



Special Snippets No 3

From the President's Desk to our valued members

As you know we took the decision to close the QFHS library before the main Government Stage 1 restrictions came in. We took this decision because our members fall into the 'at risk' category and some of our members and spouses have existing medical conditions which increases the COVID-19 risk.

We are sending Special Snippets regularly to keep our members informed regarding your library, your membership, and what your QFHS team is doing for you. With the library closure and members in isolation, we still want to keep our members engaged and able to research so we have introduced a number of initiatives:

- [Ask QFHS](#) – A free service. Send in a family history query and our experienced and friendly panel will investigate and hopefully find an answer.
- [Online Access](#) – There is a treasure trove of QFHS published datasets.
- On your QFHS home page – there is access to our library edition of [MyHeritage](#) with over 6,600 collections to search.
- Your [QFHS home page](#) is gold – there are also SIG presentations, education seminars and presentations from guest speakers, members' interests and more.

Yes, we are doing our best and we are working on more initiatives including more datasets previously unpublished. Yes, more Gold.

But even while the library is closed, we still receive the bills. Rent, insurance, electricity, internet, ISP costs and subscription sites (going unused in the library), plus a lot more. Marg Doherty, QFHS Treasurer,

keeps reminding me of these. In these turbulent times more money is going out than coming in. This is why it's important that we keep you as a member.

When it comes time to renew your membership we encourage you to do so and even convince that pesky neighbour to join, taking advantage of the discount offer available.

Let's support each other to keep the QFHS community viable into the future. We will recover, bigger and better than before this unprecedented interruption to our lives.

Stay safe and keep active online.

Chris Gibbs - QFHS President



Our latest dataset uploaded to the QFHS website contains records not previously published by any subscription site.

**[Queensland Customs House Shipping 1852 – 1899](#)
[Passengers and Crew](#)**

and

[Queensland Passports Index 1915 – 1925](#)

Queensland Customs House Shipping 1852–1899 provides details for 176,599 inwards passengers and crew from 1,340 ship voyages for the period 1852 to 1899; sourced from the Collector of Customs (Brisbane) records which are held at the National Archives of Australia, Brisbane (Shipping Inwards Series J715). The lists typically mention both passengers and crew.

Do check it out. It might just help to break down your brick wall.

Queensland Passports Index 1915 – 1925 is an index to a series of passport registers (NAA Series B.P.384/1) compiled by the Collector of Customs, Brisbane and currently held by the National Archives of Australia, Brisbane Office. During the 1974 flood in Brisbane the registers were submerged for 2–3 days. Following this, the records were transferred to the National Archives where action was taken to preserve them. The National Archives of Australia describes the Passport Registers as 'Core Records of Local Significance'. This index makes the

records more accessible to family and local historians.

Lots more to come in near future. Keep checking the website.

Ask QFHS

Do you have a family history or genealogy question?

Email our “Ask QFHS” service and one of our panel of experienced members will be in touch to help.

We've already been able to help a number of people with queries. Try us out!

For example, you could ask for help with

- Help with using our Online Access datasets
- Understanding an unfamiliar term or phrase in a record
- Get recommendations for where to find records
- and more...

Email askqfhs@qfhs.org.au and find out how we can help.



Don't forget to tell your friends about our [Special Offer](#) to join QFHS. While our library is closed we have discounted our membership.

Membership includes remote access to MyHeritage and QFHS data

Suggestions from fellow members

If you're stuck at home and have run out of things to do, at [Rootstech](#) there are loads of free videos to watch from past Rootstech conferences. Great speakers and loads of good info. The 2018 and 2019 US conferences especially have long lists of videos. (Item courtesy of Patrice Connelly).

You might be able to assist Patrice with her family search [here](#)

This is a wonderful website (© Lisa Conrad) for ancestors from the Orkney Islands, especially given accessing the [Scottish records](#) can get expensive.

And this one, while not comprehensive, helped me link a chain of ancestors via [Church memorials](#). It is now also on ancestry. (Items courtesy of Alison Armstrong).

I would like to suggest some podcasts called 'Hardcore History' by Dan Carlin. He tells a story like no one else!

Just to mention a couple, 'Blueprint for Armageddon' covers the lead up to and story of WW1 as few would have heard it. Be warned, it is a series of six episodes, some of which go for about five hours .. , and 'Supernova in the East' traces the rise of Japan and it's involvement in WW2.

Free episodes are available on podcast or can be downloaded [here](#) (Item Courtesy of Graeme Lean).

This is a video of the Pub Choir turned Couch Choir because of the coronavirus restrictions on gatherings. I found it very uplifting and cheered me up. Click [here](#) (Item courtesy of Barbara Sullivan-Windle).

I loved these blogs from BillionGraves.

[Keeping kids busy during coronavirus](#)
[Home school genealogy activities](#)

(Item courtesy of Nancy Edwards).

[Nominal Roll of Nashos who served 1951 to 1972.](#)

If you, or a family member, are not listed you might like to download the form and send to the relevant department. (Item courtesy of Marg Doherty).

[Flu, Society and the State: The Political, Social and the Economic implications of the 1918–1920 Influenza Pandemic in Queensland.](#)

Many members would have had family who died in the Influenza

Pandemic or Spanish Flu, and would like to read more in-depth on the Queensland issues. It is 356 pages so suggest you hesitate before pressing the print button. (Item courtesy of Kathy Heuston).

[Do Re Mi – Covic-19 version](#)

Another one to put a smile on your face. Make sure you turn the volume up. (Item courtesy of Bob Thistlethwaite).

Keep these great suggestions coming. Your favourite family history website, video, or anything else that might be of interest to fellow members to pass the time until we can all be out and about again.

Web Wanderings

For those with access to subscription sites.



Scotland

[Scotland, Ayrshire, Kilmarnock Valuation Roll 1874](#)

Do you have Scottish ancestors who owned or rented property in Kilmarnock? This valuation roll records allow you to trace who owned a property or the name of the person who was the tenant, and in some cases, a person may have been both.

[Scotland, Ayrshire, Kilmarnock Ratepayers 1838-1846](#)

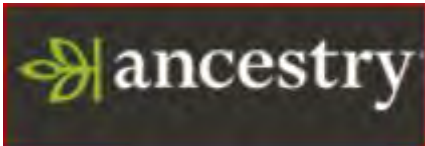
Explore this collection of ratepayers records from 1838 to 1846. The records can confirm your ancestors' occupation and name of the street where they lived.

[Scotland, Ayrshire, Kilmarnock Voters Lists 1837-1852](#)

Explore this collection of voters lists from 1837 to 1852. The records can give details such as your ancestors name and occupation, they also include the names of those who did not vote.

[How to Trace Scottish Ancestors](#)

Does your clan have Scottish origins? If you search all of Findmypast's records with 'Scotland' entered in the location search field you'll return over 53 million records, so it would be a mistake to underestimate what we can add to your Scottish family research.



[Victoria, Australia, Battle to Farm, 1919–1935](#)

Under the Discharged Soldiers Settlement Act, soldiers returning to Australia following World War I were leased or sold government-owned land to establish farms. In Victoria, over 2 million acres were granted to 8,600 farms across the state.

Other sites of interest

[British History Online makes all research content free to individual users](#)

British History Online is a digital collection of key printed primary and secondary sources for the history of Britain and Ireland, with a special focus on the period 1300 to 1800.

From 30 March, all transcribed content on BHO is now freely available to individual users, and will remain so until 31 July 2020. This post describes what's included in this move.

[Free and unlimited access to MyHeritage in colour](#)

Colorize your black & white family photos automatically with the world's best deep learning technology. Share with your family and friends and delight them.

Free signup is required. Photos uploaded without completing signup are automatically deleted to protect your privacy.

[Annual Croker Prize for Biography](#)

2020 might be the perfect year to write the story based around the Croker Prize theme of 'My Most Elusive Ancestor'. It is an opportunity for you to tell the story of a family member presented to be of interest to a general reader. The entry form and conditions for the prize are available on SAG website.

[Angie Bush talks DNA](#)

April 11 @ 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

\$25 members (GSQ and QFHS) – \$40 non-members

On behalf of the GSQ DNA Special Interest Group, GSQ is pleased to offer a very special session on DNA presented by Angie Bush who has agreed to doing two live online presentations. These will not be recorded. Book now to reserve your place for this event. Book through GSQ website and don't forget – QFHS members at GSQ member price.

Your DNA Guide--the Webinar *Series*

Understanding 23andMe is scheduled for Tuesday April 7 @ 8pm EST with a repeat LIVE webinar on Thursday April 8 @ 2pm EST.

Register for Tuesday's session [here](#)

Register for Thursday's session [here](#)

General items of interest



Blogs may be something new to you in your research but they can be very useful and may just give you ideas to follow up.

A few Australian names you may know with a Blog

[Shauna Hicks](#)

[Judy Webster](#)

[Jill Ball](#)

[Chris Goopy](#)

Still got lots of time on your hands? You may like to start your own family history Blog. A 'how to' can be found [here](#)

There are Blogs on every topic imagineable. Simply go to Google, use search words blog and whatever your interest is and could open up a whole new world to you in social media.

[Joy Murrin Family History Services](#)

Joy would like to assure you that she is still able to provide NSW Transcriptions. The NSW Registry has provided her with continued and safe access to the NSW Registrations.

Also during these isolating times, she has reduced the cost of Full Transcriptions to \$18.

[Privacy: how to protect your privacy online](#)

Free webinar from Judy Russell.

Electronic Journals

Check out the latest arrivals.

Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Essex, Hertordshire, Suffolk, West Middlesex. And closer to home Goulburn, Caloundra, Parramatta and many more.

Great reading and surprise finds often occur. Click [here](#)

Can you help?

The next Special Snippets will be dedicated to our Anzacs. Along with sites for you to research, I thought we might add some images of members' ancestors who served and who married in uniform. The names of the bride and groom and, if known, where they married. Attach and email your image [here](#)

Answer to the Challenge in Special Snippets No 2

How did you go?

From the MyHeritage home page, from the top right hand side select:

- Categories>Browse collection catalogue >Immigration & travel >Oceania. Select the Queensland, Australia, Passenger and crew lists 1852–1885.
- Search for John Kelly and 1865 his arrival date (57 results)
- Refine search results by arrival year (bottom left) Four results display.

John Kelly and his family arrived in Brisbane on the 'Venilia' on 19 October 1865. His occupation was listed as Gardner and Shepherd.

To see the citation details click on “cite and you will note that the owner or where these records were sourced from is not listed. Citations should always show the original owner of the records.

- This index was created from the Collector of Customs (Brisbane). Always add additional details to your citation as required.

Remember

Indexes can have errors. Always view the original if it exists.

The passenger list for the ‘Venilia’ can be found on the Queensland State Archives website. [The Queensland House Shipping 1852 – 1899 Passengers and Crew](#) uploaded to the website today has a list of the passengers on the "Venilia".

If you have any questions regarding the above you can contact me at: publicity@qfhs.org.au

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Maps can be useful.

Acknowledgements

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