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## Special Snippets No 7

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While the library has been closed, your QFHS team volunteers have done a terrific job, working overtime to load more datasets and subscription sites to keep our members engaged and able to research online. Zoom meetings have been arranged and have received positive feedback. The result is on the QFHS website.

This week, to enhance the Queensland School Category, we have loaded three new datasets:

- 1 Queensland State School Committee Members
- 2 Queensland Teachers Index
- 3 Queensland Public Service Index

Great additional resources when researching Queensland families. This brings the total data rows to over 4,500,000. This doesn't include Members' Interests, Cemetery Transcripts, the Queensland Family Historian, and SIG presentations.

If you received your QFHS membership renewal notice, as I did recently, we encourage you to renew. Our members are the foundation of our society and your fees fund the majority of our operations. Your Society needs your support, not just because of diminished revenue during COVID-19, but because QFHS membership is great value.

Stay safe and keep active online.

Chris Gibbs  
QFHS President

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Do you have any teachers in your family tree? This month we have three Queensland datasets for you to search. Enjoy!

### [Queensland Teachers Index 1907 – 1920](#)

This publication indexes the teacher admissions, promotions, transfers and resignations, and more. It covers entries for student teachers and pupil teachers through to head teachers and inspectors, as well as relieving, part-time, and itinerant teachers.

### [Queensland State School Committee Members 1876 – 1899](#)

This publication indexes 12,657 names from Notices in the Queensland Government Gazette between 1876, when the School Committee notices commenced, and 1899. The Gazette Notices cover more than 300 different schools from all regions of Queensland. They include well known schools such as South Brisbane, Bulimba, Bundaberg, Charleville, Charters Towers, Cairns, Mackay, Townsville, and Warwick and others less well known such as Alsatia, Boggy Creek, Chinaman's Creek, Frederick, Lord John Swamp, One-Eye Waterhole, Postman's Ridge, and Te Kowai.

### [Queensland Public Service Index 1864 – 1948](#)

This index of 65,369 entries lists the name, present office, location, date of birth, date of initial appointment, and the date, page and Volume reference in the Queensland Government Gazette (or Blue Book for 1870–1879) for officers employed in the various departments of the Queensland Civil and Public Service between 1864 and 1948.

Lists indexed include:

#### Civil Service

1864 – 1867, 1891 – 1894, 1895 and 1896 from the *Queensland Government Gazette* 1870, 1872, 1873 and 1879 from the *Queensland Blue Book*.

#### Public Service

1897–1917, 1920, 1924–1930 and 1948 from the *Queensland Government Gazette*

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For those members who like to 'dig a little deeper' into available data you might like to follow a sample search courtesy of Bob McAllister before you start.

## The early history of a school committee

When it was first opened, the school just north of Brisbane that is now called Albany Creek State School was named after a different local watercourse. Use [Queensland Schools Past and Present](#) to find the original name of the school, its opening date and the year in which the name was changed.

Use [Queensland School Committee Members](#) to find the date on which its first School Committee was appointed?

- How many members did it have?
- What was the shortest term of office of any of those members? Why?
- Were any of the same people still serving on the Committee when the name change took effect?
- Who were the first new members appointed to the School Committee after the name change? When did that happen? Why were they appointed? What was the combined length of service of the men they replaced?

There was a requirement that Committee Members reside in the district of the school they supported. Two of the original Committee resigned their places in 1879 because of this. Look in the QSCM for evidence that at least one of them resumed his support for schooling in his new community.

It was not a requirement that appointees to the Committee should be parents of children enrolled at the school. Use the [Queensland School Pupils Index](#) to find whether there is a surname of any Committee member that is not found in the nineteenth century pupil enrolments. (Remember that the children might also be grandchildren, nephews or nieces of the Committee member).

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## Coming soon

Commonwealth Electoral Rolls (Queensland) 1903 – 1969

- Railway employees
  - Horse, cattle, and sheep brands
  - The Army Index
  - and more
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## Happenings



### Members' Meeting

The Members' Meeting in June will again be conducted online using Zoom. Feedback from members who attended the May meeting has been very positive. Do give it a try. Guests are welcome to register.

When: 17 June 2020 from 7.30pm

If you would like to 'attend' you will need to register. These meetings are free of charge but registration is required to enable us to send attendees a link to connect to the Zoom meeting. A wonderful opportunity for those unable to attend meetings at the library due to distance or mobility.

A short meeting for Chris Gibbs, QFHS President, to update you on what's happening in the library, followed by a presentation by QFHS member, Chris Schuetz.

#### *Movers and shakers, or what moved my ancestors.*

Chris will speak on patterns of migration within Australia and beyond with examples from his mining and farming forebears. The general principles are taken from detailed academic studies over 150 years.

You can log in from 7:00 pm.

[Register for Members' Meeting here](#)

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## Ask QFHS

Have you sent in a quick family history or genealogy question to test our panel of experienced experts?

For example, you could ask for help with

- Finding out how to use a particular website or resource
- Understanding an unfamiliar term or phrase in a record

- Get recommendations for where to find records
- and more...

Email [askqfhs@qfhs.org.au](mailto:askqfhs@qfhs.org.au) and find out how we can help.

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### Special Interest Groups (SIGs)



Some SIGs are holding their meetings online using Zoom. The following meetings are upcoming in June and if you would like to attend please email your group Convener for more information.

- 06 June – [Queensland Pre-Separation Group](#)
- 06 June – [DNA Interest Group](#)
- 13 June – [Irish Interest Group](#)
- 14 June – [Colonial India and the Far East Interest Group](#)
- 20 June – [TMG Interest Group](#)

Visit the [Groups](#) page on the website for more information.

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## Education - Workshops/Courses/Seminars



### Burial in Queensland: both an end and a means

Online session

Presenter: Dr Kerry Raymond

Kerry will explain how death and burial practices in Queensland have changed over time, and the resources you may be able to use to find fascinating clues to advance your family history research. More information can be found [here](#)

When: 5 June 2020

Cost: \$11 QFHS and GSQ members and \$15 all others

[Register online now](#)

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What does my DNA test tell me?

Online session

Presenter: Chris Schuetz

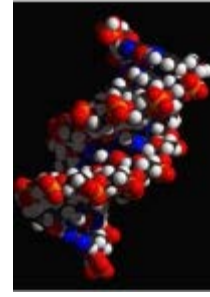
Attendees from 13 March session only.

This session allows you to discuss your test results since the March session, find out what the results mean, and what you should do next. More information can be found [here](#)

When: 12 June 2020

Cost: \$11 QFHS and GSQ members and \$15 all others

[Register online now](#)



## Queensland Globe: get hands-on with Queensland geography

Online session – repeated by popular demand

Presenter: Kerry Raymond

A hands-on workshop to explore Queensland Globe – the interactive mapping website providing access to the spatial information held by the Queensland Government. This powerful tool can be overwhelming but with a helping hand, it unlocks extensive knowledge about our state. This will book out fast!

More information can be found [here](#)

When: 19 June 2020

Cost: \$11 QFHS and GSQ members and \$15 all others

[Register online now](#)

## Queensland School Records: What can I learn?

Online session

Presenter: Rosemary Kopittke



Learn how to find information about the school days of our family. We may think of admission registers and be happy to locate our family in these – now find out how and why we should check out the original record. Many other records also exist: corporal punishment registers, school inspectors' reports, lists of promotions for teachers, and much more. More information can be found [here](#)

When: 26 June 2020 from 10.00 to 11.30am  
Cost: \$11 QFHS and GSQ members and \$15 all others

[Register online now](#)



## Google Maps for family history

Presenter: Susie der Kinderen

Online session

Google Maps is a web mapping service, which provides detailed information including satellite imagery, aerial photography, street maps, and 3600 interactive panoramic views of streets. More information can be found [here](#)

When: 3 July 2020 from 10.00am to 11.30am  
Cost: \$30 QFHS and GSQ Members \$15 all others

[Register online now](#)

## The Genealogical Proof Standard: are your family history conclusions acceptable?

Online session

Presenter: Charlotte Sale



Can you be sure that the information and stories you gather, and the conclusions that you draw, are valid? This session will show you how the *Genealogical Proof Standard* can make your family history both

trustworthy and longstanding. More information can be found [here](#)

When: 10 July 2020 from 10.00 to 11.30am

Cost: \$11 QFHS and GSQ members and \$15 all others

[Register online now](#)

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## Finding your family: a beginners course in research

Presenter/s: QFHS Tutors

**This course will be presented online**

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 12 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 and online access to Members' area on the website.

When: Commences 13 July 2020 10.30am to 12.00 noon

Cost: \$55.00 QFHS and GSQ members and \$80 all others.

**Note: Limited places available – book early to avoid disappointment**

[Register online now](#)

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## Using GENUKI to aid family history research in the United Kingdom and Ireland.

Online session

Presenter: Dr Geoff Morgan



This presentation will provide you with an understanding of how this complex web-portal is structured, so that it can be used effectively during your research for ancestors who lived in the UK and Ireland. More information can be found [here](#)

When: 24 July 2020

Cost: \$11 QFHS and GSQ members \$15 all others

[Register online now](#)



## The Huguenots: the almost forgotten people

Presenter: Robert Nash

The Huguenots were the Protestants of France. In the sixteenth, seventeenth, and eighteenth centuries, they suffered severe persecution in their homeland because they did not follow the Catholic faith. More information can be found [here](#)

When: 25 July 2020

Cost: \$11 QFHS and GSQ members and \$15 all others

Note: No decision at this stage if this event will be presented online or at the library.

[Register online now](#)

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## Web Wanderings

Researching Queensland Cemeteries?

You may find information [here](#) Item courtesy of Bev Moore.

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[ANZAC Memorial, 1914–1918](#)

This database contains *The Anzac Memorial*, a book compiled to commemorate those who served in the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps (ANZAC) and died in World War I.

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[Australia, WWII Second Australian Imperial Forces and Citizen Military Forces Service Records, 1939-1947](#)

This collection contains service documents for individuals serving for the AIF (Second Australian Imperial Forces) or CMF (Citizen Military Forces) during WWII.

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[Midlands, England, Electoral Registers, 1832–1965](#)

This database contains voters lists—including electoral registers, burgess rolls, poll books, and absent voters lists—for Birmingham and some of north Warwickshire.

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[England & Scotland, Select Cemetery Registers, 1800–2016](#)

UPDATED – This collection contains burial registers from select cemeteries in England and Scotland. Additional cemetery registers will be added in future updates.

Information found in the burial registers includes interment number, name of the deceased, residence, age, place of death, date of burial, location of the grave, and the name of the person who conducted the burial service.

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[About UK, Imperial Yeomanry Records, 1899–1902](#)

UPDATED – This collection comprises attestation and discharge documents from the War Office of men who enrolled in the Imperial Yeomanry during the South African War. The Imperial Yeomanry was a mounted volunteer force of the British army, made up of just under 35,000 men, and saw action in the Second Boer War between 1899 and 1902. The force was disbanded in 1908.

The documents contain details of each man's place of birth, age and occupation and a full record of his service.

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[London, England, Newgate Calendar of Prisoners, 1785–1853](#)

This collection contains a calendar of prisoners for the years 1785 to 1853. These calendars consist of lists, for the most part printed, of prisoners tried at Assizes and Quarter Sessions.

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### [British Army Service Records](#)

UPDATE – Each record comprises a transcript, and most include several black and white images (ranging from 1–100) of the records of your ancestors who served as officers and other ranks in the British Army.

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### [Royal Engineers Journals 1939–1945](#)

Each record is available in a PDF format. Use the previous and next buttons at the top of the page to browse through the publication. The PDF search experience can be different from searching transcribed records. Use our search tips below to get the most out of this collection.

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### [Royal Air Force, Operations Record Books 1939–1945](#)

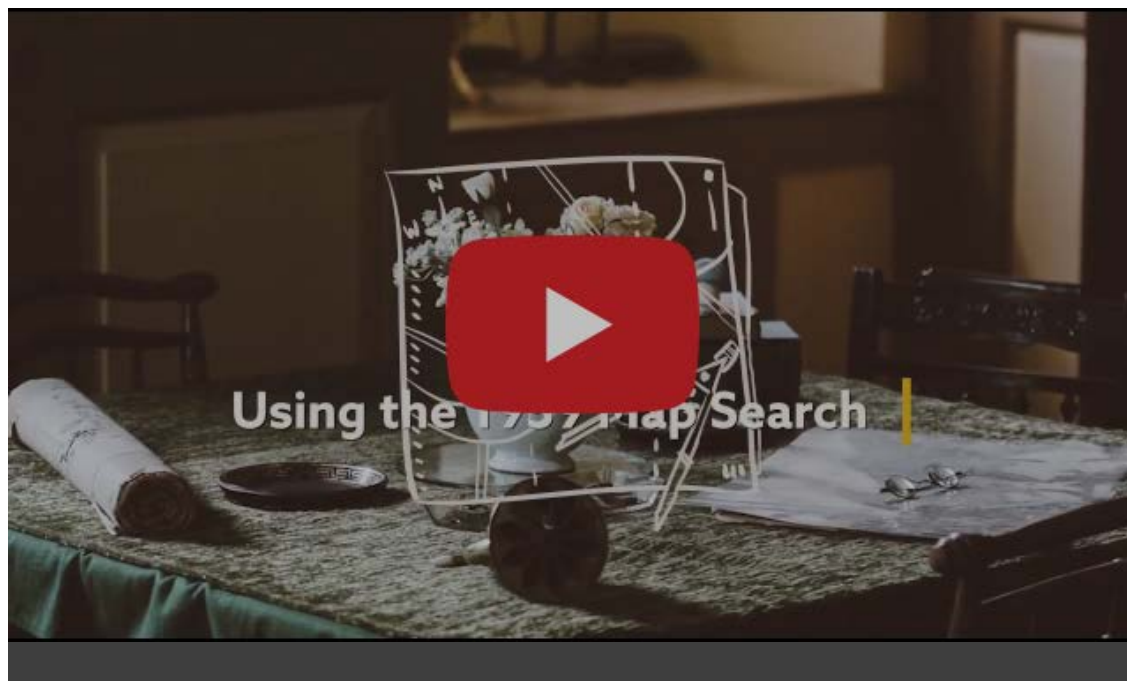
Each record includes a transcript of the original record. The amount of information you will see will vary.

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### [British Royal Air Force, Combat Reports 1939–1945](#)

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Use FMP exclusive 1939 Register map search to pinpoint homes, towns and families at the outbreak of war.

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## General items of interest

### QSA & HGRC June seminar (online)

Join us online as guest speaker, Timothy Roberts, Visiting Fellow Griffith University Harry Gentle Resource Centre illustrates some artistic highlights of pre-separation Queensland, emphasising the themes of exploration, establishment, and edification.

Tim's visual journey through Queensland's history will begin with artists who were inspired to create work during successive waves of exploration along the Queensland coast; followed by visual representations of the communities that emerged throughout the early decades of settlement. The presentation will conclude with a selection of works of art which evidence individual achievement in the young colony.

Follow the link [here](#) to register. Item courtesy Marg Doherty.

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Want to know more about researching First Fleeters?

The Fellowship of First Fleeters is an organisation comprised of descendants of those who arrived in Sydney Cove with the First Fleet on 26 January 1788. The Fellowship was formed in 1968.

Click [here](#) for more information. Item courtesy of Alison Gardiner.

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Like a break from researching?

Thousands of free *jigsaw puzzles* that will knock your socks off. Puzzle of the Day, full screen puzzles and a whole lot more. Click [here](#). Item courtesy Bev Moore.

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## Celtic Connections Virtual Conference

When: This virtual conference is available for viewing July 31 – August 31.

Conference and Registration Information can be found [here](#). Item courtesy of Charlotte Sale.

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Does your membership expire on  
30 June?

[Renew Membership now](#)

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