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Another year is nearly past. We hope that you have achieved breakthroughs and met goals in your family history research this year. Whether by attending a seminar or workshop, by browsing in the library or by chatting to the library assistants or other members, we hope that the Queensland Family History Society has contributed to your enjoyment of this pastime.



The QFHS calendar for 2015 is now up on our website for you to note your favourites in your calendar for next year. To get a list of the full year's events at a glance click on the month i.e. December 2014. We'd hate you to miss out! There are some great seminars and workshops early next year - book early online to secure your place at <http://qfhs.org.au/events>. Perhaps you could suggest your family book you in as a Christmas gift?

You can visit our e-Shop and purchase Christmas gifts for all your 'genie' friends at <http://qfhs.org.au/shop/>

One lucky member will receive a gift from us, online training with the National Institute for Genealogical Studies. Details of how to nominate for this are below.

A reminder to everyone that the QFHS library will close for the holiday season on 14 December 2014 and re-open on 12 January 2015.

Wishing you and yours a very happy
Christmas and a marvelous new year

in 2015.



Calendar

03 Dec 2014	Management Committee Meeting
05 Dec 2014	Family Tree Maker® User Group
14 Dec 2014	Library closes 4.00 pm for Festive Season
07 Jan 2015	Management Committee Meeting
12 Jan 2015	Library re-opens for research

Happenings

A Gift for You

QFHS has a Gift Certificate for one of its members, from the National Institute for Genealogical Studies. This entitles enrolment in a package of nine basic level courses in the Certificate in Genealogical Studies Program. Included are four courses in methodology, four courses in the records of the country of your choice, and an analysis and skills mentoring course. Its value is approximately AUD\$960. It will be given to the QFHS member who provides the best short account (up to 400 words) explaining both how they will benefit, and how the Society would benefit from their participation.

Please forward your application to the secretary@qfhs.org by 31 January 2015. The decision of the Education Sub-Committee is final and no correspondence will be entered into. For more information about the QFHS gift go [here](#) and about the National Institute of Genealogical Studies go [here](#).

Correction to QFHS Journal: Ruth Norwood

The November "Queensland Family Historian" journal contains an error in the "Members Interests" section. An incorrect email address for Ruth Norwood was printed, the correct one for you to contact her is joruno@ibpond.com. Our apologies to Ruth for this error.

Education - Workshops/Courses/Seminars

Fridays@QFHS: Ensuring the validity of your genealogical assumptions

When: 13 February 2015 - 10:00 am to 11:30 am

Where: QFHS Library and Resource Centre

Cost: \$11 QFHS members, \$15 others

Presenter: Geoff Morgan

Are you sure you have the right people in your tree? This workshop outlines strategies that help to ensure the validity of your genealogical data – e.g. that your ggg-grandmother really is the person you think she is. Examples of incorrect assumptions will also be considered. More information at

<http://qfhs.org.au/events/fridays@qfhs/>

Seminar: Criminals and Victims

When: 7 March 2015 - 9:00 am to 12:30 pm

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

Cost: \$15 QFHS members, \$20 others

Presenters: Shauna Hicks, Rosemary Kopittke, Helen Smith

This seminar will show how to use court records, including local courts of petty sessions records, Australian police gazettes, and researching criminals in England.

More information at <http://qfhs.org.au/events/qfhs-seminars/criminals-and-victims/>

Fridays@QFHS: Ancestry Library Edition

When: 13 March 2015 - 10:00 am to 11:30 am

Where: QFHS Library and Resource Centre

Cost: \$11 QFHS members, \$15 others

Presenter: Sue Reid

Learn more about searching on Ancestry. Ancestry Library Edition is available at QFHS, but despite what the advertisements say, yes, you do need to know what you are looking for. More information at <http://qfhs.org.au/events/fridays@qfhs/>

Members' Noticeboard

Talks at the Queensland State Archives

When: 2 December, 11am - 12 noon

Where: Queensland State Archives, 435 Compton Road, Runcorn

Cost: Free

Learn how to get the best out of Queensland State Archives' online catalogue. For more details and to register, go [here](#).

Talks at the National Archives, Brisbane Office

Morning tea with the State Director

Where: National Archives of Australia, 16 Corporate Drive, Cannon Hill

When: 17 December 2014

Cost: Free, bookings not required

This annual event gives you an opportunity to meet and speak with the State Director, about future and past events for the Brisbane Office of the National Archives of Australia.

Lady Teviot at Caloundra

When: Saturday 6 December 2014, 12:30 pm to 4:00 pm, registration from noon

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

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

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

kenroz@caloundra.net More at: www.caloundrafamilyhistory.org.au

Congress 2015 - Generations Meeting Across Time

When: From 26 to 30 March 2015

Where: The National Convention Centre Canberra, the Australian War Memorial and the Great Hall of Parliament House, Canberra, ACT

Cost: \$550 full registration, single days also available, options [here](#).

Is your family asking what you would like for Christmas? Perhaps they could give you a registration to Congress 2015, a ticket to the Welcome Function or the dinner or a copy of Congress proceedings. And there are certain to be some 'must haves' among the goodies that the exhibitors will have on display. You can follow the 14th Australasian Congress on Genealogy and Heraldry on Facebook and Twitter for all its registration announcements. Check out the wonderful official Congress bloggers: Jill Ball, Pauleen Cass and Shauna Hicks for lots of great posts on Congress 2015 and its speakers. For more information on Congress, the exciting speakers' program and registration details, visit the Congress 2015 website [here](#).

Ballot for After-Hours Research at NLA, NAA and AWM

Opportunities for after-hours research at the National Library of Australia, the National Archives of Australia and the Australian War Memorial will be available at no charge during Congress 2015 – but the times and numbers are strictly limited.

Dates, times and maximum numbers are:

* Australian War Memorial: 5-7pm on Thursday, 26 March for a maximum of 40 people

* National Archives of Australia: 5-7pm on Thursday, 26 March for a maximum of 15

people.

* National Library of Australia: 5-8pm on Friday, 27 March for a maximum of 40 people

Everyone who is registered for Congress 2015 by midnight (NSW time) 30 November 2014 will be eligible to enter the ballot. Entries will need to be received by midnight (Sydney time) on 2 December. Successful entrants will be notified as soon as possible after that time. Entry into the ballot is simple – just send an email to congress@hagsoc.org.au indicating your preference/s. Good luck!

Web Wanderings

FamilySearch

FamilySearch has added more than 462,000 thousand browsable digital images to its collection "Australia, New South Wales, Cemetery, Military, and Church Record Transcripts, 1816-1982". These are images created from the card file of cemetery transcripts and a few other record sources created by Clarice (Taylor) Cubbins (1916-2014). Most are from New South Wales; however, there are some from elsewhere in Australia and New Guinea. For more information go [here](#).

NSW Court Records

Ancestry has added a collection of historic court records from New South Wales. The 200,000 records span the years from 1830 to 1945 and can be searched by name, location, year and keyword. This collection is primarily of criminal cases. Access is free at the QFHS library or by subscription [here](#).

Post-1996 UK Wills and Grants of Probate

The UK Probate Service has launched an online probate search facility, enabling a search of the probate records for England and Wales from 1996 to the present day. Results show first and surnames, date of probate, probate number, date of death, document type and registry. Copies of the documents are available for £10, paid by debit or credit card and provided within 10 days. The service is working to provide online all 41 million of its records dating back to 1858. More information may be found [here](#). A different process is in place for Scotland (see [here](#)) and Northern Ireland (see [here](#)).

Essex Ancestors Wills online

The website Essex Ancestors run by the Essex Records Office has uploaded an additional 22,500 historic wills, bringing the total to some 70,000 wills. They span the years from the 1400s to 1720, and work continues to digitise the remaining 28,000 wills of 1720 to 1858. Access is by subscription at their website [here](#) or find out more [here](#).

UK Schools and Admission Registers

New UK Schools and Admission registers for Anglesey, Plymouth and West Devon have been added to the Findmypast collection of National School Admission Registers & Log-Books 1870-1914. The Registers allow you to trace your ancestors through their school years and provide information such as the name of the school, name and address of each pupil, date of admission, date of leaving and the names of parents or guardians. Some may also include date of birth, whether parents are living or dead and a parent's occupation. Access is free at the QFHS library or by subscription [here](#).

Prison Ship Registers

Over 4,000 Prison Ship (Hulk) Registers 1811-1843 records have been added to the collection of Crime, Prison and Punishment records. These new records come from six prison hulks; Discovery, Captivity, Antelope, Dromedary, Weymouth and Coromandel and list the details of over 13,300 inmates held on the ships between 1811 and 1843. Entries may include an inmate's name, age and trade as well as details of their crime, sentence and character. Access is free at the QFHS library or by subscription [here](#).

Devon BMD Records online

Findmypast has added extensively to a number of record sets for Devon. Access is free at the QFHS library or by subscription.

- Devon Parish Baptisms 1444-1915 - more than 750,000 new records added [here](#). This collection comprises transcripts and colour images of baptisms, scanned from original registers held at the records offices in Devon.
- Devon Parish Banns 1538-1915 - more than 164,000 new records added [here](#).
- Devon Parish Marriages 1446-2001 - more than 308,585 new records added [here](#).
- Devon Parish Burials 1320-1926 - covering most of the Church of England parishes in Devon, contains over a million records [here](#).
- Devon Wills Index 1163-1999 - more than 250,000 records proved by 30 courts. See them [here](#).

Limits to Irish BDM Search

Civil registration data, such as births, deaths and marriage registration, was briefly available on the website Irish Genealogy [here](#). After the country's data protection commissioner warned that potentially sensitive personal details were available to all, the Irish government closed part of the site. A compromise has been reached that will allow the release of data limited to births more than 100 years old, marriages more than 75 years old and deaths more than 50 years old. Details are available in an article [here](#).

Irish Street Directories online

A new website contains historic Irish street directories and some historic maps of the country. The website also contains a townland database and can be found [here](#). For help with directory abbreviations go [here](#).

Griffith's Survey Maps & Plans 1847-1864

Griffith's Survey Maps & Plans, 1847-1864 contains over 95,000 Ordnance Survey maps and town plans used by the team working on Griffith's Primary Valuation of Ireland. Each record includes a survey transcript and most also contain images of maps and town plans. Unfortunately there are only transcripts for Northern Ireland. Available free at the QFHS library or by subscription [here](#).

Dublin in 1835-45

Pettigrew and Oulton's Dublin Almanac and General Register of Ireland 1835-1845 was the first annual publication to include a street by street directory of Dublin. Not only a street directory but also an alphabetical list of inhabitants, grouped by profession. Find out more [here](#).

Search Historical Newspaper Archives with Elephind

Elephind is a free resource for anyone who wishes to search old newspapers. It makes it possible to search all the world's digital newspapers from one place and at one time. Much like Google or other search engines, it's focused only on historical, digitised newspapers. Clicking on the search result that interests you takes you directly to the newspaper collection that hosts that story. It includes newspapers from the United States, Mexico, Australia, New Zealand, and Singapore amongst others. You can try Elephind [here](#).

General items of interest

The Great Parchment Book of the Honourable the Irish Society

Start by viewing the video of this 1639 parchment, greatly damaged by fire, and recently restored. Even if you have no relatives in Derry, this is quite fascinating. Search for names and places and find out more [here](#).

Are You Descended from a Convict or Guard from Moreton Bay Penal Settlement?

The Museum of Brisbane, together with photographer Robyn Stacey, will be photographing various historical locations around Brisbane and would like a variety of people from different family backgrounds to be involved as subjects. The photo-shoot will take place in January and the exhibition will open late 2015. Find out more [here](#) or email mhogan@museumofbrisbane.com.au

Gallipoli Dead from Western Australia

The Western Ancestor Vol 12 No 11 September 2014 has printed a special edition to commemorate the start of the Centenary of WW1 and contains the names of every Western Australian man who died at Gallipoli. The journal is available in the QFHS print library.

Irish Artefacts Infographic Summary

Ireland has a vibrant history that is rich in history and culture. Particularly symbolic for the Irish are the many Celtic symbols and emblems used in traditional Irish artifacts and crafts. View an infographic that explores the most prevalent and perhaps most popular artifacts along with an overview of Celtic design [here](#).

How Many Irishmen Died in the First World War?

The Irish War Memorial Records are to be updated. They presently list the names of 49,400 men who died in WWI, however this includes non-Irish soldiers who died in Irish regiments and exclude many Irishmen who died in non-Irish regiments. There are also many double entries and errors. The records were digitised and released last year and are available [here](#), but after nearly 100 years many of the individual records are flawed or incomplete. More information about the project can be found [here](#).

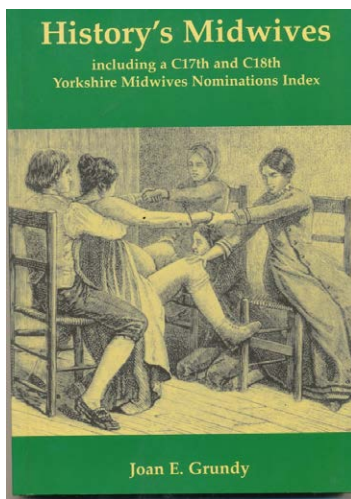
The Surname Society Launches

The Surname Society has been founded as a not-for-profit entity by a worldwide group of experienced genealogists. It is an online society focussing on single surname studies, with members registering both worldwide and limited studies. Collaboration is both facilitated and encouraged, as it is the core ethos of the society. The annual cost of membership is £5 which includes a quarterly e-newsletter. There are no hidden extras. For more information, visit [here](#).

The Guild of One-Name Studies

This British-based organisation has been in existence since 1979. It currently has over 2,600 members in thirty countries around the world. It provides its members with the means to share, exchange and publish information about one-name studies as well as encouraging and assisting all those interested in one-name studies by means of conference, seminars, projects and other activities. The Guild's membership subscription is on a sliding scale, depending on the month of application. More information can be found [here](#).

Book Review



Several popular TV programs of late have featured the midwife. Joan Grundy's book *History's Midwives* shows the development of this role against the background of the development of medical practice. Until the middle of the eighteenth century medicine was under the auspices of church authorities. Licenses were issued primarily to guard against practice by 'ignorant persons' but without requiring training or proof of learning. The medical schools of Oxford and Cambridge stated that it was an occupation degrading to a gentleman, however the role continued to develop. In addition to her medical expertise, a midwife was expected to have the

correct form of baptism for a frail infant, to have her own herb garden for herbs supposed to relieve pain or hasten delivery, and to take control of a household in readiness for birth. In some cases she had to take on a quasi-legal role assisting the parish officer discover the name of the father of an illegitimate who, if not named, would become a charge on the parish. Grundy's book is a short work of 135 pages but it is packed with well-sourced information including birthing practices and the current role of the midwife in the UK. The footnotes are sometimes more informative than the text. If you have a Yorkshire midwife in your family tree you may find her in the C17 and C18 listing. Joan E. Grundy, Federation of Family History Societies, Alden Press, 2003. Review by Pam Masel.

Acknowledgements

We would like to thank all those who have taken time out to send items of interest to our "Snippets" mailbox at - snippets@qfhs.org.au

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. Please note that reference to any product does not imply endorsement. Members are cautioned to evaluate products prior to purchase.

Pauline Macfarlane

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