

Snippets

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Dear Members

The launch of National Family History Month took place at the National Archives Brisbane on the 1st August. This is the first time that the event has been held outside of Melbourne. Shauna Hicks is the coordinator and in another first, AFFHO is trialling a month of events rather than a week of events. Check their website at <http://www.affho.org/>

Calendar

August is National Family History Month - tell your friends!

- Friday, 2 August - Family Tree Maker User Group
- Saturday, 3 August - Computer Training (booking essential)
- Wednesday, 7 August - MC Meeting
- Friday, 9 August - Electronic Resources Workshop (details below)
- Saturday, 10 August - Irish Interest Group - **August meeting cancelled**
- Wednesday, 14 August - **QFHS Open Day - 'Where Did My Genes Come From???'**
- Friday, 16 August - QFHS Beginners Course (details below)
- Saturday, 17 August - New Members' Welcome and Orientation (bookings essential)
- Saturday, 17 August - The Master Genealogist User Group
- Sunday, 18 August - Genealogy Online at Brisbane Square Library
- Wednesday, 21 August - Members' Meeting - Marily England will speak about '**The 1893 Flood and its effect on Toowong and Indooroopilly**'
- Saturday, 24 August - **Introduction to Land Records Seminar** (details below)
- Saturday, 31 August, Family Tree Maker User Group

For more details on our SIGs visit our website <http://qfhs.org.au/>

Happenings

Open Day

A wonderful opportunity to come along and bring your family and friends.

Exhibition Wednesday, 14 August
10am - 3pm
Library and Resource Centre, Gaythorne

Adopt a Digger 2015 Anzac Centenary Exhibition

As the Anzac Centenary approaches, Adopt a Digger is now making plans for its commemorative 2015 Anzac Centenary Exhibition, which will be held at Buderim War Memorial Hall from 23 to 26 April 2015.

The Exhibition's main focus will be to tell the stories of the WW1 soldiers and nurses from the region and to display the photos, letters, diaries, medals and other memorabilia which the project has uncovered. We will also be featuring displays on the soldier settlement schemes in our region, particularly Beerburrum, and other specific regional activities connected with World War One. More details can be found at: <http://www.adoptadigger.org/>

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>

Caloundra Family History Research Inc

On Saturday, 10 August an Open Day will be held to celebrate National Family History Month and Sunshine Coast Seniors. The group is hoping to welcome senior members of the public, and to provide assistance on where to start family research. Presentations by our Patroness, Judy McArdle, will be made to the winning, and highly commended entries in the Year 6 Schools Essay Competition we have conducted, followed by morning tea, where our own volunteers will be thanked.

Further information is available at www.caloundrafamilyhistory.org.au/ or you can email: caloundrafamres@y7mail.com

Education - Workshops/Courses/Seminars

Workshop: QFHS Electronic Resources

Friday, 9 August 2013 in Computer Room from 10.00am -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, giving your name, membership number if applicable.

Course: Beginners' Course

Friday, 16 August 2013 in the Meeting Room from 10.00am - 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, giving your name, membership number if applicable.

Seminar: Introduction to Land Records

On Saturday, 24 August 2013 from 9.00am - 12.30pm at the Queensland Baptists Conference Centre; Carole Riley, author of *Land Records for Family Historians in Australia and New Zealand*, and QFHS member and archivist Nola Fulwood, will be presenters of this seminar. For more information and to book your spot go to:

<http://qfhs.org.au/>

Workshop: *The Genealogist*. What's the difference?

Friday, 13 September 2013 in the Computer Room from 10.00am to 11.30am

Presenter: Rosemary Kopittke

The Genealogist offers records not available on other subscription websites and has some interesting search options that can help break down brickwalls. Come and learn what records The Genealogist has and how to best utilise its unique searches and other features.

Cost: \$11 for members/\$15 non-members.

Limit 9 people. Book your spot by emailing secretary@qfhs.org.au, giving your name, membership number if applicable.

Presentation: All about FamilySearch microfilms

Friday, 11 October 2013 in the Meeting Room from 10.00am - 11.30am

Presenter: Bev Bonning

Microfilms of primary resources, such as parish registers, cemetery records, or poor law records can help solve your research mysteries. Let us show you how to identify those films.

Cost: \$11 for members/\$15 non-members.

Limit 25 people. Book your spot by emailing secretary@qfhs.org.au, giving your name, membership number if applicable.

Workshop: The Trout Game

The Trout Game will be played on Friday, 18 October 2013 from 10.00am to 4.00pm

at QFHS Library. Cost is \$5 which includes morning and afternoon tea (BYO lunch). For more information or to make your booking, contact Game Master Ann Swain via email at: a.swain@bigpond.com or telephone (07) 3352 5537. Numbers are limited and early bookings are essential.

Presentation: Free BMD. Are you getting the most from this website?

Friday, 8 November 2013 in the Meeting Room from 10.00am to 11.30am

Presenter: Sue Reid

Free BMD (with FreeCen and Free REG) provide access to transcriptions of civil registration of birth, marriage, and death indexes from September 1837 into the 20th century. You can use numerous strategies to access these indexes.

Limit 25 people. Book your spot by emailing secretary@qfhs.org.au giving your name, membership number if applicable.

Presentation: QFHS Microfiche Collection

Friday, 13 December 2013 in the Meeting Room from 10.00am - 11.30am

Presenter: Lyn Hooper

Our Library and Resource Centre has a room full of historical data on microfiche waiting to be accessed. Learn what is available on microfiche and how you may be able to solve some genealogical posers.

Limit 25 people. Book your spot by emailing secretary@qfhs.org.au, giving your name, membership number if applicable.

Web Wanderings

Newspapers Added to the Trove Archive

49 new newspaper titles (predominantly New South Wales) have been added to the Trove Website. For a listing see: <http://bit.ly/10jAruP>

Findmypast.com.au releases new Military Records ahead of WWI Centenary

In the lead-up to the Centenary of the First World War next year, findmypast.com.au has announced that it has published its holdings of Royal Naval Division Service Records from 1914 to 1920. The records cover more than 50,000 officers and servicemen who joined the Royal Naval Division or went through the initial training program in London. For further information about the records, go to: <http://bit.ly/17CwtPj> Available via subscription or for free at the QFHS library.

Oxford Brasenose College and Middlesex Calendar of Sessions Now Online

Ancestry.co.uk, the U.K. web site that is part of the Ancestry.com family of genealogy sites, has recently added two significant new databases:

- Oxford - Brasenose College Register 1509-1909
- Middlesex County Records - Calendar of the Sessions Books 1690 - 1709

Both of these collections were previously available as image-only on the site, but

have been indexed by the Ancestry World Archives Project (AWAP) a collaborative effort involving thousands of people around the world keying digital records to make them free for everyone. Available via subscription, or for free at the QFHS library.

Catch up on Scottish map news - new issue of Cairt

The latest issue of Cairt includes several new websites and online resources, as well as new research projects using historical maps. Past issues also available at

<http://www.nls.uk/collections/maps/subject-info/cairt/>

Censuses of Canada West and Canada East 1842 now available online

Library and Archives Canada has announced the posting of the Census of Canada West, 1842 as well as the Census of Canada East, 1842 online. In 1841, Upper Canada was renamed Canada West, whereas Lower Canada became Canada East. These two jurisdictions are now known as the provinces of Ontario and Quebec.

Each census contains the names of heads of family, their occupation and the number of residents for each family. Users can search these new databases by the names of heads of family, as well as by geographical information such as district and sub-district names. The Census of Canada West, 1842 is available at: <http://bit.ly/13uM92Y> while the Census of Canada East, 1842 may be found at: <http://bit.ly/16znEor>

More than 80,000 Digitised Genealogy and Family History Publications Now Online

One of the greatest genealogy resources available today is the huge collection of digitised genealogy and family history publications from the archives of some of the most important family history libraries in the world.

To read the full article on this subject, go to: <http://bit.ly/191ubhh>

Genealogical Research Office, Ireland - Research Facility to move

Genealogists are concerned about plans to relocate the GRO to a former dole office on Werburgh Street after the Irish Life Centre lease expires. For more information, go to: <http://bit.ly/1bEOAKe>

The Irish Genealogy Advisory Service

The Genealogy Advisory Service of the National Library of Ireland has recently expanded its services. Find out more about the Genealogy Advisory Service in the National Library of Ireland at: <http://www.nli.ie/en/family-history-introduction.aspx>.

Cleaning Gravestones, Monuments and Stone Sculptures

This web site has a number of articles about cleaning, repairing, and preserving cemetery markers of all sorts at: <http://www.gravestonepreservation.info/>. It includes information on proper cleaning methods at: <http://bit.ly/1c9CNmv>

Pay close attention to rule #1 in that article: "If the stone shows signs of chipping,

scaling, flaking or other forms of deterioration, do not clean. You will do more harm than good."

DNA links 5,500-Year-Old Remains of Woman to her 200-Times Great-Granddaughter

Scientists have traced a genetic descent from 5,500 year-old skeletal remains to a second set of 2,500 year-old female remains found nearby and, amazingly, to a woman still living close to both prehistoric sites on British Columbia's northern coast. You can read the full story at: <http://bit.ly/16igQtQ>

Members' Noticeboard

Glitch with Digital Queensland BMD Records

Recently, I hit a glitch with the 'new' digital BMD records from Queensland. A marriage in my family in 1913 vanished. The marriage was first located on microfiche some years ago. I searched for it recently to, hopefully, get the original record. No luck - it did not exist in any search.

I gave some testy feedback to the Qld BMD site. The next day response asked for specifics. I sent all the details and received a response within an hour that the problem was a code error which had been fixed. I searched and got the correct response from the site immediately. My thanks were conveyed to the person responsible.

So, if you find a problem, let them know and it will get attended to.

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Member Query – DNA Testing

Dear members, is there anyone else out there who has had a DNA test done, and been assigned the OISIN paternity clan? I have had the testing done for a male cousin, and a male third cousin, in an attempt to decide if they had the same great grand father. The results are fairly similar, and I am interested to know just how different the results can be and still belong to the same clan. Would you be willing to compare Y chromosome signatures, please?

Pat Burgess – Member No.4829. You can contact Pat via email at:

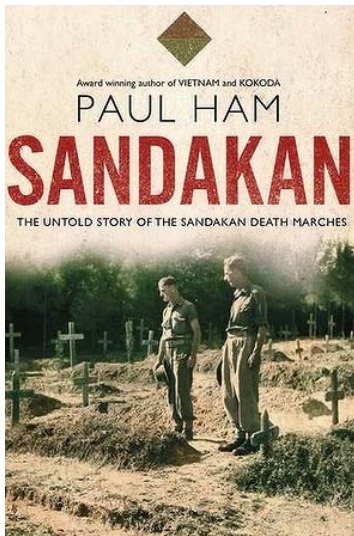
burgess_pat@hotmail.com

Mac Reunion User Group

For the information of long-suffering Mac users with Reunion software I am interested in getting a Reunion Group together. Are there any other Mac nuts out there? I'm using Mac OSX 10.8.4 and Reunion 10.0.6.

If you are interested, contact Member, Lawrie Augustine, Member No 4922 via email

Book Review



Myriads of books have been written on war and its horrors. Some paint more horrendous pictures than others. Paul Ham's work, Sandakan, graphically presents the three horror years endured by the prisoners of war at Sandakan. Ham has consulted thousands of court documents, and has interviewed families of both survivors and deceased. This is an enormous and detailed work of 656 pages. It is indexed, carries a lengthy bibliography and footnotes. For anyone with an interest in war history this is a work not to be missed. QFHS library A3 4 132. Review courtesy of Pam Masel.

Trivia

Hey There Mabel: Retro Names Make a Comeback

Mabel and Stanley used to be found in bingo halls or on mobility scooters. But now they are more likely to be spotted in playgrounds and pushchairs, as two in five couples are opting for old-fashioned baby names, according to research. You can read more in article at: <http://bit.ly/1cjpMWa>

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Pauline Macfarlane

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