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Have you been making good use of your ability to login and access data online? Members have reported finding a family member they had not located in the past when using this data. Do give it a go. Datasets can be found [here](#).

We have lots more datasets being prepared for upload so keep visiting the website on a regular basis to learn more. An exciting, previously unpublished, set will be uploaded early March. It is currently in the hands of our testing group for the final check before release.

Replacement of water mains outside of the library appears to have been completed. There may be a short disruption when they resurface the road and details will be advised via the website home page.

Calendar

- 02 March - Management Committee Meeting
- 07 March - [Family Tree Maker User Group](#)
- 07 March - [DNA Interest Group](#)
- 13 March - [Fridays@_QFHS - Which DNA test is right for you?](#)
- 14 March - [Scottish Interest Group](#)
- 14 March - [QFHS Pre-Separation Group](#)
- 15 March - [Welsh Interest Group](#)
- 18 March - [Members' meeting](#)
- 20 March - [New Members' Welcome and Orientation](#)
- 21 March - [Family History Writing Group](#)
- 21 March - [The Master Genealogist User Group](#)
- 26 March - [English West Country Group](#)
- 26 March - Beyond BMDs - see details below
- 27 March - [Library Assistants' Team Meeting](#)
- 28 March - [Central European Group](#)

Correction: The **Library Assistants' Team Meeting** article in the QFHS Journal advises this event will start at 10.00am and finish at 12.00. This is **incorrect**. The event will **start at 9.30am and finish at 12.30pm.**

Happenings

NBN connection to QFHS Library and Resource Centre

Please be aware that the library is being connected to the NBN commencing Monday 24 February.

We sincerely hope there will be no disruption to online services and offer sincere apologise in advance should you encounter a problem.

Celebrating German-Australian Family History

9.00am to 4.00pm on Saturday, 2 May, at the Queensland Baptists Conference Centre.



This will be an all day seminar with a range of expert speakers. Keynote speaker will be **Dirk Weissleder**. Dirk has been the Chairman of the *Deutsche Arbeitsgemeinschaft genealogischer Verbände e.V.* (DAGV - German Association of Genealogical Societies) since 2012, the umbrella organisation of German genealogy societies, editor of the DAGV-News, one of the co-founders of the *International German Genealogy Partnership* (IGGP), co-founder of the *German-Australian Genealogy & History Alliance* (GAGHA) in 2016, IGGP Ambassador Award (2017) and appointed member of the *Académie Internationale de Généalogie* (AIG) in 2017.

If you have an interest in German genealogy this is a not to be missed event.

Full list of speakers and booking details very soon.

Women in Greek Cafés panel

The migrant experience of Greek women in Queensland was very different to those of their male family members.

In recognition of International Women's Day this year, the Women in Greek Cafés panel explores the unsung lives of many Greek migrant women. These women spent many hours behind the café counter, either cooking, cleaning, taking care of finances, taking care of the children and, often, all the above.

This panel discussion brings together the three women whose lives were shaped in the cafés of the early 20th century – they were the wives, mothers, daughters of Greek café proprietors, and in some instances, business owners themselves.

When: 10 March 2020 from 10.30am to 11.30am

Where: Auditorium 2, Level 2, State Library of Queensland

Cost: FREE

Registration essential. Go [here](#)



Members' Meeting

When: 18 March at 1.00pm

Topic: Movers and Shakers (or what moved my ancestors).

Guest Speaker: Chris Schuetz

Patterns of migration within Australia and beyond with examples from my mining and farming forebears. It may help some people to:

- 1) find their ancestors a generation back
- 2) find their ancestor's siblings
- 3) maybe understand why they moved

And the general principles are taken from detailed academic studies over 150 years.

Visitors welcome.



Take your **English research** further with two of the foremost, internationally recognised, English experts

Else Churchill and Alec Tritton

Thursday 26 March 2020 9am – 5pm

Kedron-Wavell Services Club

21 Kittyhawk Drive

Chermside

Note: This is a venue change from earlier promotions
Presented by Unlock the Past
More information [here](#)



Library Assistants' Team Meeting

If you are a Library Assistant do make sure you come along to the Team Meeting from 9.30am to 12.30pm on Friday, 27 March. Learn what's new in the library, ask about any area you are having a problem with and share morning tea and a chat with other LAs. A very important part of the morning.

There are lots of things happening and this is the place to find out what they are.

You will receive a personal invitation shortly. Please rsvp for catering purposes.

Education - Workshops/Courses/Seminars

Which DNA test is right for you?

Presenter: Chris Schuetz



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 June, we will look at the results received.

When: 13 March 2020

Where: QFHS Library and Resource Centre

[Register Online Now](#)

**History of Brisbane trams and
their contribution to Brisbane's
development**



Presenter: Robert Scott

Come along to hear about the introduction of trams to Brisbane in the 1880s, part of Brisbane's social heritage. The development of Brisbane's tram network is linked to the development of Brisbane suburbs and councils, including Chermside, Ithaca, Woolloowin, Hamilton, Mt Gravatt, Camp Hill, and Moorooka.

You will hear about the first power station in Brisbane city for the tram system and the network of substations along the tram routes. The open bogie cars of Brisbane trams were suited to Brisbane's sub-tropical climate.

Please note: this talk is on the third Friday of the month, as the second Friday of the month is Good Friday

When: 17 April 2020

Where: QFHS Library and Resource Centre

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We use Google for many reasons, however using Google for efficient family history research and to obtain good results requires a few extra skills.

Come along to this session and learn how to:

- Use the advanced search function areas
- Construct specific queries
- Set up alerts
- Use the reverse image search
- Use Google Maps and Google Earth

In addition, you will learn about some of the other features of Google that will be useful for your family research.

When: 8 May 2020

Where: QFHS Library and Resource Centre

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Members' Noticeboard



A large number of societies are now providing their journals electronically. QFHS members can access these publications from the library or from home. They are uploaded to the website weekly and can be viewed [here](#). Login required.

For the week ending 31 January there were overseas journals from **Cornwall, Isle of Wight, Northamptonshire, and Wiltshire** received and uploaded. From Australia there was **Narre Warren District, First Fleet Founders, GSQ, and RHSQ**.

Something for everybody.

If you have a specific area of interest you may choose to go to the [alphabetical order of societies](#) and make a choice. All electronic journals remain on the website for 12 months.

Members' Interests

Have you sent your list to be included? Have you checked if another member is researching the same family as you are? There are over 1000 individuals listed so do check them out [here](#). You never know who you might find.

Note: As mentioned above there may be some disruption to the online access pages until the NBN connection is completed. If you have an access problem please try again later.

Read any good books lately?

The QFHS Lending Library now has 435 titles available for you to borrow. A large majority of these titles are duplicates of those held in the Print Library. Go [here](#) and click on Library Catalogue. You can use a keyword and scroll down to Location = Lending Library.



If you simply want to browse all books available to borrow simply select Location = Lending Library and all 435 titles will be listed.

Check out the Book Reviews below.



Australian Treasures: The NAA and Trove

Presenters: Cara Downes and Sue Reid

What a great morning was had by all! I think we all learnt something new.

This seminar was held at the Queensland Baptists Centre on 1 February and attracted a large group of both members and non-members. It was a very informative session and thanks go to Cara and Sue for their excellent presentations.

Perhaps you were not able to attend due to distance or other reasons. The handouts from this seminar can now be accessed by members in line with our Online Data program.

Handouts from the Researching your Irish Ancestors presented by Charlotte Sale are also available online.

Click [here](#) and login to access this data.

Give us some feedback!

A lot of volunteers work long hours providing data and generally making the Library and Resource Centre not only a place to research but a pleasant and friendly environment for all members to meet and share stories, or just a cuppa and chat.



The most recent addition is the introduction of **Online Access** for you to search from home. Have you found it helpful? Do you have any comments or suggestions to improve it? Are you finding it difficult to navigate?

We would very much like you to tell us. To continue to provide resources that members want we first need you to tell us what you want.

Click [here](#) and tell us your story.

Web Wanderings

Australia

Queensland

Probate Notice Database

The Probate Notice Database contains a record of all public notices published in the *Queensland Law Reporter* since 1 January 2012 of applications for probate or letters or administration in relation to deceased estates lodged in the Supreme Court of Queensland.

The database is searchable by the family name of the deceased person as it appears in the public notice. Click [here](#) to access.

The Ryerson Index

What is the Ryerson Index you ask. The Ryerson Index is a free index to death notices appearing in Australian newspapers. The date range covered extends from the *Sydney Gazette* of 1803 up to newspapers published within the last week or so. The Index also includes many funeral notices, and some probate notices and obituaries. To search the index go [here](#) There are currently over 7 million records so I am sure at least one of those could be useful to you. This is a work in progress so visit regularly to find what's new.

If you are new to family history research you may not have heard of the Ryerson Index. Or perhaps you are not new but I was surprised to see so few hands raised at a recent seminar when asked if they used the Ryerson Index. We have at least one of our members who contributes to this index and if you are looking for something to fill your time you might like to make contact with the group and volunteer. Details can be found [here](#).

Victoria

Local and family history for the greater Barwon District

A lot of information here for anybody with Geelong and District links. As at 7th December 2019 there are more than 1,722,811 entries in the main database and other sundry indexes. Click [here](#) to access.

New South Wales

Braidwood Gaol Admissions Register 1856 - 1899

This website maintained by Peter Mayberry also includes information for those researching Irish history in NSW. Go [here](#)

NSW Return of All Convicts Assigned Between the 1st January and 31st March 1832

Over 1200 names in this [list](#). Other years can be found on Trove.

What's new on subscription sites

If you don't have a personal subscription to Findmypast or Ancestry, a visit to the Library and Resource Centre would be well worthwhile. Your membership entitles you to not only search the following sites but to browse the network where you will find hundreds of CDs from both within Australia and overseas. Might just be the resource you need to break through your brick wall.

- Ancestry
- British Newspaper Archive
- Emerald Ancestors (Northern Ireland)
- Findmypast
- Irish Ancestors (Ireland)
- TheGenealogist (United Kingdom)

You may have noticed films listed on Family Search advising you of the need to visit an affiliate library to view. QFHS is a **FamilySearch affiliate library**. Come in and talk with our friendly and helpful Library Assistants who will be happy to assist you to learn more. You simply need to ask.



[Britain, Royal and Imperial Calendars 1767-1973](#)

Do you have ancestors' who worked in the public sector? Explore the Royal and Imperial Calendars from 1767 to 1973 to find out about their career. This expansive collection of records from The National Archives includes lists of all the official departments of state, and branches of public service, the law, the church, national or commercial companies and institutions, and many additional articles of public utility.

[Durham Baptisms](#). Do you have ancestors' from Durham? This collection of records also includes bishop's transcripts.

[Durham Marriages](#) Did your ancestors come from Durham? Reveal your ancestors through these Durham marriages. You will find details of your relative's marriage centuries before the civil registrations of marriage.

[Durham Burials](#). Uncover your English ancestry through the Durham burial records. The records include bishop's transcripts and contain both Anglican and Quaker burials.

[British in India](#)

Over 7,000 new and exclusive records. These newest updates cover surnames beginning with the letters J and K.

[Yorkshire Memorial Inscriptions](#) Find their final resting places with over 10,000

additional memorial inscriptions. These new updates come from Calderdale Family History Society.

[Surrey Baptisms](#) Over 660,000 of them from across the county have been added. Each entry includes a transcript, and a digitised copy of the original document, held by Surrey County Council.

[Surrey Marriages](#) Once you've started to pinpoint your family's baptism records in Surrey, it's time to find more milestones - their marriage records. Over 390,000 new Surrey marriage records have been released.

[Surrey Burials](#) The Surrey Collection is rounded off with brand new burial records from parishes across the county, over 440,000 of them.



[Victoria, Australia, Coroner Inquest Deposition Files, 1840-1925](#)

An inquest is a legal inquiry held to establish the exact medical cause of death of an individual in certain circumstances. Where the inquest found a death was the result of a crime, it could also commit an accused for trial.

[Victoria, Australia, Divorce Records, 1860-1940](#)

This collection is comprised of divorce records from the state of Victoria in south-eastern Australia.

[Australia and New Zealand, Find A Grave Index, 1800s-Current](#)

Find A Grave provides users a virtual cemetery experience, with images of grave markers from around the world, as well as photos, biographies, and other details uploaded by volunteers. You may find obituaries and links to other family members included as well.



MyHeritage has already added over 50 million records in the month of January alone. As a member of QFHS you have access to MyHeritage in the library or from your own home computer.

To check what has been added go to the [MyHeritage Blog](#)

24-Hour Genealogy Webinar Marathon

The MyHeritage Marathon will begin on Friday, March 13 at 9 A.M. Sydney time and end on Saturday, March 14 at 9 A.M. Sydney time. A number of great sessions with

expert presenters including QFHS member, Helen Smith.

More information and how to register can be found [here](#)



What's Coming to FamilySearch in 2020

Note: FamilySearch is not a subscription site. Access is **free**.

With each new year, FamilySearch has goals for improving your experience and helping people around the world discover and connect with their families. So **What's new on FamilySearch in 2020?** Here's your sneak peek!

This year, FamilySearch will expand its reach by adding more languages and more social capabilities. Some key experiences such as the Family Tree and Memories will also have new and improved functionality.

[Australia, South Australia, Immigrants Ship Papers, 1849-1940](#)

Immigrants ships papers containing a record of births and deaths aboard, 1849-1867 and 1873-1885. Indexed records in collection include passenger lists arriving and departing from South Australia.

[South Africa, Civil Marriage Records, 1840-1973](#)

Marriage records from Cape Province, Transvaal, Natal, and Orange Free State. Records include birth dates, birthplace, and residence information.

[South Africa, KwaZulu Natal, Vital Records, 1868-1976](#)

This collection contains various birth, marriage, and death records for KwaZulu, South Africa, from 1868-1976

Overseas sites

Ireland

New Irish birth, marriage and death records made available for public to access online.

A new tranche of Irish civil records has been made available online to members of the public from 8 January 2020. The records, which include all civil marriage records from 1845, birth register records for 1919 and death register records for 1969, are now available online and free for the public to access. Check it out [here](#)

Irish Flax Growers 1796

The Irish Linen Board published a list of nearly 60,000 individuals in 1796. Spinning wheels were awarded based on the number of acres planted. People who planted one acre were awarded 4 spinning wheels and those growing 5 acres were awarded a loom. Donegal and Tyrone had the highest number of awards. Dublin and Wicklow were not included in this list. These extracts contain the name, parish and county. The barony was listed instead of the parish in a few of the records. Search the list [here](#)

Newly digitised maps of the Escheated Counties of Ireland

This is an atlas containing 31 facsimiles of maps of Ireland ca. 1594-1609. It was published by the Southampton Ordnance Survey office under the direction of Sir Henry James R. E. in 1861. Read the details [here](#)

Travelling to Ireland to trace your family?

A podcast and other tips that you might find of interest can be found [here](#)

England

Methodist Heritage

For people with a Methodist ancestor there are a number of ways of researching your family tree using Methodist archives and records. Check this site out [here](#)
If you are looking for a copy of your own certificate of baptism the register may still be in the building in which the baptism took place. In this case, you should be able to contact the current minister and obtain a copy. The **Our Church Search** can be found [here](#)

All Methodist registers dating from before 1837 are in the custody of the National Archives, and can be viewed online, for a fee [here](#)

General items of interest

RootsTech 2020 Free livestream schedule

If traveling to Salt Lake City wasn't an option for you, don't worry! Many of the sights and teachings from the conference will be streamed live from 26 February 2020. Find out more and register [here](#)

Have you often wished you could read old handwriting?

Would you like to get a few tips. The Wiltshire and Swindon Historical Society has a page dedicated to this. Go [here](#)

My Cathedral in the Sea - a history of the Conway

A search for a picture of the ship that brought his forebears to Australia will be the theme of Harley Stanton's presentation at the Queensland Maritime Museum. On the

last voyage to Moreton Bay in 1862 the Conway brought some 400 immigrants to Queensland. Among the passengers were ancestors of prominent Queenslanders. For further information contact the Museum [here](#)

When: Sunday, 22 March 2020 at 2:00pm

Where: Queensland Maritime Museum, 412 Stanley Street, South Brisbane, Queensland 4101

Cost: \$20 admission to Queensland Maritime Museum. A professionally catered afternoon tea on the day of this event is included in admission.

Go [here](#) to book.

Spanish Flu in 1919 and Coronavirus 2020

As Australia and the world learns more about coronavirus each day via their mobile devices and television screens, more than a century ago the world was learning to deal with another epidemic. An interesting comparison courtesy of ABC News can be found [here](#)

Book Review

Ghost Swifts, Blue Poppies and the Red Star.

by Nathan Dylan Goodwin

from the **Lending Library**

Review of Nathan Dylan Goodwin's book *Ghost Swifts, Blue Poppies and the Red Star: A Mrs McDougall Investigation*

This is a different style of book to Nathan Dylan Goodwin's usual work. Instead of a crime mystery involving much genealogical research, this book focuses on the aftermath of WWI and how people respond to its effects on their lives.



Mrs Harriet McDougall, the main character, is a widow with three sons who all joined up. Beginning with her village's celebrations at war's end, the book follows her as she seeks out the circumstances of her middle son's death in Flanders.

The book provides a first-hand view of the experiences of many families at this time,

capturing the grief, distress and dislocation of many. While travelling to various locations where her son served in England and Belgium, Mrs McDougall encounters unexpected connections and experiences a range of emotional responses, both her own and those of others.

Written in the same easy-to-read style as Nathan's other books, this is a thought-provoking story. It ends with several avenues of future inquiry for Harriet, leaving us anticipating the next Mrs McDougall mystery.

Recommended by Charlotte Sale and available in the QFHS Lending Library.

NB - this book is not shelved with the others by the same author. If you have a problem locating it ask a library assistant to help.

Bonus! this month we have 2 book reviews for you.

from the **Lending Library**

CENSUS

by Peter Christian and David Annal

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I was quite amazed to find that no one except myself had taken a book out from our lending library over the Christmas break. We all lead busy lives, but it is nice to make some 'me time' to read more about the lives and times of our forebears. What we read doesn't have to be about 'them', it's the learning about what went on in the previous centuries.

What I looked at over Christmas, was the book "Census", a book from the National Archives at Kew. I often wondered who were the people who conducted the enumerations, how did they get the job, how did they write everyone down and get it right considering a lot of people couldn't read and write. Why do I look at Ancestry and Find My Past and get different versions?

- Who did the enumerators report to, and how was their work then presented to the government?
- Who decided on what questions to be asked and what other questions were deemed of no importance or relevant to the times?

With so many questions to be answered, I found this book extremely interesting and an eyeopener to what the poor enumerators had to suffer to do their job for little reward. After Birth, marriages and deaths, census records are the next most useful resource for discovering our ancestors. It pays to understand what all those other coloured marks and numbers mean on the census we see.

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

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