

Snippets

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Coming up on October 4th is our next seminar **Inmates: Asylums, Prisons and Hospitals**, where [Shauna Hicks](#) and [Pauleen Cass](#) will discuss records about the elderly, infirm and prisoners, and those who looked after them. This will widen the range of resources for us to seek our families within, as well as explain the society in which our ancestors lived. Shauna will be familiar to many of us as a regular speaker at our events. Pauleen is Queensland-born, now a Darwin resident, a well known genealogy blogger, author and presenter. See below for more information or go [here](#).

Don't forget, if you haven't yet renewed your QFHS membership, with its many benefits such as receiving Snippets, access to our resources, and discounts on seminars. It's now very easy to do so with direct credit from your bank account. Details [here](#), remember to include your membership number!

The Award for Services to Family History is presented annually to QFHS members who have made a significant contribution to family history. The award ceremony takes place at the November Members' Meeting. If you would like to nominate a fellow member please send your nomination (about 200 words) to the secretary at secretary@qfhs.org.au by 1 October. Please include your membership number.

Once again we are calling for helpers with a range of interesting tasks for the society. Secretary, proof-reader, library assistant and others - the choice is yours. See the "Happenings" section below for more information.

STOP PRESS!

Library Assistants - it's not too late to register to attend your meeting this Saturday 6th September. There was great feedback from the weekday session on the interesting and helpful presentations, especially the update on the Map Room.

Calendar

- 05 September [Family Tree Maker® User Group](#)
- 06 September [Library Assistant Training](#)
- 06 September [DNA Interest Group](#)
- 12 September [Fridays@QFHS: Beginners' Course](#)
- 13 September [Scottish Interest Group](#)
- 17 September [WWI at the QSA: Members Meeting](#)
- 19 September [New Members Welcome and Orientation](#)
- 20 September [Family History Writing Interest Group](#)
- 20 September [The Master Genealogist® User Group](#)
- 25 September [English West Country Interest Group](#)
- 27 September [Central European Interest Group](#)
- 28 September [Welsh Interest Group](#)
- 30 September [Award for Services to Family History - close of nominations](#)
- 01 October [Management Committee Meeting](#)
- 03 October [Family Tree Maker® User Group](#)
- 04 October [Seminar: Inmates: Asylums, Prisons and Hospitals](#)
- 06 October [The Master Genealogist® Workshop](#)

Happenings

September Members' Meeting

The speaker at our Members' Meeting this month is Saadia Thomson Dwyer, speaking about the First World War records at the Queensland State Archives. You will hear first-hand from an expert in this field. Begin your discovery of the archive's WWI records [here](#). Join us, and bring your friends, at 1:00 pm on Wednesday 17th at the QFHS library meeting room.



Our Society is run entirely by volunteers and we are always seeking people to assist within the Society. If you would like to contribute to the work of the Society in any of the following ways please email secretary@qfhs.org.au.

Secretary: We are still searching for a Secretary for QFHS. Bev Young is currently acting in this capacity and is very happy to talk with another member about what is

involved.

Outside Events: a coordinator and helpers are needed to organise the QFHS table and attend events such as the QFHS seminars, events held by other societies, Government House Open Day, and others.

Proof-reader: QFHS pride themselves on publishing accurate data for those accessing our publications. Our indexers have been very busy and we find ourselves with a backlog of information that requires accurate proof-reading. Do you have a keen eye for detail and pride yourself on 'getting it right'? This very important work needs to be completed before moving to the next stage of publication.

Library Assistant: we are in need of more library assistants. If you can help please see one of the committee or contact Marie Stewart at cjmts@bigpond.net.au.

Adopt a Journal: Do you have a favourite journal? Sarah Barry would like to hear from members who are willing to browse a journal when it is received at the library and record key words that can be entered into v-library as search words. Your chosen journal can be either hard copy or one we receive electronically. If you can help with this task, please email Sarah at library@qfhs.org.au

Education - Workshops/Courses/Seminars

Fridays@QFHS: Beginners Course

Limited numbers so book early to avoid disappointment.

When: 12 September 2014

Where: QFHS Library and Resource Centre

Presenter: Max Hill

For those with little or no family history experience. If you don't know where to begin to find your ancestors this course is for you. More information [here](#).

Seminar: Inmates: Asylums, Prisons and Hospitals

When: 4 October 2014

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

Presenters: Shauna Hicks, Pauleen Cass

- Missing an ancestor: try looking behind bars
- Family skeletons or just old and sick: looking in asylum records
- Accidents, illness, and death

More information is available [here](#).

Fridays@QFHS: Australian Joint Copying Project

When: 10 October 2014

Where: QFHS Library and Resource Centre

Presenter: Ann Swain

This project copied Australasian material held in UK repositories. The information is now held in more than 10,000 reels of microfilm records and is a valuable but under-utilised resource. More information [here](#).

QFHS Trout Game

When: 17 October 2014 from 10am to 4pm

Where: QFHS Library and Resource Centre

Game Master: Ann Swain

Have a fun day with family history playing the Trout Game! This simulates researching an English family (the Trout family) back to the 1500s without involving computers. Use the game to improve your basic research techniques and identify ways around brick walls.

Cost is \$5.00 including morning and afternoon tea (BYO lunch). To book, contact Ann Swain by email at a.swain@bigpond.com or telephone (07) 3352 5537.

More information [here](#).

Members' Noticeboard

Angling for Ancestors at the Gold Coast

The Gold Coast Family History Society is hosting a two-day seminar with guest speakers [Jan Gow](#) from New Zealand and [Graham Jaunay](#) from South Australia.

Topics include Ten Ways to Research your Family Tree; Research in England Prior to 1837; Identifying and Dating 19th Century Family Photos; and more.

When: Saturday 11th October & Sunday October 12th 2014

Where: Bicentennial Community Centre, Nerang Southport Road, Nerang
and other venues

Cost: \$50, or \$45 members of the Gold Coast Family History Society.

Well worth checking out the program [here](#).

Lady Teviot at Logan

Lady Teviot, lifetime Vice President of the Federation of Family History Societies, will speak on aspects of English research: Parish registers, The Parish Chest, and Workhouses.

When: Thursday 27 November 2014, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Where: Kingston Butter Factory, 1-21 Milky Way, Kingston.
next to the Kingston railway station.

Cost: \$20, includes light lunch

Bookings are essential, call the Logan River and District Family History Society on 07

3808 6537 or email loganriverfhs@hotmail.com

More information [here](#).

Lady Teviot at Caloundra

Lady Teviot, lifetime Vice President of the Federation of Family History Societies, will speak on aspects of English research: Wills & Administrations, I Never Thought of That - A Second Look at Problems, and Workhouses.

When: Saturday 6 December 2014, 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Where: Caloundra District Indoor Bowling Assoc. Inc,
western end of Burke Street, Golden Beach, Caloundra.
The hall entrance and parking are at the rear of the building.

Cost: \$20, includes afternoon tea

Bookings are essential, call Roz Kuss on 07 5493 1197 or email

kenroz@caloundra.net

More details are [here](#).

Web Wanderings

Women's Suffrage Petitions

There were three mass women's suffrage petitions to the Queensland Parliament. The first two were collected in 1894 soon after the women of New Zealand successfully won the vote. The third was collected in 1897.

White women in Queensland could vote on the federal level before they could vote at the state level in 1905. In 1965 this extended to all women, when Aboriginal Australians and Torres Strait Islanders gained the right to vote.

These petitions could not be found for the centenary of the women's vote in 2005. Located in 2009, they have been copied and transcribed by QFHS and will soon be available as a searchable database.

An online database with details of the women who signed the 1893 NZ Women's Suffrage Petition can be found [here](#).

Mt Thompson Memorial Gardens Online

Mt Thompson have partnered with Heaven Address Resting Place to make available online a photographic record of the memorials and their approximate location within the gardens. To-date more than 95,000 memorials have been photographed and their locations mapped, with more to come. Search them [here](#).

More Memorial Gardens can be found [here](#).

Wills ad Probates of Victoria Online

A new online index of probates of Victoria is available at the Public Record Office of Victoria. In the majority of cases a copy of the will is included in the corresponding probate file. Explore them [here](#).

Improved Access to Passenger Lists of Victoria

The Victorian Assisted and Unassisted Passenger Lists (1839–1923) are now available on Ancestry, free at QFHS or by subscription. This is a big step forward in Australian immigration and shipping research.

WWI Service Records of New Zealanders

The service records of more than 141,000 First World War New Zealanders are now available online [here](#).

Eight More Titles in The British Newspaper Archive

More than 8 million newspaper pages from 1710-1954 are now available to search at The British Newspaper Archive. The first years from the following new titles have been added:

- Biggleswade Chronicle, covering 1912
- Daily Record, covering 1914-1915
- Lake's Falmouth Packet and Cornwall Advertiser, covering 1864
- London Evening Standard, covering 1860-1862 and 1866-1867
- Newcastle Evening Chronicle, covering 1915
- Northern Whig, covering 1869-1870
- Surrey Comet, covering 1854-1857 and 1859-1870
- Watford Observer, covering 1864-1865, 1867, 1869-1870

You'll find more information and links to these new additions [here](#). They can be searched for free at QFHS, libraries and by subscription to findmypast.

Remembering Those Who Died in WWI

The Royal British Legion has launched a website, "Every Man Remembered", to remember those from throughout the British Empire who lost their lives in WWI. A total of 1,117,077 British Empire service personnel died in the war, which began in 1914. The website is available [here](#) and allows people to commemorate relatives, someone they knew, or a person for whom no-one has yet left a tribute. More information is available [here](#).

More Yorkshire and Kent Records on findmypast

Yorkshire:

- The Wakefield and District baptisms, containing 28,372 records comprised of transcripts of original parish registers spanning the years 1622 to 1913.
- 150,000 more Yorkshire burial records.
- Find out more [here](#).

Kent:

- 30,000 more parish burial records for Gravesend spanning the years 1686 to 1983. These join burial records for Charlton, Darenth, Dartford, Northfleet and Greenwich, which until 1899 was part of Kent. They include the inmates of several asylums for the mentally ill and the sick and infirm.
- Find out more [here](#).

Northern Ireland Records Online

Birth (over 100 years old), marriage records (over 75 years old) and death records (including WWII) (over 50 years old) can be searched and images viewed for a small fee from the GRONI online facility. Check it out [here](#).

New Children's Home Website

This website covers children's homes – so far with entries for locations around the British Isles, Canada, Australia and Jamaica. A work in progress but a very interesting site, available [here](#).

The European Library

If your search takes you to Europe then try the European Library. Check it out [here](#).

Newspapers Online

This site uses your criteria to search across a number of free digitised newspaper websites. Instead of having to look through 20 different sites you can search in one go [here](#).

To find out more about newspaper digitisation projects around the world, go [here](#).

WWI Film Footage Online

More than 700 hours of moving film footage from the Great War has been newly released online in a joint European project involving the UK's Imperial War Museum. The footage is available on the Imperial War Museum website. Learn more [here](#) and in a video [here](#).

General items of interest

Life of a CD

Compact discs aren't as stable as once thought. Discover why [here](#).

Family Search: How to Get Started on Your Quest

This series of [articles](#) is very useful for those starting their genealogy quest.

Queensland Parliament Hansard now Online

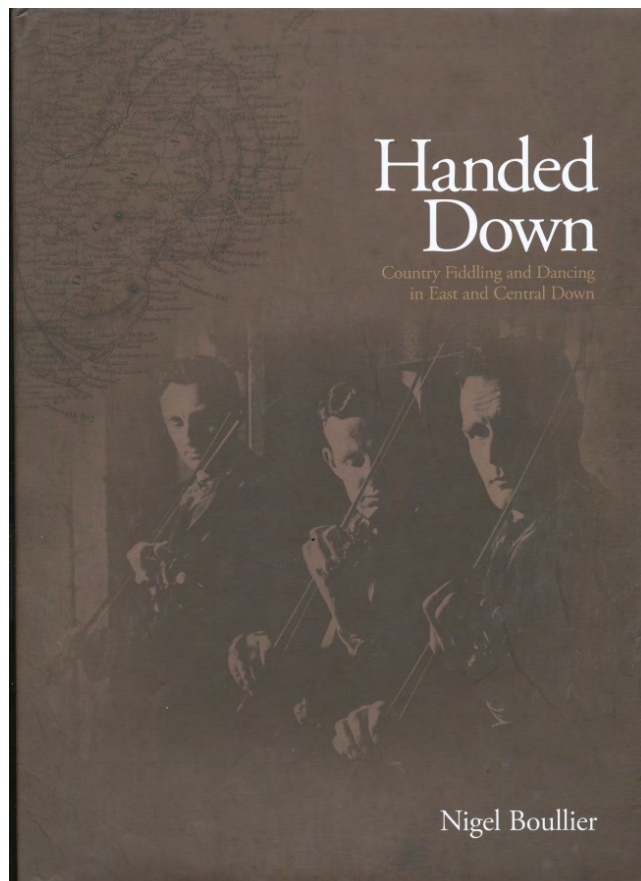
Archived broadcasts of Queensland Parliament sittings are now available for sitting dates from 14 February 2011 . Go [here](#) and select Search Record of Proceedings.

Forensic Reconstruction of Medieval Scots

The skeletons of 400 men, women and children from between the 15th and the 18th century have been brought back to life thanks to digital faces created by forensic artists. Experts from the University of Dundee have revealed how the individuals lived and died, as well as what some of them would have looked like.

You can read more about this fascinating project and also see images of the reconstructed faces of several of the people [here](#).

Book Review



Nigel Boullier is at pains to point out that he is neither an ethnomusicologist nor one with formal music training. He is, however, a practicing traditional musician with forty years experience. A project that began with collecting tunes and writing them down has grown into a monumental work, *Handed Down: Country Fiddling and Dancing in East and Central Down*. In Part 1 Boullier deals with the origins of traditional dance and its accompanying music, pre-dating the written records of the early 1600's. Part 2 covers the work of particular fiddlers and/or their families. These can be divided into basically dance

music fiddlers (those who could play steadily for many hours) and fireside fiddlers (those who played at home or at house sessions). For those who may have a mind to play the fiddle, Irish style, there are numerous music transcriptions while Part 3 provides details of the steps for various dances.

This is a very large book of 524 pages generously supplied with photographs and maps. It is indexed and sourced. Published by the Ulster Historical Foundation in 2012. Review courtesy of Pam Masel.

Trivia

Woman Married Her Brother

A Brazilian woman got quite the surprise when she went on a radio show to reconnect with her long-lost mother and talked to her for the first time. The big news: Adriana had a brother who'd been given up as a child and raised by a relative, just like Adriana was. Bigger news: His name was Leandro, just like Adriana's husband. The two men, in fact, had the same last name. "I don't believe that you're telling me this," said a sobbing Adriana. "Leandro is my husband." Read about it [here](#).

The Digger Gets his Mail

If you have 24 minutes to spare the AWM website has an original silent film from 1916-1917. Enjoy viewing it [here](#).

Family Tree Explained

A little bit of YouTube fun [here](#).

Medical Terms Explained?

A light-hearted look at medical terminology...

- Artery The study of paintings
- Bacteria Back door to cafeteria
- Barium What doctors do when patients die
- Benign What you be, after you be eight
- Cat scan Searching for Kitty
- Cauterise Made eye contact with her
- Colic A sheep dog
- Coma A punctuation mark
- Dilate To live long
- Fester Quicker than someone else
- Fibula A small lie
- Labour Pain Getting hurt at work
- Medical Staff A Doctor's cane

- Morbid A higher offer
- Nitrates Pay rate for working at night, normally more than day rate
- Node I knew it
- Outpatient A person who has fainted
- Pelvis Second cousin to Elvis
- Post-Operative A letter carrier
- Recovery Room Place to do upholstery
- Secretion Hiding something
- Seizure Roman Emperor
- Tablet A small table
- Terminal Illness Getting sick at the airport
- Tumour One plus one more

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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.

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Pauline Macfarlane

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