

Snippets

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Congratulations to members Shauna Hicks and Rosemary and Eric Kopittke who were all presented with their insignia for the Australasian Federation of Family History Organisations Inc. (AFFHO) Meritorious Service Award at the 14th Congress dinner in Canberra recently. Rosemary and Eric were given the award in 2006, and Shauna in 2009.

You don't have to join Facebook to see photos of them proudly wearing their new insignia, posted on the QFHS Facebook page. Have you 'liked' QFHS on Facebook yet? Check it out [here](#).

We welcome international speaker Colleen Fitzpatrick to Brisbane this month, following her excellent presentations at Congress in Canberra. A talented and entertaining speaker, Colleen will inspire you to look at family research afresh. There's more information about her seminar below. There are still some seats available so be quick to book yours now.

Calendar

- 03-06 Apr 2015 Library & Resource Centre closed for Easter
- 10 Apr 2015 [Fridays@QFHS - TheGenealogist: what's the difference](#)
- 11 Apr 2015 [Irish Interest Group](#)
- 15 Apr 2015 [Members Meeting](#)
- 17 Apr 2015 [New Members Welcome and Orientation](#)
- 18 Apr 2015 [Seminar: Forensic Genealogy](#)
- 24 Apr 2015 [Library Assistant Team Meeting](#)
- 25 Apr 2015 Closed - ANZAC Day
- 01 May 2015 [Family Tree Maker® User Group](#)

- 02 May 2015 [Library Assistant Team Meeting](#)
- 02 May 2015 [DNA Interest Group](#)
- 06 May 2015 [Management Committee Meeting](#)
- 08 May 2015 [Fridays@QFHS - All About FamilySearch microfilms](#)
- 09 May 2015 [Scottish Interest Group](#)
- 09 May 2015 Special members meeting - QFHS Strategic Plan
- 27 May 2015 [Nominations close for QFHS Management Committee](#)
- 10 Jun 2015 [QFHS Annual General Meeting](#)

Happenings

QFHS Annual General Meeting

In June the Society will hold its Annual General meeting. Perhaps you would be interested in being on the Management Committee? All positions including secretary, treasurer, president, vice-president and committee member, will be declared vacant at the AGM.

Please consider joining this friendly and helpful team by nominating for any one of the positions. We are particularly in need of nominations for secretary as the position is presently vacant. To nominate, please contact the secretary at secretary@qfhs.org.au

Remember you can appoint a proxy (form available [here](#)) to vote for you at the meeting if you aren't able to attend in person.

QFHS Strategic Plan

For the last year the management committee and others have been involved in a comprehensive review of QFHS's long term future, resulting in a draft strategic plan. This will shortly be available for members to review and give feedback, keep an eye out for copies at the library and on the website.

You are invited to a special Members Meeting held on Saturday 9 May at 1:30 pm to discuss the plan and provide feedback in person.

Education - Workshops/Courses/Seminars

Fridays@QFHS: The Genealogist: what's the difference
[Limited numbers so book early to avoid disappointment.](#)

When: 10 April 2015

Where: QFHS Library and Resource Centre

Presenter: Rosemary Kopittke

Cost: \$11 members, \$15 non-members

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



 TheGenealogist.co.uk

Seminar: Forensic Genealogy

Booking fast - reserve your seat today, book [here!](#)

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.

- Go [here](#) for more information and to **book your place**.
- Read an interview with Dr Fitzpatrick about her (then-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. For more information and bookings go [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.



More information is available [here](#).

To book, contact Ann Swain by email at a.swain@bigpond.com or telephone (07) 3352 5537.

Fridays@QFHS: DNA basics

When: Friday 12 June 2015 - 10:00 am to 11:30 am

Where: QFHS Library and Resource Centre

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

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. Chris Schuetz will hold a follow-up to this session three months after 12 June to discuss the results. For bookings and more information go [here](#).



Members' Noticeboard

Talks at the National Archives

Seminar | Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders serving our country

Many Indigenous Australians who served Australia in war experienced equal treatment for the first time in their lives. However, upon return to civilian life, they often found they were treated with the same prejudice and discrimination as before. Hear their stories as revealed in National Archives records. For more details go [here](#).

When: Wednesday 15 April at 10am or repeated

Friday 17 April at 2pm

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

Cost: Free

For bookings and further information phone (07) 3249 4200 or email

gregory.cope@naa.gov.au

Talks at the Queensland State Archives

Workshop: Find your First World War Soldier

How to locate files, apart from service records, relating to soldiers of WWI. Bring your wireless device – laptop or tablet – to join in research exercises presented during the workshop. Bookings essential.

When: Tuesday 21 April 2015 - 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

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

Seminar: First World War Records

Experience the impact of WWI through the many non-military records in the collection and learn more about the Queensland effort during the First World War.

When: Tuesday 21 April 2015 - 9:30 am to 10:30 am

Where: online, or
QFHS meeting room by online link, or
QSA Lecture Theatre Two, Queensland State Archives,
435 Compton Road, Runcorn

For either of these:

Cost: Free

To book: 07 3131 7777 or email info@archives.qld.gov.au (booking not necessary at QFHS)

For more details go [here](#).

Talks at the State Library of Queensland

White Gloves Experience: Peace and Pacifism

Join us for a hands-on white gloves experience to discover some of SLQ's precious original war materials from the Quakers and Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.

This event is part of [War and Peace](#), celebrating the opening of [Distant Lines: Queensland Voices of the First World War](#).

When: Sat 11 Apr 2015, 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Where: Fox Family White Gloves Room, level 4, State Library

Cost: Free, bookings required

For more details go [here](#).

A night in the JOL: Anzac Day in Queensland

Join historians Mark Cryle and Professor Martin Crotty in conversation with ABC Radio National's Ian Townsend to discuss the origins of Anzac Day in Queensland. How did Anzac Day evolve — as a parade? As a religious service? What key part did Queensland play in its development?

When: Tue 21 Apr, 6pm–7.30pm

Where: John Oxley Library Reading Room, level 4

Cost: Free, bookings required

For more details go [here](#).

Talks at the Royal Historical Society of Queensland

'A story which is almost pure melodrama': The extraordinary lives of the brothers Fiuczek.

Two Polish-Australian electrical engineers, prisoners of war, one an OBE, who donated millions of dollars to charity. The talk reveals their lives through papers donated to the Welsby Library.

When: 08 March 2015 - 12:30, followed by a light lunch

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

Presenter: Claire Stewart

Cost: Free

For more details go [here](#).

Adopt a Digger Project: WWI Centenary Exhibition

A free community exhibition showcasing the array of stories, memorabilia and photographs relating to servicemen and women from the Sunshine Coast region.

When: from 23 to 27 April

Where: Buderim War Memorial Hall, corner Main and Church Streets, Buderim

Cost: Free

Full details of the program available [here](#).

In Time and Place

The first Queensland State Conference will be held in October, with speakers addressing fascinating aspects of local, family and social history.

When: Saturday 3 and Sunday 4 October
2015

Where: Riverglenn, 70 Kate Street, Indooroopilly

Cost: A range of prices, listed [here](#).

Thanks to the generous support of the State Library of Queensland, the Conference Organising Committee is delighted to offer regional support to 15 country delegates - details [here](#).

For more details or to book, go [here](#).



Wacol, Wolston, Woogaroo – 1823- 2014

Two books for the price of one! Wacol, Wolston, Woogaroo (1823 – 2014) Volume 1, records the general history of events, dates and everyday life in this unique suburb. Wacol was previously known as Wolston and originally as Woogaroo. The companion book Volume 2: Biographies and Interviews presents a selection of stories of the people who made Wacol.

Together these books provide a highly readable history, incorporating many contemporary newspaper items and residents' anecdotes. The accumulation of researched materials, personal stories and over 300 photos and maps provides a wide-ranging overview of Wacol history to date.

They are the latest release from the Richlands, Inala and Suburbs History Group Inc. and are priced at \$30 plus \$18 postage. For more details phone (07) 3372 2358 or email secretary@rihghistory.org.au or mail P.O. Box 2088, Inala Heights, QLD.

Web Wanderings

New Australian additions to Findmypast

The following record sets are now available at Findmypast. Each set can be searched for free at the QFHS library or by subscription through the links given.

- New South Wales Macquarie Park Cemetery Transcriptions 1922-2001: an index of more than 72,000 headstone inscriptions. Located in North Ryde, north-west Sydney, it was originally known as the Northern Suburbs General Cemetery. In 2004 it was renamed as Macquarie Park Cemetery and Crematorium. Search the records [here](#).
- Queensland Immigrants nominated for passage 1884-1907: lists more than 1,700 names of immigrants and nominators kept by the Assistant Immigration Agent in Maryborough. Search the records [here](#).
- The Queensland Register of Immigrants 1864-1878: lists more than 800 applications for passage certificates for immigration registered in Toowoomba. Search the records [here](#).
- 1887-1906, Queensland Passage certificates 1887-1874: an index of transcripts of passenger certificates from the Queensland State Archives. These free to search records were taken from a register kept by the Sub-Immigration Agent at Warwick and lists applications by sponsors of immigrants. Search them [here](#).
- Queensland Land Orders 1861-1874: more than 29,000 transcripts taken from registers of land orders issued to immigrants on the completion of their obligations under the Immigration Act, 1864-1869. Search the records [here](#).
- New South Wales, Cemetery, Military, and Church Record Transcripts, 1816–1982: 190,180 new indexed records added to the existing collection [here](#).
- Tasmania, Miscellaneous Records, 1829–1961: added indexed records to an existing collection of prisoners' records, court records, occupation and guild records. Search them [here](#).

Forces War Records WW1 Medical Records

Forces War Records has now transcribed and digitised 100,000 hand-written records from the Military Hospitals Admissions and Discharge Registers WW1 collection, enabling a search by name. What remains of the records is a sample comprising just 2% of the original, with the rest having been destroyed in space saving exercises. Originals are kept at the National Archives as series MH106, and can only be searched by Medical Unit. Search them [here](#).

England's Immigrant Records 1330-1550 Now Online

A new database of immigration data in medieval England, held in the records at The National Archives, has been launched online. Researchers can search more than 65,000 immigrants who were resident in England during this period by name, nationality, profession and place of residence. Search [here](#).

Additions to Findmypast UK

The following record sets are now available at Findmypast. Each set can be searched for free at the QFHS library or by subscription at the given link.

- Lancashire, Manchester Cholera Victims 1832: contains detailed notes relating to the first 200 cases of the 1832 Cholera epidemic in Manchester. The outbreak peaked in August, in which about half of the reported cases occurred, and then tailed off to end in January of 1833. Search [here](#).
- 257 volumes of British Trade Union Membership Registers : digitised images of original record books from nine different unions, including details for individual members such as payments made, benefits received, names of spouses, profiles of leading members, directories of secretaries and details of Union activities and proceedings. Search [here](#).
- Britain, Trade Union Members, Service and Casualties 1914-1918: contains more than 61,000 records for members of 18 different unions. This is a collection of union documents from the war years, it includes individuals who were not direct participants in WWI, with daily trade union news and business, frequently acknowledging members who have left for war or joined the services. Search it [here](#).
- Findmypast is working with Bethlem Royal Hospital in London to make its extensive patient records from 1683 to 1932 available online. Over 248,000 records, many including photos, reveal the lives and stories of its inmates. Go [here](#) to discover more.

1865 Scottish Valuation Rolls

The Valuation Rolls for 1865 have just been added to the ScotlandsPeople website, comprising 1.3 million indexed names and 76,512 digital images. Searchable by both name and address they cover every owner, tenant and occupier of property in 1865, offering a fascinating window into the lives of mid-Victorian Scots. The indexes are free to search until 19 April 2015, and images can be viewed for 2 credits per page. Enjoy searching [here](#).

Additions to Findmypast for Ireland

The following record sets are now available at Findmypast. Each set can be searched for free at the QFHS library or by subscription through the links given.

- Historic Irish newspapers: more than 1.6 million new articles have been added, including updates to 36 existing titles and five brand new titles. The latest additions are from all over Ireland – Belfast Protestant Journal, Current Prices of Grain at Dublin Corn Exchange, Newry Herald and Down, Armagh and Louth Journal, Tipperary Vindicator and Weekly Vindicator. Search them [here](#).
- The Ireland National Roll of Honour 1914-1921: more than 9,000 records have been added bringing the total to more than 24,000. It includes transcripts from all known available references and collections for Irish casualties published before 1922. The material has been cross-referenced with the 1901 and 1911 Census to provide a more precise list of Irish casualties than previously available. Search it [here](#).

Enhanced Irish Genealogist Database

The annual journal of the Irish Genealogical Research Society, The Irish Genealogist, has been published annually since 1937. It contains thousands of articles relating to Irish genealogy. A free online Names Index to the journal, with more than a quarter of a million names, is available on the Society's website. In a new development, the database will now link researchers directly to articles that match their search criteria. Initially images from volume 10 are available, covering the years 1998-2001, with regular releases right up to volume 13 (up to 2013) to follow. Search it [here](#).

70 Great Resources for Irish Research

This website has a list of 70 Irish ancestry resources to help you fill in some genealogy research gaps. Check it out [here](#).

Free Irish Genealogy eBooks Online

If you have Irish ancestry then you're in luck! The Free Irish Genealogy eBooks website is an index to about 4,000 free online books and journals on the topics of Irish, Irish-American, Irish-Australian and Irish-Canadian Genealogy – all of which can all be read online and most can also be downloaded. Find them [here](#).

Alaska Genealogy Information

AlaskaWeb will interest anyone with ancestral links to Alaska. Perhaps a relative was one of the more than 100,000 people from around the world who went to Alaska in the gold rush, or one of the thousands of military servicemen stationed there over the years. It contains more than 4,600 pages of data, mostly about Alaskan history. The site provides a lot of Alaskan history in those times, history that your relatives probably saw and experienced. AlaskaWeb is available at [here](#).

Marriage Notices in Lansingburgh (NY) Newspapers 1787 – 1895

The Troy Irish Genealogy Society has an index to marriage notices in ten different Lansingburgh, New York, newspapers from 1787 to 1895. 2,712 marriage notices covering 5,424 names are now available to search online. To see these records go [here](#).

A New Genealogy Website: Genealogy Gophers

Are you looking for a genealogy book? More than 40,000 digital genealogy books are now fully searchable and downloadable for free [here](#). The website searches genealogy books only, looking for the information you specify. Best of all, the site is available free of charge.

Origins.net Closing Down

Findmypast will soon close down its Origins.net subsidiary web site. Explanations can be found [here](#).

General items of interest

Ashgrove State School Scholarship Class of 1950

Are you interested in what happened to fellow students after 1950? Please contact Colin Williams on telephone (07) 3354 3393 or email colrosw@bigpond.net.au

A New Genetic Map of the U.K.

Researchers have found genetic signatures among Britons that identify their historical roots in particular locales, leading to the finest-scale map of genetic variation yet created. The analysis shows a snapshot of clusters of genetic variation in the late 1800s, when people were less likely to migrate far from their region of birth. It reflects historical waves of migration by different populations into the island. Find out more [here](#).

National Library of Ireland Free Genealogy Advisory Service

Eneclann and Ancestor Network have announced their return to the genealogy service in The National Library of Ireland in Dublin from 18 March to 31 October. A panel of genealogists will work alongside the Library's own dedicated staff members to deliver the free genealogy service which is available to all visitors. More information [here](#).

English Surnames and Their French Equivalents

When many French-speaking people moved to areas where English was the predominant language, they often adopted new surnames based on their French surnames. An impressive list of English surnames and their French equivalents are available [here](#).

30% of White British Share Ancestors with Germans

The Romans, Vikings and Normans may have ruled or invaded the British for hundreds of years, but they left barely a trace on our DNA, the first detailed study of the genetics of British people has revealed. Analysis shows that the Anglo-Saxons were the only conquering force, around 400-500 AD, to substantially alter the country's genetic makeup, with most white British people now owing almost 30% of their DNA to the ancestors of modern-day Germans. You can read the details [here](#).

Richard III Laid To Rest More Than 500 Years After Death

Hundreds of people gathered in an English town as a procession carrying the remains of Richard III, the medieval king whose bones were found under a parking lot, headed to a cathedral before a proper burial ceremony more than 500 years after his death in

battle. Read more [here](#).

Richard III's Australian Descendants

The remains of King Richard III, unearthed 500 years after they were buried, were identified with the help of three Australians' DNA samples. Read more [here](#).

Trivia

The Rural Libraries Queensland Tourist Card

Thinking of travelling through Queensland? The Rural Libraries Queensland (RLQ) Tourist Card is your local library network while you are on the road. RLQ is a free gateway to resources and services provided by local government and the State Library of Queensland for the travelling and rural communities. As a tourist member you can use your six-month membership to borrow items at any rural library and return them at another, search SLQ online collections, and access more than a quarter of a million books, music, movies and more. To register and view a full list of RLQ libraries, visit [here](#).

Ancient Pedigree Chart Auctioned for £30,000

A pedigree written in Latin on a 23-foot-long calf skin in the 1500s describing the genealogy of the Kings of England was recently auctioned for £30,000. It is believed to be one of only 13 left in the world, charting royalty from the legends of Hely and Cassilbellan in the first century BC up until the end of the Wars of the Roses in 1485, with specific mention of King Richard III. More details [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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