

Snippets

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Dear Members

Nominations are called for the **QFHS Award for Services to Family History** to members who have given great service to the Society, and/or to family history in general. The Awards (usually up to two per year) are presented at the November General Meeting of the society. Nominations are judged by Management Committee members who have previously received this award. Hurry! Nominations close 1 October 2013. Please send your nominations, with your citation of approximately half a page, to The Secretary, QFHS Inc, PO Box 171, Indooroopilly, 4068 or email to secretary@qfhs.org.au

Are you interested in what DNA can provide for family history? A Pilot meeting will be held on Saturday, 7 September from 1:30pm-3:30pm at QFHS Library. John Carr will talk about what DNA testing has achieved for him. Come along and let us know what interests you in this area.

Other exciting things are in the planning include a new website before the end of the year. Phase 2 of the site will include a Members Only Login. Your Education Sub-Committee is also busy organising workshops/courses and seminars with topics including death/burial records, wills, prison records, bankruptcy and poor law records, and where to find them.

Have you renewed your membership for 2013-14? If you are unsure, a short email to the Membership Secretary will confirm. Email membership@qfhs.org.au

Calendar

- 04 Sept - Management Committee Meeting
- 06 Sept - FTM User Group Meeting
- 07 Sept - Computer Training Workshop
- 09 Sept - Caloundra FHS visit

- 13 Sept - Beginners' Course - follow up for those who attended 16 August
- 13 Sept - The Genealogist: What's the Difference Workshop
- 14 Sept - Scottish SIG Meeting - see details below
- 15 Sept - Genealogy Online Brisbane Square Library
- 18 Sept - Members' Meeting. Guest Speaker Saadia Thompson-Dwyer
- 20 Sept - New Members' Welcome and Orientation
- 21 Sept - TMG Group Meeting
- 21 Sept - Family History Writing Group
- 22 Sept - Welsh SIG Meeting
- 26 Sept - English West Country SIG Meeting
- 27 Sept - Library Assistants training day
- 28 Sept - Central European SIG Meeting

Happenings

Our September Members' Meeting will be an afternoon meeting commencing at 1.00 pm and the topic will be ***Murder at the Archives***. Our Guest Speaker will be Saadia Thompson-Dwyer from the Queensland State Archives. Saadia will discuss records held within the Queensland State Archives Collection relating to murder, police investigations, court cases and prison sentences to shed light on some of Queensland's most shocking crimes. Come along and enjoy meeting fellow members.

Education - Workshops/Courses/Seminars

The Master Genealogist (TMG) Workshop

This will be held on Monday, 7 October 2013 (Labour Day Holiday) in the Library from 10am to 4pm. The workshop caters for both new and experienced users of TMG and aims to allow users to improve their skills in using the narrative reporting features of The Master Genealogist.

The workshop will be practical with as much hand-on experience as possible. Participants are encouraged to bring their own laptops with TMG installed, though this is not essential. Cost is \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members. Morning and afternoon teas are included with participants to bring their own lunch. Registration is essential to allow full participation.

For further information and bookings: Kevin Haley (07) 3359 7491 or via email: tmg@qfhs.org.au, giving your name and 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.

Immigration: Why, When, Where?

2 November from 9.00 am - 12.30 pm
Queensland Baptists Conference Centre
53 Prospect Road
Gaythorne

Kerry Farmer is the Director of Australian Studies for the internationally recognised National Institute for Genealogical Studies. Kerry will speak on why families left their homelands, how they travelled to Australia, where they settled and where to find information records on Ancestry and FindmyPast, and more. Bookings can be made online at www.qfhs.org.au or at the library.



Web Wanderings

Digging for First World War records: Chief Secretary's Department Correspondence

In the lead-up to the centenary of the commencement of the First World War, Queensland State Archives has begun a project to locate and digitise interesting and significant records from the collection on the First World War. Some items have been digitised under ID 5384. Go to: <http://bit.ly/1dxH4B7>

Trove Newspaper Additions

Recently another 43 newspapers have been added to this site. For further information go to: <http://tinyurl.com/kvuqnly>

Fairfax Collection Now Available Online

The first batch of the glass-plate negatives from the Fairfax Glass Plate Collection has now been digitised and published. The images capture significant events, news and everyday life in Australia during the early 1900s. Fairfax Media donated more than 18,000 glass-plate photographic negatives to the National Library in December 2012. Since then, the Library has been undertaking an extensive project to restore, digitise and catalogue the collection. Happy searching at: <http://bit.ly/16cRVtl>

New South Wales Teacher's Rolls 1869 – 1908

Ancestry has published a small but important list of teacher's rolls from New South Wales. This collection can be searched by name, year and keyword. Details in the rolls include age at the time of hiring, training, promotions, teaching qualification, employment history listing schools and dates, any awards or reprimands, salary and marital status. Available by subscription or free to QFHS members at the library.

New Zealand, Probate Records, 1848-1991

Browse through 1,430,201 images at: <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/1865481/>

New Zealand City Directories

Ancestry has updated their database of city and area directories. City directories are one of the best ways to search for ancestors because they can help identify where a person lived at a particular time. City directories often serve as a substitute census record and can also help fill in the gaps between two censuses. Available by subscription or free to QFHS members at the library.

New Zealand Passenger lists

FamilySearch.org has indexed an additional 2.7 million immigration records for New Zealand. These are ship passenger lists from 1855 to 1973. These records can be searched by first and last name. Access is free at: <http://bit.ly/17rVrCF>

UK Royal Navy and Merchant Seamen Records Online

TheGenealogist has put online a collection of some 439,000 Royal Navy and Merchant Seamen records dating from 1851 to 1911 (pre-World War I). The records vary, but the merchant seamen ones typically list name, age, place of birth, rank and merchant number, list of ships with date and place of joining and leaving the merchant marine. These records can be searched by name, rank, age and ship. Access is by subscription or for free at the QFHS Library.

<http://www.thegenealogist.co.uk/>

Albany, New York's State Street Burial Grounds Records are Now Online

A new database on the Troy (New York) Irish Genealogy website identifies the re-interments from the State Street Burial Grounds, in Albany, New York. To see the database and its 3,685 names, go to <http://bit.ly/15pXolh>

The Church of Ireland 1913 Gazette

The Church of Ireland Gazette essentially served as the weekly newspaper for the church. It lists specific names, places and events that occurred in 1913. The gazette can be searched by keyword or phrase and access is free. Go to:

<http://ireland.anglican.org/about/128>

Irish Court of Petty Sessions Registers

These are records of petty crimes in Ireland. The new additions include a further 2.5 million court records that span the years from 1828 to 1912. Many of the new records come from Galway, Roscommon, Westmeath and Limerick, with major further additions from Donegal, Waterford, Tipperary, Cork, Carlow and Kilkenny. With the most recent additions, this brings the total size of the collection to some 15 million records and spans the years from 1842 to 1913. Subscription site

<http://www.findmypast.ie/> Also available to members free at QFHS library.

218 Volumes of Surviving Scottish Window Tax Rolls Now Online

ScotlandsPlaces has put online the 218 volumes of surviving Scottish window tax rolls. These rolls date from 1747 to 1851. They were essentially a tax on any house that had 10 or more windows (the threshold was later reduced to houses with seven or more windows. There is lots of interesting information on this site. Access is by subscription at: <http://www.scotlandsplaces.com/resources/>

100,000 Family History Books Now Online

FamilySearch has announced they have reached a milestone in their collection of Family History Books found at FamilySearch.org. More than 100,000 books have now been scanned and published online. All the books are available to you now, free of charge. Details may be found in an article in the FamilySearch Blog at: <http://bit.ly/1enO53x>

Jewish Holocaust Victims' Website

Yad va Shem, the Jewish Holocaust victims website continues to add more genealogy records. The website now records some 4 million names and biographical details. This is approximately 2/3 of the roughly six million Jews killed by the Nazis. The database can be searched by name and place of residence. Yad va Shem also accepts submissions of testimony and photographs. Access is free. Go to: <http://db.yadvashem.org/names/search.html?language=en>

What's new on FamilySearch?

FamilySearch has created a new collection of some 10.2 million images of Belgium civil registration records. These are civil registrations of births, marriages and deaths. The records are browsable by region (plaats). The largest collections come from Brabant (1582 to 1912), Hainaut (1600 to 1911) and Antwerp (1609 to 1909). Access is free at: www.familysearch.org

They have also seriously expanded their Spanish collection with an addition of some 7 million searchable municipal records. These records span the years from 1251 to 1966 and consist of everything from local censuses, military records and civil registration (birth, marriage, death) records. These records can be searched by name. Access is free at: <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/list#page=1&countryId=1927167>

General items of interest

Qld BDM Specialist Reference Group

The Qld BDM want as many people as possible to join the specialist reference group to provide feedback and input. You can contribute to an online community of family history and genealogy specialists and help us to expand and improve our online services for family history research and Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages information at: <http://tinyurl.com/lp8ozm2>

Really Useful Little Leaflet

This leaflet available from Australian Federation Family History Organisations (AFFHO) of which QFHS is a member, has combined with Federation Family History Societies UK (FFHS) to provide a Really Useful Little Leaflet. Lots of hints and websites and available to download at <http://tinyurl.com/kyhfptd>

Family History Newsletter

Family History Journal is a free electronic quarterly newsletter for anybody interested in Queensland's history. It will be of particular interest if you are researching your family tree or you are a genealogist using the family history research search and order as a source for historical information.

Family History Journal is a great way to keep you up to date with the latest developments in the family history research area and a useful resource if you want to

get the most from using our historical archive. You can subscribe at:

<http://tinyurl.com/ljqw967>

July 2013 Edition of Shemot - Focus on Welsh Jewry

The July 2013 edition of Shemot (available electronically on the network) is primarily devoted to the subject of Jews in Wales. If you do not know how to access the electronic journals please talk to your Library Assistants at the QFHS Library.

Subscription to British Newspapers Archive on Findmypast

The QFHS Library subscription to Findmypast did not previously provide access to the British Newspapers Collection. We have now bought 2 licences for the British Newspaper Collections and these licences have been installed on computers C and D. Access to the British Newspapers requires a valid log-in. The log-in details are documented on those computers.

Members' Noticeboard

Reunion User Group

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

Interested members can contact QFHS Member Lawrie Augustine via email at:

lawrieaugustine@me.com

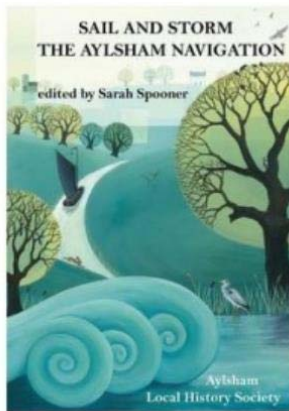
Caloundra Family History Research Inc

Caloundra Family History Research Annual General Meeting was held on 15 August and a new Committee was elected. Popular and hard-working President, Valerie Thornton was farewelled from the Committee, but was appointed as Projects & Grants Officer, and June Blackburn was elected President for 2013/14. Lorrie Barzdo, who passed away in January 2011, left a legacy in the form of an award for an annual writing competition conducted within the group. The winner of the 2013 Lorrie Barzdo Writers' Award, is member Roz Kuss, with her entry, a short story entitled "Memories of My Pop".

Further information on the group's calendar of events, resources, "Caloundra Clipper", activities, plus a map to locate us, is available on the website at

<http://www.caloundrafamilyhistory.org.au/>

Book Review



Sail and Storm - The Aylsham Navigation seems a rather intriguing topic. Sarah Spooner soon reveals that a navigation was a system of enhancing a waterway rather than digging a canal. The Aylsham Navigation covers the development of the Bure River in north Norfolk. This detailed work traces not only the development of the Bure but the economic and communal activities associated with it from the late 1700's. By the late 1800's its usage had declined while the huge flood of this area in 1912 spelled its demise. It was abandoned in 1928. Today the Bure is "little more than a beautiful winding river abounding in wildlife and traversed only by the occasional canoe". The landscape across the years can be appreciated by a host of photos while the technicality of the work can be understood by studying the various maps and plans.

Published by the Aylsham Local History Society in 2012. 218 pp, indexed and sourced.

Review courtesy of Pam Masel.

Trivia

Thousands of bodies under Bath Abbey threaten its stability

Bath Abbey, which dates back to 1499, sits on the remains of a massive Norman cathedral. Three different churches have occupied the site and, since the early 1500s, thousands of people have been buried under the building. Now, as the floor of the 500-year-old building is beginning to lift and collapse, the experts at the abbey have discovered "huge great voids everywhere" beneath its flooring.. You can read more in an article at: <http://tinyurl.com/oa9g9g>

Acknowledgement

We would like to thank all those who have taken time out to send items of interest to our "Snippets" mailbox at - snippets@qfhs.org.au

The more we receive, the more frequently we can produce a Newsletter. If your submission does not appear in this issue, we will try to include it in a future edition. Please note that reference to any product does not imply endorsement. Members are cautioned to evaluate products prior to purchase.

Pauline Macfarlane

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