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Our first seminar for the year will be held this coming Saturday, 3rd March, at the Baptist Conference Centre, Gaythorne. Researching land records in Queensland is the subject and Kaye Nardella is the presenter. Do come along.

Paul Seto is our Guest Speaker at the March Members' Meeting. The topic is the Roderick Dhu labour schooner. Visitors are always welcome so do bring a friend. Paul's talks are always interesting.

Approval of a small increase in membership fees will be on the Agenda at the March meeting. If you are unable to attend to vote personally and wish to do so please complete a Proxy Form which can be found on the home page of the website (bottom of page) and return to the Secretary no later than 11.00am on 19th March 2018.

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## Calendar

- 01 Mar - DNA testing and genealogy at Logan River & District Family History Society. Presenter Ann Swain
- [02 Mar - Family Tree Maker User](#)
- [03 Mar - Seminar - Researching land records in Queensland](#)
- [03 Mar - DNA Interest Group](#)
- 05 Mar - Management Committee Meeting
- [05 Mar - Finding your family: A beginner's course in Research Week 4](#)
- 06 Mar - \*Redcliffe Public Library ( 11am - 12.00pm) - The Gale News Vault: a British Newspaper Resource. Presenter Sue Reid
- [09 Mar - Australasian Congress on Genealogy and Heraldry, Sydney commences](#)
- [09 Mar - Fridays@QFHS: a beginner's guide to researching family history in India](#)
- [10 Mar - Scottish Interest Group](#)

- 15 Mar - \*Deception Bay Public Library (10.30am - 11.30am) - The Gale News Vault: a British Newspaper Resource. Presenter Sue Reid
- [16 Mar - New Members' Welcome and Orientation](#)
- [17 Mar - Family History Writing Group](#)
- [17 Mar - The Master Genealogist User Group](#)
- [18 Mar - Welsh Interest Group](#)
- [19 Mar - Finding your family: a beginner's course in research Week 5](#)
- 20 Mar - \*Bribie Island Public Library (2pm - 3pm) - The Gale News Vault: a British Newspaper Resource. Presenter Sue Reid
- [21 Mar - Members' Meeting: The Roderick Dhu labour schooner](#)
- [22 Mar - English West Country Interest Group](#)
- [23 Mar - Library Assistants' Team Meeting](#)
- [24 Mar - Central European Interest Group - Using maps in the QFHS library](#)
- [26 Mar - Finding your family: a beginner's guide to research Week 6](#)
- 30 Mar - Closed - Good Friday
- 31 Mar - Closed - Easter Saturday
- 01 Apr - Closed - Easter Sunday
- 02 Apr - Closed - Easter Monday

\* All Moreton Bay Public Libraries require you to register in advance.

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## Happenings




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FAMILY & LOCAL HISTORY CONFERENCE & FAIR  
24 – 26 May 2019

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### Members' Meeting

Guest Speaker: Paul Seto

### The 'RODERICK DHU', labour schooner

The schooner was built in 1875 in Auckland NZ and wrecked 1914 in Brisbane. Some stories of its recruiting voyages and some of the Tanna Islanders who came to Queensland on it from 1882 to 1904.

**When:** 1.00 Wednesday, 21st March

Visitors welcome.

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### **QFHS Trout Game.**

**Game Master:** Ann Swain

Allow yourself the privilege of having a fun day in family history and play the Trout Game.

**When:** Friday 20 May 2018 from 10am to 4pm

**Where:** at the QFHS Library.

**Cost** is \$5.00 which includes morning and afternoon tea (BYO lunch).

For more information and to make a booking go [here](#)

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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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## **Web Wanderings**

### **Public Records Office Victoria online**

Lots of collections [here](#) if you are researching Victoria. Fairly slow download so be patient.

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## **Sands & McDougall's directories**

People, organisations, streets, addresses, phone numbers for Victoria. Go [here](#)

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## **Create a memorial to your WW1 family member**

Family historians can register with the website free of charge and then add their own photos and stories about their ancestors, creating a memorial, whether or not they actually died during the First World War. With everyone's help, we could 'fill in the blanks' for all those listed on the website by 11 November 2018 and ensure they are never forgotten. Check it out [here](#)

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## **Soldiers, thieves, Māori warriors: the NZ convicts sent to Australia**

Soon after it became a British colony, New Zealand began shipping the worst of its offenders across the Tasman Sea. Between 1843 and 1853, an eclectic mix of more than 110 soldiers, sailors, Māori, civilians and convict absconders from the Australian penal colonies were transported from New Zealand to Van Diemen's Land. Read more [here](#)

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## **ScotlandsPeople**

Now that it is 2018, a new batch of records can be legally released on the website ScotlandsPeople. Births in 1917, marriages in 1942 and deaths in 1967 have now gone online. In total, some 233,000 new records have been added to ScotlandsPeople. Subscription site. Go [here](#)

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## **Swedish Records online now for free**

There are more than 100 million records currently online at the Riksarkivet (the name in Swedish of the national archive) with more records being added all the time. Go [here](#) Click on Other languages and select English.

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## **Top 3 free websites to search Irish records**

More than 70 million people alive today, in all corners of the planet, can claim Irish ancestry – are you among this vibrant diaspora?

<http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/>

<https://www.irishgenealogy.ie/en/>

<https://registers.nli.ie/>

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## What's new on subscription sites?

### TheGenealogist

[Colour tithe maps for the county of Buckinghamshire](#). These tithe maps span the period from 1837 to 1855.

[650,000 criminal records](#). These records cover convicts sent to Hulks (basically decommissioned ships that served as floating prisons).

Available by subscription or free to members in the QFHS library.

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### Ancestry

Ancestry.co.uk has added a collection of [Edinburgh electoral registers](#) (also referred to as electoral rolls) spanning the years from 1832 to 1966. These are yearly registers listing the names of eligible voters, their occupation and their address.

Available by subscription or free to members in the QFHS library.

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### Findmypast

[400,000 more parish records from Derbyshire](#). These new additions cover baptisms, marriages and burials for the parishes of Alvaston, Boulton, Chellaston, Holbrook, Longford, Newton Solney and Wilne.

[54,000 articles from the Dublin-based journal The Social Review](#). Published between 1893 and 1901, it was known as the leading journal of society and fashion in Ireland at the time. If you happen to have ancestors in Ireland who travelled in society circles or attended horse shows in the area, then you may see them mentioned in this journal.

Findmypast has put online the biographical and service data of some [56,000 people who worked in India for the East India Company](#). These records span the years from 1664 to 1961 and lists such things as births, marriages, divorces and deaths. Also included are relocations, will probates and residential addresses of various employees of the East India Company.

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## FamilySearch

FamilySearch has added [640,000 more Derbyshire parish records](#) to their collection. These records span the years from 1537 to 1918 and consist of baptisms, marriages and burial records.

They have also added [640,000 more parish records from Warwickshire](#). These are baptism, marriage and burial records that span the years from 1537 to 1918.

Items courtesy of [GenealogyInTime](#) magazine

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## **FamilySearch free Webinars for March 2018**

A great opportunity to learn tips and tricks for researching family. Includes webinars on Researching in South Africa, Poland, Slovakia and other areas. A webinar is a class that is broadcast over the internet, anyone interested can attend. More information can be found [here](#)

A time converter can be found [here](#).

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## MyHeritage

### [Swedish Household Examination Books.](#)

MyHeritage has put online about 38.5 million new records from Swedish household examination books. Basically, they are records from the Swedish Lutheran Church. The parish priest would visit each household once a year and record the vital statistics of each member of the family. This would include such things as recent births, marriages and deaths.

Most people are familiar with searching the Swedish household examination books through [FamilySearch](#), which is free. However, FamilySearch's collection spans the years from 1880 to 1920. What is nice about this collection from MyHeritage is that it covers two different time periods that are currently not covered by Family Search, namely 1860 to 1880 and 1920 to 1930 in addition to covering the same 1880 to 1920 time period as FamilySearch. In total, there are some 84 million records in this collection.

### [German Minority Census 1939](#)

MyHeritage has also put online the German minority census of 1938-1939. This is the second of two Nazi-mandated censuses (the first one was in 1933) and it was conducted around the start of World War II. It specifically lists all individuals who lived in a German household where at least one person in the household had a

Jewish grandparent. Some 411,000 individuals are listed in this census. It can be searched by first name, last name, year or place of birth and keyword.

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## General items of interest



### Finding elusive records on FamilySearch

If a basic search on FamilySearch.org is the only approach you use to find your ancestors, you might be missing out on a lot of potential discoveries. The records you can find by performing basic searches represent only a small portion of what's available on FamilySearch. In fact, 77 percent of the free historical records on FamilySearch can't be found by searching.

A new video presentation is available from Robert Kehrer, senior product manager for FamilySearch's search and hinting technologies. Go [here](#).

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### Digital Project to Recreate Public Record Office Destroyed By Fire

A project is under way to digitally recreate the building and contents of the Public Record Office of Ireland, which were destroyed by an explosion and fire at Dublin's Four Courts in 1922. Learn more [here](#). See an informative video [here](#).

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### Rootstech

This annual event will be held from Wednesday 28 February to Saturday 3 March 2018 in Salt Lake City, Utah. This is the largest annual genealogy conference in the world. Rootstech has many information sessions that are streamed live over the internet that may be of interest to you. You will need to use a time zone converter to plan your viewing. Check [here](#).

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### Obscure old English Census occupations

Do you have an occupation and no idea what the job involved. Read more [here](#).

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### Bishop begins bid to change law on marriage registration in England and Wales

A change in the law to allow the names of couples' mothers to be included in the

official registers of marriages in England and Wales is a step closer after a Church of England bishop successfully steered a Bill through its second reading in the House of Lords – the upper house of the British Parliament. Read more [here](#)

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### **First database of burial grounds in England and Wales to be created**

The first national database to record all the natural and manmade treasures of burial grounds, from the giant Victorian urban cemeteries to little country churchyards, is to be created with a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund. Read more [here](#)

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### **Causes of death over 100 years - information and graph**

How have causes of death changed from the early 20th century through to the present day? We explore what illnesses or factors have been the biggest causes of death over the decades. Go [here](#).

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### **What does the Shamrock represent, and why is it associated with Irishness and St. Patrick's Day?**

With St. Patrick's Day celebrations about to start, people the world over are united in their appreciation for all things Irish. Check it out [here](#).

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Blogs are a great way to connect with like-minded people. Check these out.

<https://blog.findmypast.com.au/1911-census-address-search-reintroduced-to-findmypast-1849072033.html>

<https://blog.eogn.com/2017/08/01/what-i-use-now-for-backups/>

<https://sciblogs.co.nz/lost-worlds/2017/11/27/hype-around-ancestral-dna-testing/>

<https://theconversation.com/soldiers-thieves-maori-warriors-the-nz-convicts-sent-to-australia-86133>

<https://blog.findmypast.co.uk/christmas-day-weddings-1501869494.html>

<http://www.openculture.com/2018/01/the-london-time-machine.html>

<https://www.family-tree.co.uk/how-to-guides/next-steps/causes-of-death-over-100-years-information-and-graphLike>



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## Australian History and Genealogy Groups on Facebook

You will find lots of connections to genealogy on **Facebook**. This is a list of societies in Australia that you might like to check out [here](#) .

Facebook groups can be found worldwide so do a little searching for your country of origin. Item courtesy of Alona Tester.

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## Book Review - Lending Library

### "HISTORIC SYDNEY AS SEEN BY ITS EARLY ARTISTS"

By Susanna Evans

After extensive searching through private collections and the Mitchell, Dixon and National Libraries, antiquarian Susanna Evans has put together a wonderful selection of paintings, prints, lithographs, etchings, engravings of our earliest artists.

It is amazing to think that Australia in the early days had such a wonderful diverse range of artistic talent from convicts, officers in the army and settlers. Some are well known to us such as Conrad Martens and Augustus Earl, however many are unknown, their work locked away in a musty room somewhere. It is such a delight to know that their work is now available to us in such a book as this. Each illustration is accompanied by a discussion of where the painting was taken, the history behind it, why and for whom it was painted and other relevant information. She has also given an outline of the life of the artist.

We were extremely lucky to have had governors who encouraged people to draw either to sell or send back to England to loved ones, or send to the British Government.

Some of the paintings are black and white, others are in colour.

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I love this book, and I hope you will too.

Reviewed by Lyn Hooper

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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 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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## Trivia

### **Kateri Schwandt: Woman with 13 Sons is pregnant again**

Most of us have ancestors who came from large families. Here's a story of a modern couple who have had 13 sons. Read more [here](#)

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### **Why am I a spinster?**

Read more [here](#)

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## 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](mailto:snippets@qfhs.org.au)

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Pauline Macfarlane

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