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We are almost half way through the year. In QFHS terms, that means it is Annual General Meeting time. Do come along to thank your outgoing committee and welcome the new.

I am sure, like most of us, FamilySearch would have been the first website visited when you started your family history research. It is free to search and holds billions of records. With many changes made in recent years there is a lot of information now readily available on the site that you may not have found and need just a little help to access.

Paul Parton is the 'go-to' person for LDS centres Australia wide and the presenter at the QFHS seminar on Saturday morning at the Queensland Baptist Centre. Don't miss it.

Calendar

[01 June - Family Tree Maker User Group](#)

[02 June - Family Search](#)

[02 June - DNA Interest Group](#)

04 June - Management Committee Meeting

06 June - Management Committee 2018/19 Nominations close

[06 June - Queensland Pre-separation Group](#)

[08 June - Fridays@QFHS - X marks the spot - researching cemeteries](#)

[09 June - Irish Interest Group](#)

[16 June - New Members' Welcome and Orientation](#)

[16 June - The Master Genealogist User Group](#)

[20 June - QFHS Annual General Meeting](#)

[30 June - Family Tree Maker User Group](#)

Happenings



The Annual General Meeting will be held at the QFHS Library and Resource Centre at 7.30 on 20 June 2018 with the Management Committee for 2018/19 announced.

There will be no QFHS Book Award presented this year but a talk on the history of the award will be presented by Janice Cooper and Gayle Thomsett.

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 the Coordinator [here](#).



Membership Renewal

As you will be aware renewal notices to members with memberships expiring 30 June were not included in the May Queensland Family Historian.

That was not an oversight. Most members now choose to renew online or by direct debit (transfer) with no form required. If you choose to renew by direct debit the details are available on our website [here](#). If you are visiting the library you may choose to renew there or, if you prefer, complete a Membership Renewal form and post it. Download form [here](#). Please advise any changes to your contact details by emailing Membership Secretary [here](#).

Note:

- If you are renewing by direct debit (transfer) it is imperative that you note **last name and member number**. If not, the society receives a deposit with no

way of knowing who deposited it.

- If you are renewing by cheque the bank demands that you include the ***FULL Queensland Family History Society Inc. as the payee.*** They will not accept QFHS and return the cheque to the Treasurer for editing. It will then be returned to you by post.

Education - Workshops/Courses/Seminars

Seminar

FamilySearch

Presenter: Paul Parton

Only 5 days to go!



FamilySearch have just digitised their 2 millionth record.

Paul will show you where to find information that just might be the missing link to smash your brick wall. He is a presenter for FamilySearch in their Outreach program. He also gives technical support to 145 Family History Centres Australia-wide. He has had an interest in family history for more than 45 years. Paul was a professional trainer prior to his retirement as Pacific Area Director of Information Technology Services with FamilySearch's parent organisation.

Session 1: Discovering more in the record vault.

Session 2: From search to research with FamilySearch.

Session 3: FamilySearch Family Tree.

More information can be found [here](#).

When: Saturday 2 June 2018

Where: Queensland Baptist Conference Centre

Cost: \$25 members and \$40 non-members

[Register online](#)

My Heritage: hands on

Presenter: Rosemary Kopittke

Tickets for both events at QFHS on 13 July are sold out.



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 12 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 for the term of the course.

Presenters: QFHS Tutors

Note: This is a daytime course.

When: Commences Monday, 23 July 2018

Where: QFHS Library and Resource Centre

Cost: \$50 members and \$75 non-members

Numbers are limited so book early to avoid disappointment

[**Register Online**](#)

X marks the spot: researching cemeteries

Presenter: Helen Vince



Discovering the graves of our ancestors can be extremely rewarding.

This workshop looks at the resources available for finding those grave sites.

As well as examining online resources, the workshop will provide practical tips and traps for the unwary.

Are they really in the cemetery? What does the terminology mean? Are there errors on the headstones?

When: 8 June 2018

Where: QFHS Library and Resource Centre

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

[Register online](#)

Trove newspapers: keeping track of your research and helping other users.

Presenters: Sue Reid and John Warren



This session is for those who have some experience of using Trove Digitised Newspapers.

- What are the benefits of having a Trove account? We will show you how to use tags, comments, and lists.
- John Warren, Trove's top text corrector, will share his insights to editing OCR text and assisting other users.

When: 10 August 2018

Where: QFHS Library and Resource Centre

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

[Register online](#)



DNA testing and genealogy: the basics

Presenter: Ann Swain

Are you interested in DNA testing to extend your family history or are you confused by test results?

This session will cover the basic biology and jargon so you can understand what the three main types of genetic genealogy DNA tests can give you. It will also cover the interpretation of the test results.

When: 14 September 2018

Where: QFHS Library and Resource Centre

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

[Register online](#)

Bus trip to Queensland State Archives

Presenters: QSA staff



Join us for a visit and behind-the-scenes tour of the Queensland State Archives. We will travel by bus from the Library and Resource Centre, leaving the QFHS Library and Resource Centre promptly at 9.00 am for the trip to Runcorn. You will need to be at the QFHS Library and Resource Centre by 8.45 am.

More information can be found [here](#).

When: 12 October 2018

Cost: \$20 members and \$15 non-members

[Register online](#)

Members' Noticeboard

Queenslanders Unite!



Was one of your direct ancestors living in what is now Queensland before 10 December 1859?

If you can illustrate this via BDM registrations, newspaper articles, shipping records, land records or otherwise, then you can apply to become a Certificate Member of the Queensland Pre-Separation Group. With this evidence all you have to do is show, with proof, the direct line of descent from your ancestor to you.

NOTE: You don't have to be able to show arrival by ship - as many immigrants came unrecorded overland or by coastal steamer from Sydney, rather than directly from Europe. Also, you don't have to write a story about your ancestors, though stories are always welcome - we are family historians after all.

Best of all, the Queensland Pre-Separation Group now meets four times a year and everyone is welcome, whether you have already received your certificate, are thinking of applying for one or just interested in our early history.

Our next gathering is on Queensland Day, 6 June, at the Commissariat Store in

William Street, City. Members of RHSQ will be giving us a guided tour focusing on pre-separation and separation times.

More information and QPSG Certificate application forms are available on the QFHS website. Please [email us](#) with any queries or if you wish to attend the RHSQ tour (numbers are limited).

Ann Swain and Jenny Davidson

Queensland Pre-Separation Group Convenors

State Archives of New South Wales free webinars

The program of free webinars covering the next six months is open for registration. Each webinar will focus on the wonderful resources of the NSW State archives collection and how to access them. More information click [here](#)

Huguenot Society of Australia inc.

The next meeting of the QLD(Brisbane) Chapter will be held at the Toowong Library Meeting Room - 9 Sherwood Rd., Toowong on Sunday 29 July at 2pm.

Contact: Kevin Haley 073359 7492 or [email](#)

Destination: Australia. National Archives of Australia share post-war migrant stories

Share your story, read about other migrants' memories and explore our photos - to see if you recognise someone you know. Between 1946 and 1999 government photographers snapped 22,000 images of people arriving and living in Australia. You can view them online in the National Archives' collection. Click [here](#)



More information can be found [here](#)

Web Wanderings

Find My Past

Subscription site or free at the library

England

- 613,000 Church of England parish baptism records from various Wiltshire parishes between 1538-1917. Click [here](#)
- Over 1.7 million baptism records from Greater Manchester region between 1571 and 1910 Search [here](#)
- Browse though more than 45,000 taken from cemetery records covering parishes in the Metropolitan Borough of Oldham between the years 1797 and 2004. Click [here](#)
- 423,000 Cheshire School Records from 1782-1950 from more than 120 schools in England. Click [here](#)
- More than 19,000 Greater London Burials Index records covering Clerkenwell comprising 1.6 million names from more than 300 parishes. Click [here](#)
- Take a look at the [Norfolk Parish Chest](#) records (1300-1990) that have been added. These include account books, Apprenticeship registrations, vital event records, poor rate books and many more.
- Jersey Baptisms, Marriages and Burials from 1571-1910. Click [here](#)
- British Armed Forces and Overseas Deaths, Burials, Marriages, Births and Baptisms. Click [here](#)
- Check out the new death records from the United Kingdom featuring the years between 2007 and 2016. These include England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, Isle of Man and Jersey [here](#)
- Delve into [58 historical publications from Shropshire](#) to discover more details about your ancestors' lives. Some of the records date as far back as the 14th century.
- [A variety of historical publications from the Red Rose County Lancashire](#) are now available to search at Findmypast. Included in the 32-title collection are parish registers, court rolls, local histories and more.

Ireland

- 52,000 Ireland Military Pensions and Medals records from 1916-1922. Check [here](#)

United States of America

[United States Obituary Notices](#). This collection now has 8.7 million records including name, birth & death years and obituary text. These have been taken from tributes.com and can be accessed from that website also.

Queensland

[Browse the transcripts of trustee files](#) that have been created under the provision of some wills. The majority of these files have a 75 year restricted access period.

Justices Of The Peace 1857-1957 We've bolstered our Queensland record

collection with this list of judicial officers, created by the state's Supreme Court. Go [here](#).

Queensland, Register Of Land Sold 1842-1859 Another new collection from Australia's Sunshine State comes in the form of land records from the mid 1800s. Search [here](#).

Scotland

Scotland's People

- 233,000 births (1917), marriages (1942), and deaths (1967)
- over 2.7 million valuation entries for 1935 have been added to the website. You can now search 118 million entries. Click [here](#).

From Family Search

Denmark

- 1 million records from the Danish 1834 census, 51,000 new records from the 1840 census and 961,000 new records from the 1925 census. Search [here](#).

Tracing Your Irish Jewish Roots online

This all-encompassing database includes nearly 60,000 records and very easy to search. Registration is free [here](#).

The Methodist Historical Society of Ireland online index of Methodists Ministers who served in Ireland

The index is a free online resource and includes notes for each minister, the years they served and years of their birth and death. In addition, there are notes and comments appended about migration, movement between denominations and education etc. The index and full details can be found [here](#).

Beyond 2022: Ireland's Virtual Record Treasury

On 30 June 1922, at the outset of the Irish Civil War, a cataclysmic explosion and fire destroyed the Public Records Office of Ireland at the Four Courts, Dublin. Flames and heat consumed seven centuries of Ireland's recorded history, stored in a magnificent six-storey Victorian repository known as the Record Treasury. On the centenary of the 1922 blaze, Beyond 2022 will unveil Ireland's Virtual Record Treasury - a digital reconstruction of the Public Office of Ireland building and its collection. More information [here](#). Click on the video.

Irish Orphans who came to Australia to escape the potato famine

Item includes video on The Barracks, Sydney, where the orphans were housed

when they arrived in Australia. Go [here](#)

The International Bomber Command Centre (BCC) Digital Archive online

The International Bomber command Centre project includes recording, preserving and relating the stories of all those involved with, or impacted by, Bomber Command during the Second World War. covering the contribution of the men and women from over 60 nations, at all levels, the project will bring to life not only the period of the war, but the fight to gain recognition and the work undertaken to rebuild Europe's cities. more information [here](#).

General items of interest

Friends of South Brisbane Cemetery

"Cemetery by Torchlight" a not-for-profit night tour of South Brisbane Cemetery commences at 7.15pm for:-

- private groups of 15 or more on the second Friday of the month. \$15 per head.
- public tours on fourth Friday of the month. \$10 per head.

Cemetery historians Tracey Oliveri & Chris Dawson are the guides & will chat about the history & stories of this heritage listed place. For more information please send an [email](#)

General Register Office (UK) - PDF Extended Pilot

The GRO has announced that their pilot services, which commenced on 12 October 2017, will now run for a minimum of 9 months. It provides digital (PDF) copies of birth & death registrations - NOT marriages for England and Wales. Each copy costs **6 pounds** & *must be applied for online and include GRO index reference.*

Records which are available as PDF's in this pilot are:

Births: 1837-1916

Deaths: 1837-1957

More information can be found [here](#)

Australian Scottish Community (Qld) inc.

Presenting the 22nd International Tartan Day in King George Square, Brisbane on Saturday 21 July 2018 from 9am to 4pm - a free day of family entertainment. Scottish dancing, Pipe bands, Celtic Singers, Fiddle Orchestra, Scottie Dog Mascots, Family History Genealogy, Clan information, stalls and much more.

Make it a day out! For more information [email](#) or go to website [here](#).

Life in Australia in your ancestor's times

Schools tend to be about politicians, squatters and explorers, but what was life really like in the days of your ancestor? This talk will be sourced from diaries, memoirs, letters, guidebooks and even novels that will provide information much more interesting than a textbook - some of these items are available in libraries and some on line.

Chris Schuetz will be facilitating this session at the Redcliffe Library, 476 Oxley Avenue, Redcliffe.

Date: 5 June 2018

Time: 11.00-12.00

Phone: 3283 0311 to register

Descendant of passengers from the ships HERSCHEL, HIGHFLYER, CAROLINE and GLAMIS Voyagers

Maryborough Family History Institute Inc. is hosting a 2018 Immigration Shipping celebration. If you are a descendant of a passenger who arrived in Maryborough on any of the named ships they would like to hear from you.

Please contact Paula Hill, President, at P.O. Box 913 Maryborough 4650.

Telephone: 07 4123 1620

[Email](#)

[Website](#)



Book Review

SURVEYING QUEENSLAND 1839-1945

A Pictorial History.

By: Bill Kitson and Judith McKay.

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Having attended Bill Kitson's interesting Mapping talk (with some surveying snippets tossed in) at QFHS in Nov 2016 this reader felt that this book was worth a read.

Comprising fifteen (15) entertaining chapters the book takes the reader from surveying's beginnings under New South Wales colonial supervision; beyond separation in 1859; wartime responsibilities; and towards the 21st century.

Each chapter is written concisely detailing the personnel, facts, protocols, procedures, planning, equipment and the proposed expectations/outcome of a survey expedition. Throughout the chapters there is also mentioned the prevailing political and economic framework governing these operations, along with changes in administration, legislation and organisation.

Quite apart from their being mathematical gymnasts, the very early surveyors needed many other skills and attributes such as physical fitness and stamina, horsemanship, manual skills, bush knowledge - lack of any one of these skills may have had disastrous consequences.

These pioneering surveyors were often away for months at a time traversing extremely remote largely unpopulated and unknown areas, and in keeping with Leichhardt, Kennedy, etc, surveyors were also explorers. Surveying parties often comprised several people, however many were quite large affairs with many people, tons of equipment, plenty of horses and/or camels.

Marine and coastal surveying was, of course, just as important as the land survey; those exploits are also included.

There is a very generous offering of photographs of the surveyors, engineers and support teams, with mini biographies of many. It is surprising how many names resonate in Queensland history and how many of these people are still with us today in the names of our towns, suburbs and other localities.

Maps, sketches and drawings are also found throughout.

There are references to the support industries such as: instrument suppliers, equipment manufacturers; optics engineers; clockmakers, and even jewellers.

The appendix includes a glossary of the various surveying implements with explanations of usage.

Each story is written and told in very understandable terms without any overly technical wording which, for this reader, made pleasurable and informative reading. There is of course the occasional dash of humour.

Anyone with an interest in, or has ancestors in, road building; railways; forestry/timber getting; mining; marine activities, may be interested in this book. But I would recommend reading it regardless, it is quite an education.

Robert Orr

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