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Are you a new member, or a not so new member struggling to find resources to build your family history? A six week beginner's course will commence 12 February with experienced QFHS tutors keen to set you on the right track. Perhaps you have friends who would like to get started with their family history journey. The course is available to all members and non-members.

A wide range of websites and topics for you to visit in this edition. Sites on Australian, English and Irish to explore.

If you have English ancestors don't miss Helen Smith's presentation on Nineteenth century England. A good chance some of your family will have been in a workhouse. Helen will give you tips on where you might find records.

Calendar

- 02 Oct - Management Committee Meeting
 - 06 Oct - [Family Tree Maker User Group](#)
 - 07 Oct - [Seminar - Nineteen century English research](#)
 - 07 Oct - [DNA Interest Group](#)
 - 13 Oct - [Fridays@QFHS - The Gale News Vault](#)
 - 14 Oct - [Irish Interest Group](#)
 - 16 Oct - Family History Research: New and Old Techniques. Mt Coot-tha Kenmore Probus Club. Presenter Ann Swain.*
 - 18 Oct - [Members' Meeting. Pre-Separation Certificates presented. Guest Speaker: Dr Jenny Harrison.](#)
 - 20 Oct - [Fridays@QFHS - Bus trip to QSA](#)
 - 20 Oct - [Trout Game](#)
 - 21 Oct - [New Members' Welcome and Orientation](#)
 - 21 Oct - [The Master Genealogist User Group](#)
 - 24 Oct - [Education Department and School Records for family history.](#)
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Strathpine Moreton Public Library. Presenter Dr Geoff Morgan. Registration [essential](#).

- 27 Oct - [Fridays@QFHS - Life Notes: recording people and their stories](#)
- 28 Oct - [Family Tree Maker User Group](#)
- 30 Oct - Visit to Genealogical Society of Queensland Library and Resource Centre
- 03 Nov - [Family Tree Maker User Group](#)
- 04 Nov - [DNA Interest Group](#)

* If you are not a Probus Club member and would like to attend please contact Barry Read on 0409 611016 for more details.

Happenings



Members' Meeting

Do come along at **7.30pm on Wednesday, 18 October**, and join us for a short general meeting followed by the presentation of Pre-Separation Certificates to members who have authenticated their descent from one or more ancestors prior to 1859. Visitors welcome.

Our Guest Speaker will be **Dr Jennifer Harrison**. The topic: ***Looking at layout, building and development of Pre-Sep Queensland.***

Image courtesy of John Oxley Library, SLQ

Army Museum South Queensland Exhibition: Light Horse in World War One

Australian Light Horse saw action in the Middle East and on the Western Front in WWI. Actions included Romani, Gaza, Beersheba, Semakh and the Jordan Valley. On the Western Front the Light Horse saw action at Messines Ridge, in the Champagne Region and the Hindenburg Line. You can now visit an exhibition, **highlights include:** a life-size camp display, Original artefacts, maps and artwork, and rare and significant medals.

The exhibition is on until 13 December 2017. Cost is \$15 per head. Tour the Barracks and view the exhibition: Wednesdays 9:30 am–12.00 Noon. By appointment only at Victoria Barracks, Petrie Terrace. Contact: (07) 3233 4531 or 0429 954 663.

ABC Radio National History Program: *'Shooting the Past'*

You can now listen to a new Australian History program called ***Shooting the Past***. It is an 8-part Australian history series which is broadcast on Fridays at 1:30pm, repeated Sunday 1:30pm. It will be hosted by historian Dr. Clare Wright. The whole

series is available for download from the website and for podcast via the ABC app, iTunes etc. [here](#)

Fellowship of First Fleeters Moreton Chapter

To all those who enjoy the challenges of keeping history alive!!

There are many descendants of the convicts and marines of the First Fleet and many other like-minded people who enjoy making connections and having involvement in a wide variety of groups.

The Moreton Chapter of the Fellowship of First Fleeters meet Saturday mornings bi-monthly from 10.00am to 12.00pm at St. Augustine's Anglican Church Hall, Racecourse Road , Hamilton.

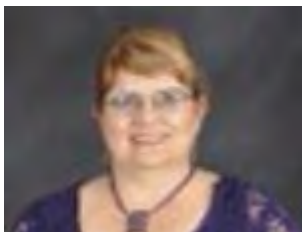
Remaining meetings for 2017 are **October 14 and December 9**. The only expense to members is a \$5 fee to cover morning tea and hire of the hall. Our meetings commence with morning tea, followed by a General Meeting updating any FFF activities, items of interest, outings etc and conclude with a guest speaker. For more information email Beverley Fox [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 is essential.



Education - Workshops/Courses/Seminars



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: QFHS Library and Resource Centre (note change of venue)

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

[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 Register Online Register Online find out why you may have brick-walls in your research.

The Trout Game will be played on Friday 20 October 2017 from 10.00am to 4.00pm 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.

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

[Register online](#)



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 Register Online 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](#)

Members' Noticeboard

Are you taking advantage of the QFHS Lending Library?

Members are finding books, not only assist with their research but just a very good read for people who enjoy local and family history topics. Most are duplicate copies of our research library but you have the advantage of taking a copy home to read at your leisure.

This month member Robert Orr has written a review of a book that he found especially useful and would like to share with you.

Queensland Post Offices 1842 - 1980 and Receiving Officers 1869 - 1927
by Joan Frew.

This book of 400+ pages offers an historical insight of Queensland through the development of the Postal System up to 1980, including the introduction of the Telegraph Service.

The book outlines such things as: Appointment of the first 'Post Master' for Australia; introduction of the first Postage Stamp; the early rudimentary delivery services; maps of Mail Runs, developing areas of gold and mineral fields; military post offices; name changes of towns and post offices; and opening and closures. Illustrations, documents and photos are found throughout this publication. There are alphabetical listings of all post offices – official or otherwise – and the names of the receiving officers and operators; and a page explaining the abbreviations for various titles and other nomenclature.

Initially I used this book to trace a Telegraphic Operator who was a mystery half-brother of one of my grandfathers, and I found him.

An added bonus was discovering for the first time, that for nine years, one of my g-g-grandmothers used her farm on the Darling Downs as a receiving office for the Qld Postal Service.

All-in-all, apart from the family history aspect for myself, this is a very interesting read.

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Family Tree software

The QFHS online shop now has the ***Family Tree Maker 2017*** software available for purchase. If you have had your family tree on a subscription site you may wish to install your own software and keep your precious data under your own control.

For further information and cost (members receive discount) please [email](#)



Are we doing something well? Are we not doing something well? Is there something you would like QFHS to provide that we are not doing at the present time?

Tell us what you think!

Good, bad or indifferent; we would love to hear from you. Please take five minutes to fill out a Feedback Form [here](#)

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](#)

Web Wanderings

New South Wales Online Maps

SIX Maps is a spatial information tool covering NSW whereby Topographic maps, Cadastral (property) boundaries, Place names, or Aerial photography can be searched and displayed on a computer screen. Launched in 2016 the search facility gives current information from Electoral boundaries down to individual dwellings that can be overlaid onto Aerial photography. Go [here](#)

Tracing NSW Gaolbirds Webinar

State archives sources and techniques to find all the details of your gaolbird ancestor. This webinar was recorded on 12 September 2017. Enjoy viewing [here](#)

Three Public Record Office Victoria (PROV) Search Tips by Topic

The PROV's new website is much more user-friendly. Here's three search tips to share for particular types of records.

School Records

The school number is the key here - search for the state school number and select from the following items under the 'Series' filter

- 'Metric Building Plans' & 'Pre-metric Building Plans' for detailed drawings of the school/residence/renovations etc.
- 'Central Inward Primary Schools Correspondence' for correspondence between the school and the Department. Lots of good stuff in these!
- 'Building Files: Primary Schools' for files relating the school building. Also contains various interesting information from the school founding (lists of pupils, parents, letters etc.)

State Ward Records

State ward records up to 1896 have been indexed and digitised on the PROV catalogue, so you can search by name and filter under 'Series' for 'Ward Registers'. In addition to searching by name, you can also search these records by the location where the child was committed, or where the child was from. Sometimes these were not the same. Ward records list any other siblings or relations who are in the state system, showing their *ward number*. If you find a record and relatives are listed - do the above search using the ward number/s.

Soldier Settlers

As part of the centenary of ANZAC celebrations, PROV re-catalogued all their soldier settler records making it much easier to find records relating to individual returned soldiers who leased land. While searches can be done on PROV's [Battle to Farm](#) website (and portions of the files downloaded), you can search on the PROV catalogue too. If you're interested in soldier settlement in a particular area, enter the parish and filter for the various soldier settlement categories under 'Series'. Or, if you are chasing a particular person, enter the name and/or parish and filter for the same

Do You Have Family Links To Early Oakleigh, Waverley or City Of Monash Areas?

Use the Monash Public Library Service Local History Search Portal to look for your ancestors in books, images, the Oakleigh Pioneer Cemetery, early land tenure maps or local street names. Go [here](#)

Ballarat Rate Books being digitised

The historic rate books held at Ballarat Archives Centre are some of our most popular regional records. They include rates from Ballarat and surrounding suburbs

and are a fantastic resource for those researching the history of their home. The records include rate payments on properties, name of owner, description of property, annual value and credits for amount of payments and arrears. For more information go [here](#)

'Finding Your Mob' updated

A popular resource for Aboriginal people who are researching their Victorian family history. 'Finding Your Mob' describes the types of records held in the collections of both Public Record Office Victoria and the National Archives of Australia, and offers advice about how to get started with family history research. Check it out [here](#)

Indigenous Dictionary may save the Miriwoong language from extinction

The Aboriginal language Miriwoong is one of the oldest languages on Earth, but fewer than 10 people speak it fluently. Miriwoong is considered critically endangered — on the brink of completely disappearing — but a group in the remote Kimberley is making sure that does not happen. Read more [here](#)

British Newspaper Archive now has titles from all 32 Irish counties

The British Newspaper Archive now provides a title from all 32 counties across Ireland. Available by subscription or free at the QFHS library. Go [here](#)

Find your U.K. naval ancestor with help from Forces War Records

Forces War Records, the specialist genealogy website, now holds over 10 million military individuals' records, 1000s of which are Naval. Search the complete Navy record collections and also download your free tutorial [here](#) – to help make sure you find your ancestor online. You can visit Forces War Records to search the full Naval collections [here](#). Available by subscription or free at the QFHS library.

GRO Indexes online

The General Register Office (England and Wales) has a service that is of significant use to genealogists. It is a free online index to births (1837 to 1916) and deaths (1837 to 1957) for both England and Wales (i.e. births over 100 years old and deaths over 50 years old). Once you find your ancestor, you can easily order a copy of the original certificate online (for a fee, of course). You need to login [here](#)

Tracing London convicts in Britain & Australia, 1780-1925

This new website allows you to search millions of records from around fifty datasets, relating to the lives of 90,000 convicts from the Old Bailey. Use the site to search individual convict life archives, explore and visualise data, and learn more about crime and criminal justice in the past [here](#)

Norwich Freemen Records since 1317 now online

This new database lists the names of every freeman in Norwich, a city that is approximately 161 km north-east of London. Men with the required qualifications were admitted to what was known as the 'freedom of the city'. This meant the freemen took an oath to support the Mayor and accepted all sorts of responsibilities, like standing for elections, taking office, paying their taxes and abiding by the rules. In return, they were granted special trading rights and privileges, one of them being that their sons inherited the 'freedom'. These rights and responsibilities have mostly disappeared but the title survives, and the freemen of Norwich continue to play an important part in life of the city. The records will be available free uploaded in stages. Go [here](#) for more information. The records are becoming available [here](#).

Sussex Records now available from TheGenealogist

TheGenealogist has just added over 1.1 million parish records from the county of Sussex. This is the first tranche of what is expected to be several releases in the near future of baptism, marriage and burial records. These records are being published in association with The Parish Record Transcription Society. These new parish records can be searched by first name, last name and date range. Access is by subscription, or free at the QFHS Library [here](#).

The Weald of Surrey, Sussex and Kent

This site catalogues the people, places, maps, drawings, engravings, books, writings and numerous lists and directories that are over 70 years old into an integrated database of information about one of the most attractive parts of England - The Weald of Kent, Surrey and Sussex. Check it out [here](#).

Tithe Maps free online

More than 500 Cheshire maps [here](#) Leeds maps [here](#) Around 1200 maps for Wales [here](#)

Church of Ireland parish record collections more discoverable

For more information, you can read an article [here](#).

Ballincollig Military Men & Their Families 1810-1922: the Church of Ireland Registers unlock their stories

The details of some 2,187 people – soldiers and their families – recorded in the registers of Ballincollig Garrison Chapel have been recovered and are now available online. The names and details of the soldiers mentioned in the garrison chapel registers (a combined register of baptisms 1810-1864; marriages 1823-1842 and burials 1813-1882; a register of baptisms 1865-1921; and a register of burials 1871-

1920) are detailed in a PDF available [here](#). The soldiers who served in the British Army came from diverse backgrounds, not just Protestant and British but Irish and Roman Catholic, as well as others.

County Tyrone, Ireland, new website

Originally established in 2006 as part of Rootsweb, this volunteer-run initiative now has a stand-alone website. It provides links to many free genealogical records – everything from census records to church records to emigration records to obituaries. Check it out [here](#)

Treasures in the QFHS CD Collection

Recent additions to Irish resources in QFHS's CD collection

Recent donations by John Hunter and Bev Bonning have provided CDs that will be of use to many. The significant number from Bev is gradually being processed, and progressively added to the computer network. To extend the Society's collection of online Irish county maps, the following 19th Century maps have been installed: Armagh, Kerry, Kilkenny, Laois (Queen's), Limerick, Offaly (King's), Tyrone, and Wicklow. When in the library check the new "Miscellaneous Records" link on the *Search by Category* menu to view the growing list of available files.

John's donations add to his previous contributions that focus on County Roscommon – *Statistical Survey of the County of Roscommon* (1832), and *The Crofton Memoirs* (1911). The Statistical Survey provides many details about life in pre-Famine Roscommon, including the social and economic conditions, poverty, population growth, education, religion, history, the Irish language, as well as local customs.

The Crofton Memoirs, is an account of John Crofton, of Ballymurry, County Roscommon, Queen Elizabeth the First's escheator-general of Ireland (upholder of the monarch's rights as a feudal lord), and of his ancestors and descendants. This book provides many interesting details, not only about the lives of family members, but also of aspects of life in County Roscommon, as well as in Ireland and England more generally.

These two CDs can be found directly from the QFHS Library Catalogue, or by going via *Search by Location – Ireland – Archive CD Books*.

Geoff Morgan

General items of interest

Over 8000 Brisbane Images Now in Trove

See if you can identify any of the images [here](#)

Remembering the Past Australia

Remembering the Past Australia is a new site/blog dedicated to providing copies of

original articles and resources, with the aim of shedding new light on the lives of ordinary people as they made a life for themselves and their families in colonial Australia and beyond. Check it out [here](#)

Deciphering colonial-era handwritten documents

This three-part series shows how to interpret Colonial-era handwriting. The series includes a brief history of writing, characteristics of 17th and 18th century British-American handwriting, and some tips on deciphering the text found within these records. *What Does That Say? Part I* may be found [here](#). Links to Part 2 and Part 3 are then contained in the individual articles

GenealogyMagazine.com launches a YouTube Series for the family historian

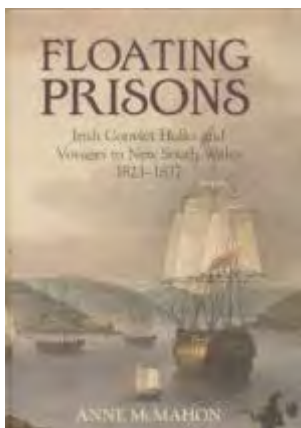
GenealogyMagazine is the name of a new YouTube series offering advice and tips for the family historian. Each five-minute episode offers tips and “how-to” examples for genealogical research. The first episode, “County Courthouse Research,” is now available at [YouTube](#). Upcoming episodes include “Family Bible Records,” “Diaries and Journals,” “Longevity Lies,” “Misidentified Family Pictures,” and “Handwriting Analysis.”

Trivia

Traditional names have better credit scores

If your name is Jess, Tamika, Cody or Harley, we have bad news. You are probably terrible with money, according to [analysis by CreditSimple.com.au](#), which has delved into the data to rank Australia’s first names by their average credit score. A credit score is a rating between zero and 1000 indicating your financial history. The higher the score, the more attractive you are to lenders — as well as members of the opposite sex. Read more in an article [here](#)

Book Review



In *Floating Prisons* Anne McMahon gives a very detailed account of the management of convicts in Ireland from 1823 to 1837. Prior to this there had been some transportation from Cork but by the 1820's the level of Irish discontent had mounted to a point where the prison population was overflowing the gaols as convicts awaited transportation. The solution in 1822 was to install two prison hulks which would hold the male convicts awaiting transportation. The *Surprize* was moored at Cove, the port for Cork.

The *Essex* was located at Kingstown harbour near Dublin. In the period under review 11,909 men were held on the hulks. There appears to have been little

thought given to the welfare of these men who were locked away, some for years. It was a case of keeping them alive and secure for minimum cost.

In the review period a total of 45 ships sailed directly from the hulks to Sydney while another 16 called at various ports along the way. The well being of all aboard was to a certain extent dependent on the surgeon. The mini biographies of some 40 surgeons are covered.

Floating Prisons is not an easy read but one which will reward the reader with enormous detail on Irish convict management - its gaoling and transportation. Published by Halstead 2017. 256 pp sourced and indexed. 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. Please note that reference to any product does not imply endorsement. Members are cautioned to evaluate products prior to purchase.

Pauline Macfarlane

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