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Did you attend the Annual QFHS Open Day or the Unlock the Past event at Kedron Wavell Services Club? A warm welcome to the twenty persons who attended and joined our QFHS family. We hope your search will be productive and an enjoyable journey. However, do be warned. It is very addictive pastime and you might find yourself getting lost in Trove or spending several hours in front of your computer, when you only planned on one.

To assist you we offer a six week course, Finding your family: a beginners course in research. The next course will commence on 12 February 2018. For more information please go to the [website](#). The course is popular and numbers are limited so early booking essential.

The Open Day raffle winners were Pamela Berry and Doris Hardie. Joan Moss was the winner of the Lucky Door prize, kindly donated by Hon Jane Prentice MP.

Congratulations to all.

### Calendar

- 01 Sep - [Family Tree Maker User Group](#)
- 02 Sep - [DNA Interest Group](#)
- 04 Sep - Management Committee Meeting
- 08 Sep - [Fridays@QFHS - Research in South Australia and Northern Territory](#)
- 09 Sep - [Scottish Interest Group](#)
- 15 Sep - [New Members Welcome and Orientation](#)
- 16 Sep - [Family History Writing Group](#)
- 16 Sep - [The Master Genealogist Interest Group](#)
- 17 Sep - [Welsh Interest Group](#)
- 20 Sep - [Members' Meeting - Remembrance Day, what does it signify?](#)
- 22 Sep - [Fridays@QFHS - Wikipedia, beyond the basics: photos and more](#)

- 23 Sep - [Central European Interest Group](#)
  - 28 Sep - [English West Country Group](#)
  - 29 Sep - [Fridays@QFHS - Microsoft Word advanced features for authors](#)
  - 02 Oct - Management Committee Meeting
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## Happenings



National Family History is almost at a close for 2017. Did you participate in any events?

Did you read QFHS [31 stories in 31 days?](#) A mix of interesting, sad, and happy stories from members keen to tell their own story. These stories will be available on our website until 7 September, so if you have not yet visited the page I encourage you to do so.

Congratulations to all authors. There have been many complimentary comments received on the project.

Chris Wright, member #1916, is the lucky recipient of the gift certificate kindly offered by the National Institute for Genealogical Studies to a QFHS financial member to celebrate NFHM.

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### RHSQ Annual Seminar **Building Brisbane: Preserving heritage values in changing landscapes**

Join heritage experts, architects and developers and share their thoughts in a growing city. This event will be held at the Commissariat Store, 115 William Street, Brisbane, from 9.00am to 1.00pm on Saturday, 2 September, 2017. Cost \$25.00.

More information [here](#)

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### **A Rookwood Sculpture Walk – 150 Years Centenary**

Are you in Sydney between 26 August and 24 September? You might enjoy a Rookwood Sculpture Walk, outdoor sculptural exhibition that steps outside the notion of mainstream galleries and typical outdoor sculpture exhibitions to showcase Rookwood as Australia's most multicultural site. Entry is free.

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### **Members' Meeting**

**Remembrance Day, what does it signify?**

**Guest Speaker:** Greg Cope

**When:** 1.00 pm 20 September 2017



Visitors welcome.

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#### **Camp Cable 75th Anniversary Commemoration**

Saturday, 23 September at St Clare's Primary School, Combs Street, Yarrabilla from 2pm-8pm. Turn back the clock to 1942 when 20,000 Americans came to town during World War II. Find out what happened through displays, talks and dance. Food will be available to purchase.

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#### **Brisbane Open House 7–8 October 2017**

Brisbane Open House celebrates Brisbane's architecture and offers free behind-the-scenes access to buildings across the city. More details [here](#)

#### **Visit to Genealogical Society of Queensland Library**

Members of QFHS have been invited to the GSQ Library at 25 Stackpole Street, Wishart ,on Monday, 30 October 2017, for a little socialising and researching. You will need to provide your own transport and be at GSQ by 10.00am.

If you would like to visit please email [Secretary](#). Numbers will be limited so early notification essential.

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### **Education - Workshops/Courses/Seminars**

#### **Research in South Australia and the Northern Territory**

**Presenters:** 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

[Register Online](#)

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### Bus trip to Queensland State Archives

**Presenters:** 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.

[Register Online](#)



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### Wikipedia, beyond the basics: photos and more

**Presenter:** Dr Kerry Raymond

This is an hands-on-computer course. Topics to be covered include photos, categories, infoboxes, and Talk pages. Participants should have attended one of the previous introductory courses 'Contribute to Wikipedia' at QFHS (or have prior experience contributing to Wikipedia using the Visual Editor). Please check before the session that you can remember your Wikipedia user name and password (and do any password recovery or new account creation before arriving).

If possible, participants should bring a USB drive containing:

- a digital photo of a church (or other community building). It must be a photo you have taken yourself; do not bring other people's photos.
- a scan (or digital photo) of an old photo of a church (or other community building) taken in Australia before 1955 (check your family photo albums).

In both cases, you should know the name and approximate location of the building (e.g. Smallville Town Hall or St Peter's Catholic Church at Bigtown) and the approximate date of the photo (very rough approximations will do for historic photos, e.g. 1930s)

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:** 22 September 2017

**Where:** QFHS Library and Resource Centre

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

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### Nineteenth century English research: parish records, workhouses, and quarter sessions.

**Presenter:** Helen Smith



**Helen Smith** has been researching since 1986, is a professional researcher and speaks to a wide variety of audiences nationally and internationally.

She is the author of the publications, *Death Certificates and Archaic Medical Terms* and *Google the Genealogist's Friend*. She has written for a number of family history as well as scientific publications, in her professional role as a Public Health Microbiologist.

Helen is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists and Genealogical Speakers Guild.

- **Session 1:** Records of the English parish
- **Session 2:** In the English workhouse
- **Session 3:** Genealogical treasures in Quarter Session records

**When:** 7 October 2017

**Where:** Queensland Baptists' Conference Centre

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

For more information go [here](#)

**Register Online**



#### The Gale NewsVault: a free source of British newspapers

**Presenter:** Sue Reid

The Gale NewsVault is newspaper database offered by both the Brisbane City Council (BCC) Library and the National Library of Australia (NLA). If you hold either a BCC or an NLA library card, you can log into this database from home and use it for no charge.

The Gale NewsVault offers access to some newspapers, such as *The London Times*, which are not available via the British Newspaper Archive. It is not the same as the British Newspaper Archive. Come along and see what you might find.

**Please note:** NLA library cards are available to all Australian residents and BCC library cards are available to Brisbane residents, both free of charge. You do not need to hold either of these cards before attending the presentation, but you will probably want to get one afterwards.

**When:** 13 October 2017

**Where:** QFHS Library and Resource Centre

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

**Register Online**



#### QFHS Trout Game

**Game Master:** Ann Swain

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 20 October 2017 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 [here](#) or or telephone (07) 3352 5537. Numbers are limited and early bookings are essential.

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### **Life Notes: recording people and their stories**

**Presenter:** Sam Davison



[Sam Davison](#) 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.

Sam 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 at around 45mins, involving time for participants to engage in **hands-on story-development activities**.

**When:** 27 October 2017

**Where:** QFHS History and Resource Centre

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

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### **Research in New South Wales**

**Presenter:** Susan der Kinderen

If you are researching family in New South Wales, then this session will detail the records and sources available in this state. The first European settlers arrived in NSW in 1788. At this time, the colony of NSW occupied almost half of the Australian continent. Gradually, other colonies were established, and the area governed by

NSW changed until it assumed its current boundaries in 1911, after the creation of the ACT.

Learn what records are available in New South Wales and how to access them.

**When:** 10 November 2017

**Where:** QFHS Library and Resource Centre

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

**Register Online**



### Finding your family: a beginners course in research

**Presenter/s:** 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:** Commence 12 February 2018

**Where:** QFHS Library and Resource Centre

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

For more information go [here](#)

**Register Online**

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## Members' Noticeboard

### Harry Gentle Resource Centre website update

The website featuring news and updates, research resources, biographies, rare books and documents as well as some of the exciting projects undertaken by Visiting Fellows [here](#)

The site now includes a user friendly template designed for the submission of biographies. The form guides users through the categories of information required. Once submitted, the biography is checked and edited if necessary before publication

on the HGRC site. The aim is to tell the stories of the lesser known inhabitants of pre-separation Queensland

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### **Project Sydney Harbour - ABC Television Development Documentary**

The ABC is currently developing a documentary film based on and around Sydney Harbour. The film seeks to reveal not only the history of the harbour itself, but also the many surprising stories of the inhabitants of its shorelines. The Producers are now looking for enthralling stories about people who had or still have an association with the harbour. The stories don't have to directly relate to the harbour, as long as the characters lived on its shores or very close by. If you feel you might have a story to tell, please feel free to contact James Peyton, Series Producer. Send an initial short email with some background, including dates, and also detailing any supporting material that may exist will suffice. James will then contact you to discuss your contribution in more detail. Contact James Peyton, Series Producer - Project Harbour (ABC) [here](#)

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### **Members' Interests**

When we launched the QFHS website in 2014, we added a section for Members' Interests. We selected previously published interests that had been included in the *Queensland Family Historian* back to the beginning of 2008.

If you had your Interests listed in our journal prior to that time, and you wish them to be listed again and included on our website, please complete the Members' Interests form and forward the list to the [Members' Interests Coordinator](#). Perhaps you have some new names to list. We will include them in the *Queensland Family Historian* as soon as possible, and load them to the website within a few days. For more information please go [here](#).

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### **Donations of books**

A large portion of our excellent Research Library, and all of our Lending Library, is due to the generosity of members, and some non-members, who have donated books to the Society over many years. We sincerely thank you.



We now have a problem. We are receiving too many books that we already hold, or books that are not suitable as reference items. If you have books you would like to donate to the society would you kindly go to the QFHS's [online catalogue](#), and check the title against our holdings to see if we already have that title. The call number will tell you if we have the title and if we also hold a copy in the Main Library or in the Lending Library (see below) (LL= Lending Library). If we receive titles we already hold one of our volunteers has to pack them up and deliver them to a charity.

If you are unable to check using this method please list the titles and forward the list to our Secretary who will pass it on to the catalogers, who will advise you if we can accept them.

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## Can you help?

### **Library Assistant vacancies**

Due to recent roster changes, we have vacancies for Library Assistants on the following days - 1st Tuesdays, 3rd Saturdays (AM) and 4th Thursdays. If you could spare one day a month to help out, please get in touch with Dette Glenday (Library Roster Co-Ordinator) as soon as possible [here](#) or [here](#). Full training is provided. Thank you.

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### **Queensland State Archives Presentation**

Professor Mark Finnane will speak on 6 September from 10:30am to 11:30am at 435 Compton Road, Runcorn. The Prosecution Project: this national project investigates the history of criminal prosecution in Australia. It aims to document criminal trials from 1824 to the 1960s. Book your free ticket [here](#) at Eventbrite

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### **Queensland State Archives changes to fees and charges**

Many of you use the copying service to order photocopies or scans of records from the collection. Queensland State Archives (QSA) fees and charges schedule has been under review. This review simplifies the quote process and fee structure for ordering records, as well as introducing new fees for services. Current copy quotes are valid until 31 August 2017 as the new fees and charges will be in use from 1 September 2017. Some information about the new fees and charges will be available on the QSA website from 1 September 2017. The new fees and charges schedule will also be displayed in the Public Search Room.

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### **RHSQ needs your help**

The RHSQ had to move its collection, the second time this year, and their new store house is 4/80 Webster Rd, Stafford. Unfortunately, due to constant humid air-conditioning some of our items suffered mould which has to be removed urgently.

The Royal Historical Society Of Queensland is organising two days when you are able to come and volunteer your time to clean books, furniture, wood and leather

items.

- **Monday 4 September** between 10am and 3pm
- **Sunday 10 September** between 10am and 3pm
- There will be a sausage sizzle and drinks for all the volunteers. The Society will provide the cleaning materials, but suitable clothing is needed.

Please let Ilona know through [email](#) or by phone on 3221 4198, if you can help on any of those days for a few hours in this huge and pressing task.

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## **Web Wanderings**

### **Red Cross WW2 Cards now online**

Over 58,000 cards from the Red Cross Missing, Wounded and Prisoner of War enquiry service from World War 2 are now available online. In 2016 Red Cross Australia donated their historical collection to University of Melbourne Archives as a 'Gift to the Nation'. Part of this collection included the Missing, Wounded and Prisoner of War Enquiry Cards dating from World War Two to 1973. search [here](#)

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### **Trove Help Centre**

Trove has produced videos to help you in your Trove searching.

<http://help.nla.gov.au/trove/about-trove/trove-help-videos>

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### **FreeCen UK has launched a new website**

Still a work in progress and asking for feedback on site so far. Have a look at:

<https://freecen2.freecen.org.uk/>

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### **Preserving Naval History Research and Memoirs both UK and US and Allied Navies under Royal Navy control**

This website includes histories for around 1000 Royal Navy vessels from the WW2 period. Go [here](#) Links to Australian Naval History website [here](#)

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### **The Battle of Jutland Casualty Database**

The database includes 6102 names and is the most comprehensive record of those men who died as a result of the Battle. It details vital personal information such as the service person's name, ship, rank, service number, date and place of birth. Go [here](#)

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### **Researching Apprentices?**

London Lives has lots of information. Search [here](#)

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## **Buckinghamshire records added to Findmypast**

2 million new records added. Available by subscription or free at the library – baptism, banns, marriage and burials. [here](#)

For what's new from Findmypast go [here](#)

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## **Essex History: 109 PDF books on DVD**

This is a compilation by Keith Scales of 109 titles of 19th and early 20th century scanned books on Essex in the versatile Adobe Acrobat Reader file format which is searchable. The contents include transcriptions of 27 parish registers, memorial inscriptions plus histories of the County, towns, parishes and villages, and much more historical information. Go [here](#)

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## **Directory of Suffolk Millers 1086 – 1986**

If you are aware of millers in your family in Suffolk or Essex this site is for you. Lots of interesting information [here](#)

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## **Could your lost Devon ancestor have been in the Devon County Lunatic Asylum, Exminster?**

A Surname Index has been compiled from the admissions registers for the period 1845-1916, deposited at the Devon Heritage Centre at Exeter. A wealth of detail about individual patients is contained in the registers and case books held there. Go [here](#)

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## **Are you researching Bollington, Cheshire?**

Bollington parish website now includes transcriptions of baptisms from 1834 to 2006. Some burials and monumental inscriptions up to 2017. Searching is free but donations are welcomed. Search [here](#)

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## **Database of burials in Kingston Cemetery, East Cowes, UK**

This is an ongoing project but can be searched by surname and date period [here](#)

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## **Friends of Newport and Carisbrook (UK) Cemeteries Database**

An index of 8661 individuals can be found here. A work in progress but well worth a look if you are researching the Isle of Wight check [here](#)

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## **Dundee City Archives**

An 1801 census of Dundee survives and names the head of the household along with the number of people living there. For more information go [here](#)

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## **Irish Family History Centre videos**

Podcasts and Webinars to help you with your Irish research and interesting stories.  
Check it out [here](#)

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## **58,000 Royal Irish Constabulary records added by Roots Ireland**

These records have just been added to the County Tyrone database online by the Irish World Heritage Centre. They cover R.I.C. members from all Irish counties. To search these records, go to the County Tyrone search page and search under Census Substitutes, or login and click [here](#) Subscription site.

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## **1.5 Million Burial Records from 1828 to present in Dublin Cemeteries**

Glasnevin, Dardistown, Newlands Cross, Palmerstown and Goldenbridge cemeteries as well as Glasnevin and Newlands Cross crematoria. Other interesting local information can also be searched. Searching is free, you but need to purchase credits to download full record. Go [here](#)

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## **Jewish Research**

Four and a half of the six million Jews murdered by the Nazis and their accomplices are commemorated here. This database includes information regarding victims of the Shoah: those who were murdered and some whose fate has yet to be determined. More information [here](#)

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## **Announcing the 1775 Dublin Directory Database**

The Irish Genealogical Research Society (IGRS) is pleased to announce the launch of another online resource. It is a database index to *Wilson's Dublin Directory*, forming part of the 1775 edition of *The Treble Almanac*, which was published from 1787 to 1837. In the new online database, entries include the name of the person, their occupation and street address, and provides a link to a map taken from the Statistical Survey of the County Dublin, (Dublin, 1802). There are just over 3,600 entries available to search. Everyone can access the free-to-all database, which includes each resident's surname, occupation and address. However, only members can see first names. Here is a [link](#) to the search page:  
Here is a [link](#) to this news item as published on the Society's website.

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## **General items of interest**

### **New Australian History and Genealogy Magazine Coming December 2017**

Traces magazine is for anyone interested in this country's history, from ancient Indigenous heritage to European settlement, local history, artefacts and family genealogy. Take advantage of the 50% off introductory offer. For more information go [here](#)

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### New App to scan old photos

Google has released a cool new app that lets users digitise old photos. It's called PhotoScan, and you can get it here for your Android or Apple phone. Check it out at: [here](#)

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### Israeli Grandfather who thought family perished in Holocaust discovers 500 new relatives

By the time Alex Kafri tried to investigate whether anyone on his father's side had survived the war, there was no one left to ask. Imagine his surprise, then, when he suddenly discovered many living relatives on his father's side. You can read the heartwarming story in an article by Judy Maltz in the Haaretz web site [here](#).

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### Most French Canadians are descended from 800 women known as the Filles du Roi

If you have French-Canadian ancestry, you probably have one, two, or perhaps a dozen filles du roi in your family tree. Several of them even have proven lines of descent from Charlemagne and a number of other royal families from throughout Europe. If you are descended from one of the Charlemagne descendants, that obviously makes you a descendant of Charlemagne and other royal families as well. An alphabetical listing of all the known Filles du Roi and their husbands is available [here](#).

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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](#)

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### What's interesting in the Lending Library

I was just looking for a quick read, and came across a book called "*London to Down Under*" by Paddy Archer. LL H6 ARC

Each time I read a book about early Queensland exploring, invariably the name of Archer Brothers is mentioned. Now I really didn't know too much about their background and I was confused sometimes with the different names.

The title is a bit of a misnomer, as the Archer dynasty actually began in Scotland

and the way they arrived in Australia was from a country that I never thought that anyone ever emigrated to from Scotland. I won't tell you where because you need to read the book.

Needless to say that no wonder I was confused because most of the men in the family came at some stage to Australia. It is a story of how the Archer Brothers began the settlements in some of our well known towns such as Rockhampton, Cooyar, Gracemere, Eidsvold (never realised how that got its name), and how they set about starting sheep and cattle runs in early Queensland. The author is a member of the family and has used family diaries and his own recollections, which makes the story more enriching.

**Prepared by Lyn Hooper**

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Pauline Macfarlane

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