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The year is fast drawing to a close with just a couple of events yet to be enjoyed. We hope you have had a successful research year and our seminars and workshops have helped you to find some long lost family member.

The [QFHS Calendar for 2016](#) is now up on our website for you to note your favourites in your diary. To get a full year's events at a glance click on the month i.e. December 2015. There are some great seminars and workshops early next year - book early online to secure your place. Perhaps you could suggest your family book you in as a Christmas gift?

You can also visit our [e-Shop](#) and purchase Christmas gifts for all your 'genie' friends

The library re-opens on Monday evening, 11 January 2016.

Calendar

- 02 Dec - Management Committee Meeting
- 04 Dec - [Family Tree Maker User Group](#)
- 04 Dec - Award for Services to Family History presentation at 11.30 am
- 13 Dec - Library closes for Festive Season
- 11 Jan - [Library re-opens for research](#)

Happenings

Awards for Services to Family History presentation



The Awards for Services to Family History are normally made at the Members' Meeting in November. The 2015 Award recipients are Sue Reid, Sarah Barry and Bev Young. Unfortunately no recipient could attend the Members Meeting on 18 November. While the Awards were announced there and citations read, there was no presentation.

President Kevin Haley has arranged a gathering on a date when all recipients can attend and be presented with their prestigious QFHS Awards for Services to Family History. This will be at the Library at 11.30 am on Friday 4 December. All members are welcome. Do come along to make it a memorable occasion for the Awardees. There will be light refreshments afterwards. Those who can do so are asked to bring a plate to contribute to the luncheon.

BDM Edition No. 8

Queensland Births Deaths and Marriages are in the editorial stages of preparing the next edition of the Family History Journal edition 8. They are calling for two articles from the genealogy/family history community for consideration to include in this edition. Topics can be anything related to family history – searching experiences, stories about relatives etc. BDM will add life event images if applicable.

The deadline for submission of articles is 17 December 2015 for a release in early to mid- January 2016. Please contact Mike Vitobello from Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages on (07) 3247 5802 if you need further information.

Annerley-Stephens History Group Inc.

A history conference is being held on Saturday 27 February 2016 at the Marymac Community Centre, 616 Ipswich Road, Annerley. Papers will be presented on the history of the Stephens area, local Aboriginal history, tramway history, Junction Park and Annerley history, the history of Fairfield and of eminent pioneering families of the locality. There will also be papers to assist researchers on family history and local house studies. Over ten distinguished speakers have been engaged to present papers.

Registration begins at 8:30 am and the conference commences at 9am. Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea will be provided. It will be a great day and you are all welcome. An invitation is extended to guests to bring and display any memorabilia and photographs. Cost is \$40 per person. RSVP to: Stephen Sheaffe: 0417 770 176 or [email](#) or to Bill Elliott: 0417 713 200 or [email](#)

Tracing Your Irish Ancestors: June 2016 Family History Conference

The website for the June 2016 family history conference is now live. Check our details [here](#)

Education - Workshops/Courses/Seminars

Seminar

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



Presenters: 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 to book online](#)

Fridays@QFHS

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: 10.00 am 12 February 2016

Where: QFHS Library and Resource Centre

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

Book online now

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)

Note: This course is filling fast. Only a few places still available.

Book online now

Fridays@QFHS 2016

Topics for the first half of 2016 are now available online for you to browse. Some sessions have limited numbers so book early to avoid disappointment. Check them out [here](#) Do you have a topic you would like covered? Email our [Education Subcommittee](#) with your suggestions.



Members' Noticeboard

Great news!

In our November Snippets a gentleman from the UK invited any QFHS members researching Edwin Young, who came to Brisbane in 1888 from the UK, to make

contact with him. Stephen Norris, a QFHS member, replied to say that he is a member of that family and has written a book, *From Norie to Norris : the story of the travels of the Norris family from Scotland to Australia via USA*, and it includes Edwin Young and his family. A great outcome for both parties. Check it out in our print library.

Have you had your Members' Interests published on the website and/or in the journal? Download a [Members' Interests Application Form](#) and you might enjoy the same success locating an elusive ancestor.

Lending Library holiday reading offer

Do you often wish you had time to just sit and read a book? The upcoming Festive Season is ideal to do just that. The lending library normally allows members to borrow two books for two weeks. For the holiday period we are happy to offer you four books for the full holiday period. The library closes on Thursday 10 December and re-opens on Monday 11 January so get along and make your selection. Happy reading!

Web Wanderings

Vic BDM Indexes Free Online

Great news for anyone researching family in Victoria - the Victorian BDM Indexes are now free to search online! Go [here](#)

New Zealand Newspaper Archive

"Papers Past" contains more than three million pages of digitised New Zealand newspapers and periodicals. The collection covers the years 1839 to 1948 and includes 120 publications from all regions of New Zealand. Available [here](#)

Searching for Information about criminals in the Victorian era

Historians have been handed hundreds of mugshots of Victorian criminals. Now, armed only with the pictures and names, they are searching for the stories behind the stares, putting a crime to the face. Each image shows the arrested individual with their name written in chalk either on a board held in front of them or, in later years, on a slate above their heads. However, none of the entries give any identifying information about the people in the photographs nor is there any information about their crimes. You can read more about this mugbook [here](#)

Freemasonry Membership Registers for England and Ireland

Ancestry.co.uk has added two new collections to help find the Freemasons in your family. These records include a lot more than English and Irish records. They also include some entries for lodges located in Canada, India, Australia, New Zealand, and South Africa. The new Freemasonry Membership Registers for England and Ireland typically include name, profession, initiation date and other personal information. Available via subscription or free at the QFHs Library. You can find the collections as follows:

[England, United Grand Lodge of England Freemason Membership Registers, 1751-1921](#)

[Ireland, Grand Lodge of Freemasons of Ireland Membership Registers, 1733-1923](#)

FindMyPast

Available via subscription or free at the QFHS library.

[England & Wales, Electoral Registers 1832-1932, Image Browse](#)

[British Newspapers](#)

[British In Argentina, 1914-1919](#)

[Additional Devon Social & Institutional Records](#)

[Surrey, military tribunals 1915-1918](#)

[Lloyds of London Memorial Roll 1914-1918](#)

[Stock Exchange Memorial Roll 1914-1918](#)

[The Royal Flying Corps – World War I](#)

[The lost graffiti of WW1 soldiers](#)

[The Sepoys of the British Indian Army](#)

[Army Roll of Honours 1939-1945](#)

[School & University Memorial Roll 1914-1918](#)

[Victoria, World War One Soldier Settlers](#)

[Veterans Administration Pension payment cards, 1907-1933](#)

[US Veterans Administration Pension Payment Cards, 1907-1933](#)

[Prisoners of War 1715-1945](#)

[The Lloyd's Register of Merchant Ships Index 1843](#)

[Bradford FHS Burials](#)

[Devon Social & Institutional records](#)

[Additional Yorkshire Burials Cambridgeshire, Ely Diocese Marriage Licences, 1684-1811](#)

Harvard's Digital Portrait of Colonial Life

Harvard University has launched a new website called the Colonial North American Project. It includes 150,000 images of diaries, journals, notebooks, and other rare documents from the 17th and 18th centuries. Many more documents are planned to be added in the coming months. You can access the Colonial North American Project [here](#)

Library and Archives Canada

Library and Archives Canada has launched a new online database. This online database allows you to access more than 8,600 references to individuals who went to Canada as porters or domestics between 1899 and 1949. Names were taken from lists contained in the Central Registry Files series of the Immigration Branch. Learn more about the database [here](#) You can search the database [here](#)

Canadian Naturalisation Records, 1915-1951 Database Gets a 2015 Update

A new version of the online database Naturalisation Records, 1915-1951 has just been released. The nominal index has been extended with the addition of more than 68,000 names and now covers the years from 1915 to 1944, inclusively. Work is ongoing to extend the nominal index to 1951. Search the index [here](#)

Canada's New Government Restores the Mandatory Long Census Forms

Canada's new government is reinstating the mandatory long-form census that was scrapped by the Conservatives five years ago. You can read more in an article [here](#)

1921 Canadian Census Added to the One-Step Web Pages

Dr. Stephen Morse is the originator of the very popular One-Step Search Tools, a collection of search tools that simplify searching of information on the major genealogy databases on a variety of other web sites. He allows anyone to use these "One Step Webpages" at his [website](#)

The Europeana Newspapers Project

This Project is a consortium of 18 partners who share the goal of making Europe's digital historical newspapers more accessible. All of the content is available online free of charge. To access the 20+ million newspaper pages, start [here](#)

British Archives: First World War Unit War Diaries

More diaries have recently been added to this online resource. For researchers and family historians, the war diaries contain a wealth of information of far greater interest than the army could ever have predicted, and provide unrivalled insight into daily events on the front line. Search the unit war diaries [here](#)

1939 Register of England and Wales

The 1939 Register is the most comprehensive survey of the population of wartime England and Wales. It contains the personal details of 41 million people, captured on a single day in September 1939 and has recently been released.

Records will be available to purchase for £6.95 per household, or £24.95 for our 5 household bundle (£4.99 per household). Findmypast subscribers will be entitled to a discount. In addition, some records will be closed. As either because the individual recorded is still living and less than 100 years old or proof of death has not been verified. At time of launch 28 million records will be searchable. The Register will be updated weekly. Search the Register [here](#)

Expert tips for searching the 1939 Register can be found [here](#)



General items of interest

14,000 Images of the French Revolution Released Online

The French Revolution Digital Archive has been launched and contains some 14,000 high-resolution images. You can access the Archive [here](#)

Booze in Colonial America

According to many historians, the American Revolution was built on a foundation of booze. It is estimated that there were more taverns per capita than any other business in colonial America. Many started the day with a pick-me-up and ended it with a put-me-down. You can read more details [here](#)

170,000 Great Depression Images Now Online

In the 1930s, the U.S. government sent photographers to all the states to capture America "at her most vulnerable." President Franklin D. Roosevelt's team wanted a record of what was going on — and images of real lives and struggles to help rally support for his New Deal policies. Over 170,000 images were taken. Yale University and the Library of Congress have just made the entire collection available online on

a site called [Photogrammar](#)

Trivia

How a Man's Unborn Twin Fathered His Child

Paternity tests are well known for producing some unexpected surprises, but the case involving a Washington man presents a new head-scratcher. After undergoing fertility treatments and having a son, the man and his partner were surprised when blood work showed that the boy couldn't be related to the father. After two paternity tests showed the father only shared 10% of his child's DNA, the parents feared the fertility clinic had inseminated the mother with another man's sperm. Read more [here](#)

Top Five Baby Name Trends for 2016

Charlotte might be on trend this year, with a new princess being born in May, but by 2016 it will be on the way out. Read more about the top predictions for 2016 [here](#)

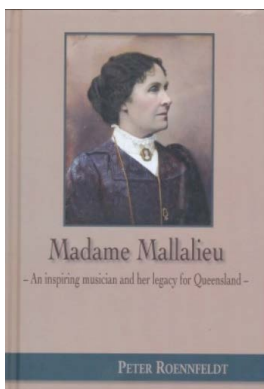
DNA Study Helps Solve Abraham Lincoln Lineage Debate

The ancestry of Abraham Lincoln's mother, Nancy Hanks Lincoln, has been debated for a long time. While several theories have been published, none of them included convincing proof. Now a new DNA study by a group of five researchers working with Family Tree DNA has solved a 150-year-old mystery surrounding the true identity of Nancy Hanks Lincoln's mother. The results of the Nancy Hanks Lincoln mtDNA Study have been published [here](#)

Rediscovered Leather Trunk Contains Thousands of Letters from the 17th Century

A 300-year-old linen-lined trunk filled with over 2,600 letters that were mailed out, but never received, between the years 1680 and 1706, has recently been discovered in The Hague, Netherlands. The extraordinary collection contains letters from all manner of society, including aristocrats, merchants, lovers, actors, musicians, and even spies. At least 600 of the 2,600 letters have never even been opened. Historians are now taking a closer look. You can read more about the historians' study of the letters [here](#)

Book Review



Madame Mallalieu by Professor Peter Roennfeldt is a work which can be enjoyed at several levels. We can follow the interesting but somewhat turbulent personal life of Henrietta Percival (1842 - 1938). With the death of her father while she was in her infancy she was raised in a home where music provided both pleasure and economic stability. By adolescence she was in demand in musical circles but a disastrous first marriage left her to fall back on music for economic support.

After her second marriage to Alfred Mallalieu they arrived in Queensland in 1864 at a time when the colony of Queensland was in its infancy. One can be led to believe that it was a cultural wilderness but this work takes the reader through interesting

musical times. In a "replay" of her childhood, music was an economic support. It is in this strand of the book that one can appreciate Brisbane's music life. Henrietta taught almost from the time she landed. She offered herself as a pianist, organist and singer.

A third marriage was to follow and she and Walter Willmore were prominent in performing circles as well as in planning discussions for the new Exhibition Building in Bowen Park, especially the purchase of an organ. This marriage also failed. Henrietta was active in affairs other than music. She was prominent in Queensland Women's Electoral League with a firm belief that women be active in politics. Lastly her legacy remains in Mallalieu Home, the former Rubato, which provided home and shelter as a QCWA hostel until the 1990's.

Henrietta Percival's life story is a fascinating read. These snippets do not do it justice. A work of 300 pages it is indexed and sourced with detailed appendices. (CopyRight Publishing). Review courtesy of Pam Masel.

**With very Best Wishes to you and your family from the Snippets team.
We will be back in 2016 with lots of new websites for you.**

Do you have a favourite website or a research tip you would like to share with fellow members? Email details to snippets@qfhs.org.au

Merry Christmas!



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Pauline Macfarlane

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