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I would like to share with you an email from member, Lesley Roebig, who has registered to access journals that QFHS now receive electronically from societies worldwide.

Lesley wrote *“I am just sorry that I never availed myself of this resource before on a number of levels. I usually just look in the journals for the area that I am interested in but I decided to start at the top of the list of the previous ones and have started to read those. What a fountain of knowledge that I have gained. There is so much to read and take in and get ideas from both QFHS and the electronic journals”*.

Did you know that you now have the option to receive the Queensland Family Historian electronically? Not only do you get your Journal in full colour but can enlarge print and simply click on links rather than have to type in a, sometimes, very long url. You also receive access to an alphabetical index of all QFHS Journals back to 2008.

If you would like to take advantage of one, or both, of the above options please [email Sarah](#) to obtain a password.

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## Calendar

- 02 Mar - Management Committee Meeting
- 03 Mar - Moreton Library, Arana Hills 6.30 - 7.30pm - Genealogical Proof. Geoff Morgan
- 04 Mar - [Family Tree Maker User Group](#)
- 05 Mar - [Judy Russell and Carol Baxter in Brisbane](#)
- 05 Mar - [DNA Interest Group](#)
- 07 Mar - [Finding your family - Beginner's Course Week Four](#)
- 10 Mar - Moreton Library, Caboolture 10.00 - 11.00am - Where did they come

from, where did they go? Chris Schuetz

- 11 Mar - [Fridays@QFHS - Adoption](#)
- 11 Mar - Moreton Library, Burpengary - 10.00 - 11.00am - Where did they come from, where did they go? Chris Schuetz
- 12 Mar - [Scottish Interest Group](#)
- 14 Mar - [Finding your family - Beginner's Course Week Five](#)
- 16 Mar - [Member's Meeting - The Huguenot: Protestants in a Catholic country](#)
- 18 Mar - [New Members' Welcome and Orientation](#)
- 19 Mar - [Family History Writing Group](#)
- 19 Mar - [The Master Genealogist User Group](#)
- 20 Mar - [Welsh Interest Group](#)
- 21 Mar - [Finding your family - Beginner's Course Final week](#)
- 24 Mar - [English West Country Group](#)
- 26 Mar - [Central European Interest Group](#)
- 28 Mar - Easter Monday - **CLOSED**
- 01 Apr - [Family Tree Maker User Group](#)
- 02 Apr - [Seminar - Get the picture: all about family history photographs](#)
- 04 Apr - Moreton Library, Albany Creek 10.00 to 11.30am - Genealogical Proof. Geoff Morgan
- 06 Apr - Management Committee Meeting
- 07 Apr - Moreton Library North Lakes 11.00am to 12.30pm - Genealogical Proof. Geoff Morgan
- 08 Apr - [Fridays@QFHS - Findmypast](#)
- 08 Apr - [Fridays@QFHS - Researching indigenous Australians](#)

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## Happenings

### Judy Russell & Carol Baxter in Brisbane

#### Circumstantial evidence - DNA ethics - research strategies

Judy Russell and Carol Baxter are leading international genealogists and presenters. They are featured presenters on the 10th and 11th Unlock the Past history and genealogy cruises in February-March 2016. For more information go [here](#)

**When:** 5 March 2016

**Where:** Broncos Leagues Club, Fulcher Road, Red Hill

**Cost:** Pre-booked by 3 March \$39.50 full day, \$29.50 half day.

On the day \$50 full day, \$35 half day.

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## Education - Workshops/Courses/Seminars

### Moreton Bay Regional Libraries

Members of QFHS offer their services to present topics relevant to family history research at various Moreton libraries. Check the Calendar for library, times and

dates.

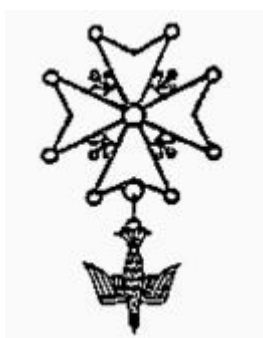
Coming up in March/April.

### **Validate your Genealogical Assumptions**

Dr Geoff Morgan shares strategies that can help validate your genealogical data. Examples of making incorrect assumptions will also be considered. Bookings essential [here](#) or at your local library.

### **Where did they come from, where did they go?**

Patterns of movement within the old country and Australia can be traced to find where people came from, how they travelled, and where they ended up. Chris Schuetz will explain how to track your ancestors. Bookings essential [here](#) or at your local library.



### **Members' Meeting - The Huguenots, Protestants in a Catholic country**

**Dawn Montgomery** will present this talk on what life would have been like for the Huguenot Protestants; how did they cope and what became of them?

**When:** 1.00pm 16th March 2016

**Where:** Library Meeting Room

### **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

[Register online](#)

**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 and 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

[Register online](#)

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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

[Register online](#)

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**Seminar: Researching your Scottish ancestors**



**Presenters:** Rosemary Kopittke, Professor Eric Richards and Margaret McLaren

Rosemary Kopittke currently works as an editor of the Unlock the Past series of guidebooks. She is a Life Member of the Queensland Family History Society and has been active in a variety of roles since joining the Management Committee in 1986.

Eric Richards, Emeritus Professor of History at Flinders University in Adelaide, has extensively researched and written on the Scottish highland clearances.

Margaret McLaren has been a member of the Genealogical Society of Victoria's Scottish Ancestry Group and the Committee for several years, being Secretary, Thistle mailing and currently Chairperson. She was a speaker at the Third Australian Scottish Genealogy Conference.

Topics will include: ScotlandsPeople, The Highland Clearances and Life in Scottish Tenements 1750-1850, tenants, lodgers and factors.

**When:** 2 July 2016

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

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

For more information on presenters and topics go [here](#)

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### **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 Sunday, 15 May 2016 from 10am to 4pm at the QFHS Library. Cost is \$5 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.

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### **Treasures in the QFHS CD Collection**

The CDs produced by the QFHS Publications Committee contain a wealth of Queensland information, as well as some for other jurisdictions. Many of these are

accessed via the QFHSdatasearch program; others are pdf files. The former provide information about the data available on the CD. Each can be searched using wild cards, as well as by setting parameters available on the search screen. A few random publications are: ***Qld School Pupils Index (QSPI) Vol. 1-5; Qld Early Pioneer Indexes (1824-1859); Queensland Customs House Shipping 1852-1885, passengers and crew; Queensland Women's Suffrage Petitions; Queensland Brands Directory 1872-1952; Commonwealth Electoral Rolls (Qld) (various years from 1903 to 1959); Queensland School Admission Registers (various schools and years – as pdf files).***

Particular QFHS publications can be found by (a) searching v-Library, (b) searching the Master List of CDs from the Main Menu on each computer, or (c) by browsing the Qld Menus.

Geoff Morgan.

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## **Members' Noticeboard**

### **Toowong History Group – New Venue and Day for Monthly Meetings**

Effective Wednesday, 16 March, monthly meetings will now be held at: Toowong Community Centre, Josling Street, South Toowong. We will now meet on the third Wednesday of the month at the usual time of 7pm.

Toowong Community Centre has no steps, ample parking available, and more seating room for everyone. Admission is free and tea and coffee are available. We hope to see you on 16 March.

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### **World War II Help Needed**

Proserpine is in the process of chronicling the lives of our local Second World War soldiers. Whitsunday Family History Group Inc. has received a grant for \$17,000 in funding from round three of the Queensland ANZAC centenary grants program. Confirmation of this book for authors Lyn Burke and Lloyd Fox, this time will be working with Whitsunday Family History Group Inc.

We invite you to come forward with information on the more than 700 soldiers who served in World War II. If you have photos, information or stories we need you! Please contact Lyn Burke at home on: (07) 4947 2647 or mobile: 0407 692 928

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## **Web Wanderings**

**Findmypast – available via subscription, or free at the QFHS library**

[1939 Register Browse](#)

[Britain, Merchant Seamen, 1918-1941](#)

[Britain, Business Indexes, 1892-1987](#)

[Britain, Directories & Almanacs – Devon Directories](#)

[British Newspapers](#)

[PERSI Update](#)

[Greater London Burial Index](#)

[Devon, Plymouth & West Devon apprentices 1570-1910](#)

[Devon, Plymouth & West Devon parish chest records, 1556-1950](#)

[Devon, Plymouth Borough records 1519-1903](#)

[Shropshire, Non-Conformist Membership Lists 1819-1906](#)

[Irish Newspapers](#)

[Ireland Census Reports](#)

[Ireland Statistical Surveys](#)

[Ireland, Non-Conformist Births & Baptisms](#)

[Ireland, Non-Conformist Marriages](#)

[Ireland, Non-Conformist Congregational Records](#)

[Isle of Man, Births and Baptisms 1600-2010](#)

[Isle of Man, Marriages 1598-1979](#)

[Isle of Man, Deaths and Burials 1598-2011](#)

[Queensland Funeral Records](#)

[Queensland, Reformatory School For Boys Admission Registers 1871-1906](#)

[Queensland, Toowoomba Girls Reformatory Admissions & Discharges 1881-1903](#)

[New Zealand Birth Index](#)

[New Zealand Marriage Index](#)

[New Zealand Death Index 1939 Register Browse](#)

[New Zealand Registered Teachers 1906](#)

[New Zealand, Teachers' Examinations 1906-1907](#)

[United States Marriages 1650-2010](#)

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### **Internet History Resources NSW 1850 – 1930**

Over 30,000 pages of online records for family history research in New South Wales, Australia. This is a subscription site available [here](#)

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### **ScotlandsPeople – Valuation Rolls for 1930 Available Online**

Valuation Rolls for 1930 are now available. Fully searchable by name or address, the new records are an interesting snapshot of the property and social landscape of Scotland 1930, and are a vital resource for capturing the location of your ancestors beyond the published census years. Available [here](#)

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### **Irish Family History Society Adds Online Access to their Historic Journals for Members**

The Irish Family History Society Journal has been published annually since 1985. The back issues of the Journal have been digitised. The first tranche of 10 issues from 1985 to 1994 was made available in late 2014. A further 10 years from 1995 to 2004 are now available in the Members' area [here](#). A further five years, along with a searchable index, will be added in April.

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### **Irish Naming Patterns Including Being Named After a Saint**

Genealogists place a great importance on the naming patterns within a family, they can give us clues as to the names of the paternal and maternal grandparents. It's also worth bearing in mind, however, that children were often named after a saint if they were born on or close to that saint's day. Go [here](#)

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### **Irish Surnames a Family Heirloom Podcast**

The majority of Irish surnames can be traced back to the 1500s, and many even

earlier. In Ireland, family names were first 'set down' in the 900s. Many surnames can be linked to even older political units – kinship groups and tribes. You can listen to a podcast [here](#)

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#### **New Monaghan Records Online**

Monaghan Genealogy has added over 8,000 new records to its collection of data online. You can find them [here](#)

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#### **Old Canada Road Historical Society Launches Online Database**

This new resource includes more than 1,000 records, including photographs. The online catalogue is available [here](#)

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#### **Heraldry War Stories Podcast**

A coat of arms is a visual pedigree that tells a family story, to anyone that has learned to 'read' the signs. In this podcast, you can learn about the origins and rules of heraldry. Go [here](#)

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#### **Webinar: Experiencing the First World War in the Middle East**

On Wednesday, 16 March from 2:00am-3:00am AEST (Tuesday, 15 March, 16:00-17:00 GMT) a webinar will be held. It will provide useful information for those wishing to gain a better understanding of how the First World War was fought in the Middle East. Whether researching an individual soldier, or looking at the wider experience of the First World War, this will provide guidance in exploring relevant research series. Webinars are online events only. Book your spot at the free webinar [here](#)

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#### **Database of Passengers That Arrived in South Australia Between 1836 & 1964**

Passengers in History brings together two wonderful resources - a passenger database and a list of ships' logs and diaries, titled Log of Logs. The passenger database includes entries for 250,000 passengers and 20,000 voyages to South Australia between 1836 and 1961. Check it out [here](#)

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#### **National Archives United Kingdom: First World War Conscription Appeal Records**

10 February 2016 marked 100 years since the beginning of conscription for the First World War in Britain. You can search the collection of Middlesex conscription appeal records (MH 47) and download them for free. More information about the Appeal Records can be found [here](#) You can search the records [here](#)

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#### **Essex Record Office**

The catalogue of the Essex (England) Record Office is now available online at: <http://seax.essexcc.gov.uk>. It offers written descriptions of every item in the archive, but not the full text of the documents themselves. Some entries contain images of the item.

Everyone can search for records on Essex Archives Online. However, images of some of the records are available online only to users who buy a subscription. A subscription gives you online access to:

- 585,000 images of Essex Church of England parish
- 175,000 images of original wills from Essex and eastern Hertfordshire, 1400-1858

All these images are high quality, and in colour. For more information about the service and how to use it, please read the subscription service FAQs [here](#)

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## General items of interest

### Queensland Research Fellowship Opportunities

Applications are now open nationwide for seven research fellowships totalling \$100,000 as part of the Queensland Memory Awards. Applications close at 5pm on 31 March. Use the valuable resources of the John Oxley Library to contribute to new knowledge about Queensland. The fellowship opportunities include

- John Oxley Library Fellowship — \$20,000 + 12 month residency
- Queensland Business Leaders Hall of Fame Fellowship — \$15,000 + 6 month residency
- Q ANZAC 100: Memories for a New Generation Fellowships — four available, \$15,000 + 12 month residency each
- Letty Katts Award — \$5,000 + 3 month residency

Book your place now for a free Fellowship showcase and information night at SLQ on 3 March to hear from current Fellows about their experiences. For more information, and to apply, click [here](#)

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### Annual Immigration Celebration 2016

Do you have an ancestor that came out on the Golden South in 1866? Perhaps even Sultana in 1866, Polmaise in 1872, City of Agra in 1876 or Indus in 1876? If yes, or you know anything about these ships, please contact the Maryborough Family Heritage Institute.

Various activities will be held in Maryborough on 27 -29 May to celebrate the arrival of these ships. Everyone is welcome to attend. For details, and to make your booking, go [here](#) to: Additional information can be found [here](#)

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### Redevelopment of the National Archives of Ireland

The design and construction phase at the archives' Dublin headquarters in Bishop Street will begin later this year, and will see an estimated 100 million pages stored in more suitable conditions. The new development will include temperature and humidity control systems to ensure the best conditions for preserving items.

It is also hoped the investment will allow for sufficient storage to accommodate a change to a 20-year rule for the release of State papers. The new development is set to begin in September 2016. You can read more [here](#)

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### Public Record Office Victoria – Provenance

The Public Record Office Victoria's *Provenance* journal invites contributions on any subject. To be eligible for publication, articles must have been researched using original records held by Public Record Office Victoria or research that promotes a better understanding of the collection. Deadline for submissions is 2 May 2016 for October publication. For more information, go [here](#)

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### DNA, Genealogy and the Search for Who We Are

This article could be of interest for genealogists interested in DNA research. It includes the following points:

- You share no DNA with the vast majority of your ancestors.

The amount of DNA you pass on to your descendants roughly halves with each generation. It is a matter of chance which of your descendants actually carry any of your DNA.

- It can be demonstrated that 5,000 years ago everybody alive was either the common ancestor of everyone alive today, or the common ancestor of no one. At this point in history we all share exactly the same set of ancestors.

You can read the article [here](#)

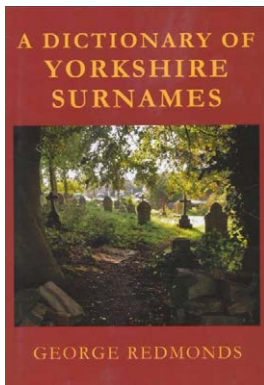
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### **Walter Taylor Bridge Revisited**

The fascinating story of the Indooroopilly Bridge is one of frustrating setbacks matched by an unwavering determination. You can learn more in an article [here](#)

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## **Book Review**



A Dictionary of Yorkshire Surnames represents 60 years of research by George Redmonds. His interest was whetted as a boy by his father who took young George with him when he worked for a firm in the Bradford area. This interest matured and we now have the fruit of those 60 years of research. In his introduction Redmonds addresses what he perceives as failures in methodology. He feels that the work of genealogy and history has not been fully grasped and even that certain revisions have taken a backward step in

this area. For Redmonds 'in every case there is a progenitor and it is that individual's name which needs to be explained, no matter how commonplace the problem might seem to be'. The commonplace appears in the appendix where the 200 most common surnames appear. No doubt an instance of each can be found in a large country like Yorkshire but this could not be addressed in a methodology such as Redmonds. He has worked as far back as the early 1300.s over a range of sources. He sees DNA as possibly able to throw more light on surname research. He calls it an 'exciting tool'.

840 pages, sourced with surnames listed alphabetically. Published by Shaun Tyas, 2015. Review courtesy of Pam Masel.

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The tiles in the library reception area and meeting room will be stripped and sealed on Easter Monday, 28 March. Please do not enter the building from pm Sunday 27th until am Tuesday 29th March.

Secretary.

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## **Acknowledgements**

We would like to thank all those who have taken time out to send items of interest to our "Snippets" mailbox at - [snippets@qfhs.org.au](mailto:snippets@qfhs.org.au)

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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