here](#)

The search for Marilyn Monroe's Scottish ancestors

Another ongoing mystery concerns the attempt to trace the Scottish ancestors of

Marilyn Monroe. This **project** is being run by Clan Munro Society USA and was launched on 1 June 2016, which would have been the 90th birthday of the actress. The story goes that Marilyn's Scottish ancestor was perhaps a Highland soldier who was banished to America in the 1650s. In an attempt to solve the mystery, the Society is offering free DNA test kits to Munro men of Highland origin. Read more [here](#)

Free Online Course: Genealogy: researching your family tree

This course is designed to be suitable for beginners, but we can all benefit from reprising the basics. Go [here](#)

Ancestry.com is used to catch a Florida man living under an assumed name for more than 20 years

Terry Jude Symansky was a Florida man who drowned in 1991 at age 33. However, his nephew recently was working on a family genealogy project and found his uncle's information on Ancestry.com. Knowing the uncle died in 1991, the nephew was shocked to find a later marriage licence associated with his name. After some investigation, police found that the new Terry Jude Symansky is actually Richard Hoagland, a man who disappeared from Indiana about 25 years ago and was declared dead in 2003. The details and a number of pictures may be found [here](#)

Acknowledgements

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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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