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We hope that you had a very restful festive break and keen to get back to your family history research. The Education Sub-committee has been kept busy finding new topics to assist you so check out the [Fridays@QFHS](#) and the [Seminars](#) page.

Don't miss the Family history on the cheap seminar on 4 March with Shauna Hicks. Shauna is a very experienced presenter and will have lots of tips to help your family history budget.

Calendar

- 09 Jan - Management Committee Meeting
- 09 Jan - Library re-opens for research (6 pm to 9 pm)
- 15 Jan - [Welsh Interest Group](#)
- 21 Jan - [Family History Writing Group](#)
- 21 Jan - [TMG User Group](#)
- 26 Jan - [Australia Day - CLOSED](#)
- 28 Jan - [Central European Interest Group](#)
- 02 Feb - [English West Country Group](#)
- 03 Feb - [FTM User Group](#)

Reminder: The library will be closed on 1st, 4th, and 5th Monday nights. More detail on the [website](#).



To QFHS Library Assistants

To enable us to complete our LA Roster for 2017 we need your help for the following sessions.

- 2nd Sunday –1.00 pm to 4.00 pm
- 4th Tuesday - 10.00 am to 3.00 pm
- 2nd Saturday –10.00 am to 1.00 pm for the odd months. (5 sessions for the year)
- 3rd Saturday – 10.00 am to 1.00 pm and 1.00 pm to 4.00 pm; full day from 10.00 am to 4.00pm
- 4th Saturday – 10.00 am to 1.00 pm

If you would like to be a Library Assistant you will be made very welcome. Full training will be given and you will make lots of new friends. Simply [email](#) Secretary and we will contact you.

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.



Family Tree Maker Seminar

Tuesday, 23 May, 2017

A full day Family Tree Maker seminar is to be presented by John Donaldson from VicGum at the Queensland Baptists Conference Centre in Gaythorne on 23 May (9:30 am-3:30 pm). Lunch will be provided. Keep an eye out for further details on the QFHS website, fliers and future editions of Snippets.

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

Only a few places remaining so be quick!

[Register online](#)



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

[Register online](#)



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](#)



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.

When: 10 March 2017

Where: QFHS Library and Resource Centre

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

[Register online](#)



Contribute to Wikipedia: what and how

Presenter: Dr Kerry Raymond

Learn what local and family history information can be added to Wikipedia, and learn how to add the information to Wikipedia. This is an hands-on computer course. Participants should have basic computer skills, e.g. using a web browser,

copy-and-paste, basic word processing such as Microsoft Word.

The presenter, Dr Kerry Raymond, is a local and family historian, and is the first Wikipedian-in-Residence at the State Library of Queensland.

When: 24 March 2017 10.00 am - 12.00 noon

Where: QFHS Library and Resource Centre

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

Note: This is a workshop so numbers are limited. Book early to avoid disappointment.

[Register online](#)



did you know?

Did a member of your family serve in the armed forces? The QFHS Print library has a large collection of books on the history of many Australian battalions to assist you in your research.

Go to QFHS website [Catalogue Search](#). Click on Library Catalogue, keyword equals 'battalion'. Scroll down to Location and select 'Print Library' from the drop down menu. Sixty-nine titles will be listed for you to peruse.

Alternatively, when you are in the print library, call numbers commence at A3 4 100.

Commonwealth Electoral Roll (Queensland) 1969 (Partial)

The publication of the 1969 Queensland Commonwealth Electoral Roll is a work in progress. Nonetheless, the QFHS Publications Committee has kindly released some preliminary data that has been finalised for members' research purposes. As with the other CDs in this series, the data are presented as a QFHSdatasearch CD.

For convenience, it can be accessed on the QFHS Library and Resource Centre's computer network with the six published Electoral Rolls: Select: <Search by Category> from the Main Menu, then <Published QFHS CDs – Queensland – Electoral Rolls – Commonwealth Electoral Roll (Qld 1969, partial)>. Given the interim nature of this CD, it not yet available via the QFHS Library Catalogue (v-Library).

It is hoped that releasing this partial electoral roll will prove useful to you. Search procedures work as for other QFHSdatasearch CDs, although the Help Routines are not yet included. A key consideration in finding the information you desire is the need to carefully select from the three "Match" options for the fields selected for searching – namely, "Whole Field", "Start of Field" and "Anywhere in Field". For example, if you wish to find all voters who were living in the township of "Killarney"

in 1969, the following differences occur when selecting:

- “Whole Field” – 65 records are revealed (all have listed their “Place of Living” as simply “Killarney”);
- “Start of Field” – 82 records (the 65 above, plus those whose Place of Living has additional information after “Killarney”. None of these 17 people live in the town – some live on properties in other areas with names that include “Killarney”, e.g. “Killarney Station”; others live on Killarney street or road, without a street number, in other towns – e.g. “Killarney rd, Warwick”);
- “Anywhere in Field” – 709 records (most of the 709 are residents of Killarney, or in the surrounding district, as long as Killarney appears in their registered Place of Living; however, some of the records listed will not be relevant to the township of Killarney – in addition to the 17 referred to above, other irrelevant entries will have a street number listed, e.g. “4 Killarney ave., Manly”).

Of course, as you search, keep in mind that this electoral roll is a work in progress. Expected names may not appear until the CD is formally published, assuming the people of interest had registered to vote in Queensland in 1969.

Geoff Morgan

Web Wanderings

Findmypast - available via subscription or for free at the QFHS library.

[Britain, Histories & Reference Guides](#)

[British Army discharges, 60th Foot 1854-1880](#)

[British Newspapers](#)

[Buckinghamshire Marriages](#)

[Kent Baptisms](#)

[Kent Banns](#)

[Kent Marriages](#)

[Kent Burials](#)

[Gloucester Apprentices 1595-1700](#)

[Middlesex War Memorials](#)

[Worcestershire Probate Index 1660-1858](#)

[Scotland Non-Old Parish Registers Vital Records 1647-1875](#)

[Scotland Mental Health Institutions Admissions 1857-1859](#)

[Scotland Prison Registers Index 1828-18](#)

[Ireland, Royal Irish Constabulary Service Records 1816-1922](#)

[Ireland, Royal Irish Constabulary History & Directories](#)

[Queensland Passports Index 1915-1925](#)

[New South Wales 1841 Census](#)

[New South Wales Passenger Lists](#)

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

[New Zealand Officiating Ministers 1882](#)

[New Zealand Waikaraka Cemetery Memorial 1902-1940](#)

[New Zealand Civil Service Examinations 1906-1907](#)

Ancestry

Available via subscription or for free at the QFHS library. In each case, the records on Ancestry are indexes to records transcribed from original documents; images of the documents are held on Fold3, so if you want to see them, you'll need an Ancestry All Access subscription.

[Royal Hospital Kilmainham Pensioner Discharge Documents, 1724-1924:](#)

[UK, Royal Hospital Chelsea Pensioner Admissions and Discharges, 1715-1925:](#)

[UK, Royal Hospital Chelsea Pensioner Soldier Service Records, 1760-1920](#)

Ships' Logs of the Honourable East India Company Service are Being Placed Online

In the early 19th century a voyage from England to India and the Far East took over a year to complete. These ships carried hundreds of crew and passengers and the logs list their names, rank and destinations. For the first time, a few of the ships' logs have been made available online. Adding transcriptions to the web site is an ongoing effort with the plan to eventually transcribe every log entry. You can find these online transcriptions from the Honourable East India Company [here](#)

New Records Online for County Armagh

1,147 new records have been added to the online database [here](#). The new records are:

- Derrynoose Tithe Accounts 1785-1787
- 1821 Census of Armagh

The full list of available sources currently on the site for County Armagh can be viewed [here](#).

Records of Some Irish Soldiers Now Available Online

In 1922, following the creation of the Irish Free State, the five regiments of the British Army recruited in southern Ireland – the Royal Irish Regiment, the Connaught Rangers, the Leinster Regiment, the Royal Munster Fusiliers and the Royal Dublin Fusiliers – were disbanded. The enlistment books of the five disbanded Irish regiments are now available online.

For the first time, the records of nearly 12,000 soldiers can be searched online – by unit, place of birth, place of attestation, and year of attestation. Researchers can see the original scans of each soldier's entry. The entries also include his address upon discharge and his rank and character upon discharge (which could range from 'exemplary' to 'very bad': the address of 99 soldiers upon discharge is given as 'prison'). You can learn more and also access the records by starting at the National

Army Museum's web site [here](#)

New York City Directories Waiting Being Digitised

New York Public Library is digitising its collection of New York City Directories, covering the years 1786 to 1922/3, serving them free through the [NYPL Digital Collections](#) portal. The first batch from 1849/50 to 1923 have already been scanned, and the 1786–1848/9 directories are now being scanned. The whole collection will be going online over the coming months. You can read more about the directories collection [here](#)

Civil War Documents Tucked Away in Shoeboxes have been Placed Online

The Virginia Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War Commission funded the State Library to send two archivists around the state with digital scanners, making high-resolution copies of documents brought by residents. They roamed Virginia between 2010 and 2015. More than 33,000 pages of letters, diaries, documents and photographs have been scanned and has made available online. The originals were all returned to the owners. Now, the documents are available online and can be searched [here](#)

North Carolina Militia Records 1747 to 1893 Online

[Troop Returns](#) from the State Archives of North Carolina Military Collection are now available online via the [North Carolina Digital Collections](#). This collection includes lists, returns, records of prisoners, and records of draftees, from 1747 to 1893. The majority of records are from the Revolutionary War North Carolina Continental Line

Mississippi State University Libraries Digitise Civil War Diaries and Letters

Mississippi State University Libraries has made available in its digital collections the Civil War era, first-hand accounts of the Orville Babcock Diaries and Letters of Pvt. Arthur McKinstry. Orville Babcock was a Union Army officer and engineer, who eventually became General Grant's aide-de-camp late in the Civil War. His diaries begin in 1863, and continue into 1869. You can read more about this online collection [here](#)

Both the Babcock Diaries and the McKinstry letters are available for viewing [here](#)

Maine's Alien Registry of 1940 is Available Online

In 1940, the State of Maine's Governor Lewis O. Barrows issued a proclamation stating that alien residents of Maine were required to register at their local town office. Over the next month, more than 30,000 people registered with their town. Of the 35,000 foreign nationals registered in Maine, the vast majority were Canadians. New Brunswickers actually comprised the bulk of these, followed by

Québécois(es). These 35,000 adults represented 4% of the state's population in 1940. Aside from the Canadians, nearly all the other immigrants were of European birth, with only a handful of Chinese, Japanese and Middle-Eastern immigrants in the state in 1940. You can search the Maine State Library's Alien Registration records are available [here](#)
You can read some background information in an article [here](#)

Presentation: Charge of Beersheba

This was delivered by the world-renowned expert on the Charge of Beersheba, Eran Tearosh, during a speaking tour he recently conducted here in Australia. You can watch the presentation [here](#)

100 Year Anniversary of the ANZAC Charge of Beersheba

October 2017 will mark the 100 year anniversary of the ANZAC Charge of Beersheba. This auspicious event represents one of **Australia's greatest military victories** that changed the face of the Middle East and highlights the **bravery and ingenuity of our ANZAC soldiers**.

Being the special milestone it is, the Israel Travel Centre has put together a [special tour](#) specifically to enable Australians to become a part of living history and participate in the once-in-a-lifetime events that will be taking place to commemorate the centenary in Beersheba.

The tour is being held from 23 October to 1 November 2017. There's also an [optional 4-day extension in Jordan](#) at the end of the tour too. For more tour information, contact Vicky Gonda from Israel Travel Centre on (02) 9371 8166, or [email](#)

General items of interest

Free Genealogy Books on the Internet Archive

The Internet Archive, also known as "The Wayback Machine," is an Internet library. The site's Text Archive contains a wide range of fiction, popular books, children's books, historical texts, academic and genealogy books. The result is a huge resource of books in various formats that you can download, save, and then search for any word. The Internet Archive presently digitises more than 1,000 books a day and presently has more than 11 million "texts" (books and other printed material) available online.

If you are looking for information about your family tree, check out The Internet Archive [here](#) You can read about the Internet Archive's genealogy collection [here](#)

How to Photograph a Tombstone

Headstones are monuments to our ancestors and a link to both family ties and our history. Many people have an interest in taking photographs of tombstones and a good quality photograph is desirable when you're researching ancestry information or documenting headstones and grave markers. Hopefully, you will find these tips

helpful. Go [here](#)

Historic Papers Found In a Skip Bin to Be Donated to the State

A chance discovery in a Dublin skip bin and a curious coincidence 40 years later have resulted in a significant historical find including grants of land bearing the royal seals of Elizabeth I, kings George I, James I and Charles I . You can read about the chance discovery [here](#)

Trivia

Top Baby Names for 2016 Revealed

Check them out [here](#)

Baby Names That Are Banned in Victoria, Australia

These names are deemed offensive, too similar to official titles to be used as names by normal people. Go [here](#)

Genealogy Humour

Enjoy the funnies [here](#)

What Was Your Ancestor's Property Worth?

Genealogists often find references to money in old deeds and other documents. Even census records frequently recorded estimates of a person's real estate. The natural question is, "I wonder what that would equal in today's dollars?" *Inflation Calculator* can convert a U.S. dollar amount for any year from 1800 to 2015 into the equivalent amount, adjusted for inflation, in any other year of that range. You can access the *Inflation Calculator* [here](#)

Book Review



Snippets January 2015 carried a book review of ***Lost Brisbane 1860 - 1960***. This 360 page book tracked the totally "lost" and structures remaining but much changed. There was a profusion of superbly reproduced photographs. The Royal Historical Society of Queensland's team have again outdone themselves with a companion work - ***Lost Brisbane 2 and Surrounding Areas: The Later Years***.

This book examines a later period from 1940 to the present and uses the highly successful format of book one. The writers track the development of Brisbane,

described as a sleepy city of timber houses and dusty streets, to its present vibe. They trace the impact of such diverse happenings as the US servicemen here through World War 11, post war immigration, the loss of trams, an increase in cars, floods, the suburban sprawl and so one could go on. Again, like book one, barely a page goes by without a photograph or two. These bring the text to life. The writers point out that the thread linking all the photos are the people in good times and bad. The review of book one suggested that it was a "must" for family historians. You need to add book two to your resource list. Published 2016 by the Royal Historical Society of Queensland
384 pages, indexed and sourced.
Review courtesy of Pam Masel.

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Pauline Macfarlane

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