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Do you have some family history research goals that you'd like to achieve this year?

Why not take a look at the range of workshops and interesting talks that we already have lined up for the coming months? Many of these are highlighted in this month's Snippets and all of our events are still being delivered online so you can learn and contribute from the comfort of home.

This month we also welcome many new members who have joined QFHS over the December/January period. We regularly run Welcome and Orientation sessions to help members discover the great range of resources that QFHS offers through our Library and Resource Centre and online, through our website. Already a member but in need of a refresher course? The Orientation sessions are also available to you and will bring you up to date with the latest materials and ways of searching.

We're also launching a call for volunteers. As the Resource Centre opens up again and as we continue to work hard digitising data sets and providing assistance to more remote members, we need hands on deck. Please read our volunteer section below and contact us if you'd like to be involved....it's a great way to be of service to your society and community.

Finally we would like to mark the passing in January of Michael Bryce AM AE KStJ, who was our Patron from 2003 to 2008. Michael held the role during the period Dame Quentin Bryce was Governor of Queensland. During that time also, the Society moved to the current premises in Gaythorne. Michael officially opened the new premises on 20 June 2005, and a plaque commemorating the occasion is displayed in our meeting room. A letter of condolence has been sent to Dame

Quentin.

Best wishes and happy researching,

**Pat Smith**

**Editor**

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## **Calendar**

**February 2021**

- 17 Feb - [Members' Meeting - St Lucia and the Art Deco Mansion:  
What drove the man who built it? With guest speaker Ruth Bonetti](#)
- 20 Feb - [The Master Genealogist User Group](#)
- 22 Feb - [Finding Your Family: a beginners course in research](#)
- 26 Feb - [Fridays@QFHS: Researching convict ancestors: Delving into NSW and  
Tasmanian records](#)
- 27 Feb - [New Members' Welcome and Orientation](#)

March 2021

- 1 Mar - [Finding Your Family: a beginners course in research](#)
- 6 Mar - [Family Tree Maker User Group](#)
- 6 Mar - [DNA Interest Group](#)
- 8 Mar - [Finding Your Family: a beginners course in research](#)
- 9 Mar - [The 1939 Register: Why is it invaluable?](#)
- 10 Mar - [Management Committee Meeting](#)
- 12 Mar - [Fridays@QFHS - Building research trees at Ancestry](#)
- 13 Mar - [Scottish Interest Group](#)
- 13 Mar - [Queensland Pre-Separation Group](#)
- 15 Mar - [Finding Your Family: a beginners course in research](#)
- 17 Mar - [Members' Meeting - Quarantined in Queensland..with Cara Downs, NAA](#)
- 19 Mar - [New Members' Welcome and Orientation](#)
- 20 Mar - [Family History Writing Group](#)
- 20 Mar - [The Master Genealogist User Group](#)
- 21 Mar - [Welsh Interest Group](#)
- 22 Mar - [Finding Your Family: a beginners course in research](#)
- 25 Mar - [English West Country Group](#)
- 27 Mar - [Central European Group](#)

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## **Happenings**

**Don't forget our February members'  
meeting**

**St Lucia and the Art Deco**



## Mansion: what drove the man who built it?

Presenter: Ruth Bonetti

When: 17 February 7.30 - 9.30 pm

Join **Ruth Bonetti** as she expands on her grandfather W.A. Back's role in heading the Coronation Park Ltd syndicate of graziers and businessmen who developed St Lucia. What drove the wheeler-dealer WA, to become in his time Australia's richest Finn? It is an extraordinary tale of success, failure, hard work, and dreaming. A new book, *St Lucia and the Art Deco Mansion; What drove the man who built it?* completes Ruth's heritage trilogy by expanding on events already outlined in *Midnight Sun to Southern Cross*.

Please Note: This session will be presented online.

[Register Online Now](#)



## Fridays@QFHS

Our range of talks for 2021 will offer great information and insights from our experienced speakers. **All talks are currently being offered online.** Register early to ensure your spot.

## Researching convict Ancestors: Delving into NSW and Tasmanian records.

Presenter: Jan Richardson

When: Friday 26 February



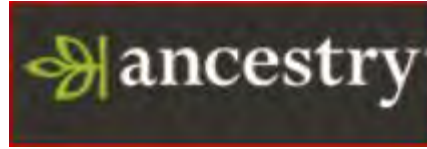
How do the convict records of New South Wales and Van Diemen's Land differ?

And how can these records be combined with civil records and newspaper reports to produce a more accurate and complete picture of the life of your convict ancestor?

[Register Online Now](#)

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## Building research trees at Ancestry



**Presenter: Christine Woodlands**  
**When: Friday 12 March 10.00 - 12.00noon**

Planning on developing a new skill this year ? This *Fridays@QFHS* workshop might be what you're looking for.

An essential tool for solving your DNA dilemmas is quickly building ancestral trees for your genetic cousins. In this session, we will explore using the power of Ancestry hints to build trees to search for the common ancestors your genetic cousins share. The session will include case studies and useful resources will be provided to use after the session.

[Register Online Now](#)



## Need help searching for New Zealand Ancestors ?

**Presenter: Sarah Hewitt**  
**When: Friday 16 April 10.00am - 11.30am**

*Fridays@QFHS* have announced a new event:

### **New Zealand Sources**

New Zealand Society of Genealogists Board Member, Sarah Hewitt, will present an overview of the records available to find your family in New Zealand including how to access them from outside of New Zealand.

[Register Online Now](#)



## Crafting genealogical proof

**Presenter:** Cyndi Ingle

**When:** Friday, 30 April 2021 - 10.00 am - 11.30 am

**Limit:** 25

An introduction to 'the what', 'the why', and 'the how' of writing a genealogical proof statement, summary, or argument.

Cyndi will show you how to take your research and deductions from documents (and your brain) and put it together on paper for future generations and researchers.

The session will be run on Zoom.

Our speaker: Cyndi Ingle, a genealogist for more than 40 years, is the creator of CyndisList.com and the author of numerous articles and three books. Cyndi is an expert in using technology for genealogy, research in the United States, and organizational methodology.

[Register Online Now](#)

## Convicts at Moreton Bay: Beyond the Chronological Register of Prisoners

**Presenter:** Jan Richardson

**When:** Friday 14 May 10.00 - 11.30 am



Regardless of whether your convict ancestor's stay at Moreton Bay was short or long, how can you find information about why they went there, what happened to them at Moreton Bay, and what effect it had on the rest of their lives?

Beyond the Moreton Bay Chronological Register of Prisoners, records you may not

have consulted include the Book of Public Labour, the Book of Trials, convict hospital registers, and the correspondence of the Moreton Bay commandants.

[Register Online Now](#)



## **AFFHO Congress 1- 5 August 2021**

**Here's the latest update from AFFHO Congress Committee**

AFFHO is pleased to announce that the full program for the 2021 Norfolk Island Congress (1-5 August) is now on the Congress [website](#).

There is an excellent mix of Norfolk Island genealogy and history, DNA, Australasian and English information, from a wide variety of speakers who will appear in person. You will also have time to explore this world class island, visit key venues and learn about its unique history. This is an opportunity to travel 'overseas' safely, while staying in Australia (for New Zealanders, it will be overseas within the Aus/NZ bubble.)

Early Bird pricing ends on **28 February**. You can register [here](#).

For those still thinking about coming, there are limited places available (200 max), and there are limited flight options available from Sydney, Brisbane and New Zealand. Currently, sufficient flight places are reserved by the Norfolk Island Travel Agency, but these will be released soon.

**If you plan to attend and, should QFHS decide to have a table at the event, would you be able to assist? If so please email the Vice-President at [vice-president@qfhs.org.au](mailto:vice-president@qfhs.org.au) to discuss further.**

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**FHF REALLY USEFUL  
Family History Show  
Saturday 10th April 2021**



FHF Really Useful Family History Show will shortly be announcing details of their workshop program. 18 talks have already been listed with more to come.

ALL TALKS will be available for at least 7 days

For more information on speakers and presentations and to book tickets see the FHS website [here](#).



## Family History Down Under 2021

23-26 March 2021

Are you fascinated with your family history? Are you excited to learn about it from the world's best experts?

FHDU 2021 is now taking bookings for its 4 day fully virtual (online) conference.

Here's a snapshot of some of the conference offerings that could help build your knowledge and skills.

### **FHDU 2021 includes:**

A 4 day / 4 track conference

6 webinar presentations each day — 24 in all.

Plus a further 50 as recordings for a total of 70 presentations in all. All will be available to view online for up to 3 months.

**Track 1: DNA Research — Tue 23 March + 25 recordings**

**Track 2: Researching abroad — Wed 24 March + 25 recordings**

**Track 3: Australia & New Zealand — Thur 25 March + 25 recordings**

**Track 4: Methodology & General — Friday 26 March + 25 recordings**



For full details of the program including sessions and speakers see the FHDU conference website [here](#).

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## Reminder

### RootsTech Connect starts in two weeks.

You can still register for this free online event starting 25th February. See what it's all about [here](#).

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#### **Queensland Defence Force General Orders 1885-1902**

This dataset provides details for over 31,100 names mentioned in the General Orders for the Queensland Defence Force as mentioned in the Queensland Government Gazette. The notices cover a wide range of topics including appointments, resignations, transfers, promotions, lists of those for service in South Africa, and more.

#### **Supreme Court - Brisbane Originating Summonses 1901-1906**

This is an index to the Queensland Supreme Court, Southern District, Brisbane series SCT/CJ covering the period 1901–1906 (SCT/CJ1–SCT/CJ36) which is held at the Queensland State Archives.

#### **George Bond Photographic Collection**

This remarkable collection comprises photographs of thousands of cemetery headstones—predominately from Queensland but many also from New South Wales, South Australia, Tasmania, Victoria and Western Australian cemeteries.

**Note: you need to login to QFHS website to access these datasets**

#### **Open data – [Police Gazette Inquests 1875-1885](#) (No login required)**

A historical index of the Queensland Police Gazette Inquests records from 1875-1885 taken from the Queensland Government Open Data Portal.

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## Education - Workshops/Courses/Seminars

### The 1939 Register: why is it invaluable?

Presenter/s: Dr Penny Walters



The UK 1939 Register was used to produce 40 million Identity Cards during World War II, when rationing was introduced.

The Register provides a huge bridge between the last published census (1911) and 1939. People were more honest in their information-giving, providing exact date of birth and relationships, as they wanted their rations.

From 1948 the Register was used as the National Health Service Register, and was updated until 1991, giving women's new surnames when they got married, hand written above their name.

The online UK 1939 Register is a relatively unknown tool for genealogists from outside the UK.

**When:** 9 March 2021 from 7.00pm to 8.30pm

**Cost:** \$15 QFHS and GSQ members and \$25 all others

**Where:** In your own home - **online via ZOOM**

[Register online now](#)

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## Members' Noticeboard



**GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF QUEENSLAND Inc**  
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### Invitation to attend GSQ SIG meetings.

QFHS and GSQ have agreed to extend a welcome to each other's members at either Society's Special Interest Group meetings. We ask that members contact the convenor of a group a week or so before a meeting they intend to attend, to let them



# Library & Resource Centre Opening Hours

## COVID-19 restrictions at our Library and Resource Centre in 2021

Restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic are easing, but the Management Committee is taking a cautious approach to ensure the ongoing safety of members and volunteers.

We begin 2021 by removing the need to book before you attend our Library and Resource Centre and returning to the January 2020 opening hours.

<b>Monday (2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> of month)</b>	<b>6 pm – 9 pm</b>
<b>Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday</b>	<b>10 am -- 3 pm</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>10 am – 4 pm</b>
<b>Sunday (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> of month)</b>	<b>10 am – 4 pm</b>
<b>Sunday (4<sup>th</sup> &amp; 5<sup>th</sup> of month)</b>	<b>1 pm – 4 pm</b>

Other conditions still apply for the time being, including filling in Contact Register sheets, maintaining social distance, and no direct access to the print library. Further information about visiting arrangements will continue to be updated on the QFHS website and via Snippets as we progress in the New Year.

We hope to be able to allow meetings in the library again sometime later in the year.



## Registering for Zoom presentations

Just a friendly reminder that your email address is vital when you register for a Zoom presentation. Please double check that you have entered a correct and current email address.

We have had a couple of instances recently where people have missed sessions because they gave the incorrect email address. For instance, instead of an email address <name>@[gmail.com](mailto:example@gmail.com), they have put

<name>[@gmail.com.au](mailto:).

Often we need to change the Zoom link at the last minute, especially with free events, and if you do not supply a valid email address, you will miss out on any last minute notifications.

Immediately after registering for an event on Eventbrite, you should receive a confirmation email. If you do not receive this confirmation, it may be that the email address you gave was not valid. In fact, you should receive three emails generated by Eventbrite: one immediately after you register, a second two days before the event, and a third shortly before the event begins. If you are not receiving these notifications, email [marketing@qfhs.org.au](mailto:marketing@qfhs.org.au) so we can check.

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## **VOLUNTEERING**

Have you considered volunteering? No better way to get more from your membership. Whatever your skills you would be most welcome. We have a wide range of needs from desk work to communications to errands to housekeeping.

The largest category of volunteers is, of course, our Library Assistants (LAs) who keep our Library and Resource Centre functioning smoothly and provide essential support to members. Now the Centre is coming back to life, we have some LA vacancies, specifically on Saturdays and Thursdays.

**One day per month, 10 to 4 Saturday, 10 to 3 Thursday.**

For more information about the volunteering program or to register an interest, please contact the Secretary. She would be pleased to tell you more. ([secretary@qfhs.org.au](mailto:secretary@qfhs.org.au) or (07) 3856 2724)



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## Exciting new project needs your help.

If you are isolated at home and want to do something worthwhile and interesting, then the QFHS Digitisation Team has a project that we think will interest you.

**Project aims.** To develop and promote a new research option for those searching for families in early Queensland.

### Project steps

1. we are indexing all names contained in the books nominated for the annual QFHS Family History Book Award and local histories currently available in the Research Library.
2. include all names in QFHSdatasearch.
3. re-catalogue the books in these categories and make them available to borrow by members.

If members are unable to visit the library due to distance or disability, they will be able to request more information on any individual e.g. information about families and their everyday lives. A valuable asset to researchers.

### How you can help.

The QFHS Digitisation Team is seeking volunteers to help index these treasures by inputting information from scanned book indexes provided into a spreadsheet. You can choose the book you would like to index, or we can pick one for you.

All you need to be involved is a computer, internet connection, Excel, and a willingness to learn. No prior historical knowledge or training is necessary. There is also no minimum time commitment for volunteers. Whether you can do a little or a lot, all contributions are welcome. There are 200+ books to index so, as they say, the more volunteers the merrier.

For more information and to register your interest, contact [digitisation@qfhs.org.au](mailto:digitisation@qfhs.org.au)

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## Lilian Watson Family History Award

This annual award is open to the general public including QFHS and AFFHO members .



See [here](#) for further information on the award and to access an entry form.

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## Web Wanderings

Subscription sites are still offered at-home through the QFHS website. If you have any problem accessing them please email [secretary@qfhs.org.au](mailto:secretary@qfhs.org.au)



### New UK collections

#### [Westminster, London, England, Non-Conformist Baptisms, Marriages and Burials, 1841-1964](#)

This collection comprises baptism, marriage and burial records from Non-Conformist congregations in the City of Westminster.

These records may be particularly useful for researchers who can't find their relatives among Church of England records.

#### [UK, Registers of Habitual Criminals and Police Gazettes, 1834-1934](#)

This collection comprises registers and weekly newspapers with details of criminals, including habitual criminal registers, photographs and physical descriptions, Police Gazettes, Supplements 'A' and Informations (London Area)

#### [UK, After-Trial Calendar of Prisoners, 1855-1931](#)

This collection includes after-trial calendars of prisoners tried at Assizes and Quarter Sessions. The calendars include the following information: number; name; age; trade; previous convictions; name and address of committing magistrates; date of warrant; when received into custody; offence as charged in the commitment; name of the victim; when tried; before whom tried; verdict of the jury; sentence or order of the court.

#### [UK, Prison Commission Records, 1770-1951](#)

This collection comprises a variety of records including registers of prisoners and

habitual criminals, photograph albums, minute books, visitors' books, order books, journals, assizes and quarter sessions calendars and other records relating to various prisons in England and Wales, to Gibraltar prison and to some ship prisons.

To search login to QFHS Website and select [Online Access](#)

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## **Catholic Ancestors**

### [New York Catholic Parish Registers Browse](#)

Discover your Catholic ancestor in New York Roman Catholic sacramental registers. Discover when and where your ancestor's baptism took place, as well as your ancestor's parents' names. The Archdiocese of New York is the second largest archdiocese in the United States.

#### **Other recent releases:**

### [Shropshire Quarter Sessions Rolls Index, 1831-1920](#)

Discover if your Shropshire ancestors faced their local judge in these useful court indexes. From police reports to affidavits, many different court records can be found in this collection.

### [Yorkshire, Ecclesall Bierlow Workhouse Admissions 1883-1915](#)

Covering parts of Yorkshire and Derbyshire, this collection can help you trace relatives on the breadline. In the records, you'll discover birth dates, occupations and more.

To search login to QFHS Website and select [Online Access](#).

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## **February 2021 - Collections Updates**



**Members continue to enjoy free access to over 6700 MyHeritage collections.**

These include:

- Census and Voter Lists
- Family Trees
- Birth, Marriage and Death records



- Photos
- Military
- Newspapers
- Immigration and Travel

A number of collections have just been updated so you might now find that missing piece of information.

To access log in to the QFHS website, click on [Online Access](#) and select **MyHeritage**.

**Don't forget to read and follow the instructions on how to log into the MyHeritage database.**



**Queensland,  
discover records with your  
family name!**

**FamilySearch** offers a quick search option across millions of free records. Try entering your surname to see if you can find more family members. You will need to set up a free account before accessing the records. Find out more [here](#).

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## **Online Journals**

BCGS Cariboo Notes  
Bulletin  
Caloundra Clipper  
Cheshire Ancestor  
Cronicl Powys  
Descent  
Hertfordshire People  
JGSGB  
Journal  
Lancashire  
London Westminster Metropolitan  
Patrick Plains Gazette  
Pivot Tree  
Ormskirk District FHS Family Historian  
CQ Genie Ologist  
Ipswich Bremer Echoes

Isle of Wight Journal  
Narre Warren FHG  
RHSQ Bulletin  
First Fleet Founders  
Footprints

You can access the full list of 2020 additions by going to the QFHS Website and clicking on the Resources tab. From the drop down list click on electronic journals.

**Note: you need to be logged in to the QFHS Website to access these resources.**

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## General items of interest

### Special Interest Groups (SIGs)



Starting to update your diary for 2021? Check the Calendar on QFHS website for upcoming SIG meetings. At this stage meetings are still being conducted online and registration is required. If you are still unsure about ZOOM and using it please do contact your [Convenor](#) for assistance.

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#### Central European Group - upcoming events in 2021

**Saturday 27 March** "Politics & War and its impact on Germans in Queensland" - Peter Row based on his research on Armand Ranniger.

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## Genealogical Society of Queensland - Special Interest Groups 2021

QFHS members are welcome to attend these GSQ SIG meetings. Please contact the relevant group convenor a week or so before each meeting to let them know you'll be attending and register for the Zoom link if online.

#### German SIG

Meets: Last Sunday of odd months (10.15 – 2.30)

Dates: 28 Mar, 30 May, 25 Jul, 26 Sep, 28 Nov

Convenor: Lesley Roebig [email](#)

### **Scottish**

Meets: 1st Sunday of odd months (9.20 – 2.30)

Dates: 7 Mar, 2 May, 4 Jul, 5 Sep, 7 Nov

Convenor: Alistair Henderson [email](#)

### **Writing**

Meets: 3rd Sunday of even months (10.00 – 2.00)

Dates: 21 Feb, 18 Apr, 20 June, 15 Aug, 17 Oct

Convenor: Pauline Williams [email](#)

### **Family Treemaker**

Meets: 2nd Sunday of odd months (10.00 – 12.00)

Dates: 14 Mar, 9 May, 11 Jul, 12 Sep, 14 Nov

Convenor: Les McFadzen [email](#)

### **English/Irish**

Meets: 1st Sunday even months (10.00 – 2.30)

Dates: 7 Feb, 4 Apr, 6 June, 1 Aug, 3 Oct, 5 Dec

Convenor: Lorraine Adey [email](#)

### **Convict Connections**

Meets: 2nd Sunday even months (10.00 – 2.30)

Dates: 14 Feb, 11 Apr, 13 June, 8 Aug, 10 Oct, 12 Dec

Convenor: Val Bloomer [email](#)

### **Scandinavian**

Meets: 3rd Sunday odd months (12.30 – 2.30)

Dates: 17 Jan, 21 Mar, 16 May, 18 Jul, 19 Sep, 21 Nov

Convenor: Steinar Johansen [email](#)

### **Legacy**

Meets: 2nd Sunday odd months (1.00 – 2.30)

Dates: 14 Mar, 9 May, 11 Jul, 12 Sep, 10 Oct, 12 Dec

Convenor: Judy Lofthouse [email](#)

### **DNA**

Meets: 4th Sunday even months (9.30 – 2.30) 3rd Sunday odd months (9.30 – 12.00)

Dates: 28 Feb, 21 Mar, 25 April (11-1.30), 16 May, 27 June, 18 Jul, 22 Aug, 19 Sep, 24 Oct, 21 Nov.

## Book Review

Is there a book that has delivered an important breakthrough in your family history research or perhaps one that has provided fresh insights and directions? Why not write up a short review that we can share with other members?



Contact [snippets@qfhs.org.au](mailto:snippets@qfhs.org.au) to discuss your review.

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