

# Snippets

**July 2013, Vol 13, No 6**

## **Dear Members**

Welcome to the first edition of Snippets using MailChimp.

Your feedback would be appreciated.

## **Calendar**

- 05 July - Family Tree Maker User Group, 10.00am - 11.30am
- 13 July - Scottish Interest Group, 10.00am - noon
- 17 July - Members Meeting, 1.00pm *Brick Wall - details required prior to meeting*
- 19 July - Members' Orientation from 10.00am (Bookings essential)
- 20 July - Family History Writing Group, 9.00am - 11.00am
- 20 July - The Master Genealogist User Group, from 1.30pm
- 25 July - English West Country Group, noon - 2.00pm
- 27 July - Central European Group, 10.00am - noon
- 28 July - Welsh Interest Group, 10.00am - noon

**For more details on our Special Interest Groups, visit our website.**

## **Invitation to National Family History Month 2013 launch**

The National Family History Month will be launched on Thursday, 1 August 2013 at 2pm at the National Archives of Australia, 16 Corporate Drive, Cannon Hill, Brisbane. Associate Professor Cliff Pollard will speak on Brisbane Hospital's Doctors & Nurses at War. The launch will also include a short presentation on the National Archives of Australia's repatriation records by Greg Cope, Acting Director, Brisbane Office and there will be presentations of the Nick Vine Hall Awards for the best genealogy/family history society journals or newsletters in 2012. All are welcome but please RSVP by 25 July 2013 to: [info@familyhistoryweek.org.au](mailto:info@familyhistoryweek.org.au)

If anybody is wondering why the invitation is for National Family History Month and

the contacts are for National Family History Week, this year is a trial to celebrate events for a month, rather than just a week.

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## Happenings

### Introducing v-Library: Three Saturday Morning Courses

V-Library is the Society's new library catalogue, replacing BIBL. You may search using v-Library from any of the Society's networked computers. It will eventually be available for you to search from home via the Society's website.

On Saturday, 6 July 2013, we are offering three identical one-hour sessions to enable you to learn more about v-Library and help you realise the full range of resources in the QFHS Library and Resource Centre.

The sessions will run from 9am –10am, 10am –11am and 11:30am -12:30pm. Cost is \$11 for members, \$15 non-members. Bookings are essential with a limit of 9 people per session.

Book your place by emailing [secretary@qfhs.org.au](mailto:secretary@qfhs.org.au), giving your name, membership number if applicable, and which session you wish to attend.

*Please note: for the above sessions, acceptance of any application is subject to the availability of seats. Registering does not automatically guarantee a place. Acceptance will be determined by the sequence in which the coordinator is notified of registrations, and she/he will notify if the registration is successful or not.*

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### Fridays at QFHS

Beginning in July 2013, your Society will be holding seminars, workshops, and classes on some Friday mornings. These will usually take place on the second Friday morning of the month.

#### Workshop: QFHS Electronic Resources

Friday, 9 August 2013 in Computer Room from 10am-11:30am

Presenter: Geoff Morgan

This hands-on session will delve into the range of electronic resources available on the QFHS network.

Cost - \$11 Members/\$15 non-members.

Limit 9 people. Book your spot by emailing [secretary@qfhs.org.au](mailto:secretary@qfhs.org.au), giving your name, membership number if applicable.

#### Course: Beginners' Course

Friday, 16 August 2013 in the Meeting Room from 10am-11:30am

Presenter: Max Hill

A beginners' class for those people who have little or no family history experience. If

you wish to start the journey to find your ancestors but do not know where to begin this course is for you.

Cost - \$11 for members and non-members. Bookings required. Limit 10 people.

Book your spot by emailing: [secretary@qfhs.org.au](mailto:secretary@qfhs.org.au), giving your name, membership number if applicable, and which session you wish to attend.

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## **QFHS Seminar**

### **Introduction to Land Records**

On Saturday, 24 August 2013 from 9am to 12:30pm, Carole Riley, author of Land Records for Family Historians in Australia and New Zealand and QFHS member and archivist Nola Fulwood, will be the presenters of this seminar. For more information, go to: <http://qfhs.org.au/seminars/semFlyerLand.html> To book your spot, go to: <http://qfhs.org.au/> or the QFHS library.

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### **QFHS Trout Game**

Allow yourself the privilege of having a fun day in family history and play the Trout Game! The game simulates researching an English family (the Trout family) using eleven types of records. The aim is to see if you can get back to the 1500s. Use the game to see how good a researcher you are using basic research techniques not involving computers at all and find out why you may have brick-walls in your research.

The Trout Game will be played on Friday, 18 October 2013 from 10am to 4pm at QFHS Library. Cost is \$5 which includes morning and afternoon tea (BYO lunch). To make your booking, contact Game Master Ann Swain via email at: [a.swain@bigpond.com](mailto:a.swain@bigpond.com) or telephone (07) 3352 5537. Numbers are limited and early bookings are essential.

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### **Toowong History Group**

On Thursday, 4 July, Caroline Hamilton from the Centenary Suburbs Historical Society will give us a glimpse of the history of the nearby Centenary Suburbs and surrounds starting from when farmers came to settle in the 1860s, including the Sinnamon family at 17 Mile Rocks, through to the development of the Centenary Suburbs from 1959.

Toowong History Group meets on the first Thursday of the month from 7pm - 9pm at Toowong State School Historical Library- entry via Kate Street (off Sylvan Road). Tea and coffee are available following the meeting. Due to the success of our first book: Toowong: A Community's History no fees or membership are required – everyone is welcome. Phone (07) 3870 9538 if you live locally and would like a lift to the meeting. For more details, contact Marilyn England on: [marilyn.england@bigpond.com](mailto:marilyn.england@bigpond.com)

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## **Burrum Coalfest**

To celebrate the 150th anniversary of the discovery of coal in the Burrum District, a weekend of festivities will be held on 20 and 21 July at Howard. The event will commence with a street parade at 10am and include various demonstrations and displays. An Old Time Dinner Dance will be held from 7pm on 20 July at the Howard Community Centre.

To learn more about the Burrum Coalfest, go to: <http://bit.ly/10y4oYm> To view the full program of events, go to: <http://bit.ly/11TuqGu>

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## **Huguenot Society Brisbane Meeting**

The Society's Brisbane Chapter will next meet on Sunday, 28 July. General Secretary Robert Nash is coming from Sydney to tell us about "The Secret History: the Huguenot contribution to the Foundation of Canada".

The meeting commences at 2 pm, at the meeting room next to the library at Toowong Village in Brisbane. Come by train, bus, ferry or car – plenty of parking is available. Admission is 'by gold coin donation'.

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## **Caloundra Family History Research Inc.**

For details on this group, please email the Secretary at: [caloundrafamilyres@y7mail.com](mailto:caloundrafamilyres@y7mail.com) or phone Roz on (07) 5493 1197. You can check out their informative website at: <http://www.caloundrafamilyhistory.org.au/>

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## **Moonlight Tours of South Brisbane Cemetery.**

These tours are conducted on the second and fourth Friday of the month. A special discount price for QFHS is available at \$10 per head. More information at: <http://bit.ly/13pFqNe>

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## **The Royal Historical Society of Queensland Book Auction**

This event will be held on Friday, 2 August from 6pm at the Commissariat Store, 115 William Street, Brisbane. To view a catalogue, and to learn more, go to: <http://bit.ly/1cOcUVi>

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## **Web Wanderings**

### **Queensland Historical BDM Records are now Online**

You can now search indexes for Queensland historical birth, death and marriage records from your computer. If you find an entry in the index that you wish to view, you can download (for a fee) an image of the original register (if available). You also

can order printed copies to be sent to you by post. Records available are:

- Births 1829-1914
- Deaths 1829-1983
- Marriages 1829-1938

You can learn more at: <https://www.bdm.qld.gov.au/IndexSearch/BirIndexQry.m>

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### **Historical Will Books from New South Wales to be Published Online**

findmypast.com.au, has secured the rights to publish all of the registered wills from New South Wales from 1800 to 1952. The collection of will books will be available later this year and will include handwritten copies of the original wills, from about 1800 to 1924, and typed copies of wills from 1924 to 1952. For further information visit: <http://www.findmypast.com.au/>

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### **Founders and Survivors**

This site seeks to record and study the founding population of 73,000 men, women and children who were transported to Tasmania. There are some problems with the site that are being addressed and you can register for a free newsletter at:

<http://foundersandsurvivors.org/>

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### **British Postal Museum and Archives**

If your ancestor was a postal worker you might find some information on this site.

Check it out at: <http://www.postalheritage.org.uk/page/genealogy/>

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### **UK Gazetteer Website -British Counties**

Talk about a muddle! Thank goodness here in Australia we don't change state boundaries. It all sounds like the constant changes to our electorate boundaries, only worse! Check it out at: <http://www.gazetteer.co.uk/section4.html>

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### **WW1 100th Anniversary Battlefield Tour**

The Federation of Family History Societies is delighted to announce that it has joined forces with Leicestershire & Rutland Family History Society to commemorate the centenary of the start of WW1 by offering a WW1 100th Anniversary Battlefield Tour in 2014.

The tour has been arranged as part of the FFHS and Leicestershire & Rutland FHS's 40th Anniversary celebrations in 2014. For further details and to download a booking form, visit : <http://www.ffhs.org.uk/ww1/events.php>

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### **New Index to the North Nottinghamshire Register of Voters, 1885**

Last year, Ancestry.co.uk launched images of the North Nottinghamshire Register of

Voters for 1885. However, there was no index at that time. The register has now been updated with an index, meaning it is now possible for users to search the records.

These registers list the names of North Nottingham residents who were eligible to vote in elections in 1885. Included are the voter's name, place of abode, type of property that qualified him, and location of the property. This may be the same as the place of abode, or it may be a rental or some other property. Names of tenants or landlords may also be included. The index is free to the genealogical community, although access to images of the records requires a paid membership. Available for free at the QFHS library.

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### **Scottish Property Valuation Rolls for 1895 go Online**

The names of more than two million Scots from 1895, with records of Scottish properties and their owners and occupiers have been released on ScotlandsPeople, the government's family history website. Available via subscription at:

<http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/>

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### **The National Library of Wales has Announced a Pioneering Decision**

The National Library of Wales has announced a pioneering decision in relation to its digitised collections by declaring that it will no longer claim ownership of copyright in digital copies of items in its care. For many years, the Library has been proactive in its use of digitisation and the Web as means of widening access to its collections. From Wales's earliest manuscripts to countless volumes of nineteenth-century Welsh newspapers, the Library has digitised and published copies of some of its most valued collections for all to see on the Web, anywhere and anytime. These include:

- The Black Book of Carmarthen (ca. 1250)
  - Yny lhyvyr Hwnn (1546)
  - Thomas Taylor's county atlas (1718)
  - Welsh Newspapers Online
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### **National Library of Wales Identifies Fire-Damaged Archives**

The National Library of Wales has identified some of the items damaged or destroyed in a fire caused accidentally by workers using a blowtorch. Archive material which was smoke or water damaged beyond repair included papers relating to Welsh football and the Wales Green Party. The cost of repairs to the Aberystwyth library is expected to be up to £5m. Some 140 crates of material were badly damaged by water and smoke. Read more at: <http://bbc.in/14dHAOC>

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### **Ireland Calendar of Wills and Administrations Collection**

FamilySearch has recently added 544,966 index records and images from the new Ireland, Calendar of Wills and Administrations, 1858-1920, collection. You can

search these and more than 3.5 billion other records for free at:

<https://familysearch.org/search/collection/1921305/>

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### **GRO Irish BMD Indexes to go Online**

The Irish government has announced that indexes to birth, death and marriage records - dating from 1845 - are soon to be made available through its genealogy portal [www.irishgenealogy.ie/](http://www.irishgenealogy.ie/) You can read more about the story here:

<http://www.cigo.ie/news.html>

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### **FamilySearch Obtains Permission to Digitise Vital Records in France**

FamilySearch, has now obtained permission to digitise images of records about persons born more than one hundred and twenty years ago, as recorded in French civil acts.

FamilySearch already has a collection of microfilm images of vital records and church records obtained under an agreement reached in 1960 with Archives France. However, that agreement did not include permission to publish images on the still-to-be-invented Internet. In recent years, FamilySearch has asked for permission to publish the images online and that permission apparently has now been granted.

You can read more in a passable English translation of an article from Google at: <http://bit.ly/16MLvBQ> Be aware, however, that machine-generated translations are never perfect.

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### **Free Guide to Pennsylvania Ancestors**

The Family History Library staff have now completed a project to improve the Pennsylvania section of FamilySearch Wiki. Special emphasis has been placed on the county pages. Users will find lots of links to online church records, naturalisations, and wills.

In this guide, you will find a series of research articles packed with helpful ideas for tracing ancestors in big cities like Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, as well as 67 counties throughout the state. Pennsylvania Online Genealogy Records will help you quickly discover what is available online. In Pennsylvania, birth, marriage, and death records generally do not begin until the late 1800s and early 1900s. Church records are a valuable substitute for birth, marriage, and death records if you are searching in an earlier time period. In the county guides, such as Berks County, a great deal of effort has been made to determine which church records are available online at sites such as Ancestry, FamilySearch, and USGenWeb. You can find the updated guide at: <https://familysearch.org/blog/en/free-guide-pennsylvania-ancestors/>.

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### **Belfast, Maine's Grove Cemetery Records are now Online**

Steve Bogue recently finished digitising the roughly 8,000 handwritten burial

records of Grove Cemetery where he has served as superintendent for 34 years. He started the indexing project 10 years ago.

Boguen noted that the card indexes are generally more accurate than the tombstones themselves. People sometimes were buried in family plots without an accompanying memorial. Some headstones have deteriorated or disappeared completely. In other cases, a headstone may have been placed in the cemetery "in memory of" someone who had a connection to Belfast but is not actually buried here.

The records can be viewed on the city's website at: <http://cemetery.cityofbelfast.org/>. The database can be searched by first name, last name or burial year and includes a map that highlights the section of the cemetery in which the person is buried.

You can read more in an article at: <http://bit.ly/12cjsam>

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### **The History Detective - Free Newsletter**

This is an interesting little newsletter written by Carol Baxter about books, blogs, seminars etc. Register for free at: <http://www.carolbaxter.com/>

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### **A New Way to Find Obituaries**

GenealogyInTime magazine has made another major upgrade to its free genealogy search engine. The most recent enhancement is designed to make it quick and easy to find recent obituaries. Now instead of searching all over the internet for an obituary the search engine will find it for you. Many obituaries are indexed by the search engine within 24 hours of appearing on the internet. Go to: <http://bit.ly/ZNsRbj> It is well worth signing yourself up for this free newsletter.

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### **Library and Archives Canada's Secret Book Deal**

Controversy continues to swirl around Library and Archives Canada. The latest scandal is a secret deal negotiated with Canadiana.ca, a private high-tech consortium, to give away millions of publicly owned books and documents to Canadiana.com which, in exchange, will get a 10 year exclusive licence to see the books and documents in sophisticated digital formats. You can read more in an article at: <http://bit.ly/11IAq6>

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### **Canon photocopier to give away**

We have recently upgraded the library copier and have available the iR2270 Canon (mono plus toner), in good working order, available to anybody able to arrange collection. For further information email [secretary@qfhs.org.au](mailto:secretary@qfhs.org.au)

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### **Reunions**



## **Gorton Family Reunion**

A family reunion is being held for the descendants of Noel Gorton and Elizabeth (aka Betsy) Adams on Saturday, 5 October 2013 from 9:30am at the Nabiac Showground Hall, Nabiac Street, Nabiac, New South Wales. Noel and Elizabeth were married in 1850 in West Maitland. Noel's occupation was that of a wheelwright and they resided in Stroud until Noel's death in 1877.

Noel and Elizabeth had 11 children with 8 surviving into adulthood. They are: George Lester, John Alpin, Noel Ellar, William Lovell, Joseph Lewin, Mary Ada, Thomas Edgar, Edwin Ernest, Charlotte Letitia, Elizabeth Ethel and Louisa Eva. Associated names include Bailey, Britton, Boulden, Fernance, Hancock and Harragon.

On Sunday 6 October, visit Stroud, home of our ancestors to see the sites at your own pace and gather for a B.Y.O. lunch at the showground.

Contact with descendants is sought for inclusion in the family tree and reunion mailing list. For any enquiries, please contact Joanne Gorton via mobile on: 0418 865 556 or email: [wayneandjo\\_gorton@hotmail.com](mailto:wayneandjo_gorton@hotmail.com) or on Facebook under Gorton Family Reunion 2013.

For catering purposes RSVP by 31 July 2013. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for high school students with primary school students free which includes morning and afternoon tea.

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## **Hovey Family Reunion**

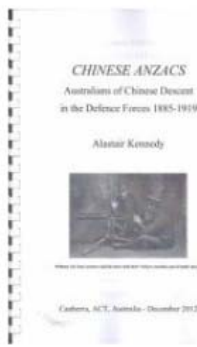
Are you related to Carl Heinrich Friedrich Howe/Hovey & Catherina Martha Fredrika Meier/Meyer? Help celebrate the 150 Year Anniversary of the arrival of Carl Heinrich Friedrich Howe/Hovey & Catherina Martha Fredrika Meier/Meyer in Australia on 5 September 1863 aboard the Beausite with their 7 children:

- Wilhelmine Dorothea Hovey - born on 6 October, 1842
- Ernestina Juliane Henriette Hovey - born on 2 September, 1844
- Ernst Heinrich Hovey - born on 15 August, 1847
- Johanna Maria Christiane Hovey - born on 26 December, 1849
- Wilhelm Friedrich Hovey - born on 18 July, 1854
- Anna Maria Johanna Hovey - born on 1 January, 1857
- Maria Johanna Hovey - born in 1861

The celebration will be held on Sunday, 8 September 2013 at Samford (Location to be advised). Please bring any photos or memorabilia you wish to share. Bring your own picnic lunch. For more information, contact Peter Hovey on 0409 848 115 or (07) 5476 6797 or via email at: [hoveyp@bigpond.com](mailto:hoveyp@bigpond.com)

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## **Book Review**



Alastair Kennedy has brought together three personal attributes - an interest in military history, training as an historian and a linguistic ability in Mandarin- to produce Chinese Anzacs. This work traces Australians of Chinese descent who have served in our defence forces from 1885 to 1919. Almost 200 persons have been identified and they have been located within the social context of the times. There are fascinating mini biographies and 50 illustrations. The work is well sourced and indexed. (141 pages, Canberra, December 2012). A3 4 131  
Review courtesy of Pam Masel.

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## Pauline Macfarlane

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