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Have a wonderful Easter and remember there's no such thing as too much chocolate!

There's many interesting articles for you to read in this month's Snippets - why not plan a trip out west to celebrate the last run of the Cobb & Co. Mail Service, find out where St. Patrick came from or buy an e-book setting out all the new, mainly online, Irish genealogy records released in the last 8 years. You'll find these articles in the section headed "General items of Interest".
A very Happy Easter to you and yours.

Calendar

01 Apr 2019 - Management Committee Meeting

[05 Apr 2019 - Family Tree Maker User Group](#)

[06 Apr 2019 - DNA Interest Group](#)

[12 Apr 2019 - Fridays@QFHS - Which DNA test is right for you?](#)

[13 Apr 2019 - Irish Interest Group](#)

[14 Apr 2019 - Colonial India and the Far East Interest Group](#)

[17 Apr 2019 - Members' Meeting - Guest Speaker Dr Kerry Raymond](#)

19 Apr 2019 - Closed - Good Friday

20 Apr 2019 - Closed - Easter Saturday

21 Apr 2019 - Closed - Easter Sunday

22 Apr 2019 - Closed - Easter Monday

25 Apr 2019 - Closed Anzac Day

[27 Apr 2019 - Family Tree Maker User Group](#)

Outside Events

13 April 2019 - BCC Scottish Highland Gathering at Toowong - more details [here](#)

14 April 2019 - Neighbourhood Day Easter Egg Hunt, Teralba Park, Everton Park - more details [here](#)

Tony and Ann Swain will be hosting QFHS sale table at both events.

Happenings



Members' Meeting for April

Commences at 7.30pm Wednesday 17th April at QFHS Resource and Library Centre.

Guest Speaker: Dr Kerry Raymond

QFHS member and Wikipedian Dr Kerry Raymond will take you behind the scenes and explain how Wikipedia works.

Wikipedia is the world's #1 encyclopedia but many people don't know how it is created and wonder how reliable it is.

Visitors welcome.

Education - Workshops/Courses/Seminars



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.

PLEASE NOTE: 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 11.30am

Limit: 15

Only a few places available - book soon to secure your place.

Register Online

Booking details for the second session: What does my DNA test tell me?

Attendees from the 12 April session only.

This session allows people to discuss their test results from the April session. Also to find out what the results mean and what you should do next.

When: Friday 12 July 2019

Where: QFHS Library and Resource Centre Time: 10am to 11.30am

Limit: 15 attendees from the April DNA session only

[Register Online](#)

Name	Sex	Age	Religion		Profession		Remarks
			M	F	M	F	
Johnston, John	M	36					
Johnston, Mary	F	34					
Johnston, Robert	M	10					

Using the census

Presenter: Susie der Kinderen

This session will give a brief overview of Australian censuses and musters. We will also look at the UK censuses, and analyse and interpret the data that they provide.

What to look out for, what to be aware of, and what new research leads can censuses give us?

Where: Queensland Family History and Resource Centre

When: Friday 10 May 2019

Time: 10am to 11.30am

[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

Book early as participants are limited to 8

[Register Online](#)

QFHS electronic resources: CD collection

Presenter: Dr Geoff Morgan

This workshop will show you how to efficiently find CD's of interest on the QFHS computer network, and once you have found the required CD's, how to use them effectively.

Please note: Two identical sessions will be offered; please select one only.

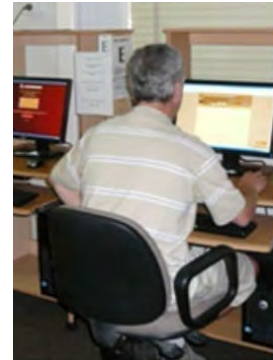
Where: Queensland Family History and Resource Centre

When: Friday 14 June 2019

Time - Session 1 : 10am to 11.30am

Session 2 : 1pm to 2.30pm

Limit: 9 participants per session



[Register Online](#)

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](#).



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 **free** Family & Local History Public Fair, with over 30 exhibition tables, is open 9am to 5pm on Friday 24 & Saturday 25 and Sunday 26 May from 9am to Noon.

On Friday morning, there are five **free talks**, each of 40 minutes duration in the Auditorium, for the public to attend. These talks are suitable for beginners through to experienced researchers.

During the afternoon on Friday, there are three **paid sessions**, each of 60 minutes duration. Book [here](#)

Late registrations for the Waves in Time Queensland Family & Local History Conference and Fair will **close on Friday 12 April**.

All conference and fair details are on the [website](#) where you can register on line. Full registration includes entry to the Welcome Function on Friday evening. Seats at the Saturday Dinner are now all taken and dinner bookings have closed. Bookings are essential for all paid sessions over the three days.



— DNA DOWN UNDER ANNOUNCEMENTS —

A DNA themed roadshow to six Australian cities, culminating in a major 3-day conference in Sydney is being held in August 2019.

There are topics at all levels, ranging from beginner to expert. Each city will have an exhibition of product and service suppliers, societies, DNA interest groups and organisations.

This is a world class conference and roadshow. Choose from 40 topics in three streams in Sydney over three days. The other five cities offer 10 topics each in two streams over a full day. Check out the website [here](#).

Bookings

Take advantage of the early bird rate - book by 30 April and save \$30 on a one-day admission, \$60 on Sydney (3 days) and \$80 on a two-city admission.

Each city has a booking form for your convenience, including provision to book your own city plus Sydney as a value package at \$30 off the price of booking the two cities separately. View the booking details for Brisbane [here](#).

Alan Phillips and the Unlock the Past team.

Members' Noticeboard



Are you planning to attend the "Waves in Time" conference on the Sunshine Coast in May and travelling by car from near the Gaythorne area?

We have a member who lives in the Keperra area who is wanting a lift both ways over the three days of the event. Public coaches go to Mooloolaba, however, but not near the conference which is at Bokarina.

If you are able to help in any way, please email our secretary, Geoff, [here](#).

Web Wanderings



FINDMYPAST ACQUIRES ROOTSFINDER INC.

Leading family history website, [Findmypast](#), has acquired RootsFinder Inc. and their critically acclaimed [RootsFinder](#) family tree product, including new features to

help customers analyze their DNA results.

RootsFinder is a free online family tree builder that provides users with the ability to collect and store data from a variety of online sources, engaging ways to capture and visualize media, family connections as well as powerful tools to analyze DNA results.

For more information on RootsFinder - go [here](#)

Findmypast Announces Project to Digitise & Publish 1921 Census of England & Wales

The National Archives in association with the Office for National Statistics (ONS) has awarded leading British & Irish family history website Findmypast the contract to digitise and publish the 1921 Census online

In the most anticipated family history development since the online publication of the 1939 Register, **Findmypast** has been selected as **The National Archives'** commercial partner to make the **1921 Census of England & Wales** available online.

The census, which was the first to be conducted following the introduction of the Census Act of 1920, will be published online by Findmypast in January 2022.

The project will see Findmypast capture digital images and transcribe the records in a way that will enable family historians across the globe to conduct meaningful searches of these important records when they are opened for the very first time.

For more information go [here](#).



Australian Capital Territory

ACT Electoral Rolls 1916 – 1967

Search the database by entering as few as 3 characters into any of the freetext fields (ie First name, Last name, Occupation or Address). If you wish to narrow your search to a particular suburb or location, select a locality from the dropdown list.

Search [here](#)

Macquarie University has a Colonial Cases website dedicated to uncovering hidden case law of the British empire's colonial and consular courts.

Amongst its contents are transcriptions of selected colonial inquests from New South Wales and another section containing details of colonial inquests and deaths at sea from elsewhere in the British Empire extracted from newspapers.

Please note that while this is a very interesting site it is also very gruesome.

Colonial Inquests - go [here](#)

Colonial Inquests from New South Wales - go [here](#)

British Empire - go [here](#)

Back to School

The School Magazine is Australia's oldest literary magazine, and the oldest literary magazine for children anywhere in the world. The magazine began in 1916 as a publication for New South Wales primary school children, with the aim of presenting Australian writers to Australian children. Trove has recently digitised early editions of the magazine.



View The School Magazine on Trove [here](#).



Have you searched the archived websites of Trove from 1996? Go [here](#) to view the categories available and start your search.



6.7 million new records added to Findmypast during the past month

United States of America

Cincinnati Roman Catholic Records

- Cincinnati Roman Catholic Parish Congregational Records - [here](#)
 - Cincinnati Roman Catholic Parish Burials - go [here](#)
 - Cincinnati Roman Catholic Parish Marriages - go [here](#)
 - Cincinnati Roman Catholic Parish Baptisms - go [here](#)
 - United States Obituary Notices - [here](#)
 - United States Passport Applications 1795-1925 - [here](#)
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Ireland

- Irish Newspaper Transcript Archive, Ffolliott Collection 1756-1850 - go [here](#)
 - Kerry Histories & Reference Guides - go [here](#)
 - Limerick Histories & Reference Guides - go [here](#)
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Scotland

- Scotland, Criminal Database 1801-1917 - [here](#)
- Scotland, Midlothian, 1834 Dalkeith Census - [here](#)

People Of Banffshire 1334-1851

Explore more than 28,000 extracts taken from original Kirk Session minutes. Responsible for parish business, and the morals of the parishioners, the Kirk Session was the lowest level of a church court and minutes typically contained a detailed account of the parish business. Search [here](#)

Dundee & Forfarshire (Angus) Hearth Tax 1691

Did you have Scottish ancestors from Dundee and the county of Forfarshire (Angus)? Search over 50,000 Hearth Tax records from 1691 to find out the number of hearths found within their home. Search [here](#)

England

Liverpool, Birmingham, Middlesbrough and Westminster Roman Catholic Parish Records

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

Liverpool Workhouse Registers - [here](#)

Liverpool Church of England Parish Registers

- Lancashire, Liverpool Parish Congregational Records - [here](#)
- Lancashire Baptisms - [here](#)
- Lancashire Banns and Marriages - [here](#)
- Lancashire Burials - [here](#)

England & Wales Non-Conformist Records

- Non-Conformist Marriages - [here](#)
- Non-Conformist Burials - [here](#)
- Non-Conformist Births and Baptisms - [here](#)

- England Domesday Book 1086 Browse - [here](#)
- British and Irish Newspaper update - [here](#)
- British Army Records & Regimental Histories - [here](#)
- National School Admissions Registers & Log-Books 1870-1914 - [here](#)
- US Servicemen in North Devon, 1943-1945 - [here](#)

British India Office Deaths & Burials

Over 2,000 additional records have been added to our collection of British India Office Deaths & Burials. The new additions consist of endowment registers spanning the years 1897 to 1947. The records in the collection will generally reveal where, when and in some cases how your ancestor died as well as where they were buried. Search [here](#)

PERiodical Source Index

Over 18,000 articles from a variety of publications have been added to the Index. PERSI enables you to easily locate key information about people and places. It contains millions of entries from thousands of historical, genealogical and ethnic publications, making it an invaluable source of articles, photos, and other material you might not find using traditional search methods. Search [here](#)

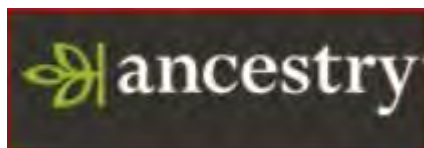


Globe Records Update

Unearth your Caribbean roots with three new indexes of births & baptisms, marriages and burials containing over 600,000 records from 1590 to 1928.

These records include Antigua, the Bahamas, Barbados, Brazil, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Grenada, Haiti, Jamaica, Mexico and Panama. Go [here](#)

- Costa Rica Baptism Records 1700-1915 - [here](#)
 - Costa Rica Marriage Index 1715-1920 - [here](#)
 - Costa Rica Death Index 1787-1900 - [here](#)
 - Costa Rica Civil Registration 1860-1975 Image Browse - [here](#)
 - El Salvador Baptism Index 1759-1940 - [here](#)
 - El Salvador Civil Birth Registration 1836-1910 - [here](#)
 - El Salvador Marriage Index 1810-1930 - [here](#)
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- Recently added and updated collections - [here](#)

- London, England Poor Law Hospital Admissions & Discharges 1842-1918 - [here](#)
- UK, WWII Alien Internees, 1939-1945 - [here](#)

General items of interest



FEDERATION OF FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETIES IS CHANGING ITS NAME

The Federation of Family History Societies is rebranding as **Family History Federation**. Rebranding to **Family History Federation** will officially launch at Family Tree Live in April 2019 along with a new-look website.

The rebranding to **Family History Federation** acknowledges that the membership of the Federation is wider than just family history societies, encompassing a range of associated organisations.

'**Family History Federation**' also reflects how its focus is firmly on family history: the primary purpose being to encourage, educate and support all family historians.



Brisbane
City Council

Sunday Conversations

Brisbane Burns: How the great fires of 1864 shaped a city and its people

This fascinating talk by Sharyn Merkley, author of *Brisbane Burns*, brings to light the heart-wrenching – and at times uplifting – stories of those who were affected by the great fires of 1864.

When: Sunday 14 April 11am-12 noon

Brisbane Tramway Museum: History of Brisbane trams

Glen Dyer from Brisbane Tramway Museum Society will share research and discoveries, covering the history of both horse trams in the 1880s to the electric tram operations, the takeover of the system by Brisbane City Council in 1925 to the closure of both systems in 1969.

When: Sunday 7 April 11am-12 noon

***Bookings essential**

Call Brisbane Square Library on 3403 4166 for more information.



Last Tram Trip Commemoration

To commemorate the last tram trip in Brisbane, which took place on 13 April 1969, the Tramway Museum at Ferny Grove will hold a day of activities and attractions to

celebrate the 50 years since that happening.

Included in the family fun day will be displays of a horse drawn tram, trolley bus, vintage BCC buses, jumping castle for the children and much more for everyone to enjoy.

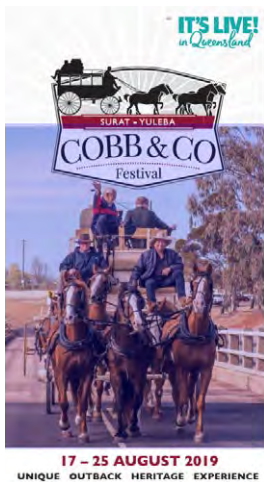
Gates open from 1pm to 8pm with the official opening by the Deputy Lord Mayor at 3pm. All welcome.

Address is Tramway Street, Ferny Grove.



Did any of your relatives arrive on the "David Clark" - the first ship to bring assisted immigrants to Port Phillip Bay in October 1839?

To mark the 180th anniversary of the ship dropping anchor in Hobson's Bay on 27 October 1839, a reunion is planned for Sunday, 27 October 2019, at Gulf Station, 1029 Melba Highway, Yarra Glen, Victoria - the historic farm once owned by William Bell, one of the passengers. Descendants of those 229 passengers are invited. To receive information as plans are settled, email davidclark1839@gmail.com.



Come to the Maranoa to celebrate the last run of the Cobb & Co Coach service in Australia along the Cobb & Co Way. Book a seat on the horse-drawn coach for a section of the historic route, bring a horse and team up with the trail ride, or join the celebration in event transport – this family friendly event retraces the 76 kilometre route of Cobb & Co Mail Service No. 177.

When: 17 August 2019 to August 25 2019

Where: Surat, Qld

For more details - go [here](#)

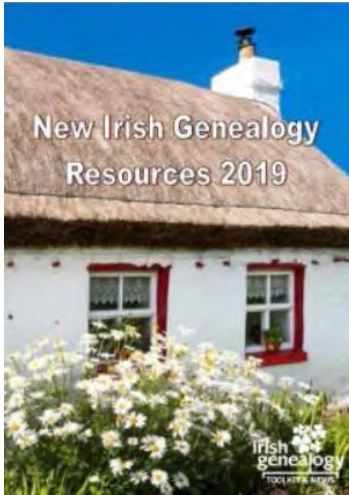
Where did St. Patrick come from?

A new post about a famous immigrant.

John Yeat's depiction (right) is of a very big St. Patrick, a very small Ireland and some poor terrified snakes.

To read about St. Patrick go to John Grenham's Blog [here](#).





'New Irish Genealogy Resources 2019'

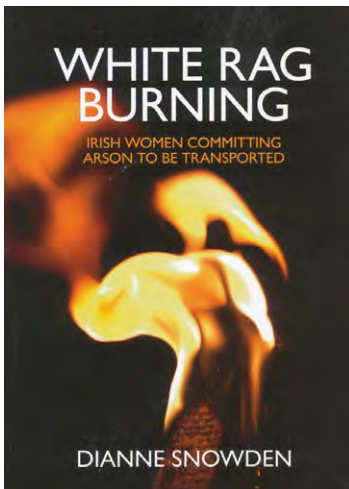
A handy e-book setting out all the Irish family history records released in the last 8 years

Irish Genealogy Toolkit has published a new edition e-book providing brief details of all the brand-new and upgraded Irish genealogy records released in the eight years from January 2011 to March 2019. It's arranged by type of resource ie Census, Newspapers, Military Records etc, and also county-by-county, becoming a handy aide-memoire of recently-available resources useful to Irish family historians.

The 2019 edition is a 102-page e-booklet and is available as a pdf download (under 8Mb).

To pay and download your copy - go [here](#).

Book Review



White Rag Burning by Dr Dianne Snowden can be appreciated in three segments – a preference for Van Diemen's land to a desperate Ireland, life in the chosen land and finally the journey's end.

Arson was not unheard of in Ireland but the graphs illustrate a marked spike around 1850 (1848 to 1853). Seeking transportation before the Great Famine was established but there is a definite link between the Famine and the wish to be transported. One might ask why not simply migrate?

Dr Snowden points out the cost involved especially for those already desperately poor. Transportation was the answer and the crime? Arson. Their reasons for the choice of transportation vary but mainly it was to escape grinding poverty, a rising crime rate or to meet up with relatives. In all 248 women were transported for arson.

Convict letters home wrote of Australia in glowing terms. Dr Snowden disabuses this in no uncertain terms. Van Diemen's Land was after all a convict settlement and colonial offences for deliberate arsonists featured a high percentage of incidents as disorderly conduct, insubordination and 'absence'. Women were incarcerated in female factories where, it is said, a subculture formed. Children often had to be sent to the Orphan School when a woman was left destitute.

Dr Snowden states that colonial marriage has been distorted to a large extent by the

failure to recognise common-law marriages. Many *de facto* relationships were long lasting and stable.

Dr Snowden notes that little work has been done on the children of convicts and most of that has been in New South Wales. From *White Rags* the number of deliberate female arsonists having at least one child is about 72% while no evidence of children exists for the other 28%. The creation of families of whatever type was an important part of convict life experience. The work spends considerable time on the various aspects of family. Finally their deaths are an important part of their story but with the paucity of records available many cannot be found or are limited in detail.

White Rags Burning is a very detailed study of an area not often mentioned in general Irish history. While the key element is the crime of arson this is located within a detailed social history account of both Ireland and Van Diemen's land. *Forty South Publishing 2018, 235 pages. Indexed, sourced with an extensive bibliography, graphs and photographs. A helpful glossary is also included.*
Submitted by Pam Masel

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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. Please note that reference to any product does not imply endorsement. Members are cautioned to evaluate products prior to purchase.

Wendy Couper

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