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We have a very full Calendar for you this month. If you wish, you could be attending a family history event almost every day. You will note that members of QFHS kindly give their time to attend events for other groups. You may find one of those events near you.

The Annual General Meeting and presentation of the QFHS Family History Book Award will be held on 14 June. Always a very pleasant occasion so do come along.

The next Australasian Congress on Genealogy and Heraldry is just around the corner. It will be hosted by Society of Australian Genealogists (SAG) in Sydney from 9th to 12th March 2018, and will be the place to be for those serious family historians.

Early bird registration opens 31 May.

Calendar

- 01 Jun - **Albany Creek Probus Club, [Tavernetta Function Centre, Carseldine](#): topic – Family History Research. Visitors welcome.
- 02 Jun - [Family Tree Maker User Group](#)
- 03 Jun - [German Research Seminar](#)
- 04 Jun - **Peachester History Committee, [Peachester Hall](#): topic – Family History Research: old and new techniques
- 05 Jun - Management Committee Meeting
- 05 Jun - *DNA and Genealogy Research, Arana Hills 2pm to 3pm
- 06 Jun - *Scottish Records, Woodford 10am to 11am
- 06 Jun - *DNA and Genealogy Research, Woodford 11.15am to 12.15pm
- 08 Jun - *Scottish Records, Bribie Island 10am to 11am

- 09 Jun - [Fridays@QFHS Workshop](#) Microsoft Word with advanced features for authors
- 10 Jun - [Irish Interest Group](#)
- 14 Jun - [AGM and QFHS Book Award Presentation](#)
- 16 Jun - [Fridays@QFHS Workshop](#) Microsoft Word with advanced features for authors
- 17 Jun - [New Members Welcome and Orientation](#)
- 17 Jun - [The Master Genealogist User Group](#)
- 22 Jun - *Scottish Records, North Lakes 11am to 12pm
- 23 Jun - [Fridays@QFHS Life Notes: recording people and their stories](#)
- 23 Jun - **U3A Keynote Speaker, Brisbane Square Library: topic – An Introduction to Family History
- 23 Jun - *DNA and Genealogy Research, Burpengary 10am to 11am
- 24 Jun - [Family Tree Maker User Group](#)
- 26 Jun - [Finding your family: a beginners course in research starts](#)
- 27 Jun - *DNA and Genealogy Research, Strathpine 10am to 11am
- 01 July - [DNA Interest Group](#)

* The presenter at these events at Moreton Bay Libraries is QFHS member, Chris Schuetz. Check with individual libraries for booking information.

** The presenter at these events is QFHS member Ann Swain.



Membership Renewal

As you will be aware renewal notices to members with memberships expiring 30 June were not included in the May Queensland Family Historian, as they had been in the past years.

That was not an oversight. Most members now choose to renew online or by direct debit (transfer) with no form required. If you choose to renew by direct debit the details are available on our website [here](#). If you are visiting the library you may choose to renew there or, if you prefer, complete a Membership Renewal form and post it. Download form [here](#). Please advise any changes to your contact details by emailing Membership Secretary [here](#). The small number of members without registered email addresses will have their renewal notice posted.

There are lots of exciting events planned for the coming year with seminars, workshops, excursions, and more. We look forward to your continued involvement in the world of family history.

[Renew Membership](#)

Happenings

The Annual General Meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 14 June 2017. Do come along and support your committee and celebrate with the 2017 QFHS Book Award winner.

A nomination form and a proxy form can be downloaded from the [website](#) home page.

Members Meeting - Solving Members' Brick Walls

Ask the Research Team



If you have hit a brick wall, any problems for the panel to consider should be submitted in advance so that they can be researched before the actual meeting. Email Research Team [here](#)

The meeting will be held at 1.00 pm on 19 July 2017

Historical Excursion to North Stradbroke Island

By arrangement with Elizabeth Gondwe of the North Stradbroke Island Historical Museum, QFHS is organising a social outing in the form of an historical excursion to North Stradbroke on Monday, 28 August. We will spend time in the old cemetery at Dunwich and in the North Stradbroke Island Historical Museum. A local bus trip to Point Lookout is also planned.

Excursion agenda on Stradbroke:

10:25am Guided tour of Historical Cemetery at Dunwich plus some history of notable residents

11:25am Depart by bus from Dunwich for Point Lookout (bus trip 20 minutes each way)

12:50pm Depart Point Lookout for return trip to Dunwich

1:15pm North Stradbroke Island Historical Museum. Afternoon tea prior to departure?

3:55pm Depart Dunwich for Cleveland by water taxi

You need to organise your own travel to Cleveland. There is adequate parking

space at Stradbroke Ferries for your car, or you can travel by train to the Cleveland Station where you will be met by a courtesy coach to take you to the water taxi departure point. Those travelling by car could share as much as possible.

Cleveland to Dunwich: The Flyer water taxi to Stradbroke departs from Toondah Harbour, Corner of Middle Street and Emmett Drive, Cleveland. Time of departure: 9:55am. Travel time: 25-30 minutes. Disembark at One Mile Jetty, Dunwich at 10:25am.

Dunwich to Cleveland: Depart One Mile Jetty, Yabby Street, Dunwich at 3:55pm. Arrive back at Cleveland at 4:25pm.

Costs are:

- Water taxi (Stradbroke Flyer) return fare: \$19.00 (Pensioner Concession \$9.50).
- Bus Fare Dunwich to Point Lookout and return: \$9.40 return (Concession \$4.60 return).
- Museum tour charge: \$10 per head

Lunch: Bring your own eats and drinks, or buy on the Stradbroke Flyer (can be expensive) or preferably at local Stradbroke stores.

No bookings are required for the Stradbroke Flyer. You can pay at the Cleveland Ferry Office or on the water taxi. To help with this event's organisation, [RSVP](#) by 21st August.



The Society of Australian Genealogists is excited to be hosting the 15th Australasian Congress on Genealogy and Heraldry at the International Convention Centre (ICC) in Darling Harbour, Sydney. Congress is held every three years under the auspices of AFFHO, the Australasian Federation of Family History Organisations and brings together passionate family historians from around Australia and many parts of the world.

Keynote speakers are Paul Blake, Lisa Louise Cooke, Paul Milner and Angela Phippen. The program, and details of others speakers, will be on the website on 31 May 2017.

Early bird registration opens 31 May 2017. More information [here](#)

Just released

[Queensland Customs House Shipping](#)

1886-1899: Passengers and Crew

This publication provides details for 68,790 passengers and crew from 855 ship voyages for the period 1886 to 1899, sourced from the Collector of Customs (Brisbane) records which are held at the National Archives of Australia, Brisbane (Shipping Inwards Series J715). There are 294 unique ships, many with multiple voyages.



Now available on **USB or CDROM**
More information and to order go [here](#)



Unlock the Past will be holding a 2 day seminar (particularly German) on 8-9 August at Kedron Wavell Services Club, Chermside.

Features:

- hear leading international family history presenters. Chris Paton (Scotland) and Dick Weissleder (German-European stream)
- various local speakers, including QFHS
- learn about records you didn't know existed
- find out what your local societies have that can help with your search
- over \$1000 in prizes

For more information go [here](#).

Open Day
12 August 2017

Invite your friends



Education - Workshops/Courses/Seminars

Seminar

German research

Presenter/s: Jennifer Lange and Eric Kopittke



Researching your German ancestors can present challenges for family historians; language, geography, knowing what records to consult and where to find them. Our seminar, German Research, will help you through some of these challenges.

Sessions

Eric Kopittke: Introduction to German research: What you need to do to get started
Register online

Janette Lange: How can the Lutheran Archives assist you?

Janette Lange: Researching German family history from areas now in modern day Poland.

Eric Kopittke: Church and Civil records in Germany.

More information [here](#)

When: 3 June 2017

Where: Queensland Baptists Conference Centre

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

[Register online](#)

Life Notes: recording people and their stories

Presenter: Sam Davison



Sam will present a workshop on how to develop and record life stories, drawing on his experience doing this professionally, as well as his general background in storytelling and communications over the last 20 or so years. He will show the importance of recorded life stories as historical records, and also in the techniques for curating and capturing these stories. Typically, Sam's workshop is aimed at people who might be interested in recording their own stories, but it could also involve capturing the stories of other people in the family. See Sam's website, Life Notes. The workshop runs for around 45 mins, involving time for participants to engage in hands-on story-development activities.

When: 23 June 2017

Where: QFHS Library and Resource Centre

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

[Register online](#)



6 week course

Finding your family: a beginners course in research

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.

Presenters: QFHS Tutors

When: commences Monday 26 June 2017 for six weeks 7.30pm to 9.00pm

Where: QFHS Library and Resource Centre

Cost: \$50 members and \$75 non-members (see inclusions above)

Only a few places left so be quick.



[Register online](#)

How to research a World War I digger

Presenter: Paul Sutton



For this workshop, Paul will invite one or more participants to provide the name and service number of a World War I digger whom they would like to research. Paul will go through the various online and offline sources that will help to piece together the digger's military service, and provide interpretation and context. These records might include the digger's service record, unit war diary, Red Cross files, and repatriation files. Paul will also include official histories, maps, and photographs.

Note. If you wish to provide the name and details of a WWI digger for Paul's presentation, an ideal person would be one who was killed or wounded in battle, thus we would Register Online know where that digger was at a certain time. However, you are also welcome to bring details of diggers who were not killed or wounded. Preferably, the digger would be one whose service record has not already been researched.

When: 14 July 2017

Where: QFHS Library and Resource Centre

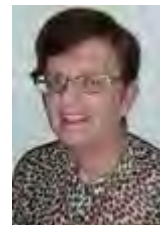
Cost: \$11 members and \$15 non-members

[Register online](#)

Seminar

Online newspapers: Trove and the British Newspaper Archive

Presenter: Sue Reid



Trove Digitised Newspapers—what is on the website? In this session, Sue will demonstrate how to navigate your way around the newspaper website, how to Register online Register online conduct searches, and some of the features available from the simple search screen.

Trove Digitised Newspapers—advanced techniques. This session will deal with advanced searching, hints on why you cannot find what you are looking for in the

newspapers, name searching, and some tips on how to work around difficulties of optical character recognition.

The British Newspaper Archive. QFHS members can access the British Newspaper Archive at the QFHS Library and Resource Centre. Sue will show how to use this valuable resource for research in the United Kingdom both through the British Newspaper Archive website and findmypast.

When: 5 August 2017

Where: Queensland Baptists' Conference Centre

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

[Register online](#)



DNA testing and genealogy: the basics

Presenter: Ann Swain

Are you interested in DNA testing to extend your family history or are you confused by test results? This session will cover the basic biology and jargon so you can understand what the three main types of genetic genealogy DNA tests can give you. It will also cover the interpretation of the test results.

When: 11 August 2017

Where: QFHS Library and Resource Centre

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

[Register online](#)

Bus trip to Queensland State Archives

Presenter: 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, leaving the QFHS Library and Resource Centre promptly at 9.00 am for the trip to Runcorn. You will need to be at the QFHS Library and Resource Centre by 8.45 am.

We will have some free time at the Archives before the Archivists take us on a

behind-the-scenes tour.

After the tour, we will have more time in the Reading Room for your own research.

Note: The tour is optional. You may choose to spend the day researching with the assistance of the helpful QSA staff.

Cost of bus fare: Members \$20.00, non-members \$25.00

Closing date: Bookings for this trip will close on Friday 29 September 2017, to enable QSA to make arrangements for staff to guide the tour.

Numbers are limited so book early to avoid disappointment.

[Register online](#)

Members' Noticeboard

Annual Immigration/ Shipping Reunions 28th - 30th July 2017

The Maryborough Family Heritage Institute Inc. will be holding the 140th anniversaries for the arrival of **SARACA**, **CITY OF AGRA** and **LAMMERSHAGEN 1877** voyages to the Port of Maryborough, Queensland. All descendants, families and friends of the above ships are invited to attend.

Books are compiled on each of the journeys and, where possible, family stories of the passengers and descendants of the voyages. We would appreciate hearing from any descendants who would like to contribute stories and photographs to these publications, which will be on sale during the celebration.

Please see [Maryborough Family Heritage Research Institute Facebook page](#) for the passenger lists for 2017 Celebrations.

Queensland State Archives June Events

Referendum, Records and Rights: in conversation with Lesley Williams
6 June 2017 from 10am–11am.

[Tickets](#) through Eventbrite

Reconstructing Resistance: Mapping Frontier Affrays
16 June 2017, from 10:30am–11:30am. [Tickets](#) through Eventbrite

Queensland State Archives are at 435 Compton Road, Runcorn, Queensland.

Friends of South Brisbane Cemetery: Inaugural 'Midwinter's Family Day'

The Friends of South Brisbane Cemetery would like to invite you to our inaugural 'Midwinter's Family Day' at the heritage-listed cemetery on Sunday, 18 June from 10am-3pm. Entry is free.

There will be free guided tours with our historians, information and book stalls, children's activities, a BBQ, tea, coffee and home bakes (with the Kurilpa Scouts), and some light acoustic live music for you to enjoy. It should be a lovely day in the unique atmosphere of a heritage cemetery. More information [here](#) or on [Facebook](#)

The Lutwyche Cemetery Project

This is a work in progress performed by volunteers with 12,000 of approximately 20,000 graves now completed. The process involves taking a few photographs of each grave and transcribing basic details such as names, dates and ages. The second stage will have each plot on its own page with accompanying photos. The final stage will include a full transcription of the grave. For an idea of how the full transcription may look, click [here](#) - please note that this page uses high resolution images of about 5MB each. More details [here](#)

Capella / Peak Downs Cemetery and Memorial to Old Capella cemetery

We have just finished indexing the Capella / Peak Downs cemetery which includes a memorial to the old Capella cemetery. Capella is in central highlands west of Rockhampton, and between Clermont and Emerald north/south. The photos and search tool can be found at [here](#)

Web Wanderings

Huguenot Society of Australia New Website

The Society's website has been re-launched. Go [here](#)

New from RootsIreland.ie

Gravestone inscriptions for South Mayo

We have added an index to over 50,000 names recorded on gravestones in South Mayo to our website. These have been abstracted from the gravestones collection held at the South Mayo Family Research Centre. The index contains the deceased person's name and graveyard; in many cases the inscription contains the date of death, address and age of the deceased. The time period covered spans most of the 19th and 20th centuries. Go [here](#)

Records added by the Galway East Family History Society

We have added transcripts of over 32,000 records to the database of the Galway East Family History Society on our website. These include:

- Non Catholic Marriages 1845-1955: Parishes of Ardrahan, Athenry, Eyrecourt, Gort, Kilcolgan, Killinane, Kilconickney, Kinvara, Loughrea, Portumna, Tynagh, Woodford
- Census Records: 1889 Woodford Parish Census
- Graveyard Inscriptions: Ahascragh, Aughrim, Beagh, Clontuskert, Craughwell, Kilbeacanty, Kilclooney, Killascobe, Killimordaly, Kilmacduagh, Mountbellew, Moylough, Mullagh and Woodford.
- The following Census Substitutes have been added:
- Christmas Donations: Beagh and Gort parishes, 1856
- Registry of Freeholds 1829, County of Galway.
- Slater's and Pigot's Directories: County of Galway, 1824, 1846, 1856, 1870, 1881 and 1894.
- Tithe Applotment Books 1823-1850: Multiple Parishes

For a full list of the genealogical sources now online for Galway East go [here](#)

Buried in Fingal: a new database for North County Dublin

Here is a huge new online resource for researching Irish family heritage: Fingal County Council has released a new interactive guide called *Buried in Fingal*. The free database includes searchable details of more than 65,000 people interred between 1905 and 2005 in 33 of the burial grounds in the council's care in North County Dublin. The site is searchable by name and graveyard. The oldest burial record dates to 1877 and the most recent to 2013. You can read more [here](#) and access this new resource [here](#)

Transatlantic slave trade database details, the largest forced migration in history

Between 1500 and 1866, slave traders forced 12.5 million Africans aboard transatlantic slave vessels. The Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade Database has information on almost 36,000 slaving voyages that forcibly embarked over 10 million Africans for transport to the Americas between the sixteenth and nineteenth centuries. The Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade Database is available free of charge [here](#)

General items of interest

State Library of South Australia's new online portrait collection of "Old Colonists"

If you are descended from one of the early settlers who arrived in Australia prior to 1841, you might be able to find his or her portrait in one of over 1,000 'Old

Colonists' which were on display in the State Library. In 2017 they have returned as facsimiles and are now available online. A brief introduction is available [here](#) while the portraits are available [here](#)

Do you have Australian or New Zealand military ancestors?

This free and exclusive webinar looks at how to trace your ANZAC ancestors and explore their remarkable stories with the records available. Check it out [here](#)

Watch the British Library digitise one of the world's largest books

Most experienced genealogists are familiar with over-sized books. Vital records, deeds, maps, and more are often published on larger-than-normal pages. However, how do you digitise a book that is nearly six feet by seven-and-a-half feet when open? It is so big that it even has wheels fixed onto it to make it easier to move around! The British Library has faced the problem and has digitised the 1660 Klencke Atlas, one of the world's biggest books. You can watch a time-lapse of the multi-day digitisation in a video [here](#)

Treasures in the QFHS CD Collection

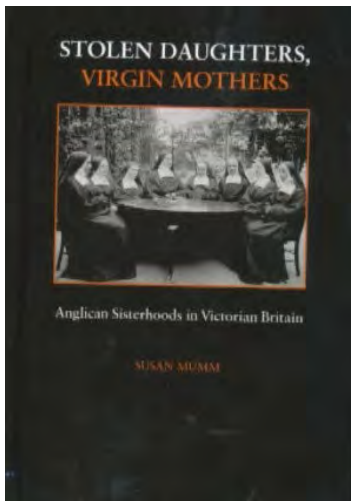
The Paracensus of Australia 1788-1828

Were any of your ancestors in Australia during the first forty years of British settlement? If so, have you searched *The Paracensus of Australia*? This CD is available from the "Search by Location – Australia" menu on the computer network in the QFHS Library and Resource Centre.

Published in 2004, the *Paracensus* is a compilation, from various original records, of people who lived in or visited Australia between 1788 and 1828. A list of shipping arrivals during this forty year period is provided, together with the names of 133,000 people. Their names are from, for example, military records; shipping records; convict records; victualling records; baptism, burial and marriage records; court records; the 1828 Census records; as well as from various musters, including the 1818 Van Diemen's Land Stock and Population Muster. The names of some 380 aborigines are also included, as well as the entire crew of La Perouse's expedition, which was in Botany Bay in January 1788. The entries provide, where known, an individual's surname, given names, birth/death year, as well as the ship they arrived in or the location where they settled. The sources from where such information was obtained are also provided.

However, when searching this CD is essential to keep in mind that the data contains many errors and inconsistencies arising from the fragmented and incomplete nature of the original documents. It is recommended that the introductory commentary on how the *Paracensus* was compiled, together with a detailed explanation of the data's short-comings, be taken into account when researching an ancestor mentioned in this document.

Book Review



Susan Mumm, in *Stolen Daughters, Virgin Mothers*, has traced the development of the Anglican sisterhood from its beginnings in 1845 through to 1900. Her research has taken her into the archives of some twenty eight communities whose documents varied enormously in amount and content as well as accessibility. While the sisterhoods have been "covered" in religious history Ms Mumm states that here more emphasis has been given to the clergy associated with these orders. This, she feels, was disproportional to their efforts.

One nun, more than a century ago, said that

Men wrote the Tracts for the Times ... while it was women who first carried this theory into practice.

While this topic clearly falls within religious history it must also find a rightful place in women's history. When nuns are mentioned they are often seen as meek and subservient. Munn's work will show that was far from the case. The structure of orders was mostly hierarchical and, therefore, the Superior needed managerial skills and all that entailed. They often had to struggle against clerical "direction" while their nuns were expected to take on very heavy work loads. Mumm believes that a life in a religious order offered a career outside of the normal sphere for Victorian women.

304 pp Indexed, footnoted with an extensive bibliography. First published in 1999 by Leicester University Press. Review courtesy of Pam Masel.

Trivia

61 year old woman gives birth

A Melbourne woman who became a new mum at 61 faces relentless criticism and fears her child will be taken away from her. Shammi Pal's daughter Angel, was conceived through a donor egg and sperm at a fertility clinic in India. Read more [here](#)

Top 100 Baby Names for 2017

There's a mix of traditional and 'new' favourites [here](#)



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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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