

Snippets

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What a lot there is happening in the family history and genealogy world at the moment! Opportunities such as Congress 2015, in Canberra this March, don't come along often, but if you can't make it there we have plenty happening here to keep you informed and entertained.

Fridays@QFHS kick off again this month with Geoff Morgan explaining how to make sure you've got the right ancestor in your tree.

We welcome our new members with a special orientation get-together each month. If you haven't attended one of these sessions with Bev and Trish please book in, as they show you nooks and crannies of our resource collection that may take ages to find otherwise.

"Criminals and Victims" is our first seminar of the year, with Shauna Hicks, Rosemary Kopittke, and Helen Smith discussing court records that may identify more than just the person in the dock.

And of course, we welcome Colleen Fitzpatrick to Brisbane in April. A talented and entertaining speaker, Colleen will inspire you to look at family research afresh.

Calendar

- 04 Feb 2015 [Management Committee Meeting](#)
- 06 Feb 2015 [Family Tree Maker® User Group](#)
- 13 Feb 2015 [Fridays@QFHS: Ensuring the validity of your genealogical research](#)
- 14 Feb 2015 [Irish Interest Group - 20 Years of Frustration: Lessons](#)

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- 18 Feb 2015 [Members meeting - from the National Archives of Australia](#)
- 21 Feb 2015 [New Members' Welcome and Orientation](#)
- 21 Feb 2015 [The Master Genealogist Group](#)
- 28 Feb 2015 [Family Tree Maker® User Group](#)
- 04 Mar 2015 [Management Committee Meeting](#)
- 06 Mar 2015 [Family Tree Maker® User Group](#)
- 07 Mar 2015 [Seminar - Criminals and Victims](#)
- 07 Mar 2015 [DNA Interest Group](#)
- 18 April 2015 [Forensic Genealogy with Colleen Fitzpatrick](#)

Happenings

Archives Talk

Greg Cope from the National Archives of Australia will be speaking at our Members Meeting this month, at 7:30 pm on February 18th. This is sure to be a fascinating look at an aspect of our national records repository.

Comfort at QFHS

Those who've visited us at our Library and Resource Centre this month will have already noticed the air conditioning installed during the break. With additional units in the main area, the print library and the kitchen/meeting room it is now a great place to visit when the weather is getting too warm (or cool) outside.

Education - Workshops/Courses/Seminars

Fridays@QFHS: Ensuring the validity of your genealogical assumptions

Limited numbers remaining - book today!

When: Friday 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 [here](#).

Seminar: Criminals and Victims

Bookings filling quickly - book now!

When: Saturday 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 [here](#).



Fridays@QFHS: Ancestry Library Edition

When: Friday 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 [here](#).

Fridays@QFHS: The Genealogist: what's the difference

When: Friday 10 April 2015 - 10:00 am to 11:30 am

Where: QFHS Library and Resource Centre

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

Presenter: Rosemary Kopittke

The Genealogist offers records not available on other subscription websites and has some interesting search options that can help break down brick walls. Come and learn what records The Genealogist has and how to best utilise its unique searches and other features. More information [here](#).

Seminar: Forensic Genealogy

When: Saturday 18 April 2015 - 9:00 am to 12:30 pm

Where: St Joseph's College, 285 Gregory Terrace, Spring Hill, Brisbane

Cost: \$30 QFHS or GSQ members, \$40 others

Presenter: Colleen Fitzpatrick

An international speaker, Colleen is very down-to-earth and easy to understand. She combines high-tech DNA analysis with the skills of an old-fashioned detective, combing birth and death certificates, newspaper articles and church and cemetery records—and making calls to distant continents far into the night. Her talks will spark your imagination and motivate you to discover new ways of looking at your family mysteries. You will arrive at Colleen's talks a genealogist; you will leave a forensic genealogist.

With both QFHS and GSQ members booking for this, places are filling fast so book today [here](#).

Read an interview with Dr Fitzpatrick about her upcoming visit to Congress 2015 in Canberra [here](#).

Interesting articles about Dr. Fitzpatrick and her work are available [here](#) and [here](#).



Fridays@QFHS: All about FamilySearch microfilms

When: Friday 8 May 2015 - 10:00 am to 11:30 am

Where: QFHS Library and Resource Centre

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

Presenter: Bev Bonning

Learn how to identify and arrange access to the microfilms that can help solve your research mysteries. These include films of primary resources such as parish registers, cemetery records, or poor law records. More information [here](#).

QFHS Trout Game

Limited numbers so book early to avoid disappointment.

When: 17 May 2015 - 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Where: QFHS Library and Resource Centre

Cost: \$5.00 includes morning and afternoon tea (BYO lunch)

Game Master: Ann Swain

Allow yourself the privilege of having a fun day in family history and play the Trout Game! The game simulates researching an English family (the Trout family) using eleven types of records. The aim is to see if you can get back to the 1500s. Use the game to see how good a researcher you are using basic research techniques not involving computers at all and find out why you may have brick-walls in your research. To book, contact Ann Swain by email at a.swain@bigpond.com or telephone (07) 3352 5537.

More information [here](#).

Members' Noticeboard

Australia's Biggest Family History Conference

When: 26-29 March 2015

Where: Canberra

The 14th Australasian Congress on Genealogy and Heraldry, or Congress 2015, will bring together well-respected Australian and international speakers to share their experience and expertise with four days of presentations, forums, hands on demonstrations and social events. More than 400 researchers, from complete novice to seasoned veterans, will choose from nearly 80 presentations, meet the speakers at the speakers corner, visit dozens of exhibitors and vendors and network with other family historians who share interests and enthusiasm.

Speakers include forensic genealogist Colleen Fitzpatrick from the US who has worked on the unknown child on the Titanic, the Amelia Earhart Project, and most recently the Abraham Lincoln DNA Project. A number of well-known UK speakers are also presenting including Simon Fowler who specialises in UK records and archives, David Holman a UK military records expert, and Paul Milner who will speak on topics ranging from maps to miners.

There will also be plenty of great local speakers. Mat Trinca, Director of the National Museum of Australia, will give the opening address, Richard Reid a very popular historian will present on two of his favourite subjects—the Irish and WWI. Tim Sherratt from the NLA will discuss the National Library's amazing resource, TROVE. It is a packed program, with presentations on: finding your WW1 soldier, newly digitised resources, using Australian and overseas archives, the Irish, the Chinese, Huguenots, DNA, social media, pioneers, convicts, bankrupts, orphans, destitute children and more.

Participants can gather in ANZAC Hall at the Australian War Memorial for the welcome function, and dine in the Great Hall of Parliament House for the Congress dinner—both wonderful venues.

Congress 2015 promises to be a great event. Go [here](#) for more information or to register.

Talks at the National Archives

The sinking of the Australian Hospital Ship (AHS) Centaur

The Australian Hospital Ship (AHS) Centaur was attacked and sunk by a Japanese submarine off the coast of Queensland on 14 May 1943. Of the 332 medical personnel and civilian crew aboard, 268 died, including 11 of the 12 nurses present. This talk examines the records of the tragedy and its aftermath.

When: Wednesday 18 February -10:00 am to 11:30 am, or repeated on
Friday 20 February at 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm

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

Cost: Free

Presenter: Gregory Cope

Bookings and further information: 07 3249 4200 or gregory.cope@naa.gov.au, also [here](#).

Talks at the Queensland State Archives

Maps for family and local history research - webinar

Learn how to make the most of the QSA unique map collection for your family and local history research.

When: 26 February 2015 - 11:00 am to 12:00 noon

Where: Online, or

QSA Lecture Theatre Two, Queensland State Archives, 435 Compton Road, Runcorn

Morning tea with Director Collections and Access

Come and have a cup of tea or coffee with your fellow researchers and Kit Kugatoff, Director Collections and Access. Share your stories on research undertaken at Queensland State Archives.

When: 26 March 2015 - 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Where: QSA Lecture Theatre One, Queensland State Archives, 435 Compton Road, Runcorn

Advanced catalogue search

Discover how to get the best out of ArchivesSearch, the Queensland State Archives' online catalogue. This seminar will teach you more advanced techniques to locate records of interest and will give useful tips for finding what you want. You're welcome to bring your wireless device - laptop or tablet - to join in with exercises presented during the workshop to help you learn how to use the catalogue.

When: 27 March 2015 - 9:00 am to 10:00 am

Where: QSA Lecture Theatre Two, Queensland State Archives, 435 Compton Road, Runcorn

For any of these:

Cost: Free

To book: 07 3131 7777 or email info@archives.qld.gov.au.

For more details go [here](#).

Talks at the State Library of Queensland

Liquid gold: how artesian water transformed Queensland

When: Thursday 19 Feb 2015, 12:30 pm - 01:30 pm

Where: Auditorium 2, Level 2, State Library of Queensland,

Cost: Free

More than 30 Queensland towns rely on artesian water for their water supply. Could they have survived or grown as they have without this water source? What were the logistics and costs of drilling down 500m to tap into the Great Artesian Basin and how was the water managed once it came to the surface?

For more details go [here](#).

Talks at the Royal Historical Society of Queensland

From Caledonia to Capricorn: The Scots as Rockhampton Community Builders 1860 – 1902

Margaret Shield's forebears emigrated from Scotland to Rockhampton. She is undertaking research into the role of not-for-profit community organisations in the development of central Queensland.

When: 11 February 2015 - 12:30, followed by a light lunch

Where: Welsby Library, the Commissariat Store, 115 William Street, Brisbane

Cost: Free

For more details go [here](#).

Web Wanderings

Trove Newspapers

The National Library of Australia has recently added many newspapers to Trove [here](#). For details of newly added newspapers, go [here](#), or for details on the newspapers now available at Trove, go [here](#).

New Zealand Genealogical Websites

Researching your family "across the ditch" is easier now with these sites.

- [New Zealand Links](#) gives an extensive list of genealogy sites for New Zealand records and history.
 - [Papers Past](#) is the digital historic newspaper site, similar to Australia's Trove.
 - [Registration indexes](#) for births, deaths and marriages.
 - [Varcoe's New Zealand Marriages](#) helps find matching brides and grooms.
 - [Christchurch City Libraries](#) website contains a range of helpful genealogy histories and databases.
 - New Zealand, Archives New Zealand, [Passenger Lists 1839-1973](#) (Family Search).
 - [Immigrant Ships to New Zealand](#), including passenger lists where available
 - [National Library of New Zealand](#)
 - [Websites of NZ cemeteries](#), listed on rootsweb.
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Historic Essex Wills Online

Essex Ancestors has an additional 22,500 historic wills, bringing the total number on the website to some 70,000 from the 1400s to 1858. This is a subscription site [here](#).

Coal Mining Accidents and Deaths UK

A database of over 164,000 records of coal mining accidents and deaths, including the names of those injured is searchable by name. Results normally include date, year, colliery, town, notes, age and occupation. Enjoy searching [here](#).

WWI UK Killed in Action

More than 800,000 WWI records of British soldiers who were killed in action or missing in action are now online at TheGenealogist. These lists are very useful as the status of many soldiers changed during the war. For example, those initially reported as killed in action sometimes were later identified as wounded or prisoner of war. Search for free at the QFHS library or by subscription [here](#).

New at Findmypast

Search these for free at the QFHS library or via subscription.

- [British Army, Bond Of Sacrifice](#): Officers Died In The Great War 1914-1916, includes photographs.

- Over 2.5 million additional [British newspaper articles](#)
- [Marriages](#) from London's Docklands and East End, 1558-1859
- Registers from the [Derby Railway Servants' Orphanage](#), 1875-1912
- [Mid-Norfolk Monumental Inscriptions](#) 1471 -2012
- [Sussex Eastbourne Gazette](#) Newspaper Notices 1858 – 1931
- Nottinghamshire additional records: [Baptisms](#) 1538 – 1980, [Marriages](#) 1528 – 1929, and [Burials](#) 1539 – 1905

Ireland, Poverty Relief Loans 1824 – 1871

Some 700,000 historic records of short-term micro loans made to the “industrious poor” such as fishermen or tenant farmers are now available from Findmypast. The collection consists of scans of ledger books and includes the individual receiving the loan and two guarantors, often neighbours or close relatives. These people were too poor to be listed in street directories, but not poor enough to be listed in a poor relief record. It can be searched [here](#) by first and last name, year and place for free at the QFHS library or via subscription.

More Records for Derry City

Derry Genealogy Centre has compiled seven new databases for Derry, dating from 1628 through to 1921, available [here](#).

Rose Hill Cemetery in Hagerstown, Maryland, USA

Rose Hill Cemetery, the largest and oldest public cemetery in Western Maryland, was established in 1866 in Hagerstown. It has more than 42,000 burials. Read more and access the records [here](#).

Indiana Civil War Veterans Database

The Indiana Genealogical Society has a free database about Indiana Civil War veterans: Grand Army of the Republic Members Appointed in Indiana (1885). Search it [here](#).

200,000 Jewish Gravestone Records from Poland

Inscriptions and images of more than 200,000 gravestones from Jewish cemeteries in 81 towns in Poland are available online [here](#).

General items of interest

Trove Appeal

The National Library of Australia holds two appeals each year to raise funds in support of selected projects. This year it's Trove's turn! Trove celebrated its fifth birthday in

2014. Its development and maintenance has been funded by the National Library without additional appropriation from government. You can contribute to Trove's future [here](#). This appeal will close on 28 February 2015, but you can donate at any time to The National Library of Australia Fund [here](#).

Forced Adoption History Project

The website [here](#) was created by the National Archives of Australia to increase awareness and understanding of forced adoptions in Australia. Sections include History, Records, Effects, Experiences and Resources. Find institutions under the resources link.

Britain's Oldest Person Dies Aged 114

Ethel Lang was believed to be the last person living in the UK, she was born in the reign of Queen Victoria. Read more [here](#).

Looking for Soldiers of the Battle of Waterloo

A search is on for Britons whose ancestors fought at Waterloo, on the 200th anniversary of Britain and its allies' victory over Napoleon. Its estimated hundreds of thousands of people have relatives who fought at Waterloo in June 1815. Read about the search [here](#), and read more about Waterloo [here](#).

Clan Munro

A genealogical database of Clan Munro is searchable [here](#). It includes those with the various spellings of Monro, Monroe and Munroe as well as the septs associated with the clan Munro: Dingwall, Fowlis, MacCullich, MacCullich, McCullish, Vass and Wass.

20 Do's and Don'ts of DNA

This article is very interesting reading for all genealogists interested in DNA. Check it out [here](#).

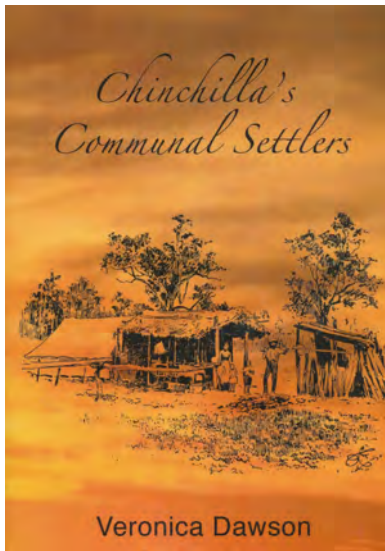
Preserve Old Photos Without Losing Your Mind

Chris Cummins is a professional photographer. His article covers many topics and is available [here](#).

Who Owns What in the Genealogy World

The genealogy world has seen an enormous number of company buy outs and partnerships over the past few years. So who really owns what anymore? Find out [here](#).

Book Review



Dawson, V. Chinchilla's Communal Settlers. The early 1890's was a difficult period in Queensland's history. The government was faced with an economic downturn while the great flood of 1893 wreaked havoc in Brisbane and its surrounds. To assist those who were basically destitute the government passed legislation enabling men within certain criteria to restart their lives in what we might think of as communes.

Veronica Dawson has traced the development of three such communal settlements in the Chinchilla area - Mizpah, Monmouth and Mulga. Ms Dawson discusses the progress (or lack thereof) of each settlement and provides mini biographies of members of each

settlement. The work is thoroughly researched with content for the more specialist economic historian as well as human interest for the family historian. 380pp, sourced and indexed. Review courtesy of Pam Masel.

Trivia

Restaurant with Tombs next to Tables

The New Lucky Restaurant in Ahmedabad, India has a rather strange decor. The restaurant is not only built on top of an old graveyard, the graves are actually in the building. Read more [here](#).

Edwardian Fashions

Photographer Edward Linley Sambourne (1844-1910) captured everyday fashion in the early 20th century. A collection of some of his photographs, all apparently taken from 1905 to 1908 on the streets of Kensington, London, can be viewed [here](#).

Match Your Ancestors' Photographs

Christine McConnell has pictures of her maternal ancestors, starting with her mother and going back to her great-great-great-grandmother Martha, born in 1821. McConnell photographed herself wearing similar clothing and with her hair arranged to match the photographs. She displays her new photos beside each ancestor. See the photographs [here](#).

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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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