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Our year gets off to a good start on Saturday 1 February 2014, if you are in Brisbane. You will have the opportunity to hear two prominent speakers at the Chris Paton and Thomas MacEntee downunder Seminar, presented by Unlock the Past. Chris Paton is a Scottish based professional genealogist, running the Scotland's Greatest Story ancestral research service. He is a regular contributor to several UK and Ireland based family history publications, and author of seven family history books. Thomas MacEntee specialises in the use of technology and social media to improve genealogical research and to interact with others in the family history community. He provides consulting services in the genealogy industry covering such areas as market research, education, technology, and more.

The seminar takes place on Saturday 1 February 2014, from 9.00 am until 4.30pm at the Broncos Leagues Club, Fulcher Road, Red Hill.

Chris will present sessions entitled Irish land records and Scottish inheritance records; Thomas's sessions are Building a genealogy research toolbox and You use WHAT for genealogy? Wonderful uses for unusual tools.

Further details are available on the QFHS website.

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### Calendar

18 Jan - Family History Writing Group

19 Jan - The Master Genealogist User Group

23 Jan - English West Country Group

25 Jan - Central European Group

26 Jan - **CLOSED** Australia Day

26 Jan - Welsh Group Meeting **CANCELLED** - next meeting 23 March

26 Jan - Open Day at Government House

**01 Feb - Chris Paton and Thomas MacEntee downunder**

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## Happenings

The Governor of Queensland, Her Excellency Ms Penelope Wensley AC and Mr Stuart McCosker invite you to an Open Day at Government House to celebrate Australia Day on Sunday, 26 January, 2014 at 168 Fernberg Road, Paddington. Gates open 10am to 3pm.

Don't miss this fantastic opportunity to visit stately Government House, "Fernberg". Walk through historic Government House, with volunteer guides on hand to answer your questions. There will be guided tours of the wonderful gardens and surrounds at 10:45am, 12 noon and 1:30pm. Refreshments will be available for purchase or feel free to bring a picnic to enjoy on the lawns. Free parking is available at Norman Buchan Park (cnr Barooka and Rainworth Roads, Paddington) with regular free shuttle service from Norman Buchan Park to Government House. More information at: <http://www.govhouse.qld.gov.au>

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### Researching my family history: Where to begin

Learn how to research genealogical records and use family history tools to start your family history research on Saturday 18 January from 10.30 am to 12.00 pm at Brisbane City Council Library, 37 Heliopolis Parade, Mitchelton. Presenter Sue Reid. There is no cost but bookings appreciated on 34037410.

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## Education - Workshops/Courses/Seminars

### Fridays@QFHS: Using PaintShop Pro Tools

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

**Where:** QFHS Library and Resource Centre

**Presenter:** Fran Warner

PaintShop Pro is a powerful photo editing software you can use to create or enhance your images.

More information at <http://qfhs.org.au/activities/qfhs-training-courses/>

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### Seminar: On Death and Burial

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

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

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

- Burials: both an end and a means.
- Death Certificates: fact or fiction.
- Jet is black but it also sparkles.



More information at <http://qfhs.org.au/activities/qfhs-seminars/>

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### **Fridays@QFHS: DNA Basics**

**When:** 10.00 am to 11.30 am 14 March 2014

**Where:** QFHS Library and Resource Centre

**Presenter:** Chris Schuetz

How can DNA help you find family? Are you planning to submit a DNA sample for testing to assist in your research? This session is a primer for those intending to take DNA testing for all male and all female lines. More information at <http://qfhs.org.au/activities/qfhs-training-courses/>

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## **Web Wanderings**

### **South-East Queensland Cemeteries Headstone Photo Collection**

This collection of headstone and memorial photos is intended mostly to cover cemeteries for which there is no on-line lists of names. It includes photos and transcriptions of most of the headstones. The transcriptions of the memorial inscriptions is generally limited to the genealogical information. Check the site out at: <http://www.chapelhill.homeip.net/FamilyHistory/Photos/>

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### **Renamed Places in Queensland**

Anyone doing local or family history knows the frustration of finding a town or street name or building name that just doesn't appear on a current map. This site is intended to help find out the location and/or new name for those old/forgotten places in Queensland. Go to: <http://tinyurl.com/mbuy3yg>

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### **South Australian Remote Deaths 1851 – 1965 Online**

Findmypast has added new records. Available by subscription or free to members at the QFHS library. Available at: <http://tinyurl.com/nwj6hzy>

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### **New Scottish Ordnance Map Series Goes Online**

A new set of maps is now available covering Scotland in 131 sheets for the 1885-1903 period. The "Hills" edition maps can be viewed too as a seamless mosaic. Check it out at: <http://tinyurl.com/kxald4g>

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### **Discover National Library of Scotland Online**

The National Library of Scotland's (NLS) award-winning magazine Discover NLS is available online at: <http://tinyurl.com/luac9ao>

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### **A Few Details on the Top 100 Irish Surnames**

This website details the top 100 most common Irish surnames with a little explanation of where these names come from. Whether you're looking to trace your family crest or trying to trace your family roots this list will point you in the right

direction. Go to: <http://tinyurl.com/ml95gsf>

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### **Cymru 1914 - The Welsh Experience of the First World War**

The website is a collaborative effort developed in partnership with several universities and archives in Wales. It commemorates the impact the First World War had on Wales. It contains a collection of newspapers, images, sound and archival material from the era. Go to: <http://cymru1914.org/en/home>

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### **Euclid, Ohio, Public Library Digitises Decades of School Yearbooks**

The Euclid Public Library has just digitised decades worth of school yearbooks. They can be found at <http://www.euclidlibrary.org/research/euclid-yearbooks>

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### **Civil Registration Records from Belgium**

FamilySearch.org has added a variety of indexed civil registration records from various regions of Belgium. Included are Antwerp (1609 to 1909), Brabant (1582 to 1912), East Flanders (1598 to 1906), Hainaut (1600 to 1911), Limburg (1798 to 1906), Liège (1621 to 1910) and West Flanders (1582 to 1910). In total, some 850,000 indexed records have been added to the collection. Access to these records is free. Go to: <http://tinyurl.com/c2l6ohf>

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### **Watch the Online Video of "The King's Skeleton: Richard III Revealed"**

The bones of Richard III were thought to be lost forever, buried unceremoniously on the battlefield. But in 2012, a skeleton was found in a parking lot, and history had to be rewritten. Now an excellent video from the Smithsonian Channel ties all the stories together in one fascinating video.

This fascinating story combines history, archaeology, DNA, and genealogy. Enjoy viewing the video at: <http://tinyurl.com/lq2w77>

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### **Did Your Ancestors Work for British Royalty?**

Findmypast have published more than 300,000 new records of people who worked in the British Royal Household for the years 1526-1924. Now you can search the 380,000 records. Available by subscription or free to members at the QFHS library. Available at: <http://www.findmypast.co.uk/search/other-r>

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### **Fire Destroys Genealogist Horst Blaich's Lifetime of Work**

A fire has destroyed the life's work of a genealogist. The fire, believed to be caused by an electrical fault, also damaged fences on three adjoining properties. The property is owned by Horst Blaich, who has written five books on the Templar Society. Mr Blaich's research papers were lost when the shed was destroyed. More details at: <http://tinyurl.com/kz5kncz>

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## **General items of interest**

**Queensland State Archives Saturday Openings**

Queensland State Archives will be open to the public on the second Saturday of every month from 9 am to 4:30 pm. The next three Saturday opening dates are:

- Saturday, 11 January
- Saturday, 8 February
- Saturday, 8 March

Free wireless is also available to registered researchers in the Public Search Room. Queensland State Archives is located at 435 Compton Road, Runcorn, Queensland. For more details, go to: <http://tinyurl.com/kwxcwxk>

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### Limited Edition Commemorative Birth Certificates

To commemorate the birth of His Royal Highness Prince George Alexander Louis of Cambridge, Queensland Births, Deaths and Marriages is offering a Prince George of Cambridge commemorative certificate.

If you have ordered a standard birth certificate for your child born in 2013, you can order this free limited edition certificate until 31 January 2014. More details at:

<http://tinyurl.com/pu5pyvv>

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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/>

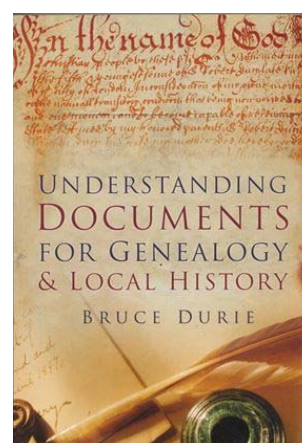
For more information, personal contact about meetings and seminars, phone June on (07) 5493 2679, Chris on (07) 5492 1112 (after hours) You can send an email to:

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## Book Review

In chasing our ancestors most of us would have trawled BMD's, censuses, newspaper articles etc. with varying degrees of success. But how many of us are fortunate enough to strike gold in the form of documents? These may be wills, contracts, indentures, letters or trust depositions to name just a few. Our next challenge is to understand them. In *Understanding Documents for Genealogy and Local History* Dr Bruce Durie intends to go beyond the 'here are some documents, now you're on your own' style of presentation. He stresses that one must understand the context - be it legal, historical or social - to appreciate why a document would be produced in such a particular manner. This is a detailed work and deals mainly with UK documents from 1560 to 1860. By the conclusion you



might even be able to translate basic Latin! The work is indexed, has several glossaries while further reading is suggested at the end of each chapter. Published 2013 by the History Press. 448 pages. Review courtesy of Pam Masel.

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## Trivia

### Babies Born in 2013 Have Some of the Worst Names Ever

If the United States parenting website BabyCentre 's list of baby name trends for 2013 is anything to go by, we are taking our desire to be noticed - and have our kids noticed - very far indeed. Read more in an article at: <http://tinyurl.com/n4asw2h>

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Pauline Macfarlane

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