

# Snippets

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## Dear Members

Do you enjoy reading the articles in Snippets each month? Remember, you can contribute and share with others items of genealogical interest. Share your contributions and feedback with the Snippets team at: [snippets@qfhs.org.au](mailto:snippets@qfhs.org.au)

Happy researching!

## Calendar

- 02 Oct - Management Committee Meeting
- 04 Oct - Family Tree Maker User Group Meeting
- 05 Oct - Library Assistants' Training Day
- 07 Oct - TMG Workshop
- 07 Oct - Library Closed for research - Labour Day
- 11 Oct - Fridays @ QFHS - All about FamilySearch Microfilms
- 12 Oct - Irish Interest Group Meeting
- 16 Oct - Members Meeting 7.30pm
- 18 Oct - Trout Game
- 19 Oct - New Members' Welcome and Orientation
- 26 Oct - Seminar FTM at Queensland Baptists Conference Centre



Have you forgotten to renew your membership for 2013-14? This is a reminder that this will be the last Snippets you will receive if you have chosen not to renew your membership. Perhaps you have completed your family research. If so, we wish you well for the future.

## Happenings

## **Unlock Your City at Brisbane Open House 12/13 October**

Brisbane locals will have the rare opportunity to explore 71 of the city's most historic and architecturally unique buildings when they open their doors for the fourth annual Brisbane Open House (BOH) on 12 and 13 October 2013. This year, BOH is offering the chance to tour a remarkable range of buildings such as several high-technology science buildings, three 1950-1960 modernist residential homes, as well the iconic Brisbane City Hall, contemporary 111 Eagle Street, historic Windmill Tower, Howard Smith Wharves and Boggo Road Gaol. More information is available at:

<http://www.brisbaneopenhouse.com.au/>

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## **Kilcoy 100-Year Railway Celebration**

Kilcoy will be celebrating the 100 year anniversary of the opening of the Woodford to Kilcoy railway line at the original station site at Yowie Park, Kilcoy on 30 November 2013. If anyone has any memorabilia, memoirs or photographs, please contact Carmel Rohl of Kilcoy District Historical Society via email at:

[regit1950@westnet.com.au](mailto:regit1950@westnet.com.au) For more information, go to:

<http://www.kilcoydistricthistoricalsociety.com/>

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## **Education - Workshops/Courses/Seminars**

### **The Master Genealogist (TMG) Workshop**

#### ***Last opportunity to book!***

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](mailto:tmg@qfhs.org.au), giving your name and membership number if applicable.

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### **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](mailto:secretary@qfhs.org.au), giving your

name, membership number if applicable.

Note: Only a few places still available.

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### **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](mailto:a.swain@bigpond.com) or telephone (07) 3352 5537. Numbers are limited and early bookings are essential.

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### **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](mailto:secretary@qfhs.org.au) giving your name, membership number if applicable.

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### **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](mailto:secretary@qfhs.org.au), giving your name, membership number if applicable.

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### **The Society of Australian Genealogists Presents its Annual Weekend Seminar**

Join us at our annual weekend seminar on Saturday, 2 and Sunday, 3 November at Port Macquarie Panthers Social Club at 1 Bay Street, Port Macquarie, New South Wales. Topics will include early land records, parish registers, Port Macquarie penal establishment, the Dictionary of Sydney, early Hunter Valley families and more!

Tickets are \$105 (members SAG & Port Macquarie & Districts FHS) and \$115 for all others, and includes lunch and teas. See our website at: <http://www.sag.org.au> for program and further information.

Bookings are essential by 25 October to: telephone: (02) 9247 3953 or email:

[info@sag.org.au](mailto:info@sag.org.au)

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## ***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](http://www.qfhs.org.au) or at the library.

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## **Web Wanderings**

### **The Greenslopes Hospital**

This hospital cared for patients returning from Japanese prisoner of war camps after World War II. Dr Chris Strakosch and Dr Carolyn de Wyt have written a 76 page history of the hospital called "Healing the Wounds of War". You can download or view the book at: <http://tinyurl.com/klkiltm>

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### **New Addition to Online Index: Justices of the Peace 1857-1922**

Queensland State Archives has released a new addition to the online Justices of the Peace 1857-1922 index. The new entries in this index cover the time period 1911-1922. These indexes have been compiled from records located within Queensland State Archives Series ID 5739, Oaths of Allegiance Administered to Justices of the Peace.

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### **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. Access is by subscription or for free to QFHS members at the library.

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### **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 for free to QFHS members at our library.

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### **Historic UK Apprenticeship Records**

TheGenealogist has announced the addition of over 1 million apprenticeship records. These records list the name, address and trade of the master and the names of the apprentices. Most of these records appear to be from the 1700s, where it was common in most trades to have apprentices. Records in the collection prior to 1753 also typically listed the parents of the apprentice. Access is by subscription or for free at the QFHS library.

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### **UK Police Gazette 1899 and 1900 Now Online**

Now available online is the UK Police Gazette of 1899 and 1900. This magazine was produced in London from 1772 onwards, for circulation among all the police forces of Britain. Its primary purpose was to publish notices of wanted criminals with requests for information, and, where appropriate, to offer rewards. Obviously, if your ancestors were criminals, they might be mentioned. However, the same magazine also often mentioned the names of victims as well as police officers, magistrates, attorneys, and eyewitnesses.

This website makes available a searchable collection of thousands of pages of scarce British and Irish newspapers and other publications, most of which were printed between the years 1710 and 1900. Pricing varies, but typically can be from £2 or £3 per newspaper (per document) or £1 per page upwards, with a minimum order of £5 per transaction. Some newspapers are completely free to download. You can find all this at: <http://www.lastchancetoread.com/>

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### **Searching UK Census with Ancestry on YouTube**

Ancestry's latest video is on searching UK Census records. Learn how to uncover the different generations of your family in census records from England, Scotland, Wales, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man, covering every decade from 1841 to 1911 at: <http://tinyurl.com/k8dj5rs>

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### **World War I Soldier Wills Now Online**

The last wishes, thoughts and concerns of more than 230,000 soldiers who died on the front line during World War I are to be made available online. Final handwritten wills were kept by troops in their pocket service books and tucked into their uniforms. Now, those original paper records that survived are preserved in 1,300 boxes inside a temperature-controlled warehouse in Birmingham, England. The wills, which are owned by Her Majesty's Court and Tribunal Service, are being digitised in time for next year's centenary of WWI. You can read more in an article at: <http://tinyurl.com/out785y> . Try searching for a will at: <https://probatesearch.service.gov.uk/>

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### **London in 1927**

The British Film Institute (BFI) has a great collection of video clips from film and television, from the birth of cinema to today. London in 1927 was one of the earliest colour films ever made. The silent movie contains colour footage of 1920s London. You can view London in 1927 at: [http://youtube/Qgxki8\\_R968](http://youtube/Qgxki8_R968).

There are more BFI videos on YouTube at: <http://www.youtube.com/user/BFIfilms>

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### **Ancestral Tourism May Bring £2.4bn to Scotland**

This article by Brian Donnelly claims that Genealogy is one of the fastest growing hobbies globally, and estimates that up to four million people want to come to Scotland to search for their roots.

Tourism Intelligence Scotland has published a new Ancestral Tourism in Scotland guide that urges firms across the tourism sector to have a good working knowledge of local and national family research facilities.

You can read more at: <http://tinyurl.com/n4kyhxn>

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### **Ireland's Down Survey Maps are now Online**

After a long and bloody war that lasted from 1641 to 1653, the English parliament passed the Act of Settlement, which specified who exactly would forfeit land in Ireland to the victorious English Army. The list included those who had taken part in or supported the initial rebellion in 1641-2, as well as anybody guilty of murdering civilians during the entire course of the conflict. The act also targeted prominent Catholic and royalist leaders, alongside Catholic clergy accused of inciting the rebels.

The Down Survey, was taken from 1656 to 1658. Using the Civil Survey as a guide, teams of surveyors, mainly former soldiers, were sent out under Petty's direction to measure every townland to be forfeited to soldiers and adventurers. The resulting maps, made at a scale of 40 perches to one inch, were the first systematic mapping of a large area on such a scale attempted anywhere. The primary purpose of these maps was to record the boundaries of each townland and to calculate their areas with great precision. The maps are also rich in other detail showing churches, roads, rivers, castles, houses and fortifications. Most towns are represented pictorially and the cartouches, the decorative titles, of each map in many cases reflect a specific characteristic of each barony. A more detailed history is available at:

<http://downsurvey.tcd.ie/history.html> the maps can be searched at: <http://tinyurl.com/lxhm9sn>

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### **The Irish DNA Atlas**

The Irish DNA Atlas aims to identify genetic markers that arose in specific areas of Ireland, in order to disentangle the wonderful mish-mash we are. In addition, the project will help population-based health research. However, it all depends upon volunteers.

Participants are sought from Ireland and overseas who can trace each of their eight great-grandparents to the same general area of Ireland to present a Birth Brief (Pedigree Chart) and to provide a DNA sample (kit provided) for analysis. You can read more at: <http://tinyurl.com/kpsqb9y>

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### **Ireland's Registry of Deeds Indexing Project**

The Registry of Deeds Index Project has reached another milestone with its index

now totaling 120,000 records. The online database is fully searchable and free. The names indexed come from nearly 15,000 memorials of deeds.

The project is still only scratching the surface of the task of producing a complete online index to the Registry of Deeds. There are millions of names mentioned in memorials. Anyone can contribute to the project by sending the webmaster spreadsheets or text documents, or by using the following web form <http://tinyurl.com/lnellxk> . The index can be found at: <http://tinyurl.com/lnellxk>

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### **Pre-Civil Registration of Irish Marriages Database**

This database is a good source for pre-civil registration marriages in Ireland and it is comprised of information from a variety of non-traditional sources such as chancery bills, diaries, deeds, marriage settlements, memorial inscriptions, wills, family letter and newspapers. Each record provides the exact source of the information. Access is free at: <http://tinyurl.com/lnellxk>

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### **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. Available via subscription at: <http://www.findmypast.ie/> or free to members at QFHS library.

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### **Wexford County Archives, Ireland, Minute Books**

Wexford County Archives has created a new website that has plans to put online a variety of genealogical records. Already, the minute books from 1899 to 1959 have been put online. These are minutes of the Wexford County Council. Access is free at: <http://wexfordcountyarchive.com/>

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### **Online Database of Limerick Graveyard to Go Live**

An online, searchable database of more than 70,000 people buried in Mount St Laurence in Limerick, Ireland, has recently been launched. The database records details of thousands of people buried between 1855 and 2008. The records include the name, age, address and in many cases, the cause of death of those buried in the cemetery. Details about the database at: <http://tinyurl.com/lf37kwm> You can find the database at: <http://tinyurl.com/k3fcpp4>

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### **Searching the Social Security Death Index**

The Social Security Death Index (SSDI) is a great research tool for finding relatives who died sometime after the early 1960s. It is an index maintained by the Social Security Administration (SSA) and contains roughly 100 million records and is updated weekly. The file is created from internal SSA records of deceased persons possessing social security numbers and whose deaths were reported to the SSA.

You can search the SSDI at: <http://www.stevemorse.org/ssdi/ssdi.html>.

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### **Stanford's Historic Maps of California are now Online**

This online repository of 731 maps is now available at: <http://tinyurl.com/mp4rtfe>

You can learn more at <http://tinyurl.com/lt94bth>

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### **North Carolina City Directories 1860-1963 Now Online**

The North Carolina Digital Library has now posted digitised city directories for 108 cities in 64 North Carolina counties dating from 1860 through to 1963 at:

<http://tinyurl.com/mlxryng>

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### **United States Military Records**

This website lists resources which can be used for researching military records of your ancestors. Check it out at: <http://tinyurl.com/mee5ztz>

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### **Gallatin County (Montana) Records Online**

This website so far has six databases covering 37,500 records covering: divorces; vital records (births, deaths and marriages) from old newspapers; early Dokken-Nelson Funeral Home records; naturalisation records from 1900 to 1970; obituaries; and voter registrations from 1889 onwards; recorded from the basement of the Pioneer Museum, originally the county jail. You will find the database at:

<http://tinyurl.com/m479mox>

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### **Additional 172,000 Civil Registration Records From Napoli now Online**

These records come from the state archives and span the years from 1809 to 1865.

Go to: <http://tinyurl.com/ljnmbz6>

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## **General items of interest**

### **Advice to Irish Girls in America in 1872**

This book was written by Sister Mary Francis Clare, the Nun of Kenmare and contains practical advice about the everyday life of an Irish immigrant lady. The book is aimed at young, single, Irish Catholic ladies who emigrated to America. Most of these young women were looking for jobs as servants or similar work. You can find Advice to Irish Girls in America at: <http://tinyurl.com/o6etg2d>

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### **Last Dates for Ordering Films**

This is just a reminder especially to those ordering a film on short term loan (i.e. 60 days). The last day available to read films before the Christmas closure period is 15 December. To guarantee the 60 day period, films will need to have arrived at the library by 16 October. The shortest period between order and arrival is about 2 weeks. To avoid disappointment please keep these dates in mind when you are ordering.



For those of you who order through the society, last orders will be placed on 4 October. Any orders that received after that date will be held and placed on 2 January, 2014. That should ensure they arrive about the time we open again.

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### **No Death or Birth Certificates Issued Because the City of Detroit Has No Paper**

This is a genealogist's nightmare! The city of Detroit is unable to issue certificates due to not being able to pay for paper. You can read more in an article at:

<http://tinyurl.com/lub96bw> and: <http://tinyurl.com/pcxp3hm>

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### **Search Historical Newspaper Archives with Elephind.com**

Elephind is a free resource for anyone who wishes to search old newspapers. The purpose of elephind.com is to make it possible to search all of the world's digital newspapers from one place and at one time. The database does not yet contain all of the world's newspapers but it does have a lot. Elephind.com allows you to simultaneously search across thousands of articles using key words and phrases.

Elephind presently contains over one million individual newspapers with a total of 1,141 titles. Elephind.com focuses only on historical, digitised newspapers. By clicking on the Elephind.com search result that interests you, you'll go directly to the newspaper collection which hosts that story. You can find Elephind at:

<http://www.elephind.com>

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### **Woman Believed Dead for more than 30 Years Reunited with Her Family Thanks to a Genealogy Web Site**

Betty Lukich abandoned her family in Maine due to personal problems. Her brother later told the rest of the family that Betty was dead although no one knows why he said that. However, 32 years later, Lukich, now living in Arizona, conducted a search on Ancestry.com and found some cousins. Emails were exchanged, and Lukich was soon connected to her daughter and four sisters. You can learn more in an article at:

<http://tinyurl.com/p9f88u9>

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### **Royal Prince to Inspire an Extra 1400 Georges**

Ancestry.com has predicted that George will be the fourth most popular baby name in the United Kingdom in 2014, with 1,400 more Georges to be born than in 2013. The birth of a royal baby typically increases the popularity of that name by 32% the year following the birth. This equates to an average of 1,400 babies born in the UK in the year following a royal birth that are given the same royal name.

With 4,340 Georges born each year in the UK, this trend predicts a total of 5,740 being born in 2014 – pushing it from 12th position to the fourth most popular baby name for a boy.

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### **One Million Photos on FamilySearch.org**

On 10 September, the portrait of Ephraim Meham became the one millionth photo uploaded to FamilySearch.org by contributors! The Photos and Stories features on FamilySearch.org were introduced to the public in April 2013. Since then, thousands of people have uploaded, tagged, and linked their ancestors' pictures to the Family

Tree, along with their genealogies and stories. The accomplishment of one million photos highlights the powerful opportunity this website offers. It is unique as one of the largest collections of family history photos in the world. It is completely free, and, most importantly, it offers endless preservation of these photos. The photos are public and can be seen without signing in.

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### **Society for One-Place Studies**

The Society is a not-for-profit organisation for individuals and societies with an interest in family history and local history. The aims of the Society are to encourage and assist those involved in one-place studies and to advance the education of the general public in these types of studies.

The cost of membership to the Society is £10 per annum with the option of registering your place of interest for a further (one-off) £10 fee per study. The Society provides an online study profile and a dedicated email address for registered studies and a plethora of resources including a fascinating quarterly newsletter in the Members' area of the website. We have many other developments in the pipeline to expand the service we offer to our members. For more details, or to join, got to:

<http://one-place-studies.org/>

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### **Caring for Old Books**

The article is interesting reading for anyone who cares for old books. The information applies equally to books at home or at a library, museum, or any other archive. It describes a threat to books that is often not considered - insects. If you are interested in the care of books, read The Bookie Monster: attack of the creepy crawlies! article at: <http://tinyurl.com/mnmo4j6>

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### **Ancestry and FamilySearch Joint Agreement**

Ancestry.com and FamilySearch.org have announced a joint agreement whereby they will work together to transcribe and put online an estimated 1 billion new genealogy records over the next five years. Ancestry is the world's largest genealogy business and FamilySearch has the largest collection of free genealogy records in the world. It will be interesting to see what new and useful records come out of this collaboration.

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### **HistoryPin**

HistoryPin.com is a non-profit web site that encourages people, groups and organisations to work together to digitise and publish as much history as possible from all over the world. Each photograph is "pinned" to its location on a map. Photos are contributed by both individuals and organisations.

The HistoryPin web site has thousands of old photographs and you are encouraged to add old photos that you have digitised. .You can view the photographs and learn more at: <http://www.historypin.com/>.

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## World's oldest clipper ship transported to Australia

Final plans are being made to transport the world's oldest clipper ship to Australia from a yard in Ayrshire. The City of Adelaide, which was built in 1864, had been salvaged to the Scottish Maritime Museum at Irvine after sinking in the Clyde. However the museum could not afford to refurbish the vessel and had applied to demolish it. The Scottish government accepted a recommendation that the ship should be relocated to South Australia. Its journey began in early September.

The City of Adelaide, or The Carrick as it was also known, was one of the fastest and most luxurious clippers sailing the seas, carrying emigrants and other passengers to South Australia and taking goods back to Scotland.

A 100-tonne steel cradle will be constructed from prefabricated sections to allow the ship to be moved.

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## Members' Noticeboard

### National Archives UK Researcher Required

QFHS Member Lisa Salsbury is wishing to use a researcher in the United Kingdom for the National Archives - in particular for army records. Does any other member use a similar service or could they recommend a researcher that they have had success with? Advice gratefully received. You can contact Lisa Salsbury at: [salsbury@inet.net.au](mailto:salsbury@inet.net.au) Member # 5332

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### Caloundra Family History Research Inc

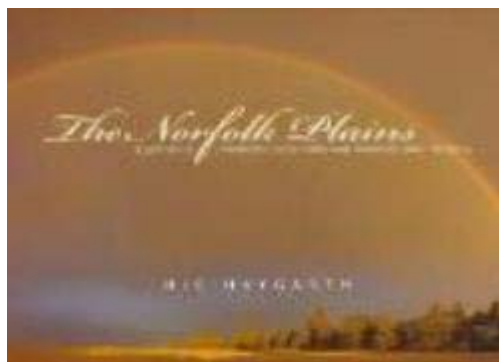
At the October general meeting, Guest Speakers Bill Bunter and Steve Carmody will be speaking about the Caloundra RSL Military Display. Visitors are welcome to join us on 17 October from 1:30pm at the Guide Hut at Arthur Street, Caloundra.

For more information on the group's calendar of events, resources, "Caloundra Clipper" journal and activities, go to: <http://www.caloundrafamilyhistoryorg.au/>

For personal contact please phone June on (07) 5493 2679 or Chris on (07) 5492 1112 (after hours) or email: [caloundrafamilyres@y7mail.com](mailto:caloundrafamilyres@y7mail.com)

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## Book Review



Nic Haygarth *The Norfolk Plains*. In 1813 the convict settlement on Norfolk Island closed and 65 settlers were moved to Van Diemen's Land and settled in an area near the South Esk River on what became known as Norfolk Plains. Dr Haygarth has traced the development of the area from those early days to the present. His commentary is accompanied by a fascinating collection of photographs, art works and maps. The work is sourced in great detail and indexed.

Northern Midlands Council, 2013. hard cover, 243 pp

Review courtesy of Pam Masel.

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## Trivia

### Your Name is Too Long!

Hawaiian woman Janice Keihanaikukauakahihuliheekahaunaele whose last name contains 36 characters claims officials are bullying her and disrespecting her husband's heritage by shortening it because it doesn't fit on state-issued identification cards. You can read more at: <http://tinyurl.com/nhsj9l3>

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### Pauline Macfarlane

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