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Do you have Scottish ancestry, or just enjoy everything Scottish? The annual Tartan Day celebration in King George Square on 15 July is the place to be.

Pre-Separation Group members might be interested in a talk by Dr Anastasia Dukova at the QSA on 14 July. Bookings essential. See details below.

Calendar

- 03 Jul - Management Committee Meeting
- 03 Jul - [Finding your family: a beginner's course in research. Week 2](#)
- 07 Jul - [Family Tree Maker User Group](#)
- 08 Jul - Scottish Interest Group
- 10 Jul - [Finding your family: a beginner's course in research. Week 3](#)
- 14 Jul - [Fridays@QFHS - How to research a WW1 digger](#)
- 15 Jul - [Family History Writing Group](#)
- 15 Jul - [The Master Genealogist User Group](#)
- 16 Jul - [Welsh Interest Group](#)
- 17 Jul - [Finding your family: a beginner's course in research. Week 4](#)
- 19 Jul - [Members' Meeting. Solving Members' Brick Walls](#)
- 21 Jul - [New Members Welcome and Orientation](#)
- 22 Jul - [Central European Interest Group](#)
- 24 Jul - [Finding your family: a beginner's course in research. Week 5](#)
- 27 Jul - [English West Country Interest Group](#)
- 31 Jul - [Finding your family: a beginner's course in research. Final](#)
- 01 Aug - [National Family History Month commences](#)

Date claimers: Central European Interest Group

- 23 Sept 2017 - Guest Speaker, Keith Treschmann, will present a talk on church records.

- 25 Nov 2017 - Don and Gail Jender will present a slide show of Europe Christmas markets as a lightweight offering for the end of the year.



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 here](#)



New Subscription website

For members' benefit the Society has taken out a subscription to Forces War Records.

Forces War Records is the sister site of Forces Reunited, the leading British military community on the web with more than one million members and reuniting veterans since 2001, part of Clever Digit Media Ltd.

The site was created in 2008 upon the request of some Forces Reunited members who were looking for information on their ancestors but had come up against dead ends with the usual genealogy sites. Since inception the website has gone on to add over seven million individuals records and a ton of supplementary military data not found on any other sites and are currently adding over 200,000 records a month.

Full list of subscription sites available for members free at the QFHS library [here](#)

Happenings

Queensland State Archives

Upcoming event - 14 July 2017

Queensland State Archives (QSA) - with the Griffith University Harry Gentle Resource Centre - would like to invite you to join them for an upcoming event, ***Policing a Colonial Metropolis: from Moreton Bay to Brisbane***, on 14 July 2017 at QSA at Runcorn from 10.30 am to 11.30 am.



Guest speaker, Harry Gentle Resource Centre Visiting Fellow, Dr Anastasia Dukova, will illuminate the key aspects of town life and policing of today's Brisbane in its transition years, from the arrival of the first immigrant ships in Moreton Bay settlement in the 1840s, to the establishment of Brisbane as a colonial capital in 1859.

The Harry Gentle Resource Centre is dedicated to the study of the peoples and lands of Australia, with an initial focus on the area that became Queensland in 1859.

Tickets are still available so please book through [Eventbrite](#) to reserve your place.



21st International Tartan Day

King George Square

Saturday 15 July 2017

More information [here](#)

QFHS Scottish SIG will have a table there. Drop in and say hello!

Qld Family History Society at the EDHS Open Day

The Enoggera and Districts Historical Society cordially invites you to attend its annual Open Day and History Display on Saturday, 15 July between 9:30am and 4:30pm. This will be held at the Enoggera Memorial Hall at 349 Wardell Street, Enoggera. QFHS will have a stall – pop in and say hello to Ann and Tony Swain.

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



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](#)

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.

For further information please email [Secretary](#).



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, Ruth Graham, Paul Milner, Angela Phippen and Judy G Russell. The program, and details of others speakers, will be on the website on 31 May 2017.

Registration is now open. More information [here](#)

QFHS
Open Day
12 August 2017
Invite your friends



To help us celebrate National Family History Month, and in line with the theme for Open Day 2017, Links in a Chain, we invite members to write a short story on a family member. We require 31 stories to enable us to publish a fresh story for every day of August. Suggested story-lines are

- My missing link

- Balls and Chains
- Re-forging our links
- Missing link found
- Another link in the family chain

For a copy of the guidelines please email Publicity Officer Susie der Kinderen [here](#)

Education - Workshops/Courses/Seminars

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

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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: 28 July 2017 10 am to noon

Where: QFHS Library and Resource Centre

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

Note: This is a workshop and limited to 8. Book early to avoid disappointment.

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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.

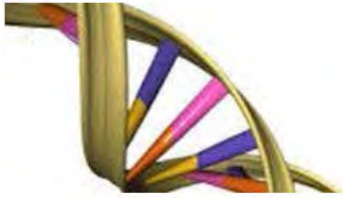
The British Newspaper Archive. QFHS members can access the British Newspaper Archive at the QFHS Library and Resource Centre. Sue will show how to use this valuable resource for research in the United Kingdom both through the British Newspaper Archive website and findmypast.

When: 5 August 2017

Where: Queensland Baptists' Conference Centre

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

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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

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Research in South Australia and the Northern Territory

Presenter: Bob Thistlethwaite and Chris Schuetz



Many people from Britain and Europe came to South Australia during the 19th century. Many moved on; some to Queensland and also some to the Northern Territory. The Northern Territory was part of South Australia from 1863 to 1911. Compared to the volume of shipping on the southern clipper route, only a few immigrant vessels came to Queensland via the northern route through the Torres Straits, but many merchant vessels plied regularly between Asian ports and Darwin. These merchant vessels also carried passengers. If your family members were in South Australia or the Northern Territory, this session will help you to find their records.

When: 8 September 2017 from 10 am to 11.30 am

Where: QFHS Library and Resource Centre

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

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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.

When: 20 October 2017

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.

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QFHS Buddy Program

Are you a new member? Experienced members are waiting to assist you to get you started on your family Register online history journey.

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. Email Coordinator [here](#)

If you would like to be a Buddy to a new member email Coordinator [here](#)

Members' Noticeboard

*Maryborough Family
Heritage Institute Inc.*

140th

*Anniversary Celebrations
Of the arrival of the
Immigrant Ships*

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We are looking for descendants of the families of these ships to join us for
a celebration on **Saturday 29th July**.

Activities planned for Friday 28th & Sunday 30th.

*If you have ancestors who arrived on any of these ships please contact us. Any
photos or stories about the families and their lives in the new country would be
appreciated, they would be included in our updated or new books about the ships.*

Cnr Wharf & Richmond Streets Maryborough Qld 4650.
Phone: (07) 4121 1620 Email: heritageresearch@bigpond.com

Web Wanderings

Passengers in history

If you are researching a person in South Australia you may find this site of interest. Passengers in History provides a way to explore the history of the many people who settled in South Australia, and Australia. You can search for an ancestor, learn about how they journeyed here, or contribute your own information and images to enrich the story. Passengers in History is an initiative of the South Australian Maritime Museum. Go [here](#)

Irish Townlands and Placenames

This handy website for genealogists and family historians can take the leg-work out of identifying a placename. A pop-up box will ask if you want to translate. More information [here](#)

eGGSA (a Branch of the Genealogical Society of South Africa) gravestone photos top 700 000

For everything South African try this [free site](#).

FindmyPast

Explore the latest release of records at this website [here](#)

National Archives United Kingdom: Victorian Prisoners' Photograph Albums 1872-1873

Prisoners' photograph albums were created because taking a photograph of a prisoner made it easier to identify criminals who had been convicted or offenders who went on to commit further crimes. These albums (PCOM 2) contain the photographs and details of prisoners in Wandsworth Prison. Search and download these photographs [here](#)

General items of interest

Discontinuance of microfilm distribution

On September 1, 2017, FamilySearch will discontinue its microfilm distribution services. This change is the result of significant progress made in FamilySearch's microfilm digitisation efforts and the obsolescence of microfilm technology. Online access to digital images allows FamilySearch and its affiliates to reach more patrons faster and more efficiently. Affiliates may continue to provide access to their microfilm holdings already on loan from FamilySearch, while offering access to online copies as they become available.

For members who normally order their films through QFHS, our cut-off date for last orders will be Wednesday 26 August 2017.

For more information, see [Digital Records Access Replacing Microfilm](#).

Treasures in the QFHS CD Collection

Queensland Customs House Shipping 1886-1899 – Passengers and Crew

Recently, following meticulous work by various members of the QFHS Publications Subcommittee, the second CD in the Custom House Shipping series was released. The first covered the period 1852 to 1885. Although there are some gaps in the surviving records, the 1886-1899 index of 68,790 passengers and crew provides a very useful resource for those researching entry into Queensland by ship during this period. Information about the records is available from within the QFHSdatasearch program that provides the user interface with the shipping records.

The data are presented in a table with the following column headings: *Surname*, *Given Name*, *Title*, *Age*, *Status* (marital), *Nationality*, *Ship*, *Port of Departure*, and *Year of Arrival*. Of course, not all columns for every individual contain information – for example, a Surname, Given Name, or Age may not be known. For others, particularly for those with non-European names, their full names are listed in the

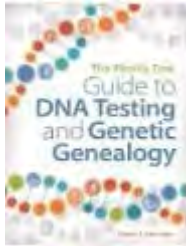
Surname column.

For many researchers, discovering the year and the name of the Ship on which their person of interest arrived may lead to unearthing details about the voyage – newspaper items, diaries, quarantine records, for example.

This CD can be found directly from the QFHS [Library Catalogue](#), or by going via the *Category Menu – Published QFHS CDs – Australasia – Queensland – A-G*.

Geoff Morgan

Book Review



Bettinger, B. ***Guide to DNA Testing and Genetic Genealogy***. How often do we hear in genealogy centres the excitement that follows the arrival of someone's DNA search. It might confirm one's research, negate other work or even unearth the odd skeleton.

However, how well do we understand the tool of DNA? For some of us it may seem like a magic mystery. Others are better informed but to what degree? Blaine Bettinger's guide should cover all aspects of this topic for genealogy. Yes, we do want to know how DNA is inherited but we need more than the basic nuts and bolts. We need to know what we can learn from the various tests (there are different ones) while we may not have given much thought to subjects such as privacy and ethics. Bettinger's guide is a comprehensive one. It should serve the DNA neophyte as well as those seeking more in depth knowledge. Terms are explained in plain English with the use of colourful diagrams. It is truly a "one stop resource". Review courtesy of Pam Masel.

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

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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