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Our Annual General Meeting and 2015 Book Award presentation will be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 10 June 2015. This is your opportunity to come along to show support for the new committee and to congratulate the winner.

The theme for Open Day this year is Your STORY in HiSTORY. We would like to make this a very successful day and welcome new ideas and suggestions to achieve that aim. Mark your calendar for 22 August and talk to friends and family and invite them to come alone.

Are you searching for ...?

Recently, a number of photographs were donated to QFHS. Some carried "messages", most did not. However, there is enough information to point to these families - Cottrell, Coulson, Franklin, Gallagher and Turner (Brisbane and North Queensland). If you would like to follow up on any of these, please contact <a href="Pam Masel">Pam Masel</a>

# Calendar

- 02 June Webinar Convict Records at the QSA
- 03 June Management Committee Meeting
- 05 June Family Tree Maker User Group
- 08 June Queen's Birthday CLOSED
- 10 June <u>Annual General Meeting and Book Award Presentation</u>
- 12 June DNA basics
- 13 June <u>Seminar Researching your Irish Ancestors</u>
- 20 June New Members' Welcome and Orientation
- 20 June <u>The Masters Genealogist User Group</u>
- 27 June Family Tree Maker User Group
- 01 July Management Committee Meeting

- 03 July <u>Family Tree Maker User Group</u>
- 04 July DNA Interest Group

# Happenings

#### **National Archives Seminar**

The next seminar to be held at the National Archives at Cannon Hill is on Wednesday, 17 June at 10am and Friday, 19 June at 2pm.

The topic is 'War Brides – where there is War there is Love' – this seminar is not for the faint-hearted as some records reveal a time of great upheaval and uncertainty.

We are looking at British War Brides from the First World War who came to Australia and some became famous for all the wrong reasons! World War II would see a new influx of British and European brides arrive in Australia.

# Education - Workshops/Courses/Seminars

Webinar at QFHS – Qld State Archives presentation

Topic: Convict Records held at Queensland State Archives

When: Tuesday 2 June 2015 (11:00am-12:00 noon)

Where: QFHS Meeting Room

No booking required.



#### Ireland to Australia: Researching your Irish ancestors

# Topics:

- Learning to think of Irish research in a new way
- The great tide of emigration: 19th century Irish emigration to Australia
- There is no person starving here: Australia and the Great Famine in Ireland, 1845-1850

This seminar will show how Irish research has changed and how to use these changes to dispel the myth that Irish research is too difficult to undertake. During the presentations, ideas for investigating Irish ancestors and an understanding of how the Great Famine impacted Australia will be developed. For more information & registration click <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a>

Newspapers: people, places and events

Session 1: Trove newspapers (searching, advanced

searching, list, groups, tags etc.) General search strategies applicable to all digitised newspapers.

Session 2: Other digitised newspapers (e.g Gale NewsVault, Papers Past, etc.).



Session 3: The State Library of Queensland is the major repository of Queensland newspapers in paper, microform, and electronic formats. In addition, the Library holds significant interstate, national, and international titles. There are many ways to access these historical and contemporary papers. The emphasis of this presentation will be on paper and microform newspapers, and the tools available that make them searchable and useful for family historians.

For more information and registraton click here

Brick walls: solving tough research problems

When: 14 August 2015 from 10.00 to 12.30pm

Presenter: Sue Reid with QFHS experts

We all have them, these tough research problems that defy any solution. Come along to hear a presentation of some strategies to assist in solving 'brick walls'. The presentation will be followed by a one-on-one clinic (11.00 am-12.30 pm) with QFHS experts who will work with you to advise on ways that may help with these intractable problems. Register here



# Only 124 days remaining!

Early bird registrations <u>close 31 July 2015</u>. Go to <u>website</u> now to check out the program.

# Web Wanderings

# Pittsworth Family & Local History Society Inc.

This is a new Society and very enthusiastic group who have also put out publications together with the Pittsworth Heritage village. Check out their new website here

## Griffith Genealogical and Historical Society

This is a helpful website for those researchers with ancestors from the Riverina district of New South Wales. Available <a href="here">here</a>

## Queensland State Archives (QSA) First World War Records

Queensland State Archives (QSA) has released a new index at:

https://data.qld.gov.au/dataset/first-world-war-records These digitised records relate to the outbreak of First World War (1914-1918) and the ensuing years, including post-war settlement and commemoration activities. The index is not a complete list of all First World War records held by QSA. Visit our First World War webpage <a href="here">here</a>

## Cornwall's War History

This database contains information on over 10,500 people who were either Cornish, or who died or appear on war memorials in Cornwall. Photographs, military service histories and details of graves and memorials have been researched for those who fought in any of the conflicts since World War 1. Visit the site <a href="here">here</a>

#### Parish Locator

The program enables you to locate any one of nearly 15,000 UK parishes. It will produce a list of parishes in any county or a list of parishes within a given radius of any other parish and also allows import and export via "csv" files. Check it out <a href="here">here</a>

## Irish Lives Remembered Free Digital Genealogy Magazine

This e-magazine contains lots of tips and articles about tracing your family tree in Ireland and is free. The May/June edition has just been released and is available <a href="here">here</a> Back editions are also available at the same address.

#### Irish Anglican Archives

The Library holds some 40,000 printed books, a large and varied collection of pamphlets and a selection of periodicals. Enjoy searching <u>here</u>

## Huguenot Society of Great Britain & Ireland, Irish Section

This site is intended to act as a primary portal and source of information for those specifically interested in Huguenots who lived in, or had links with, Ireland. Check it out here

#### Swiss Digitised Newspapers

Online access to titles digitised by the Swiss National Library and its partners is available here

# Gravestone Icons, Disease and Epidemic Timelines

This interesting website covers the area of West and North Yorkshire. Even a link to QFHS. You can access them <a href="here">here</a>

# FindmyPast Records – Available via Subscription or free at the QFHS Library Queensland Wills Index 1857-1940

New South Wales, Returned Soldiers Settlement Loan Files 1906-1960

New South Wales, Closer Settlement and Returned Soldiers Transfer Files 1907-1936

& 1951

Dubbo Old Cemetery Headstone Index 1863-1934

Northern Territory birth, marriage and death indexes

The Northern Territory Birth Index 1870-1918

The Northern Territory Marriage Index 1870-1913

<u>Dublin Workhouses Admission & Discharge Registers 1840-1919</u>

The Northern Territory Death Index 1870-1913

Historic British Newspapers

UK National School Admission Registers & Log-Books 1870-1914

Britain School & University Memorial Rolls 1914-1918

Over a million British apprentice records, 1710-1808

**England BillionGraves Cemetery Index** 

Military Hospitals Admissions and Discharge Registers WW1

Over 16,500 new images added to The PERiodical Source Index (PERSI)

English and Welsh Quaker births, marriages and burials, 1578-1841

Nottinghamshire Baptisms from 1538 to 1980

Nottinghamshire Burials from 1539 to 1905

Derbyshire Baptism Index, 1538-1910

Derbyshire Marriage Index, 1538-1910

Derbyshire Burial Index, 1538-1910

Over 19,000 additional Nottinghamshire baptisms and burials

Southwark St George the Martyr Workhouse records 1729-1826

St George The Martyr Workhouse records from Southwark, Surrey

Society of Friends (Quaker) Births 1578-1841

Society of Friends (Quaker) Marriages 1578-1841

Society of Friends (Quaker) Burials 1578-1841

Exclusive Dublin workhouse registers and Board of Guardians minute books

De Ruvigny's Roll of Honour

Scotland BillionGraves Cemetery Index

Wales BillionGraves Cemetery Index

South Africa Roll of Honour 1914-1918

#### FamilySearch Records – Available Free of Charge

Tasmania, Australia - Government Gazette, 1833–1925 at:

https://familysearch.org/search/collection/1865481

United Kingdom, World War I Service Records, 1914–1920 at:

https://familysearch.org/search/collection/2125045

Derbyshire, England - Church of England Parish Registers, 1537–1918 at:

https://familysearch.org/search/collection/1911752

Westminster, England - Rate Books, 1634–1900 at:

https://familysearch.org/search/collection/2489869

# General items of interest

The Birth Certificate of Princess Charlotte Elizabeth Diana of Cambridge

You won't see many birth certificates like this one; the father and mother of the

newborn child have occupations listed as "prince" and "princess." To see the birth certificate, go <u>here</u>

## Guinness Confirms Confucius Family Tree as World's Largest

The genealogical line of the ancient Chinese sage Confucius has been recognised by the Guinness Book of World Records as the longest family tree in history, containing the names of more than 2 million descendants, according to the latest edition of the Confucius genealogy book. You can read more in an article here

# Reunions

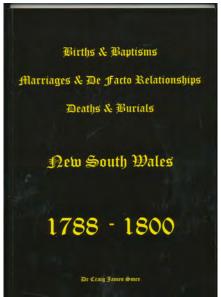
## McDowall State School is Celebrating its 40th Anniversary.

Join past students and teachers from 6:30pm on 12 June 2015 at McDowall State School Hall, 1018 Rode Road, McDowall. R.S.V.P. by 5 June 2015 or telephone 0411 392 122. Light supper and refreshments will be provided. We hope to see you there.

## Burton / Sanderson Family Reunion

Descendants and other interested family members of Henry Burton and Harriett Sanderson are invited to attend a Burton Family get-together in Roma from 10am on Saturday, 29 August at the Lions Club Den - corner Powell and Watson Streets, Roma. Please bring family photos and stories to share. Everyone is welcome For further information and to register, please contact Jenny Power or Anne Maree Hollier: or Geoff Morgan

# **Book Review**



Those who research in the early years of Australian settlement are indebted to Dr Craig Smee for his careful documenting of the vital records of this period. They are, after all, the basic building blocks to genealogy research. In the past few years Dr. Smee has published Born in the English colony of New South Wales in three volumes. His latest publication, Births and Baptisms, Marriages and De Facto Relationships, Deaths and Burials 1788 - 1800, presents an expanded view of the first volume of that earlier set. Dare we hope that two more volumes will follow to match that trilogy. There is little that can be said of the work except that it is detailed, precise and

presented as clearly as one could ask. You will find it at B7 25 14 . Review courtesy Pam Masel.

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our "Snippets" mailbox at - snippets@gfhs.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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