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This month, set aside some time with a good cup of tea or coffee to read Snippets as there have been many new records added to the big name websites, namely, Ancestry, Find My Past, Family Search, that we use in our day to day research. Hopefully, some of the records relate to your families.

My Heritage has also posted a number of interesting heartfelt stories in relation to the Irish Famine, the reuniting of half-siblings after taking a DNA test & also a new instalment of their DNA Basics series - that's why you'll need your chosen refreshment !!

Calendar

- 01 Sep - [DNA Interest Group](#)
- 03 Sep - Management Committee Meeting
- 07 Sep - [Family Tree Maker User Group](#)
- 08 Sep - [Scottish Interest Group](#)
[Queensland Pre-Separation Group](#)
- 14 Sep - [Fridays@QFHS - DNA testing and genealogy: the basics](#)
- 15 Sep - [Family History Writing Group](#)
[The Master Genealogist User Group](#)
- 16 Sep - [Welsh Interest Group](#)
- 19 Sep - [Members' Meeting - Church of England Records](#)
- 21 Sep - [New Members' Welcome and Orientation](#)
- 22 Sep - [Central European Interest Group](#)
- 27 Sep - [English West Country Group](#)

Happenings



Members' Meeting - 19 September 2018

This is a daytime meeting commencing at 1pm.

Guest Speaker: Michael Rogers, Archivist, Records and Archives Centre, Anglican Church, Southern Queensland.



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.
- If your membership expires and is renewed within 3 months, your subscription will be backdated.
- If more than 3 months has passed since your membership expired, you will be required to complete a new application form and pay the annual fee plus the joining fee of \$14. You will receive a new expiry date.

Renew online now



Exploring family & local history -

Brisbane 2018

Assisted immigration - German - English - Scottish - Irish - beyond just indexes
World War I - Freemason ancestors - medical - historic photos online
Combining family and local history

Who: Unlock the Past

When: 19 - 20 October 2018

Where: Queensland Baptist Conference Centre, Gaythorne

More information can be found [here](#)



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](#)

Education - Workshops/Courses/Seminars

**Under the Act: researching
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
peoples**



Presenter: Kathy Frankland

The 'Under the Act' presentation provides an overview of the administrative control of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in Queensland.

The presentation looks at the various pieces of State legislation which led to the large

scale removal of Aboriginal people from their traditional countries and more specifically the removal of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children to missions, reserves and mainstream institutions.

The presentation will also cover how to undertake Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander family history in Queensland.

When: 9 November 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](#)

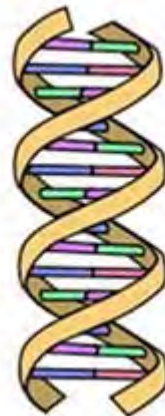
DNA for genealogists

Presenter/s: Kerry Farmer



Kerry has been teaching family history classes since 1997. With degrees in both science and humanities, she is on the Board of the Society of Australian Genealogists and convenor of their Education Committee. A regular speaker at conferences and other events, Kerry is also the Director of Australian Studies for the National Institute for Genealogical Studies, developing their course series

'Certificate in Genealogical Studies – Australian Records'.



Kerry authored DNA for Genealogists (4th edn, 2017), Arrivals in Australia from 1788 (2015), and together with Rosemary Kopittke wrote Which Genealogy Program? (3rd edn, 2012). In addition Kerry wrote Handy Guides about Convicts, DNA, GEDmatch, and Australian Births, Deaths, and Marriages – all published by Unlock the Past.

Kerry's presentations.

I've done my DNA test, what's next? What should you do after you have received your DNA test results? How can you take advantage of the information received? Learn about the benefits (and risks) of uploading your DNA raw data to GEDmatch.

Coupling DNA with traditional genealogy. Learn from case studies how DNA combined with traditional genealogical research techniques can break down genealogy brick walls.

Chromosome mapping. Learn the techniques and gain the benefits of working out from which ancestor you inherited specific DNA segments.

[Register Online](#)

Members' Noticeboard

New QFHS group Colonial India & the Far East

The first meeting of QFHS's new special interest group "Colonial India and the Far East" was held on 12th August, with eight attendees and several apologies. Those attending outlined their family names, locations and time frame of interest - and we nearly ran out of time!

The October meeting will include an introduction to researching in the area, followed in December by a presentation on festivals and festivities of the subcontinent. The next meeting will be at 10:30am on Sunday October 14 – members and guests are welcome! Click [here](#) for more information.

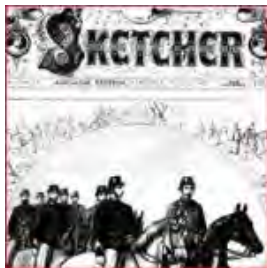




Web Wanderings

Australia

The Australian Really Useful Booklet has been updated and contains many websites that may help in your research. It has been included on QFHS website and if you click [here](#) you'll be taken direct to the page.



For South Australian Researchers

Courtesy of the generous support of donors and the State Library of South Australia, twelve South Australian newspaper titles have recently been added to Trove. These include Australasian Sketcher ([here](#)), The Illustrated Adelaide Post ([here](#)) and the Adelaide Independent and Cabinet of Amusement ([here](#)). It's difficult not to take a peek.

Buranda State School Centenary Celebration

The school is keen to reach out to past students, families, teachers and others who were part of the school community in past years. check [here](#) for more details.



Subscription site or free from the Library

Check these sites for the latest updates from Ancestry:-

- Brick Wall Solutions - [learn more](#)

Explore Ancestry DNA - [here](#)

- How secure are my Ancestry DNA results? - [learn more](#)
- NSW Unassisted Immigration Passenger Lists 1826-1922 - [go here](#)
- Aberdeenshire, Scotland Electoral Registers 1832-1976 - [go here](#)



Subscription site or free at the Library

What's new from Find My Past? Many sites are listed for you to check this month.

- **1939 Register** - 37,000 "closed records" have been added - [search here](#)
- Cheshire Registers & Records - [search here](#)
- Derbyshire Registers & Records - [search here](#)
- Cumberland Registers & Records - [search here](#)
- Wiltshire Registers & Records 1602-1688 - [search here](#)
- Dublin Metropolitan Police Prisoner Books 1905-1908 & 1911-1925 - [search here](#)
- Dublin Metropolitan Police General Register 1857-1925 - [search here](#)
- Irish officers who died in the Great War - [search here](#)
- Honourable women of the Great War - [here](#)
- Airmen who died in the Great War - [here](#)
- Britain, Campaign, Gallantry & Long Service Medals & Awards 1935-1945. Explore their heroic deeds [here](#)
- British subjects who died in the service of the Indian Empire. Search [here](#)

Did your ancestors make headlines? Historical newspapers making headlines this week is the **Oxfordshire Weekly News** covering the years 1869-1895 & 1898-1926. Read [here](#)

More coverage added for these newspapers:-

- Irish Independent - 1995-1997, 2000
- Belfast Telegraph - 1915-1916, 1918-1919
- Liverpool Echo - 1987-1988
- The Scottish Referee 1893, 1895-1896, 1899

[Search](#) all Newspapers

England, Clandestine Marriages

Did your ancestors enter into marriage through a clandestine or irregular marriage? Search thousands of "Fleet" marriages from the UK National Archives spanning the years 1667 to 1754 to find out. Records include both images and transcripts that will reveal where and when your ancestors tied the knot.

[Search these records](#)

Britain, Directories and Almanacs

Over 329,000 records have been added to our directories and almanacs. The new additions include British and Welsh documents spanning the years 1766 to 1919. Inside you will find the names of prominent people, tradesmen, people who held office, business owners and local civil servants. Search [here](#).

Scotland, Lanarkshire Death & Burial Index 1642-1855

Discover your ancestors who died and were buried in the Scotland county of Lanarkshire. This index of deaths and burials covers the years of 1642 to 1855. From the index, you may learn your ancestors' birth, death and burial dates, age at death, burial place, and mortcloth price.

[Search these records](#)

Queensland, Seamen 1882-1919

Discover your Australian ancestors in this index of Queensland seamen. The names included in this index were taken from the registers kept by the Harbours and Rivers Department between 1882 and 1919. Transcripts reveal the name of the ships your ancestors served on and the dates of their service.

[Search these records](#)

New Zealand Birth, Marriage & Death Indexes

Over 62,000 additional baptisms, marriages and burials have been added to our collection of New Zealand Indexes. These civil registration records date back to 1848 and will provide you with all the information you need to order a copy of your ancestor's original certificate from the NZ government website. Search [here](#).

Scotland

Did any of your relations *marry* in Edinburgh? Search the Parish Registers [here](#).

Did any of your ancestors *die* in Scotland? The digital images in this collection are presented in PDF form. Search [here](#).

Edinburgh Apprentices 1583-1700

Did any of your relatives learn a trade in Edinburgh? This is a collection of almost 120 years of documents from the capital. Search [here](#).

British Army Service Records Update

Over 34,000 new Scottish Guards records have been added to the collection of British Army Service records and span the years between 1642-1939. Search [here](#).

From the Archives

Expand your family tree with over 13.4 million Parish Register Transcripts covering 400 years of Scottish baptisms and marriages. Discover your ancestors [here](#).

Britain

Royal Navy, Navy Lists 1827-1945

Search for your ancestors in official lists of Royal Navy Officers. Details include name, rank, seniority and place of service. Click [here](#).



Find your relatives who immigrated to America in the new Ellis Island Collections added to our records.



[Search Castle Gardens New York Passenger Lists \(1820-1891\)](#)

[Search Ellis Island Passenger Lists \(1892-1924\)](#)

[Search New York, New York Passenger and Crew Lists from 1925-1957](#)

England

New records added from July 2018

FamilySearch has expanded its free online archives with almost 13 million new indexed family history records and over 500,000 digital images from around the world added to their records.

Check [here](#) to see the full list of countries and their added records.

Ireland

"As They Were" - just waiting for you to find them!

This is an "Irish Melting Pot" of genealogy items of interest including clips and snips from newspapers, transcriptions (including Clare Roots Society Records) of baptisms, BDM's and a selection of individual Irish obituaries and much more.

[Check](#) this site for general Irish news and items you may otherwise have missed.

Scotland

The Royal Scots Roll of Honour WW1

100,000 men served in the Royal Scots Regiment in the Great War. Over 40,000 men

were wounded and 11,300 died. Access the Roll of Honour and Interactive list of the origin of the Fallen [here](#).



Countdown to Peace - The final days of World War 1

(information provided by Forces War Records UK)

One hundred years ago, the allied troops launched their great offensive that would finally see the war coming to an end.

To celebrate the final offensive, we are providing free access to our Orbats troop movements interactive and audio maps on Forces War Records, with a special feature showing the last 100 days movements and countdown to peace in one place. View these battles step-by-step and you'll be able to read and hear information about each location.

[View the Troop Movements](#)

General items of interest



The Royal Historical Society of Queensland

The Commissariat Store Museum along with the Enoggera Ensemble invite you into their home for Brisbane Open House, 2018 being held on Sunday 14 October commencing at 2.30pm.

This special event will feature historical music from the 1840s played on banjo, mandolin and guitar. The programme will feature a blend of classical, jazz, folk and Australiana music along with folk songs from Scotland and Austria and a selection of operatic arias and dance music that was once highly popular.

For ticket prices and more information visit their website [here](#).



50 Favourites from Trove

To celebrate the 50th anniversary of the opening of the

National Library building, they have created a blog series showcasing 50 of the most interesting and important records in Trove. From arts and family history to sport and adventure, take a look at the wonderful variety of Trove's treasures and find out how you can nominate your own favourites for People's Choice Week. Read the [blog](#).



Researcher stories from the Koorie Records Unit

Liz Thorpe and Alison McRae

The Koorie Records Unit promotes awareness of Aboriginal records within our collection, and improves accessibility of these records. The Koorie Records Unit provides a combined reference service between Public Record Office Victoria and the National Archives, for Aboriginal people tracing family and community connections.

On our blog you can find Q&As with two researchers who've used the Koorie Records Unit services. Liz Thorpe and Alison McRae reflect on their experiences using government archives and detail the impact finding these records has had on them and their families.

- [Read Liz's story here.](#)
- [Read Alison's story here.](#)

You can find more information about the Koorie Records Unit on our website [here](#).

Descendants of passengers from the ships HERSCHEL, HIGHFLYER, CAROLINE and GLAMIS 1878 Voyagers to Maryborough, Qld.

The Maryborough Family Heritage Institute Inc. is inviting descendants to the 2018 Immigration Shipping Celebration from 5th to 7th October 2018.

Descendants of other ships interested are also invited to attend.

For further info and list of activities and costs, contact Paula Hill, President at PO Box 913 Maryborough QLD 4650, ph 07 41231620 or check our [facebook](#) page.



Exploring Irish Genealogy in the aftermath of the Great Potato Famine

The Great Irish Potato Famine was a period of mass hunger and emigration from 1845 to 1851. Its effects were felt amongst the Irish population for the remainder of the 19th

century. Researching family history for this time period can be daunting, considering that the scale of emigration was so immense and the record-keeping was scant. [Read](#) our hints and tips to navigate historical records at the time of the Irish Famine.

Half-Siblings reunite in New South Wales (Courtesy of My Heritage)

Dianne (Di) Franklin-Corbell grew up as an only child. An avid genealogist from the age of 25, Di decided to take a MyHeritage DNA test along with her husband, who was adopted at birth. A few months after taking the test, Di was amazed to receive a message from a stranger — Graham — who said that he believed that he and Di were half-siblings! Thrilled to have found each other after so many years, the two recently met in a heartfelt reunion. [Watch](#) now.

DNA Basics: Common Misconceptions about DNA (Courtesy of My Heritage)

Do full siblings get the same DNA results? In this new installment of our DNA Basics series, we delve into some of the most common misconceptions about DNA testing to help you better understand your DNA results. [Read](#) more.

Celebration of Captain Cook's voyage

250 years ago

On the 26 August 1768, Captain Cook set out from Plymouth for his voyage of exploration.

Information about the 'Endeavour' and a full list of the men who sailed in her can be found on the Captain Cook Society website. Links to extracts from his journals, collectables, and events and memorials being celebrated around the world can be found [here](#).



A Few Golden Rules of Genealogy (got.genealogy.com)

Assume Nothing

Check all the facts, don't assume that any particular document is right or wrong, and always try to find other independent sources to corroborate your facts as much as possible. Verify, Verify, verify,

For instance:

- your ancestors were married
- census information is correct
- your ancestor's life events were recorded correctly

- your ancestors had the same name

Just Because it's Online doesn't Mean it's True

The Internet is a wonderful thing but it's filled with oodles of bad information . Don't make the mistake of believing anything you find online at face value. Verify against their sources, even if you paid for the information you found online. Consult the original source where possible.

The Internet is Constantly Changing

Web sites change all the time, and to find the information you need, you may need to look in new places to find old information. Take a second look at old sites you haven't visited in a while, and don't be afraid to walk away from your favourite sites if/when you find new ones that provide better information. Seek and you may find.

Family Reunion

On Saturday 22nd September, quite a number of relatives of the Ryan Family are meeting at 85 McMullen Road, Brookfield. They are using the 150th wedding anniversary of the first Tipperary Ryan ancestors to marry in Australia as an excuse to catch up with some of their remote relatives. There will also be a book launch. If you would like to know more contact Brendan Ryan 07 3374 1660 or email brookfieldryans@gmail.com

Book Review

"SALUTE THE BRAVE" by Shirley and Trevor McIvor.
Lending Library LL H3 4 11

Somewhere in our Queensland family tree, we may find a brave soul who lost their life in one of the wars that Australians fought in.

I have found a few in mine, and it is a pleasure to be able to find in a book the memorial in which they are recognized.

This book I must say is beautifully presented, with top class photography. The authors have visited areas where some of us will never visit from the northern most places to the back of beyond.

The book has been divided into categories such as war memorials, gates, memorial halls, obelisks, Gallipoli pines and trees etc.

Nothing has been forgotten in the way of memorabilia, facts and figures.

I wasn't aware that the Cairns Digger memorial was the most costliest to be built, for instance.

It is fascinating book to browse through. It by no means lists all memorials, as I could not find the gates at the Kelvin Grove School, however I was pleased that the Windsor War Memorial was included.

Please note, however, it does not list many names on memorials, but you may well be lucky on a few plaques.

Review by Lyn Hooper M4620

Why waste your money looking up your family tree! Just go into politics and your opponents will do it for you. Mark Twain

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The more we receive, the more frequently we can produce a Newsletter. If your submission does not appear in this issue, we will try to include it in a future edition.

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