

Snippets

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Did you know that our members also present sessions at both Brisbane City Council and Moreton Bay Region Libraries. Check our Calendar for topics and dates before booking direct at your local public library.

Your support for our education programs in 2015 has been outstanding with all events very well supported. Our Fridays@QFHS and Seminars for the first half of 2016 are now on the [website](#). Some numbers are limited so you might like to make an early booking. If you have a topic you would like presented please [email](#) the Education Subcommittee with details.

The October Members' Meeting will include presentation of Pre-Separation Certificates to members who have authenticated their descent from one or more ancestors who were living in Queensland prior to separation from New South Wales on 10 December 1859. Guest Speaker Ann Swain will speak on Life in Pre-Separation Queensland.

Calendar

- 02 Oct - [Family Tree Maker User Group Meeting](#)
- 03 Oct - [ITAP In Time and Place Conference Day 1](#) - Registrations closed
- 04 Oct - [ITAP In Time and Place Conference Day 2](#) - Registrations closed
- 05 Oct - **CLOSED** Labour Day
- 07 Oct - Management Committee Meeting
- 09 Oct - [Fridays@QFHS - Preparing for an overseas research trip](#)
- 10 Oct - [Irish SIG Meeting](#)
- 16 Oct - [Trout Game](#)
- 16 Oct - Directories and Almanacs at Redcliffe Public Library with Rosemary Kopittke

- 17 Oct - [New Members' Welcome and Orientation](#)
- 17 Oct - [The Master Genealogist User Group Meeting](#)
- 21 Oct - [Members' Meeting - Life in Pre-Separation Queensland](#)
- 27 Oct - Directories and Almanacs at Strathpine Public Library with Rosemary Kopittke
- 31 Oct - [Family Tree Maker User Group Meeting](#)
- 02 Nov - Welsh Research at Wynnum Library with Charlotte Sale
- 04 Nov - Directories and Almanacs at Deception Bay Public Library with Rosemary Kopittke

Happenings

Presenting the Interview

Venue: SLQ Auditorium 2, level 2, State Library of Queensland

Date: Thursday 29 October 2015

Time: 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm

Description: What happens after the interview? Join the conversation about oral history storytelling with four distinguished members of the oral history community.

Cost: Free

Contact details: Bookings essential. Click [here](#) for more information and book your seat.

The Fellowship of First Fleeters Open Day

The Moreton Chapter of Fellowship of First Fleeters invites you to attend their free Open Day on Saturday, 10 October from 9:30am to 12:30pm at St Augustine's Anglican Church Hall, Racecourse Road, Hamilton. Members will provide information on their extensive family trees stretching back to the first white settlement of Australia. There will be opportunities to access members' privately-owned books many of which relate to family histories which have been privately published or are out of print.

Education - Workshops/Courses/Seminars



Finding your family: a beginners course in research

A six week course to assist those beginning their family history journey is being offered to members and non-members commencing early 2016. Presenters will be QFHS Tutors.

Content includes home sources, organisation, BDM certificates, newspapers, archives, libraries, overseas research, and much more.

Commences: Monday 15 February 2016

Time: 7.30 pm - 9.00 pm

Location: QFHS Library and Resource Centre

Cost: \$50 members and \$70 non-members

Cost includes

- copy of Shauna Hicks' book Where do I start?: a brief guide to researching your family in Australia and New Zealand (rrp \$19)
- for non-members, complimentary use of the library for the duration of the course.

We believe this course will fill quickly with numbers strictly limited to fifteen. If you would like to ensure a place [register now](#)

Fridays@QFHS

The following sessions will be held at the library and resource centre from 10.00 am to 11.30 am on the dates shown below. You can [register for a session](#) at the library or on the website. Cost \$11 members and \$15 non-members.

Preparing for an overseas research trip?

How to get ready for that long awaited research trip: what to pack, what are the 'must-takes', where to go and much more.

Presenters: Sue Reid and Charlotte Sale

When: 9 October 2015



Surnames

Where did they come from? What different types are there? How can the knowledge of surnames help you research your family name? What resources and tools are available for your quest?

Presenter: Chris Schuetz

When: 13 November 2015

QFHS Trout Game

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 and find out why you may have brick-walls in your research.

The Trout Game will be played on Friday 16 October 2015 from 10am to 4pm at QFHS Library. Cost is \$5.00 which includes morning and afternoon tea (BYO lunch). To make your booking, contact Game Master Ann Swain via [email](#) or telephone (07) 3352 5537. Numbers are limited and early bookings are essential.

Members' Noticeboard

Caboolture Family History Research Group Inc.

This group is based at 280 Beerburum Road, Caboolture. More details on the [website](#)

Web Wanderings

World War I Resources

A guide to World War I resources, available from the Moreton Bay Region Library collection, has been released online. Check it out [here](#)

Queensland State Archives Webinars

Our latest webinar, Trades and Professions, is now available to view [online](#). In addition, there are more webinars available on QSA's YouTube [here](#)

Google Custom Search for English Newspapers

Here is a customised Google search engine that will search the major newspapers in England as well as 384 major and local papers. Alternatively, you can search for regional newspapers by place/county/region. The searches are divided into national and regional newspapers. You can learn more and access the search engines [here](#)

Index to Digitalised British and Irish Newspapers Online

This site is an index, not the images of, original records. However, every entry in the index does point to a newspaper image on one of any number of other web sites. This web site is the place to start when looking for British or Irish newspapers. The actual images of newspapers are a mix of free, by subscription, and "pay to view." There are now over 2,900 references available [here](#)

Victorian Female Prison Registers 1855-1934

Now available to view online are more than 7000 Victorian Female Prison Registers from 1855-1934 at: <http://prov.vic.gov.au/>

The records include a personal description of the prisoner and date of birth, native place, trade, religion etc. Some of the records also contain mug shots. Read more [here](#)

Deaths of Seamen & Other British Marine Returns of Deaths Go Online

A complete record of the deaths of Scottish seafarers from late Victorian times until 1974 is now available online through ScotlandsPeople. Among the 14,000 new records available are monthly returns of the Deaths of Seamen, which list Scots along with other crew members of all nationalities who were serving on British-registered vessels between 1897-1974. Available via subscription. More details available [here](#)

Ancestry: UK Apprentices Indentured in Merchant Navy (1824-1910)

More than 340,000 historic Merchant Navy apprentice records have been published online for the first time covering 1824 to 1910. Available via subscription or free at the QFHS library, you can learn more [here](#)

New Online Database of British Prisoners of War Held in Japan or Japanese-Occupied Territory

Forces War Records has released a new online collection of 56,363 records listing the Imperial Prisoners of War held in Japan (Original Source: Transcribed from the National Archive reference WO392/23-26. Search [here](#)

14 Volumes of Genealogical Lists of Irish-Jewish Families Presented to Dublin City

Fourteen rare volumes of genealogical lists of Irish-Jewish families in Ireland were

recently presented to Dublin City Council's Library and Archive. The volumes were gifted by Stuart Rosenblatt, President of the Genealogical Society of Ireland. He has brought together over 300 years of Jewish families residing in Ireland and enriching Irish life. At present there are over 52,000 names on his database dating from 1700. The database may be searched [here](#) Your first time is free to research, but you must register your email address and password. After that, enquiries cost €20.00

IGRS launches 'The Dublin Presbyterian Colporteur's Notebook, 1875'

The IGRS has launched a new and exciting database of scanned images from the Dublin Presbyterian Colporteur's Notebook, which dates from 1875. The rare Notebook was compiled during January to October 1875 by William Malone who travelled the streets of Dublin and jotted biographical notes on approximately 10,000 inner-city Dublin Protestants. You can read more about the notebook [here](#)

Luxembourg Online Archive

More than one million Luxembourg birth certificates from 1600 to 1923 have been made available online. You can access the website [here](#)

Online Archive of War Letters in Russia

This is the biggest online archive of Russian frontline letters from WWII. Hundreds have submitted postcards and letters from their family archives, and there are contributions from media, private collectors and museums. The website is in Russian, but you can translate it. You can learn more [here](#)

Findmypast: available via subscription or free at your QFHS Library

[Coffs Harbour District Schools 1912-1984](#)

[New Zealand, Nelson, Petition after the Wairau Incident 1843](#)

[National School Admission Registers 1870-1914 England & Wales](#)

[Prisoners of War 1715-1945](#)

[Surrey, Southwark, St Saviour's Grammar School Admissions 1690-1848](#)

[Manchester electoral registers - 1832-1900](#)

[Derbyshire Hospital Admissions & Deaths - 1892-1913](#)

[Irish Newspapers from 1719-1950](#)

[Ireland National School Admission Registers](#)

General items of interest

New Storage Facility for the Australian National Archives to be the Last of its Kind Construction has begun on the National Archives of Australia's new preservation and storage facility at Mitchell. With enough shelving to stretch from Canberra to Cooma, the purpose-built repository will house around 10 million Commonwealth records when it opens in 2017. The 18,000 square-metre facility will include a conservation laboratory, digital archives for classified and unclassified records, cold storage areas and 114 kilometres of shelving. You can read more [here](#)

Limerick DNA Project to Help Decode Irish Family History

The aim of this project is to bring together the historical and genealogical research

already collated by the many Limerick experts in these areas, and to examine them in the context of the latest discoveries in Y-chromosome DNA to research the genetic history of Limerick families and communities both here and abroad. You can read more about this project in an article [here](#)

Preserving Memories for Decades to Come

Generally speaking, people take and share far more photos today than at any other point in history. Digital content is fragile. Every computer user has experienced the sting of losing photographs due to changing phones, accidental deletion or a computer failure. This article describes methods of making sure you can save your digital photographs for decades. You can read Preserving Memories for Decades to Come [here](#)

Monumental Archive Project: An Open Database of Historic Cemeteries

Genealogists all over the world recognise the historical value of gravestones for tracing family history. This new mapping project is being created on an open-access website with a database of monumental records, a curated collection of research projects, and an interactive means of contributing data and commenting on research.

This is not planned to be a database of all the cemeteries in the world. Instead, it will provide information about the more historic cemeteries. You can learn more about the Monumental Archive Project [here](#)

Privacy Issues for Family Historians

The MyHeritage Blog has published an article: Privacy Issues for Family Historians. It discusses some of the things genealogists need to be aware of before publishing their family trees online. You can read the article [here](#)

Trivia

Maryland Mechanic Discovers He is Heir to the Throne of the Isle of Man

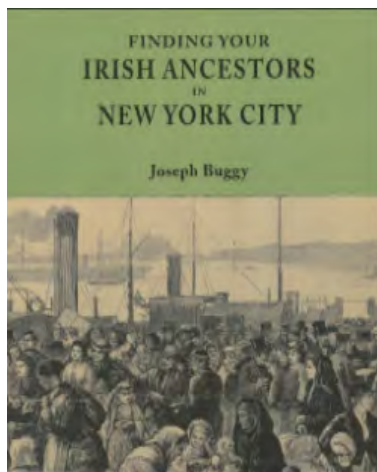
A blue-collar American is getting the royal treatment after a search for his family ancestry online revealed that he is the heir to the throne of the British Isle of Man. David Drew Howe's claim to fame can be read [here](#)

Millionaire Property Developer Used Children's Gravestones to Build a Patio

Kim Davies took tombstones from a derelict chapel and cemented them to the walls of Llanwenarth House in Abergavenny, South Wales. Planners were horrified when they saw the 'decorative stone plaques' had been used as part of a £1M makeover to the home. The wealthy businessman also used some of the graves as flagstones for a patio which he built at the £2.2M country mansion. Details may be found [here](#)

Book Review

Joseph Buggy points out that his work, Finding your Irish Ancestors in New York City, is not intended to be a history of Irish migration to the USA. Rather it is an



overview to assist with research strategies. He states that it is particularly useful for the period beginning at the start of the 19th century through to the early 20th century. In the first section he deals with the use of fundamental sources such as censuses and vital records - some of which are underused.

Immigrants from certain counties in Ireland often settled in similar areas of New York. This can be used to advantage. The Roman Catholic Church is the focus of the latter sections. As many immigrants were of this religion the listing of every Catholic parish that ever existed (together with start dates) is invaluable. Every Catholic burial ground is listed along with other public and nondenominational grounds.

Buggy concludes the work with lists of periodicals, websites and other publications to assist research. This book crams an enormous amount of information, hints and clues in its 165 pages. Review courtesy of Pam Masel.

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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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