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QFHS Fellows Bev Bonning, Mary Geiger and Jackie Buttress with our Patron Professor Graeme Nimmo RFD

Photograph provided by Lyndal Cosgrove. See story on p.44.

AWARD OF FELLOW OF QFHS INC.

Jackie Buttress, Mary Geiger and Bev Bonning have been admitted as Fellows of the Society for their devotion to advancing the work of the Society. Such a prestigious award is made to those who have given long and sustained exceptional service to the Society and to family history, and the Society permits a maximum of fifteen Fellows at any one time. A Fellow automatically confers life membership if this has not already been awarded. The Awards were presented by our patron Professor Graeme Nimmo RFD at our Research Centre on 6 February 2025.

Jackie's citation was submitted by Rosemary Kopittke and Eric Kopittke.

We nominate Jackie Buttress as a Fellow of the Queensland Family History Society.

Jackie joined the Society in January 1989 as member #1235.

The following year, in 1990, Jackie became a Library Assistant and she still assists in that role. From that early involvement as an LA, Jackie accepted the role of joint Library Coordinator along with Deanna Robertson in late 1991, taking over from Annie Thomas. By August 1995 organising the library rosters was added to her list of responsibilities. After Jackie and Deanna retired in 1998 they were replaced by a group of six people!

Jackie was elected to the Management Committee at the AGM in 1996. During her three years on the MC, she compiled the *News in Brief* for the journal to inform members what had been happening on the committee. Between 1998 and 2007, she assisted with the running of the Journal Loan Scheme whereby country members could have posted to them copies of journals received by the Society under reciprocal arrangement.

In May 1997, Jackie did a call for indexers in the journal—the task was to index names appearing in books in the Society library (sound familiar?). At the time this was separate to the projects organised by the publications group but around 58,000 entries from this project now reside online in the Name Accumulation Index. A few years later, Jackie joined Mary Geiger and Rosemary Kopittke to form a partnership publishing an incredible volume of material for use by researchers—a partnership which only ended in mid-2021.

Jackie's role in the partnership was primarily to coordinate the indexing team. In total there were over 300 different indexers, the largest number at any time being more than 100—in Brisbane, elsewhere in Australia, and even one in England. Some non-members thought our work so valuable, they asked to be part of the team. It is all very well to say Jackie “coordinated the indexing team”—what did that involve? Consider just one of our indexes, the Queensland Commonwealth Electoral Rolls. In total, there were 5,979 bundles of paperwork to be distributed and received back with the same number of Excel files to be dealt with—there were no digital copies available for circulating! The same process was required for all the bundles for school admissions, shipping lists, teachers, railway employees, public servants, brands, and many more records. Not content with just working with the indexers, Jackie also did some routine indexing (66,911 entries) and proofreading (570,203 entries) herself.

Apart from the publications mentioned above, the group worked on several projects to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the separation of Queensland from New South Wales. Of particular importance was the compilation of *Queensland Founding Families: Biographies of families living in Queensland prior to Separation from New South Wales*. This consists of 753 stories of families submitted by community members – 300 of which arrived in the week before the deadline for acceptance! Jackie corresponded with all those who submitted stories to acknowledge receipt of the story, obtain copyright clearance for photographs (where appropriate), and to request documentation verifying the presence of the family in

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Queensland prior to 10 December 1859. This publication reached beyond our membership and raised the profile of the Society in the wider community. Importantly, it received a Gold Award from the National Trust in the category of Community Awards—presented at Old Government House on 26 August 2010 by Justice Paul de Jersey.

Reaching out again beyond our membership and into that of the history community, Jackie co-ordinated the indexing of the three major Queensland Women's Suffrage Petitions of 1894 and 1897—a double petition by the Women's Equal Franchise Association in 1894 (one for women, the other for men) and the 1897 WCTU Suffrage Petition. With 15,442 entries, the index and images of the signatures are now available for all who are interested on both the Queensland Parliament and the Society websites. It was launched on 9 September 2014 by the Hon Ms Fiona Simpson, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, at Parliament House.

Jackie's interests also included other facets of the work of the Society. She:

- regularly compiled lists of “interesting websites” (before we had Snippets) for publication in the journal,
- co-ordinated the QFHS stalls at the Family History Fair in 1998 and 2004 and assisted at the Sunshine Coast Family and Local History Fair in 1999 as she did at many other similar events, and
- was an integral part of the relocation of the Society from Bowen Hills to Albion

in 1992 and then again in the move to Gaythorne in 2005.

The Services to Family History Award in 1995 recognised Jackie's contribution to the Society at that time. Her sustained, positive contribution over 34 years and the benefits to the Society both in stature and financially are now worthy of appointment as a Fellow of the Society.



Jackie receiving her certificate from Prof Nimmo

CONGRATULATIONS JACKIE

Mary's citation was submitted by Rosemary Kopittke and the late Dorothy Jeffrey

We nominate Mary Geiger as a Fellow of the Queensland Family History Society.

Mary joined the Society in July 1990 – member #1432. From the very beginning, she demonstrated her desire to assist in whatever way she was able.

Mary was elected to the Management Committee (MC) in June 1991—she says she

made the “mistake” of travelling to the general meetings with the then Secretary Pearl Mahony. She remained on the MC until retiring at the AGM in 2000, during which time she served as a committee member, Vice-President for three years, and Acting President in 1999 while the President was ill. She returned to the MC in June 2011, finally retiring from it in June 2016—a

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total of 14 years' service.

Not content with just occupying a chair on the MC, Mary took over as Bookshop Convenor at the same time as joining the committee - a job which also entailed preparing its financial reports (now the Treasurer's responsibility). Bookshop Convenor was an important role as it was the profits from the bookshop which were used to expand the resources available to the members.

The highlight of this period was organising the Society stand at the 1994 AFFHO Congress which was held in Queensland. Indeed, Mary gave up her idea of attending the Congress and used her annual leave to prepare and oversee our display and sales. She "retired" after this event but was soon back in the role again for a short while when the person who had replaced her found she was unable to continue.

Mary also served on a committee in 1991/92 to review and update our Constitution to reflect the growth of the Society. That was followed by a time from 1993 to 1996 on a subsequent committee to review and update the By-laws.

Other activities involved working as a Library Assistant in the mid-1990s and assisting to run the Trout Game from 1995 to 1997.

At the end of 1995 Mary was presented with the QFHS Services to Family History Award following her nomination by Glenys Prins. Her efforts for the Society did not cease then but rather were renewed!

Mary was keen to promote the Society and its publications at relevant events. Apart from the 1994 AFFHO Congress, she coordinated displays and sales at the Sunshine Coast Family and Local History Fair (1999), Forensic Genealogy with Colleen Fitzpatrick (2015), Footsteps in Time (2017), as well as other events at which the Society was represented and, more recently, at our own seminars at the Queensland Baptist Centre. The tables were always full of our own and other publications to ensure the widest possible attraction to those attending—always with excellent returns for the Society.

Her longest lasting contribution has been to the publications of the Society. From the mid-1990s Mary has been part of a publications team committed to indexing and making records available more widely to researchers. She has personally authored many publications, chief of which was the *Queensland Schools Past and Present* which was prepared as one of the Q150 projects by the Society. This database detailed information on over 5,100 schools—when they opened/closed, when they changed name, where they were located and any other details that could be found. Kerry Raymond has been able to use this data to incorporate information on schools in many Wikipedia articles.

Her special role in the publications group has been to source material for the indexing—preparing well over fifteen thousand indexer bundles. To source material Mary made numerous trips to the National Archives of Australia at Cannon Hill to copy electoral rolls held there, to the Education Library at Coorparoo searching for school histories, and trips to the Queensland State Archives (QSA) to locate pages missed from admission registers supplied to us. She also copied thousands of pages from the *Queensland Government Gazette*—lifting the heavy volumes was not a job for the faint-hearted. Mary is currently combing the QSA catalogue for details of school registers for the team to index—the group thinks she is doing such a great job at uncovering these there will be more than enough to outlast us all! On average, she is currently spending around 15 hours each week on tasks associated with our release of new material from school registers.

Mary has also played a part in the more usual activities of the publications group, having indexed almost 95,000 records and proofread just under 140,000 records; a not insignificant contribution.

Her efforts regarding publications are outstanding. She recognised the value of the *Queensland Government Gazettes* when they were offered to us by the Sunnybank SHS Archive Committee in 1997 and strove to use

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them to full advantage for the benefit of the Society. As well as preparing material for indexing she was involved in scanning the early gazettes, meaning we now have searchable copies of them in our resource centre.

The financial benefits to the Society of our publications have been enormous. These came initially from sales of microfiche, then CDs, then (and still) from royalties, and more recently from the sale of some of the data itself. Mary has played an integral part in all of this.

Mary deserved her award in 1995. Now it is time to recognise her sustained contribution over 33 years to the Society and the wide recognition and financial benefits she has brought to our Society through our publications – dedication and achievements which clearly deserve Mary's appointment as a Fellow of the Society.

CONGRATULATIONS MARY



Mary receiving her certificate from Prof Nimmo

Bev's citation was submitted by Rosemary Kopittke and Ann Swain.

We nominate Bev Bonning as a Fellow of the Queensland Family History Society.

Bev joined the Society in June 2001 – member #3678. Since then, she has been involved in many facets of the Society working to promote the Society to members and non-members alike.

It was not long after joining that Bev decided she should not just take from the Society but contribute towards its resources and management. She started indexing records for our publications group in 2003 and proofreading in 2010; activities she has continued until the current time. Overall, she has indexed in excess of 165,000 entries and proofread over 1.2 million records—an outstanding contribution to the data made available to our members and many researchers beyond our Society. On average Bev currently spends 40 hours each week proofreading the work of indexers to make the researchers' experience a rewarding one.

Her dedication and that of others to providing accurate resources has been of a huge financial benefit to QFHS.

From 2005 to 2019 Bev led the monthly New Members' Welcome and Orientation sessions, designed to assist new members understand the breadth of resources available to them at the Society and how those resources and other Society members could help further their research.

In 2005 Bev joined the Management Committee where she worked positively and diligently to deal with the numerous issues that arose until standing down in December 2015. When the opportunities arose, she willingly assisted at outside events, keen to make the society more widely known in the community. She is also a valued contributor to our journal both as a proof-reader (since 2007) and contributor of articles. As an ex-teacher Bev's articles are often from an educational viewpoint such as the 2015

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article, *Confessions of a Proofreader* (an article, in part, on Matilda Gaudin who served as matron on migrant ships to Brisbane from 1865 to 1888) and another in 2022, *The Cinderella of resources – school records* both articles which arose from her work with primary records being indexed for the society.

Not content with these contributions, Bev:

- worked as a library assistant for 17 years from 2002; in this role she was able to assist those with research queries directing them to resources we held which would prove useful,
- coordinated the distribution of Latter-day Saints microfilms for members of the Society from 2006 to 2016—she ordered the films, processed them on arrival, advised the researcher of their arrival, and then returned the films to Sydney after the hire period expired,
- recorded donations from 2007 to circa 2019,
- recorded member submitted pedigrees from 2010; she still holds the only complete file of submitted pedigrees with a couple still to add. While many researchers now rely on online trees to identify relatives, the pedigrees and their index continue to provide a valuable way to connect with other QFHS members with shared family interests.
- with Kerri Kleidon designed the QFHS banners, and
- updated the New Members Handbook.

She is also an active member of the English West Country Group, where she shares with other members the benefits of her extensive research experience in the area.

Bev's efforts beyond our Society (but still benefitting our members) include volunteer transcribing the parish records for Bedfordshire and Somerset for FreeREG and, indeed, being the convenor for the Bedfordshire group.

In 2017 Bev's volunteer work was more widely recognised in the local community when she was presented with the Everton Volunteer Recognition Award.

Bev received the QFHS Award for Services to Family History in 2008 for the work she had done and now, in recognition for unwavering support of the Society and the wider family history community since then, is worthy of appointment as a Fellow of the Society. She has over a long and sustained period promoted the Society in all facets of family history and genealogy, many of her ideas relating to family history and genealogy have been carried through for the benefit of the Society, raising both the Society's stature and finances, and she continues to make contributions to the running of the Society through avenues currently available to her.

The Society and the wider family history community would be the poorer without Bev's contributions.



Bev receiving her certificate from Professor Nimmo

CONGRATULATIONS BEV ■

FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

TIME FOR REFLECTION

With the 2025 Annual General Meeting fast approaching and nominations for the Management Committee closing in early June, members are asked to reflect on the importance for the Society of having a very effective committee.

A Society the likes of ours, with over 850 members, with assets of some one million dollars, with the lease of valuable Brisbane City Council community premises, and offering a wide range of services to members and the community, needs a strong representative Management Committee. Services have increased over the years, as has complexity of delivering those services.

Currently our constitution requires a President, one or two Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer and at least five other members. Some of the named positions are statutorily required, but all contribute in measurable ways to good effective governance of a society such as ours. All but the newest of our members should be aware that none of the incumbents of the named positions during 2023/24 stood for re-election at the 2024 AGM and that just two of the named positions were filled, with the positions of President and Secretary remaining vacant.

It is hoped that on reflection members appreciate the difficulties presented by lack of continuity, and potential detrimental consequences of not filling vital positions. The current Management Committee will do its best to ensure continuity in the coming year. However, broad representation and strong governance into the future will be enhanced by more members coming forward to fill the vital roles.

Those members that took part in consultation meetings discussing a new constitution will be aware of proposals and arguments put forward for changes to the composition of the Management Committee. Again, reflection on the experience of this year will be worthwhile before making radical changes in a new constitution.

EVENTS ADDED TO THE CALENDAR

Saturday 30 August has been chosen for the long-anticipated event of an Open Day at the Research Centre. This will be a great opportunity to promote our resources and offerings to the broader community for the first time since August 2022. Occurring as it will at the end of National Family History Month, our Open Day will be promoted widely as an event not to be missed.

Since its inception in 1993 and up to 2024 the announcement and presentations to awardees of the QFHS Family History Book Award has been made at the Society's annual General Meeting. In recent years with the majority of members online for our AGM, the prominence of Award presentation has diminished. Entries for the 2025 Award are currently being adjudicated by the panel of three judges, and the presentation of the 2025 Award will be made at a special event on Wednesday 6 August. The venue will be Aspley Hornets Football Club. The enhanced event will include speakers on family history writing. Again, this is an event that will be promoted as part of National Family History Month and thus can bring our Award, which is open to members and non-members, added publicity, and may attract additional entrants for 2026.

The Management Committee congratulates the Irish Research Group on its initiatives which promote the use of the full range of resources available at the Research Centre. In addition to the regular research days, the Group has organised an "Irish Resources at QFHS Research Centre" Tour on Tuesday 6 May. We are encouraging other special interest groups to consider ways to increase the use of the Research Centre.

CYCLONE ALFRED

Members were made aware that the Resource Centre was closed for a few days due to ingress of water. It is pleasing to report that there was no permanent damage. Action will be taken to mitigate the reoccurrence.

Kevin Haley (President) ■

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.

Dale was unable to attend due to being overseas, and the citation was read by John Young. The award has been presented to Dale at the Irish SIG meeting on 12 April 2025. We republish her citation here.

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.

Nominated by Ruth Linde



Dale receiving her award from President Kevin Haley

CONGRATULATIONS DALE ■

UPCOMING MEMBERS LOUNGE EVENTS

May 26	Social – Visit to Queensland Muslim Museum & Mosque	10.00 am–12.30 pm
May 28	Talking About – Clothing. Photos and mementos (Online)	10.00 am–12.00 pm
Jun 30	Book Club - <i>Dusk</i> by Robbie Arnott (Hybrid)	10.00 am–11.30 am
Jul 23	Talking About – Cyclones (Online)	10.00 am–12.00 pm
Aug 3	Social – Toowong Cemetery Guided Walk	10.30 am–12.00 pm
Aug 25	Book Club - <i>Outrageous Fortunes</i> by Lucy Sussex and Megan Brown (Online)	7.30 pm–9.00 pm

Please register at <https://www.qfhs.org.au/events/members-lounge/>. ■

PRESENTATION BY OUR PATRON, PROFESSOR GRAEME NIMMO RFD, OF A CERTIFICATE OF PATRONAGE

On 6 February 2025 we were pleased to welcome the Society's Patron Professor Graeme Nimmo RFD to the Research Centre for an event to honour our three new QFHS Fellows. Professor Graeme Nimmo RFD presented them with their Award Certificates.

Professor Nimmo addressed the gathering of members, including all the QFHS Fellows living in Queensland, and invited guests. He then presented the Society with a framed Certificate of Patronage, which was gladly received by our President Kevin Haley.

After the formalities, Professor Nimmo inspected the Research Centre and mingled with members and guests as they enjoyed an informal morning tea

The Certificate of Patronage will be displayed alongside the photograph that we already had of our Patron. ■



Professor Nimmo and President Kevin Haley

A PRIMARY SOURCE OF INSPIRATION

By Chris Griffiths

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At the Family History Writers' group, there is often discussion of where to find inspiration.

In my case, it has been from the primary sources I possess. 'The Diary of John Mugridge May', [John May, being my great, great grandfather], my great grand mother's war letters, a post card from a great niece to her uncle, and a lengthy letter to the editor about my mother's experiences on V.J. Day in 1945, have given me valuable ideas.

Once the inspiration has taken effect, it's time to go to work and develop the idea. The diary is now a forest of post-it notes as I cross referenced dates, places and people with my family tree. Timelines are helpful for this task.

I look for major life events; i.e. births, deaths and marriages as well as local history recorded in the source. The diary has provided me with a search for three lost boys, the deaths of John May's brother and his beloved wife. The postcard led me to the tragic life of great uncle Frederick on an alcoholic spiral but also led to looking into his work as a hairdresser in the first decades of the twentieth century.

'Trove' is an invaluable source especially for the local history revealed in the sources. Inquests, police reports, social events and letters are some of the helpful materials I have located using 'Trove'.

I haven't written 'the family history' yet. I have enjoyed writing articles for the 'Journal'. I have been fortunate to have some primary sources passed down to me to inspire my family tree building and my writing. So hang on to primary sources; they can be little gems. ■

QFHS MEMBERS AT THE AUSTRALASIAN CONFERENCE

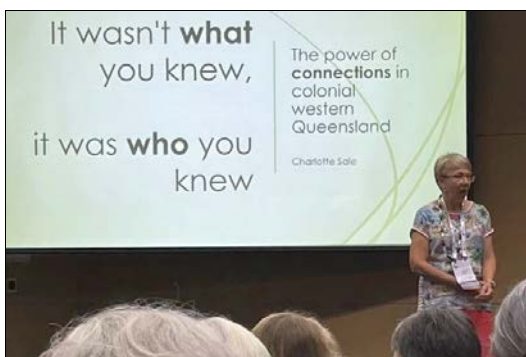
Quite a few members attended the Australasian Conference 2025 Connections Past – Present – Future in Brisbane over the weekend of 21-23 March 2025. Here are some photographs and comments from some of the attendees.



*QFHS Participants at the Australasian Conference 2025 Connections Past – Present – Future
Top to bottom: Elizabeth Nunn, Carmel Bell, Werona Armstrong, Sharon Burke, Doug Burke,
Helen Gregson, Kylie McMaster, Chris Wright, Charlotte Sale, Linda Keulemans, Angela Ingram,
Gabbie Tsiptrou, Lyndall Pinch, Sue Reid, Alex Daw, Pat Gardner, Kerry Peacey, Clem Ditton,
Rosie Gall, Ann Swain, Tony Swain and Robin Pennington*



Ann and Tony Swain at the QFHS stand



Charlotte Sale presenting

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Shauna Hicks OAM with Ann Swain and Robin Pennington

As a first time conference attendee I was really not sure what to expect but the whole three days turned into an enlightening, friendly and very educational experience, although I have to admit that by Sunday afternoon I was pretty exhausted.

The great variety of presenters at times made it impossible to decide which of the three simultaneous presented sessions to attend. There were too many sessions presented that will aid in my individual research but to name a few:

1. Jane Harding's talk regarding Soldier Settlements after WWI (my grandfather was one of these and I now know where further records can be gathered).
2. Andrew Redfern (along with other speakers) on the cautious use of AI to help not only with our research but also the writing up of our stories.
3. Stephanie Ryan and her talk on Theodore (I grew up about a hundred kilometres away from Theodore and never knew any of the history of the town).

No matter where you sat in each session or where you were during lunch and morning and afternoon teas you always chatted with the person or group of peoples that were near you. Name and place dropping is one of those things that we as genealogists are good at so of course we will find someone who is distantly related or connected to your family or lived in the same area. In my case it was someone who grew up in the same town.

I also managed to catch up with fellow QFHS member and author Karen Rosser who I was privileged to sit with at lunch after she presented at our Meet the Authors morning last August.

Our society was strongly represented in the speakers line up with Charlotte Sale & Alex Daw introducing our society on the Friday and Charlotte doing another presentation on Sunday along with Shauna Hicks and Rosemary Kopittke presenting during the course of the Conference.

Trade stalls were in abundance including our own which was well maned by Tony and Ann Swain all during the Conference and other QFHS volunteers during the busy break times. I bought a DNA kit at a greatly reduced price, a couple of books and also watched a demonstration on a program built for genealogists called Cite-Builder.

I was also lucky enough to win a Lucky Door Prize of 12 Months Gold Subscription to the Irish Newspaper Archives.

A big Thank You to the organisers for the mammoth task that they undertook so that the rest of us could have a wonderful time.

Pat Gardner

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Over the past couple of weeks, I have delved into the fascinating world of AI in genealogy, thanks to RootsTech and QFHS enabling me to attend two conferences. I began with Roots Tech 2025 online offerings and then attended Connections 2025 face-to-face, learning about practical ways AI can assist in research and write-ups. I discovered FamilySearch's Full Text Search experiment, which can index obituaries, transcribe old newspaper print and handwriting, summarize transcriptions, and translate foreign-language documents to English. However, I also learned about AI's limitations and default to "hallucinations" and the importance of human input and supervision to avoid errors.

Reflecting on my family research journey since 1984, I remember the painstaking

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process of transcribing land title documents and interpreting geographical language. Now, AI tools like ChatGPT, Transkribus, and Claude can accomplish some of these tasks with credible accuracy and minimal human editing. AI is certainly becoming an invaluable research assistant, significantly reducing the time required for such tasks.

Andrew Redfern's "convict" presentations at both conferences were captivating, showcasing how AI was used to analyze and extract information from large data sets of convict records for the Unshackled Exhibition at the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery. Judy Russell's keynote at Connections 2025 shed light on the largely unknown story of convict transportation from the UK to American tobacco plantations, enriching my understanding of our shared convict history. Nick Barratt's storytelling about using DNA to identify the parents of an illegitimate ancestor was equally engaging.

I left Connections 2025 with a wealth of knowledge, tools, and Sally Romano's guide to finding "gen-joyment" to set up my "gen den" for upcoming research and archiving projects. As I enter retirement next week, I am excited to apply these new skills and continue my genealogical journey.

Kerry Peacey

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This Congress was my first and I have already talked my husband into a trip to Wellington in 2027 for the next one.

I felt a great vibe of friendship and willingness of the attendees to share their knowledge and experiences with us. Whenever I sat down there was always someone willing to chat.

The speakers were so informative, knowledgeable and prepared to share their experiences. It was so hard to choose which one to go with. I could have gone to every one of them. Family History and Genealogy seem to be in good hands and there is lots of

planning in hand for the future.

The organizers did a great job as it looked as if things were running smoothly (we had no idea what was going on behind the scenes). Probably some very stressed folk.

My congratulations to everyone involved in organizing the event.

Carmel Bell

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Congress 2025 organised by GSQ and AFFHO was excellent. There were about 400 delegates attending, and thirty-seven information booths representing family and local history societies, libraries, archives, authors, and commercial genealogy organisations.

Joseph Ruska set the tone for a wonderful Conference. His "Welcome to Country" was a generous and gentle story telling style that brought delegates on a journey as he described how the different indigenous language groups who lived in this region for millennia, welcomed other groups to their mother country.

The Conference themes were Diaspora, Looking Ahead, and Local History. Five time slots with three concurrent sessions meant there were occasions when I wanted to attend all three.

The keynote speakers Judy Russell, Nick Barratt and Hamish Maxwell-Stewart were outstanding. Nick Barratt's closing keynote, "The Future of Family History in the Digital Age", was perfectly pitched. Artificial intelligence is making a positive contribution to genealogical research, but the uniquely human qualities of connection and empathy in understanding people and places 'past' is what counts.

In summary, we were educated, informed, stimulated and entertained. To experience this in person was a bonus. We met and shared experiences with colleagues who had hitherto been small square faces on a screen. This Congress warmed the soul as well as the mind!

Rosie Gall

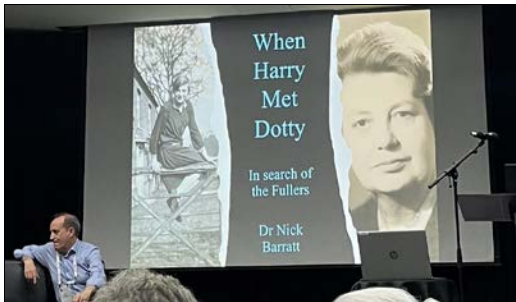
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*Welcome to Country by Joseph Ruska
A Sentence of Transportation*



*Judy Russell giving her presentation
Digging Deeper: Extracting Every Clue*



*Nick Barratt presenting
When Harry met Dotty*



*Stephanie Ryan presenting Theodore,
Queensland, and Marg Doherty*



*Shauna Hicks OAM presenting
Mining the Archives in Australia & UK*



*Jill Ball presenting
The Thoughtful Ancestor*



*Helen Vievers introducing Roly Sussex
A nym by any other name might not smell sweet*



*Nick Barratt closing
The future of family history in the digital age*

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A NUN IN THE FAMILY

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My mother kept a small picture frame on her dressing table, containing a picture of a lovely lady with two children. Our family were not Roman Catholic, so I had no way of knowing this was the Virgin and child with John the Baptist.



Madonna and child

When I asked what it was, she said it came from Auntie Rosina. This was curious as I thought I knew all my aunts – who was this? My father would grimace and mutter about “uncomfortable chairs”. It was very mysterious!

As I grew older, I came to understand that my grandfather, who had died before I was born, was from another country – Italy. My mother had travelled there as a young child and lived for some years in his home city, Cremona, with her parents and sister. This is where she met Zia (Auntie) Rosina, her father’s sister.

Rosina Moni was a nun at a convent in the middle of the city, the *Collegio Beata Vergine*, which was also a boarding school for girls. My mother and her sister began their schooling there, with special permission not to board as my mother was then only three years old and her older sister refused to go without her.

The children of a prominent lawyer, Rosina and her brothers were educated at private schools. In those days, that meant boarding away from the family. Rosina was sent to the *Collegio Beata Vergine*, just a few blocks

away from her family home. Students didn’t go home for school holidays, instead they were spent in the “holiday convents” owned by the order, one at Bellagio on Lake Como and one near Trieste. She would only see her family perhaps once or twice a year, and only in the formal “receiving room”.

When she left school, Rosina returned to her family home and no doubt engaged in the social activities of the city. However, at 25 she entered the Noviciate of the order that she knew so well. My grandfather was apparently very cynical about this, saying they wanted her for her dowry and she was unduly influenced in her decision. Be that as it may, she seems to have led a happy and fulfilling life in the convent.

Mum got to know Rosina better when the family visited Cremona again in 1928-1929, when she was a teenager. There was to be one more visit in 1952 when my mother, now married and holidaying in Europe, insisted on visiting her Auntie Rosina and introducing her to her husband. Rosina’s was a closed order, meaning nuns were to have no contact with the outside world, but she had special permission to see my parents and even to forgo any commitments to do so, as they had come from so far away to see her. Unfortunately for my father, the one room in which Rosina was allowed to see my parents was a very formal lounge with delicate Louis XIV chairs on which visitors had to “perch”. My father was a bloke from the bush and found this very challenging!

Many years later my husband and I visited Cremona and arranged to see the convent. I wondered what I might hear about my great aunt, and if my husband would also be subjected to the challenging “receiving room”.

We were relieved to discover that the convent is now a high school specialising in teaching languages, and a sister with fluent English showed us all over the convent and school. She couldn’t tell me much about Rosina as I didn’t know the name she had taken as a nun. To my delight, I later

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received a Christmas card from Mother Nancy (our guide) enclosing a translation of all they had in their archives about Rosina, or Sister Maria as she was known in the Order. This is what the Order's archives told me about her:

'Born in Cremona on the 19th of September 1871, she entered the Novitiate on the 4th of November 1896 and did her perpetual Profession on the 11th of August 1901.

As she had been a boarder in our College and the daughter of a distinguished professional man who was the counsellor of the Sisters for a long time, she knew the history of our College very well and was faithful to traditions.

She didn't smile very often but was always happy and good and everyone could go to her sure of getting help.

Her various duties included teaching in the primary school, teaching religious knowledge in the College's houses at Cremona, Trieste and Bellagio, assisting boarder students, school bursar (supervising student enrolment fees, accounts, payments, and reports) and helping with the linen and lace making.

Very good at making tombolo lace (using a special pillow on which the lace is worked with wooden 'spanners') and "guipure" (a heavy lace consisting of embroidered motifs held together by large connecting stitches), she made marvellous lace pieces to decorate the altar.

Community life was of the utmost importance for her and it was edifying seeing her, already very old, following the timetable of our religious life with great diligence.

On the 11th of August 1951 she celebrated the 50th anniversary of her Religious Profession with deep faith and gratitude.

She was 88 when she died on the 22nd of January 1960, after spending the last two years of her life bedridden.'

I looked again at the photograph I have of Rosina and, for the first time, noticed the

glorious flow of lace beside her, with the tombolo and wooden spanners. I suspect that this skill was her pride and joy.

How lovely to have had the opportunity to know more about my great aunt, the nun.



Madre Maria Rosina Moni

Information about making lace using a tombolo can be found here: <https://www.e-borghi.com/en/curiosities/373/offida-craftsmanship-the-renowned-tombolo-lace.html>

I treasure even more the little framed image of the Madonna with its hand-drawn decorative surrounds, now sitting on my dressing table.

For more about the painting that is copied in the frame:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Madonna_della_Seggiola



Lombardy region

https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Lombardy_in_Italy.svg#/media/File:Lombardy_in_Italy.svg. ■

A CLANDESTINE MARRIAGE IN LONDON - JOHN AND PHEBE HARRINGTON

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When I began researching my families, I wondered if I would find anything interesting? After all, mine are just ordinary families. This article is the first of a series on my Harrington line which, to my surprise, has outdone anything I was expecting. Like any family there are good times, bad times and tragic times.

My research, at present, confirms our earliest Harrington ancestors as **John Harrington** who was born to **John Harrington** and his wife **Margaret** on 7 October, 1704¹ at Upper Shadwell in London, England. He was baptised at St Paul's Shadwell on 19 October 1704². He married **Phebe Hickenbottom (Higgenbottom)** in a clandestine marriage in Fleet Prison in Westminster on 25 November, 1727³.

Following the dissolution by King Henry VIII in 1536, the newly formed Anglican Church maintained a certain control over marriage in England. Between 1667 and 1754 certain restrictions were imposed, including the requirement that Banns be posted three weeks prior to the union, residency requirements needed to be met, and at times during the ecclesiastic calendar marriages were not performed. Age restrictions were introduced, requiring that parental consent be granted if either party was under the age of twenty-one. Therefore most couples chose to be married at their family church.

There was, however, a significant portion of the population who chose to skirt the regulations and marry outside the Church. For this, the requirements were somewhat looser, e.g. grooms could be as young as

fourteen, and brides twelve. The bride and groom needed only to give their consent to the union for it to be recognized. Clergy and witnesses were not necessary, though they were often present to provide proof that the marriage had taken place. These marriages are commonly referred to as "irregular" or "clandestine."

The demand for clandestine marriages was met by institutions that considered themselves exempt from church canon and in some cases, like that of May Fair Chapel, by a cleric who simply flouted the regulations. Prisons like the Fleet and the King's Bench Prison became popular destinations for couples interested in quick, no-questions-asked nuptials. At the time, clerics imprisoned for debt, who then had nothing to lose, welcomed the income.

Legislation in an attempt to slow the number of clandestine marriages served only to push more marriages outside the prison walls into other areas such as "the Rules" and "the Mint" in the King's Bench Prison. It was finally *Hardwicke's Act of 1753*, which went into effect on 24 March 1754, which required formal ceremonies within the Church, and the authorities consequently shut down the marriage centres⁴.

Clandestine or not, the marriage register recorded that Phebe and John reported that they were a Ba & Sp of Shoreditch (bachelor and spinster). After their marriage John and Phebe lived in Holborn and Shoreditch⁵.

Research has now built a family of six children for John and Phebe:

Name	Birth/Baptism	Where Baptised
John Arington ⁶ (sic)	25 May 1729	Holborn, Middlesex
Charles Harrington ⁷	13 Mar 1730	Holborn, Middlesex
James Harrington ⁸	1 Dec 1733	Middlesex, England
James Harrington ⁹	(born) 9 Dec 1734 (baptised) 26 Dec 1734	Shoreditch, Middlesex

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Name	Birth/Baptism	Where Baptised
Peace Harrington ¹⁰	29 Sep 1738	Finsbury, Middlesex
Charles Harrington ¹¹	(born)12 Sep 1740 (baptised) 29 Sep 1740 (died) Sep 1799 Bethnal Green	Holborn, Middlesex

This couple, John and Phebe Harrington, experienced moments of tragedy. It appears that only two of these children – James (b.1734) and Charles (b.1740) - lived into adulthood. The couple's final child, a son, Charles, who was born on 12 September 1740¹² married **Mary Beecham** in Marylebone in 1775. Their eldest son, **Charles** was born at Aldersgate on 9 May 1777.

John and Phebe were my 6th Great Grandparents.

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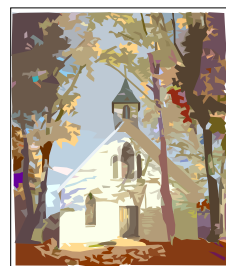
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NURSE RIGBY IN INDIA

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Julia Lyllis Rigby, Australian Army Nursing Service.

Julia Lyllis Rigby became a nurse after she left school in 1908. By 1913 she was working as a nurse at Rockhampton, and in 1914 she was appointed matron of Stanthorpe Hospital, after having been selected for the post from 34 applicants. After the war had started, she began to consider the possibility of joining the Australian Army Nursing Service (AANS).

We know that Lyl spent some time thinking about this, as her brothers **Jack** and **George** had both written comments on postcards home, trying to dissuade her from joining the AANS. On one postcard that Jack had sent to Lyl from Mena Camp in Cairo, on 24 January 1915, he had written: “*I suppose you are now a lady at large, don't get the Army Nursing Craze, it is no place for a lady.*” One week later, on yet another postcard that Jack sent to her, George had added a brief but blunt comment: “*Lyl, don't come over here.*”

Lyl was not to be put off. Despite learning that Jack had been killed and George had been severely wounded at Gallipoli, she joined the AANS on 15 July 1915 and then spent nearly two years working at the 6th Australian General Hospital at Kangaroo Point in Brisbane. She later transferred to the Australian Nursing Service, India, and on 21 May 1917 she signed the Attestation Papers that allowed her to serve overseas. Two days before this, on Saturday 19 May, between 80 and 90 people attended a farewell event held for her at the Yeronga Hall, where she was presented with a military suitcase and a travelling rug. On 26 May she embarked at Sydney on the RMS *Khiva*, which then berthed at Melbourne to take on board more nurses from Victoria.

Lyl sent postcards home from Colombo in Ceylon, where the ship had presumably docked to take on coal and water. The nurses were allowed ashore and rushed about sightseeing and shopping. They next arrived at Bombay in India, towards the end of June, where they were again allowed off the ship for at least one day, to purchase things that were needed for their posting, prior to disembarking.

On a postcard that Lyl sent on 23 June, featuring a picture of the Taj Mahal Hotel, she wrote the following:

Dear Old Father, Have just heard it's the very best part of India that we go to tomorrow, so will write & tell you all about it next mail – will be glad to settle down – Hope you are feeling quite well, Father, and that everything is alright. Heaps of love from Lyllis.

And on another postcard that she sent on the same day to her sister, **Ethel**, she wrote:

Dear Ethel, Just back from a shopping expedition, buying sheets etc for our mountain home – takes 10 people to sell a cake of soap here – Brisbane and quietness for me – Am longing for news, Ethel.

Heaps of love from Lyllis.

NURSE RIGBY IN INDIA (Cont.)

EXCITEMENT IN COLOMBO:

On the reverse of this postcard showing Baillie Street in Colombo, sent by Lyl in 1917 to her brother George and posted to Wills Gilchrist Ltd. in Wharf Street in Brisbane, she wrote the following:

"Oh George, this is a Scream of a place, isn't it? Major Adler took four of us everywhere yesterday – poor man is dead beat today – he had to initiate us into the Ceylon money, know it all now – Am writing – Heaps of love, Lyllis."



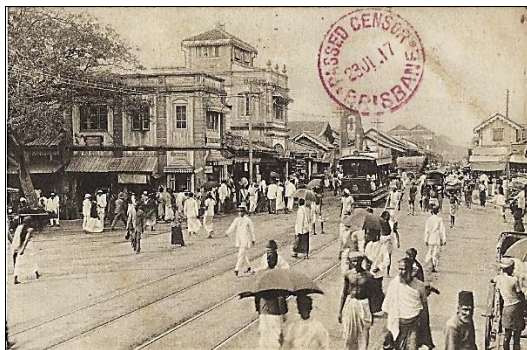
Lyl posted this card depicting the Galle Face Hotel in Colombo to her father, writing the following on the reverse side:

"This is the Galle Face Hotel where we did most of our shopping yesterday, had all day in Colombo & today too – It's a marvelous place – I wish you could all be here – the heat was dreadful though – all went & bought the largest helmets in the market – writing later. Heaps of love from Lyllis."

On the back of another postcard from Lyl, sent to her sister Ethel at home in Yeronga, she wrote:

"Sunday 7 am, Just going to swallow a bite of breakfast & McLean & I are off to

the town again to get some snapshots – we were too busy staring & gaping yesterday to get any – Hope you got my cable yesterday. Do wish you were here, Ethel. Heaps of love from Lyllis."



On the reverse of this postcard that Lyl sent to her mother, showing Kayman's Gate, Pettah, she wrote the following:

"Oh of all the days, yesterday was the funniest – went scooting everywhere, first in rickshaws, then to Victoria's – This is just like Colombo on this card, only you can't imagine the wonderful colouring & costumes – No cable yet but still hope, Heaps of love, Lyllis."

Lyl disembarked at Bombay from the *Khiva* on 24 June, and on the same day she was posted to duty at the 34th Welsh General Hospital at Deolali. She may have been serving on the staff of Miss **Alma Bennett**, whose team replaced British nursing staff at No. 34 WGH at Deolali at about this time. Deolali was situated in high country, about four hours inland from Bombay by train. This hospital was housed in stone bungalows that had originally been built as barracks. Casualties were brought in from Mesopotamia (Iraq), and these also included a number of Turkish Prisoners of War. There were more than 2,000 patients at Deolali in September 1917, but only around 59 Australian nurses and 15 Indian temporary nurses were working on the staff.

More than 500 Australian nurses served in India between 1916 and 1919. Most of these nurses had expected to serve in India for only a limited time, to gain experience before moving closer to active fronts. They worked

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in hospitals across India, Burma, and Southern Persia but, in India at least, they were not considered to be on active service. A common desire among the Australian nurses was to work closer to the front lines of the war, to be under Australian administration, and to tend primarily to Australian casualties, but for most of them it was not to be.

There was also confusion about where the legal responsibility for the Australian nurses lay, and they suffered ongoing problems related to pay issues and, for a while at least, had income tax imposed on them by the Indian Government. The nurses were also forced to pay for their own railway fares while on leave, although these were free to the nurses who were working in Mesopotamia or on the hospital ships. These nurses were treated as if they were permanently employed by the Indian Government, but they actually received lower salaries and fewer benefits than those granted to members of the Indian Nursing Service. The Australian nurses also found that their uniforms were too heavy for the heat of India, and so many of the nurses bought additional light dresses locally from their own money.¹

On 8 September 1917 Lyl was posted to the British hospital ship, HS *Herefordshire*, which at last gave her the opportunity to be classed as being on active service. This ship mostly operated between the Persian Gulf and India and it served in this role between 25 July 1916 and January 1918. The staff on board consisted of seven British officers and a Warrant Officer, 10 nurses and sisters, and 43 other medical staff and orderlies. It provided accommodation for up to 50 sick or wounded British officers, and 230 cots and 100 berths for other ranks. The heat and the monsoonal weather created unpleasant conditions for everyone on board, and because of the threat of enemy attack the protective scuttles often remained closed, further reducing the flow of ventilation. The staff regularly carried patients up to the deck at night, to try to alleviate heat stress.²

A photographic postcard was sent home to Yeronga by Lyllis Rigby. She wrote on the back the following:



"The Good Ship 'Herefordshire'. From L. to R. – C. of E. Padre, Barry [nurse], Chief Officer, Warren [nurse], Capt. Milne."

POSTCARDS FROM DEOLALI



A postcard showing an Officer's Mess at Deolali in India, sent by Lyl to her brother, George. On the reverse she writes:

"Dear George, this is the typical Indian home – our mess is just the same, only a vivid green. Business is very slack at present and very dull – would love to be right up at the Front. Hope you are all well at home, Love to you and Marjorie, Lyllis."



A postcard that Lyl sent home to Yeronga, showing the Deolali Railway Station.

NURSE RIGBY IN INDIA (Cont.)



In September 1917 Lyl sent this postcard of the Bhagoor Weekly Bazaar to her youngest brother, **Hubert**. On the reverse she writes:

"Dear Hub, Our Bazaar! How do you like the quadrupeds? Those spots are dabs of coloured paint [on the cows] – Have been offered a bike to ride while I'm here – fancy me! Heaps of Love, Lyllis."

Lyl was transferred to duty at the Colaba War Hospital in Bombay on 9 January 1918. It was probably here that she met **Sydney Henry Woolf**, who was serving as a Captain in the Indian Army, and they married on 10 July of that year. Married women were not accepted into the services at that time, and as such Lyl had to resign her appointment in the Australian Imperial Force on the day before her marriage. They nonetheless remained in India until April 1919, where Captain Woolf's services were still required.



The Royal Bombay Yacht Club. Lyl posted this card to her father on 9 February 1918, and wrote:

"This is where we are often asked to dinner, quite the best place in Bombay – all military people belong to the Club. Love, Lyllis."

The withdrawal of Australian nurses from India at the end of the war became problematic, in that fighting had broken out at the North-West Frontier against Afghanistan, and the Indian Government had wanted to keep Australian nurses in service. Most nurses managed to return to Australia by the end of 1919, but many missed out on the tributes and parades that were offered to returning soldiers.

On 15 April 1919 Lyl and Sydney left India on board the *Erinpura*, which served as a hospital ship from 1st May 1916 until June in 1919. It accommodated up to 475 sick and wounded men in cots, and it is likely that this voyage served to repatriate both medical staff and casualties from India back to England. On 14 April Lyl sent a last postcard from Bombay to her mother and the family in Yeronga, on which she wrote the following:

Darling Old Lady and all, Well, we're off early tomorrow morning by the "Erinpura" – Had a fiendish day dashing about after passports, etc – We're dining with Mr. Gorrie tonight – will be very Sea-Sick tomorrow I expect – Writing again from Suez – Goodbye to India – Heaps of love to all from both [of us], Lyllis.

The *Erinpura* docked at Marseilles in France, and on 4 May 1919 the couple took a train from there to Le Havre in the north of France, and then made their way to England. On the train journey Lyl had written another postcard, addressed to her father, which read:

Very many happy returns of today – It's hard to write on board the troop train, left Marseilles for Havre this morning – Heaps of love from Lyllis.

On 19 July 1919 Lyl's first and only child, **John Herbert Cosmo Woolf**, later known to the family as Jimmy, was born at the Dumfries Hotel in Cardiff, Wales. The couple soon moved again, home to Yeronga in Brisbane, but their relationship failed and Sydney Woolf eventually left Australia. Their son, Jimmy, suffered badly from epilepsy. He spent most of his short life living as a patient at the Goodna Mental Hospital, where Lyl

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would visit him regularly. Jimmy died from an epilepsy attack on 20 August 1942, aged 23. During the Second World War, shortly after Jimmy had died, the US Army's 42nd General Hospital took over part of that Goodna Mental Hospital to care for up to 35 of their own patients.

Lyl spent much of the rest of her life living at the family home at Shottery Street in Yeronga, and she never married again. **Judith Smith** remembered her as being a quiet but industrious woman who enjoyed reading. She added that Lyl had spent long hours, several times a week, helping out at the Red Cross Café in the city during the Second World War. As **Mrs L. Woolf** she was also an active fundraiser in her capacity as secretary of the Ex-Brisbane General Hospital Nurses' Group. She was similarly active as a vice-president of the Social Club for Nurses, which formed in 1946.

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Noelene Blatch, who has been similarly generous in allowing fresh access to Judith's records. I sincerely thank Noelene and her family members for allowing their photographs, postcards and other material to be presented in this article.

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Endnotes:

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² Kirsty Adams, *Red Reflections on the Sea: Australian Army Nurses serving at Sea in World War 1*, as published in the *Journal of Australian Naval History* Vol.6 No.2, 2009; refer to the section titled *Persian Gulf Service*, page 65.

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RHSQ WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME LECTURES

Matthew Flinders: British Spy or victim of an unfortunate chain of events? His imprisonment on Mauritius (1803 – 1810) and its disastrous consequences

Wednesday, 14th May 2025, 12:30pm – 1.30 pm

Presented by Marc Serge Rivière

For more information, or to reserve your spot, please follow the link:

<https://rhsqmay2025lecture.eventbrite.com.au>

The Moreton Bay Settlement Conference – Celebrating 200 Years since the relocation of the Colony from Redcliffe to the Brisbane River

Saturday, 17th May 2025, 8:30am – 4pm

Join us for a day jam-packed full of historical talks at the Commissariat Store! Talks will centre around the early colony with topics ranging from convicts, soldiers, botany, medicine, and more. For more information, or to reserve your spot, please follow the link:

<https://moretonbayconference.eventbrite.com.au>

SEACOM - The 1960s Super Highway that modernised communication in Queensland and enhanced its connection to the world!

Wednesday, 11th June 2025, 12:30pm

Presented by Dr Jim Griffin & Mr John Rostron (Queensland Communications Museum).

For more information, or to reserve your spot, please follow the link:

<https://rhsqjune2025lecture.eventbrite.com.au>. ■

WEB LINKS

IRELAND'S 1926 CENSUS IS BEING DIGITIZED

The National Archives of Ireland project has announced that as part of a €5 million project the Republic of Ireland's [1926 Census](#) results will be available online, free of charge, from April 2026. The first full government census of Ireland was taken in 1821 with further censuses at ten-yearly intervals from 1831 through to 1911. A census was taken in June 1921 in England, Scotland and Wales but not on the island of Ireland because of the War of Independence. The first census of the population of the Irish Free State was taken on 18 June 1926. For more details on the 1926 Census visit [CSO.ie](#). Refer to <https://eogn.com/page-18080/13421397> for the full story.

DESCENDANTS OF SPANISH JEWS REDISCOVER THEIR ROOTS

Tens of millions of descendants of Spanish and Portuguese Jewish communities, whose ancestors were forcibly converted from the 14th Century onwards, can now apply for and receive a Certificate of Sephardic Ancestry. Recent academic and genetic research has demonstrated that there are as many as 200 million people, largely in Latin and North America and Europe, who have “significant Jewish ancestry” dating back to the time of the Inquisition in Spain and Portugal. You can read more in an article at <https://israel365news.com/392698/descendants-of-spanish-jews-rediscover-their-roots/>.

NEW U.S. CIVIL WAR COLLECTIONS ON FOLD3

Two new collections of Civil War records have been added to Fold3: <https://www.fold3.com/publication/1443/us-civil-war-prisoner-of-war-records-1861-1865/> containing 1.6 million records for both Union and Confederate POWs, and <https://www.fold3.com/publication/1442/us-civil-war-lists-of-persons-employed-in-army-hospitals-1860-1865> including the names of female nurses, cooks, and laundresses employed at army hospitals during the civil war. Discover your military ancestors today on Fold3 at <https://www.fold3.com/>.

NEW FREE HISTORICAL RECORDS FROM 49 COUNTRIES

Recently, FamilySearch added 49.8 million new records to its free online archives. Some exciting additions include over 22 million additions to the *United States City and Business Directories* collection and over 19 million new records from the *Philippines*, covering civil registrations, Catholic Church records, and church censuses. Other countries with significant record additions include *Africa, Asia and Middle East, Canada and USA, Europe, Latin America, and Pacific and Oceania*. Follow this link to browse new records to expand your family tree <https://www.familysearch.org/en/newsroom/new-records-december-2024>. You can also search existing records at <https://www.familysearch.org/search/>, and explore the newest record images by location with the Explore Historical Images feature at <https://ident.familysearch.org/identity/login/?state=https://www.familysearch.org/records/images/>.

STRATHCLYDE INSTITUTE FOR GENEALOGICAL STUDIES LEADS ON THE CREATION OF NEW 'PAPAL DISPENSATIONS FOR MARRIAGE' DATABASE

Strathclyde Institute for Genealogical Studies have developed an online database of papal dispensations for marriage, intended for use in genealogical investigation. Until recently, the papal dispensations granted for marriages in Britain and Ireland between those related within the prohibited degrees and covering the period 1198 to 1534 were not available in a single place online. The 'Papal Dispensations for Marriage Project' funded by the Foundation for Medieval Genealogy, has been focusing on creating a database that will initially cover volumes 1 to 20 and volume 23 part 1, by extracting entries relating to marriage – specifically papal dispensations for marriage – from the published calendars of papal registers/letters in a consistent format, to develop a searchable online database. The papal dispensations database can be viewed and searched by visiting <https://papaldispensations.org.uk/>.

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90,000+ IMAGES ON MANCHESTER ENGLAND'S NEW LOCAL IMAGE WEBSITE

Manchester Libraries has been able to further develop the new Manchester Image Archive. The improved system makes it easier than ever to search and discover images of local landmarks, people, and events. Some of the features include advanced search tools and high-quality image downloads and interactive features to allow users to share memories with libraries and to create their own library of images. Explore the images at <https://images.manchester.gov.uk/>.

THEGENEALOGIST UNVEILS LLOYD GEORGE DOMESDAY SURVEY FOR DORSET & ESSEX

[TheGenealogist](#) in partnership with The National Archives have launched their expansive Lloyd George Domesday Record Collection for *Dorset* and *Essex*. The collection features historic maps from 1910 with pins representing records on its innovative MapExplorer™. These detailed records of house occupancy and ownership cover the rural county in the run up to the first world war. The Lloyd George Domesday now includes *Greater London, Bedfordshire, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Dorset, Essex, Hertfordshire, Northamptonshire, Kent, Middlesex, Oxfordshire and Wiltshire*, covering over 11,000 square miles and nearly 4 million individuals and organisations. The survey, originally commissioned by David Lloyd George to assess land value for taxation, provides a unique snapshot of life between 1910 and 1915. Refer to <https://www.thegenealogist.co.uk/1910/>.

MORE IRISH BIRTH, MARRIAGE, AND DEATH CERTIFICATES NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE

Every year an additional year of Birth, Marriage, and Death entries are added to [the Irish Genealogy website](#) which is free to use - no subscription or registration is required. Following the latest update, the years now covered on the Irish Genealogy website are births from 1864 to 1924, marriages from 1845 to 1949, and deaths from 1871 to 1974. However, the Department notes that Civil

Registration of Marriages in the Roman Catholic Church only commenced in 1864, and the Civil Registration Service is currently working on updating the remaining records of Deaths dating back to 1864. Refer to the [IrishGenealogy.ie](#) website. These entries show important information that are often vital for people to assist them to find their ancestry.

FINDMYPAST COMPLETES ITS SCANNING OF PUBLIC RECORDS IN GUERNSEY

The final scans for the Priaulx Library have been completed in Findmypast's efforts to digitise Guernsey's historical records, together with Sark and Alderney. Approximately 30 terabytes of data – the equivalent of downloading 20,000 movies – has been recorded and uploaded from paper records stored across the Bailiwick. Once reviewed, the records will then be available for anyone researching their Guernsey heritage anywhere online across the world for a subscription, or for free at the Archives and Priaulx library. It is hoped to go live in April, and with the occupation ID records being available online just before Liberation Day. They tell an incredible story of the Occupation of Guernsey. Records dated back as far as the 16th century have been scanned, including births, deaths and marriages, baptisms, and burials – as well as a host of other sources including wills, cemetery records and occupation ID's. Refer to <https://www.priaulxlibrary.co.uk/>.

MYHERITAGE INTRODUCES COUSIN FINDER

A useful new genealogy feature unique to MyHeritage that uses the power of family tree matches to find members of MyHeritage who are your blood relatives — cousins — with whom you share common ancestors. Think of Cousin Finder™ as a new way to find DNA Matches, but without a DNA test. Cousin Finder™ provides an innovative new way to crystallize the information from your matches to gain new insights. You can learn more at <https://blog.myheritage.com/2025/03/introducing-cousin-finder-gain-dna-level-insights-without-a-dna-test/>. ■

QFHS NOTICES

BEREAVEMENT NOTICES



We extend our deepest sympathy on the following bereavement:

Myles Hampton-Chubb, past member #4363B and father of our Assistant Treasurer Wendy Angliss, late of Kangaroo Point, who passed away on 24 January 2025.

Expressions of sympathy have been conveyed to his family on behalf of the President and members of the Society.

Finding your family: the fundamentals of research



A six week course

Commences: Monday 8 September 2025

Time: 10.30 – 12 noon

Location: Online event

Cost: Members \$70, non-members \$105
Only 10 people per course

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

Register at:
<https://www.qfhs.org.au/events/learn-qfhs/>

EDUCATION@QFHS

Further courses will be held as follows:

Topic: Talking About – Clothing, Photos and Mementos
Date: WED 28 May 2025 (free)
Time: 10.00 am to 12 noon (online)
Facilitator: Nancy Edwards
(Limit 25 people)

Topic: Learn@ - The Visitations Books in Genealogy
Date: FRI 13 June 2025
Time: 10.00 am to 11.30 am (online)
Presenter: Patrice Connelly
(Limit 50 people) (See p.69)

Topic: Talking About - Cyclones
Date: Wed 23 July 2025 (free)
Time: 10.00 am to 12 noon (online)
Facilitator: Nancy Edwards
(Limit 25 people)

Topic: Learn@ - Understanding your old photos, their past, present and future
Date: FRI 8 August 2025
Time: 7.30 pm to 9.00 pm (online)
Presenter: Steve Gill, presenting from UK
(Limit 50 people) (See p.69)

“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:

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

International speakers:

\$35 members (QFHS and GSQ) and
\$45 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/.

JOURNAL ARTICLE OF THE YEAR: Members' Choice Award 2025

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

*continued***DETAILED INFORMATION ABOUT OUR
UPCOMING EDUCATION@QFHS EVENTS**

Topic: The Visitations Books in Genealogy
Date: FRI 13 June 2025
Time: 10.00 am to 11.30 am (online)
Presenter: Patrice Connelly (Limit 50 people)
Cost: \$20 members (QFHS & GSQ)
 \$30 non-members

The Visitations Books were compiled in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries and are a unique genealogical resource. Compiled by the official Heralds, they are a fascinating source of information on the upper classes in England before the parish registers were established. Patrice Connelly will introduce you to the books, their geographical reach, how they were compiled, their contents and layouts, and the traps for the unwary as well as a few extra useful resources.

Topic: Understanding your old photos, their past, present and future
Date: FRI 8 August 2025
Time: 7.30 pm to 9.00 pm (online)
Presenter: Steve Gill, presenting from UK (Limit 50 people)
Cost: \$35 members (QFHS & GSQ)
 \$45 non-members

Stephen Gill FRPS is a highly respected photographic historian, researcher, and restoration expert with decades of experience in the field. As the founder of Photo-Consult, he specializes in analyzing, restoring, and interpreting historical photographs, helping clients uncover the hidden stories behind their images. A Fellow of the Royal Photographic Society (FRPS), Stephen is known for his meticulous attention to detail and deep knowledge of photographic history. Through Photo-Consult, he offers expert guidance on dating, identifying, and preserving old photographs, combining traditional expertise with modern research techniques to bring the past to life.

The talk includes a second section:

Is Artificial Intelligence a Help or Hindrance to Photo Restoration and Research?

AI is revolutionizing photography, but is it truly beneficial? In this talk, Stephen will explore AI's role in restoring old photos—highlighting its flaws—and contrast it with its powerful potential for historical research. Join us to discuss whether AI is a tool or a troublemaker in photo restoration.

Steve Gill FRPS. ASICI. PGCE.

<https://www.photo-consult.co.uk/>

author of

The Family Detective

Dating By Design Volume One

Dating By Design Volume Two

Sunday Best.

Come along to some interesting talks. ■

**QFHS OPEN DAY****SATURDAY 30 AUGUST 2025****10 AM - 3 PM**

Bring friends and family to our Library and Resource Centre and introduce them to all that QFHS has to offer.

Guided tours, Demonstrations, and guidance on researching DNA, Central Europe, India and the Far East, English West Country, Scotland, Wales and Ireland.

Special discounted memberships, and Publications for sale.

Raffles, cups of tea/coffee and show bag.

THERE'LL BE LOTS HAPPENING SO

SAVE THE DATE!!

QFHS NOTICES (Cont.)

GSQ EDUCATION EVENTS

Topic: Part I: Ireland, Land Records and Griffiths Valuation explained

Date: Sat 3 May 2025

Time: 9.00 - 11.00 am

Presenter: Bobbie Edes

Topic: Colonial Justice: Police Magistrates and Justices of the Peace

Date: Sat 17 May 2025

Time: 9.00 - 11.00 am

Presenter: Kay Ryan

Topic: Part II: Ireland Online in 2025

Date: Sat 24 May 2025

Time: 9.00 - 11.00 am

Presenter: Bobbie Edes

Topic: Researching in Kent, England

Date: Sat 7 June 2025

Time: 9.00 - 11.00 am

Presenter: Helen V Smith

Topic: How to do research so it's right

Date: Sat 28 June 2025

Time: 9.00 - 11.00 am

Presenter: Charlotte Sale

Cost per presentation:

\$21 members (QFHS and GSQ) and

\$31 non-members

International speakers:

\$45 members (QFHS and GSQ) and

\$55 non-members

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 member discount.

QFHS INC. FAMILY HISTORY BOOK AWARD 2026

The Society invites entries for this Award which will be presented at a special meeting in August 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.

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QFHS Research Centre Irish Resources Tour



The Irish Research Group is hosting
a free tour of the
***Irish Resources at the QFHS
Research Centre***
(for QFHS members).

To be held in person at the QFHS
Family History Research Centre,
46 Delaware Street, Chermside, Qld.

**Tuesday 6 May 2025,
10.00 am – 2.00 pm**

Or online 10.00 – 11.00 am

Program includes:

- o About the QFHS Research Centre
- o About the Irish Research Group
- o Irish Resources at the QFHS
Research Centre and from home
- o How to Search the Catalogue
- o Role of the Library Assistants

For those attending in-person, there
will be a guided tour of the Research
Centre's Irish resources, followed by
free time to explore for yourselves,
enjoy refreshments and chat with
others.

Please register on Eventbrite at
<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/qfhs-research-centre-irish-resources-tour-tickets-1301004161469> indicating whether
you are attending in person or online.

Registrations close 28 April at 5.00 pm

Enquiries to irish@qfhs.org.au.

Irish Research Day



Researching Irish ancestors?

The next Irish Research Day is

**Thursday, 10 July 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.

QFHS NOTICES (Cont.)

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.



WRITING AWARDS AVAILABLE

E.M. Fletcher Writing Competition

The E.M. Fletcher Writing Award is for a short story on a family history/genealogy theme between 1,500 - 2,000 words. The competition opens on 15 February and closes on **15 July** each year. Refer to <https://www.familyhistoryact.org.au/writingcompetitioninformation>.

GSV Writing Prize

This must contain between 1200 - 2400 words. Closing date is **30 August** each year. Refer www.gsv.org.au/gsv-writing-prize-2024.

Alexander Henderson Award

The closing date is **30 November** each year. Further information can be found at www.familyhistoryconnections.org.au/index.php/awards/65-alexander-henderson-award.

The Don Grant Award

The closing date is **30 November** each year. For conditions of entry, etc. see www.familyhistoryconnections.org.au/index.php/awards/64-don-grant-award.

Lilian Watson Family History Award

This award is for a book with a significant *Tasmanian content*. Entries close on **1 December** each year. For details email secretary@tasfhs.org or refer to www.thra.org.au/newsletter-event-blog/2017/4/10/lilian-watson-family-history-award.



BCC 100TH ANNIVERSARY 2025

Events are being added. Refer to <https://www.greaterbrisbanecentenary.com.au/>

• Tue 6 May 7.00 – 8.00 pm

Annerley-Stephens History Group Panel Presentation – they will address questions about the amalgamation of Brisbane's shores and towns, with a focus on the former Stephens Shire.

• Wed 1 October – City Hall (second week of school holidays). Family day, providing activities for families and children.

• Sat 11 October 9.00 am – 4.30 pm

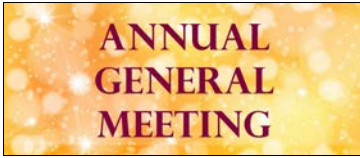
The Royal Historical Society Qld is leading a conference. Historical Societies are being asked to contribute a paper and have a stand. Windsor, for example, will present on William Jolly, last Mayor of Windsor, first Mayor of Greater Brisbane.

A FIRST FLEET REUNION

In October 2025, a gathering of descendants of three convicts of the First Fleet will take place in Hobart. The purpose is to celebrate the strength and resilience of our ancestors, their unique history, and to share stories of their lives. When the First Fleet set sail on 13 May 1787, on board the *Scarborough* were **Jacob Bellett** and **Edward Garth** and, on the *Friendship* was **Susannah Gough**. All were convicts, found guilty of theft and sentenced to transportation. During their years in Australia, the three people and their subsequent families knew each other well, intermarried, and had many descendants.

If you are interested in gaining more information about the reunion, email hobartoct2025@gmail.com, or go to <https://garthbellett.wordpress.com/the-event/>.

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NOTICE OF QFHS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our Society will hold its **Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, 18 June 2025** at the QFHS's Family History Research Centre, 46 Delaware Street, Chermside and by Zoom (hybrid) commencing at **7.30 pm**

Nominations for positions on the Management Committee (including Office-Bearers) close fourteen days before the AGM, so nominations must be in the hands of the Secretary by midnight on **Wednesday, 4 June 2024**. If you wish to nominate a financial member of the Society for election to the Management Committee, a Nomination Form can be downloaded from the foot of the home page of the Society's website at www.qfhs.org.au. All parties must sign. Post it to the Secretary no later than 28 May 2024 at our postal address, or scan and email the completed form to the Secretary by 4 June 2024. The Management Committee currently meets on the second Tuesday of the month commencing at 7.00 pm. Meetings last for approx. 2 hours.

Please remember you can appoint a proxy to represent you at the AGM meeting in accordance with Clause 23 of our Constitution. Your proxy must be received by the Secretary at least 48 hours before the

meeting. Copies of the Constitution and a Proxy Form can be downloaded from the foot of the home page of the Society's website at www.qfhs.org.au. Should you wish to request a copy of the Constitution by mail, please send a business size, stamped and self-addressed envelope to the Secretary and allow at least 7 days each way for postal delivery. A Proxy Form can also be obtained from the Secretary by email at secretary@qfhs.org.au. All positions on the Management Committee will be declared vacant at the AGM. If you would like further information on any position you are welcome to contact the Secretary.

Generally, the Society seeks members with forward vision, willing to engage with our members and other stakeholders to further the practice of family history into the future. QFHS has a long, successful past but cannot rest on those laurels. The Society must be forward looking. The world of family history is changing rapidly, and we need to move with that change or be left behind as irrelevant. If you are aware of the changing circumstances in the family history world, locally and globally, have an outgoing, friendly personality, are willing to work cooperatively with others, have any level of business, computer or management skills that you can contribute and wish to be part of the Society's future endeavours, please consider nominating.

Lyndal Cosgrove (Secretary)
31 March 2025

**PRESENTATION OF QFHS FAMILY HISTORY BOOK AWARD 2025 AND
LOCAL AND FAMILY HISTORY WRITING BOOKFEST**

**Hornets Football Club, 50 Graham Road, Carseldine
6 August 2025 11.00 am – 1.00 pm
(Lunch is available at the venue afterwards)**

Five authors for our Family History Book Award 2025 talking about their books and writing processes:

- *The Sugar King* by Catherine Smith
- *Substance and Shadows* by Jennifer Vivian-Smith
- *May The Cane Prosper - A Queensland story* by Pene Greet & Avis-Ann Ballard
- *A Poor Hand Well Played - A Family Story Across Several Generations* by Anne Hetherington.

This year's award will be announced. There will be opportunities for sales and signing as well. ■

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:

17 May 2025

19 July 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:

14 June 2025

9 August 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:

22 May 2025

24 July 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:

10 May 2025

12 July 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:



18 May 2025

20 July 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:



7 June 2025

2 August 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:

Sat 3 May 2025

Fri 6 June 2025

Sat 5 July 2025

Fri 1 August 2025

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



Geoff Morgan
(Convenor)

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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:

24 May 2025	Beginners
28 June 2025	Advanced
26 July 2025	Beginners
23 August 2025	Advanced

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:

8 June 2025	10 August 2025
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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:

4 May 2025
1 June 2025
6 July 2025
3 Aug 2025

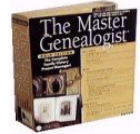
For further information please email familyhistorian@qfhs.org.au.

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:

19 May 2025
16 June 2025
21 July 2025
18 August 2025



For further information contact Kevin Haley or Peter Frederick at tmg@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:

Fri 6 June 2025 - Excursion :

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

Sat 13 September 2025

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: 9.30 am – 12 noon

We will start from the top of Wickham Tce, Brisbane and head downhill.

Please email presep@qfhs.org.au to show your interest and receive details.

DATES TO REMEMBER, INCL. MEMBERS LOUNGE

DATE	ACTIVITY	VENUE	TIME
MAY 2025			
Saturday	3 Family Tree Maker User Group (<i>See p.74</i>)	Hybrid	10.00 - 11.30 am
Sunday	4 Family Historian Software User Group (<i>See p.75</i>)	Online	1.00 - 3.00 pm
Monday	5 LABOUR DAY – RESEARCH CENTRE CLOSED		
Saturday	10 Scottish Interest Group (<i>See p.74</i>)	Hybrid	10.00 – noon
Saturday	17 Family History Writing Group (<i>See p.74</i>)	Online	9.00 - noon
Sunday	18 Welsh Interest Group (<i>See p.74</i>)	Hybrid	10.00 - noon
Monday	19 The Master Genealogist (TMG) User Group (<i>See p.75</i>)	Online	7.00 - 8.30 pm
Wednesday	21 Presenting... <i>The beginnings of Queensland Railways, in the 1860s (See Back page)</i> Speaker: Greg Hallam, Queensland Railways Historian	Hybrid	1.00 - 3.00 pm
Thursday	22 English West Country Group (<i>See p.74</i>)	Online	noon - 2.00 pm
Saturday	24 DNA Interest Group (<i>See p.75</i>) <i>Beginners</i>	Hybrid	10.00 - noon
Sunday	25 New Members' Welcome & Orientation Session (<i>See p.78</i>)	Research Centre	9.30 – 12.30 pm
Monday	26 Members Lounge – Visit to Queensland Muslim Museum and Mosque	309 Nursery Rd, Holland Pk	10.00 - 12.30 pm
Wednesday	28 Talking About – Clothing. Photos and mementos (<i>See p.68</i>)	Online	10.00 - noon
JUNE 2025			
Sunday	1 Family Historian Software User Group (<i>See p.75</i>)	Online	1.00 – 3.00 pm
Tuesday	3 LA CONSULTATION AND TRAINING SESSION (<i>See p.71</i>)	Hybrid	10.00 - 12.30 pm
Friday	6 Family Tree Maker User Group (<i>See p.74</i>)	Online	10.00 - 11.30 am
Friday	6 Pre-Separation Group Excursion (Brisbane Heritage Walk) (<i>See p.75</i>)	TBA	9.30 – noon
Saturday	7 Central European Group (<i>See p.74</i>)	Hybrid	10.00 – noon
Sunday	8 Colonial India and The Far East Group (<i>See p.75</i>)	Online	10.00 – noon
Friday	13 Education@QFHS: <i>The Visitations Books in Genealogy (See p.68)</i>	Online	10.00 - 11.30 am
Saturday	14 Irish Interest Group (<i>See p.74</i>)	Online	10.30 - 12.30 pm
Monday	16 The Master Genealogist (TMG) User Group (<i>See p.75</i>)	Online	7.00 - 8.30 pm
Wednesday	18 Annual General Meeting (Evening)	Hybrid	7.30 – 9.30 pm
Saturday	21 New Members' Welcome & Orientation Session (<i>See p.78</i>)	Online	9.30 – 12.30 pm
Saturday	28 DNA Interest Group (<i>See p.75</i>) <i>Experienced</i>	Hybrid	10.00 - noon
Monday	30 Members Lounge – Book Club <i>Dusk</i> by Robbie Arnott. Historical Fiction	Online	10.00 - 11.30 am
JULY 2025			
Saturday	5 Family Tree Maker User Group (<i>See p.74</i>)	Hybrid	10.00 - 11.30 am
Sunday	6 Family Historian Software User Group (<i>See p.75</i>)	Online	1.00 – 3.00 pm
Thursday	10 IRISH RESEARCH DAY (<i>See p.70</i>)	Research Centre	10.00 - 3.00 pm
Saturday	12 Scottish Interest Group (<i>See p.74</i>)	Hybrid	10.00 – noon
Wednesday	16 Presenting... <i>The misfortunes of four migrant sisters</i> Speaker: Allan Tonks (<i>See Back page</i>)	Hybrid	1.00 - 3.00 pm
Saturday	19 Family History Writing Group (<i>See p.74</i>)	Online	7.00 - 8.30 pm
Sunday	20 Welsh Interest Group (<i>See p.74</i>)	Hybrid	9.00 - noon
Monday	21 The Master Genealogist (TMG) User Group (<i>See p.75</i>)	Online	10.00 - 11.30 am
Wednesday	23 Talking About - Cyclones (<i>See p.68</i>)	Online	10.00 – noon
Thursday	24 English West Country Group (<i>See p.74</i>)	Online	noon - 2.00 pm
Saturday	26 DNA Interest Group (<i>See p.75</i>) <i>Beginners</i>	Hybrid	10.00 - noon

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Sunday	27	New Members' Welcome & Orientation Session (<i>See p.78</i>)	Research Centre	9.30 – 12.30 pm
AUGUST 2025 – AFFHO National Family History Month				
Friday	1	Family Tree Maker User Group (<i>See p.74</i>)	Online	10.00 - 11.30 am
Saturday	2	Central European Group (<i>See p.74</i>)	Hybrid	10.00 – noon
Sunday	3	Members Lounge - Toowong Cemetery Guided Walk	Toowong Cemetery	10.30 - noon
Sunday	3	Family Historian Software User Group (<i>See p.75</i>)	Online	1.00 – 3.00 pm
Wednesday	6	QFHS Inc Family History Book Award Presentation and Three Author Bookfest	Hornets Football Club, 50 Graham Road, Carseldine	11.00 – 1.00 pm
Thursday	7	VISIT BY ARANA HILLS FAMILY HISTORY GROUP	Research Centre	9.00 – 3.00 pm
Friday	8	Education@QFHS: <i>Understanding your old photos, their past, present and future</i> (<i>See p.68</i>)	Online	7.30 – 9.00 pm (speaker in UK)
Saturday	9	Irish Interest Group (<i>See p.74</i>)	Online	10.30 - 12.30 pm
Sunday	11	Colonial India and The Far East Group (<i>See p.75</i>)	Online	10.30 - noon
Wednesday	13	BRISBANE EKKA HOLIDAY – RESEARCH CENTRE OPEN		
Saturday	16	New Members' Welcome & Orientation Session (<i>See p.78</i>)	Research Centre	9.30 – 12.30 pm
Monday	18	The Master Genealogist (TMG) User Group (<i>See p.75</i>)	Online	7.00 - 8.30 pm
Wednesday	20	Presenting...Mawson's Medical Men Speaker: Dr Roger Wilkinson AM (<i>See Back page</i>)	Hybrid	1.00 – 3.00 pm
Saturday	23	DNA Interest Group (<i>See p.75</i>) <i>Experienced</i>	Hybrid	10.00 - noon
Monday	25	Members Lounge – Book Club <i>Outrageous Fortunes</i> by Lucy Sussex and Megan Brown	Online	7.30 – 9.00 pm
Saturday	30	QFHS OPEN DAY	Research Centre	10.00 - 3.00 pm
SEPTEMBER 2025				
Saturday	6	Family Tree Maker User Group (<i>See p.74</i>)	Hybrid	10.00 - 11.30 am
Sunday	7	Family Historian Software User Group (<i>See p.75</i>)	Online	1.00 – 3.00 pm
Monday	8	Finding your Family course Week 1 (<i>See p. </i>)	Online	10.30 – noon
Saturday	13	Royal Historical Society Qld conference (<i>See p.71</i>)	City Hall	TBA
Saturday	13	Scottish Interest Group (<i>See p.74</i>)	Hybrid	10.00 – noon
Saturday	13	Pre-Separation Group (<i>See p.75</i>)	Online	1.30 – 3.30 pm
Monday	15	The Master Genealogist (TMG) User Group (<i>See p.75</i>)	Online	7.00 - 8.30 pm
Saturday	20	Family History Writing Group (<i>See p.74</i>)	Online	9.00 - noon
Sunday	21	Welsh Interest Group (<i>See p.154</i>)	Hybrid	10.00 - noon
Tuesday	23	Bi-annual General Meeting	Online	7.30 – 9.00 pm
Sunday	28	New Members' Welcome & Orientation Session (<i>See p.155</i>)	Online	9.30 – 12.30 pm
Tuesday	30	CLOSING DATE QFHS Award for Services to Family History 2025 Nominations		

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.

Dates and participation methods are correct at the time of printing. Always check the QFHS calendar.



Book Club

<https://www.qfhs.org.au/events/members-lounge/book-club/>



Talking About...

<https://www.qfhs.org.au/events/members-lounge/talking-about/>



Presenting...

<https://www.qfhs.org.au/events/members-lounge/presenting-monthly-guest-speakers/>



Socials

<https://www.qfhs.org.au/events/members-lounge/members-lounge-socials/>

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS of QFHS INC.

Membership numbers 6793 – 6822 including members who joined up to 31/3/25:

ADAMSON Barbara, Chermside, QLD
 ARNOLD Donna, Strathpine, QLD
 ASHBY Dawn, Boondall, QLD
 BARBER Amber, Loganholme, QLD
 BENNETT Margaret, Millmerran, QLD
 BORCHERT Marie, Tin Can Bay, QLD
 CHILCOTT Karen, Murwillumbah, NSW
 CHRISTA Iome, Brighton, QLD
 CLOUGH Paul, Deception Bay, QLD
 CURRAN Susan, Gracemere, QLD
 D'ARCY Gayle, Doolandella, QLD
 DEZENTJE Ann, Murwillumbah, NSW
 EDWARDS Allison, Sunset Beach, WA
 HEMMING Jacque, Dirranbandi, QLD
 JONES Colleen, Birtinya, QLD
 KNOTT John, Whitfield, QLD
 MARTIN Deborah, Toongabbie, NSW
 McCLYMONT Judith, Longreach, QLD
 McDONOUGH Carolyn, Zillmere, QLD
 MILNES Rowena, Carseldine, QLD
 PERKINS Gail, Eatons Hill, QLD
 PHILLIPS Geoff, Buderim, QLD
 PINNELL Donna, Mareeba, QLD
 RIES Robert, Hampton, VIC
 ROSS Marita, Strathpine, QLD
 SORBELLO Marilyn, Ormeau, QLD
 THOMPSON Christine, Tarragindi, QLD
 WARD Sharon, Redland Bay, QLD
 WHITELEY Donelle, Springfield Lakes, QLD

Welcome back to the following members who are rejoining:

DIETZ Betty, Bridgeman Downs, QLD
 JESSER Lisa, Stafford, QLD
 MOORE Michelle, Regents Park, QLD
 ROBINSON Rodney, (unknown)
 ROMANO Sally, Paddington, QLD ■
 WHIPPLE Patricia, Chermside, QLD

MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Member's name: Lyndall Pinch

Membership: # 6774

Email: lyndy777@yahoo.com

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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:

Sun 25 May	at Research Centre
Sat 21 June	Online
Sun 27 July	at Research Centre
Sat 16 August	at Research Centre
Sun 28 Sept	Online

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. ■

QUEENSLAND PRE-SEPARATION GROUP APPROVAL

The following member has been approved to become a member of the QFHS Inc. Queensland Pre-Separation Group:

#356 Cindy Cogill (QFHS Member 6791) is descended from **John Smith**, his wife **Bridget Smith (née Monaghan)** and their daughter **Catherine Smith** who was aged about 16 years when they arrived in Moreton Bay on the *Irene* on 11/2/1858. ■

ABOUT THE SOCIETY

Please refer to our website for the most current information.

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

Members may:

- Have free access to the Society's Family History Research Centre, Subscription Websites, useful weblinks, and journals from Australian and overseas FH Societies;
- Receive our *Queensland Family Historian* either by mail or email, and our e-newsletter *Snippets*;
- Submit two free *Help Wanted* queries in the journal per year; and a list of research interests for publication in the *Queensland Family Historian* and on our website;
- Use our AskQFHS, Look Up and Extended Research services available to members and non-members at www.qfhs.org.au/about-us/research-service/;
- Country members (living more than 50 km from Brisbane GPO) can use the Research service, see www.qfhs.org.au/join-us/country-members/;
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Joint/Dual Life Membership	\$1,800
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Joint/Dual members are two members with one registered address. Joint/Dual members receive one journal only, sent to the registered address, and have one vote only at General Meetings.

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Journal only subscribers receive the Society's quarterly journal, the *Queensland Family Historian*, but no other benefits or entitlements.

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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 at 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.74 or *Dates to Remember* on p.76 of this issue.

Presenting...MONTHLY GUEST SPEAKERS

2025

MAY 21 (1.00 pm) HYBRID

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. 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.

JUNE 18 (7.30 pm) HYBRID

Annual General Meeting

Your President and Treasurer will provide their reports for the financial year to 31 March 2025, and a Management Committee will be elected for the coming year 2025-2026.

JULY 16 (1.00 pm) HYBRID

Presenting...*The misfortunes of four migrant sisters*

Allan Tonks will talk about the collective experience of four English sisters who each migrated to New Zealand at different times; these were Ann VALLENDER (arriving in New Zealand in 1867), Esther (in 1874), Elizabeth (in 1876), and Jeanetta (in 1910). The presentation will consider how stories of women tend to be overshadowed by the stories of our male pioneers. It will also consider the uncomfortable subject of illegitimate pregnancies and the dire consequences these often had for women in our families. Members of the Vallender family eventually emigrated from Gloucestershire to Australia, New Zealand, Canada, the United States, and even to France.

AUGUST 20 (1.00 pm) HYBRID

Presenting...*Mawson's Medical Men*

Dr Roger Wilkinson will chat about the four doctors who accompanied explorer Sir Douglas Mawson to Antarctica. Three medicos went on the first Australian Antarctic Expedition (AAE) of 1911-14 - Drs 'Archie' McLean, Evan Jones and Leslie Whetter. Dr. W.W. Ingram was the doctor on the British, Australian, New Zealand Antarctic Research Expedition (BANZARE) of 1929-31. Roger will uncover the backgrounds of all four men and put them into their places in the expeditions. There follows a detailed discussion on the medical aspects of both expeditions and the medical supplies available to the doctors. The AAE found Antarctica to be a fearsome and dangerous but beautiful place and mapped considerable areas of land in the vicinity of their two bases. BANZARE was a much more sedate and somewhat less risky venture in that they had two summer voyages mapping coastline. It was during this voyage that Mawson formally annexed the Australian Antarctic Territory for King George the Fifth.

Your Society has for sale an extensive range of publications of interest to the family historian, our own publications, those from other societies and authors, books, charts and forms. As new publications become available they will be advertised on our website. All QFHS Inc. CDs, *Archive CD Books Australia*, and *Unlock the Past* guidebooks are available for sale on the Society's website at www.qfhs.org.au/shop/shop-catalogue.

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