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The final Members' Meeting for 2015 will be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 18 November when we will celebrate another great year of researching our family history. We will also present the annual **Award for Services to Family History** to another very worthy volunteer. A festive supper will follow so please come along and bring a plate.

The final Fridays@QFHS for the year, **Surnames** with Chris Schuetz, will be held at 10.00am on Friday 13 November.

The topics for 2016 Seminars and Fridays@QFHS are now available to browse online and as there are limited numbers for some sessions don't hesitate to confirm your place.

Calendar

- 06 Nov - [Family Tree Maker User Group](#)
- 07 Nov - [DNA Group](#)
- 13 Nov - [Fridays@QFHS - Surnames](#)
- 14 Nov - [Scottish Interest Group](#)
- 15 Nov - [Welsh Interest Group](#)
- 18 Nov - [Members' Meeting - Presentation of QFHS Services to Family History Award](#)
- 20 Nov - [New Members' Welcome and Orientation](#)
- 21 Nov - [Family History Writing Group](#)
- 21 Nov - [The Masters Genealogist Group](#)
- 23 Nov - Directories and Almanacs at Arana Hills Public Library with Rosemary Kopittke
- 26 Nov - [English West Country Group](#)
- 28 Nov - [Central European Interest Group](#)
- 02 Dec - Management Committee Meeting

Education - Workshops/Courses/Seminars



Surnames

Presenter: Chris Schuetz

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

When: 10.00am Friday 13 November

Where: QFHS Library and Resource Centre

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

Note: Only a few places still available

[Register Online](#)

Seminar

Writing and publishing family history: a twenty-first century approach

Presenter/s: Noeline Kyle, Rick Valenta, and a panel discussion on publishing



Noeline Kyle writes and publishes biography, memoir, women's history, and the writing of family history. She has published two family histories: a biography of her great grandmother, Nurse Mary Kirkpatrick, and a memoir of her childhood (Ghost child: a memoir). Noeline retired from University teaching in 2001. She continues her academic and professional interests in history with an Honorary Professorship at the University of Sydney and with her involvement in local history and heritage organisations.

Rick Valenta is a geologist married to a family history enthusiast. His job for the last decade has regularly required him to produce professional quality colour-illustrated reports, press releases, and presentations.

Panel discussion on contemporary publishing. In the final session of this seminar, a number of published authors will share their experiences in producing books and publications.

When: 9.00 - 12.30pm Saturday, 6 February 2016

Where: Queensland Baptists Conference Centre

Cost: \$15 Members and \$20 Non-members

More information and registration [here](#)

Oral history: more than a name

Presenter: Suzanne Mulligan



Suzanne will talk about the importance, to family historians, of collecting oral histories. She will show what you can do with oral histories to ensure they are preserved and accessible to future generations and she will discuss interview techniques, transcribing, and ethics.

If you are attending this presentation, please bring a small object (e.g. book, jewellery, photograph) that is of significance to you.

When: 10.00am 12 February 2016

Where: QFHS Library and Resource Centre

Cost: \$11 Members and \$15 Non-Members

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Beginner's Course

Finding your family: a beginner's course in research

Presenters: QFHS Tutors



This six week course will be very comprehensive for the person wanting to start researching their family history, but unsure of the process. Content will include home sources, organisation, BDM certificates, archives, libraries, newspapers, overseas research, and much more. Registrations will be limited to 15 people.

The cost includes:

- The book, *Where do I start?: a brief guide to researching your family in Australia and New Zealand* by Shauna Hicks (rrp\$19).
- For non-members, complimentary use of the QFHS Library and Resource Centre for the term of the course

When: Commences Monday 15 February 2016 - 7.30 pm to 9.00 pm

Where: QFHS Library and Resource Centre, 58 Bellevue Avenue, Gaythorne

Cost: \$50.00 members and \$70.00 non-members (see inclusions above)

[Register Online](#)

Members' Noticeboard

Are you researching Young family from Kent?

A request has been received from a gentleman reading our Journal in the UK enquiring if we have any members researching Edwin Young (1838-1918). Edwin was born in Pembury, Kent, and came to Brisbane on the SS New Guinea in 1888, together with his wife Ann and three children, Nelly (married Edgar Forrest), Katie, and Rose May (married Archibald James Norris). The family lived in Brook Street, Lutwyche, from 1905 until he died in 1918. If you have an interest in this family please contact [Secretary](#) for contact details.

Web Wanderings

Victoria County Histories Online

Founded in 1899 and originally dedicated to Queen Victoria, the Victoria County History is an encyclopaedic record of England's places and people from earliest times to the present day. It has been described as the greatest publishing project in English history. These and many other key documents from British History are available online and searchable using keywords and facets (source type, place, period, and subject). Check it out [here](#)

Australian/ New Zealand Shipping

This website contains all three volumes of Log of Logs listing ships travelling into Australian and New Zealand waters between 1788 and 1990. Contains metadata about log book sources and places each ship visited. Check [here](#)

Discover First World War Military Tactics in Newly Digitised War Diaries

To mark the centenary of the Battle of Loos, The National Archives at Kew have published over 350 Army Headquarters unit war diaries online. These diaries provide behind the scenes accounts of the Battle of Loos, the first main British offensive of the First World War. Search and download war diaries online [here](#)

First World War Merchant Navy Crew Lists

For the first time you can search online for details from all the surviving First World War Merchant Navy crew lists for 1915. The crew lists contain particulars for 36,000 voyages, including the names and personal details of 750,000 seamen. Go [here](#)

FamilySearch

[England Warwickshire Parish Registers 1535-1984](#)

New Herefordshire Archives and Records Centre

The new Herefordshire Archives and Records Centre is now open to the public. It is open Tuesday to Friday 9:15am to 4:45pm, and all day on the second Saturday of every month. More details are available [here](#)

Ireland Reaching Out – The Earl Grey Female Orphans

Another good method of contact within Australia is via Facebook. You can access them [here](#). If you open your Facebook page and put in the title you can request

friend status

County Tyrone Genealogy Website

This is an incredible website for anyone with ancestors from County Tyrone. Go [here](#)

Digitising of the 1891 Census of Norway is Finished

The Norwegian 1891 Census has been scanned and published in an ordered series for the 559 cities and municipalities that existed in Norway at the time of the census. You can learn more [here](#)

Chronicling America Posts its 10 Millionth Historic Newspaper Page

This tool is an online searchable database of historic U.S. newspapers and has posted its 10 millionth page. The site makes digitised newspapers (of those published between 1836 and 1922). Enjoy searching [here](#)

Yale Places 170,000 Photographs from 1935 to 1945 Online

Yale University had posted online 170,000 Library of Congress photographs taken in the United States from 1935 to 1945. The photos come from all over the U.S., and can be accessed with this easy-to-use interactive map. They also used the original captions allowing the viewer to get an honest feel for the time period. No guarantees but you might find one of your ancestors in this series of photographs. You can start searching [here](#)

Findmypast

Available for free at the QFHS Library, or via subscription

[England and Wales Electoral Registers 1832-1932](#)

[Britain, Absent Voters Lists 1918-1921](#)

[British Newspapers](#)

[London, Dulwich College Register 1619-1926](#)

[Berkshire, Eton College Register 1441-1698](#)

[Sussex, Lancing College Register 1901-1954](#)

[Marriage allegations and bonds from the dioceses of Lichfield & Coventry, Staffordshire](#)

[Ireland Electoral Registers 1885-1886](#)

[Scotland, Linlithgowshire \(West Lothian\), electoral registers 1864-1931](#)

[New York baptisms 1660-1862](#)

[New York marriages 1639-1900](#)

[New York deaths & burials 1758-1862](#)

Newly Indexed "Deeds of Composition": Melbourne 1871-98

Melbourne 'Deeds of Composition' are now searchable by name, location, occupation and year. A 'Deed of Composition' is the record of arrangements between insolvent debtors and their creditors in which they agree to settle for a percentage of the amounts owed. This small series was created by the Court of Insolvency, Melbourne 1871-1898. Learn more, and find the search links [here](#)

General items of interest

State Library of Queensland Wants Your Old Newspapers

The search is on for specific newspapers that are missing from the extensive

newspaper collections at State Library of Queensland. If there's a stack of old newspapers gathering dust under the bed or out in the shed, then you may be able to help fill some of the gaps in these collections. For a detailed list see [here](#)

Why Do So Many Americans Think They Have Cherokee Blood?

Millions of Americans think they have Cherokee ancestry. It is a nice thought but is almost always erroneous. This article examines this myth and tells why so many Americans claim to possess "Cherokee blood." Available [here](#)

She went to College to study Anthropology and found her slave ancestors nearby

Michelle Taylor recently graduated from University. She had recently started researching her own ancestry and was surprised to not only find dusty old records, but to even visit the cabin where her ancestor, freed slave George Gilmore, lived. You can read the full story [here](#)

An Ontario Parish Has its History Stolen

Three thefts from churches in Ontario have recently occurred. The most recent theft occurred at the St-Joachim Catholic Church where thieves stole a safe which contained the church's parish registers. It's all the files of the parish, including christening and marriage records. In some cases the missing papers traced the same families for 130 years as generations lived, married and died there. You can read more in an article [here](#)

If You are Going to Make a Time Capsule, Make Sure it is Waterproof

The John F. Kennedy Peace Capsule was buried in 1965. Crews unearthed the capsule recently, but there was one problem: it was half full of water. Some of the papers inside were destroyed although a few apparently remained above the waterline and are still readable. You can read the details in an article [here](#)

Can Your Fingerprints Tell Us Anything About Your Ancestry?

Each individual's fingerprints are unique are one of the best ways we have of identifying a person today. New research has found these tiny etchings, known as dermatoglyphics, can also serve as way to trace an individual's ancestry. Read more details [here](#)

UK Man Posts on Death and Funeral Announcement on LinkedIn

A UK man has taken the extraordinary step of announcing his death and funeral on LinkedIn before travelling to Switzerland to end his life. Simon Binner, 57 was diagnosed with aggressive Motor Neurone Disease in January and said he quickly made the decision to end his own life when the time came. Read more [here](#)

Mary, Queen of Scots, Cleared of Murdering Her Husband

Mary, Queen of Scots has been cleared of any involvement in the notorious murder of her husband, more than four centuries after the unsolved crime took place. The rebel queen, who plotted against Elizabeth I, has long been suspected of bringing about the death of Lord Darnley, her royal consort who himself had royal blood. Their marriage had been under serious strain since they wed in 1565, and just two years later he and his squire were found dead in an orchard in Kirk o'Field, Edinburgh. Read the full article [here](#)

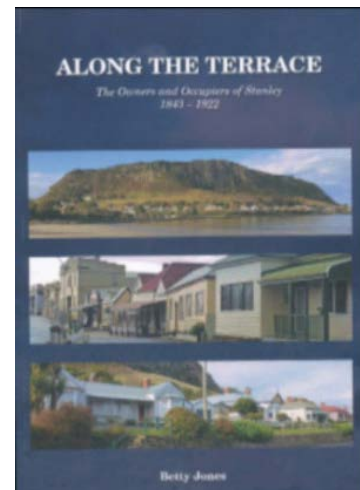
Queen Elizabeth Asks for DNA Tests to Settle Title Feud Involving Title Pretenders

DNA evidence could be used for the first time to resolve a feud over a hereditary

title after the Queen personally intervened in the case. The dispute was triggered when an amateur genealogist revealed that a distinguished baronet came from a different bloodline to his relatives, suggesting there may have been an illegitimate child in a previous generation. The two rival branches of the family have since spent thousands of pounds on a legal battle to prove which is the true line. Learn more [here](#)

Book Review

Betty Jones talks of her recent work, *Along the Terrace*, as the fruit of a three year obsession. However, she apologises for any errors or omissions pointing out that there are gaps which cannot be overcome - the bane for all researchers. One does wonder how little must have been missed when one examines this monumental work. Ms Jones has tracked the development of Stanley, Tasmania for approximately 80 years commencing in 1843. She has basically researched every allotment of land in the period using a range of sources.



Where available there are photographs of buildings on each allotment. Often there is a mini biography of a resident while in some cases she presents a whole family with emphasis on particular individuals in that family. *Along the Terrace* is a work of 282 pages. It is thoroughly indexed and sourced. The presentation is clear with the allotments in alphabetical order. It has been published by the Stanley Discovery Museum. Located at D4 1 13 in the QFHS Library. Review courtesy of Pam Masel.

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Pauline Macfarlane

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