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A special welcome to new members who have joined the society to access the subscription site *MyHeritage*. Good luck with your research.

As many of you are spread far and wide across Australia, and unable to personally visit the library and resource centre at Gaythorne, do take advantage of the [Members' Interest](#) page, the [Subscription Journals](#) that are received from around the world and uploaded weekly, and the [Queensland Family Historian](#), our award winning journal. All pages require a login. *Snippets*, delivered monthly to your inbox, will keep you up to date with new websites and other interesting information.

For those in the near vicinity, the library re-opens 8 January so do visit and check out other unique resources available to members. Book in for a [New Members Welcome and Orientation](#) session. You may also like to check out the [Special Interest Groups](#) and attend one of their meetings. You will be made very welcome. [Fridays@QFHS](#) are short sessions on a range of topics that may also assist you to find that elusive family member. Details of sessions can be found [here](#).

Our highly acclaimed *Finding your family: a beginners course in research* will commence 12 February 2018. Perhaps you are not a beginner but would like to learn new research skills. Check it out [here](#)

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### Calendar

- 08 Jan - [Library re-opens for research](#)
- 08 Jan - Management Committee Meeting
- 18 Jan - British Wills at Caloundra FHR. Presenter: Ann Swain
- 20 Jan - [Family History Writing Group](#)
- 20 Jan - [The Master Genealogist User Group](#)
- 21 Jan - [Welsh Interest Group](#)
- 23 Jan - General family history information session at Chelmer Probus Club.

Presenter: Sue Reid

- 25 Jan - [English West Country Interest Group](#)
- 26 Jan - [CLOSED - Australia Day](#)
- 26 Jan - [Samford District Historical Museum Open Day](#)
- 27 Jan - [Central European Group](#)
- 02 Feb - [Family Tree Maker User Group](#)
- 03 Feb - [Saturday@QFHS - Social Media and Researching your family](#)
- 03 Feb - [DNA Interest Group](#)

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## 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 information table at the event will be managed by Ann and Tony Swain.



### 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 to a new member, or would like a Buddy to get you started, email Coordinator [here](#)

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**Are you researching family from the Isle of Man?**

The Queensland Manx Society has kindly shared a large number of Isle of Man resources for members of both societies to research at the QFHS Library and Resource Centre at Gaythorne.



Do check the [library catalogue](#) for titles and visit the QFHS Print Library to browse.

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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 helpful but not necessary
- **Minutes Secretary** – Management Committee and Members Meetings
- **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

Do consider putting your hand up to assist. Some societies are closing from lack of volunteers, rather than from dropping memberships. You will work with welcoming and friendly people and get more out of the experience than you put in.

Contact [secretary@qfhs.org.au](mailto:secretary@qfhs.org.au) to nominate your area of interest.

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### **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:** Commences 12 February 2018

**Where:** QFHS Library and Resource Centre

**Cost:** \$50 members and \$75 non-members For more information go here

**Note:** You do not need to be a beginner, just the desire to improve your research skills.

[Register online](#)

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## Education - Workshops/Seminars

### 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 [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, 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

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### **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

**Where:** QFHS Library and Resource Centre

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

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**What's new at MyHeritage**

MyHeritage have announced that they've added to the collection, Ellis Island and other New York Passenger Lists, 1820 – 1957, consisting of 90 million records, to SuperSearch™. The new collection has 94 million names, and includes 26.6 million names of the relatives of the passengers, that are not found on any other genealogy website! They've also stitched together double pages into single images for the first time, overcoming a problem that genealogists have faced for years on other websites, of missing key information.

Have you ever spotted a relative's name in a historical record that was misspelled or incorrectly transcribed? MyHeritage have added a new feature in SuperSearch™, the search engine for historical records, that allows you to fix such errors by suggesting alternative names. Your annotation fixes will be indexed by MyHeritage automatically alongside the original version, helping generations of genealogists after you!



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## Web Wanderings

### Rockhampton Family History

You can search the Central Queensland Family History Society's website containing: cemetery, school records, shipping and more [here](#)

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### Crow's Nest (Qld) pioneers and non-related lines

This site is a tribute to pioneering ancestors who immigrated to Australia 1941 – 1993. If you have family from this area do check it out [here](#).

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### Justices of the Peace Queensland 1857 - 1957

Names and date of Oath of Allegiance download [here](#)

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### Old Sydney Burial Ground

Sydney Town Hall sits on the site of what was once the principal cemetery of NSW. Dating back to the 1790s, the site is commonly called the Old Sydney Burial Ground. It is also known as the George Street Burial Ground, the Cathedral Close Cemetery and, retrospectively, the Town Hall Cemetery. Records relating to the Old Sydney Burial Ground are scant. No dedicated burial register or plan for the cemetery has survived and possibly never existed. No records were kept of where burial sites were located.

Now, for the first time an inventory of names has been compiled by the City from historical sources. If one of your ancestors was buried at the Old Sydney Burial Ground, the City's History Unit would be interested to receive biographical information about them. This information will be placed on file in the City Archives to be made available to other researchers. Please [email](#) details.

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#### **Rare 1663 map of Australia restored**

A priceless 17th-century map of Australia has been mounted on a wall for the first time in centuries after undergoing extensive analysis and preservation work. Check it out [here](#)

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#### **Convict Records online**

This website allows you to search the British Convict transportation register for convicts transported to Australia between 1787-1867. If you have a convict record that is not listed on this website you can add them. Go [here](#)

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#### **British First World War Periodicals 1914-1919**

Created by Kate Macdonald, this website lists the periodicals published in Britain during the years of the First World War. It consists of over 1000 titles of periodicals, categorised as either magazines, journals or newspapers, and then assigned to one or more subject categories. Enjoy searching [here](#)

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#### **New from TheGenealogist: 1910 Lloyd George Domesday Survey**

The Genealogist has just announced that they will be publishing the 1910 Valuation of England which reveals who was living where, and who the owner of the property was. It will include high resolution maps. Go [here](#)

By subscription or free at the QFHS library

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#### **The Irish Newspaper Archive online**

The latest addition to the Irish Newspaper Archive includes the Belfast Newsletter (1939 to 1949), which was the first newspaper published in Belfast (first published in 1738). The Irish Newspaper Archive now has over nine million pages of newspaper content from north and south of the Irish border. Available via subscription [here](#) View the YouTube channel [here](#)

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#### **Irish Graves – those who sleep in foreign lands**

This blog is a collection of Irish related graves. There are lots of links to everything Irish. Go [here](#)



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### Researching Denmark? - new from FamilySearch

FamilySearch has indexed and put online some 1 million records from the Danish 1834 census. This is a new record collection. FamilySearch has also added an additional 51,000 records from the Denmark 1840 census and an additional 961,000 records from the Denmark 1925 census. Access is free [here](#)

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### Free Webinar: 3 Ways to trace wartime ancestors

FindMyPast has some tips to track down those elusive ancestors in a video [here](#) Slow to load. Refresh if necessary.

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### World's first online gallery of Pilgrim descendants

This new interactive website presents the most authoritative biographies to date of the Pilgrims who set sail for a new world 397 years ago and is available for free. The site invites their living descendants to engage with the past by becoming a part of modern Mayflower history. Check it out [here](#)

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## General items of interest

### Oldest complete Latin Bible set to return to UK after 1,302 years

One of the greatest of all Anglo-Saxon treasures, the oldest complete Latin Bible in existence, is returning to the UK for the first time in 1,302 years. Read more [here](#)

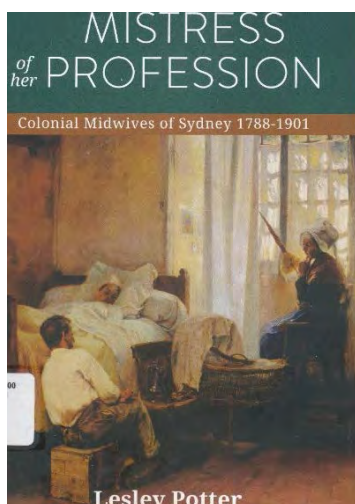
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### Changes to FamilySearch

Effective from 13 December 2017, access to *FamilySearch* has changed. All users will now have to sign in with a free FamilySearch account. To read more about the changes, and why they are occurring, go [here](#) Information courtesy of Judy Russell.

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## Book Review



One may have thought that the subject of midwifery might attract a rather select audience. The TV series *Call the Midwife* showed that this was far from the case. Lesley Potter's *Mistress of her Profession. Colonial Midwives of Sydney 1788 - 1901* covers a much earlier time when trained midwives were few and far between. Women, trained and untrained, were active from the time ships left England. The nurture of the pregnant and the subsequent care of the new born were a challenge in the unhygienic surroundings of the convict ships.

Data for aboriginal birthing practices are rather slim but dietary concerns for the

pregnant is an interesting concept which we find promoted by non indigenous today.

Dr Potter's study covers the development of midwifery training and general health care. Through the interspersed case studies of nine midwives one can draw a picture of the midwifery practices of the era - its joys and sorrows, its good side and the darkness to which some women fell.

This work of 174 pages is well sourced and indexed. There are also interesting photos, maps and appendices.

This is a fascinating read and is shelved at QFHS B4/000 26 3

Published by Anchor Books in 2017

Review courtesy of Pam Masel.

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## Trivia

### **Meghan Markle is descended from King Edward III**

Meghan Markle is a cousin of her future husband, Prince Harry, more than 240 times over. She is related to Prince Harry through lines shared with both Her Majesty the Queen and the late Diana, Princess of Wales. She is related to 8 American presidents, 3 first ladies, and a cast of other notable Americans, including actors James Dean and Roy Rogers. You can read all the details [here](#)



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Pauline Macfarlane

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