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In the coming months we have a variety of talks, workshops and seminars planned to assist you in your research.

Some sessions have limits so make sure you book early to avoid disappointment.

For example, under the "Education" heading below, Kerry Raymond's session has a limit of 8 and even though it's not until the end of May bookings will fill quickly. Also check out our first seminar for the year "Taking your Australian research further" as bookings are open - see website under "Events" for the link to Evenbrite.

Make a note in your diary to attend the monthly Members' Meeting on 20th February where Desmond Diggles OAM will be the guest speaker. Since his retirement in 1999, Des voluntarily researched and authored a 2-volume history of mapping in Queensland titled "Mapping Queensland" published by Mapping Sciences Institute Australia, 2008. All welcome.

Calendar

- 01 Feb 2019 - [Family Tree Maker Group](#)
- 02 Feb 2019 - [DNA Interest Group](#)
- 04 Feb 2019 - **Management Committee Meeting**
- 08 Feb 2019 - [Fridays@QFHS - Panel Discussion](#)
- 09 Feb 2019 - [Irish Interest Group](#)
- 10 Feb 2019 - [Colonial India and the Far East Interest Group](#)
- 11 Feb 2019 - [Finding your Family: a beginners course in research](#)
- 15 Feb 2019 - [Fridays@QFHS - Beginners German research workshop](#)
- 16 Feb 2019 - [New Members' Welcome and Orientation](#)
[The Master Genealogist User Group](#)
- 18 Feb 2019 - [Finding your Family: a beginners course in research](#)
- 20 Feb 2019 - [Members' Meeting - Guest Speaker - Desmond Diggles OAM](#)
- 23 Feb 2019 - [Family Tree Maker User Group](#)
- 25 Feb 2019 - [Finding your Family: a beginners course in research](#)

Happenings



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

The Waves in Time Family & Local History Conference & Fair is being held on the 24 – 26 May 2019 at VENUE 114 (formerly known as Lake Kawana Community Centre) located at Bokarina on the beautiful Sunshine Coast.

The three day event will begin on Friday with a full morning of free public talks on family history themes of interest to researchers from beginners to more experienced. The afternoon program will comprise three workshops.

Saturday will begin with a keynote speaker followed by a full day of talks by local and interstate presenters on various aspects of family history research. A parallel stream of talks on local Queensland history will also be presented.

Sunday will begin with a keynote speaker and be followed by three presentations in the two streams (family and local history). The conference will finish about midday.

The free family history fair will continue throughout the weekend.

Booking are essential for all paid sessions over the three days.

To view the full program of events - [go here](#)

To register for sessions, early bird and payment options - go [here](#)

QFHS Buddy Program Are you a member?

Experienced members are waiting to assist you to get 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 are a new member and would like to have a QFHS Buddy to assist you, email the Coordinator [here](#).



Education - Workshops/Courses/Seminars

Researching, filing, and organising family history

Fridays@QFHS - Panel Discussion -

Friday 8 February 2019

This event has proved to be very popular. It is fully booked and the waiting list is at capacity.

We regret that no further participants can be accepted at this event.



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** 2nd Edition (rrp \$25).
- For non-members, complimentary use of the QFHS Library and Resource Centre for the term of the course.

When: Commences 11 Feb 2019

Where: QFHS Library and Resource Centre


Cost: \$55 members and \$80 non members

We have increased the cost of the course to reflect the cost of the new edition of

Where do I start?

For more information check our website [here](#)

Register Online



**DNA
Discovery
Day**

16 February, 2019
Nazareth Lutheran Hall,
12 Hawthorne St, Woolloongabba
8.45am-5pm

\$75 GSQ/QFHS members
\$90 Non-Members
Includes lunch, morning & afternoon
teas

*Discover your genetic genealogy in 2019 and grow your family tree!
A conference designed for all levels of experience
and knowledge*

QFHS and GSQ now have an arrangement to offer reciprocal member discount to all events organised by both societies.

You are invited to register for DNA Discovery Day to be held on 16 February 2019 at Nazareth Lutheran Hall, 12 Hawthorne Street, Woolloongabba. Member cost \$75 (includes lunch, morning and afternoon tea).

For full program details and to register go [here](#).



New Member's Welcome and Orientation

Are you a new member or is it a while since you have been to the Library and Resource Centre? Sessions are designed to assist you to understand the extensive facilities and resources available.

New Members' Welcome and Orientation sessions are held on a Friday or a Saturday morning in alternate months and last about 3 hours per session. Bookings are essential. For bookings or queries, email [here](#).

Next Sessions:

- 16 Feb 2019
- 15 Mar 2019

Taking your Australian research further



Presenter/s: Shauna Hicks and Janice Cooper

Shauna Hicks is a Fellow of the Queensland Family History Society. She was awarded a Distinguished Achievement Award from the Australian Society of Archivists and in 2009 she received the Australasian Federation of Family History Organisations award for Meritorious Services to Family History. She has been tracing her own family history since 1977. Shauna will discuss lesser known, as well as more easily accessible resources, for Australian family history research. She will include examples from across all Australian states.

Janice Cooper is an experienced family historian with a primary interest in researching her Australian ancestry since the first family members arrived in 1791. With an academic background in Australian history, she is interested in placing families in the contexts of time and place. Her publications include local history books and articles, as well as a One-Pace Study website.

Shauna Hicks

Session 1: What's in the archives for Australian family history that you don't know about?

Session 2: What other resources are you not using for your Australian family history research? Shauna will discuss lesser known, as well as more easily accessible resources, for Australian Family History research. She will include examples from across all Australian states.

Janice Cooper

Session 3: How can you place your families in their local communities and historic times? Janice will outline how she extends knowledge of her Australian ancestors by learning more about the communities and times in which they lived.

When: Saturday 2 March, 2019 - 9am - 12.30

Where: Queensland Baptist Conference Centre, 53 Prospect Road, Gaythorne

Cost: \$25 (QFHS and GSQ) and \$40 non-members (including morning tea)

[Register Online](#)



British Newspaper Archives - March

Presenter: Sue Reid

You can access the British Newspaper Archive at the QFHS Library and Resource Centre. This session will show how to use this valuable resource for research in the

United Kingdom with particular emphasis on using the BNA at the library. Newspapers can enrich family history in countless ways. You may be able to find birth, engagement, marriage, and death notices for family members, including overseas events. This can help identify family relationships and ensure that you are searching the correct person. You can find records of court cases, sporting events, community activities and much more.

When: 8 March 2019

Where: QFHS Library and Resource Centre

Time: 10.00 to 11.30

Limit: 25

[Register Online](#)

Which DNA test is right for you?

Presenter: Chris Schuetz

How can DNA help you find family? Are you planning to submit a DNA sample for testing to assist in your research? This session is a primer for those intending to take DNA testing, whatever their interest.

This session is the first of two. In the second session in July, we will look at the results received.

When: Friday 12 April 2019

Where: QFHS Library and Resource Centre Time: 10am to 11:30

Limit: 15

[Register Online](#)



Contribute to Wikipedia: what and how

Presenter: Dr Kerry Raymond

Learn what local and family history information can be added to Wikipedia, and learn how to add the information to Wikipedia. This is a hands-on computer course.

Participants should have basic computer skills e.g. using a web browser, copy-and-paste, basic word processing such as Microsoft word.



The presenter, Dr. Kerry Raymond, is a local and family historian, and is the first Wikipedian-in-Residence at the State Library of Queensland.

Where: Queensland Family History and Resource Centre

When: Friday 31 May 2019

Time: 10am to 12noon

Bookings: Book early as participants are limited to 8

[Register Online](#)

Members' Noticeboard

2018 QFHS Award for Services to Family History



You may be aware that the 2018 QFHS Award for Services to Family History was awarded to Mary King for many years as Convenor of the Irish SIG. Mary was also a valued Library Assistant. Unfortunately, Mary was not able to attend the Volunteers Morning Tea in November to receive the Award.

You are now invited to attend the Irish Interest Group meeting at 10.30 on Saturday 9 February 2019 to share in the presentation and Congratulate Mary personally.

The Irish SIG meeting will commence following the presentation.



Fridays@QFHS – Help wanted—using timelines and other visual methods

The Education Sub-Committee is planning a session on using timelines and other visual methods to solve family history problems or to provide insights into family history difficulties, using such applications as Microsoft Word or Excel etc.

Perhaps you have used a timeline to decide who could be the possible parents of a child, or something similar. We are seeking people who might do a 10 minute segment outlining their experience later in the year.

The format would be--this was my problem and the data / information I had and this was how I solved or visualized the problem. This will be a presentation, not hands-on.

For further information, please email [here](#).



Colonial India and the Far East Special Interest Group

Come along to the next meeting of the new Colonial India and Far East special interest group on Sunday 10 February from 10.30 to 12 noon.

There will be discussion, advice and a presentation on the resources of the British Library's Asian & African Studies Reading Room.

This group explores the lives of families in this fascinating area and the places and times in which they lived.

Colonial India at various times included: India (including the areas now known as Pakistan and Bangladesh), Ceylon (Sri Lanka), the Nicobar and Andaman Islands, Assam, Burma (Myanmar), Kashmir, and the Persian Gulf Residency.

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Click on the links below to see what's new & interesting.



Web Wanderings

AUSTRALIA

New South Wales

[NSW Teacher Applications and School Records 1850 – 1960 on Ancestry.com](#)

This collection consists of school education records for New South Wales. It includes teacher applications, school admission registers and records, and various letters received by the National Board of Education and Council of Education.

Search [here](#)



Australia, Newspaper Vital Notices, 1831-2001

This Ancestry database contains birth, marriages and death notices from three Australian newspapers; *The Age*, *The Sydney Mail and the Sydney Morning Herald*. Search [here](#)

Information on Australian birth, marriage and death (Civil registration) certificates

A quick check of Kerry Farmer's website will show you exactly what is contained on Birth, Marriage and Death certificates in all Australian states and Territories. Also included are early registrations (before civil registration). View [here](#)



Port Phillip District information

Cemetery Records, Census, Church Registers, and more. If you are researching this region in Victoria, lots of information can be found on this site. Search [here](#)

England and Scotland

Historic Hospital Admissions Records Project (HHARP)

HHARP now provides access to 140,213 admission records to four children's hospitals: three in London, the Great Ormond Street Hospital, the Evelina and the Alexandra Hip Hospital for Children, and one from the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Glasgow. Search the records [here](#).

Halifax (England) WW1 newspapers

Marking the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of the WW1, volunteers have digitised pages of the Halifax (Weekly) Courier. This is from the beginning of 1914 to the end of 1918 and these are listings of Calderdale local soldiers who died in WW1 and WW2.

Also available to search are the births, marriages and deaths columns and listings of local personnel who died during the war. The PDFs give the date and page reference for the Halifax courier. Search [here](#).

Ireland

Enfield & District Graveyard Website - Meath and Kildare

This searchable database is the result of a survey carried out on graveyards in the Enfield Common Bond Area. The area comprises the parishes of Balyna, part of Carbury and part of Newtown in county Kildare and the parishes of Enfield/Rathmolyon, Longwood/Killyon, Coole/Summerhill and Clonard in county Meath. Go [here](#)



Do you have West Cork ancestry?

Lots of local records available at this site. Lots of free records and help available for those who need it included records for West Cork Graveyards and townlands, loan records, tithe and school records. Search [here](#)

Historical newspapers hot off the press :-

- **Sunday World (Dublin)** covering the years 1987-1993 and 1995-1996 (from findmypast). Search [here](#)

EARL GREY'S IRISH FAMINE ORPHANS (64): SOME IRISH SOURCES

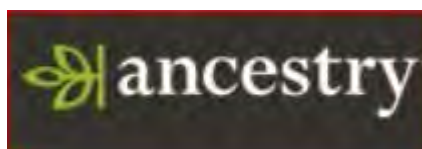
Posted on January 2019 by Trevor McClaughlin under Earl Grey's orphans in Victoria, Earl Grey's Irish female orphans, Family history, Irish Female Orphans, Irish workhouse records, Irish workhouses, Irish-Australian Studies, Port Phillip orphans.

This site includes information and websites for you to search in your quest for particulars on any of these topics - [click here](#).



New Zealand, City & Area Directories, 1866-1954

The alphabetical name directory in this collection can be useful for tracing your ancestors as it lists the name of each head of household with their district or city of residence. Often their occupations and/or street addresses will also be listed. Search [here](#)



UK, WWI Pension Ledgers and Index Cards, 1914-1923 - updated collection

This record comprises records of collections for those who were injured or killed fighting in World War 1. Details are provided for the soldiers themselves as well as other dependants. Total records 1,958,049. Search [here](#)

Added and updated collections on Ancestry

Go [here](#) to check out the recently added and updated collections on Ancestry by selecting the country of choice from the dropdown menu.

Northern Territory, Australia, Probate Index 1911 – 1994

This collection includes images of an index to probate records for the Northern Territory of Australia. Probate records are among the most valuable records available for genealogy, as they provide information regarding a deceased person's estate, whether that estate is "testate" (through a will) or "intestate" (without a will). Go [here](#)



New Middlesbrough Catholic Records Available To Search this Findmypast Friday

There are more than 7 million new records and newspapers available to search this Findmypast Friday, including:

- English Roman Catholic Parish Baptisms - [here](#)
- English Roman Catholic Parish Marriages - [here](#)
- English Roman Catholic Parish Burials - [here](#)
- English Roman Catholic Parish Congregational Records - [here](#)

Other new records to check are:

- National Burial Index for England and Wales - [here](#)
- Middlesex Baptisms 1543-1876 - [here](#)
- National Burial Index for England and Wales - [here](#)
- British and Irish Newspaper Updates - [here](#)
- United States General Land Office Records 1796-2013 - [here](#)



- Scotland, Jacobite Rebellions 1715 and 1745 - [here](#)
 - Scotland Roman Catholic Parish Congregational Records - [here](#)
 - Scotland, Glasgow Smallpox Vaccination Registers 1808-1854 - [here](#)
 - Scotland, Glasgow & Lanarkshire Death & Burial Index 1642-1855 - [here](#)
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- Scotland Roman Catholic Parish Registers - [here](#)
- Scotland, Glasgow Anderson's College Anatomy Students 1860-1874 - [here](#)
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The GENES Blog

The GENES Blog (GEnalogy News and EventS): Top stories concerning ancestral research in Scotland, Ireland, the rest of the UK, and their diasporas, from genealogist, author and tutor Chris Paton.

The following article was first published in the now defunct **Your Family Tree** magazine issue 173 (September 2016): **Look Online - Scottish Burial Records** - go [here](#) to read this informative article.



Federation of Family History Societies (FFHS)

The Federation publishes an e-newsletter every two months covering genealogy news, resources and events. It's a great, free guide for both beginners and experts explaining how to grow your family tree and discover your ancestry.

Recent issues have covered a wide range of family-history topics, including how to make the most of DNA in genealogy, research occupations of our ancestors, and use archives to uncover your heritage and origins. The current issue looks at all the key issues to help you with your Welsh family history such as census and parish records, civil registration certificates and non conformist records.

If you'd like to receive a copy , subscribe [here](#).

General items of interest




Records at risk how to help preserve the world's records

Learn about FamilySearch's strategy to help preserve the world's archives, and how you can help.

The world loses priceless historical records due to natural disasters, poor archive storage, political instability, scheduled destruction and death of oral genealogical informants especially in countries such as Ghana, Bosnia, Sarajevo, Philippines and many more.

Find out how Family Search is trying to do something about it.

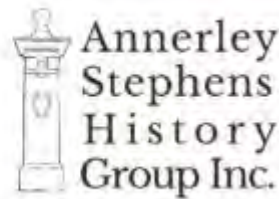


[Read More](#)



Lilian Watson Family History Award for 2019

The aim of the Lilian Watson Award is to encourage family historians to present the results of their research for others to read and enjoy. For more information and links to the entry form go [here](#).



Story of Stephens II

A History Conference being held at the Marymac Community Centre at Annerley on Saturday 23 February 2019.

Papers on Stephens' history, including local aboriginal, Yeronga School, local businesses, church, sporting club and pioneering family histories will be presented. Visit their [website](#) for more details.



What's coming to Family Search in 2019?

The popular, free genealogy website of FamilySearch.org has many plans for this year, including enhanced record search, Family Tree search capabilities, new online discovery experiences and much more.

To read the full details visit their site [here](#).



General Register Office (UK) to increase certificate costs from February

Copies of birth, marriages and death records will be more expensive from the GRO from **16 February 2019**.

The cost of print certificates will increase from £9.25 to £11, and from £23.40 to £35 for the priority service, which allows delivery on the next working day.

The cost of PDF records will now increase to £7, with priority deliveries available at £45.

Order before the 16th to save paying the added

charges.

This [link](#) to "WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?" magazine gives more details.



Every year on the 1st of January hundreds of state archives are made public as part of our annual Section 9 record openings. Under Section 9 of the Public Records Act 1973, files of personal or private nature are closed to prevent the violation of personal privacy.

Among the files made public for the first time this year are 1942-43 capital case files. Capital cases relate to those criminal trials where a sentence of death was given.

Learn more about the stories to be found, and see the full list of opened records [here](#).

Black Friday Fires 1939

The 13th of January marked the 80th anniversary of the devastating Black Friday bushfires of 1939. Black Friday was the culmination of a long, dry and hot summer following years of drought. Many creeks and rivers had dried up and people living in Melbourne were on water restrictions. Dry heat and hot winds sapped much of the moisture from the ground, leaving forest floors and the open plains tinder dry. Fires consequently swept through Victoria in early January. By the 13th, fanned by extremely strong winds, these fires had swept rapidly across large areas of the State. An area of almost two million hectares was burned, with 71 people losing their lives. Records in our collection, including photos of the destruction, reveal the aftermath of these fires, in particular at Fitzpatrick and Yelland Mills. Read more [here](#)



Trove Help Centre - Searching Guide

Lots of titles for you to access which should help improve your search strategies can be found [here](#).

DNA Quest Reunion: Half-siblings in their 50s are reunited!



Read this heartfelt story about a family united through DNA testing.

After launching our *pro bono* initiative to help adoptees and their birth families reunite through genetic testing in March 2018, many families have reunited. We are excited to bring you another one of the life-changing reunions that have taken place as a result of DNA Quest. Read [here](#)



Aftermath of WWI Exhibition

Victoria Barracks on Petrie Terrace in Brisbane is home for the Army Museum South Queensland. A new Exhibition will launch in February 2019.

Displays will include meticulously researched stories of the aftermath of "the war to end all wars" and how peace negotiations affected the Australian way of life.

Public tours of Victoria Barracks are on Wednesdays only. The price of \$15 per person includes the professionally researched and curated exhibition, an escorted tour of historic Victoria Barracks, Devonshire Tea served in the original Officers' Mess, souvenir booklet and digital photo.

Groups and individuals must always make prior bookings through our website - go [here](#)

More Genealogy Quotes



- A genealogist is a person who leaves no stone unturned
 - A cemetery is a marble garden not to be taken for granite
 - Selecting a tombstone is usually a monumental task
 - A cemetery is where "down under" takes on an entirely new meaning
 - You know you're a genealogist if the highlight of your last trip was a cemetery visit
 - You know you're a genealogist if you've ever had your photo taken in front of a tombstone and you're actually smiling
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Wendy Couper

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