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Last week the Management Committee hosted a very pleasant morning tea to thank volunteers for the ongoing work they do for the society. If you were unable to attend please accept our thanks and be assured that we value each and every one of you. Without you, there would be no society.

We are almost at the end of a very full year that included many events and celebrations and we hope you found time to demolish some brick walls. The Education Sub-committee has arranged more events for 2017 so check the [website](#) for details. Perhaps your family might like to register you to an event of your choice as a Christmas present.

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## Calendar

- 05 Dec - Management Committee Meeting
- 12 Dec - Library **CLOSED** for the Festive Season
- 09 Jan - Library **RE-OPENS** for 2017

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### Change to library opening hours commencing 2017

As a result of a survey taken mid-2016, a change in opening hours will be trialed to assist members who indicated the change would allow them to visit and research at

a time more convenient to them.

Those changes will be

- **Mondays** - the library will be open from **6.00 pm to 9.00 pm on the second and third Monday of the month.** Currently, the library is open for research from 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm every Monday night.
- **Saturdays** - the library will be open from **10.00 am to 4.00 pm.** Currently the library is open for research from 1.00 pm to 4.00 pm.

All other times remain the same.

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## Happenings



**Family and Local History Conference and Fair  
19 - 21 May 2017 on the Gold Coast**

Early Bird registration now open.

Make sure you [subscribe](#) to the mailing list to be first with latest news.

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### Community Guest Speakers

QFHS Education Committee is currently in the process of updating the register of members and speakers available for talks to local community groups or in-house events.

If you have a topic, area or subject you have researched and would be willing to share your knowledge and experience we would love to hear from you. If you have not presented to a group before we can assist you with putting it all together.

Contact the Education Sub-committee [here](#)

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### Royal Historical Society of Queensland

You're invited to attend celebrations for Separation Day and the launch of *Lost Brisbane 2* on Saturday, 10 December 2016 at 6pm at the Commissariat Store, 115 William Street, Brisbane. Come and enjoy Christmas drinks and nibbles to celebrate the separation of Queensland from New South Wales, which was officially announced on 10 December 1859 by our first Governor, Sir George Ferguson Bowen. We will be launching the second book of *Lost Brisbane* dealing with the years 1940 to 1990 and featuring over 450 photographs and thousands of words of descriptive text. This follows the remarkable success of *Lost Brisbane One* which is now in its third printing. To reserve your spot, telephone (07) 3221 4198 or [email](#) now.

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## Education - Workshops/Courses/Seminars



### 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:** 13 February 2017

**Where:** QFHS Library and Resource Centre

**Cost:** \$50 members and \$75 non-members

[Register Online](#)

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## Seminar

### Family history on the cheap

**Presenter:** Shauna Hicks



Family history can be an expensive and time consuming hobby, but there are ways to save both time and money. Shauna will be outlining her favourite tips and strategies over three sessions.

**Session 1:** Essentials looking at home sources, BDMs, both certificates and alternative sources, genealogy societies and family history societies.

**Session 2:** Overview of websites to make the most of Google, the internet, and social media.

**Session 3:** Making the most of libraries and archives both in Australia and overseas.

Shauna is the author of a number of research books published by Unlock the Past, including *Family history on the cheap*, now in its 2nd edition.

**When:** 9.00 am to 12.30 pm on 4 March 2017

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

**Cost:** \$20 members and \$30 non-members

[Register Online](#)

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### How did they meet?

**Presenter:** Chris Schuetz

With Valentine's Day approaching, this might be a question we ask of our ancestors. This presentation provides a different, fun, and light-hearted way to look at and extend our records. It also looks at extracting more information from our records and using this information together with other sources to find answers, particularly for Britain, and emigrants to Australia.

Participants can bring known answers for a straw poll to share how our own ancestors met.

**When:** 10 February 2017

**Where:** QFHS Library and Resource Centre

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

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### Research in Victoria

**Presenter:** Helen Vince

This workshop looks at the tools and resources available for researching family history in the state of Victoria.

See how much can you research without leaving sunny Queensland and the options available for research on a visit to Victoria.

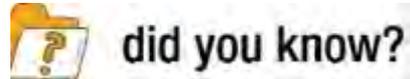
Hints on those hard to find relatives.

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**QFHS receives more than 300 journals from around the world.**

QFHS acquire these journals by exchange with other family history societies or by paid subscriptions.

The journals are on display in the print library for three months, after which they are shelved by call number. Some journals are sent out to country members as part of our Journal Loan Scheme. [Country members](#) may borrow a selection of journals.

Go to <http://www.qfhs.org.au/resources/catalogue-search/>

- click on Library Catalogue.
- scroll down to Location
- click on drop-down menu
- type in Journal
- click on Search

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## Treasures in the QFHS CD Collection

Many of you are more than likely researching family members who settled in New Zealand, as well as those who settled in the various Australian colonies. If you find that someone you are investigating disappears from either country, it is very worthwhile searching documents related to the other country to see whether your ancestor moved across the Tasman Sea. This applies equally to searching newspapers in both countries – Papers Past in NZ, and Trove in Australia. One CD in the QFHS collection is Victoria outwards to New Zealand (1852-1923).

From a New Zealand perspective, the QFHS Library & Resource Centre holds a relatively small collection of CDs specifically related to it; these are available from any computer in the Computer Room. The collection includes New Zealand Post Office Directories for various years between 1866 and 1933, New Zealand Government Gazettes for most years from 1876 to 1886, as well as 20 volumes of electoral rolls for 1935.

Other New Zealand records include early births and deaths in Auckland; headstone transcriptions from Christchurch cemeteries; marriages from 1836 to 1956; and 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century settlers from Staffordshire, Warwickshire and Worcestershire.

Another CD focuses on World War 1 service personnel. Additionally, a few CDs focus on Australasia – for example, the Australasian Medical Directory – Compendium 1 lists both Australian and New Zealand doctors in various years in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century and early 20<sup>th</sup>.

Browsing the computer menus, or, more beneficially, searching the online library catalogue using keywords related to New Zealand will reveal the CDs in the collection of relevance to your research.

Geoff Morgan

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## Web Wanderings

### News from the National Archives

#### Digitisation of Darwin's Cyclone Tracy Evacuee Registration Cards.

The digitisation of this collection is now complete (approx 3100 double sided cards). Use Advanced Search, type in name, and tick 'also search notes'. Another page will open. Click on 'View digital copy'. NAA website [here](#).

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#### We Were There Too – a Website to Record London's WWI Jewish History

It is estimated 40,000 - 50,000 British Jews served in Britain's armed forces in the First World War, while thousands more were involved in war work and support roles near to the battlefields and on the home front. [We Were There Too](#) is a new website where Jewish families can log their family records, including letters, photographs, medals and more, to contribute to a database on London's Jewish history from 1914-1918.

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#### A Photographic Archive of 1920s Leith, Edinburgh, Scotland Published Online

Leith is a district to the north of the city of Edinburgh. When local historian Fraser Parkinson was entrusted with a set of photographs showing Leith slums in the inter-war era, he knew they deserved to be shared with a wider audience. The collection focuses on addresses and streets in Leith which were later redeveloped. The collection has now been photographed by Edinburgh University and can be viewed [here](#)

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#### Did Your Ancestor Fight in the Hundred Years War?

The names of over 3,500 French soldiers linked to the Battle of Agincourt (1415) have been added [here](#). They join the quarter of a million names already available for English armies who fought in a number of campaigns. Details may be found in an announcement [here](#)

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### **Library and Archives Canada Expands a World War I Personnel Information Site**

This new database, called “Personnel Records of the First World War”, provides access to the service files of members of Canadian Expeditionary Force (CEF) along with records for other First World War personnel. It includes records for the following groups:

- Canadian Expeditionary Force
- Imperial War Service Gratuities recipients
- Non-Permanent Active Militia
- Rejected CEF volunteers
- Royal Newfoundland Regiment and Forestry Corps

You can learn more [here](#)

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### **North Georgia Historic Newspapers Archive Expansion**

The Digital Library of Georgia has announced the expansion of the North Georgia Historic Newspapers Archive covering the years from 1850 to 1928. Go [here](#) You can read more details [here](#)

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### **Canton, Ohio, Newspapers Now Online**

The Stark County (Ohio) District Library just added over 90 years of historical local out-of-print publications to its website. The digital archives include over 180,000 pages of publications dating back to 1840. You can access the newspapers free of charge starting [here](#).

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### **The New York City Marriage Index for 1950-1995 is Now Online**

You can search for free through the 3,124,595 marriage licences filed in New York City between 1950-1995 [here](#)

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### **Findmypast**

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

[The New Britain, Campaign, Gallantry & Long Service Medals & Awards collection](#)

[British Royal Navy, Ships' Muster rolls 1739-1861](#)

[British Royal Naval Reserve 1899-1930](#)

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

[Historic British Newspapers 1710 – 1953](#)

[Lower Canada Census 1825](#)

[1939 Register](#)

[New South Wales, Government Railways and Tramways Roll Of Honour, 1914-1919](#)

[Britain, The National Guard In The Great War 1914-1918](#)

[Ireland, 19th Century Directories](#)  
[United States Marriages](#)  
[Duty Locations, Naval Group China, World War II, 1942-1945](#)  
[1840 U.S. Census, Revolutionary War Veterans](#)  
[United States, West Virginia Births](#)  
[Cavan Registers & Records](#)  
[Kilkenny Registers & Records](#)  
[Wicklow registers & records](#)  
[Dublin Registers & Records](#)  
[Irish Newspapers](#)  
[Utah Divorces](#)  
[Surrey Monumental Inscriptions Browse](#)  
[Easter Rising & Ireland Under Martial Law, 1916-1921](#)  
[PERiodical Source Index](#)  
[1840 U.S. Census, Revolutionary War Veterans](#)  
[New Zealand Wars, officers and men killed 1860-1870](#)  
[New Zealand, military pensions 1900-1902](#)  
[Ireland, Royal Hibernian Military School History](#)  
[Ireland Military Records](#)  
[Duty Locations, Naval Group China, World War II, 1942-1945](#)  
[British Army Service Records - Scots Guards 1799-1939](#)  
[Queensland, Mackay, funeral notices and funeral director records](#)  
[Pennsylvania Baptisms 1709-1760](#)  
[Pennsylvania burials 1816-1849](#)

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## General items of interest

### Short online survey about family secrets

Dr Ashley Barnwell, University of Melbourne, is currently running a sociological study about intergenerational storytelling. One of the data collection phases is a short online survey about family secrets. The aim of the study is to better understand the social role of family secrets and how social policies impact on families over time. The survey is aimed at family historians. Ashley is calling for family historians to complete a short survey to assist her study. If you would like to do so please go [here](#)

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### Mapping Queensland Library Holdings

If you would like to know more after hearing Bill Kitson's talk you can find the following items in the QFHS library. Both were kindly donated to our library through the Mapping Sciences Institute, Australia.

- "Mapping Queensland" by Desmond Diggles. A 3 volume book that
- Desmond contributed to with some historic information and photos, Ref H3 52  
2 Large books.
- A 2 volume DVD of the above but on the computer under a different name is;  
"A History of Cadastral & Topographic Mapping in Queensland since 1859"

### **Family HiStory Mapping using ArcGIS for Desktop - New Offer from Graeme Browning**

Graeme Browning has used 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. You can view it [here](#)

Graeme did a presentation at QFHS on this subject in September. He has now started to make Family HiStory maps using the free accounts of ArcGIS Online (mapping) and Flickr (image storage). He has put together the same story told in this new way [here](#).

He has written and recorded a one-hour video tutorial on how you can tell your family story. The cost of the tutorial is US\$9. Go [here](#).

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### **The Passage of Time - the 1865 Voyage of the Susanne Godeffroy**

This beautifully bound book of 522 pages is about one of the many ships that brought our Ancestors to Moreton Bay in the nineteenth century.

The "Susanne Godeffroy" left Hamburg, Germany on 6 May 1865 and arrived in Moreton Bay, Queensland on 6 September 1865. The book tells the exciting history of this hazardous voyage and the story of the lives and fates of these passengers who emigrated on her to begin a new life in Queensland. It also covers the lives of the first generation born after arrival.

The book also contains over 120 photos showing a selection of the people and the places where they settled. It is available for purchase at \$59.00 plus \$15.00 per book postage and handling in Australia. To place your order, go [here](#)

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## **Reunions**

### **Kearney/Little Family Reunion**

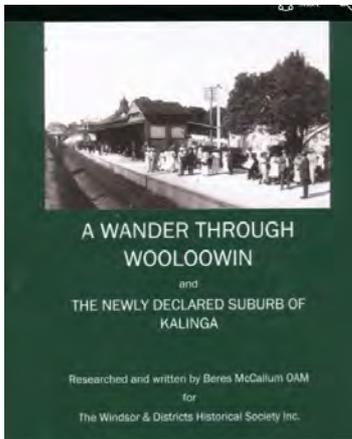
Calling all descendants of **Michael Joseph Kearney** (1830-1917) and **Mary Scallane** (1841-1913) or **Robert Little** (1859-1921) and **Mary Ann Darcy** (1859-1919) to attend a Family Reunion to be held at 37 Third Avenue, Sandgate, Queensland, from 10am on Sunday, 8th January, 2017.

Some associated families include: Scully, Ryan, Fairfield, Fahy, West, Rynne, McLaughlin, Loag, Moore, Bell.

For more information [email](#) or phone Josie on 38692942

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## **Book Review**



As more young families move into the older homes in the inner northern suburbs of Brisbane there is often a growing interest in the history of the home itself and then the local area. Noted local historian Beres McCallum has made a life study of these suburbs. She wrote two early booklets on Thorrolldtown - now basically Woolloowin - to accompany history walks she led in these areas. ***A Wander through Woolloowin*** is the culmination of this early work and later research.

*A Wander* is a mine of information. Many maps and photographs are scattered through its 80 pages. In the introduction Beres recalls the area of her childhood. Today can we imagine discussions on the washing on the clothes line, let alone its organisation? Such memories can add to a feel for a bygone time. Sadly many of the homes have been demolished but there are enough to whet one's interest with the possible suggestion for a Sunday stroll. Shelved in the QFHS library at H4/030 8 13.

Review courtesy of Pam Masel.

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## Trivia

### **Elderly Nigerian Man Has Married More Than 100 Women in His Lifetime**

Mohammed Bello Abubakar, a 92-year-old has married more than 100 women in his lifetime in what he describes as a “divine” calling. In his lifetime, Abubakar has fathered a total of 185 children — most of whom he has outlived — and 107 wives, 10 from whom he has divorced. Read more [here](#)

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### **The World’s Oldest Woman**

Emma Morano, who turned 117 on 27 November, eats at least two eggs a day, and has done so for 90 years — for a lifetime total she says is over 100,000. Read more [here](#)



**Wishing you a Merry Christmas  
and**

# a Happy New Year

*It will be our pleasure to welcome you back in 2017!*

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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)

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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