

Snippets

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June is always a busy month with the Annual General Meeting and Family History Book Award presentation. Congratulations go to Melva Welsh and Lee Bull as joint winners for 2015. All books received for consideration are currently displayed in the library.

We welcome Bob Thistlethwaite and Darcy Edwards to the Management Committee 2015-16, and thank retiring members Pam Masel and Charlotte Sale for their past involvement.

Our other exciting event in June was the Irish Research seminar with Mary King and Dr Richard Reid. I am sure that those who attended enjoyed the research suggestions from Mary and the history lesson from Richard.

Our next seminar will be just as exciting. Newspapers: people, places and events, with Sue Reid and Stephanie Ryan will be held on 1 August at the Queensland Baptist Conference Centre. Both Sue and Stephanie will give lots of tips for getting the most from this free resource.

Calendar

- 01 July - Management Committee Meeting
- 03 July - [Family Tree Maker User Group](#)
- 03 July - [House Histories Seminar at SLQ](#)
- 04 July - [DNA Special Interest Group](#)
- 11 July - [Scottish Special Interest Group](#)
- 15 July - [Members' Meeting - William Jolly, Pathfinder of Brisbane](#)
- 17 July - [New Members' Welcome and Orientation](#)
- 18 July - [Family History Writing Group](#)

- 18 July - [TMG User Group](#)
- 18 July - [Enoggera and District Historical Society Open Day](#)
- 19 July - [Welsh Special Interest Group](#)
- 23 July - [English West Country Special Interest Group](#)
- 25 July - [Central European Special Interest Group](#)
- 01 August - [National Family History Month commences](#)
- 01 August - [Seminar - Newspapers: people, places and events](#)
- 03 August - Wynnum Library. DNA Basics with Chris Schuetz

Happenings



Members' Meeting - William Jolly, Pathfinder of Brisbane

When: 1.00 pm 15 July 2015

Where: QFHS Meeting Room

Warren Jolly, grandson of William, will speak about the Grey Street Brisbane that was named William Jolly Bridge to honour William and the work he undertook as Mayor of the Town of Windsor, Lord Mayor of Brisbane, and a Member of Parliament. Visitors welcome.

Enoggera & Districts Historical Society Inc

In association with the Queensland Family History Society and Queensland Rail Historical Society warmly invites the local community to attend a display and community event showcasing the past 150 years.

150 Years of History 1865 - 2015

When: 9.30 am to 4.30 pm on Saturday 18 July 2015

Where: Enoggera Memorial Hall, Trundle Street, Enoggera



QFHS Open Day
 Saturday 22 August 2015
 9.00 am - 3.00 pm

Theme: Your STORY in HiSTORY
Come along and bring a friend



Only 96 days to go!

The first Queensland State Conference will be held on 3rd and 4th October 2015 at Riverglenn, 70 Kate Street, Indooroopilly.

Early bird registrations close 31 July.

Go to [website](#) now to view the program

Education - Workshops/Courses/Seminars



Newspapers: people, places and events

Presenters: Sue Reid and Stephanie Ryan

When: 9.00 am to 12.30 pm 1 August 2015

Where: Queensland Baptists Conference Centre

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 registration click [here](#)

Brick walls: solving tough research problems

When: 10.00 am to 12.30 pm Friday 14 August 2015

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.

Once you have registered, we will provide further information on the one-on-one sessions. Register [here](#)

Members' Noticeboard

Invitation to Visit Cooroy-Noosa Genealogical and Historical Research Group

If any QFHS member is planning a visit to the Sunshine Coast, you are invited to visit the rooms for a chat and coffee. Address is: The Guide Hut, 41 Miva Street, Cooroy. Open Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings. More details about the group available [here](#)

House Histories Seminar - Invitation to Attend

Are you interested in the history of a house? Discover how to explore its story in this discussion with special guest speakers. Find out about the importance of determining your purpose, the resources you need, where to find them and the strategies required. The seminar will be held on Friday, 3 July from 10am–12:30pm at State Library Queensland Auditorium 2, level 2, State Library of Queensland. Cost is \$14.50 which includes morning tea. To book go [here](#) In the lead-up to the talk, see our [blog](#) about how to get started.

Huguenot Meeting

To be held at 2pm on Sunday, 26 July, the venue is the Toowong Library meeting room at 9 Sherwood Road, Toowong. Robert Nash will talk about “The Huguenots of Scotland”. Entrance with a gold coin and refreshments will be provided.

Web Wanderings

New from FamilySearch

1828 Census of New South Wales. The 1828 census lists the name of the family member (including servants), age, class, ship name and year of arrival, sentence (if applicable), employment, residence and religion. If the resident was a farmer, additional information was also collected such as the number of acres and livestock totals.

Details [here](#)

Tasmanian Civil Registrations of Birth. The collection consists of some 12,700 images and spans the years from 1899 to 1912. The images in this collection are organised by place and then by year. For this collection there is often a long lead time between when the child was born and when it was registered. It is possible that children who died soon after birth were not entered in the register in Tasmania during this time period. Search [here](#)

Victoria, Assisted Immigrant Arrivals at Victorian Ports, 1839–1871: 127,892 digital images available [here](#)

2,807,806 indexed records from the England, London Electoral Registers; covering 1847–1913 collection [here](#)

FindMyPast – the following are available via subscription or free at the QFHS library

Over half a million new records have been added to the Victoria Inward Passenger lists 1839-1923. The amount of information listed varies. Most transcripts will include a combination of the passenger's name, age, year of birth, nationality, native place, ship name, departure port, destination port and the month and year of their arrival. Search [here](#)

Prisoners of War 1715-1945 Phase 2 – Napoleonic Wars: Comprises over 71,000 entries. These records form part of the wider Prisoners of War 1715-1945 collection and contain not only the details of members of the armed forces, but also of captured civilians and merchant seamen of various nationalities. Check it out [here](#)

Gibraltar, St Andrew's Kirk Records: over 6,000 records have been added to this collection of church and parish records and cover the years 1840-1947.

[Baptisms](#) - [Marriages](#) - [Burials](#) - [Congregational Records](#) - [Greater London Burial Index](#): Over 25,000 new records have been added to this Index. It covers the years 1399 to 1902, and now contains over 1.1 million names from Anglican and non-conformist parishes and covers the City of London, Middlesex and South London parishes.

[British Newspapers](#): Over 2.8 million new searchable articles have been added to the collection of historic British newspapers. The latest additions include 3 brand new titles – the Cornish Times, Derbyshire Advertiser and Journal, Tadcaster Post, and the General Advertiser for Grimstone – as well as substantial updates to 37 existing titles. Containing over 136,000 records, [City of London Haberdashers, Apprentices and Freeman 1526-1933](#) lists the details of apprentices who trained with the Worshipful Company of Haberdashers in the City of London. .

Containing over 17,000 records, the [City Of London Ironmongers, Apprentices and Freeman 1511-1923](#) records contain the details of members of the Worshipful Company of Ironmongers.

[Southwark, St George the Martyr Mortuary Register 1880-1891](#) contains over 1,900 records. Each record contains a transcript of the original document that can include the deceased's name, age, year of birth, date of death, address, entry date and any additional notes. The records will also reveal whether the deceased received a post mortem or inquest.

Containing over 3,000 records, the [Royal Navy Foreign Awards to Officers Index 1914-1922](#) contains the details of awards presented to officers of the Royal Navy by foreign governments. Each record consists of a transcript that may contain a combination of the following information: name, rank, official number, unit, service branch, foreign award, British awards, date of death, cause of death and any additional notes. A few entries pertain to Naval Other Ranks and Civil Admiralty Staff.

National Archives of Australia Begins Digitising World War 1 Repatriation Records
The National Archives of Australia (NAA) has begun a \$3.4 million project to mark the centenary of World War I, describing and digitising many of the Anzacs' repatriation records, ensuring greater public access. Details were preserved in more than 600,000

World War I repatriation records, held by the NAA.

The government records contain information about Australians and New Zealanders in World War I and the Boer War. The personal stories provide information about service men and women through original archival records. Information in these records includes medical care, welfare services and pensions provided by the Repatriation Department, now known as the Department of Veterans' Affairs. You can read more in the Discovering Anzacs web site [here](#) The NAA website can be located [here](#)

Dorset Family History Society research

[The Dorset FHS](#) would like to advise they have a comprehensive collection available to persons who may be researching family from the Dorset area.

Surrey Mental Health Records 1867 – 1900

Ancestry has put online an interesting collection of some 11,000 historic Surrey England mental hospital records. These are admission records and span the years from 1867 to 1900. According to Ancestry, one of the shocking things about this collection is the number of patients that were aged ten years or younger that were admitted to mental hospitals at the time. Available by subscription [here](#) or free at the library.

APGI Becomes AGI – Name Change for Ireland's Accrediting Body for Genealogists

After almost 30 years as the accrediting body for genealogists in Ireland, APGI has adopted a new name. In May 2015, the Association of Professional Genealogists in Ireland (APGI) voted to change its name to Accredited Genealogists Ireland (AGI). More details about the name change can be found [here](#) The AGI's website is [here](#)

Records from the Jersey Archive in the Channel Islands go online for the first time

The Ancestry.com Blog reports that the Jersey, Channel Islands, Wills and Testaments Collection: 1663-1948 and the Jersey, Channel Islands, Occupation Registration Cards from World War Two covering the years 1940-1945. It is the first time, as part of a major digitisation project, that Jersey Archives has uploaded images of its entire collection of registration cards from the occupation of Jersey during World War Two. You can read the details in the [Ancestry.com Blog](#) Available via subscription or free at the QFHS library.

Indexed Family History Records Now Available Through the DAR Genealogical Research System

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) has recently added an index of over 40,000 digitised family Bible records, and each day more records are digitised and added to the Index. This is one of the largest known collections of such genealogical materials in existence. The DAR collection spans many decades, so even those researchers who are not looking for Revolutionary War era ancestors, may find the new [Bible Records Index](#) useful.

More than 16 Million Virginia Records Are Now Digitised and Online

Birth and death records from 1912 to the present, marriage records from 1936 to the present and divorce records from 1918 to the present have been scanned and are

available. Images are available and the records have also been indexed. For more information go [here](#).

Huge Cuban Genealogy Data Collection Now Available Online

An extensive set of family trees, civil records and sacramental documents is now available online. It references thousands of Hispanic surnames and gives everyone the opportunity to search for their ancestors. The material comes from the Enrique Hurtado de Mendoza Collection of Cuban Genealogy. The online offerings can be accessed by going to Florida International University's Digital Library of the Caribbean and searching by last name [here](#).

ManyRoads Adds Hundreds of Address Books

For those researching areas in the former Eastern German Provinces of Pommern and Westpreussen (Pomerania and West Prussia), hundreds of address books have been added online. You may access the records [here](#).

1500 Turn-Of-The-Century Pictures from Hungary Made Public

If your ancestors came from Hungary, you will be interested in this new online collection of turn-of-the-last-century Hungarian photographs. Pictures taken by the legendary German-born Hungarian photographer György Klösz (1844-1913) are now [available online](#).

MyHeritage Places Exclusive Scandinavian Records Online

MyHeritage has just brought online millions of Scandinavian records, the majority of which have never been digitised or indexed online before. Anyone with Scandinavian roots can search these records on MyHeritage's SuperSearch and will receive matches to those records relevant to their family tree [here](#). [More information](#)

DNA Tests

An interesting introduction to using DNA tests in genealogy [here](#).

Free Online Library

Imagine a free virtual online library of rare historical books from all over the world to help you discover details about the lives of your ancestors. There are now 200,000 historical volumes available online for free at

https://books.familysearch.org/primo_library/libweb/action/search.do

Most of the digitised publications consist of compiled family histories and local and county histories. The collection also includes telephone and postal directories and other resources. To read more about the library, go [here](#).

Announcing a New Genealogy Website: Twile

This website allows family historians to create rich, visual timelines of their family history, made up of milestones and photos from their ancestors' lives. Twile helps users get a visualisation of the information and easily share it with their family.

The [website](#) is completely free to use, allowing users to build or import their family tree and create a timeline by uploading photos or adding milestones – such as birth, marriage and death – for anyone on the tree. Twile Plus is a premium subscription service and is available for £19.99 per year, giving access to a wider library of

milestone types.

New Record Collection Released From Forces War Records

In commemoration of the 70th Anniversary of VE Day and the end of the war in Europe, Forces War Records will be releasing a brand new collection of daily reports from the Second World War. Over 90,000 records have already been uploaded to the website. We estimate a further 400,000 records are yet to be digitised and uploaded so we have a long way to go yet.

Further information on the list can be found on the Forces War Records [website](#) under the Collections List.

General items of interest

Help Save Heritage Farm Buildings and Receive a Farm Getaway

Here's an opportunity to help save history farm buildings at Deepwater Station (northern tablelands of NSW). Once restored the buildings can be opened to the public. This appeal comes from the Glen Innes Historical Society. For [further information](#) and [here](#)

Make Sure You Are Climbing Your Family Tree and Not Someone Else's

One of the common errors made by not-so-experienced genealogists is finding a family tree online that "looks like my family" and making an erroneous assumption that it is indeed their own ancestors. Too many people find a name and a location that "must be my ancestor" and add it to their so-called family tree.

Ancestry.com has added a new Facts View to the Ancestry online tree. The big change in the new version is that sources to support the displayed facts and relationships are now front and centre.

WikiTree Reaches 10 Million Profiles

Since its founding in 2008, WikiTree has grown steadily but carefully. Although the community's mission is to connect the entire human family on one tree — ultimately including billions of people — WikiTree prioritises collaboration and accuracy.

Over 200,000 genealogists have added profiles to WikiTree. Many of them share ancestors. Rather than create duplicate ancestor profiles, they work together on the same profiles. When duplicates are created accidentally, they're merged. [more details](#)

Ancestry.com launches AncestryDNA in Australia and New Zealand

AncestryDNA – part of Ancestry, the world's largest online family history resource, has announced it will be available in Australia and New Zealand. Following earlier releases in the US, UK and Ireland, AncestryDNA now has a database with DNA samples from over 850,000 people. Details may be found in the Ancestry.com [Blog](#)

Family Historians Go Online to Identify Unknown Soldiers and You Can Help

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission says it has seen a steep rise in cases where amateur genealogists and historians believe they have solved the mystery of unidentified war graves. Hundreds of thousands of members of the armed forces still have no known graves after the First and Second World Wars. Large numbers of

bodies were never identified and lie only with headstones marked "Known unto God." But with millions of war records put online in recent years and the ease of searching them, there has been a dramatic increase in people turning detective and attempting to work out what happened to their lost relatives.

You can read more in this [article](#)

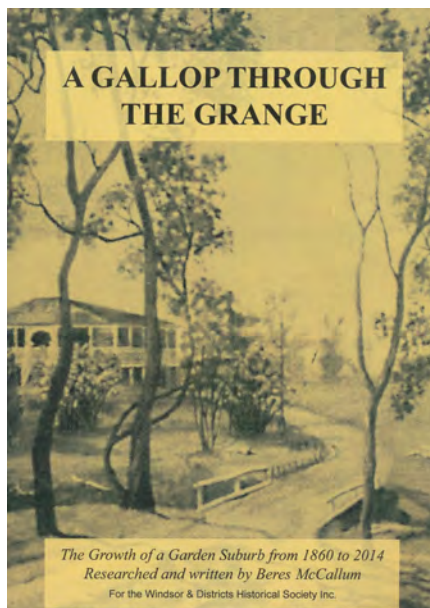
Reunions

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



Most of us when writing up our family history pray that it will not be boring. As we put flesh on the bare bones it pays to think about the area in which your forbears lived and functioned. Local histories are often a mine of information. What was their school like, which church may they have attended, were there markets days, what of natural disasters? For those of us with forebears in the inner northern suburbs of Brisbane the work of Beres McCallum is a treasure trove of information on not only people but houses, public buildings, churches and major events which shaped life in these areas. A Gallop through Grange is Beres' latest publication in which she

tracks the growth of this garden suburb from 1860 to 2014. This 60 page booklet has numerous photographs. Beres McCallum was awarded an OAM for her services to local history in 2015. Review courtesy of Pam Masel.

Trivia

Video: Who Do They Think They Are? – A Lighthearted Look at Today's Genealogy Searches

This Aussie spoof of Who Do You Think You Are? pokes fun at the Who Do You Think You Are? television program, at Ancestry.com, the Mormon Church, DNA, and even a quick jab at trying to find genealogy information on Google. It also delivers a serious message about the proper methods of searching one's family tree. Enjoy the [video](#)

Latest Trend in Baby Names: Gender-Neutral

More and more parents are now opting for gender-free names. Read the [details](#)

Woman Sentenced for Digging Up Father's Grave for 'Real Will'

Apparently the probate court did not satisfy this woman's belief that she was shorted in her share of the inheritance after her father died in 2004. She dug up her father's grave in a scene a prosecutor compared to an Edgar Allan Poe story. She wanted to find her father's "real will" but found only vodka and cigarettes. Details may be found [here](#)

The Alcohol Consumption of Our Ancestors

According to a chart created in 1790, citizens in the newly-formed United States drank a lot of distilled spirits. An article by Megan Gambino claims that, by 1830, each person, on average, was swilling more than seven gallons of alcohol per year. [Read more](#)

Reminders

Have you visited the QFHS Lending Library?

There are many titles available to borrow, most are copies of research books held in the print library. Simply select a title and take to the front desk where a library assistant will record your selection for you. You can borrow two books for two weeks. Read at your leisure in the comfort of your own home.



You've been a member of Queensland Family History Society for some time and we hope you have enjoyed visiting the library, reading the journal, following up on Snippets tips and researching your family.

We also hope you have taken advantage of the knowledge available by asking our experienced library assistants for help and tapped in to the expertise available from attending a Special Interest Group meeting, workshop or seminar. You would have seen the increase in resources, both from purchase and by donation, attended seminars and workshops at discounted prices, and shared in the excitement of new publications as much as we have. All memberships expire annually on 30 June so renew now and experience another year of going forward.

[Renew Membership](#)

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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.

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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