



**Snippets**

**2023**



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Queensland Family History Society  
Inc.

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This month we're delighted to welcome many new members to QFHS and of course warm greetings to our regular Snippets audience. It seems that Family History Research is rising in popularity with over 50 new members joining our community in the past 3 months. That's a great boost to your society and helps enable us to make more services and events available to all. As a Member you can also be an advocate by telling friends and others about the benefits of QFHS membership and what it has helped you achieve.

Topping the news this month we are proud to report on the outstanding success of the recent "All things Irish" celebration on 24th June. The event marked the 20th Anniversary of our very popular Irish Special Interest Group. Perfect weather graced us and those who made their way to the new QFHS Research Centre for the official proceedings and after celebrations were very impressed and and truly entertained. Our thanks to the Irish SIG members and the great team of volunteers who worked so hard to ensure that this substantial public event ran smoothly, safely and enjoyably.

We are also pleased that so many of you joined in the recent Members Lounge **Family History Toolkit** session which focused on an introduction to making the most of the State Archives. Over forty-five members registered to attend the session. It's great to see such enthusiasm from members who want to build research knowledge and skills. Our sincere thanks to Shauna Hicks who professionally guided us through what can be the rather

daunting task of searching for records and preparing to visit the Archives. Your editor successfully used Shauna's tips to download some original school admission registers thus filling in some critical gaps in my mother's early life. Let us know about your own experience ...hopefully some success or important learnings.

If you're enjoying the opportunity to learn on-line don't forget the following sessions on offer this week.

26 July 10am (online)     [Talking about ..Metalsmiths Past and Present](#)

28 July 10am (online)     [Researching using TheGenealogist](#)

Do you have a '**Great Wall of China**' in your family history research?

Whether your ancestor joined the China diaspora in Australia or elsewhere, you may be able to trace him or her to their home village in China. Join guest presenter Jon Kehrer on **Friday 11 August 10.00-11.30 am**. Jon will help us discover resources that could extend your family tree from the goldfields of Ballarat, Bendigo, Gympie and the Palmerston, and colonial New South Wales, back through more generations in China.

This session will be delivered online. Register [here](#) if you're keen to Learn@QFHS.

Finally a reminder that August is **National Family History Month**. Sponsored by the Australasian Federation of Family History Organisations (AFFHO), the month will include a stimulating range of activities and celebrations. All across Australia and New Zealand Genealogical and Family History societies and groups including QFHS will be contributing to the celebrations with local and national presentations and events. You can find more detail under "What's News" below including a link to the full calendar of events.

Hoping you seize the opportunity to join with other passionate Family History enthusiasts during August.

Best wishes,

**Pat Smith**  
Editor



**QFHS**  
**Family History**  
**Research Centre**

**Opening Hours**

**Tuesday, Wednesday,**  
**Thursday, Saturday**  
**10am - 3pm**

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## What's news?

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### 2023 - AUGUST IS NATIONAL FAMILY HISTORY MONTH

***Theme: Secrets and Lies - Using AI responsibly and handling sensitive subjects in your family history research.***

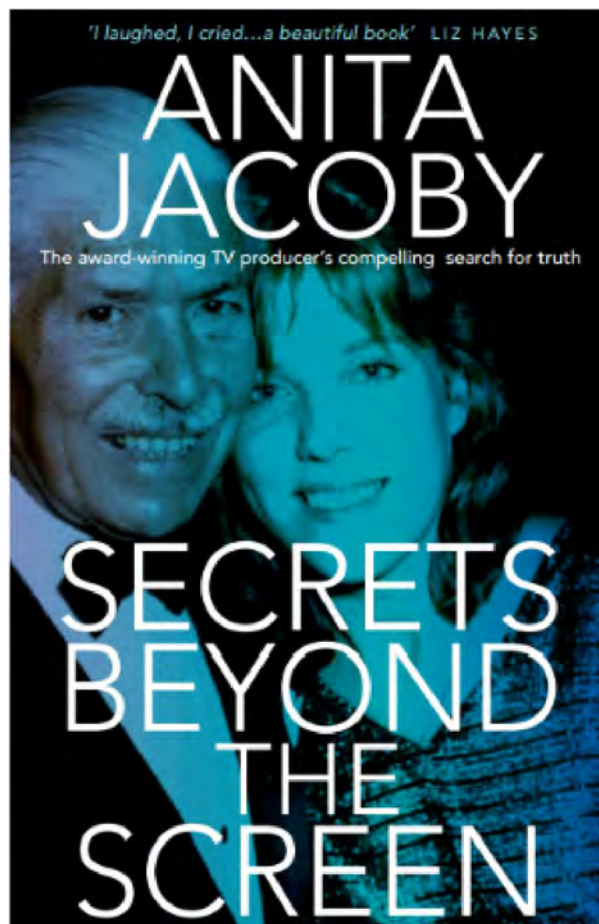
A series of talks, workshops, seminars, and information sessions – many of them free - will be held throughout Australia and New Zealand during August in celebration of National Family History Month.

Having grown from just one week of activities in 2006, National Family History Month now encompasses virtual and in-person activities covering lessons on how to write your family history, research guidance on British surnames, convict, Chinese, and Irish research lessons, visits to archives, and author talks.

Family history societies, libraries, and archives – often closed to the general public – will throw open their doors and offer education, research, and training opportunities for both their members and other interested individuals. NFHM is an occasion for experienced researchers and beginners alike to learn, research, and create.

NFHM will be launched at 5:00 pm (AEST) Tuesday, 1 August via a free talk on Zoom. University of New England's Professor of Heritage and Digital Humanities, Hamish Maxwell-Stewart together with family historian and technology enthusiast, Andrew Redfern will discuss the pros and cons of using Artificial Intelligence in Family History research.

NFHM celebrations conclude at 12 noon, Thursday 31 August at the Metcalfe Auditorium at the State Library of New South Wales. Anita Jacoby AM one of Australia's most awarded television producers will share the experience of researching her own family history for her book *Secrets Beyond the Screen* published in 2022, including how to deal with sensitive material in family history research. Copies of her book will be available for purchase on the day.



You can search the full events calendar on the NFHM website [here](#).



National Family History Month is organised by the Australasian Federation of Family History Organisations Inc (AFFHO).

AFFHO is the umbrella organisation for family history and genealogy societies in Australia and New Zealand. It was established in 1978 to coordinate and assist the work of Australian and New Zealand groups with interests in family history, genealogy, heraldry and related subjects.

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## 'After Hours' in the Members Lounge

We appreciate that some of our members are still working and many have regular daytime commitments so Members Lounge spreads activities on different days of the week throughout the month, mostly alternating between day and night times.

**For those who can only participate 'after hours', here are activities for the remainder of the year\***

TUES	25-Jul	7.30pm	Book Club - biographies
THURS	10 Aug	7.30pm	What's New?
WEDS	16-Aug	7.30pm	Presenting ... finding your Norwegian ancestors
MON	04-Sep	7.30pm	What's New?
WEDS	18-Oct	7.30pm	Presenting ... Pre-separation – how Queensland communicated
SUN	22-Oct	10am-4pm	Trout Game – learn & test your research skills in this fun simulation activity
TUES	31-Oct	7.30pm	Family History Toolkit
MON	06-Nov	7.30pm	What's New?
TUES	28-Nov	7.30pm	Book Club – historical fiction

\* **there can be changes** so always check the Calendar on our website.

Always register via Eventbrite and, if something changes, we'll be in contact with you. From a practical perspective, we can't notify you of changes if you're not registered.

## President's Update

Dear members

We are taking steps to fill the essential role of **QFHS Secretary**.

I will fulfil the legal requirements with the State Government's Office of Fair Trading, with

the Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission and with Brisbane City Council.

Knowing, from her years in various roles on the Management Committee, the critical importance of monitoring the correspondence and ensuring that enquiries from members, the public, and government are redirected to relevant persons or groups within the Society, Bev Young has volunteered to undertake the role of Assistant Secretary (Correspondence). Thank you, Bev – we are very grateful for your continued contribution.

The aspect of the Secretary's role that still needs a volunteer is that of support to the Management Committee - assisting it to function smoothly, and following up on matters requiring action.

If you would like to play a role in an active organisation and would like more information about the various parts of the Secretary's role, please contact me or Vice President, Alex Daw for (as they say) a no-obligation chat :)

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The Society's [Annual Report 2023](#) includes many impressive statistics – of which these are just a few:

- Library Assistants contributed more than 2,890 hours to provide members and non-members alike with access to the wealth of resources available in both Gaythorne and Chermside premises
- The Research Centre at Chermside received approximately 425 visitors in the first five months of operation.
- There were 5117 'hits' on our online subscription databases, and in excess of 71,000 access 'hits' on the QFHS datasets
- Fifty three stories and articles of interest were published in the *Queensland Family Historian*, the vast majority written by our members
- Our newsletter, *Snippets*, was delivered to 9915 email inboxes and our Facebook page elicited over 27,000 responses.
- Over 7000 hours of benefit were gained from stimulating educational content and members profited from participation in Special Interest Group meetings to the tune of more than 17,000 hours
- And a multitude of individuals participated in a multitude of Community Outreach activities.

It was a significant task to draw the threads together and I am grateful to each and every one of the coordinators and convenors, the individuals, the teams and the Management Committee who provided statistics and information for their areas of responsibility. We've not necessarily systematically collected the data before, preferring to concentrate our valuable time on delivering programs and services for members, so this was somewhat of a challenge but, I believe, well worth the effort. How could any reader fail to be impressed by the breadth and depth of the services and programs provided to our members?

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Further to earlier communication with members, reorganisation within Brisbane City Council has resulted in the co-location of commercial and community asset management into a single unit. Consequently, all community facility leases that Council has not completed (such as ours – all required application documents submitted in November last

year) are now required to participate in a tender process beginning in August.

**We have yet to receive details of the BCC tender process** itself but the criteria all applicants must address include:

1. Demonstrated need for activities in the local area or within Brisbane.
2. The proposed activities will increase community, sport, recreation and/or cultural participation levels.
3. Capacity and willingness to share the facility with other community organisations.
4. Viability of the organisation and the capacity to manage a community facility, including financial capacity to meet maintenance and operational costs and any agreed development commitments.
5. Commitment to continuous improvement of the community facility.

We are in the process of gathering documentary evidence to support our claims within each of these criteria. The *2023 Annual Report* provides us with many of the statistics, such as those listed above, that will help us demonstrate that we are meeting a need in the community. Our membership of 860+ individuals with over 650 residing in the BCC area is a clear demonstration of community interest in what we do.

Clearly, BCC has a responsibility to ratepayers to gain as much community benefit from each of the community facilities as possible and this is reflected in criteria #3. As our use of the facility is specific to family history research and we use the facility at least 6 days a week, it cannot be 'multipurposed', so we must concentrate on forging meaningful relationships with like-minded groups. A regular program of hosting various community groups such as the visit by the Strathpine Family History Group in May and the annual visit by Caloundra Family History Research Inc will meet this criteria.

As always, to provide the intensive support necessary for these visiting groups (and for our Society) to gain maximum benefit from the event, these activities require volunteers in addition to the two Library Assistants rostered on any given day. **When the call goes out for volunteers to help us spread our sphere of influence, please consider giving us a few hours every month or two and being part of the team that spreads the word about how QFHS delivers family history research satisfaction and demonstrates to BCC that we are the perfect tenant for their community facility.**

I understand some members may feel jittery about the uncertainty of the tender process. And, while it's true that nothing in life is certain, I have confidence that Council's process will be fair and meticulous and that we can meet the criteria and demonstrate we are a stable, mature, reliable and inclusive community group, delivering desirable and very affordable services and programs to the community.

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**National Family History Month** is usually the month of our annual Open Day. The very successful Irish SIG 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration in June effectively provided us with our Open Day event and 50 members of the public took guided tours through the Family History Research Centre. Thank you to all who planned and delivered the event for the Irish Interest Group and for the Society as a whole.

This year, we will celebrate NFHM by highlighting the array of our impressive 'usual'

offerings to members and invite our local community – via letterbox drops in the area (thank you, Library Assistants) and Facebook posts on local community sites (thank you, Social Media Coordinator, Alex Daw) – to join any of the seven activities we'll run during the month. Thanks also to Charlotte Sale for finding time to design the flyer.

**EXPLORE YOUR FAMILY CONNECTIONS**

*We're open!*

**VISIT US THIS AUGUST  
IT'S FAMILY HISTORY MONTH  
...OR ANYTIME**

- FRIENDLY APPROACHABLE PEOPLE
- GUIDANCE AND TRAINING
- EXPERT HELP
- AFFORDABLE ACCESS TO WORLDWIDE RESOURCES
- DISCOUNTED MEMBERSHIP IN AUGUST

[www.qfhs.org.au](http://www.qfhs.org.au)  
In the park at  
46 Delaware Street, Chermside  
10am-3pm Tue Wed Thu Sat

QUEENSLAND FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY INC.

**BOOK TODAY!**

FRIDAY 4 AUGUST 10AM  
**FREE**  
RECORDING YOUR RESEARCH IN  
FAMILY TREE MAKER

SATURDAY 5 AUGUST 1:30PM  
**FREE**  
USING DNA  
FOR FAMILY HISTORY  
(BEGINNERS)

FRIDAY 11 AUGUST 10AM  
**FREE**  
DO YOU HAVE  
ANCESTORS FROM CHINA?  
LEARN IT QFHS

SUNDAY 6 AUGUST 1:30PM  
**FREE**  
CREATING HISTORIES USING  
FAMILY HISTORIAN  
SOFTWARE

SATURDAY 12 AUGUST  
**FREE**  
ARE YOU LUCKY TO HAVE  
IRISH ANCESTORS?

WEDNESDAY 16 AUGUST  
**FREE**  
MAYBE THEY COME FROM  
NORWAY?

SUNDAY 13 AUGUST  
**FREE**  
OR DID THEY LIVE IN  
COLONIAL INDIA  
OR THE FAR EAST?

OR EVEN ENGLAND, WALES,  
SCOTLAND OR EUROPE?  
THERE'S SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE...

Email to book  
your session  
[research.centre@qfhs.org.au](mailto:research.centre@qfhs.org.au)

QUEENSLAND FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY INC.

We'll also have an advertisement and an article in the August issue of the free *Your Time* magazine. This is quite an attractive magazine so keep an eye out for it at your local shopping centre.

One of the features of **Members Lounge** activities is the opportunity, for those who can, to join us in person. The majority of our Members Lounge programs are hybrid although we have opted for online-only events at night during the winter months. The Socials are the exception and are exclusively in-person. They're perfect for those who love a get-together and have missed these opportunities in recent years.

The Members Lounge Social for July was an excursion to the Queensland State Archives where the group enjoyed a 'behind the scenes' tour through the archives and additional instruction on how to access records in the archives. Those who stayed on in the afternoon to research were very happy with records they'd ordered from storage and all were full of praise for the staff at the State Archives. It was a most successful event and likely one we will repeat early next year.

Our **Members Lounge Social event for August will be another coffee morning on Monday 28th, this time with the theme of *Stories of the Women in our Families***. We know that women's stories are often difficult to uncover so let's celebrate National Family History Month together by sharing a photo or an artefact and a few facts or deductions about one of the women in your family history. We've decided on a Monday this time so Library Assistants don't miss out due to their commitments to the Family History Research Centre.



Location is yet to be determined but will be somewhere between Gaythorne and Chermshire. Register [here](#) so we can contact you with the location.

In the meantime, there are several other free events for you in the Members Lounge: *Book Club*, *What's New?*, *Talking About...* a variety of interesting topics, *Presenting...* guest speakers and *Family History Toolkit*. All are designed to add value to your membership of Queensland Family History Society.

I look forward to seeing you in the Members Lounge sometime soon.

Best wishes to all

**Allana O'Kane**  
**President**



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## What's on?

Your calendar for the coming weeks



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## Events

### Seminars, Workshops, Courses and Conversations

- 25 July 7.30pm (hybrid) [Bookclub ...Biographies](#)
- 26 July 10am (online) [Talking about ...Metalsmiths Past and Present](#)
- 28 July 10am (online) [Talking about ...Researching using TheGenealogist](#)
- 10 Aug 7.30pm (online) [What's New?](#)
- 11 Aug 10am (online) [Learn@QFHS ...Ancestors from China](#)
- 16 Aug 7.30pm (hybrid) [Presenting...Finding your Norwegian Ancestors](#)
- 23 Aug 10am (online) [Talking about ...the Baptists](#)
- 28 Aug 10am (in person) [Members Lounge Social - coffee and a chat: the Women in our Families](#)

Bookings essential. Please check [website](#) for more information.

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## Other important dates

Ekka Holiday Wed 16 August - **Family History Research Centre open**

[New Members Orientation](#) Sat 19 August 9.30am (in-person at QFHS Research Centre)

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### Special Interest Groups (SIGs)



## Upcoming SIG Meetings 2023

English West Country	27 July - 12pm
Family Tree Maker Users	4 Aug - 10am
DNA (beginners questions)	5 Aug - 1.30pm
Family Historian Software Users	6 Aug - 1pm
Irish	12 Aug - 10.30am
Colonial India and Far East	13 Aug - 10.30am
The Master Genealogist Users	17 Aug - 7pm

Please check the QFHS website or contact the group convenor to confirm your meeting location. Meetings may alternate between online or in person at our **Family History Research Centre - 46 Delaware Street, Chermside**.

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## Learn more about QFHS SIGs

Would you like to learn more about a particular interest group or perhaps join them for a meeting? Click [here](#) and select an interest group. You can contact the SIG Convenor if you have any questions or would like to join a meeting.

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# Members Noticeboard



## Members Lounge

Interested in meeting fellow members and sharing common interests?

**We'll be providing many opportunities to do so with some informal learning and sharing events, and enjoyable social activities.**

### Activities included in the Members Lounge

**Book Club** – every two months

Next club discussion: Tuesday 25 July 7.30pm ([register here](#))

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**Family History Toolkit** – every two months, alternating with Book Club

Join the next session - Tuesday 29 Aug 10am ([register here](#))

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**Presenting...** – a guest speaker every month

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**Socials** - mostly in-person activities every month: a film, excursion, coffee morning.

Scheduled variously throughout the month as the activity dictates.

Join the next activity on 28 August - Coffee and Shared Stories - the women in our families ([register here](#))

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**Talking about...** – A monthly online only event. Join the conversation on a variety of engaging topics. Non-members are also welcome to attend.

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**Trout Game** - an in-person activity, twice per year

Use the game to assess your basic research skills and see if you can get back to the 1500s

Next game - Sunday 22 October 10am

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**What's New?** - every month

Join the next session - Thursday 10 Aug 7.30pm ([register here](#))

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## New Members Welcome and Orientation

### Get ready to make the most of your membership

The next orientation session will be held at the **QFHS Research Centre 46 Delaware Street, Chermside**. It's your opportunity to learn more about our research resources, services and facilities available at the Centre and online.

Session details: **Sat 19 August 9.30 - 12.30** (AEST)

Parking available

Bookings are essential ... please email [welcome@qfhs.org.au](mailto:welcome@qfhs.org.au).



### Re-cycle and raise funds for QFHS

QFHS has recently registered as a Charity with Re-Collect. If you have bottles and cans at home that need re-cycling you register with this service. They will come to your address to collect. If you nominate QFHS as your selected charity proceeds will flow directly to QFHS. You can read more about this service and how to participate [here](#).

### Thanks for helping your society

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**Are you keen to stay up to date with the latest in  
Family History research?**



## Do you want to know more about local events and QFHS news?

You decide on the platform/s that suits you.  
We have a presence on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

See our pages by clicking on the icons below

Already 'Following'?

We hope you'll also take the time to 'like' the posts that you appreciate.

Thanks for your engagement and help.



### Can you help?

Ex-QFHS member Margaret, now 86, recently contacted us. She is seeking assistance in putting together her family history into book form for her family. If you could help, please contact Dette Glenday (detteglenday@bigpond.com) for further details.

### Thank you

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## Events

*Talking about ...*

*Learn@QFHS*

**Talking about ... Metalsmiths  
Past and Present**

**Wednesday 26 July  
Commencing 10am (AEST)**

Online

Click [here](#) for more information

**Ancestors from China**



**Presenter: Jon Kehrer**

Friday 11 August

[Register Here](#)

10 -11.30 am (AEST)

Online

Tickets \$15 - \$25

Click [here](#) for more information



**Researching using  
TheGenealogist**

**Friday 28 July  
Commencing 10am (AEST)**

Online

Click [here](#) for more information

[Register Here](#)



**the Baptists**

**Friday 23 Aug  
Commencing 10am (AEST)**

Online

Click [here](#) for more information

[Register Here](#)

[Register here](#)

***Presenting ...***

**Presenting...Finding your  
Norwegian Ancestors in digital  
archives and library collections**

**Presenter: Dr Hilda Maclean**



Wednesday 16 August

7.30 - 9.30pm (AEST)

Hybrid: online and in person

**Free event**

Click [here](#) for more information

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**OPEN DAY**  
**Sunday 30 JULY**  
**Memorial Hall**  
**Trundle St, Enoggera**

**Enoggera & District Historical Society**

10 am to 3 pm

Historical & Community  
Displays, Raffle, Trading Table  
Refreshments



**GOLD COIN ENTRY**

**Limited edition Photo Album,  
Black & White Heritage images of  
the District  
from late 1800s & 1900s  
Available on the Day \$10.**

The Society is featuring the Coming of the Rail to the area.

**The Australian Model Railway Assoc  
will be present with their  
Miniature Model Railway.**



**Head along to learn more about our local history**

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GSQ is holding its annual

open  
day

SATURDAY  
26<sup>th</sup> August 2023  
10am-2pm

Representatives from the Special Interest Groups will be available to answer any queries you may have and there will be experienced library volunteers to help you find your elusive ancestors. Invite your relatives, friends and neighbours to come along and see what GSQ has to offer.

Go to <https://www.gsq.org.au/gsq-events/> for details and bookings for all GSQ Events and activities

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## What's New?

On the hunt for Irish records ? Here are some new suggestions from Dale Fogarty-  
Convenor of the Irish Special Interest Group.

Ireland **xo**  
reaching out



[Finding & Navigating The Old Maps of Ireland](#)

[The Military Archives and How to Search Them](#)

[Griffith's Valuation and Cancelled Books](#)



**Discover *Who Do You Think You Are?* Magazine.**

You can find out more on the magazine website [here](#)

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Following our recent excursion to Queensland State Archives we thought we'd remind you that QSA offer regular workshops and exhibitions along with new and digitised record collections. Keep an eye on the website [here](#) to stay up to date with their news and events. You can also connect with QSA on social media.

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If you're eager to keep abreast of the latest discoveries, resources and bright ideas join our free members forum.

### **What's New in Family History?**

Each month, we will have an opportunity to share something new we have discovered, resulting from our own research or from within our networks. Maybe it was something we viewed on TV, saw online, or read on a family history blog.

Join the next session  
**Thursday 10 August - 7.30pm**  
Hybrid meeting (In person or online)

[Register Here](#)

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## What's Online



[QFHS Books](#)  
[Name Accumulation Index](#)

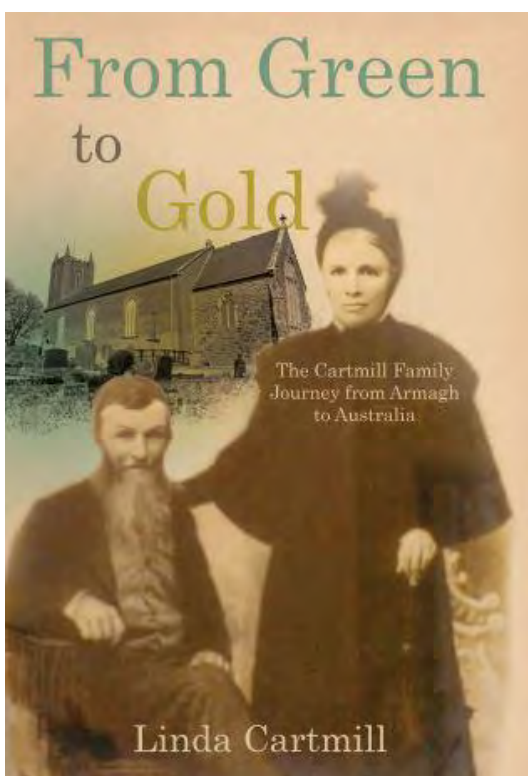
A further 21,031 names have been added to the QFHS – Books Name Accumulation Index.

You can search the index by logging in to the QFHS Website. Click on the **Online Access** tab then select **searchable datasets**. The Books Name Accumulation link is listed under the Miscellaneous Category.

This ever-growing index provides details about people mentioned in books found in the Queensland Family History Society's Print Library. Around 10,000 books are available for research plus another 500 in the Lending Library. Click [here](#) to read more about how to access books of interest to you.

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### Digital books available on the QFHS website.



We're pleased to announce that the recent winning entry in the QFHS Book Award is now available in digital form on the QFHS website courtesy of author Linda Cartmill.

Congratulations and thank you Linda

Click [here](#) to access this and other books that have either won the QFHS Book Award or have been highly commended.

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## International Databases and Sites

### QFHS Subscriptions to International Databases

QFHS provides free access to an extensive range of information available through the library editions of the following websites (check the QFHS website for member login details)

#### From home

[MyHeritage](#)  
[TheGenealogist \(United Kingdom\)](#)

#### From the Research Centre at Chermside

[Ancestry](#)  
[British Newspaper Archive](#)  
[Emerald Ancestors \(Northern Ireland\)](#)  
[Findmypast](#)  
[Irish Ancestors \(Ireland\)](#)  
[MyHeritage](#)  
[TheGenealogist \(United Kingdom\)](#)



QFHS is a **FamilySearch** affiliate library.

**You can reach limited-access FamilySearch databases and images on the QFHS computers.**

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## Latest Online Journals

- Bega Valley Genealogist 39 2 2023
- Bridges Branches 130 2023
- Cape Banks Kith Kin 149 2023
- Hawkesbury Crier 2023
- Manning Wallamba Figtree 166 2023
- SOG Genealogists Magazine 34 6 2023
- Toowoomba DDFHS Gazette 36 2 2023
- AIGS The Genealogist 17 06 2023
- SoG Genealogists Magazine 33 12 2021
- SoG Genealogists Magazine 34 01 2022
- SoG Genealogists Magazine 34 02 2022
- SoG Genealogists Magazine 34 03 2022
- SoG Genealogists Magazine 34 04 2022

- Goulburn Argyle Bulletin 96 2023
- HAGSOC Ancestral Searcher 46 2 2023
- Hampshire Historian 50 1 2023
- RHSQ Bulletin 883 2023
- Shetland Coontin Kin 126 2023
- SoG Genealogists Magazine 34 05 2023
- Somerset Greenwood Tree 48 2 2023
- Buckinghamshire Origins 47 2 2023
- Dumfries Galloway NI106 2023
- Herefordiensis 15 6 2023
- Nottinghamshire Journal 17 08 2023
- Ormskirk Family Historian 91 2023



**Reminder: You must be logged on to the QFHS website to access the journals.**

**On the homepage click the *Resources tab* then select *Subscription Journals* then *Electronic Journals*.**

or [click here](#)

## Around the Regions



### **CALOUNDRA FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH INC.**

**presents**

### **CONVICT RESEARCH SEMINAR**

**Saturday 5 August 2023 – 9.00am to 3.00pm**

**AT**

**CALOUNDRA DISTRICT INDOOR BOWLING ASOC. INC. HALL**

**55 BURKE ST, GOLDEN BEACH**

#### **SPEAKERS**

HELEN V SMITH ~ VICKI OSBORN ~ SHAUNA HICKS ~ TRISHA HYDE

#### **RAFFLE**

#### **EXHIBITION STALLS**

**CONVICT CONNECTIONS ~ CALOUNDRA FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH INC**

**FELLOWSHIP OF FIRST FLEETERS MORETON CHAPTER**

**ENTRY FEE \$30.00 INCLUDES**

**WELCOME CUPPA/MORNING TEA 9AM & LIGHT LUNCH 12PM**

**\*\*\* RSVP by Thursday 27 July \*\*\***



## Members' Tips and Discoveries

### Unearthing Confronting Truths

["He was horrific!': Nearly two thirds of family historians are distressed by what they find – should DNA kits come with warnings?"](#)

(The Conversation Published: June 28, 2023 6.07am AEST - Author : Prof Susan Moore Emeritus Professor, Faculty of Health, Arts and Design, Swinburne University of Technology)

Click on the title above to read this stimulating article recently published on "The Conversation" website.

Have you unearthed any confronting discoveries in the course of your family history research? How did you react and what dilemmas did that raise for you and your family ?

We'd love to hear about your experiences. Send your comments to [snippets@qfhs.org.au](mailto:snippets@qfhs.org.au). Before publishing any stories we will contact you to find out if you're happy for us to share your discoveries with your fellow Snippets readers.

Thanks to QFHS member Clem Ditton for spotting and sharing the article.

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### Transport yourself to the beginning of the 20th Century

The Lost World of Mitchell and Kenyon is three one hour BBC documentaries now on YouTube. It is film from the beginning of the 20th century. The episodes are as follows:

Part 1. Life and Times <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=adO9fkaGCKI>

Part 2. Sport and Pleasure <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ROzu45BanOc>

Part 3. Saints and Sinners. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QVBdnM12NkM>

More information on the film company is at [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mitchell\\_and\\_Kenyon](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mitchell_and_Kenyon)

We're sure that many of you will find these films informative and help you visualise life as it was for your ancestors.

Thanks to Nancy Edwards for bringing these historic gems to our attention.

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## Links and tips to keep us all busy.

Thanks Char Sale for sharing.

Hot off the press, exciting news for anyone researching in England and Wales - faster, cheaper access to GRO birth and death records. Details [here](#)

With the merging of NSW State Archives into the new Museums of History NSW, some things can be hard to find. All the previously recorded webinars can usually be found in the Subjects A-Z at <https://mhnsw.au/archive/subjects/> under the topic of the webinar. From here you can download and watch them as many times as you like.

A popular topic is the Colonial Secretary's papers, find several webinars [here](#)

And there's a webinar on discovering the State Archives Collections on the MHNSW website [here](#)

And lastly, for anyone researching in central western Queensland, this Muttaborra community website has a number of databases to search, including people who worked in local businesses, the cemetery, the hospital, school staff, school pupils, telephonists and those who went to war. <https://www.muttaborra.com/history-search/>

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