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What an exciting month November has been. The launch of **MyHeritage** Library Edition at the library and from your home computer has been a great success. QFHS Awards for Services to Family History were announced and our Annual Volunteer Morning Tea was held.

The addition of MyHeritage to our resources makes a membership of QFHS excellent value for money. A great Christmas present for family, friends or yourself.

To celebrate this event we have a Special Offer on new membership, both single and dual available [here](#)

Would you like to learn more skills to find that elusive family member? Our six week **Beginner's Course - Finding your family**, still has a few places available. You do not need to be a beginner. See details below.



Calendar

- 01 Dec - [Family Tree Maker User Group](#)
- 02 Dec - [DNA User Group](#)
- 04 Dec - Management Committee Meeting
- 08 Dec - [Fridays@QFHS - Research in NSW](#)
- 10 Dec - Library closes at 4.00 pm for Festive Season
- 08 Jan - [Library opens at 6.00 pm for research](#)



A great opportunity for you

Are you interested in learning new skills, building your network of friends, strengthening your leadership skills, and implementing new ideas within our community? We can help you achieve your aims with the following vacancies.

- **Print Library Cataloguer** – library experience good but not necessary
- **Minutes Secretary** – Management Committee and Members Meetings
- **Library Assistants** – full training provided
- **MailChimp** (Snippets eNews program) can be done from home
- **Secretary 2018-19** – The Secretary's 3 year term ends June 2018. Would you like to do a term as QFHS Secretary? If you would like to nominate for this position and receive 6 months 'on the job training' we would love to hear from you.
- **Spreadsheet/Excel**
- **Technology** - The QFHS is in need of volunteers who can assist with its computers. This includes specific projects such as installing new equipment and with ongoing support and maintenance of existing systems. If you believe that you can help in these areas please let us know. Training is available.
- **Marketing** assistant
- **Graphic Design** – (advertising) can be done at home
- Skills you have that you would like to bring to the Society

Contact secretary@qfhs.org.au to nominate your area of interest.

Bev Young – QFHS President

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](#).

Electronic Queensland Family Historian

Using electronic communications provides a significant cost saving to the Society with printing and postage costs a significant item in the budget. We encourage you to receive your copy of the journal electronically.

To cancel your print copy simply email the [Membership Secretary](#).



Happenings



Samford Museum - Open Day

When: 26 January 2018

At the Samford Museum you will learn how the early settlers to the area farmed the land, constructed fences and homes and built the foundation of the community we have today. You can explore life before motorised transport with our displays of horse and carts, old time tractors and farm machinery. See the blacksmith at work (on the last Sunday of each month) and learn the important role he played in the community.

The museum is open on Wednesdays: 10.00am -3.00pm and Sundays: 10.00am - 4.00pm. Group bookings available at other times. Visit them at 21 Station Street, Samford, QLD. For more details go [here](#).

A QFHS' table at the Samford Museum's Australia Day event will be manned by Ann and Tony Swain.

CHINA Inc. Conference 2018 announcement and Call for Papers

Chinese Heritage in Northern Australia Inc. has announced its 7th 'No Fuss' conference on Australian Chinese history and heritage, to be held in Townsville on 3-4 March 2018. Abstracts for papers to be presented are now being called.

Proposed papers should be broad based and reflect on Chinese in northern Australia and the conference series theme "Northern Links: Protecting Their Interests and Pushing Back!" Abstracts should be submitted by email to conference organisers by 20 December 2017. We encourage attendance and participation by emerging scholars for whom it is a great presentation opportunity and warmly welcome family historians and genealogists to whom we have dedicated a session on Chinese families and Chinese family history. If you would like to present a paper, attend the conference, or enjoy the field trip, please email an [expression of interest](#) Further details available [here](#)



Education - Workshops/Courses/Seminars



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 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](#)

Social media and researching your family

Presenter: Charlotte Sale



Social media has become increasingly popular. Many of us spend time on sites such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and others, chatting with friends and family, sharing information, learning skills, and extending our knowledge.

Come and learn more about the great opportunities to extend your family history research using social media tools. Find out why we should use them, explore how to use them, and learn about their advantages and disadvantages.

You just might find that these relatively new tools can help you break down that brick wall you have been working on for a while.

Note: This is a Saturday event.

When: 3 February, 2018

Where: QFHS Library and Resource Centre

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

[Register online](#)

Scandinavian and ancient genealogy

Presenter: Steinar Johansen



If you have family history research interests in the Scandinavian countries, this session is for you.

Steinar Johansen will present a session on these topics.

- How to start your research.
- How do you continue your research; what are the choices?
- The difference between researching in each Scandinavian country.
- The advantage of DNA testing. Ancient Genealogy:
- The advantage of Icelandic family trees.

When: 9 February 2018

Where: QFHS Library and Resource Centre

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

[Register online](#)

Researching land records in Queensland

Presenter: Kaye Nardella

Kaye Nardella has worked part-time as an archivist with the John Oxley Library and part time with the Department of Natural Resources and Mines. She took up a full-time position with this department in 2004 and she was appointed senior curator of the Museum of Lands, Mapping, and Surveying in 2007.



Understanding land ownership in Queensland. This session describes key components of land ownership including administrative areas, property description, Register online Register online and tenure. Kaye will provide guidance on where to look for information on land ownership including maps, survey plans, and land records.

Online resources to assist with historical land research. Kaye will describe a number of departmental online resources including Open Data, QImagery, QTopo, Queensland Globe and GSQ publications that can help with historical land research. With regard to Open Data and historical maps, details will be provided about the different types of maps, the types of information they can hold, and how to locate them.

Historical land research in action. Kaye will give examples that capture the whole researching land ownership in Queensland process bringing together the material referred to in the first two sessions.

When: 3 March 2018

Where: Queensland Baptists Conference Centre

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

[Register online](#)

Beginners' guide to researching family history in India

Presenter: Dette Glenday



Dette will cover topics including:

- British rule,
- military records,
- churches,
- civilian occupations, and
- different nationalities.

She will explore various websites including findmypast, Ancestry, FIBIS, and FamilySearch, and show examples of births/baptisms, marriages, and death records.

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Web Wanderings

31 Links for Australian World War I military history research

Try these links to research your family's war history [here](#)

Tracing London Convicts in Britain & Australia, 1780-1925

If you're fortunate enough to have a convict ancestor, try these websites for details:

[Old Bailey Online](#), and the [Tracing London Convicts in Britain & Australia, 1780-1925](#) project, which brings together a wide range of resources from Britain and Australia.

Know Your Place - West of England

This website covers the historic counties of Somerset, Gloucestershire, and Wiltshire (now replaced by seven modern jurisdictions: Bristol, Bath & North East Somerset, Gloucestershire, North Somerset, Somerset, South Gloucestershire and Wiltshire). Go to: [Know Your Place - West of England](#)

Dialect Archive Online

You can hear various English county dialects [here](#)

The Local Historian UK

This publication contains articles and features for the general reader that may be of a wide, perhaps national, application or may reflect a local subject. Family historians can learn about the local world in which their forebears lived and worked. Anything older than three years is free to download and the records go back to 1952. You just need to scroll past the recent ones. Available [here](#)

Irish Regiments of the British Army online

You can search the National Army Museum's collection, for the enlistment books of Irish regiments of the British Army which were disbanded following the establishment of the Irish Free State in 1922. There are nearly 12000 men listed, and you can search free [here](#)

The Canada 1921 census

This is now available for free online [here](#)

North Carolina's Brimley Collection of photographs

The photographs in this collection document many aspects of life in the state between the late 19th and mid-20th century and include people both common and renowned, scenes of cities and towns, rural landscapes and farms, agricultural activities and much more. You can learn more about the Brimley Collection [here](#) The Brimley Collection is available [here](#)

FamilySearch now requires Login (free)

Starting 13 December 2017, all users of the FamilySearch.org website will have to use a registered account to access the records on the website. It will still be a free site, but login is required due to the need to authenticate accounts before access to some partners records click [here](#)

What's new at Findmypast

Read about the new records [here](#)

Findmypast Catholic Heritage Archive

You can learn more about the records [here](#)

Recorded MyHeritage Genealogy Seminar Webinars are now available online for free

MyHeritage has recently held free online webinars featuring the participation of experts in DNA, Jewish genealogy, general research techniques, and technology trends for genealogy. These webinars were also recorded, and can be listened to at this [link](#)



General items of interest

Identifying the correct Registration District in the UK

If you're trying to find a birth, marriage or death entry in the General Registry Office indexes, and especially if you're planning to order a certificate or PDF, it helps enormously if you know the Registration District (RD) in which the event was likely to have been registered - which will normally be the district where your ancestors lived.

Because of boundary changes, many of them resulting from the way in which towns and cities grew quickly during the 19th century, the 'obvious' district won't always be the one you want.

There's a section on the UKBMD website that identifies the coverage of each district - you'll find it [here](#) - but even more useful is an [index](#) of place names which works the other way round.



Treasures in the QFHS CD Collection

Railways

The QFHS CD Collection contains a few CDs of relevance to specific aspects of railways, and to those who worked on them.

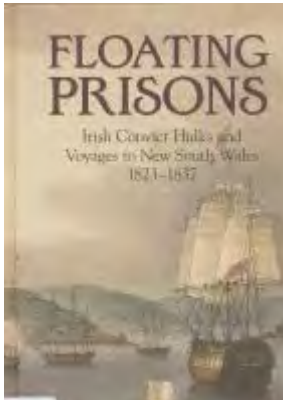
The following, the titles of which are self-explanatory, may be found by searching the Library Catalogue or the List of CDs: *Qld Railway Employees* (1889-1940), *Qld Railway Appointments and Removals* (1890), *Qld Railway Dismissals* (1879), *Locomotive Enginemen, Firemen and Cleaners* (1912); *Qld Government Railway Index to Staff Records* (1878-1946) and (1889-1912); *Queensland Railway and Tourists' Guide* (1890), *Beenleigh Railway* (1987). Another that may be of interest is *The Railwayman's Church*, Derby St Andrew, Derbyshire. These parish records also include the first register for St. Andrew's Infants school.

However, by selecting *Miscellaneous Records* on the *Search by Category* menu, one can access the recently installed *Railway Yearbook* for 1922. This document, although primarily focussing on the various railway companies in the United Kingdom and Ireland, provides some information about railways in the British Empire, including each Australian State, as well as selected countries in the Americas. Each section provides a comprehensive overview of a railway network; nonetheless, people named are generally restricted to those who held senior positions within a company. Some of the eclectic range of topics are: Principal Events in railway history; Restaurant and Pullman car trains; Directors of Leading Railways in parliament; Servants of Railway Companies Killed or Injured in Train Accidents; and Associations, Institutions and Societies relating to railways.

Geoff Morgan



Book Review



Anne McMahon in *Floating Prisons* discusses in considerable depth the social conditions from the early 1800s in Ireland and the resultant rise in criminal activity. The gaols were full to capacity and by 1822 the British Admiralty was asked to provide hulks to manage the imprisonment of male convicts. The first hulk, the *Surprize*, arrived in 1823 and was moored at Cove (Cork) while the *Essex* arrived two years later and was moored at Kingstown near the mouth of the Liffey River which flows through Dublin.

From that date until 1837 11,909 men were held in these hulks. She states that the hulks received perfunctory attention. Inmates were mixed indiscriminately - men and boys, diseased and healthy, weak and strong. All were held for months, some for years as they awaited transportation. Some were moved back to standard gaols. Life in the hulks and later on the voyage to Australia is an in depth study. It covers staffing of the ships - masters, sailors and surgeon superintendents. Of the prisoners we learn of their management, feeding and clothing and their health. It could really be said that with this work one can gain an all round appreciation of the convict transportation system; all between the covers of one book.

McMahon, Anne *Floating Prisons. Irish Convict Hulks and Voyages to New South Wales 1823 - 1837*. 256 pages. Indexed and sourced. A range of photographs and maps. Printed by Halstead 2017

Shelved at B3 44 11 in QFHS Library

Review courtesy of Pam Masel



Trivia

Surrogate Mother of 'Twins' finds one is hers

A surrogate mother, who gave birth to two babies, found out one of the children was biologically hers. Jessica Allen became pregnant with her own biological child while she was carrying another baby as a surrogate for a Chinese couple. Mrs Allen said doctors first thought the second was an identical twin. As a result, both babies were given to the other woman after delivery and the Allens had to fight to get back their biological son. Read the details [here](#)

Merry Christmas!



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Pauline Macfarlane

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