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How lucky are we to have Jenny Joyce travel to Brisbane to help us date our old family photographs. I am sure we all have one or two that are a mystery to us. If we can accurately date a photograph we may just be able to put a name to it. Wouldn't that be exciting. Come along to the seminar on Saturday at the Queensland Baptists' Conference Centre to learn more.

Lots of variety in the talks and workshops coming up that are planned to assist you find that elusive family member. Some sessions have limits so book early to avoid disappointment.

In the planning for the second half of the year are Chinese Research and more from the Dark Web, both introduction and advanced.

Calendar

- 01 Apr - [Family Tree Maker User Group](#)
- 02 Apr - [Seminar Get the picture: all about family history photographs](#)
- 06 Apr - Management Committee Meeting
- 08 Apr - [Fridays@QFHS - Findmypast](#)
- 08 Apr - [Fridays@QFHS - Researching Indigenous Australians](#)
- 09 Apr - [Irish Interest Group](#)
- 14 Apr - Moreton Library, Deception Bay - Genealogical Proof with Geoff Morgan
- 16 Apr - [New Members' Welcome and Orientation](#)
- 16 Apr - [The Master Genealogist User Group](#)
- 20 Apr - [Members' Meeting - The Role of Women in War - Greg Cope](#)
- 20 Apr - Moreton Library, Redcliffe - Genealogical Proof with Geoff Morgan
- 25 Apr - Anzac Day **CLOSED**
- 29 Apr - [Library Assistants' Team Meeting](#)
- 30 Apr - [Family Tree Maker User Group](#)

- 02 May- Labour Day **CLOSED**

Education - Workshops/Courses/Seminars

Seminar - Get the picture: all about family history photographs

Presenter: Jenny Joyce

Don't miss it - Saturday at 9am!



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 This is a text block.

[Register now](#)



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 now](#)

Showcasing the print library

Presenter: Librarians



Come along to hear how you can use our vast collection of printed resources to assist your family history research. How to get the most from v-Library, printed Census records, Conference Papers and more.

When: 13 May 2016

Where: QFHS Print Library

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

[Register now](#)

The servant problem

Presenter: Chris Schuetz



Service in Australia from both servant and employer's point of view.

When: 10 June 2016

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

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

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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

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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.

Treasures in the QFHS CD Collection

If you are looking for that piece of elusive Australian information that you have long been searching for, you may find it in one of the hundreds of digitised publications available on the QFHS Library's computer network. Principal among these are those digitised by *Archive Digital Books Australia* (for historical reasons, referred to as *Archive CD Books* on the computer menus). These publications, from across Australia, include Journals, Trade Directories, Pastoral Directories, Telephone Directories, Gazetteers, Almanacs, Government Gazettes, Police Gazettes, and Electoral Rolls, together with a range of History Books focussing on various Australian localities. Even random searches of these documents, when you have nothing better to do, may well provide some revealing pieces of information that help to flesh out the life of an ancestor, as they have done for me.

Particular *Archive CD Books* 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 Menus.

Geoff Morgan.

Members' Noticeboard

World War 1 Seminar - a Commemorative Centenary event

Caloundra Family History Research will be conducting this seminar on 2 July from 10am to 4pm. For further information go [here](#).

Web Wanderings

State Library of New South Wales Website

The State Library of NSW has just launched its latest upgrade, with lots of new material including more online galleries. A new catalogue for the print, manuscript, oral history and pictures collections is planned for mid-year. You can see the new site [here](#).

National Library of Australia Funding & Trove

Just as Trove was working to bring us its exciting new features, news came out about funding cuts and new efficiency dividends imposed on the National Library of Australia which are going to affect its future operations. You can [read more](#) about the impact funding cuts will have on Trove and there's a form letter available which can be sent to the relevant Minister if you'd like to raise your concerns with him - you'll find it [here](#).

New Society of Australian Genealogists' Website

This website now has updated content and easier navigation. Check it out [here](#).

Merchant Seaman's Campaign Medals

Search over 155,000 index cards recording the issue of the British War Medal and the Mercantile Marine Medal to merchant seamen and officers in the First World War 1914-1918. You can also search medals awarded to merchant seamen for their service in the Second World War 1939-1945. Start your search [here](#).

Researching Women in the First World War

March marks Women's History Month, so why not discover some of the roles that women played in the war - both at home and on the battlefield? From nursing to the navy, records are available online for a range of service women, including some of the only surviving records for the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (1917-1918) held in series WO 398. Go [here](#).

Historic Yorkshire Probate Records Are Now Online

More than three centuries worth of historic probate records have been published online, revealing the final wishes of 30,000 Yorkshire residents, dividing up everything from property to dogs and cattle and even wigs. Thousands of detailed wills, probate inventories as well as warrants and letters of administration written between 1521 and 1858 are now available offering an insight for those looking for

details of how their ancestors passed on their wealth and a snapshot of social history. The records are available [here](#). You can read more about the new online collection [here](#).

York's Archbishops' Registers Revealed 1225-1650

The above registers are now available online. The available records include 21,647 high quality images of 45 Archbishops' Registers. You can learn more [here](#).

Ancestry Adds the Largest Collection of Irish Catholic Parish Records Launched Online

10 million historic Catholic Parish records from Ireland have been indexed and are now available online. The Catholic Parish Registers 1655-1915 collection includes baptism, marriage, burial and confirmation records from more than 1,000 parishes, and over 3,500 registers, in Ireland. This is the first time that the collection has been indexed with the original images linked online. You can read the full announcement in the Ancestry.com Blog [here](#). Available for free at the QFHS library, or by subscription.

A Very Useful and Free Website for Irish Research

Here you will find millions of free records, including: gravestone records, gravestone photographs, 1901 census records, 1911 census records, 1931 trade directory records, birth records, marriage records, death records, Lewis' topographical records, Griffith's valuation records, and much more. Have fun searching [here](#).

Helpful hints for Irish researchers

A recent webinar on Irish resources available through Findmypast is now available on demand. Brian Donovan not only gives helpful hints on researching but a quick lesson on Irish history is included. Free registration and access it [here](#).

Ancestry.co.uk Adds the Ireland Courts Martial Files (1916-1922)

On Easter Monday, 24th April 1916, a small group of Irish Volunteers occupied the General Post Office (GPO) in Dublin and proclaimed an Irish Republic. The volunteers also secured several other key locations throughout the city including the Four Courts and City Hall. From a military perspective, the Easter Rising was a complete failure. But it was the events that followed that ensured the effects of the Rising would alter the course of Irish history. It is within this context that the Courts Martial Files play such an important role.

You can read more in the Ancestry Blog [here](#) while the records themselves are available [here](#).

Special Issue of Clan Newsletter

To mark the centenary of the Easter Rising of 1916, a Special Issue of CLANN, the Irish Family History Foundation's quarterly online newsletter, has been released. The Special Issue is now available [here](#).

Findmypast

Available via subscription, or free at the QFHS library where you can check out these latest additions.

[Middlesex, Poplar Military Tribunals 1916-1918](#)

[Northamptonshire Military Tribunals 1916-1918](#)

[Middlesex Monumental Inscriptions, 1485-2014](#)

[Irish Newspapers](#)

[Ireland Roman Catholic Parish Baptisms](#)

[Ireland Roman Catholic Parish Marriages](#)

[Ireland Roman Catholic Parish Burials](#)

[British Newspapers](#)

[Irish Revenue Police, 1830-1857](#)

[Royal Irish Constabulary Pensions 1826-1925](#)

[Royal Irish Constabulary History & Directories](#)

[Western Australia Birth index](#)

[Western Australia Marriage index](#)

[Western Australia Death index](#)

[London, Westminster Marylebone Census 1821 & 1831](#)

[British Royal Navy Seamen 1899-1924](#)

[England Billion Graves Cemetery Index](#)

FamilySearch

[England Devon Bishop's Transcripts 1558-1887](#)

[England Lancashire Oldham Cemetery Registers 1797-2004](#)

[United States World War II Prisoners of War 1941-1945](#)

MyHeritage Adds More Than 5 Million Dutch Records to SuperSearch

Over 5 million Dutch records have been added to this website from the Rotterdam City Archives. The three collections included are:

[Rotterdam, Netherlands, Death Index, 1811-1960](#)

[Rotterdam, Netherlands, Birth Index, 1811-1913](#)

[Rotterdam, Netherlands, Marriage Index, 1811-1935](#)

You can search the Rotterdam City archives [here](#)

Billion Graves Cemetery Index Updates

Over 3.2 million records have been added to the collection; including:

Over 2.8 million new additions to the [United States Billion Graves Cemetery Index](#)

Over 821,000 new additions to the [Canada Billion Graves Cemetery Index](#)

Over 272,000 new additions to the [Australia Billion Graves Cemetery Index](#)

Over 92,000 new additions to the [England Billion Graves Cemetery Index](#)

Over 29,000 new additions to the [New Zealand Billion Graves Cemetery Index](#)

Over 25,000 new additions to the [Scotland Billion Graves Cemetery Index](#)

Over 4,000 new additions to the [Ireland Billion Graves Cemetery Index](#)

Over 3,000 new additions to the [Wales Billion Graves Cemetery Index](#)

Roots Tech 2016 Video Archive

Videos of presentations at recent Conference. Go [here](#)

Free 2016 Guide to Genealogy

The 2016 UK edition of Our Really Useful Information Leaflet is now available to download from the FFHS website. It's free and lists over 80 websites of interest to family historians. It also includes a 'how to' genealogy guide, contact details for our member societies and an article on using Quarter Sessions archives in your research. Download [here](#)

Trivia

Illinois Man Claims He Can Show That Donald Trump is Related to Every U.S. President

One genealogist claims Donald Trump is related to a huge number of them. In fact, all of them. Genealogist Ken Reveal claims that Trump and President Obama are 26th cousins, four times removed. That's rather distant, certainly not close enough to get invited to the family reunion. However, Reveal then goes on to say that Donald Trump is related to every US President. You can read more and watch a video [here](#)

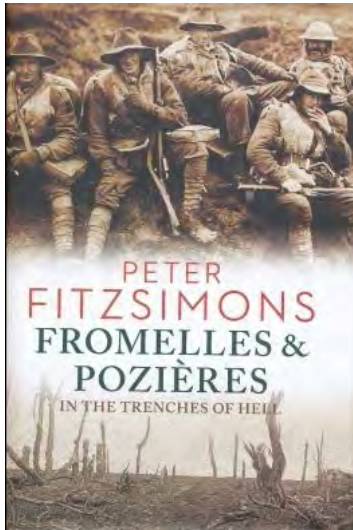
Australia's Most Popular Baby Names

Some older names are enjoying a revival. Read about the popular baby names [here](#)

10 Worst Baby Names Revealed

Read the article [here](#)

Book Review



Peter Fitzsimons cites the comment of American novelist E. L. Doctorow who once noted that "the historian will tell you what happened. The novelist will tell you what it felt like." Fitzsimons has strained to do both. He says that he wants the work to read like a novel but one filled with accurate detail - detail perched on some 2000 footnotes. As a young man he found it difficult to "get his head around what the whole thing was about." 100 years on many of us still struggle to make sense of the horrors of battle fields such as those of Fromelles and Pozières. The centenary has brought a deluge of works but it seems fair to say that Fitzsimons' study of this area is a high point in such writings. This 793 paged work is indexed and sourced. Published by Random House 2015. Review courtesy of Pam Masel.

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Pauline Macfarlane

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