



## Snippets, Vol 21, No 5

### From the President's Desk

#### Our Library

Our QFHS library is open again and we are encouraging members to come into the library to read, research and meet old friends. The print library, cemetery room and maps collection are now accessible to visitors with some safety restrictions in place. If you plan to visit please check the opening times on our QFHS website.

We're using the new Check In Qld app to help keep you COVID safe the next time you visit.

All you need to do is:

- visit [www.covid19.qld.gov.au/check-in-qld](http://www.covid19.qld.gov.au/check-in-qld) to download the app from Google Play or Apple App stores
- enter your details once when you first open the app
- open the app when you next visit us
- select 'Check in Now' and scan the sign, near entry door, or enter our code (on sign)

Using this digital check in means your details will be stored securely by the Queensland Government for 56 days to assist with COVID-19 contact tracing (if needed).

Find out more [here](#)

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## Upcoming Events

Our regular members' meeting is on as usual. Guest speaker Sharyn Merkley will reveal details of a major catastrophe that impacted a fledgling city of Brisbane. Don't miss - ***Brisbane Burns - How the great fires of 1864 shaped a city and its people.*** See below for more information and to register.

### QFHS DNA OPEN DAY

On Saturday 22 May QFHS is opening it's doors and welcoming all members and people who are interested to come along to our first DNA Open Day.

This is a free day and we encourage members to bring a friend or relative.

Doors open at 12noon – 4.00pm

You can find more information about this event below or on the QFHS website.

### Finding your Family - a beginners course in research

If you missed the summer offering of ***Finding your Family*** we are pleased to announce a repeat of this 6 week program, commencing 12 July 2021. Be quick to register as the number of participants is limited.

See below for more information.

### QFHS AGM

The Society will hold its Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 16 June commencing at 7.30 pm. We are hoping to hold the meeting at the QFHS Resource Centre, Gaythorne, but if this is not possible the meeting will be held via ZOOM. Please watch the QFHS website for confirmation of meeting details. All members are eligible to attend and we welcome your participation in planning for the future of our Society.

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Finally thankyou to our members for engaging in our information sessions and for your continuing support of our various seminars, workshops and interest groups. In particular thanks to our wonderful volunteers who have kept QFHS running smoothly through the challenging past year. Of course we could do with some more volunteers to refresh the ranks and share the load over the year ahead. Do please consider volunteering. We would welcome your knowledge, skills, experience and a little of your time.

Thanks and happy researching.

**Chris Gibbs**  
**QFHS President**



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## Calendar

### May 2021

- 19 May - [Members' Meeting - Brisbane Burns: How the great fires of 1864 shaped a city and its people. With Guest speaker Sharyn Merkley](#)
- 21 May - [New Members' Welcome and Orientation](#)
- 22 May - [Central European Group](#)
- 22 May - [You are invited to a DNA Open Day](#)
- 23 May - [QFHS Trout Game](#)
- 24 May - [Queensland Pre-Separation Group](#)
- 27 May - [English West Country Group](#)
- 28 May - [Fridays@QFHS - Bringing your ancestors to life: triumphs and trials of publishing a family history.](#)
- 29 May - [Queensland's online family history resources](#)
- 30 May - [Genealogical Society of Queensland: German Special Interest Group](#)

### June 2021

- 4 June - [Family Tree Maker User Group](#)
- 5 June - [DNA Interest Group](#)
- 6 June - [Queensland Globe: get hands-on with Queensland Geography. Presenter: Dr Kerry Raymond](#)
- 6 June - [Genealogical Society of Queensland: English and Irish Special Interest Group](#)
- 9 June - [Management Committee Meeting](#)
- 11 June - [Fridays@QFHS - Researching your relatives in Western Australia. With guest speaker Neil Bradley.](#)
- 12 June- [Irish Interest Group](#)
- 13 June - [Genealogical Society of Queensland: Convict Connections Special Interest Group](#)
- 13 June - [Colonial India and the Far East Interest Group](#)
- 16 June - [QFHS Annual General Meeting and Book Award Presentation](#)
- 18 June - [Where's Wallace? Finding lost places in Queensland. Dr Kerry Raymond](#)
- 19 June - [New Members' Welcome and Orientation](#)
- 19 June - [The Master Genealogist User Group](#)
- 20 June - [Genealogical Society of Queensland: Writing Special Interest Group](#)
- 27 June - [Genealogical Society of Queensland: DNA Special Interest Group](#)

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## Happenings



## What's happening with Amalgamation ?

We recently held two further information sessions (one in-person and one on-line) on possible amalgamation with the Genealogical Society of Queensland.

At these sessions we heard from a number of members who presented cases for and against the proposal. Written copies of these presentations plus other relevant documents can be accessed on the QFHS website [here](#).

Many thanks to all members who have attended meetings and contributed to our discussions. We continue to welcome your comments and questions and further updates on progress will be sent out in the coming weeks.

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## QFHS DNA Open Day

**When : Saturday 22 May 12.00 noon to 4.00 pm**  
**Where: QFHS Resource Centre**

**Don't miss our first Open Day event of the year.**

We're holding a DNA Open Day on **Saturday 22 May from 12 noon until 4:00pm**

DNA research is a really interesting and expanding subject and rewarding. It has assisted thousands of family historians to find some of those elusive cousins.

Come along for advice on how DNA testing can help your family research. Topics include:

- . DNA testing procedure
- . Finding relatives
- . Managing your matches
- . Interpreting ethnicity estimates

- . Deep history
- . Adoption cases, with advice from Jigsaw Queensland

Raffle Prizes: MyHeritage DNA kits  
BRING A RELATIVE OR FRIEND - All welcome

Enquiries to [dna@qfhs.org.au](mailto:dna@qfhs.org.au)

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## **Members' Meeting. Brisbane Burns - How the great fires of 1864 shaped a city and its people**



**When: Wednesday 19 May 1.00 -  
3.00 pm**

**Where: Online via Zoom**

**Speaker: Sharyn Merkley**

A chance discovery of newspaper articles about the personal impacts of the Great Fires of Brisbane in 1864 fired a determination to explore the family histories of both ordinary and well - known personalities of early Brisbane whose lives were touched by the fires. This resulted in the 2017 publication of "Brisbane Burns: How the great fires of 1864 shaped a city and it's people".

**Register Online Now**

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## **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.



## **Bringing your ancestors to life: triumphs and trials of publishing a family history**

**Presenters:** Clem Ditton, Dr Geoff Morgan,  
Ludij Peden, Sue Reid

**When:** Friday 28 May 10.00 - 12.00

**Limit:** 25

Have you ever wanted to write a family history book? Maybe you are in the process of writing.

In preparing a book for physical publication or publishing online, authors need to make many decisions: what family or families to include, about privacy, what size book, online or in hardback to name a few. Authors also find they need to seek a great deal of help and advice.

Join a panel of four recently published authors to hear of their experience, their triumphs, and how they tackled the difficulties.

Your questions welcome.

[\*\*Register Online Now\*\*](#)

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## **Researching your relatives in Western Australia**

**Presenter:** Neil Bradley

**When:** Friday 11 June 10.00-11.30  
am

**Limit** 25



Neil's presentation highlights the key websites to use to discover information about your Western Australian ancestors and relatives with some hints as to how to get the most from each site.

He will also cover other key sources of information in WA including what is available at Family History Western Australia (FHWA) and on the FHWA website.

[Register Online Now](#)

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## **Where's Wallace ? Finding lost places in Queensland.**

**Presenter: Dr Kerry Raymond**

**When: Friday 18 June 10.00 - 11.30 am**

**Limit: 25**

When we research our family history, we often encounter place names that we cannot find on a modern map.

Many places in Queensland have changed names over the years, or just disappeared off the map completely, making it a challenge to know if where our family was.

In this talk, Kerry will present the techniques and resources she uses to locate lost places in Queensland.

[Register Online Now](#)

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## **Researching in Victoria: tips, tricks, and good advice**

**Presenter: Susie Zada**

**When: Friday 9 July 10.00 - 11.30 am**

**Where: Online**

**Limit: 25**



There are, of course, similarities between researching in different States and Territories in Australia but there are also many differences and unique resources. This presentation will look at a wide range of resources in a number of archives with extra emphasis on those available online.

Susie will address research of pre-European inhabitants, early settlement inhabitants, as well as those in the District of Port Phillip and the Colony of Victoria –

pre and post Federation. With more than 35 years' experience in Family History and Local History research in Victoria, Susie will cover many topics and point you in the right direction for your research.

[Register Online Now](#)



## AFFHO Congress 1- 5 August 2021

Not long to go now until the 2021 AFFHO Congress being held this year in the unique and historic setting of Norfolk Island.

The Congress Website [here](#) provides full details of:

- **The Program and Speakers**
- **Trade Show**
- **Travel Packages**
- **Tours**
- **How to register**

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.

Congress participants will also have time to explore the historic 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.)

*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.*





***And there are still more!***

Last month we advised that 14,207 names had been added to the **QFHS Books – Name Accumulation Index**. This month our indexers have worked hard, and we now add another 15,306 names. That dataset now totals **52,695 entries**. Thanks go to each and every one of you for your contribution.

Each year the Queensland Family History Society presents an Award for the best history of a Queensland family published in book form within the last five years. This master index is compiled from books that have been entered in that competition since the competition commenced in 1993. They contain stories of families from all walks of life and all corner of our great state of Queensland. Do take time to check (no login required) if any of your families are listed. It might just be the link you have been searching for.

A bonus for members is that all Award books are being re-catalogued and are now available to borrow from the **Lending Library**. There are some wonderful stories in these books of early settlers and how they coped with such a harsh environment. If you enjoy reading non-fiction with a family history theme you will enjoy these books.

<https://www.qfhs.org.au/online-access/booksnameindex/>

***Have you checked out our Searchable Books page?***

Do check out the Book Review in this edition. This book was an entry in the 2017 QFHS Family History Book Award and was awarded **Highly Commended as a Memoir**. Thank you to Author, Maria Bianco, for permission to upload to our website. You will need to login to read.

There have been four additions to this page in the last month.

**The Hausknecht Family. No login required.**  
**Three Trunks and a Cardboard Case. Login required.**  
**Men of Queensland 1929 No login required.**  
**The Restless Danish Immigrants. No login required.**

Do check the page on a regular basis. There are more to come, lots more!

<https://www.qfhs.org.au/online-access/searchable-collections/books/>

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***Books, Books, and more Books!***

Our **QFHS Print Library** contains some absolute treasures that we believe could assist you researching your own family. As you know, books in the print library have been for research purposes only, not for borrowing. We are making it easier for you. Some books are being re-catalogued and will be available from the **QFHS Lending**

**Library.** The vLibrary Catalogue is available from home. Simply click [here](#)

**QFHS Searchable Collections - Books.** The digital books in this collection are ones considered of interest to those researching or writing about their families. The copyright holder for each has provided QFHS with the authority to make them publicly available on the QFHS website. This collection will be expanded as appropriate books come to hand. Most titles are available to the general public but you will need to login to view others. These books are fully searchable. To search one of these books, simply hold Ctrl + F and type in a name. Click [here](#)

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## Education - Workshops/Courses/Seminars



### Queensland's online family history resources

**Presenter:** Dr Kerry Raymond

**When:** Saturday 29 May 10.00 - 11.30 am

**Limit:** 25

Although Australia has been a federation of states since 1901, most aspects of people's lives are documented at the state level, leading to different family history resources being available in each state.

Dr Kerry Raymond is a Queenslander from a multi-generational Queensland family, so she has extensive experience in Queensland family history research. She will present an array of Internet-accessible resources, covering the lives of Queenslanders from the cradle to the grave, that will shine the light onto your Queensland relatives, even in a COVID lock-down.

[Register Online Now](#)

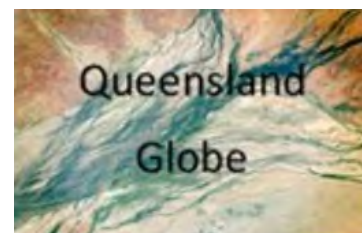
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### Queensland Globe: get hands-on with Queensland geography

**Presenter:** Dr Kerry Raymond

**When:** Sunday, 6 June 2021 - 10.00 am - 12.30 pm (with a short tea-break)

**Delivered on-line**



**Limit: 4**

Queensland Globe is an interactive mapping website providing access to the spatial information held by the Queensland Government. It is a powerful tool with an extensive array of information that can be overlaid on the maps, but it can be overwhelming for the beginner.

This hands-on session will be aimed at beginners including: navigating around the Globe, searching for locations by a range of methods, obtaining information about a particular place, and working with the hundreds of built-in data layers (some of which will be included in the presentation).

Some of the limitations of the Qld Globe will also be discussed. Note that Queensland Globe primarily deals with current information rather than historical information.

[\*\*Register Online Now\*\*](#)



## **Finding your family: a beginners course in research**

**When:** Commencing 12 July 2021 - weekly for 6 weeks 10.30 am - 12.00pm

**Where:** The course will be delivered online

**Limit:** 10 enrolments

**Cost:** \$60.00 members \$90.00 non-members

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 10 people.

[\*\*Register Online Now\*\*](#)

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**Members' Noticeboard**

## Notice of QFHS Annual General Meeting

**When:** 16 June 2021 7.30 - 9.30 pm

**Where:** To be advised

**The winner of the QFHS Family History Book award will also be announced at this event.**



The QFHS AGM will be held on **Wednesday 16 June at 7.30pm.**

The Annual Report will be presented, followed by the election of the incoming Management Committee and the presentation of the 2021 QFHS Book Award.

If you would like to nominate for a position on the Management Committee, or if you would like to nominate a fellow member, a nomination form can be found [here](#)

**Nominations close on 2 June.**

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**When:** Sunday 23 May 10.00am - 4.00pm  
**Where:** QFHS Library and Resource Centre  
**Cost:** \$5.00

Who doesn't get a buzz out of "catching" a relative in the hunt for ancestors?

Allow yourself the privilege of having a fun day in family history and play the Trout Game. The game simulates researching into the imaginary English family Trout, using eleven types of records. Use the game to assess your basic research techniques to see if you can get back to the 1500s. You may discover why you have brick walls in your research.

The next Trout Game will be held **Sunday 23 May** at the Meeting Room, Library and Resource Centre, QFHS at Gaythorne from **10am - 4pm.**

Bookings essential - email [trout@qfhs.org.au](mailto:trout@qfhs.org.au) or phone 07 3352 5537  
\$5 includes morning and afternoon tea (byo lunch)



**GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF QUEENSLAND Inc**  
*Enriching family history*

## **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 know they'll be coming and confirm date, time etc and register for the Zoom link if online.

GSQ (Genealogical Society of Queensland) SIG meetings have now been added to the QFHS website calendar with convenor contact details.



## **New Members' Welcome and Orientation**

### **Are you a new member?**

### **Is it a while since you have been to the Library and Resource Centre?**

QFHS conducts monthly welcome and orientation sessions for Society members. We invite you to attend a New Members' Welcome and Orientation session when you join the Society or at any time you would like a refresher.

Sessions are designed to assist you to understand the extensive facilities and resources available. We encourage you to attend a session so you can appreciate the scope of our holdings and how they may assist in your research.

New Members' Welcome and Orientation sessions are held on a Friday or a Saturday morning in alternate months and last about 3 hours per session.

### **Upcoming dates include: 21 May, 19 June**

These sessions are currently being **held on-line and bookings are essential**. For bookings or queries email [welcome@qfhs.org.au](mailto:welcome@qfhs.org.au).



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## Library and Resource Centre Opening Hours

Don't forget our Library and Resource Centre is now open. Whilst we have worked hard to make many datasets and websites available online, there are still many other resources which can only be accessed by visiting the Centre.

Come on in and re-acquaint yourself with some of our treasures. Our Library Assistants are on hand to help you with any research questions or to guide you in accessing specific materials.

### Visiting Hours

<b>Monday (2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> of month)</b>	<b>6.00 pm – 9.00 pm</b>
<b>Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday</b>	<b>10.00 am - 3.00 pm</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>10.00 am – 3.00 pm</b>
<b>Sunday (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> of month)</b>	<b>12.00 pm – 3.00 pm</b>
<b>Sunday (4<sup>th</sup> &amp; 5<sup>th</sup> of month)</b>	<b>12.00 pm – 3.00 pm</b>

Further information about visiting arrangements will continue to be updated on the QFHS website and via Snippets throughout the year.

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### 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:example@gmail.com.au).

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**

Would you like to support QFHS by donating a little of your time?

We are currently searching for volunteers to fill these key positions and more. Our Strategic Plan identified that our membership is declining and aging. This is important as we are volunteer driven and our volunteers provide the services that all members enjoy. If you can help or you know someone who can. Please contact me [president@qfhs.org.au](mailto:president@qfhs.org.au) and we can discuss.

- 1 Minute secretary
- 2 Members meeting co-ordinator
- 3 Publicity Officer
- 4 Building officer
- 5 Secretary assistant.

### **Great pay and conditions !!**

We are also short of Library Assistants for three shifts. If you can help please contact the roster coordinator Dette Glenday via the [secretary](mailto:secretary).



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

Whatever your skills you would be most welcome. We have a wide range of needs from desk work to communications to errands to housekeeping.

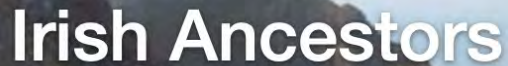
For more information about the volunteering program or to register an interest, please contact the Secretary. She would be pleased to tell you more.

([secretary@qfhs.org.au](mailto:secretary@qfhs.org.au) or (07) 3856 2724)

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## 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)

The logo for 'Irish Ancestors' features the text 'Irish Ancestors' in a white, sans-serif font. The text is set against a dark, rectangular background that has a subtle, light-colored image of a landscape or a person's face, though it is mostly obscured by the dark background.

**John Grenham's Irish  
Ancestors available at  
QFHS**

Good news ! The QFHS subscription to John Grenham's Irish Ancestors has been renewed for another 12 months.

Full access can only be achieved by attending QFHS, a good reason to visit QFHS library now that it has re-opened.

At home, you can still gain limited access - a soft paywall of about 5 searches a day before being asked to subscribe. Many parts of the website are free.

This is an essential Irish [website](#) that should be part of your Irish Genealogy toolbox.

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The logo for 'Find my past' consists of the word 'Find' in a large, bold, dark blue font. Below it, the words 'my past' are written in a smaller, dark blue font, with 'my' in a red, handwritten-style font.

## [Vast new collection of Australian Passenger Lists](#)

Did your ancestors travel to, from or around Australia? To help you uncover details of their voyage, Findmypast has merged their vast collection of Australian passenger lists into one simple search and added over 9 million new entries.



This growing collection now contains over 26 million of records from multiple sources covering all corners of Australia, including:

- Australian National Passenger Lists 1898-1972
- New South Wales passenger lists (assisted & unassisted)
- 1881 British census crew and passengers on ships arriving in New South Wales
- Queensland customs house shipping passengers and crew 1852-1885
- South Australia passenger lists 1847-1886
- Passengers to South Australia on board Buffalo 1836
- Tasmania Departures 1817-1863
- Victoria inward passenger lists 1839-1923
- Victoria outward passenger lists 1852-1915
- Victoria coastal passenger lists 1852-1924

Each record includes a transcript and many also include an image of the original record. Passenger lists vary widely in size, length, and level of detail, as there was no standardised format.

## **Middlesex Poor Law Records**

Only searchable online at Findmypast, these fascinating records cover 10 Middlesex parishes between 1699 and 1846.

## **Devon Parish Records**

Over 240,000 new parish baptisms, marriages and burials have been added to Findmypast's unrivalled collection of Devon Parish records. Published in partnership with the Devon Family History Society, these new additions are now available to search online for the very first time:

Over 122,000 baptism records (1538-1919 and 1921)

Over 20,000 marriage records (1538-1799 and 1921)

Over 104,000 burial records (1538-1917 and 1921)

Check Findmypast's Devon parish list for churches marked as 'New' for more detail and what is included.

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



**Irish Will Indexes -  
100,000+ names added**

**The Genealogist's Index of Irish Wills 1484-1858 is an index to surviving**

records of Wills, Grants and Administrations, held by The National Archives of Ireland (NAI). Records include the original NAI reference, which can be used to order a copy of the existing document.

To access these and a range of other records log in to QFHS website and select Online Access and then follow instructions to log in to The Genealogist.

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**New online sites and collections** are popping up all the time and all over the world. Here are a few recent finds that might spark your interest.



***Introduction to Irish Family History***

**Free Irish Genealogy course now available**

Ireland Reaching Out has just released *Introduction to Irish Family History* - a free online course which covers the basics of Irish genealogy.

Created with the help of their volunteer network, this course introduces the basics of Irish family history research, explains the resources available, and helps researchers interpret their findings in a meaningful way.

The course is completely free and hosted on the free learning and empowerment platform Alison.com, which has kindly sponsored its publication. Find out more [here](#)

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## **Online Journals**

**The following electronic journals have been recently added to our collection.**

- FHC The Genealogist Vol 17 05 2021
- Orange Newsletter 2021
- RHSQ Bulletin 862 2021
- Ancestor Vol 35 5 2021

- BCGS Cariboo Notes Vol 38 2 2021
- Branching Out 2021
- Footprints Vol 43 4 2021
- Hawkesbury Crier 2021
- Lancashire Vol 43 2 2021
- NZ Family Tree 2021
- Ormskirk District FHS Family Historian 84 2021

You can access the full list of online journals 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)



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.



### Irish Special Interest Group

**Preparation notes for group discussion at the next meeting.**

**Saturday 12 June 10.30 am - 12.30 pm  
Where: Online**

At their next meeting the Irish Special Interest Group will be discussing two main topics:

## **1. Forming a working group within the Irish group.**

Convenor Dale Fogarty is keen to get together a group of interested, willing people with the goal of future planning for the continuity and growth of the Irish group. Please let Dale know if you would be interested in being a part of this working group.

## **2. Griffith's Valuation**

Following the 2 presentations on Griffith's Valuation in Feb and Apr and leading to a practical workshop in July (more details to follow).

Please submit:

- any questions that you have about GV
- and/or your experiences in working with Griffith's that you would like to share with others

All contributions and questions are welcome.

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## **New Media Conversion Station at Carindale Library**

Brisbane City Council has established a Media Conversion Station at Carindale library that enables customers to digitise photographs, slides, film negatives, audio cassettes, video tapes, historical documents and floppy disks and save them onto a device such as USB or external hard drive.

If you're interested you may wish to attend a group information session to learn about the equipment and get some hands-on practice, before booking into an individual session to start your digitisation project.

The next introductory session will be held on 16 June 10.00 - 11.00 at the Carindale Library. You can see more information on the Brisbane City Council Website [here](#).

Bookings required. Phone Carindale Library on 07 3407 1490 to reserve your place.

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## **Royal Historical Society of Queensland - Upcoming Events**

### **Domestic Life in Colonial Queensland - Exhibition Launch -Thursday 27 May**

RHSQ's new exhibition - Domestic Life in Colonial Queensland will be launched on Thursday 27 May at 6pm. Pre-booking is essential; book your free ticket [here](#).

### **Burke and Wills Conference - Saturday 29 May**

Some tickets are still available. Click [here](#) to view conference details and to purchase tickets. The ticket price includes the conference and morning tea.

## **Annual Queensland Day Dinner on Saturday 5 June**

Special Guest Speaker, His Excellency the Honourable Paul de Jersey AC, Governor of Queensland. You can book your tickets for the dinner [here](#).

For more information on these and other upcoming events see the RHSQ website [here](#).

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## **Enoggera and Districts Historical Society (EDHU)**

EDHU have advised that their local history display and 'hard copy' historical collection remains opening for community viewing and research each Thursday at the Enoggera Memorial Hall from 9.30am to 1pm. Please feel free to drop in - access via 36 Trundle Street.

The Society welcomes information about any of the following suburbs: Enoggera, Alderley, Everton Park, Ferny Grove, Gaythorne, Grovely, Keperra, Mitchelton, Newmarket, Oxford Park, Upper Kedron or similar.

For more information contact [enoggerahistory@gmail.com](mailto:enoggerahistory@gmail.com)

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## **Books**

Reading a good book is a delight especially when it helps us explore aspects of our family history. There are some wonderful publications that can provide valuable information, build our skills and guide us on our research journey. Here's a couple of recent releases that may be of interest.



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## **Helpful Guides for Researching the Census**

The census can provide a fascinating insight into who we were in the past, and has become a useful tool for anyone discovering their family history. The British National Archives recently highlighted a number books about the census and other official documents that can help with genealogy.

***A Guide to Tracing Your Family History*** by Emma Jolly

***The Butcher, the Baker and the Candlestick Maker: The History of Britain***

*through its Census since 1801* by Roger Hutchinson

***Quarter Sessions Records for Family Historians - A Select List***, 5th edition,  
Compiled by Jeremy Gibson

Note: we currently hold a copy of Quarter Sessions Records, 4th edition in QFHS print library.

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### ***The Camp Mountain Railway Disaster 5th May 1947***

This illustrated book tells the story of the day's events, a brief history of the Dayboro railway and the findings of the Court of Inquiry.

Available from:

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info@samfordmuseum.com.au

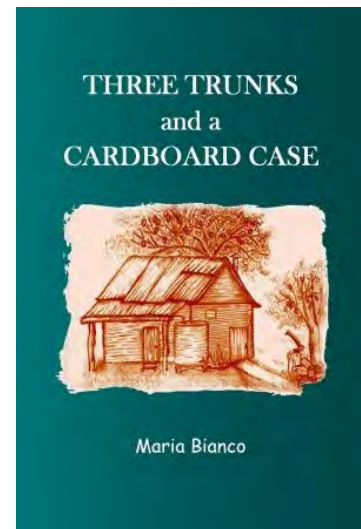
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## **Book Review**

### ***Three Trunks and a Cardboard Case***

**Author: Maria Bianco**

Thanks to Geoff Morgan for this short review



*“Three Trunks and a Cardboard Case” is a compelling ‘creative non-fiction’ story about the struggles of an immigrant family in the cane fields of far North Queensland in the 1950s, told from a daughter’s perspective. This warmly told story welcomes the reader into the author’s family, to share the challenges her parents experienced in emigrating from Sicily, establishing a new home and farm in untamed country, and of her, and her brother’s, journey through childhood as they familiarised themselves with the physical and cultural aspects of life in Australia. Overall, the author has written a book that emphatically captures the scenes described, and consequently solidly embeds the story in facts related to family, locality, society and politics of the era.”*

Three Trunks and a Cardboard Case is being uploaded to the QFHS website as an ebook. It was an entrant in the 2017 Family History Book Award but did not have an index so was relegated to Highly Commended as Memoir. It is a fabulous story, beautifully written, of an early settlers life in Far North Queensland. Even if you have no family from that region, it is a great non-fiction read. There are also 2 copies in the Lending Library.

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