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We've hit the ground running planning exciting events for you this year. We do hope you also find the time to visit the Library and Resource Centre to investigate the treasures to be found there that cannot be found online. The Print Library, Lending Library and treasures in the CD Collection to name a few.

The Central European Group have some interesting topics planned as I am sure other Special Interest Groups do. Check the calendar and drop in to a meeting or two. You will be made very welcome.

Have you been considering getting your DNA done? Chris Schuetz will speak on DNA at the first Members' Meeting for the year so do come along. Visitors welcome to attend.

Have you had problems finding land records? Kaye Nardella, Senior Curator of the Museum of Lands, Mapping and Surveying has the answers for you and will be presenting at our first seminar for the year on 3rd March.

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### Calendar

- 02 Feb - <https://www.qfhs.org.au/FTMUG>
- 03 Feb - [Saturday@QFHS - Social Media and researching your family](#)
- 03 Feb - [DNA Interest Group](#)
- 05 Feb - Management Committee Meeting
- 09 Feb - [Fridays@QFHS - Scandinavian and ancient genealogy](#)
- 10 Feb - [Irish Interest Group](#)
- 12 Feb - [Finding your family: a beginner's course in research](#)
- 17 Feb - [New Members' Welcome and Orientation](#)
- 17 Feb - [The Masters Genealogist User Group](#)
- 19 Feb - [Finding your family: a beginner's course in research](#)

- 21 Feb - Members' Meeting - Some successes from the DNA SIG
- 24 Feb - [Family Tree Maker User Group](#)
- 24 Feb - [Queensland Pre-Separation Group](#)
- 26 Feb - [Finding your family: a beginner's course in research](#)
- 01 Mar - DNA testing and genealogy: the basics. Ann Swain will be speaking at Logan River & District Family History Society
- 02 Mar - [Family Tree Maker User Group](#)
- 03 Mar - [Seminar - Researching land records in Queensland](#)
- 03 Mar - [DNA Interest Group](#)

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## Happenings



### Central European Group Themes for 2018

- 24 March - Using maps in QFHS library (Eric Kopittke and others)
- 26 May - Follow up from Susannah Godeffroy book (Noel & Del Bergman)
- 28 July - Reading old records - making sense of the structure (Eric Kopittke and others)
- 22 September - Prison hulks in the Brisbane River (Noel Bergman)
- 24 November - Presenting your family history results in an interesting and engaging way (Discussion and sharing). End of year morning tea.

Make a note in your diary now.



Congress registrations have reached maximum capacity of 600. However, if you are interested in attending please add your details to the [waitlist](#) and you will be contacted if any places become available.

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### Noeline Kyle AM

***QFHS congratulates Noeline on this outstanding achievement.***

Former QFHS member, speaker, and first convenor of the QFHS Writing Group, Emeritus Professor Noeline Kyle has been awarded Member (AM in the General Division of the



Order of Australia) in this year's Australia Day awards.

It was awarded to her for significant service to history, and to higher education, as a researcher, author and educator, and through advisory roles for arts funding programs. ***QFHS congratulates Noeline on this outstanding achievement.***

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## **Members' Meeting**

**Some successes from the DNA SIG**

**Guest Speaker:** Chris Schuetz



DNA is the most recent genealogical tool. How does it help find family? Come along and find out.

**When:** 21 February 2018 at 7.30pm

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## **Members Noticeboard**

### **QFHS Inc. Notice of Motion March Members' Meeting**

The Management Committee has recently reviewed the membership and associated fees and recommends that the members approve a small increase in fees.

Members, it is two years since fees were last increased, and your Management Committee has to provide for past and future cost increases. Our budget for 2019 proposes increased spending on subscriptions to other societies, computer additions, and equipment maintenance. In addition insurance, electricity and accounting costs are increasing faster than inflation. We are proposing to cover this extra expenditure with a modest fee increase, complemented with cost reductions where possible. Your Committee is proposing a balanced budget because we are adamant that the Society's equity should be preserved for future premises requirements.

Full details can be found in the [Queensland Family Historian February Edition.](#)

**Doug Eager - QFHS Treasurer.**

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

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



**Presenter/s:** QFHS Tutors

Want to start researching your family history, but unsure of where to start? Or perhaps you've been researching a while but could use fresh insights into where and how to proceed? Our popular six-week course includes how to get organised, finding and using birth, death and marriage certificates, archives, libraries, newspapers, overseas research, and much more. Limited to 15 people, our summer course is filling fast.

More information can be found [here](#)

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### **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

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Presenter: Steinar Johansen

If you have family history research interests in the Scandinavian counties, 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 Register online

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

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## Seminar

### 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, 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.

**When:** 9 March 2018

**Where:** QFHS Library and Resource Centre

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### **Focused advice session**

**Presenter:** QFHS members



Do you have a family history problem on which you would like some specific advice?

How to construct a research plan? How to navigate a website? How to access or look for information on a particular topic? How to search for an elusive ancestor? Need a new take on your research?

QFHS invites you to book a 45 min time-slot for some focussed advice.

We will match you with someone with expertise in the area of your problem.

**Please note:** These sessions are intended to provide you with guidance for you to undertake further research yourself. If you want specific research undertaken on your behalf, please contact the QFHS Research team.

Once you have booked your place, we will be in touch to arrange a time slot and get details of the issue you wish to discuss.

**When:** 13 April 2018

**Where:** QFHS Library and Resource Centre

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

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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. If you would like to be a Buddy or a new member and would like to have a QFHS Buddy to assist you email Coordinator [here](#).

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## Treasures in the QFHS CD Collection

*Surnames of the United Kingdom (Vol.1 1912; Vol.2 1918)*

This book, of two volumes combined in one file, presents a comprehensive analysis of surnames found in all parts of the United Kingdom in the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century. For each surname, the author, provides its meaning, origin/s, and relationships to other surnames, where applicable. Instances of a surname's mention in early publications are also noted.

The "Forespeech" for each volume provides an overview of the origins of British surnames, and of the sources referred to by Harrison . When using this document, it would be useful to have a printed copy of the one page list of abbreviations beside you. Some of these are fairly obvious (e.g. *Dut.* Dutch), but others may not be (e.g. *E. Fris* East Fresian; *Bel* Belonging).

The book informs us that the surname *Turnbull* is English, being "a nickname for courage and strength" – Turn-the-Bull (from the Old English "*turnian*, to turn + *bul-*". Legend has it that the man who saved King Robert the Bruce from a raging bull was named *Turnbull* by the King, and rewarded with a grant of "rich lands". The French have *Tournebœuf* (*bœuf* = ox). Interestingly, the dictionary also links *Trumble* (English – a descendant of the Anglo-Saxon *Trumbald* meaning strongly bold), to *Turnbull*, as a metathetic form of the name – i.e. a transposition of letters within a name.

You never know what you may discover about the surnames in your family tree. This document can be accessed from the QFHS Library Catalogue by searching for "Miscellaneous Records", or via the *Search by Category* menu and selecting *Miscellaneous Records..* .

**Geoff Morgan**

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## **Web Wanderings**

Map Team Coordinator, Maurice Friend, has kindly passed on these links to assist you with your land records research. These could be especially valuable if you are attending Kaye Nardella's presentation on Researching land records in Queensland on 3rd March.

### **QTopo**

Link to the QTopo setup page. This is used to order your topographic map over Queensland and a PDF of the product is created and emailed to the requesting customer.

<https://www.business.qld.gov.au/running-business/support-assistance/mapping-data-imagery/maps/topographic-maps>

Aerial photo viewer of most of the department's aerial library:

<https://qimagery.information.qld.gov.au/>

Web address for the new Queensland globe. Spatial information within a topic on data layers and maps at:

<https://qldglobe.information.qld.gov.au/>



QSpatial data delivery service:

<http://qldspatial.information.qld.gov.au/catalogue/custom/index.page>

In QSpatial, some 1,600 spatial datasets available on a variety of topics.

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### **NSW Gaol Inmates / Prisoners Photos Index**

Lots of information available on this site if you had a family member on the wrong side of the law 1870 - 1930. Item courtesy of Alona Tester. Go [here](#)

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### **Hawkesbury Church Registers 1826 – 1870**

A free online project by volunteers from the Hawkesbury Region of NSW. can be found [here](#)

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### **19th-century Editions of the Church of Ireland Gazette have been added to the Online Church of Ireland Gazette**

All 19th-century editions of the *Church of Ireland Gazette* have been added to the online archive of the weekly newspaper. This upload means a full archive of editions published from 1856 to 1923 is now freely accessible. Enjoy searching [here](#)

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### **First Genetic Map of Ireland**

The first genetic map of the people of Ireland has been produced. It has identified that prior to the mass movement of people in recent decades, there were at least 10 distinct genetic clusters found in specific regions across Ireland. More details [here](#)

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### **Open Archives adds automatic pedigree charts from Dutch and Belgian archive data**

Open Archives gives access to a database with 174 million persons from records from Dutch and Belgian archives. The genealogical information also contains relation information: who is married to whom and who are the parents. Open Archives now uses this knowledge to look up the ancestors of a person and to construct a pedigree chart.

When you view a document on Open Archives, Open Archives automatically searches for ancestors of the persons mentioned in the document. If ancestors are found, an ancestor icon appears to the right of the person's name with a figure behind it. This figure shows the number of ancestors found. This feature is now available to all subscribers of Open Archives! Available via subscription [here](#)

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### **New and updated collections on Ancestry**

Lots of new releases [here](#). Available via subscription or free at the QFHS library.

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### **New from Findmypast**

Many new releases to investigate [here](#) Available via subscription or free at the QFHS library.

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### **Exciting new search feature on Findmypast**

Findmypast has added a new related records tool to offer you potential matches for the same person from other record sets. Available by subscription or free at QFHS library.

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## **General items of interest**

### **Lilian Watson Family History Award**

The Award is for a book, however produced or published, printed on paper, dealing with family history and must have a significant Tasmanian content. In the context of the Lilian Watson Family History Award, a family history should be a work carefully and accurately researched on a single family, group of related families or a biographical history. Entries close on 1 December 2018. For more information and to download an entry form, go [here](#)

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### **British Newspapers Archive Blog**

To mark the centenary of the end of the First World War, throughout 2018, British Newspapers Archive are tweeting a historical newspaper front page from the same date 100 years ago. Follow them on Twitter and look for #1918Newspapers to stay up-to-date each day or keep track via the specially-designed tweet wall below. Check it out [here](#).

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### **Do you have family connections to Plymouth, Devon, England?**

If so, you might be able to inherit an unclaimed estate. There are more than 40 estates that people in Plymouth could claim before they are permanently handed over to the Crown, latest figures reveal. A list of thousands of unclaimed estates are available online – and you could make a claim to one of them if you've got the right surname. Read more [here](#)

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### **Scientists set to unlock secrets hidden inside an ancient scroll**

Scientists are set to unlock the secrets hidden in a 600-year-old manuscript, which depicts a series of ancient wars that inspired George RR Martin's Games of Thrones. More details [here](#)

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### **Know your roots, for your health's sake**

People research their family trees for a variety of reasons. Perhaps one of the most important reasons is to help each person maintain good health. Sharon West is a registered nurse and a genealogist. She has published an article explaining why you

should find the causes of death of at least the last few generations of your ancestors. You can read the article [here](#)

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## Trivia

### **Australia's most popular and least popular Birthday dates**

For the first time these have been revealed, click [here](#) to read more.

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### **Best friends of 60 years shocked to learn that they are brothers**

Two childhood best friends of 60 years received the shock of their lives after a DNA test revealed that they were actually half-brothers. Read their story [here](#)

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### **Poshest baby names of all time**

*Tatler* magazine has revealed the most aristocratic names of all time. Youngblood made the cut but there are some surprising omissions. Read more [here](#)

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### **2017 baby name trends**

Britain's most popular boys' and girls' baby names of 2017 have been revealed. Olivia held the top spot, with names such as Charlotte and Willow increasingly in popularity. Oliver ranked top of the boys' list, beating Muhammed. More details [here](#). You can also learn about the least popular names [here](#)

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### **Longest frozen human embryo to result in a live birth**

An American woman has given birth to a baby who was frozen as an embryo for more than 24 years, the longest known frozen human embryo to be born. You can read the amazing story [here](#)

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## Book Review - Lending Library

### ***Celebrity Family Trees***

by Ed Wright

We would all like to have a famous person in our tree or come from a famous family, wouldn't we? After reading the above book, you might be quite happy with your tradesman carpenters, Ag Lab. and farmer ancestors.

This book delves into families, 20 in all, whose names are quite familiar to us such as the Kennedys, Churchills, Hiltons, Gettys, Krupps, and others not so familiar such as Du Pont, Tolstoy and Hearst. All of them were celebrities in their time, and not too many of them would you want to belong to after reading this book.

The author has given us a short biography on the many members of each family,

provided us with a family tree and given us a rating of how he judged the family according to a fixed criterion such as wealth, health, happiness, fame, black sheep syndrome, eccentricity, influence and sexiness.

Find out about the rise and rise of the political Bush family, the rise and fall of a Dictator – is the Bonaparte family still around? What did the author mean by “even the white sheep stand out from the black sheep” when speaking of the Getty family? Were you aware that Josiah Wedgwood, Charles Darwin, Ralph Vaughan Williams (one of Britain’s great composers) and an actor in the recent Chronicles of Narnia all belong to the same family? What dynasty was a major player for 400 years in making Germany powerful and which came to an end in 1999?

All in all, you will meet murderers, bigamists, terrorists, outlaws, suicides, puritanical patriarchs as well as some very down to earth people who you would love to have in your family.

A thoroughly enjoyable? read even if you have “wow” moments of horror at the derry-doing.

Cat No LL L5 10 6

Review courtesy of Lyn Hooper M4620

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Pauline Macfarlane

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