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Of course, all the usual items are featured in this month's Snippets and if you are on the hunt for your Irish ancestors, be sure to go through the information in the article under "General Items of Interest" where you'll read all about the new Irish Interest Group's web page accessed via our QFHS website.

Also, if you are a new member, our six week beginners course is commencing in July - places fill quickly so make your booking early to ensure your place.

Don't forget the early bird purchase of tickets to Unlock the Past's DNA roadshow closes on 30 April - details are below to make your bookings.

I certainly hope you are enjoying success with your research.

Calendar

[03 May 2019 - Family Tree Make User Group](#)

[04 May 2019 - DNA Interest Group](#)

06 May 2019 - Closed - Labour Day

Management Committee Meeting

[10 May 2019 - Fridays@QFHS - Using the Census](#)

[11 May 2019 - Scottish Interest Group](#)

[15 May 2019 - Members' Meeting - Guest Speaker Greg Hallam, Queensland Rail](#)

[17 May 2019 - New Members' Welcome and Orientation](#)

[18 May 2019 - Family History Writing Group](#)

[19 May 2019 - Welsh Interest Group](#)

[Trout Game](#)

[23 May 2019 - English West Country Group](#)

24 May 2019 - State Conference: Waves in Time

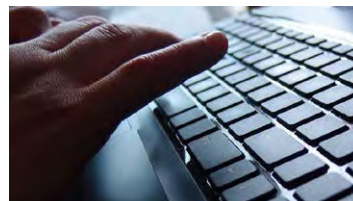
25 May 2019 - State Conference: Waves in Time

26 May 2019 - State Conference: Waves in Time

[31 May 2019 - Fridays@QFHS - Contribute to Wikipedia](#)

Online Data has arrived

We are excited to announce that members now have access to various QFHS publications from home by simply going to the website and using your member login details. Some of these records are available on the network in the library but for those unable to visit you can now access them from [here](#)



These datasets are in pdf form and can be searched with a simple Ctrl+F. Type in a name and use the up/down arrows to move through the results.

The first collection to be uploaded are **Cemetery Transcripts**. All have been indexed by QFHS so the accuracy is assured. Some have been published on CD, some on microfiche, and others have not been published previously.

Also available online are **Presentation** notes from recent seminars and Fridays@QFHS sessions. Thank you to the presenters for agreeing to share.

Online Data is a work in progress. More publications will be uploaded so do keep checking the page.

Do you have any Irish ancestry? The Irish Interest Group have uploaded a list of recommended online resources together with Presentations from previous Irish Group meetings. See below for full details on access.

Happenings



Members' Meeting for May

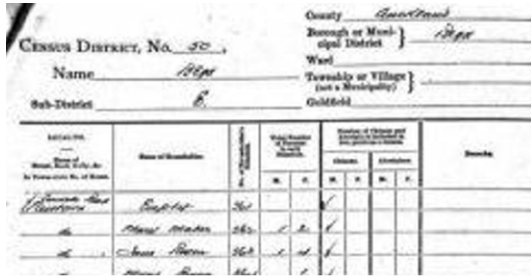
May's meeting is a daytime one commencing at 1pm on Wednesday 15th.

2018 marks the 130th anniversary of the opening of the former inter-colonial (later interstate) railway between Brisbane and Sydney via the historic break of gauge station at Wallan-garra.

Greg Hallam, Historian with Queensland Rail, is the quest speaker and will speak about some of the history of the train, the railway line and some of the stories that accompanied its history.

All welcome

Education - Workshops/Courses/Seminars



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

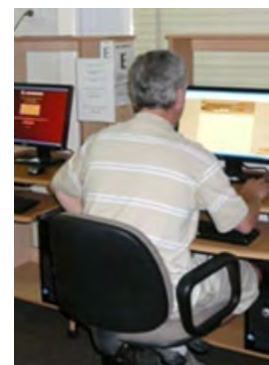
[Register Online](#)

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](#)



Booking details for the second session of :-

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 1130

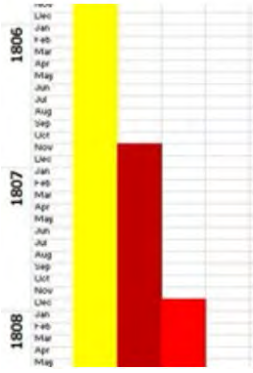
Limit: 15 attendees from the April DNA session only

[Register Online](#)

Using timelines and other visual aids

Presenters: QFHS Members

Have you ever thought about using timelines or another



visual aid to solve a problem in your research or to gain insight into a situation?

Our world relies greatly on visual imagery. An image, a graphic, a list or a table can convey a lot of information very quickly.

In this session, some members of the Society will demonstrate the visual methods, tables, or timelines they have used in their research to solve a problem or gain further understanding of a situation or set of circumstances.

Please note: Attendees should have some familiarity with Word and Excel, as time will not permit the presenters providing detailed instructions on to how use of Word, Excel or other application.

Where: QFHS Library and Resource Centre

When: Friday 12 July 2019

Time: 10am -1130am

Cost: \$11 members, \$15 non members

Limit: 25

[Register Online](#)

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 Monday 15 July 2019 - weekly for six weeks

Where: QFHS Library and Resource Centre, 58 Bellevue Ave, Gaythorne
Cost: \$55 members and \$80 non members

NOTE: This is a daytime course

Please read our [cancellation and non-attendance policy](#)

[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.



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](#).



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](#).

Registrations for the full Waves in Time Queensland Family & Local History Conference closed on Friday 12 April. However, no registration is required for entry

to the Friday free fair. Sessions on the Friday afternoon need to be booked and pre-paid.

All conference and fair details are on the [website](#) where you can register on line.



— 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.



Logan River & District Family History Society Inc. will be hosting a full day speakers' event in June 2019.

Tracing Back in Time – a Family History

Symposium will take place on Saturday 15th June 2019 from 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. at Bethania Community Centre, 88-118 Station Road, Bethania 4205. Morning tea and a light lunch is included in the admittance price for all attendees.

Attendance price is \$40:00 per person and an **Early Bird discount of \$10.00** applies for bookings made before **Friday 17th May 2019**.

Bookings are preferred but on the day attendance will be accepted. Please note that no eftpos facilities are available and payment may be made by cheque, bank transfer or cash. Further details can be obtained by phoning Esma on 07 3807 6450 and bookings made. All attendees who have booked are asked to bring a copy of their emailed receipt as proof of purchase prior to the event and wear their ID name tag.

Our four presenters will be:-

Eric Kopittke Church Records in Australia
Stephanie Ryan SLQ House History and the Corley Explorer
Cara Downs NAA Qld General Immigration Records
Ann Swain Pre-selection Immigrant Settlement
More details of this event will be provided in the near future.

Members' Noticeboard



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

The game simulates researching into an imaginary English Trout family using eleven types of records.

Use the game to assess your skills using basic research techniques to see if you can get back to the 1500s. You may discover why you have brick walls in your research.

Where: Meeting Room, QFHS Library and Resource Centre

When: 19 May 2019

Time: 10am - 4pm

Cost: \$5 - includes morning & afternoon tea. BYO lunch

Bookings or enquiries: email - trout_game

phone: 3352 5537

Numbers are limited and early bookings are essential.

Game Master: Ann Swain

Make sure you have a quick look at our facebook and YouTube websites.





Web Wanderings



Australia

Queensland

- Queensland Soldier Portraits, 1914-1918 - go [here](#)
- Queensland Hospital Registers - go [here](#)

England

- Acton Gazette - 1886, 1918-1920, 1967-1980 - search [here](#)
- Jewish Chronicle - 1896 - search [here](#)
- Reading Evening Post - pages from 1866-1967 and 1977-1979 added - search [here](#)
- Staffordshire Sentinel - pages from 1920-1929 and 1942 added - search [here](#)
- Staines & Ashford News - pages from 1992 added - search [here](#)

Devon

- Port Books for Appledore, Barnstable and Bideford - 1595 to 1705 [here](#)
- Devon Baptisms - [here](#)
- Devon Burials - [here](#)
- Devon, Land Tax and Valuations - [here](#)

Kent

- Kent Baptism - [here](#)
- Kent Marriages & Banns - [here](#)
- Kent Burials - [here](#)

Check out the recently added new British and Irish Newspaper records - go [here](#)

Ireland

- People's Advocate and Monaghan, Fermanagh, and Tyrone News - 1876-1905 - search [here](#)
- North Down Herald and County Down Independent - 1898-1929, 1931-1938 - search [here](#)
- County Down Spectator and Ulster Standard - 1904-1912 - search [here](#)
- Fermanagh Herald - 1903-1912 - search [here](#)

Scotland

- Scotland Monumental Inscriptions - go [here](#)
- Shetland Newspaper Marriage & Anniversary Notices 1872- 2018 [here](#)

International Records Update

- Panama - go [here](#)

General items of interest



Included in the latest newsletter from SAGS are two items of interest for you, especially the one relating to the recent changes to the reduced information provided on Victorian BDM's.

The Victorian Association of Family History Organisations has released a [blog post](#), recommending that researchers try to consult the CD-ROM and/or microfiche versions of the index before ordering certificates to ensure the correct person is identified.

VAFHO has taken the matter up with the Registry and is encouraging users of the site to raise their concerns directly with the Registry to demonstrate the impact these changes are having on researchers. Go [here](#) to read more information.

Web Tips

Foreign language word lists for genealogists

Researchers regularly come across terms that are unfamiliar or in a foreign language. FamilySearch has put together on its [wiki](#) a wide range of word lists which give the meanings of about 900 key terms in different languages as well as other vocabulary from genealogical documents.

So if you have uncovered records in another language it might be worth starting here where you can find word lists in languages ranging from Afrikaans to Ukrainian. There is also a general list of abbreviations found in genealogy records such as names, dates, late in and other general terms. Go [here](#)

Webinar season ticket May-July

Available until Friday 3 May, members only

By booking a Webinar Season Ticket you will be able to view every standard webinar we hold between May-July, either live or by watching the recording later. You book and pay once. We'll set you up in each webinar and send you the confirmation link. And in addition you'll get one webinar free - so this quarter you get 5 for the price of 4. The webinars covered by the Season Ticket this quarter are:

- Tracking down your ancestors in Ireland, Pauleen Cass, 6 May
- In the workhouse, Helen V Smith, 21 May
- Using Excel for DNA, Danielle Lautrec, 18 June
- TROVE - It's more than just newspapers, Heather Garnsey, 17 July
- Not quite Quincy - Coroners' records in England, Helen V Smith, 24 July

To find out how to join a webinar - go [here](#).



IRISH INTEREST GROUP

The launch of the new Irish Interest Group webpage was announced at the Irish Interest Group meeting on 13th April. Many new Irish resources have been added including:

- A list of Key Recommended Online Resources for Irish research
- Presentations from previous Irish Group meetings

These cover a wide range of Irish research topics, record types and repositories and give valuable guidance on and examples of suggested approaches to Irish research. Topics include Irish Civil Records, Irish Church Records, Land Records, National Archives of Ireland, a Guide to Irish Research, Irish Military history and much more. Additional talks will be added in the future.

Accessing these resources is easy.

- Go directly to the QFHS Irish Interest Group page www.qfhs.org.au/groups/irish (Or on the QFHS home page, the Irish Group can be found under the Groups tab.)
- Click on the title you are interested in. You will be taken to the member's login area.
- Login using your QFHS member login details (membership number & surname in lower case).

A link to a list of Key Recommended Online Resources has also been added. Most are free to access or search. The list is grouped by record type or topic. Clicking on any title in the list will take you to the associated website or record collection.

If you have Irish in your family tree, these new resources will be of major value in understanding and progressing your Irish research.

Check it out! Give us your feedback!

News and Tips

1. QFHS now has a subscription to johngrenham.com on computer K in the computer

room at QFHS and rootsirelenad.ie are considering making available library subscriptions - so watch this space!

2. Trevor Matthews has provided a link to Tipperary emigrants who came to Sydney between the years of 1858-1865. Go [here](#)

Maryborough Family Heritage Institute Inc.

Annivesrary Celebrations of the 1879 & 1886 voyages of the "Scottish Hero"



If you have ancestors who arrived on this ship, please contact us.

We are also looking for photos and stories about the families and their lives in the new country, and these would be included in our new book about the Scottish Hero and its journeys.

Passenger lists of the two voyages are available on our Facebook page and at the Institute.

Assistance with this information would be greatly appreciated.

Our contact details are below:

Address: Cnr Wharf and Richmond Streets, Maryborough QLD 4650

Phone: (07) 4123 1620

Email: heritageresearch@bigpond.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/mfhinst

Genealogy Hot Tips



Here are a few reminders to help you when you've hit a brick wall or are stumped as to the next step to take in advancing your research.

1. **Explore name variations** - remember in times past many people could not read or write and as a result, names had many spelling variations - try them all.
2. **Browse all record collections** - bearing in mind records can be incorrectly indexed, spelling eg the letter P or B is easily transposed, first and last names may be recorded differently in different collections - this can depend on the source document used.
3. **New records mean new** - more and more records are coming online each month so take the opportunity to go back and search again - you never know what you may find. Check "Web Wanderings" for the latest from Ancestry, Find My Past etc.
4. **Change your focus! Search for siblings.** A brother or sister's record may provide the

- missing link. Certainly a great hint when you've hit a brick wall.
5. Locate the original record - in most cases you may be looking at a transcription from an original record. While every effort is made to ensure accuracy the original may yield more information.
 6. Don't forget the importance of citing your sources.
 7. Take advantage of the many classes, webinars and conferences that are available to advance your techniques.
 8. Attend QFHS Library and Resource centre to make use of the many resources offered to members. You will meet other members who collectively have a wealth of experience and information and are only too willing to share with you.

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

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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