

# Snippets

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## New QFHS Website

QFHS has a brand new website! We invite you be among the first to see it and read some exciting announcements at: <http://www.qfhs.org.au/>

Be sure to check out our activities for 2014, and book online to secure your place at: <http://www.qfhs.org.au/activities/>

You can visit our e-Shop and purchase Christmas gifts for all your 'genie' friends at: [www.qfhs.org.au/shop/shop-catalogue/](http://www.qfhs.org.au/shop/shop-catalogue/)

Many thanks to John Perryn and the website team for the many hours of hard work put into producing the new website.



*Merry Genealogy Christmas*  
Remembering all your ancestors  
from the past



This New Year  
how many new ones  
will you find?

A reminder to members and visitors that the QFHS library will close on 15 December 2013 and re-open on 13 January 2014.

## Calendar

- 04 Dec - Management Committee Meeting
- 06 Dec - Family Tree Maker User Group Meeting
- 13 Dec - Fridays@QFHS - QFHS Microfiche Collection
- 15 Dec - Library closes 4.00 pm for Festive Season

## Education - Workshops/Courses/Seminars

**Seminar: On Death and Burial**



**When:** 1 March 2014 from 9.00 am to 12.30 pm.

**Where:** Queensland Baptists Conference Centre, 53 Prospect Road, Gaythorne.



**Presenters:** Dr Kerry Raymond, Helen Smith and Dr Leigh Summers

Don't miss this opportunity to learn from the experts. For further information go to <http://qfhs.org.au/activities/qfhs-seminars/on-death-and-burial/>

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### **Fridays@QFHS: Using PaintShop Pro Tools**

**When:** 10.00 am to 11.30 am 14 February, 2014

**Where:** QFHS Library and Resource Centre, 58 Bellevue Avenue, Gaythorne

**Presenter:** Fran Warner

Do you often wish you knew more about using images in genealogy? PaintShop Pro is a powerful photo editing software you can use to create or enhance your images. For more information go to <http://qfhs.org.au/activities/qfhs-training-courses/>

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For more Seminars and Training Sessions planned for 2014 go to <http://qfhs.org.au/activities/>

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## **Web Wanderings**

### **Colonial Secretary's Office Registers of Letters Received 1859-1896 Now Online**

These registers are arranged alphabetically by the functions and agencies that the Colonial Secretary's Office were responsible for during this period. Generally each correspondence register also includes an alphabetical listing of letters from individuals or organisations. Check it out at: <http://tinyurl.com/ppj5bt2>

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### **More Historic Australian War Photos Go Online**

Another 400 photos of soldiers, sailors and nurses serving during the First World War have been added to a South Australian Flickr database. You can see the entire Flickr collection from SA's State Records at: <http://tinyurl.com/kj2qq8v>

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### **Online Newspaper Archive Passes the 7 Million Page Mark**

The British Newspaper Archive (BNA) recently passed a giant milestone as page number 7,000,000 was added to the site at: [www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk](http://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk)

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### **New Online Exhibition '10 Pound Poms'**

Take a trip Down Under in this online exhibition which explores P&O's part in post-war emigration and the political climate in Australia which gave rise to the 10 pound assisted passage scheme. Go to: <http://www.poheritage.com/the-collection/>

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**GreatAuntyAlice.com**

This web site is a serious resource for genealogists seeking information in the United Kingdom and elsewhere. Great Aunt Alice is a directory of family history researchers based across the UK and around the world. Whether you need help with a small specific problem or would like someone to carry out extensive research, Great Aunt Alice has an array of researchers for you to choose from. The site contains listings of genealogists, some are professionals while others are amateurs who would like to help.

The web site's owner does not receive commissions for clients the researchers receive, and each listing is written by the individual researcher explaining their services. Great Aunt Alice simply serves as a directory to help put people in touch. GreatAuntAlice.com's design is simple and easy to use. You can see for yourself at <http://greatauntyalice.com/>

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### **London from 400 Years Ago - Brought to Life**

This is a virtual reconstruction of the city of London from 400 years ago, before the Great Fire. The creators claim that it is a very accurate reproduction of the city in which many of our ancestors lived. The video is available at: <http://tinyurl.com/ppeugyl>

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### **The Jewellery Quarter Research Group - Birmingham, England**

Volunteers from The Jewellery Quarter Research Group have recorded headstones from Key Hill and Warstone Lane dating from the 1830s. The cemeteries contain many notable people and the database is available for free. The database is available at: <http://www.jqrg.org/>

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### **A list of Burial Grounds in Scotland**

The Scottish Association of Family History Societies has published a list of the burial grounds in Scotland on their website. You'll find the list at: <http://www.safhs.org.uk/burialgrounds.asp>

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### **Scottish Medical Database for the First World War Online**

The Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh has launched an online searchable database, which is likely to be of great interest to genealogists who are looking to trace family ancestors with a medical background who lived in Scotland at this time. Go to: <http://www.rcpe.ac.uk/news/ww1-scottish-medical-database/>

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### **National Library of Ireland is now Sharing Pictures on Google**

An online collaboration between the National Library of Ireland and Google could be the first step in the creation of a virtual Irish museum. The National Library has digitised items from three of its past photography exhibitions and made them available free online on the Google Cultural Institute.

You can read more at: <http://tinyurl.com/ofkofg2>

The collection is available at: <http://tinyurl.com/p8mbvt6>

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## **Tracing Your Irish Ancestors – A Free Guide**

This free guide was published for visitors to the 2013 World Police and Fire Games in Northern Ireland and it will be very helpful to anyone who is looking to research their Irish ancestors. Check it out at: <http://tinyurl.com/q9ph5nb>

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## **Findmypast.com Adds Online Irish Newspapers**

Almost 2 million historical Irish newspaper articles are available to search on the website. The collection features six newspaper titles: The Belfast Morning News, The Belfast Newsletter, The Cork Examiner, The Dublin Evening Mail, The Freeman's Journal and The Sligo Champion.

This collection also is accessible on all findmypast international sites through a World subscription or from the QFHS library.

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## **IGRS Launches New Online Irish Wills resource**

The Irish Genealogical Research Society (IGRS) has launched a new online index to abstracts and transcripts of Irish wills. The index includes references from a number of important and lesser known collections, referring to wills from the seventeenth to the nineteenth centuries. In addition, the card index also includes many regional wills & administrations.

There are approximately 4000 cards in all and while they stretch from Acheson to Young, those from A to F are slightly better covered than the rest of the alphabet.

In each case, the full source for the abstract is quoted, and great pains were taken to show family relationships, making this an essential reference for anyone involved in Irish genealogy.

This important new resource is available at: <http://www.IrishAncestors.ie/> While the Wills Index is one of several resources accessible to Members only (annual subscription: £21), others records and databases can be viewed by non-members in the publicly accessible Unique Resources section of the site.

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## **Armagh Ancestry Presbyterian Records Available**

Recently completed, these records are of Presbyterian Church baptisms, marriages and deaths for county Armagh. These have been added to the online database and are available to research. Go to: <http://tinyurl.com/lzj8am2>

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## **Derryloran Parish County Tyrone Baptisms and Confirmations Transcribed**

This collection is from the diocese of Armagh – specifically the parish of Derryloran, County Tyrone. It includes baptisms from 1796 to 1896, together with confirmations in 1843, 1846, 1849, 1852 and 1856. To view the transcripts and index to the baptismal and confirmation entries 1796-1896, see: <http://tinyurl.com/nt7w7rn>

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## **Troy, New York, Area Service Men and Women Casualties in World War II now Online**

The Troy Irish Genealogy Society (TIGS) recently introduced its latest database, Area Service Men & Women Casualties in World War II. This database has almost two thousand names of Troy Area and vicinity men and women who were World War II casualties. The list was compiled from various newspaper reports from 7 December 1941 to 23 May, 1945.

To see this new database, go to the TIGS website at: <http://www.troyirish.com/> click on 'Projects' and then click on 'Area Service Men & Women Casualties in World War II'

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### **Minnesota Veteran's World War II Photos are now Online**

Between 1944 and 1945, Daniel Novak was an Army photographer assigned to the Signal Corps. He served in India, China and Burma. His still and motion images captured wartime life for both soldiers and famous generals.

Army photographers didn't own their work but instead, the images belonged to military archives. They were recently recovered by a fellow photographer who was asked to help in the publication of a history book for the Signal Corps. 90-year-old Novak asked for and was given access and has since posted them to a website for everyone to see. You can read more at: <http://tinyurl.com/q8gtw5w> To see the photographs, go to: <http://tinyurl.com/neuyzcc>

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### **Austrian Records at GenTeam**

GenTeam has indexed millions of records of interest to genealogists. The records are collected from present-day Austria and its neighbouring lands. Access to their database is free, you just need to register for a free account on their site before you can search.

Recently, the site added 482,000 new records up to 1913. (Austrian privacy laws do not allow publication of records less than 100 years old so all records end in 1913.). You can find GenTeam at: <http://www.genteam.at/>

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## **General items of interest**

### **Nineteen Kinds of Death Records and Their Uses**

This article lists various death records and how to best use for your genealogical research. Enjoy reading at: <http://tinyurl.com/ks59c8z>

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### **Genome Hacker Uncovers Largest-Ever Family Tree: 13 Million Individuals**

Using data pulled from online genealogy sites, a renowned 'genome hacker' has constructed what is likely the biggest family trees ever assembled. The researcher and his team now plan to use the data — including a single uber-pedigree comprising 13 million individuals, which stretches back to the 15th century — to analyse the inheritance of complex genetic traits, such as longevity and facial features.

In addition to providing the invitation list to what would be the world's largest family reunion, the work presented by computational biologist Yaniv Erlich at the American Society of Human Genetics annual meeting in Boston could provide a new tool for understanding the extent to which genes contribute to certain traits. The pedigrees have been made available to other researchers, but Erlich and his team at the Whitehead Institute in Cambridge, Massachusetts, have stripped the names from the data to protect privacy. You can read more in an article at <http://tinyurl.com/nfo3r35>

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### **World's Oldest Man Dies at 112 Years of Age**

Salustiano Sanchez Blazquez of Grand Island, New York, recently died aged 112. He had been named the world's oldest man by the Guinness World Records after his birthday in June. He passed away quietly at a nursing home in Grand Island according to Robert Young, senior gerontology consultant with Guinness World Records. You can read more at: <http://tinyurl.com/qg9e9ll>

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### **What Will Happen to Your Genealogical Collection?**

This article is one that should be required reading for all genealogists. Stephen Brown Simmons (1918 - 2012) spent more than half a century collecting hundreds of family group sheets, pictures, letters, notes, documents, newspaper articles, birth, wedding, and death announcements, books and historical information about residents. It was apparent this valuable collection needed to be preserved and shared with the public.

The article describes one solution being performed by Mr. Simmons' friends and family. Read it at: <http://tinyurl.com/key4gb2> and then think about what will happen to your collection after you are gone.

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### **American FDA Clamps Down on Genetic Test Kits**

In a sternly worded warning, the Food and Drug Administration has told the company 23andMe to discontinue marketing its "personal genome service" kits until such time as it receives FDA marketing authorization for the device. For more details, go to: <http://tinyurl.com/lwbjshk> and <http://tinyurl.com/mt668ev>

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### **Familysearch Wiki Reaches an Important Milestone**

Recently, the 75,000th article was published in the Research Wiki. The Wiki is like having a worldwide encyclopaedia of genealogy knowledge at your fingertips. Go to: <http://tinyurl.com/qy4vbte>

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## **Members' Noticeboard**

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

For information on the group's calendar of events, resources, "Caloundra Clipper" journal, activities, plus a map to locate us, go to:

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

For more information, personal contact about meetings and seminars, phone June on (07) 5493 2679, Chris on (07) 5492 1112 (after hours) You can send an email to: [caloundrafamilyres@y7mail.com](mailto:caloundrafamilyres@y7mail.com)

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### **Brisbane History Grants**

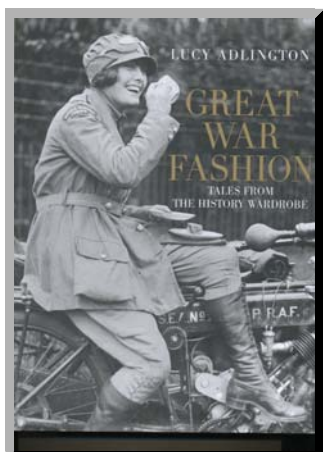
The new Brisbane History Grants incorporates past grants - the Community History Grants and the Lord Mayor's Helen Taylor Research Award for Local History.

The Brisbane History Grants support projects that enable all Brisbane residents to access and appreciate Brisbane's rich history and heritage. Applications are open until midnight 13 January, 2014 for projects starting in May 2014. Funding is available in two categories: Organisations and Individuals.

For more information, including guidelines and how to apply online, visit <http://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/grants/> or contact Brisbane City Council on (07) 3403 8888.

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### **Book Review**



**Adlington, L. Great War Fashion.** As the centenary of World War I looms large our focus tends to be on the battle fields - battle strategies, military hardware, life in the trenches etc. The war brought other changes - subtle and less dramatic. The Ladies Pictorial of 1916 stated that "women have shed most of their mystery and come most healthily into the open". Lucy Adlington traces this development as expressed in clothes and accessories. Although Coco Chanel saw the period as the "death of luxury" the wealthier end of town still maintained a fashionable wardrobe though limited by

wartime shortages. The needs of the working girl differed. For example the corset was no longer the means to a wisp waist. By shifting the lacing and belting the corset was an essential back support for war workers. Adlington investigates more off beat aspects of dress with cross dressing and the half naked type wardrobe of the Mata Hari type. This is a fascinating and detailed account of another aspect of World War I. 246 pages, sourced and indexed. Published by the History Press 2013. Review courtesy of Pam Masel.

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### **Trivia**

#### **Surname Popularity in the United States**

Have you ever wondered how popular your surname is? This website uses the 2000 United States Census to rank families' names. You can also discover the ethnic origin and meaning of last names. Read the full article at:

<http://www.genealogyblog.com/?p=29787>

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## Boy of 12 is Britain's Youngest Great War Soldier

A schoolboy who tricked his way into the trenches is declared Britain's youngest First World War soldier. 12-year-old Private Sidney Lewis enlisted in August 1915, and was fighting in the trenches of the Western Front by the following June. The full story may be found in an article at: <http://tinyurl.com/pnoz9gy>

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Pauline Macfarlane

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