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COVER PHOTOGRAPH

Men from No. 15 Section of the 9th Battalion pose for an informal photograph at Frasers Paddock, at the Enoggera Army Camp, shortly before they left Brisbane for the war. Corporal George Rigby, in charge of this section, is seated in the middle wearing a hat. All of the men in this section were originally in C Company, but were transferred to A Company when the army restructured while in Egypt. Privates Frederick Fox and William Fisher, who were also in this group, were later to be on board the first boat to land at Gallipoli.

This photographic postcard was supplied to Allan Tonks by George Fox, a grandson of Frederick Fox. See story on p.4.

THIS BAND OF BROTHERS

By Allan Tonks

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The men of No. 15 Section



On the reverse of this postcard sent home by George Rigby, he writes:

This is No. 15 Section, "My Boys"

*Back row [L to R]: Private Jamieson, Avery, Howell, Fox F, Atherton, Fox N, Stuart
Sitting: Private Gunderson, Geo. Harris, Corporal GHR [George Rigby], Sherman, Mahaffey
Front: Private Fisher*

Corporal **George Rigby** sent home this photographic postcard which shows the men who were in his No. 15 Section while they were at Mena Camp in Egypt in early 1915. The Australian Army had restructured while the AIF was camped in Egypt, so that the number of companies within each battalion was reduced from eight to four. These changes necessitated many internal transfers, and as a result George's group of men became part of A Company. Each of the 9th Battalion's four companies now contained 227 men of all ranks, with four platoons to each company, and with four sections contained within each platoon. Each section contained a corporal in charge of 12 men.

It was the A and B Companies of the 9th Battalion that landed with the first wave of

troops at Gallipoli, with C and D Companies following soon after with the second wave.

Four of these men had been close friends before the war. Fred and Norman Fox had travelled from the family property "Carfax" to enlist together in Rockhampton. Fred had previously boarded with the Atherton family while at school in Rockhampton, and he was also a good friend of Peter Stuart.

Six of these men, including George Rigby, were to be wounded on the first day at Gallipoli, and one of them, Godfrey Sherman, was to be killed on that first day.

Another four of them were to be killed during the war, and at least eight of them spent significant time in hospitals suffering from serious illness. Their collective experience helps us to better appreciate the real

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hardships suffered by the early ANZAC volunteers.

The men in No. 15 Section of the 9th Battalion were as follows:

WILLIAM JAMIESON, Regimental number 337.



William Jamieson was from New South Wales but was living in Broomfield Street at Taringa in Brisbane, and was aged just 19 when he enlisted. He was wounded on the first day at Gallipoli, suffering a gunshot wound to his right leg, and he was

subsequently evacuated to hospital in Malta. He recovered from this wound and rejoined his unit at Gallipoli in July. In October he became seriously sick with diarrhoea and was again evacuated from Gallipoli to hospital. He was wounded at least four times during the war, which included a bomb wound to his arm and neck and a severe shrapnel wound to his left leg, and he was promoted to the rank of sergeant in October 1917. Jamieson was killed in Belgium by enemy machine gun fire on 24 April 1918, on the same day that Oliffe Gunderson was charged with drunkenness. His belongings were collected and packed by his former section mate, Lieutenant A.G. Avery, but these were somehow lost in transit and by 1919 the family had received nothing more than a pocket Kodak camera that had belonged to him. William Jamieson was buried at the Meteren Military Cemetery, alongside four other 9th Battalion soldiers who were killed on the same day.

ALLAN GORDON AVERY, Regimental number 338.

Allan Avery became seriously sick from sunstroke in August 1915 while at Gallipoli, and then received a gunshot wound to the thigh later that month. He also suffered from dysentery and mumps, and later in 1918 he



contracted influenza. He had received a commission as a 2nd Lieutenant in the 9th Battalion during 1917. In August 1918 he was again wounded, suffering injuries to his face, nose, left hand and right elbow. He survived the war and was taking courses at the London Day Training School after the armistice, prior to returning to Australia in October 1919.

DOUGLAS HOWELL, Regimental number 351.



Douglas Howell became sick with dysentery in October 1915, and as a result he was evacuated from the peninsula, taking four months to recover from the illness. He was also wounded at least twice during the war, suffering a gunshot wound to his thigh in May 1916 and a gunshot wound to the chest in June 1916. He was promoted to the rank of corporal in October 1917. Douglas Howell survived the First World War and later enlisted with the 25th Infantry Battalion during WWII, serving in PNG from July 1942 [Q22772].

FREDERICK YOUNG FOX, Regimental number 389.



THIS BAND OF BROTHERS (Cont.)

Frederick Fox was one of two brothers from Rockhampton in Queensland who were in No. 15 Section, and he was in the very first boat to land at Gallipoli. He later became very sick and was evacuated in August 1915 to hospitals in Egypt, where he slowly recovered. He then received a commission as a 2nd Lieutenant and was posted to the 49th Battalion, rising to the rank of Captain in October 1917. He was wounded in action on 25 April 1918, exactly three years after the Gallipoli landings, suffering an injury to his left leg. Frederick Fox survived the war and later married. He died in 1964.

JOHN (JACK) MOTLEY ATHERTON,
Regimental number 377.



Jack Atherton was wounded in his left arm in May 1915 and was evacuated from Gallipoli to hospital in Malta. Following on from this he became seriously ill with typhoid, during which he was "*in bed 2 months*". He was to be repatriated to Australia but instead

was discharged in England, whereupon he immediately enlisted with the Royal Flying Corps as a Lieutenant. He was later injured in what appears to have been a flight training accident and spent many months recovering. He was finally posted to 85 Squadron and was receiving training on "*Handley Page machines*" when the war ended.

Jack Atherton worked as a chemist after the war. He later took a position with the Administration Pharmacy Bureau at Rabaul, and was captured at Kokopo when Japanese forces invaded in January 1942 (his wife and children had fortunately been evacuated earlier). He was one of the civilian internees who were on board the Japanese transport, the *Montevideo Maru*, when it was torpedoed by Allied forces. All the Allied prisoners and internees on board, including Jack Atherton, subsequently died.

NORMAN LAMBERT FOX, Regimental number 390.



Norman Fox was an older brother to Frederick Fox and was aged 24 when he enlisted. He became seriously ill with diarrhoea while at Gallipoli and was evacuated in September to hospitals in Egypt. After he had

recovered from his illness he was promoted to Corporal. While training in February 1916 at a School of Instruction at Zeitoun he was mortally wounded in a bombing accident. He died from abdominal wounds later that same day and was buried in the British Military Cemetery in Cairo.



Norman Fox's grave at the British Military Cemetery in Cairo is in a central position, with a large cross headstone.

This photograph of his grave, from the Australian War Memorial, was supplied by George Fox.

PETER FITZALAN MACDONALD STUART, Regimental number 378.

Peter Stuart was wounded on the first day of the landings at Gallipoli, and was later sent to hospital a second time suffering from jaundice. In January 1916 he was again admitted to hospital, this time with mumps. He was commissioned as a Lieutenant early in 1916 and was transferred to the 49th Battalion. On 4 September 1916 Stuart was shot in the head and killed by a German

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sniper while leading a bombing attack at Mouquet Farm near Pozieres in France. Peter Stuart kept a personal diary of his war service, which is now in the John Oxley Library. In his entry for Monday 26 July 1915, he writes: *"Census affair taking of the old 9th Bn that*

landed 1200 strong now there are only 150... poor old ninth ... No. 15 Section No. 4 Platoon luckiest section in the battalion...".

OLIFFE GUNDERSON, Regimental number 359.



Oliffe Gunderson was 35 when he enlisted and he was easily the oldest man in No. 15 Section. He was a book keeper by occupation and had lived at West End in Brisbane. Gunderson was never wounded nor seriously ill during WWI. It is likely that, because of his age and work skills, he was put in

charge of supply duties while at Gallipoli. After the evacuation from the Peninsula, he was transferred to the Army Ordnance Corps and was quickly promoted to Sergeant. In September 1916 he was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal *"in recognition of valuable services rendered during the present war"*. On the afternoon of 24 April 1918 - exactly three years to the day since the 9th Battalion men boarded HMS *Queen* bound for the landings at Gallipoli - he was charged with being drunk while on duty. Six pages of his court martial proceedings are contained within his service files at the *Discovering Anzacs* website, which show that supporting witnesses all agreed on his general reliability and conscientious work ethic. He was nonetheless found guilty and was thereby

temporarily reduced in rank. Oliffe Gunderson survived the war and returned to Australia in May 1919.

GEORGE HARRIS, Regimental number 297.



George Harris, like George Rigby, suffered serious gunshot wounds on the first day of the Gallipoli landings. He received wounds to his left arm and to his left leg and thigh. He was subsequently evacuated to hospital but remained

"dangerously ill" for a lengthy period of time. Finally, in August 1915, his left leg was amputated. He was invalided back to Australia, and arrived home a few months before Rigby. George Harris died in 1965.

CORPORAL GEORGE HENRY RIGBY, Regimental number 294.



George Rigby was one of two brothers who enlisted with the 9th Battalion and sailed for war aboard the HMAT A5 *Omrah*. His older brother, Lieutenant William John 'Jack' Rigby of B Company,

was killed in the fighting at Baby 700 on the first day of the landings at Gallipoli. Sergeant Fred Coe, in a letter he wrote later from his hospital bed, states: *"Lieutenant Rigby got a bullet ... and shrapnel completed his short career as a soldier ... a very short one, but he died, another good example to all, in the very first line of fire, where he had been all day ... Of our original 70, under Major Robertson, I think only 6 are left."* [Coe's original letter appeared on page 7 of the *Brisbane Courier* on 18 August 1915].

George Rigby was wounded in the afternoon of that first day of the landings, when a bullet struck his left leg below the knee. He was

THIS BAND OF BROTHERS (Cont.)

evacuated and was finally admitted to a military hospital in Cairo four days later. He never sufficiently recovered, and late in 1916 he was returned to Australia. George was assessed as being medically unfit for further service and was discharged from the Army in December 1916. George Rigby then returned to his clerical job at Wills, Gilchrist & Sanderson Ltd. in Wharf Street, Brisbane. He married, and he later worked as a forestry officer on the Atherton Tablelands for several years. George Rigby died in Brisbane on 9 September 1973.

GODFREY JOHN SHERMAN,
Regimental number 206.



Godfrey Sherman's file shows that he was originally posted to B Company before he was assigned to No. 15 Section in A Company, while the other men were all originally in C Company.

Godfrey was initially posted as missing, but the finding of a later Court of Inquiry was that he had been killed on the first day of the Gallipoli landings. By June 1921 his father, W. Sherman, had met with the returned soldier Sergeant Webb, and wrote the following to the Base Records Office: *'Sergeant Webb of the 9th Battalion claims to have witnessed my son's death. Sergeant Webb says that it was a shell which terminated my son's life, and that practically no traces were left, nor was any opportunity then offered for burial...'*

It had been a long period of anguish for the Sherman family in trying to find out what had happened to their son, which was made worse when his personal effects were sent instead to a woman in Sydney, who Godfrey had nominated as next-of-kin.

To make matters even worse for the family, Godfrey's brother **Leslie Sherman** was also killed in action, at Zonnebeke in Belgium, in 1917.

HENRY MAHAFFEY, Regimental number 361.



Henry Mahaffey was from Boonah in Queensland and was 25 years old when he enlisted in C Company of the 9th Battalion. His service file indicates that he was transferred to A Company on 30 January 1915. Mahaffey was wounded on the first day at Gallipoli with a bullet wound to his left

arm. While with the unit he worked mostly as a stretcher bearer. In October 1915 he was wounded a second time when shrapnel struck his hand, and after the evacuation of Gallipoli he was promoted to Lance Corporal. He was wounded again in August 1916 in France with a gunshot wound to his left eye, and was later killed in action on 20 November 1916. He was subsequently awarded the Military Medal for his efforts in August, with the citation being as follows:

At Pozieres, France, 18/2nd August 1916, L/Cpl MAHAFFEY was in charge of a squad of stretcher bearers, he was repeatedly conspicuous for his bravery and devotion to duty. In spite of the fact that early in the operations he lost two of his squad he carried on his work with little assistance and in a most capable manner. Men were repeatedly buried in the front-line trenches when L/Cpl MAHAFFEY dug them out and rendered most timely and valuable first aid in their resuscitation. He repeatedly carried wounded men to the aid post over open country and under close enemy observation during which time the enemy kept up a persistent barrage of heavy artillery fire. On the last day L/Cpl MAHAFFEY was badly wounded in the eye but would not leave his duty until the other wounded had been cleared. Lance Corporal MAHAFFEY was also conspicuous during the attack on

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Pozieres on July 23rd... his work has always been most praiseworthy.

Henry Mahaffey's brother, Corporal A. Mahaffey of the 25th Battalion, was also killed in action during the way.

WILLIAM ARTHUR (ANDY) FISHER,
Regimental number 362.



William 'Andy' Fisher was with Fred Fox in the first boat to land at Gallipoli, according to a list displayed at the 9th Battalion's War Memorial Museum at Enoggera. He suffered wounds to one arm and to his

legs on the first day of the campaign and was evacuated to hospital. He later came down with a serious bout of typhoid and was repatriated home to Brisbane in Australia. He was discharged as being medically unfit for further service in March 1916.

Andy Fisher became a prominent activist for the rights of returned servicemen in the years following the war. He was an early member of the Returned Sailors and Soldiers Imperial League, holding positions as Honorary Treasurer and State Secretary. In 1921 he was elected to the Brisbane City Council as an alderman for South Brisbane.

Acknowledgements

Information about the above soldiers was initially sourced from their service files via the 'Discovering Anzacs' webpage.

The author sincerely thanks Noelene Blatch and her family for allowing their photographic postcard of the No. 15 Section men at Mena Camp in Cairo to be used in this article. Noelene is a granddaughter of George Rigby.

Thanks also go to George Fox and family for the use of the photographic postcard of the men at Frasers Paddock at Enoggera, and for supplying additional information and photographs for this story.

Thanks also go to Peter Burgess, author of *The First Ashore: The Stories of our First Anzacs* for information about Private William Arthur Fisher and Private Frederick Young Fox, who were both in the first boat to land at Gallipoli.

The full story of the Rigby family during WWI can be freely downloaded from an excellent website about Yeronga Memorial Park, created by **Dr Richard Walding** which can be accessed at <https://indicatorloops.com/yeronga/>. This website presents extensive obituaries for 97 local soldiers who perished during WWI; the Rigby articles can be found on page 174 at the end of the obituary for **William John 'Jack' Rigby**.

The Rigby family story first featured in a chapter titled '*The Rigby family during the First World War*' in *Stephens and War: A history of Annerley and surrounding suburbs during war times* compiled by Stephen W Sheaffe AM and published by Annerley Stephens History Group Inc. in 2020.

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Noelene Blatch and George Fox). ■

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FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR

On behalf of the Management Committee, I wish all our members good health and happiness for the New Year. Hopefully, some of our loyal members, in making plans for 2025, have considered how they can contribute to the continuing success of the Society.

We are extremely grateful to Lyndal Cosgrove who has accepted appointment as Secretary for the remainder of the term until our AGM in June.

VISIT FROM OUR PATRON

It is just on three years ago that we were delighted to announce that Professor Graeme Nimmo RFD would be Patron of our Society for the term of office of Her Excellency the Honourable Dr Jeannette Young AC PSM as the 27th Governor of Queensland. At that time, we had hoped that we would have had an opportunity later in 2022 for Professor Nimmo to visit and meet our members. The long-awaited pleasure is now possible. We are eagerly anticipating hosting Professor Nimmo for morning tea when he visits our Research Centre on Thursday 6 February.

This visit comes closely on the heels of a visit from the Lord Mayor of Brisbane, Adrian Schrinner, and Councillor Danita Parry on 24 October, which has been reported on by Alex Daw.

VOLUNTEERS' MORNING TEA

For the last three years we have been greatly assisted in hosting our annual thank-you to our volunteers through the generosity of Kedron Wavell Services Club Inc, which has subsidised these events to the full extent of the venue hire.

The event held on 9 December 2024 will long be remembered for the immense contributions to the Society and family History in Queensland that was celebrated.

Awards for Services to Family History for 2024 were announced for three members. Wendy Angliss and Alex Daw were presented with their awards, whilst Dale Fogarty, who

was adventuring in Japan, will be presented with hers at an appropriate time.

Those awards were followed by the awarding by the Society of Honorary Life Membership to Maureen Arthur. Please enjoy reading of the contributions of these worthy recipients in this edition.

Capping off the celebrations was the announcement of the awarding of Fellowships of the Society to Bev Bonning, Jackie Buttress and Mary Geiger. Plans are afoot for certificates of this prestigious award to be presented by the Society's Patron as has been the practice in recent times when possible.

FELLOWSHIPS OF QFHS

Prior to the consideration of nominations for the Fellowship of the Society, the Management Committee made, for the first time, a By-law to regularise this award that was established in 2000, with the intention of it being regulated by By-law. At the MC meeting of 8 October 2024 By-law 6 was made, and it is published at the first opportunity in this edition.

RESEARCH CENTRE IMPROVEMENTS

The long-awaited reinstallation of the air-conditioning units was completed in late December following the end-of-year closure. It had been a long process to obtain approval from Brisbane City Council. Members can now plan research visits even on the hottest of days.

The Lord Mayor's Safer Suburbs Grant Program for 2024 provided funding to support projects that strengthen security for Council Community leased facilities. We were successful with our application for funding to improve the security lighting on the Research Centre and have been granted \$2,326 for this work. We gratefully acknowledge the Council's contribution to enable this improvement.

The next project being planned is the construction of a portico and other enhancements to the front entrance.

Kevin Haley president@qfhs.org.au ■

AWARD OF FELLOW OF QFHS INC.

The award of Fellowship (Fellow of the Queensland Family History Society Inc.) was created in 2000 to acknowledge members who have gone 'above and beyond the call of duty' in their endeavours in support of the Society. It is our most prestigious award. To date it has been governed only by a procedure document. On 8 October 2024 the Management Committee passed a bylaw to clarify and confirm this award.

BY-LAW 6. AWARD OF FELLOWSHIP

1. The Management Committee may confer the honour of a Fellowship (Fellow of the Queensland Family History Society Inc.) on a member of the Society who has provided:

- long and sustained promotion of the Society in multiple facets of family history and genealogy,
- creative ideas related to family history and genealogy carried through for the benefit of the Society, which raise the Society's stature or finances,
- continuous contribution to the running of the Society – not necessarily through being on the Management Committee.

2. The number of Fellows of the Society shall be limited to 15 living Fellows at any time. Whilst there is no requirement for the Management Committee to confer an honour of Fellowship each year, the number permitted to be conferred in any one year under this by-law shall be limited to three (3).

3. Nomination of a member for the award of Fellowship may be made by one or more members of the Society. The Management Committee may from time-to-time set a date by which nominations for a given year shall be received by the Secretary. After the closing date, a Fellowship Sub-Committee shall be appointed by the Management Committee to consider any nomination/s and to make any recommendation for the award of a Fellowship to the Management Committee.

4. The Fellowship Sub-Committee shall consist of a maximum of five members, including the President, maximum two (2) other members of the Management Committee, and a maximum of two (2) Fellows, appointed by the Management Committee.

5. The Award of Fellowship shall additionally be deemed to confer Honorary Life Membership as provided for in Clause 4 (3) of the Constitution on any member who is not already a Life Member or Honorary Life Member.

The full list of QFHS bylaws can be found at the link on the top of the page on the website here: <https://www.qfhs.org.au/about-us/constitution-and-by-laws/>.

At our 20th Birthday Anniversary Dinner in 2000, QFHS President Betty Baker and Vice President John Perryn announced QFHS's new Award, and presentations were made to our six inaugural Fellows, *Eric Kopittke*, *Rosemary Kopittke*, *Dorothy Grice*, *Tony Swain*, *Ann Swain* and *Shauna Hicks*. Each Fellow was presented with a beautifully scripted and coloured certificate which will surely have pride of place in their homes. Their photo appeared on the front cover of this journal in August 2000, courtesy of past member Jacqueline Black. Sadly original Fellow Dorothy Grice passed away on 3 May 2014. We welcomed further Fellows Dorothy Jeffrey and John Perryn who were presented with their certificates on 14 November 2016, and Sue Reid who was presented with her certificate on 22 November 2021. Dorothy Jeffrey recently passed away on 29 September 2024. We announced at the recent Volunteer's Thank You Morning Tea that we have recently appointed Bev Bonning, Jackie Buttress and Mary Geiger as Fellows. ■

QFHS INC. AWARD FOR SERVICES TO FAMILY HISTORY

Nominations are called each year for the QFHS Inc. Award for Services to Family History, which is reserved for QFHS members only, and in 2024 the Award was announced at our Volunteers' Morning Tea on 9 December. The nominations are considered by previous awardees as designated by the Management Committee and they form an ad hoc committee for this purpose each year.

The nominations accepted for 2024 were **Alex Daw** member number 1273A, **Dale Fogarty**, member number 1853, and **Wendy Angliss** member number 4363A. All services mentioned have been voluntary.

Alexandra Daw

Over the years, Alex Daw has contributed to the Society in many meaningful ways. During the years between 1989 and 2020, Alex variously contributed to Research Team co-ordination, the sale of QFHS Publications, and Management Committee including a stint as Secretary.

However, it is her tireless work during the two years as QFHS Vice President (2022-23, 2023-24) that I wish to address in this nomination for the award.

Alex has been a significant force in a large part of the Management Committee's endeavour and achievement during these years. Her approach to decision making is deep and thorough – she always brought a wider perspective to the discussion and provided researched examples to inform the committee of the ways peak bodies were managing the same or similar matters under consideration.

While many of the achievements I include here were the result of a team effort, the team was always the better for Alex's contributions:

- relocation from Gaythorne to Chermside, the Strategic Plan Update 2023-26 and the successful competitive tender for the BCC facility in Chermside all benefitted from Alex's enthusiasm, organisational skills, determination and focus.
- we have an active Emergency Planning Committee because Alex found the time needed and provided impetus for its establishment and continuance.
- many of the elements of our building security and safety have been actioned or

enhanced by Alex's commitment and attention – purchase and recordkeeping of the CO2 monitor to reassure members (in the lingering almost-but-not-quite-post-COVID days) that the building was safely ventilated, installation of a duress alarm so Library Assistants had recourse to assistance should it be needed, dealing with the stolen hot water service, and regular liaison with the security company.

However, it is in the areas of member services and programs that Alex's influence is perhaps most highly visible.

Alex embraced the innovation of the Members Lounge – designed to provide extra value to our membership of the Society by making more activities available at no or little cost – and

- instigated the bi-monthly Book Club where, for two years, we've read more widely than we'd have done without encouragement, been exposed to both more perspectives than we'd select for ourselves and to different styles of writing – always a benefit to those who aspire to putting pen to paper for our own family.
- curated *What's New?* for 15 months by presenting the cream of the crop of new resources available online
- supported the development of more hybrid activities by hosting online components of the monthly *Presenting...* guest speaker program.

She has also been instrumental in designing and delivering multiple orientation and training sessions for Library Assistants and other volunteers.

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Alex's input also ensured the effective collaboration, planning, and delivery of many of the Society's significant events in the last two years:

- the Irish Research Group's 20th Anniversary celebration (June 2023),
- the Ulster Historical Foundation Talks (February 2024),
- the Central European Interest Group's 40th anniversary celebration (June 2024), and
- the Meet the Authors event (August 2024).

Above all else, Alex's constant example has helped foster a positive culture in the Society.

Alex consistently demonstrates the values that are so necessary in a volunteer organisation such as QFHS – innovation and enthusiasm, empathy, cooperation and kindness.



*Alex receiving her award from
President Kevin Haley*

CONGRATULATIONS ALEX
Nominated by Allana O'Kane

Wendy Angliss

Perhaps Wendy's more public facing role is as co-convenor of the Colonial India and the Far East Group. The group first met in August 2018. Founded originally by Dette Glenday, Char Sale and Wendy Angliss, it has gone from strength to strength, invigorated by the enthusiasm of its founders. Meetings are held in even months of the year and generally follow a different subject each time. Wendy often leads the discussions and we always learn something new each time!

All Special Interest Groups have their admirable qualities but perhaps the standout feature of the Colonial India and the Far East Group is its beautifully presented newsletter. Published in the alternate months since April 2020, it is indexed by topic. Wendy is the editor of this publication and puts together an amazing array of topics as varied as religious customs, communication, transport, animals and tellingly in 2022 isolation and quarantine. As good family historians, we know how important context is to tell a good story. What a wealth of information is contained in these pages!

A less public-facing role but for those participating in what might be called the inner circle of QFHS aka the Management Committee, perhaps a more vital one for the smooth running of the Society is Wendy's role as Assistant Treasurer. Many a Treasurer (or Acting Treasurer) has taken heart from meeting Wendy for the first time and knowing that they are in excellent hands. Wendy's qualifications in the financial sector are without question. In her non-QFHS life she is Financial Controller for Arthritis Queensland. She was also State Treasurer for the Queensland Country Women's Association from 2013-2015.

Wendy was recognised by QFHS in 2019 for her work in setting up our financial accounts on the new program Xero, including entering all the transactions from 2018/19. What a job! Of course we rely heavily on Wendy's financial expertise and experience in all things operational as well as tricky things like lodging BAS statements, reporting and auditing.

QFHS INC. AWARD FOR SERVICES TO FAMILY HISTORY (Cont.)

More important however is Wendy's unfailing cheerful attitude to all who encounter her in QFHS business. Her eternal optimism, ability to resolve problems, cheerful coaching of new players in the executive team and concern for ensuring that QFHS is best served in all financial areas is her and our chief asset.

Wendy, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your continued passion for all things family history and QFHS. You are an outstanding volunteer both in the practical side of what you do for QFHS and its members. You display commendable qualities as a team player, suggesting improvements to the way we do things that will ultimately be to our benefit either in terms of time and or money. You have provided the society with a rich legacy by capturing the knowledge of the Colonial India and Far East Group through its newsletter. Please accept this award as a recognition of all that you do.



Wendy receiving her award from President Kevin Haley

CONGRATULATIONS WENDY

Nominated by Alex Daw

Dale Fogarty

Dale has been the convenor of the Irish Research Group since the end of 2018. During this time Dale has advanced Irish research within the group by regularly convening and presenting at bi-monthly meetings, Research Days and through contacts with other Family History groups.

Dale keeps abreast of the latest news on online sites, and as a member of the ACT Family History Group, advocated on behalf of QFHS members to attend meetings of their Irish group online.

She is patient and willing to assist anyone who wishes to find their Irish ancestors.

Dale has promoted innovations such as online bookings for meetings and research days through Eventbrite, enabling accurate data collection pertaining to the activities of the Irish Research Group.

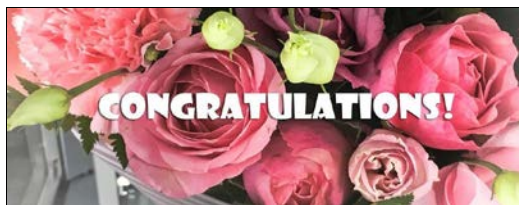


Ruth was unable to attend to read her nomination of Dale. The nomination was read by John Young from the Irish Research Group.

Dale was overseas and will receive her award at a later date

CONGRATULATIONS DALE

Nominated by Ruth Linde ■



QUEENSLAND PRE-SEPARATION GROUP PRESENTATIONS

At our 16 October 2024 Members' Presenting... meeting, **Ann Swain** and **Jenny Davidson** provided certificates for the Queensland Pre-Separation Group members approved throughout 2024. **Mary-Anne Jones** from Central Queensland attended on zoom and spoke briefly about her pre-separation family. Certificates to acknowledge all new memberships were posted to them at a later date.

#341 Roseann Creagh (QFHS Member 5724) has additional pre-separation ancestors – she is also descended from **John Morris** and his wife **Anne Morris (née Devlin)** and their daughter **Rosanna Morris** aged 2 years when they arrived in Moreton Bay on the *Lady McDonald* on 12/10/1856.

#351 Sylvia Bannah (QFHS Member 3542) is descended from **James Lee** who arrived in Sydney in 1849 and **Ann Lyon** who arrived in Moreton Bay on 13/8/1850 on *Emigrant*; they married in Brisbane on 2/2/1852, and their daughter **Martha Lee** was born on 8/5/1856 in Fortitude Valley, Brisbane.

#352 Helen Spencer (QFHS Member 5789) is descended from:

(1) **Alexander Nicol** and his wife **Christina Nicol (née Wyllie)** and their son **James**, aged 4, who arrived in Moreton Bay on 18/8/1854 on *Genghis Kahn*;

(2) **John Sherrin** and his wife **Elizabeth Sherrin (née Richards)** and their son **John**, aged 12, who arrived in Moreton Bay on 30/7/1855 on *Cambodia*; and

(3) **Johannes Mauch** and **Christiane Mauch (née Kitzenberger)** and **Christine Mauch** who was aged 17 when they left Hamburg, who later married **Carl Siebenhausen**, and who all arrived in Moreton Bay on 3/2/1856 on *Johan Cesar*.

#353 Wendy Litherland (QFHS Member 6704) is descended from:

(1) **Jonathan Litherland** and **Ann Litherland (née Moor)** who arrived in Sydney on 9/2/1850 on *Cornwall*, and arrived in Brisbane about October 1850, and their son **David Litherland** born at Kedron Brook, Brisbane on 1/11/1858; and

(2) **Alfred Thomas Tinney** and **Mary Ann Tinney (née Barnard)** who arrived in Moreton Bay on 6/10/1857 on *Blenheim* and their son **William Henry Tinney** born on 22/10/1859 in Brisbane.

#354 Mary-Anne Jones (QFHS Member 6731) is descended from **George Angus Spencer** who arrived in Sydney on *Tropic* on 15/12/1845, and was working at Coochin Coochin station near Boonah in 1849, his wife **Agnes Spencer (née Williamson)** who arrived in Sydney on *Castle Eden* on 9/10/1848 and married George on 2/5/1854 in Sydney, and **Francis George Spencer** born on 31/7 1855 in Sydney, and a brother was also born in Queensland on 1/10/1857.

#355 Gregory Weir (QFHS Member 111) is descended from **George Bagnell** and his wife **Elizabeth Bagnell (née Ryland)** who arrived in Moreton Bay on the *Caroline* on 17/11/1853 and their daughter **Ann Bagnell**, aged 10 when arriving in Moreton Bay, who married in Brisbane on 16/8/1861 **Robert Bryans** who arrived in Moreton Bay on 19/9/1858 on the *Alfred*.

WELCOME TO OUR 2024 NEW MEMBERS ■

JOURNAL ARTICLE OF THE YEAR: Members' Choice Award 2025

Nominations for your favourite article of 2025 will be requested after publication of each journal.

Please take part and encourage our authors who write our journal stories.

One voter will win the lucky draw, held at the announcement of the yearly winner at our end-of-year Volunteer's Thank you Morning Tea.

MAUREEN ARTHUR - HONORARY LIFE MEMBER

Kevin Haley, President of the Society, announced at the Volunteers Thank you Morning Tea on 9 December 2024 that an Honorary Life Membership had been awarded to Maureen Arthur for her services to QFHS. The following citation, prepared by Rosemary Kopittke, Jackie Buttress and Mary Geiger, was unanimously endorsed by the Management Committee on 11 June 2024.

Maureen, member #4498, joined the Society in January 2007 but she started contributing to the Society even before then — in 2006 after speaking to us at a History Queensland Fair.

As Maureen is based in Caloundra and was a shift worker when she joined, she was not able to contribute in many of the ways open to members based in Brisbane. That did not deter her though as she was very keen to do indexing, having seen what we were producing at the Fair—to make records widely available and enhance researchers' access to valuable material.

In the early years Maureen used to call past the library to drop off and collect new indexing material—to save us postage and to see that the copies were safely returned and not lost in the postal system.

In 2010, Maureen was presented with the QFHS Services to Family History Award for her extensive contributions to the publications program (almost 280,000 records indexed at that time)—an avenue of service open to her while employed as a shift worker outside Brisbane.

More recently, Maureen's health has meant she had to retire from her employment. However, she hasn't let her circumstances prevent her from continuing to contribute to



the Society. Maureen thrives on indexing and interpreting difficult records!

There have been a number of admission registers adversely affected by fire, Banyo State High School being such an example. Maureen worked diligently to extract the most information possible from the fire and water damaged records to provide as complete and accurate a record as she could. She loves the challenge of working with the very early school registers

with torn pages and difficult, faded writing to preserve the names of ordinary people for posterity. Indexing might be considered a simple task but it can often require unexpected persistence to decipher what the “scrawl” is trying to tell us.

She has worked on many projects as an indexer—her current tally is an amazing 777,507 entries. Her projects cover a wide range of records, the:

- Queensland Commonwealth Electoral Rolls for 1934, 1941, 1949, 1959, and 1969;
- 1916 Tasmanian Commonwealth Electoral Roll;
- Queensland Cemetery Collection Index—an index to many of the monumental and burial records previously held in our Cemetery Collection Room at Gaythorne;

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- Queensland Police Gazette 1875-1884 Index; Maureen was the sole indexer of the 192 bundles, many entries were very lengthy;
- Queensland Customs House Shipping: Passengers and Crew 1852-1885 and the subsequent 1886-1899 index;
- Queensland School Pupils Indexes; Maureen has said she enjoys searching to find where all the schools are located.

In addition, she worked tirelessly checking 275,929 entries for the 1969 electoral roll to ensure that the end result would be something we as a Society could be proud to own.

Apart from her work with indexing and checking, Maureen has also been a valuable contributor to the database review process. When QFHS first established our online data collection, Maureen worked with the team to test the search process and to provide feedback. More recently, she has worked with the “School Pupils Index Project” to detect inconsistencies and errors in the data. For example, a zero rather than a capital O in a surname will inevitably mean researchers will fail to find entries of interest—many other characters in names will be similar stumbling blocks. These and other issues need to be resolved before data is made live so that our members have the best possible experience in using our indexes.

As a non-member, Maureen re-joined the

small group working on schools in September 2021 after a lull following the retirement of the publications team earlier that year. Still wanting to contribute to the wider family history community during that lull, she worked on indexing projects with the Queensland State Archives. Those projects involved work on the Queensland Founding Documents which revealed the workings of the colony just after 1859 and some registers of male and female prisoners admitted to Boggo Road.

Maureen continues to index for the Society spending on average more than 20 hours each week working for our benefit. She believes in “giving” to enhance the research experience of others.

Whilst Maureen will not be known to many Queensland FHS members she has made a remarkable contribution to our Society. Her sustained efforts over the last 18 years have resulted in many outside the Society becoming aware of our work through what we have published and in considerable income the Society would not otherwise have received. It is difficult to judge the time spent on indexing, proofreading, and testing our databases but conservatively her contribution could be estimated as in excess of 11,000 hours.

It is a pleasure to welcome Maureen as an Honorary Life Member of the Queensland Family History Society. ■

OUR NEW RESEARCH KIOSK

Recently, the Print Library team launched a new search tool: the Research Kiosk.

The Research Kiosk accesses almost 2 million pages of information including:

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Complete a [Research Kiosk Look-up Request](#) and the Print Library team expects to email your search results within 7 days.

Carolyn Grimward, Print Library Team ■

THE LAST KISS - THE DEATH OF MARY SILVESTER MAY

By Chris Griffiths...

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John May woke early on that Sunday and heard his wife's moans from the room next to where he had been sleeping for the past few days. When John asked Iris, the nurse, how long had Mrs May been in that state, she replied since 3 o'clock. John's anxiety turned to anger as he berated Iris for not waking him sooner. Poor Iris was distressed by John's anger, for she had been left in charge on Saturday night once John had finished reading to Mary and had retired, and besides, **Dr Rowbottom** had given strict orders no one should visit Mrs May.

The May's neighbour, **Mrs Smith**, came early that Sunday as she had done for the past week or so ever since Mary had given birth to the family's fourth child, **John Silvester**. She went and saw Mary and after speaking with John, the doctors were called. Dr Rowbottom and Dr Kennedy had attended Mary earlier in November at the birth of young John. After the birth she had become 'very feverish' and having 'a hard time of it'. Dr Rowbottom was now first to arrive and proceeded straight to Mrs May's room.

Joshua Rowbottom was an experienced and well established goldfields' doctor. A member of the Royal College of Surgeons, London and a Licentiate of the Society of Apothecaries, he was described by contemporaries as having a 'forte for midwifery'¹. However, in Mary's case, there was nothing he could do. Poor John had gathered as much from the doctor on an earlier visit. When John asked Rowbottom what he thought of Mary's ailment, he couldn't give 'a satisfactory answer'.

While little could be done for Mary's health, both she and John had even greater worries about the future of their three boys; **Frederick** 5, **Walter** 3, and now 7 day old John Silvester. The pair had spoken of their boys while Mary was in her bed after her fever had broken. Aware that she was not well, Mary had said to John 'what shall you do with those poor dear children?' John tried to ease her concern by telling her 'not to talk so for you will both distress yourself and me'.

It was with the boys in mind that **Iris Wetheral** was brought in as 'a fit and proper housekeeper'. Iris had nursed Mary once before and so was known to the family and neighbours. Mary's brother, **Benjamin Chantry**, was sent for. Benjamin had been with Mary and John on the voyage from Boston, England to Melbourne in that December all those years ago in 1856. He was Mary's youngest sibling. Although Benjamin had left them in Melbourne to seek his own fortune on the goldfields, he had never been far away and had made numerous visits over the intervening years. His presence would be vital in the coming months as a supportive brother-in-law and uncle.

Mary and John had worked hard to build a decent life for their family. By 1857, they had a hut on Table Hill at Daylesford. Table Hill was a 'rather pleasant situation with plenty of wood and water'. For two years, their claim had yielded good payable gold and the hut had an extension, a garden and a flock of goats.

The family had grown with the birth of Frederick and Walter. But a daughter, **Annie Susannah** had died at birth. The family were all healthy and comfortable then. John described the boys as 'no trouble, being always obedient'.

Mary's fourth pregnancy coincided with a run of 'miserable failures' on the goldfields and John lost 'much money'. However, he saw a silver lining in the situation as he now had more time to remain at home to be present at the birth of his next child. Things would be hard, but the couple had faced difficulties before.

By mid-morning that Sunday, brother Benjamin had arrived. Dr Rowbottom had departed and the family stood around Mary's bed. She seemed 'quite sensible' and asked to see the children. The boys were brought in and she kissed them. Poor boys, little did they think what a good and kind mother they were going to lose. Neither could John realise what was happening until the time came.

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'Her spirit had fled to a happier and better world, I hope, please God. She died like a person going to sleep. Well, I remember the last kiss she gave me about 10 o'clock'.

The following Tuesday, there was a simple funeral with a few friends and members of MUOOF. Mary was buried in the Daylesford cemetery. The grief and loss hit John in the days after and he said it felt like 'a blank left behind'. Months later he wrote in his diary, 'I could not reconcile myself' as he tried to deal with providing for the welfare of Frederick, Walter and John Silvester. The poor baby John died in April 1865 to add further to his father's grief.

Mary Silvester May [nee Chantry], was my great, great grandmother, born in Boston, Lincolnshire, 1828 and died in Daylesford, 13 November 1864, much too young.

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(photograph provided by the author) ■

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To put it in perspective, assuming you were born in 1947 (such a date is used extensively in genealogy studies), you should have had 1,024 ninth great-grandparents prior. This takes us back to the 1700s – around the time of the British first settlements in North America and discovery of Australia. If we go back even further to the 1500s, an average child born in 1947 would have had 60,000 ancestors. ■

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MALANDA OFFICIALS FAREWELL

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The National Library of Australia has a wonderful collection of Australian newspapers that can be browsed at home. I am a first generation Australian on my father's side and second on my mother's side. I have very few relatives in Australia. When I discovered Trove, I searched for information about my parents. I really hadn't expected to find much, if anything. However, The Cairns Post regularly gave space to articles about the activities happening in many of the smaller towns surrounding it. My parents met in Malanda, west of Cairns, and social activities in Malanda were reported on one day a week in the Cairns paper.

To my surprise, I found a number of references to my parents in Trove. One of the stories there told of my father's role during WWII. It was a very enlightening story about how the industry in which he worked had to significantly change their practices to assist the defence forces of Australia and its allies who were fighting in the Pacific. Many of us know a lot about the war in the Pacific but I am sure that not many of our generation have thought about those who were seconded to the wartime effort in civilian roles. The article gives a very complete run down of the involvement of the Malanda Butter Association (later known as Malanda Milk) factory in WWII.

This was my dad's contribution in WWII. His name was **Alexander Miller**, known as Alec.

A year after the war, the three managers of the factory moved on from their wartime jobs, which prompted this article to be written. I'm guessing they were pretty burnt out from their stress and long hours - as were so many people at that time. My dad moved our family to Brisbane and later Melbourne and Sydney where I grew up.

Cairns Post (Qld. : 1909-1954),
Tuesday 3 December 1946, page 4.¹

HIGH TRIBUTE PAID

RESULTS EMPHASISE WORTH.

MALANDA, November. 27. – On Thursday evening, November 21, a number of friends of Messrs Boucher, Miller and Rodds met at Mr. Boucher's residence to bid them farewell, and the best of good luck. Conversation centred largely around the Butter Association's growth. It was disclosed that butter making commenced about the year 1913, and it is now almost nine years since **Mr. Boucher** took charge. He had graduated in New Zealand as Bachelor of Agricultural Science, and was later associated in the dairy industry for many years in various administrative and managerial positions.

PRODUCTION DURING REBUILDING.

When Mr. Boucher arrived the new factory, was beginning to take shape, and it was stated Mr. Boucher did a marvellous job, by keeping production going while building and alterations were taking place, and without

interfering with the ordinary working of the plant. This, it was claimed, was the first time a new butter factory had been built over an old one that continued to operate, and without any contamination of the cream and butter that was being processed.

The speaker went on to say that, during the early years of the war, and in conjunction with the late **Mr. R. T. Croker**, then Chairman of Directors, Mr. Boucher was responsible for the installation of much of the modern equipment at present in use. This brought about a steady reduction in costs, and allowed the Association's Chairman to say at the annual meetings that the price paid to its shareholders for their butter was higher than that paid by any other factory in Queensland.

The seconder of the toast, said that with the entry of Japan into the war, and the sudden influx of troops into North Queensland, the whole organisation of the factory was geared to produce pasteurised milk for the troops. Mr. Boucher will, he considered, be remembered for many of his organising achievements, but it is for this masterly piece of work that he will be long remembered.

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From a staff of 25, the organisation grew in spite of manpower shortage, until 130 were on its payroll.

MILK FOR THE FORCES.

Herds had to be tested for TB, a gigantic job carried out by the local veterinarians assisted by vets from the American Veterinarian Corps. This was claimed at the time as the greatest task of its kind ever attempted in any part of the Commonwealth, and it was carried out without a hitch. During the period August 1942 - June 1945, 6,300,000 gallons of milk were processed and transported to troops on the Tableland, Cairns, and Townsville, whence it went to almost every corner of the north, besides being flown to Port Moresby, Finschaven, Moratai, Admiralty Islands, and the Philippines. For this work he earned the respect of many senior representatives of both the Australian and U.S.A. Armies.

The speaker went on to say that due to Mr. Boucher's ability to organise this, and to take full advantage of all available opportunities, the farmers of this Association during the period, 1942-45, benefited to the extent of £250,000 in excess of the payments made during the previous four years, 1938-1941.

During his term as manager the factory won the Queensland Butter Improvement Scheme, with monotonous regularity; (for cleanliness, lowest bacterial contents, and best chemical analysis) and large quantities of butter were exported which graded 94 points, the highest ever of any Tableland butter boxed for export. It was also stated that Mr. Boucher was personally responsible for the establishment of house to house delivery of bottled milk in Townsville at a time when no other organisation in North Queensland was capable of organising a house to house delivery of its goods. He brought relief to many a queue of weary housewives, and Malanda milk was on everyone's tongue.

HEALTH UNDERMINED.

Mr. Alec Miller, retiring assistant manager, in supporting the toast, said Mr. Boucher was successful in the selection of his staff. He managed to get the very best from each one of

them, and they were all very sorry he was leaving them. Working as Mr. Boucher did during the war years, from early morning to late at night, seven days a week, it was not to be wondered at that his health was completely undermined, and just recently it was necessary for him to take six weeks' leave of absence in an effort to regain his old vitality.

His leaving the Tablelands is a great loss to the industry and a great loss to his many personal friends, but they, along with all members of the staff, wish him well and thank him for being able to take advantage of the good time in which to lay the foundation of a great future for the Atherton Tableland and its Butter Association.

MR BOUCHER'S RESPONSE

Mr. Boucher, in replying, said he appreciated very much this farewell gesture and assured all those present that he would always look back with great pleasure upon the many friendships he has made and upon the co-operation and goodwill he has received from the staff and employees of the Butter Association. It had been a very strenuous time for everybody, and all he could say was that he had done his best for the Association, also for the employees under him, and they had loyally reciprocated.

He particularly desired to mention Mr. Alec Miller and **Mr. Cliff Rodd**.

Mr. Miller was employed by the Association since 1937, except for two and a half years in the army, and before which he was employed as factory foreman. In November 1943, the Commonwealth Controller of Food visited Townsville and found that the supply position of foodstuffs to the civilian population was absolutely chaotic. He made urgent representations to the army that Mr. Miller should be immediately released to the Butter Association with the object of organising a milk supply for the Townsville civil population. By the end of the following month Mr. Miller had taken up his duties as manager of the Townsville branch of the Association. Despite the almost complete absence of facilities, Mr. Miller, by his energy,

MALANDA OFFICIALS FAREWELL (Cont.)

forcefulness, and endurance, within a very short time had built up a reliable delivery service for milk for the whole of Townsville and suburbs, and at the same time had built up a remunerative and successful branch of the Association's activities. This development of the Townsville liquid milk market, which has received favourable comment throughout Australia, will always remain a monument to the energy and ability of Mr. Miller.

Later, Mr. Miller was transferred to Malanda as assistant manager, and had proved so capable and efficient that he was given all the opportunities and was in reality trained and made familiar with all aspects of the factory's activities, so that he would be in a position to take complete control of all the factory's operations should this at any time be necessary. Mr. Miller, has, however, decided otherwise, and has accepted a position in Brisbane with J. H. Bryant Bros., dairy factory advisers. Mr. Boucher felt sure more would be heard of him in the future.

TRANSPORT ORGANISED.

Mr. Cliff Rodd, too, had done wonderful work for the Butter Association. He came from the White Cars Pty. Ltd. in January 1943, to take the position of transport manager. Toward the end of 1942 the Association entered into very large contracts with the army authorities for the supply of milk to troops in North Queensland. This involved considerable use of heavy transport vehicles and necessitated the appointment of a transport manager. In a very short time, the Association was operating a fleet of 14 trucks, with a total daily truck mileage of over 1,000 (miles).

Mr. Rodd's efficiency may perhaps be best judged by the fact that from the day he started till the day he finished, not one truck ever missed a train and never was any depot, military or civilian, short of milk because of a hold-up in the transport section. The magnitude of this effort will be appreciated by all who were troubled with shortages of tyres, spare parts, etc., throughout the whole period.

As a sideline to his main activities Mr. Rodd conceived and largely advanced the idea of

gradually developing the transport garage by the acquisition of agencies, until it was big enough to hand over to an expert garage manager. His share in this idea was faithfully performed.

One of the highlights of his work here was during the February cyclone, when all rail traffic was blocked to Townsville. Mr. Rodd led a team of four men and three trucks to take the milk through to Townsville by road.

It was 77 hours after leaving when they had their first stop for a rest and only after all transport had been arranged so that no person in Townsville would go short of milk. He had the gift of inspiring great teamwork - Selflessness.

Source:

¹ *National Library of Australia*,
<http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article42519126>.

With all of the expertise in transporting milk for long distances in the tropics, it possibly isn't surprising to find that within a short time after WWII, Malanda Milk was credited with the longest milk-run in the world when it included Mount Isa in its fresh milk delivery.

There is a short video on Facebook showing the roads the trucks used in those early days, <https://www.facebook.com/RapidSpinCNS/videos/235699367622280/>.

A short video of the factory at work during WWII can be found on the Australian War memorial website.



Alec Miller and his wife, Dorothy, née Fraser, (1942) ■

VISIT TO QFHS BY BRISBANE LORD MAYOR ADRIAN SCHRINNER AND CR DANITA PARRY



*Carolyn Grimward researching the
Lord Mayor's family*



*Group photo after morning tea including the Lord
Mayor and Danita Parry, our local Councillor*

On 24.10.24 we were delighted to welcome **Lord Mayor Adrian Schrinner** and local **Councillor Danita Parry** to our research centre; a visit that proved to be both engaging and inspiring for everyone involved. Hosted by members of our Management Committee, inaugural Fellows of the Society Ann and Tony Swain, and Library Assistants Dette Glenday, Anne Mackay, and Carolyn Grimward, the occasion was an excellent opportunity to showcase our work, facilities, and dedication to preserving family histories.

Carolyn Grimward, our knowledgeable Library Assistant, led our distinguished guests on a guided tour of our research centre. The highlight of the tour was assisting the Lord Mayor with research into his own family lineage, focusing on his mother's side. This personal connection underscored the value of our centre's resources and service, reminding all of us of the profound impact family history can have on individuals and communities alike.

Our visitors were particularly impressed with our use of technology to bridge distances and bring our members together. The Meeting Owl, a piece of equipment that has revolutionised how we host workshops and meetings, captured their attention. This innovative tool allows us to connect with members both near and far, making our events more accessible and ensuring that our resources reach as many family history enthusiasts as possible.

During their visit, the Lord Mayor and Councillor Parry also expressed their gratitude for the care we have taken with the facilities. Their appreciation of our attention to detail and preservation efforts was heartening. Furthermore, fruitful discussions were held regarding storage issues faced by community groups like ours. The conversation opened doors to potential collaborations and solutions that could support our ongoing work in managing and preserving valuable materials and records.

This visit was a milestone for QFHS, reinforcing the importance of family history work and the impact of our Society in the broader community. We are grateful for the Lord Mayor's and Councillor Parry's time, interest, and insights, and we look forward to exploring ways to further strengthen our resources and services.

Attending (L-R) were Graeme Drew, Ann and Tony Swain, Lyndal Cosgrove, Chris Schuetz, Cr. Danita Parry, Clem Ditton, Alex Daw, President Kevin Haley, Lord Mayor Adrian Schrinner, Dette Glenday and Carolyn Grimward.

Alex Daw ■

ARTICLE OF THE YEAR: MEMBERS CHOICE AWARD 2024

Since November 2021, we have conducted an annual **Journal Article of the Year: Members Choice Award**. Conceived as being 'in the style of' the Archibald's Packing Room Prize, we wanted to show support for our wonderful volunteer authors and allow QFHS members to express their appreciation for articles that captured their interest or launched them on new avenues of research and discovery during the year.

During 2024, as each issue of *Queensland Family Historian* was published, members were invited to nominate the journal article that resonated most with them.

As expected, reasons for choosing a particular article were as varied as the respondents and the articles themselves. The interest of some members was captured by a particular writing style or by the insight authors gave to their creative process. Others appreciated the use of sources, or the detail of an iconic journey. Participants' comments included:

- I love the stories where the author not only tells the story of their ancestor/s but also explains in their narrative how and where they found the information.
- ... a fascinating read and one that could reflect a similar story from my own female ancestors who travelled alone
- ... an engaging story from the beginning with the description of life in the village.
- I like that the author has chosen a theme [ie, 'disastrous marriages'] through their family history [instead of a chronology of just one family]
- I was excited to read this article which helped flesh out a bit more of my uncle's service in the RAAF and gave me a picture of the period for both civilians and those serving in the military.
- I like that the author has chosen a theme through his family history to write about different branches.

While all articles were of particular interest to at least one participating member of the Society, the most chosen stories included *Little known outback lives* by David Huggonson, *Non-English newspapers for family history research* by Sue Reid, *Skilled hands: the life of a watchmaker - John Brownbill 1738-1802* by Jon Kehrer, and *Charles Keane, a black sheep in the family* by Alison Gardiner.

Our particular congratulations go to Jan Swift whose article, *Looking for James Chant, and how we found him*, was chosen most often by our members. Jan has received a commemorative certificate and a gift voucher of \$75 in recognition of the interest and appreciation of our participating members. Her article was featured on the QFHS website and our Facebook page.

All participating members were placed in a draw for the prize of a gift voucher for an Education event of their choice. The random draw was conducted at the Volunteers Thank You Morning Tea on 9 December 2024, and **Ross Hansen** was the delighted winner.

Congratulations to the prize winners. Congratulations, also, to the team of volunteers who publish and distribute the QFHS journal four times per year – we are grateful for your interest and dedication.

And thank you to all member participants. We do appreciate receiving your feedback.

In 2025, we will continue to survey members after each issue of the journal to capture members' impressions at the time of reading.

We look forward to your continued interest.

Allana O'Kane and Lyndal Cosgrove ■

BOOK REVIEW – Mind Mapping Made Easy for Family Historians, by Linda Hammond

Mind Mapping Made Easy for Family Historians, published by the Family History Federation, is a refreshing new guide by **Linda Hammond** that might just hold the key to breaking down those frustrating “brick walls” we all encounter in our research. This book offers a practical, illustrated approach to mind mapping—a technique that can transform the way you plan, analyse, and organise your family history projects.

Hammond's book encourages family historians to try something new in their research. The concept is simple yet powerful: by visualising connections and patterns, mind maps allow us to see our research in fresh, revealing ways. We've all heard the saying, “If you do what you've always done, you'll get what you've always got.” Hammond's book embodies this principle by encouraging researchers to step out of their comfort zones and use mind mapping to unlock new insights and make tangible progress.

The book is not only instructional but also highly practical. Through clear illustrations, Hammond demonstrates how mind maps can help with various aspects of genealogy. Whether you're planning a research trip, analysing a document or source, or even writing up your findings, mind maps can clarify your goals and help you keep track of complex information. The guide is packed with helpful examples, making it easy for beginners to get started and for experienced researchers to expand their toolkit.

One of the book's standout features is the list of mind-mapping software websites included at the end, as well as recommended further reading. For those who prefer digital tools over pen and paper, this resource is invaluable. It provides an easy way to explore different software options, catering to both tech-savvy users and those new to digital aids in genealogy.

If you've been feeling stuck in your family history research, *Mind Mapping Made Easy*

for Family Historians is well worth a try. It's an accessible, visually engaging guide that offers an innovative approach to solving age-old genealogy challenges. So, give it a go, and share your results with us in a future journal article. After all, what have you got to lose? This might be the breakthrough tool you've been waiting for.

The book can be found on our shelves under Call number **L2 50 18**.

Alex Daw ■



VicGUM is a not for profit organisation which provides technical support to its members with their use of family history software.

VicGUM members receive a monthly newsletter, connection to Gumnet (which is a members' only web-based chat site), and ongoing technical support.

Our regular user group meetings for FTM and Reunion are held using Zoom. This allows any interested member to log in. Monthly events are also shared with members using Zoom. They will be recorded and will be viewable by members through the members' section of the website.

For details of member benefits visit the website www.vicgum.asn.au and join on line.

email: info@vicgum.asn.au

WEB LINKS

NEW FRENCH RECORDS

MyHeritage has recently published an important new historical record collection: *France, Tables of Successions and Absences, 1890–1970*. This valuable collection offers an index of deceased or officially missing people from various French departments, spanning 80 years of history. It includes 26 million records, with high quality scanned images. This collection is particularly important for researchers of French heritage because it provides a valuable alternative to national death records for this period, which have not yet been digitized or made available online. MyHeritage is currently the only service that offers digitized, online access to this collection. Refer to

<https://www.myheritage.com/research/collection-20869/france-tables-of-successions-absences-1890-1970>

FINNISH NEWSPAPERS FROM THE 1940s DIGITISED FOR CUSTOMER USE

The National Library of Finland has now digitised all Finnish newspapers published in the 1940s. The newspapers offer a glimpse into an interesting turning point in Finnish history: the period after the Continuation War and the post-war 'years of danger' from 1944 to 1948. In the 1940s over 200 Finnish-language newspaper titles were published, with a combined total of some 1.4 million pages. Swedish-language newspapers were digitised earlier with separate project funding under an agreement with the copyright management organisation Kopiosto. This means that both Finnish- and Swedish-language newspapers are now available in the digikansalliskirjasto.fi service. Refer to <https://eogn.com/page-18080/13438847>.

56 MILLION HISTORICAL RECORDS

MyHeritage recently published 56 million new historical records from 8 collections from the United States, Canada, France, Ireland, and Poland. They include births, deaths, burials, and marriage records. See <https://blog.myheritage.com/2024/10/myheritage-adds-56-million-historical-records-in-september-2024/>.

DIGITIZED FINNISH-AMERICAN PAPERS TELL THE STORY ABOUT THE LIFE OF FINNISH COMMUNITIES IN AMERICA A HUNDRED YEARS AGO

The US National Library's collection of Finnish-American newspapers (containing 174 newspaper and magazine items since 1876) has been digitized up until the end of 1923. For further information see https://digi.kansalliskirjasto.fi/collections?id=981&set_language=en and the US National Library's search service at <https://kansalliskirjasto.finna.fi/Record/fikka.5698399?lng=en-gb> in three languages.

THE FAMILY HISTORY SHOW COMES TO LIVERPOOL

TheFamilyHistoryShow.com has expanded its popular genealogy event series to Liverpool. This addition to the show calendar complements the well-established events in London and the Midlands. The Family History Shows 2025 lineup of events include:

- Online - 8th February 2025
- Midlands - 15th March 2025
- Liverpool - 3rd May 2025
- London - 4th October 2025

For more information or to book tickets visit <https://thefamilyhistoryshow.com/>.

NEW RELEASE OF MILITARY RECORDS FROM THE GENEALOGIST - ARMED FORCES

Search over half a million names. This collection provides invaluable insights into the service and sacrifices of members of the British Armed Forces and colonial forces throughout history. Refer to <https://www.eogn.com.wildapricot.org/page-18080/13428213>.

THE GENEALOGIST UNVEILS 1910 LLOYD GEORGE DOMESDAY SURVEY RECORDS FOR KENT

TheGenealogist has announced the release of the complete 1910 Lloyd George Domesday survey records for Kent, a groundbreaking digital collection that offers unprecedented insights into early 20th-century British land ownership, properties and occupancy. Refer to <https://eogn.com/page-18080/13439091>.

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'SCOTTISH CABINET' PAPERS LEADING TO 1707 UNION FINALLY PUBLISHED

Historic Scottish "cabinet papers" dating from the period leading up to parliamentary union with England have been published online for the first time. Researchers have spent four years painstakingly transcribing and editing the records of the Scottish Privy Council, described as one of the "most important" parts of Scottish government, between the years 1692 and 1708. The database can be found at <https://spsr.ac.uk/>.

INDIVIDUAL USA CENSUS RECORDS FROM 1790 TO 1950 ARE MAINTAINED BY THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION, NOT THE U.S. CENSUS BUREAU.

Publications related to the US census data collected from 1790 to 2020 (confidential for 72 years to protect privacy) are available at <https://www.census.gov/library.html>. Visit the US National Archives Web site to access [1940](#) and [1950](#) Census records. Records from the 1950 to 2010 censuses can only be obtained by the person named in the record or their heir after submitting form [BC-600](#).

THE 1890 U.S. CENSUS: NOT EVERYTHING WAS DESTROYED

Most people think that the US 1890 census records were destroyed in a fire in early 1921. However, not all of the records were destroyed. In fact, census fragments for Alabama, Georgia, Illinois, Minnesota, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, South Dakota, Texas, and the District of Columbia survived and are available now. Some were smoke and water damaged but were preserved. For more information, look at the US National Archives' web site at <https://www.archives.gov/research/census/microfilm-catalog/1790-1890/part-08>, and refer to <https://eogn.com/page-18080/13421384> for the detailed story.

VATICAN ARCHIVES

You can read about the Vatican Archive at <https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/258209/pope-francis-appoints-new-prefect-of-vatican-archives>.

SEARCH NEW SOUTH AFRICAN RECORDS ON FINDMYPAST

Findmypast have updated their South African record collection, adding over 1.6 million baptism, marriage and burial records from across the country to three of their existing record sets, covering the years 1660 to 1996; over 300 years of global history to delve into:

South Africa Baptisms. There are around 1.2 million new and improved records, with both images and transcriptions available. Refer <https://search.findmypast.com/search-world-records/south-africa-baptisms>.

South Africa Marriages. New images and transcriptions to explore from Cape, Free State, Kwazulu-Natal and Transvaal. In addition to both spouse's names and ages, you may be able to glean an address, a marriage place and additional notes from within these records. Be sure to check the original image to ensure that no key information is missed. Refer to <https://search.findmypast.com/search-world-records/south-africa-marriages>.

South Africa Burials. 400,546 new and improved burial records from four provinces across the country have been added <https://search.findmypast.com/search-world-records/south-africa-burials>.

See also *South Africa, Local Armed Forces Nominal Rolls, 1899-1902* at <https://www.findmypast.co.uk/discover/armed-forces-and-conflict/regimental-and-service-records/south-africa-local-armed-forces-nominal-rolls-1899-1902>.

NEW RECORDS FROM FINDMYPAST

Findmypast has added a brand new military collection recently, [Scotland, Fife Mounted Volunteers Index 1860-1892](#), consisting of 669 Volunteer Index cards transcriptions from Fife, Scotland spanning 1860 to 1892.

Also [British Army, Northumberland Fusiliers 1881-1968](#) has been updated. If your ancestor served with Northumberland's Fusiliers between 1881 and 1968, their name may appear within these 12,444 new transcriptions. Refer to <https://www.findmypast.co.uk/blog/new/northumberland-fusiliers-fife-volunteers>. ■

QFHS NOTICES

BEREAVEMENT NOTICES



We extend our deepest sympathy on the following bereavements:

Kathleen Jeanette Read, past member #5347, late of Annerley, who passed away on 26 July 2024.

Joyce Stenhouse-Brown, member #1886, late of Stafford Heights, who passed away on 17 September 2024.

James (Jim) Francis Hansen, past member #2819A, late of Keperra, who passed away in October 2024.

Expressions of sympathy have been conveyed to their families on behalf of the President and members of the Society.

CONGRATULATIONS SUE REID

Sue recently won first prize in the Genealogical Society of Victoria's Writing Prize for 2024 with her entry 'Speak now or forever hold your peace'. Her story will be published in the December 2024 GSV's *Ancestor* Magazine. The judges praised it as follows:

'With a strong opening, starting with the most dramatic part of the story, this article unveils a complex tale, involving many players from well-connected families. The action crosses generational and geographic boundaries, but the story flows well, ensuring the reader is not confused or overwhelmed by the detail. This is a well-researched piece that draws on a variety of sources and holds the reader's interest to the end.'

CONGRATULATIONS SUE

ROOTSTECH 2025 CONFERENCE

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EDUCATION@QFHS

Further courses will be held as follows:

Topic: **Learn@ - YouTube for Family Historians**
Date: FRI 21 February 2025
Time: 10.00 am to 11.30 am (online)
Presenter: Carmel Galvin
 (Limit 50 people)

Topic: **Talking About – Ferries: The crossing places and the boats**
Date: WED 26 March 2025 (free)
Time: 7.30 pm – 9.30 pm (online)
Facilitator: Nancy Edwards
 (Limit 25 people)

Topic: **Learn@ - Introduction to NAA collection & RecordSearch**
Date: FRI 11 April 2025
Time: 10.00 am to 11.30 am (online)
Presenter: NAA Team Member
 (Limit 50 people)

Topic: **Talking About – Clothing. Photos and Mementos**
Date: WED 28 May 2025 (free)
Time: 10.00 am to noon (online)
Facilitator: Nancy Edwards
 (Limit 25 people)

Topic: **Learn@ - Causes of Death, and the strange terms given on the certificates**
Date: FRI 13 June 2025
Time: 10.00 am to 11.30 am (online)
Presenter: Patrice Connelly
 (Limit 50 people)

"Follow" QFHS and be advised as soon as new events are listed with

www.eventbrite.com.au/e/queensland-family-history-society-inc

Cost per presentation/hands-on mode:

\$15/20 members (QFHS and GSQ) and
 \$25/30 non-members

Cost per Talking About - free

CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE EVENTS

Bookings are required – you are invited to register to secure your place for these events through www.qfhs.org.au/events/learn-qfhs/.

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GSQ EDUCATION EVENTS

- Topic: **17th Century British Merchant Tokens - a Family Historians Delight**
 Date: Sat 1 February 2025
 Time: 9.00 - 11.00 am
 Presenter: Geoff Barber
- Topic: **Foreign footprints on the Victorian goldfields**
 Date: Sat 15 February 2025
 Time: 9.00 - 11.00 am
 Presenter: Dr Dorothy Wickham
- Topic: **The Wall Family weaving the threads of memories**
 Date: Sat 22 February 2025
 Time: 9.00 - 11.00 am
 Presenter: Christine Leonard
- Topic: **Discovering the Treasures in Parish Records**
 Date: Sat 12 April 2025
 Time: 9.00 - 11.00 am
 Presenter: Pauline Williams

Cost per presentation: \$31.00

Our society and the Genealogical Society of Queensland (GSQ) have a reciprocal arrangement re Education events. Each society makes their own member pricing for Education events available to members of the other society. QFHS members will need to input their member number when booking to obtain the GSQ discounted member pricing.

Register at <https://www.gsq.org.au/gsq-events/>. You can find the GSQ discount code on the QFHS Members Portal at <https://www.qfhs.org.au/members-portal/gsq-code/>. The code does not change for different events and generally provides a \$10 discount.

WINDSOR AND DISTRICTS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Windsor and Districts is planning a 100th anniversary of the Windsor War Memorial which was erected by Windsor Town Council and opened on Anzac Day 1925. There are 160 names of servicemen on the memorial who enlisted from the Town of Windsor and who paid the supreme sacrifice. Refer to <https://windsorhistorical.org.au/events/>.

Finding your family: the fundamentals of research



A six week course

Commences: Monday 10 February 2025

Time: 7.30 - 9.00 pm

Location: Online event

Cost: Members \$60, non-members \$90
Only 10 people per course

Content: Sources, methodology, organisation, repositories, DNA and much more.

Register at:

<https://www.qfhs.org.au/events/learn-qfhs/finding-your-family-the-fundamentals-of-research/>

LIBRARY ASSISTANTS' CONSULTATION AND TRAINING SESSION

Tuesday 3 June 2025

10.00 am – 12.30 pm

Family History Research Centre/Online

To be held as a hybrid meeting, using our state-of-the-art Meeting Owl.

This is an opportunity for Library Assistants to keep up to date with all the latest developments at QFHS's Family History Research Centre, contribute to the strategic plan for our service in the future, as well as learning about operational updates and opportunities for upskilling. Come along to a general get-together/update kind of day.



QFHS NOTICES (Cont.)

QFHS INC. FAMILY HISTORY BOOK AWARD 2026

The Society invites entries for this Award which will be presented at a special meeting late in 2026 to the person or persons producing the best family history with a Queensland content published in book form within the past five years.

Full guidelines, conditions of entry and entry form are available on the website at <http://www.qfhs.org.au/about-us/awards/>.

Please check the guidelines. In brief, these include:

- It must be the story of a family or families with a family history focus rather than just one individual, and have significant Queensland content, and placement of family in its historical setting
- It should have an index
- Desirable features include illustrations such as photographs, maps, diagrams and tables, and a list of source materials.

Further information is available from:

Hon Secretary
QFHS Inc
P O Box 78,
Geebung Qld 4034

or

Clem Ditton
fhaward@qfhs.org.au.

Entries close **30 November 2025**.

The Award is open to members of the Society and to the general public. For further information email fhaward@qfhs.org.au.



MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

When your Membership is due for Renewal you will receive an email reminder. If you're not sure, please contact our Membership Secretary, email at membership@qfhs.org.au, before making payment. Also don't forget to let us know if any of your contact details change so that we can update our records.

Irish Research Day



Researching Irish ancestors?

The next Irish Research Day is

Thursday, 13 March 2025

10.00 am to 3.00 pm

at

QFHS Family History Research Centre,
46 Delaware Street, Chermside.

(at intersection of Delaware St & Waring St)

A great opportunity to spend the day on your Irish family history research. Come and work alongside others and help each other as required. Bring your lunch or food to share.

To get the most out of your time, we recommend you prepare by:

- Reviewing your current research and bringing what you need with you
- Try to specify clear research questions or goals to focus your work

There will be friendly, helpful and experienced people available to assist each other.

Please register early as places are limited.

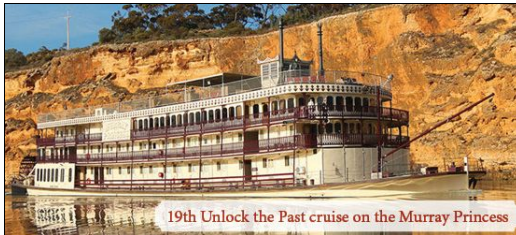
Contact Dale Fogarty, Irish Research Group at irish@qfhs.org.au with your QFHS membership number.

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19TH CRUISE LOWER MURRAY (MANNUM)

<https://www.gould.com.au/19th-cruise-lower-murray-mannum/>

21-29 August 2025



19th Unlock the Past cruise on the Murray Princess

Murray Princess, from Mannum, Lower Murray River, SA 9 day conference/cruise/tour package

- **Adelaide** - 2 day conference – Wed 20 and Fri 22 Aug 2025, Thu 21 is a free day. See details at <https://www.gould.com.au/19th-cruise-pre-cruise-conference-adelaide/>.
- 1 day bus transfer via North East Hills to Mannum (with tourist stops) – Sat 23 Aug 2025.
- **Mannum** - 2 day conference and tour activities – Sat afternoon 23 Aug 2025 – early Mon afternoon 25 Aug 2025.
- 4 night Murray River Outback Heritage Cruise – Mon afternoon 25 Aug to Fri morning 29 Aug 2025 – for details refer to <https://www.murrayprincess.com.au/cruises-murray-river/4-night-murray-river-cruise/>.
- 1 day bus transfer to Adelaide, stopping at Monarto Safari Park and the historic German town of Hahndorf – Fri 29 Aug 2025.
- **OPTIONAL** - 2 day add on tour of **Kangaroo Island** – Sat 30 and Sun 31 Aug 2025 – Details at <https://www.gould.com.au/19th-cruise-post-cruise-tour-kangaroo-island/>.





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As a major sponsor of the important Australasian Conference 2025: Connections, QFHS has both a presentation spot in the program (curated by the redoubtable Charlotte Sale and Alex Daw) and an exhibition table over the three days to demonstrate our unique DataSearch facility and promote our member services and programs. The program is now online at <https://www.connections2025.org.au/conference-program>. Raffle tickets are available now.

CHRISTMAS THANK YOU

A heartfelt thank you to all who contributed to the Christmas hamper which was delivered to the Salvation Army for distribution to needy families at Christmas. We appreciate your generosity very much. ■



SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

FAMILY HISTORY WRITING GROUP



This group meets online via Zoom on the **third Saturday** of **odd-numbered** months at **9.00 am**. The next meeting dates are:

15 March 2025 **17 May 2025**

If you are interested in joining us, please email fhwriters@qfhs.org.au.

Sue Reid
(Convenor)

IRISH RESEARCH GROUP



The Irish Research Group meets online via Zoom usually on the **second Saturday** of **even-numbered** months from **10.30 am** until **12.30 pm**. The next meeting dates are:

8 February 2025 **12 April 2025**

For further information, please email irish@qfhs.org.au.

Dale Fogarty
(Convenor)

ENGLISH WEST COUNTRY GROUP



This group researches the counties of Cornwall, Devon, Somerset and Dorset. The Group meets online via Zoom on the **fourth Thursday** of **odd-numbered** months at **noon**. The next meeting dates are:

27 March 2025 **22 May 2025**

For further information, please email englishwestcountry@qfhs.org.au.

Jenny Davidson
(Convenor)

SCOTTISH INTEREST GROUP



This group meets online via Zoom and in our new Family History Research Centre (hybrid) on the **second Saturday** of **odd-numbered** months (except January) at **10.00 am**. The next meeting dates are:

8 March 2025 **10 May 2025**

If you are interested in joining this group, please email Chris on scottish@qfhs.org.au.

Chris Schuetz
(Convenor)

WELSH INTEREST GROUP



The Welsh Interest Group meets online via Zoom (or in our new Family History Research Centre) on the **third Sunday** of **odd-numbered** months from **10.00 am** until **noon**. The next meeting dates are:

16 March 2025 **18 May 2025**

For further information please email welsh@qfhs.org.au.

Charlotte Sale
(Convenor)

CENTRAL EUROPEAN GROUP



This group aims to encourage, educate and assist members in their family history research in the Central European area. The Group meets online via Zoom (or in our new Family History Research Centre) on the **first Saturday** of **even-numbered** months from **10.00 am** to **noon**. The next meeting dates are:

1 February 2025 **5 April 2025**

A \$2 donation goes towards purchasing relevant records.

For further information email Eric at kopittke@tpg.com.au.

Eric Kopittke & Noel Bergman
(Convenors)

FAMILY TREE MAKER USER GROUP

If you are using the Family Tree Maker™ program, or just want to learn more about it, this enthusiastic group is for you.

The group meets online via Zoom on the **first Friday** of **even-numbered** months and by hybrid meetings on the **first Saturday** of **odd-numbered** months (not January) at **10.00 am**. The next meeting dates are:

Fri 7 February 2025
Sat 1 March 2025
Fri 4 April 2025
Sat 3 May 2025



For further information, please contact Geoff Morgan on email familytree@qfhs.org.au.

Geoff Morgan & Joe Greaves
(Convenors)

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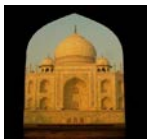
DNA INTEREST GROUP

This group seeks to share information on aspects of genetic family history. The group meets on the **fourth Saturday** of **each** month (except December) online via Zoom and in our new Family History Research Centre at **10.00 am to noon**. The next meeting dates are:

22 February 2025	Experienced
29 March 2025	Beginners
26 April 2025	Experienced
24 May 2025	Beginners

For further information contact Chris Schuetz or Ann Swain on email dna@qfhs.org.au.

Chris Schuetz & Ann Swain
(Convenors)

COLONIAL INDIA AND THE FAR EAST GROUP

We welcome you into our friendly, collaborative group to explore the ever-increasing resources available to research Colonial India and the Far East. Our meetings share information, ideas and short presentations about this fascinating time and place. The group meets online via Zoom at **10.30 am** on the **second Sunday** of **even-numbered** months. The next meetings will be held on:

9 February 2025 **13 April 2025**

For further information please email indiafe@qfhs.org.au.

Dette Glenday & Wendy Angliss
(Convenors)

FAMILY HISTORIAN USER GROUP

Family Historian - simplicity for the newer user, but still the ultimate 'power tool' for experienced family historians. To find out more, join our group's meetings via Zoom on the **first Sunday** of **each** month at **1:00 pm** for approximately 2 hours. The next meeting dates are:

2 February 2025
2 March 2025
6 April 2025
4 May 2025

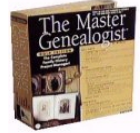
For further information please email familyhistorian@qfhs.org.au.

Malcolm Kingston
(Convenor)

THE MASTER GENEALOGIST (TMG) USER GROUP

The group caters to the needs of all users, from novice to advanced, and meets online via Zoom on the **third Monday** of **most** months (except December) at **7.00 pm**. The next meeting dates are: **NOTE CHANGE OF DATES**

17 February 2025
17 March 2025
April – Easter, cancelled
19 May 2025



For further information contact Kevin Haley or Peter Frederick at tmq@qfhs.org.au.

Kevin Haley & Peter Frederick
(Convenors)

QLD PRE-SEPARATION GROUP

Did any of your ancestors arrive in Queensland prior to separation from New South Wales on 10 December 1859? If so, you may become a certificate member of this group. The group also welcomes anyone interested in pre-separation families and history to its periodic meetings and activities. Meetings are held quarterly online via Zoom mostly on the **second Saturdays** of **March, June, September and December** at **1.30 pm**. The next meetings will be held on:

Sat 8 March 2025
Fri 6 June 2025 - Excursion :

A guided walk to see Sites of Separation 1859-1869 in the Brisbane CBD – all welcome.

For further information please email presep@qfhs.org.au.

Ann Swain & Jenny Davidson
(Convenors) ■

**Pre-Separation Group
Excursion**

Brisbane Heritage Walk – see the Sites of Separation 1859-1869

To celebrate Queensland Day

When: Fri 6 June 2025

Time: 10.00 am – 12 noon

We will start from Wickham Tce, Brisbane



DATES TO REMEMBER, INCL. MEMBERS LOUNGE

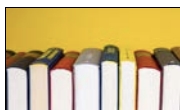
DATE	ACTIVITY	VENUE	TIME
FEBRUARY 2025			
Saturday	1 Central European Group (<i>See p.34</i>)	Hybrid	10.00 – noon
Sunday	2 Family Historian Software User Group (<i>See p.35</i>)	Online	1.00 - 3.00 pm
Friday	7 Family Tree Maker User Group (<i>See p.34</i>)	Online	10.00 - 11.30 am
Saturday	8 Irish Research Group (<i>See p.34</i>)	Online	10.30 - 12.30 pm
Sunday	9 Colonial India and The Far East Group (<i>See p.35</i>)	Online	10.00 – 11.30 am
Monday	10 Finding Your Family course Week 1 (<i>See p.31</i>)	Online	7.30 - 9.00 pm
Saturday	15 New Members' Welcome & Orientation Session (<i>See p.38</i>)	Research Centre	9.30 – 12.30 pm
Monday	17 The Master Genealogist (TMG) User Group (<i>See p.35</i>)	Online	7.00 - 8.30 pm
Wednesday	Presenting... <i>Let's play – No more dull boys named Jack: Social life in pre-separation Queensland</i> (<i>Back page</i>) Speaker: Dr Jennifer Harrison (postponed from Oct 24)	Hybrid	1.00 – 3.00 pm
Friday	Education@QFHS: <i>YouTube for Family Historians</i> (<i>See p.30</i>)	Online	10.00 - 11.30 am
Saturday	22 DNA Interest Group (<i>See p.35</i>) <i>Experienced</i>	Hybrid	10.00 - noon
Monday	Members Lounge – Book Club <i>A Periodic Tale. My Science Memoir</i> by Karl Kruszelnicki	Online	10.00 - 11.30 am
MARCH 2025			
Saturday	1 Family Tree Maker User Group (<i>See p.34</i>)	Hybrid	10.00 - 11.30 am
Sunday	2 Family Historian Software User Group (<i>See p.35</i>)	Online	1.00 - 3.00 pm
Saturday	8 Scottish Interest Group (<i>See p.34</i>)	Hybrid	10.00 – noon
Saturday	8 Pre-Separation Group (<i>See p.35</i>)	Online	1.30 – 3.30 pm
Thursday	13 IRISH RESEARCH DAY (<i>See p.32</i>)	Research Centre	10.00 - 3.00 pm
Saturday	15 Family History Writing Group (<i>See p.34</i>)	Online	9.00 - noon
Sunday	16 Welsh Interest Group (<i>See p.34</i>)	Hybrid	10.00 - noon
Monday	17 The Master Genealogist (TMG) User Group (<i>See p.35</i>)	Online	7.00 - 8.30 pm
Wednesday	Presenting... <i>Moments in migration: exploring the immigrant experience in images</i> (<i>Back page</i>) Speaker: Eve Terry of NAA	Hybrid	1.00 - 3.00 pm
Fri-Mon	21-24 The Australasian Conference - Connections 2025 - combines the 17th Australian Conference on Genealogy and Heraldry and 5th History Queensland State Conference	Brisbane Technology Park Conf & Exhibition Centre, 1 Clunies Ross Court, Eight Mile Plains Qld	
Sunday	23 New Members' Welcome & Orientation Session (<i>See p.38</i>)	Online	9.30 – 12.30 pm
Tuesday	25 Bi-annual General Meeting	Online	7.30 – 9.00 pm
Wednesday	26 Talking About – <i>Ferries: The crossing places and the boats</i> (<i>See p.30</i>)	Online	10.00 – noon
Thursday	27 English West Country Group (<i>See p.34</i>)	Online	noon - 2.00 pm
Saturday	29 DNA Interest Group (<i>See p.35</i>) <i>Beginners</i> DATE CHANGE	Hybrid	10.00 - noon
Monday	31 Members Lounge – Social – Coffee & Chat Southside	Lovewell café Mt Gravatt	10.00 - 12.30 pm
APRIL 2025			
Friday	4 Family Tree Maker User Group (<i>See p.34</i>)	Online	10.00 - 11.30 am
Saturday	5 Central European Group (<i>See p.34</i>)	Hybrid	10.00 – noon
Sunday	6 Family Historian Software User Group (<i>See p.35</i>)	Online	1.00 - 3.00 pm
Friday	11 Education@QFHS: <i>Introduction to NAA collection & RecordSearch</i> (<i>See p.30</i>)	Online	10.00 - 11.30 am
Saturday	12 Irish Research Group (<i>See p.34</i>)	Online	10.30 - 12.30 pm

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Sunday	13	Colonial India and The Far East Group (See p.35)	Online	10.00 – 11.30 am
Wednesday	16	Presenting...Brisbane@War - Military Locations in Brisbane during WWII (Back page) Speaker: Peter Dunn	Hybrid	1.00 – 3.00 pm
Fri-Mon	18	EASTER - RESEARCH CENTRE CLOSED		
Saturday	19	New Members' Welcome & Orientation Session (See p.38) EASTER, NOT CONDUCTING MEETING	Research Centre	9.30 – 12.30 pm
Monday	21	The Master Genealogist (TMG) User Group (See p.35) EASTER, NOT CONDUCTING MEETING	Online	7.00 – 8.30 pm
Friday	25	ANZAC DAY – RESEARCH CENTRE CLOSED		
Saturday	26	DNA Interest Group (See p.35) <i>Experienced</i>	Hybrid	10.00 - noon
Monday	28	Members Lounge – Book Club <i>Bee Miles by Rose Ellis</i>	Online	7.30 – 9.00 pm
MAY 2025				
Saturday	3	Family Tree Maker User Group (See p.34)	Hybrid	10.00 - 11.30 am
Sunday	4	Family Historian Software User Group (See p.35)	Online	1.00 - 3.00 pm
Monday	5	LABOUR DAY – RESEARCH CENTRE CLOSED		
Saturday	10	Scottish Interest Group (See p.34)	Hybrid	10.00 – noon
Saturday	17	Family History Writing Group (See p.34)	Online	9.00 - noon
Sunday	18	Welsh Interest Group (See p.34)	Hybrid	10.00 - noon
Monday	19	The Master Genealogist (TMG) User Group (See p.35)	Online	7.00 - 8.30 pm
Wednesday	21	Presenting...The beginnings of Queensland Railways, in the 1860s (Back page) Speaker: Greg Hallam, Queensland Railways Historian	Hybrid	1.00 - 3.00 pm
Thursday	22	English West Country Group (See p.34)	Online	noon - 2.00 pm
Saturday	24	DNA Interest Group (See p.35) <i>Beginners</i>	Hybrid	10.00 - noon
Sunday	25	New Members' Welcome & Orientation Session (See p.38)	Research Centre	9.30 – 12.30 pm
Monday	26	Members Lounge – Visit to Queensland Muslim Museum 309 Nursery Rd, Holland Pk		10.00 - 12.30 pm
Wednesday	28	Talking About – Clothing. Photos and mementos (See p.30)	Online	10.00 - noon
JUNE 2025				
Sunday	1	Family Historian Software User Group (See p.35)	Online	1.00 – 3.00 pm
Tuesday	3	LA CONSULTATION AND TRAINING SESSION	Hybrid	10.00 - 12.30 pm
Friday	6	Family Tree Maker User Group (See p.34)	Online	10.00 - 11.30 am
Friday	6	Pre-Separation Group Excursion (Brisbane Heritage Walk)	Wickham Tce	10.00 – 12 noon
Saturday	7	Central European Group (See p.34)	Hybrid	10.00 – noon
Friday	13	Education@QFHS: Causes of Death, and the strange terms given on the certificates (See p.30)	Online	10.00 - 11.30 am
Wednesday	18	Annual General Meeting (Evening)	Hybrid	7.30 – 9.30 pm

Management Committee meetings are usually held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7.00 pm online on Zoom or in person at the Research Centre. If you would like to attend, please contact the Secretary.

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WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS of QFHS INC.

Membership numbers 6762 – 6792 including members who joined up to 30/12/24:

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Welcome back to the following members who are rejoining:

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 WALKER Barbara, Pittsworth, QLD

Welcome to the following member who is joining with a rejoining member:

RILEY Kerry, Pialba, QLD ■

NEW MEMBERS' WELCOME & ORIENTATION SESSIONS

New Members' Welcome and Orientation Sessions are to be held on the **third Saturday of even-numbered** months and **fourth Sunday of odd-numbered** months, all from **9.30 am – 12.30 pm** (not December). The next meeting dates will be:

Sat 15 February	at Research Centre
Sun 23 March	Online
Sat 19 April	No meeting, Easter
Sun 25 May	at Research Centre

Enjoy an overview of research material and facilities available in the Family History Research Centre. We invite you to attend a New Members' Welcome and Orientation session when you join the Society or at any time you would like a refresher.

BOOKINGS: Essential

Numbers have to be limited in each session to ensure that everyone is able to participate fully in the program. Sessions are usually fully booked, with a waiting list, so please advise the organisers as soon as possible if you book and find you are unable to attend.

Ann Swain & Anne Long
Convenors
welcome@qfhs.org.au ■



<http://www.jgstb.org/pictures/genealogy-cartoons-good-for-a-laugh-2213993>. ■

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MONTHLY MEETINGS OF THE SOCIETY

Each month, February to November, a Guest Speaker is invited to address topics of interest to family and local history researchers in Queensland and beyond. Presentations are generally arranged for the **third Wednesday of the month** at 1.00 pm to allow as many members and visitors as possible to attend, either in person at the Family History Research Centre, 46 Delaware St, Chermside, or via Zoom. Those unable to attend in person but unfamiliar with Zoom may contact the Secretary secretary@qfhs.org.au for assistance. Bookings are essential and may be made via the QFHS website and Eventbrite. For the dates of the meetings of the different *Special Interest Groups*, please refer to p.34 or *Dates to Remember* on p.36 of this issue.

Presenting...MONTHLY GUEST SPEAKERS

2025

FEBRUARY 19 (1.00 pm)

Presenting... *Let's Play - No More Dull Boys Named Jack: Social Life In Pre-Separation Queensland* (*Postponed from October 2024*)

Back by popular demand, Dr Jennifer Harrison talks about the years between February 1842 and December 1859, when the thousands who pioneered the newly opened acres of north-eastern New South Wales embraced opportunities to off-set hard work with stimulating activities to fill their leisure hours. Those who elected to put down roots obviously decided to follow the mantra: "I choose to make the rest of my life the best of my life", rather than "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy". This presentation is intended to complement her last contribution which examined their continued communication with the rest of the world. Now we will investigate and identify who instituted social pursuits and how they achieved their aims.

MARCH 19 (1.00 pm)

Presenting... *Moments in migration: exploring the immigrant experience in images*

Eve Terry of the National Archives of Australia will provide a fascinating insight into records held by the NAA, highlighting a rich photographic collection documenting the migrant experience - from the often long and tiring journey to Australian shores, to settling into life in their adopted communities. This presentation will chart the migrant story through images of life in migrant accommodations camps, migrants' contributions to the workforce and participation in cultural life in Australia.

APRIL 16 (1.00 pm)

Presenting... *Brisbane@War - Military Locations in Brisbane during WWII*

Peter Dunn OAM is the webmaster of the popular "Australia@War" web site at www.ozatwar.com which contains everything you would want to know about military activities in Australia during WWII. Peter's research has made him realise that very few authors and historians have covered much detail about events that occurred on the home front during WWII. Peter has published seven E-books on WWII in Australia. Peter grew up in Townsville and played in the bunkers and hangars left over from WWII. He will share details and photos of numerous military camps and depots located around Brisbane during WWII.

MAY 21 (1.00 pm)

Presenting... *The beginnings of Queensland Railways, in the 1860s*

It will be 160 years in July 2025 since the first section of railway line opened in Queensland (31 July 1865). Greg Hallam, Queensland Railways historian, will once again tell us the history of Queensland Rail. Charles Douglas Fox, the son of Sir Charles Fox, had read of railways in Norway, and travelled to see what was being achieved in providing an 'economic' steam locomotive operated railway, and also to investigate its adaption for the Southern and Western Railway in Queensland. The Foxes used their cross 'North Sea' experience with the 1067mm (3'6") gauge when they endorsed it for Queensland in 1863. The Norwegian equipment was also used as a model when specifying the equipment for Queensland and for the 1067mm gauge railway. The first locomotives that entered service on the Southern and Western Railway were identical to the Avonside engines that were used on Norwegian railways in the early part of the 1860s - although unlike the Norwegian engines that were tank engines, the Queensland engines were tender locomotives.

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