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Our next seminar *Preserving your family history* will take place this coming Saturday morning, at the Queensland Baptists Conference Centre. Over a long period of time The Society has received queries from members concerned about what will happen to their collection of family history research and memorabilia when they die. **Tony Biggar and Helene Browne** have kindly offered to give you some ideas and discuss some of the areas you may need to consider when making your will and discuss what may happen to your research when you die. **Christine Ianna** will speak on caring for and conserving paper records, photographs, historic books and textiles. More details [here](#)

On 9 September, **Dr Graeme Browning** will show you what is involved in creating a Family HiStory Map using ArcGIS software. A very interesting method of mapping your family around the world. More information [here](#)

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## Calendar

- 02 Sep - [Family Tree Maker User Group](#)
- 03 Sep - [Seminar - Preserving your family history](#)
- 03 Sep - [DNA Interest Group](#)
- 05 Sep - Management Committee Meeting
- 09 Sep - [Fridays@QFHS - Family HiStory Mapping using ArcGIS for Desktop](#)
- 10 Sep - [Scottish Interest Group](#)
- 16 Sep - [New Members' Welcome and Orientation](#)
- 17 Sep - [Family History Writing Group](#)
- 17 Sep - [The Master Genealogist User Group](#)
- 18 Sep - [Welsh Interest Group](#)
- 21 Sep - [Members' Meeting - Emily Hemans Bulcock OBE - Our Forgotten Poet](#)
- 22 Sep - [English West Country Group](#)
- 24 Sep - [Central European Group](#)

- 03 Oct - Queen's Birthday - **CLOSED**

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## Happenings

### Emily Hemans Bulcock OBE - Our Forgotten Poet



On her 1969 death she was considered to be Queensland's unofficial Poet Laureate, yet within a few years she was largely forgotten. Having written over 1,000 poems, and been published all over Australia, why was this so? Paul Seto explores her poetry, much of it written in Toowong, Milton and Auchenflower, and hopes to give Emily a new voice. Come along to hear Emily's story at the next **QFHS Members' Meeting on Wednesday, 21 September, at 1.00pm**. Visitors welcome.

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### Invitation to Shadows of Shoah - Free Exhibition

You and your friends are invited to experience the unique Shadows of Shoah exhibition of Holocaust Survivor stories which runs until 16 September. Sessions are available: Monday to Thursday at 10:30am, 12 Noon and 1:30pm, and Sunday at 10:30am and 12 Noon. Admission is free (gold coin donation appreciated) and by reservation only. Sessions numbers are limited to 30 people and some are filling fast. To secure your booking, email: [shadowsoftheshoah@gmail.com](mailto:shadowsoftheshoah@gmail.com) You will then receive a confirmation advising the exact Brisbane CBD address. More details available [here](#)

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### St Matthews Anglican Church, Windsor, NSW Bicentenary

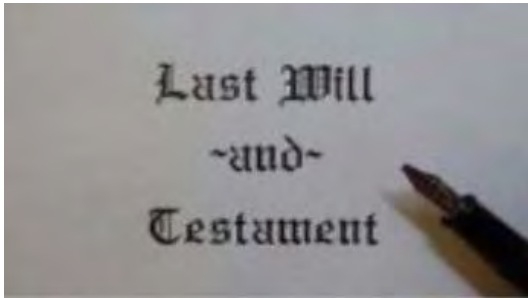
In October 2017, St Matthews Anglican Church, Windsor, will be celebrating the bicentenary of the laying of the foundation stone by Governor Lachlan Macquarie on 11 October 1817.

St Matthews and its associated graveyard are historically significant to New South Wales and the Hawkesbury area. The church has been the centre of spiritual life in the district since it was consecrated in 1822. The cemetery at St Matthews has been in use since former convict, later appointed Chief Constable and magistrate, Andrew Thompson, was buried there in 1810.

A commemorative service will be held on Sunday, 15 October 2017. A community and schools service will be held on Wednesday, 11 October 2017. Several concerts will also be held in the church, as well as open days for the whole of the church precinct. Interested individuals, family groups or associations are invited to join the mailing list to be kept informed of events leading up to the celebrations. If you would like to be kept informed Email: [stmatthewsbicentenary@windsoranglican.asn.au](mailto:stmatthewsbicentenary@windsoranglican.asn.au)

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## Education - Workshops/Courses/Seminars



### Preserving your family history

**Presenters:** Tony Biggar, Helen Browne, and Christine Ianna

**When:** 3 September 2016

**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.

**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.

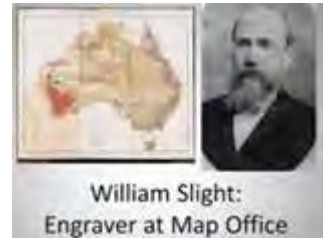
**Caring for and preserving your family history memorabilia.** Christine's presentation will cover caring for and conserving paper records, photographs, historic books, and textiles. She will provide tips and tricks for preservation, cover the causes of deterioration, and provide practical ways to preserve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

[Register online](#)

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## 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. 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.

See Graeme's Family History Map [here](#).

**When:** 9 September 2016

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

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

[Register online](#)

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## Topographic and cadastral maps of Queensland

**Presenter:** Bill Kitson



Bill Kitson will present a session on topographic and cadastral maps of Queensland. Divided into two parts, his talk will cover Topographic Mapping in Queensland 1839 to 1970 and Cadastral Mapping in Queensland 1839 to 1970. Topographical maps indicate land contours, rivers, land forms, etc. and cadastral maps show extent, value, and ownership of land.

Bill Kitson a highly respected spatial historian and is one of Queensland's best known surveyors. Bill became interested in researching the lives and work of the men that mapped Queensland following a 1974 Survey Office investigation of the surviving markers along the Queensland State borders. In 1980, he was appointed as curator of the then newly established Lands, Mapping, and Surveying Museum.

Bill continues to share the history of mapping and surveying in Queensland. His passion for preserving surveying heritage and his generosity in sharing his knowledge of the spatial industry is unsurpassed.

**When:** 11 November 2016

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

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

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### **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 Friday, 21 October 2016 from 10am to 4pm at the QFHS Library. Cost is \$5.00 which includes morning and afternoon tea (BYO lunch). To make your booking, contact Game Master Ann Swain via email at: [trout@bigpond.com](mailto:trout@bigpond.com) or telephone (07) 3352 5537. Numbers are limited and early bookings are essential.

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## **Members' Noticeboard**

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

The RHSQ is hosting a celebration for *Riverfire* again this year on Saturday, 24 September from 5.00pm-9:30pm. It will be a fun, relaxed evening with freshly cooked wood-fired pizza, drinks and front-row views of the festivities. We hope that you will be able to attend, and bring your family and friends.

Cost is: RHSQ members: \$25, guests: \$30 and children: \$10. Tickets are on sale now and available through the RHSQ office on (07) 3221 4198 or [here](#)

Please RSVP by Friday, 16 September. Please note that due to road closures, parking will not be available at the Commissariat Store for this event.

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## **Web Wanderings**

### **All listed buildings in London on One Map**

English Heritage has put together an interactive map of all listed buildings in England. London is peppered with thousands of historic properties, including many residential areas. All locations are backed up with information records. Check it out [here](#)

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### **Collage, the London Picture Map**

This website allows you to trace London's visual history street by street. With more than 150,000 pictures mapped across the city, the digital photo archive of the city of London is a huge resource showing what London looked like over the years. Happy searching [here](#). An article describing this resource may be found [here](#).

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### **Church of Ireland Parish Registers**

Last year the National Archive of Ireland made available online Catholic parish registers for the whole of Ireland, and earlier this year indexed transcriptions of these registers went online at Findmypast and other sites. Now, the Church of Ireland has made available a detailed list of parish registers showing which have survived, and where they are held. You'll find the list [here](#). In addition, a small number of registers have been transcribed and indexed as part of the [Anglican Record Project](#).

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### **U.S. Still paying a Civil War Pension**

The Civil War ended more than 150 years ago, but the U.S. government is still paying a veteran's pension from that conflict. Irene Triplett – the 86-year-old daughter of a Civil War veteran collects \$73.13 each month from her father's military pension. More details available [here](#).

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### **Elephind: A digital newspaper collections search engine**

This is a free service that searches online digital newspaper collections. It searches historical, digitised newspapers and enables you to search across many newspaper sites simultaneously, rather than having to visit each website separately. A list of available newspaper collections that have been indexed so far is available Website [here](#).

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### **Drone footage captures 'Valley Of Peace' Graveyard in Iraq**

**Incredible drone footage shows the world's biggest graveyard in war-torn Iraq.** The Wadi al-Salam Cemetery, located in the city of Najaf, contains the bodies of five million people. The video shows a sea of tombs in a colossal and ever-growing area of 1485 acres. According to the BBC, 50,000 people are buried at the site every year. Check out the footage at [here](#).

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### **Family Tree Magazine 101 Best Websites for 2016**

This list is broken down into categories. Have fun checking the sites [here](#).

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### **Findmypast**

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

[Britain, Enemy Aliens and Internees, First and Second World Wars](#)

[Britain, Enemy Aliens and Internees, First and Second World Wars Browse](#)

[Britain, Children's Employment Commission Part 2, 1842](#)

[Ireland, Children's Employment Commission Part 2, 1842](#)

[PERSI Monthly Update](#)

[United States Marriages](#)

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

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## General items of interest

### How British are You?

A recent DNA study reveals Yorkshire is the most Anglo-Saxon part of United Kingdom, whilst East Midlands is most Scandinavian. The people of Wales have the highest proportion of ancestry from Spain and Portugal. The analysis of the genetic history of two million people worldwide by family history website Ancestry was based on data collated from the AncestryDNA home DNA test that examines a person's entire genome via a simple saliva sample. Results reveal the genetic ethnic make-up of the 'average' person in the UK and what countries and regions they can trace their ancestry back to over the past 500 years.

You can read more in an article [here](#)

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### Who Do You Think You Are?

This show returns with some prominent Australian names ready to delve into their family history. Peter Garrett, Delta Goodrem and Rachel Griffiths amongst other Australian celebrities about to air their family history on TV. Season eight of *Who Do You Think You Are?* returns to SBS on 13 September at 7:30pm. More details [here](#)

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## Buddy Program



Thank you to those who offered to be a Buddy to a new member. However, we still have a few new members waiting for an experienced member to help them get started. Can you help?

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. A great way for more experienced members to give back to the society.

If you would like to be a Buddy please [email](#) Co-coordinator.

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

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**did you know?**

### QFHS Look-up Service

The QFHS Look-up Service is free to **members only**. This service is for queries requiring no more than 20 minutes research time.

We suggest you use a Look-up for specific enquiries in particular indexes or record

series. For example, a Look-up may be to find a specific person in one of the English censuses or to find a specific person in one of the Queensland Commonwealth Electoral Rolls.

You may submit one Look-up at a time. You may submit another Look-up when the current Look-up is answered. All requests will be answered in order of receipt. Submit a Look-up Request [here](#)

If you are a country member, this service may be of assistance to you. Other benefits for country members can be found [here](#)

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## Trivia

### Long-Lost Sisters Reunited

Two sisters from Texas recently found out that they have a long-lost sister in England. The three were recently reunited. Lynn Garner and Ann Burrage talk about what it was like. Watch a video of the sisters reuniting [here](#)

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### MyHeritage reunites two brothers separated for 65 years

This is the story of two brothers separated as young children in post-World War II Europe. They hadn't seen one another in 65 years until MyHeritage reunited them. Read about their reunion [here](#)

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## Acknowledgements

We would like to thank all those who have taken time out to send items of interest to our "Snippets" mailbox at - [snippets@qfhs.org.au](mailto:snippets@qfhs.org.au)

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Pauline Macfarlane

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