

# Snippets

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## Dear Members

The last Members Meeting for 2013 will be held on Wednesday evening, 20 November, at 7.30 pm when the 2013 *Award for Services to Family History* will be presented. Come along, celebrate the occasion, and share a festive supper with fellow members.

## Calendar

- 01 Nov - FTM User Group Meeting
- 02 Nov - Seminar on Immigration: Why, When, Where
- 02 Nov - DNA Interest Group Meeting
- 06 Nov - Management Committee Meeting
- 08 Nov - Fridays@QFHS - FreeBMD: are you getting the most from this website?
- 09 Nov - Scottish Interest Group Meeting
- 15 Nov - New Members Welcome and Orientation
- 16 Nov - Family History Writing Group Meeting
- 16 Nov - The Master Genealogist User Group Meeting
- 17 Nov - Genealogy Online at Brisbane Square Library
- 20 Nov - Members' Meeting and Presentation of Award for Services to Family History 2013
- 23 Nov - Central European Interest Group Meeting
- 24 Nov - Welsh Interest Group Meeting
- 28 Nov - English West Country Interest Group Meeting

For details of any Calendar events go to <http://qfhs.org.au/>

## Happenings

### 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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## **Motherland**

This new play was written by Katherine Lyall-Watson and it is based on actual events from the Russian Revolution, WW II and Brisbane history. One of the main characters Nelle Tritton was from a prominent Brisbane family and her family home was in Clayfield, Brisbane. It runs Tuesday to Saturday at 7:30pm at the Sue Benner Theatre, Metro Arts, 109 Edward Street, Brisbane. Closes 16 November.

20% Ticket Saving\*: QFHS members are eligible for a special 20% discount on tickets. Ring (07) 3002 7100 between 9am and 5pm to book and quote

“MOTHERLAND” and you'll only pay concession prices - that's \$16 per person.

\*Offer is only valid for phone bookings on (07) 3002 7100 and you must quote the promotional code “MOTHERLAND” to receive the discount. This offer can't be used in conjunction with any other offer.

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## **Chermside & Districts Historical Society**

Everald Compton AM will present a George Marchant Lecture “Creating a Suburban City at Chermside” on Saturday, 16 November from 10am to 12 Noon at Long Tan Room, Kedron Wavell Services Club, Hamilton Road, Chermside. Cost is \$10.

R.S.V.P by 9 November to [chermsidedhs@gmail.com](mailto:chermsidedhs@gmail.com)

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

### **Fridays@QFHS: 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.

**Only a few places left - book now!**

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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**

### **Judy Webster's Genealogy Web Site Has Moved**

This site has advice and indexes that help genealogists to research local, interstate and overseas folk by using Queensland's historical records. The emphasis is on unusual sources that are superb for problem solving. The site is now located at: <http://www.judywebster.com.au/>

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### **Letterbooks of the Superintendent of the Industrial and Reformatory School for Girls, Toowoomba**

Queensland State Archives, Series ID 16295, consists of the letterbooks of the Superintendent of the Industrial and Reformatory School for Girls, Toowoomba, for the period c1881-1895. The letterbooks have been digitised and are available at: <http://tinyurl.com/p9qgwsz>

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### **Journals of Imperial Pensions Accounts, 1872-1926**

This new online index has been compiled from records located within Queensland State Archives. Go to: <http://tinyurl.com/ozuzlky>

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### **Transfer of Runs 1848-1874**

Another new index has been compiled from records located within Queensland State Archives Series ID 12061. This series documents the transfer of runs or leases of stations from land agents to early settlers, or between the Commissioners of Crown lands with the Land Agents and early settlers in the Moreton district. Go to: <http://tinyurl.com/pye9h7r>

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### **Newspapers Newly Added to Trove**

Trove has added more newspapers for New South Wales and Victoria. More details at: <http://tinyurl.com/ozclq9m>

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## **England, Norfolk Bishop's Transcripts 1685 – 1941**

These Bishops' Transcripts for the County of Norfolk are arranged by church jurisdiction and in yearly bundles. They include baptisms, marriages and burials. Note: some of the Norfolk parish records include parishes in neighbouring regions of Suffolk, Lincolnshire and Cambridgeshire. Available for free at: <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/1823613>

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## **New Ordnance Survey Records and Maps Go Online**

152,332 records for Ordnance Survey County Maps of England and Wales (1841-1952) have recently been uploaded. Go to: <http://maps.nls.uk/geo/records/> Also available online are a set of images of Ordnance Survey maps – the One Inch Revised New Series, covering England and Wales from a century ago. These maps have also been geo-referenced so that they can be compared to present day and other mapping. Check them out at: <http://tinyurl.com/qdzn53c>

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## **Devon Wills Project 1312-1891 Fully Searchable for free Online**

The current index includes over 132,540 records of probate documents. The value of wills goes beyond the pedigree — they also provide information on the occupation and social status of an ancestor, indicate the closeness or otherwise of the relationship to a spouse and children, and may allow you to identify in the present day a house or land owned by the family. With over 3.6 million probate records, the National Wills Index is the largest online resource for pre-1858 English probate material, containing indexes, abstracts and source documents, most not available anywhere else online. You can learn more at: <http://www.origins.net/help/aboutNWI-DevonWills.aspx>

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## **Scottish Property Valuation Rolls for 1920 Go Online**

The names and addresses of more than 2.6 million people living in Scotland during the post-WW1 period have been published online. The rolls list the owners, tenants and occupiers of all types of property. Each record is searchable by name and address. ScotlandsPeople already has the 1895, 1905 and 1915 Property Valuation Rolls online. Access is by subscription at: <http://tinyurl.com/od24um5>

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## **No Restriction in Access to General Register Office Records**

In recent weeks stories have been circulated by some within the genealogical community that the new Freedom of Information Bill will restrict access to Ireland's civil registration records. CIGO can categorically state that these rumours are completely unfounded. No such change is contemplated and this has been confirmed by Brian Hayes TD, Minister of State in the Irish government. You can read the full story at: <http://www.cigo.ie/news.html>

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## **New Irish General Register Office Research Room is Now Open**

The General Register Office (GRO) of Ireland's search room in Dublin recently moved to a new facility at Werburgh Street, Dublin 2. The Research facility is open

Monday to Friday, (excluding public holidays) from 9.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. for the purpose of searching indexes to birth, death and marriage records and for obtaining photocopies of records identified from the indexes.

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### **What Can You Find in Irish Newspapers?**

Take a look! The Belfast Morning News (1850 – 1882), The Belfast Newsletter, The Cork Examiner (1841 – 1926) and The Sligo Champion are now available online at Findmypast. Available by subscription or free at the QFHS library.

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### **Galway County Digital Archives**

Galway County is formally launching its online digital archive. Although small at the moment, the collection is expected to grow larger in the future. Already, some burial records and Poor Law Union records have gone online. The archive appears to be focussing on putting the most requested collections online first. Access is free at: <http://tinyurl.com/nqqdr5c>

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### **County Monaghan Genealogical Sources Available Online**

Rootsireland.ie has announced the availability of new Monaghan birth, marriage and death records. Search is free but copies of records have a fee. Go to: <http://tinyurl.com/lwrthy5>

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### **Cymru'n Cofio Wales Remembers 1914-1918**

The Cymru'n Cofio Wales Remembers 1914-1918 website has now gone live. Cymru'n Cofio Wales Remembers 1914-1918 is the official site for information on how Wales will mark the centenary of the First World War in Wales.

It provides a focal point for information on the latest news, projects, events and signposting services for the programme of commemoration which will take place in Wales from 2014 to 2018. Go to: <http://www.walesremembers.org/>

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### **Hungary Catholic Church Records from 1636 – 1895 Online**

Church records are the property of the state and are stored in the archives of the various Hungarian counties under direction of the National Archives of Hungary (Országos Levéltár) in Budapest. Included in this collection are some baptism records from localities which historically belonged to the Kingdom of Hungary, but because of changing political borders now belong to other countries. Records may appear in Hungarian, Latin and German. Go to: <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/1743180>

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### **The Online National Archives of Norway**

The National Archives of Norway has digitised thousands of documents and all the digitised documents are available online free of charge. A wide variety of documents is available, including census records, parish records, probate records, court records, and emigrant lists. These documents provide information about people's

lives, in some cases going back to the 9th century.

Norway had mass emigration 100 to 120 years ago when roughly one-third of the population left the country. Many went to the United States with smaller numbers of emigrants to Canada, Australia, and elsewhere. The Digital Archives of the National Archives of Norway can be found at: <http://arkivverket.no/eng>

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### **1875 Montefiore Census of Eretz Israel Now Available for Searching**

The 1875 census of the Jewish population of Eretz Israel is now available online. The census charts were compiled by the community or Kolel heads, and are divided accordingly. The data requested (but not always provided) includes: name, age and place of birth of the head of household, his financial status and occupation, his wife's name, names and ages of his children, and various comments. You can read more in an article at <http://tinyurl.com/qbokddp> The censuses can be found at <http://www.montefioreendowment.org.uk/>

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## **General items of interest**

### **Cundletown District Manning River - New Local History Book**

"Cundletown, Ghinni Ghinni and Jones' Island, Manning River - chronicles of the early days 1829-1880", gives an insight into the efforts of the community in establishing one of the most fertile districts on the Manning River. This book, in A4 format, 154 pages, costs \$25, postage free within Australia. Further details are available at <http://tinyurl.com/pdo5m56>

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### **Reading Old Handwriting Tutorial**

Palaeography is the study of old handwriting. This web tutorial will help you learn to read the handwriting found in documents written in English between 1500 and 1800. Go to: <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/palaeography/>

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### **Irish Lives Remembered – Free Online Magazine**

This is a free digital monthly magazine dedicated to helping you trace your Irish ancestors. Register your email address at: <http://www.irishlivesremembered.com/>

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### **Adopted Girl Discovers School Bus Driver is Her Real Mum**

As she scanned the smiling faces of schoolchildren on her bus, conductor Freda Pickering often wondered what happened to the baby she gave up for adoption many years before. Little did she know that the answer was sitting just a few feet away from her. For seven years daughter Carole travelled to and from her school every day on the bus her mother worked on. To read more, go to: <http://tinyurl.com/n9e9ehe>

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### **80-Year-Old Orphan Finds His Family Thanks to DNA**

This 80-year-old man had never met a blood relative until a DNA test found his

family. He was placed in an orphanage when he was a few days old and spent his entire childhood there. He had his DNA tested a few years ago and recently was notified that another person's newly-submitted DNA sample was a very close match. After learning of the man's date of birth, the new family instantly knew who he was. You can watch the video at: <http://tinyurl.com/pu32jj2>

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### **Burial Space in England Could Run Out in 20 Years**

Almost half of England's cemeteries could run out of space within the next 20 years, a BBC survey suggests. A quarter of 358 local authorities responding to the BBC said they would have no more room for burials within a decade. Cemetery experts warned of a looming crisis, while managers called for a change in law to allow graves that are more than 75-years-old to be re-used. You can read more at: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-24283426>.

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## **Members' Noticeboard**

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

At the general meeting on Thursday, 21 November at 1:30pm, Guest Speaker Stephanie Ryan from State Library of Qld will be speaking on speaking on State Library of Queensland resources and things to do over December/January.

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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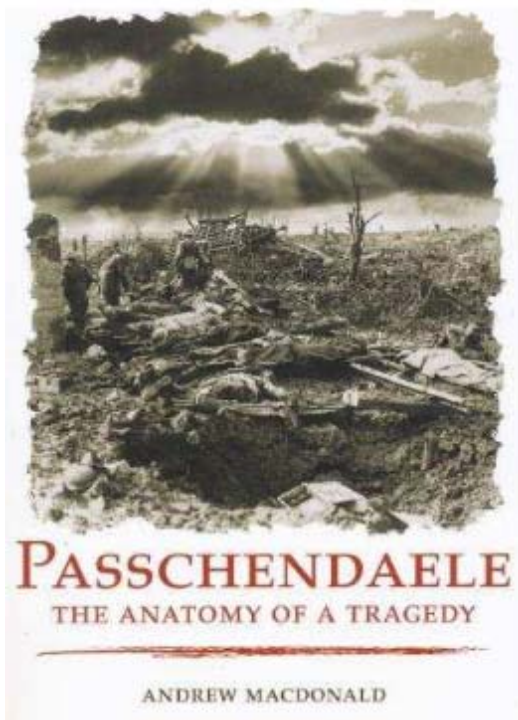
### **Toowong History Group**

On Thursday, 7 November, Adele Horsburgh, Curator of the Lighthorse Museum will be our speaker. She is now also Museum Manager of the Army Museum South Queensland at Victoria Barracks, Petrie Terrace. Being close to Remembrance Day Adele has suggested a "Bring and Share" activity for the night where members are invited to bring any War Memorabilia along which they may have.

This group meets on the first Thursday of the month from 7pm to 9pm. Tea and coffee are available following the meeting. Meetings are held in the Toowong State School Historical Library. Entry is via Kate Street (off Sylvan Road). No fees or membership are required – everyone is welcome. We now have a trilogy on the history of Toowong. If you don't already have our books the trilogy is now selling at our meetings for \$50. Phone (07) 3870 9538 if you live locally and would like a lift to the meeting.

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## **Book Review**



Macdonald A. Passchendaele - The Anatomy of a Tragedy. Macdonald puts Passchendaele under the microscope and outlines what was possible and what wasn't. He covers all aspects of battle. The book outlines, it is claimed for the first time, what really happened to Anzac, British and Canadian soldiers. It is an indictment of weak leadership but it is also a tribute to military endurance.

300 pages, indexed and referenced  
Harper Collins

Review courtesy of Pam Masel.

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Pauline Macfarlane

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