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We hope that you enjoyed a very pleasant festive season and we look forward to welcoming you back to the library to continue your search for those elusive family members. The library has received a freshen up over the break and we have a full program of events set up and ready to go.

The first Fridays@QFHS is ***Oral History: more than a name*** with Suzanne Mulligan. Suzanne will give you tips on collecting oral history from family members and how to preserve your research for future generations. Something I am sure we all want to do.

The first Seminar for 2016, ***Writing and publishing family history - a 21st century approach***, is aimed at those who would like to write and publish their own family history. Noeline Kyle, Rick Valenta, and a panel of QFHS members with publishing experience, will be available to speak to you. Not to be missed. Perhaps you are not at that stage yet but I am sure lots of interesting tips will be given.

The lending library is ready for members to avail themselves of the opportunity to take a couple of books home to read at leisure. Have you browsed the print library recently? New titles are being added all the time. Some journals are now available electronically on our website. If this method of access appeals to you [email](#) Sarah Barry for a password. Don't forget to check out the CDs available to members on the network. A virtual treasure trove of information is available there. Remember, if you are struggling with your research, unsure of where to find a resource or how to operate a reader, ask a library assistant to assist you.

On Wednesday evening, 17 February, Stephanie Ryan from the State Library will speak on ***Finding Photographs of WW1 soldiers***. All Stephanie's talks are interesting so do come along.

Don't forget to make a note in your diary for all upcoming events. We lead such busy lives it is easy to forget an event you had planned to attend.

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## Calendar

- 06 Jan - Management Committee Meeting
  - 11 Jan - [Library re-opens for research](#)
  - 16 Jan - [Family History Writing Group](#)
  - 16 Jan - [The Master Genealogist User Group](#)
  - 17 Jan - [Welsh Interest Group](#)
  - 23 Jan - [Central European Group](#)
  - 26 Jan - [CLOSED Australia Day](#)
  - 28 Jan - [English West Country Group](#)
  - 03 Feb - Management Committee Meeting
  - 05 Feb - [Family Tree Maker User Group](#)
  - 06 Feb - [Seminar - Writing and publishing family history - a 21st century approach](#)
  - 12 Feb - [Oral History: more than a name](#)
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## Happenings

### 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](#)

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### Irish Family History Conferences 2016

The following events will combine a varied and exciting mix of research opportunities in the archives (including the National Library and National Archives in Dublin), talks from acknowledged experts and a choice of tours to a number of historic sites. For more information on both events and guidance on how to register, go [here](#) for 15-22 June or [here](#) for 4-10 September 2016.

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## Education - Workshops/Courses/Seminars

### Seminar - Writing and publishing family history: a 21st century approach

**Presenters:** Noeline Kyle, Rick Valenta and a QFHS panel



Noeline 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).

**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. Rick will discuss using Adobe InDesign to format and print an illustrated family history document.

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

**When:** 9.00am to 12.30pm 6 February 2016

**Where:** Queensland Baptists Conference Centre, 53 Prospect Road, Gaythorne

**Cost:** \$15 members and \$20 non-members (includes morning tea)

[Register now](#)



### Oral History: more than a name

**Presenter:** Suzanne Mulligan - Life member of Oral History Queensland

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.

**When:** 10.00am to 11.30am 12 February 2016

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

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

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### Adoption

**Presenters:** Susan Kelly and Chris Mundy



Susan Kelly and Chris Mundy from Jigsaw Queensland Inc will speak about the processes for people affected by past adoptions: accessing information about their adoption, searching for their birth relatives, and establishing contact with them. They will outline the steps needed and the roles of various government departments. During the presentation, Susan and Chris will share some of their searching tips and how they work to support clients through the anxious journey of approaching birth relatives. They will also discuss how people can apply for adoption information concerning relatives who have passed away for the purpose of family history research.

When: 10.00am to 11.30am 11 March 2016

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

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

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#### **Seminar - Get the picture: all about family history photographs**

**Presenter:** Jenny Joyce

Jenny Joyce has been researching family history for over twenty years and has built up an extensive knowledge of genealogical sources and resources in Australia and the United Kingdom. She holds a Certificate in Genealogical Research from the Society of Australian Genealogists. Jenny is one of the 2012 Gems of Ku-ring-gai for her work with Ku-ring-gai Historical Society. Jenny regularly writes a blog: [Jennyalogy](#)

Topics include

- Dating family photos
- Organising and editing your photos with Picasa
- Keeping your photos safe

When: 9.00am to 12.30pm 2 April 2016

Where: Queensland Baptists Conference Centre, 53 Prospect Road, Gaythorne

Cost: \$15 members and \$20 non-members

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### **Researching Indigenous Australians**

**Presenter:** Charlotte Sale



Cultural differences, unwritten histories, story-telling, and attempting to grasp the traces of people without written records are only a few of the challenges of researching a family history that includes indigenous Australians.

Come and learn about the issues, and where to find records for making headway in this fascinating area of family history research.

**When:** 10.00am to 11.30am 8 April 2016

**Where:** QFHS Library and Resource Centre, 59 Bellevue Avenue, Gaythorne

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

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### **findmypast**

**Presenter:** Rosemary Kopittke



Confused about searching on findmypast? Come along and learn a variety of search methods for locating records relating to your family.

**When:** 10.00am to 11.30am 8 April 2016

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

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## **Members' Noticeboard**

**Are you a descendant of an inmate or staff member of the Parramatta Female Factory in NSW?**

If so, Gay Hendriksen is writing a book and would like to make contact with you.

[Email](#) Gay for more information or for more insights into the factory visit [here](#)

### **Maryborough District Family History Society Inc Cemetery Tours**

The tours are held each month and are popular. Cost is \$10 for adults & \$5 for children which includes light supper and free drink. The first tour for 2016 will be on

Sunday, 17 January at 4pm. [Email your booking.](#)

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### **Maryborough District Family History Society Inc.**

This society has a library in the Maryborough Heritage Centre, corner of Wharf & Richmond Streets, Maryborough. Telephone: (07) 4123 1842 [Website](#)

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## **Web Wanderings**

### **Cars registered in Queensland in 1923**

If a family member owned a car registered in Queensland in 1923 you may find information [here](#)

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### **FamilySearch.org has indexed an additional 326,000 records from the 1891 New South Wales census.**

This census lists the head of household, street address, and the number of male and female members of the household. There is also a separate column listing the "Number of Chinese and Aborigines" in the household. The collection can be searched by first name and last name. Access is free [here](#)

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### **The State Library of Western Australia almanacs spanning years from 1849 to 1889**

These almanacs list local government officials and local businessmen either through ads or directory listings. They also provide a wealth of local information. Search [here](#)

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### **FamilySearch.org has created a new indexed collection of civil registration deaths from Frankfurt Germany.**

These are official death records spanning the years from 1928 to 1978 including the important period during World War II. The records come from the Hessian State Archives in Marburg. The records can be searched by first name and last name. In total, there are some 567,000 records in this collection. Search [here](#)

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### **Removal of Parish/County Reference from Property Descriptions in Queensland**

The Department of Natural Resources and Mines has advised that it will be removing references to Parishes and Counties in land transactions, as this information is redundant for the unique identification of land. This will affect forms submitted to the department, and some products and datasets obtained from the department e.g. title searches.

While the formal date for this removal is 30 November 2015, it may take some time for the changes to be applied to all products and services. In the interim, these products will either show the value 'no longer used' for Parish and County or reference to Parish and County will be removed. More background information on the changes can be found on the Department of Natural Resources and Mines [website](#)

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### **Search for Jewish Tombs lost in the Czech Republic during WWII brings back heritage**

A small team of researchers has been working to reassemble a Jewish cemetery in the eastern city of Prostějov, Czech Republic, that was destroyed during the Nazi occupation. The discovery of Prostějov's lost graveyard was a result of efforts to find roughly 2,000 tombstones that were desecrated and disappeared more than 70 years ago in what was then Czechoslovakia. Now a team of genealogists and

historians is working to reconstruct the plans for the cemetery, including names and other information about the people buried there. You can read more about the project [here](#)

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### **6,300 Nazi holocaust documents found behind wall of a Budapest apartment**

A vast and historically valuable trove of Holocaust-era documents, long-thought destroyed during World War II, has been found hidden in a wall cavity by a couple renovating their Budapest apartment. The haul of 6,300 documents are from a 1944 census that was a precursor to the intended liquidation of the Hungarian capital's 200,000 Jews in Nazi death camps. This census contains the names of Jews and Christians alike. Most of Budapest's Jewish population survived the war. You can read more in an article [here](#)

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### **New from Findmypast**

Available via subscription, or free at the QFHS library.

- [Staffordshire, Dioceses of Lichfield and Coventry Wills and Probate, 1521-1860](#)
- [British Army Muster Rolls, 84th Foot, 1808-1818](#)
- [British Army Muster Rolls, 60th Foot, 1879-1882](#)
- [Victoria, Mental Health Institutions](#)
- [Hampshire, Portsmouth Electoral Registers, 1835-1873](#)
- [Leicestershire Baptisms](#)
- [Leicestershire Burials](#)
- [Devon, Plymouth Plague Rate, 1626-1629](#)

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### **Matching Nicknames with Given Names**

It can be hard enough to find great-grandma Jenny, without having to figure out if she could also be Jane, Janet, Jeanette, Jennett, Jennifer, or Virginia. But it is common in many genealogical records, especially more informal records such as census records and obituaries, to find your ancestors listed under names you might not expect. In many cases these names may have been the nicknames that they were known by to their family and friends.

Explore this list of common nicknames associated with popular given names to determine the various ways in which your ancestor might appear in genealogical records. Go [here](#)

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### **Traditional Irish naming patterns**

Available [here](#)

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### **Lost in new world: The Irish in Victoria's mental health institutions**

Check it out [here](#)

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### **Newly digitised newspapers on Trove**

The following titles are now available on [Trove](#)

- Australian Christian Commonwealth (SA: 1901–1940)
  - Johnstone River Advocate and Innisfail News (Qld: 1928–1941)
  - The Pennant (Penola, SA: 1946–1954)
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## General items of interest

### Oldest footage of London

View this fascinating footage [here](#)

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### Cornish Memory: A digital archive of Cornish life

A photo, film and audio archive documenting Cornish life has been made available online. The collection of more than 30,000 items, some dating back to 1850, have been donated by professional and amateur photographers. Cornish Memory is available [here](#)

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### United States - 2020 Census will be done by internet

The U.S. Census Bureau expects to use the Internet — plus smart phones for the next census in 2020. The primary reason for the change is to save money. The 2010 Census cost taxpayers \$96 per household. The cost of taking the census has more than doubled in two decades, up from \$70 per household in 2000 and \$39 as recently as 1990. The 2020 Census undoubtedly would cost more if it relied on paper forms.

While the decision to move to online census forms has been made, millions of details have yet to be worked out. The current version of the Census 2020 Operational Plan may be downloaded [here](#)

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## Trivia

### Trending baby names

A growing number of millennials are apparently naming their babies after Instagram filters. A report by Time magazine claims the most popular name derived from the photo-sharing app was Lux, which rose 75 per cent on the list of baby boy names compared to last year.

The data was reportedly gathered from 340,000 parents around the world but the findings are unofficial. Ludwig, Amaro, Reyes, Hudson and Kelvin also increased in popularity for boy names, while baby girls were named Juno, Valencia and Willow. You can read the article [here](#)

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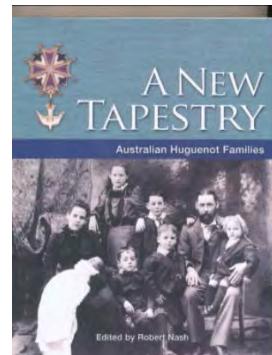
### Unstoppable 100-year-old works 6 days a week

Felima Rotundo works 11 hours day, six days a week at a Laundromat, and shows no signs of stopping anytime soon, even at the age of 100. Felima says she likes being out and working because it "gives her something to do." You can read more and see a video of Feimina [here](#)

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## Book Review

In 2009 the study, The Hidden Thread, was the first major work covering Huguenot families in Australia. Basically six families were presented but this but touched the surface of those who have Huguenot descent. Robert Nash has again taken on what he calls a "complicated task" and in A New Tapestry he has dealt ably with some 30 odd mini biographies of those with Huguenot descent. Some are



household names while others would only be known in the family. Almost all the authors are descendants while their material is presented in a variety of modes. If you think that you may have Huguenot ancestry this would be an ideal work to include in your research. One might safely say that it could well be your answer.

410 pages, indexed and sourced by all contributors.

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Review courtesy of Pam Masel.

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Pauline Macfarlane

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