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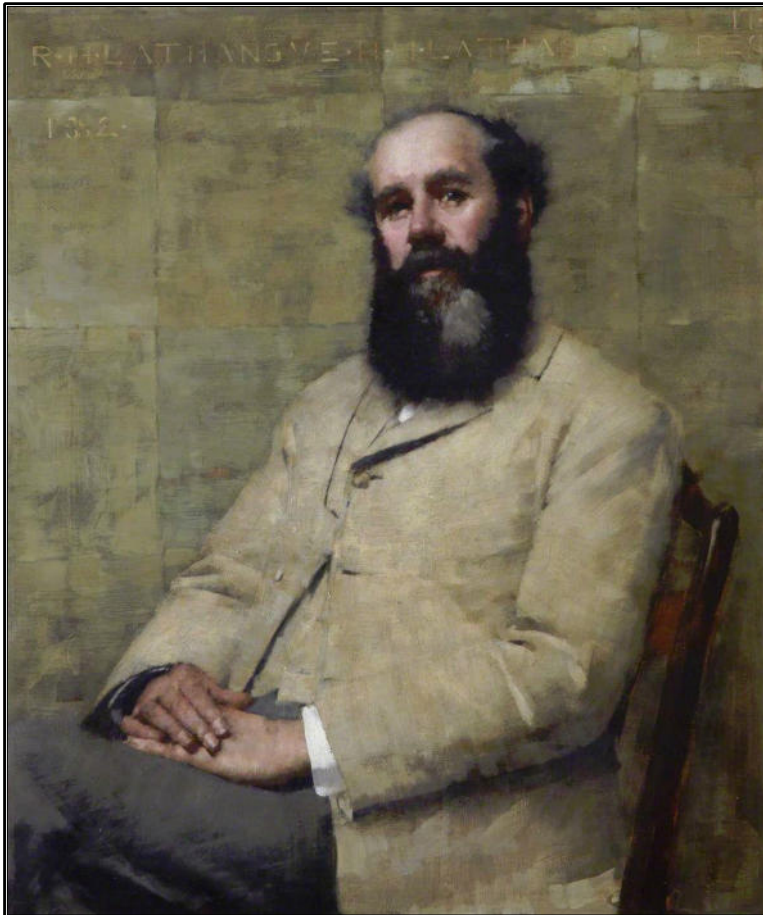
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R H La Thangue (Portrait of the Artist's Father) By Herbert Henry La Thangue, created 1882.
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DR ROBERT LA THANGUE: THE PUZZLE OF HIS TWO FAMILIES

By Lesley Huxley

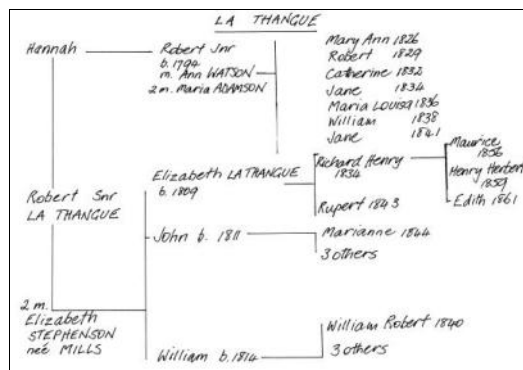
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Over the generations, errors accumulated to obscure the story of my La Thangue family. For a start, the spelling and transcription of the surname led to much confusion, being variously rendered as La Shawger, La Hunger, Lathangue, Lathanque, Lithangus etc. Secondly, in our family oral history the name came down as La Fang.

Four other factors added to the confusion:

- I discovered there were two men called Dr Robert Lathangue, father and son,
- the elder married twice and had a second family,
- his daughter had an illegitimate family, and
- there were errors and falsification in the births and marriage records.

Family tree diagram



Dr Robert La Thangue, the father

Unfortunately we have only scraps of information, no birthplace or date, nor first marriage record for the elder **Robert La Thangue**. When his first wife **Hannah** died in Drypool, an old suburb of Hull, in 1808, he was listed as a sergeant. Many military occupations are listed in the parish records of Drypool at the time because it was a garrison town as well as an industrial port.^{1,2}

Soon after the death of Hannah, a Robert Lathanque or Latharpe married **Elizabeth**

Stephenson on 5 January 1809 in Yorkshire.³ They had three children in Hull: **Elizabeth, John and William**.^{4,5,6} Years later, on the marriage records of his sons **Robert Jnr** and **William**, he is described as a surgeon. Which one of the two men called Robert La Thangue, witnessed William's wedding in 1840? It can only be the half brother, (confirming the existence of a half sibling relationship) because his father Robert is already dead.^{7,8}

Discrepancies must be carefully considered. Confusingly, marriage records of son **John** say his father is a master gunner called Robert, although his baptismal records say his father's name is **John La Thangue** who is in the artillery.^{9,10} Perhaps these records are largely correct, that the father was once a soldier, and later a surgeon, and perhaps a small but common error was made at baptism in recording the first name of the father.

Luckily, Robert Snr left a will, made on 24 October 1823. In it he refers to himself as the Keeper of the Dispensary at Kingston upon Hull. He left his household assets and two dwellings in St Quintin's Place to his wife for her lifetime, and then to his youngest son William. If something should happen to William, the property is to be divided amongst the other unnamed children, including his "son in law", (i.e. stepson) **Wilkinson Stephenson**, son of his wife Elizabeth. Robert Snr is buried in Drypool.^{11,12}

Through the mention of Wilkinson Stephenson, it's possible to identify not only Elizabeth's maiden name of **Mills**, but also her first husband and the children of her first family.¹³

Robert La Thangue the son, a druggist and cupper.

Although Robert Jnr, my third great grandfather, lived his life in England, he was born in Halifax, Nova Scotia in 1794, the son of Robert and his first wife,

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Hannah. The most likely explanation is that his father was a soldier stationed there.¹⁴

Robert La Thangue Jnr, became a pharmacist alongside his father, and then a doctor. As a druggist and cupper, he appeared in the trade directories over the course of several years, dispensing from the publicly sponsored Sculcoates Dispensary, at 51 High Street, following in his father's footsteps.^{15,16} This old parish of Kingston-upon-Hull was severely bombed during WWII and very few old buildings survive, but number 52 is still standing and has been restored, possibly looking a bit similar to number 51.



52 High Street, Kingston upon Hull, UK

Before 1815, local doctors were apprenticed as apothecaries or drug dispensers. Their knowledge of medicines enabled them to practice medicine without a specific qualification. After the *Apothecaries Act* in 1815, specific training was introduced, but those who had qualified by apprenticeship before that date, like Robert La Thangue Jnr, were able to continue as doctors.¹⁷

In January 1805, he married **Ann Watson** and started a family.¹⁸

In about 1837 the family moved to London where son **William** was baptised in 1838. Robert must have been following work, but they moved to Shadwell, a far less salubrious location, once again in a dockside area. It was very rough, even then, full of rioting sailors, thieves, taverns, doss houses and opium dens, brothels, rope makers, chandlers and pawn shops.^{19, 20}

The family began to break up, with daughter **Catherine** making a disastrous marriage to a con man travelling photographer, **Johan Tillereth**.²¹ Two siblings had died.²² **Robert** joined the merchant navy.²³ **Maria Louisa** happily married a wealthy ship owner, **Carl Baumgardt**, and sailed the world with him.²⁴ **Mary Ann**, unmarried, travelled alone to Australia through a programme run by Caroline Chisholm, about the time of the Gold Rush and became my second great grandmother.^{25, 26}

Later life of Robert, the son

After his wife Ann died of tuberculosis in 1846 aged 44, Robert married **Maria Hume Adamson**, the spinster daughter of an excise inspector.²⁷ They must have been hard up because Robert seemed to be getting work wherever he could. Before 1855 when he married Maria, he was the official doctor of a vast mine, Hirwaun Ironworks at Cyfarthfa, Wales, nowhere near his London home.²⁸ Images of his Shadwell address, 1 King David Lane, appear online at the London Picture Archive, still a pharmacy at the time it became derelict in 1971.²⁹

Two years after remarrying, Robert Jnr died at the age of 63, still living in King David Lane, Shadwell.³⁰ Widowed Maria was left to the mercy of her family. She can be found in the censuses, in 1861 as a visitor and lady's maid, and in 1871 as a visitor and sister.^{31, 32}

John, William and Elizabeth: how do they fit in?

Were they the children or the half siblings of **Dr Robert La Thangue Jnr**, my third

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great grandfather? Despite the tendency of online researchers to merge the two Roberts and their children into one big family, there is now plenty of evidence to separate the various families. In one way, this very unusual surname is easy to research. One of my strategies was to find every mention of the name and see how it might fit into the family tree timeline. So far, every single incidence of the name in England can be related to the one family tree, although it took a long time to work out the illegitimate branch!

William

For years, most researchers on Ancestry have included William b.1814 as the eldest son of (his half brother) Dr Robert and Ann La Thangue (nee Watson), but William was too old, (b.1814) and his supposed mother Ann too young, (b.1802). Besides, Robert and Ann later christened a son called William in 1838. So this was a strong indicator of the existence of a second family of Robert La Thangue Snr, which I eventually identified.

This William also has a curious baptismal record. He is recorded as the child of **Nathaniel Robing (misheard Robert?) Lothongue** and Elizabeth, christened in the same church as his two full siblings, father a soldier. Robert Snr died when William was nine years old, possibly explaining why the family assets were left to wife Elizabeth and then to William, the youngest.³³

After his father's death, William's life temporarily goes off the rails in 1833 when he's convicted of larceny at Kingston upon Hull, and serves three months in jail. Miraculously, by 1840, he has regained his feet, moved to London and married **Anne Mash Reynolds**, the daughter of a carpenter. By 1851 their family is growing and William has become a wharfinger's clerk, a very responsible job. The wharfinger owns or manages the wharf and everything that passes through it. Nowadays the equivalent would be a harbourmaster.^{34, 35, 36}

William was a ship and custom house agent when he died in 1858, leaving Anne with three children.³⁷

John

John b.1811 is straightforward to follow. Although his baptismal record definitely but erroneously says his father is John Lathangue, he fits into the birth order of the children of Robert Snr and Elizabeth Mills, and the details of his life and relationships in the next generation bear that out.³⁸ For example, in 1901 his daughter **Marianne (Marion)** is staying with her cousin **William La Thangue**, son of William La Thangue b.1814.³⁹

Elizabeth

But firstborn Elizabeth b.1809, where did she come from? She was either married to a La Thangue or born a La Thangue. In each Census she called herself a widow, but there was never a husband to be found. She had two children.

Some evidence exists. An **Elizabeth Lithangus** daughter of Robert (most likely Robert La Thangue Snr), was baptised precisely nine months after his marriage in Sutton in Holderness, an old inner suburb of Hull, and possibly she was named Elizabeth after her mother.⁴⁰

If we hypothesise she never married, then all the known facts fit neatly into place, and strong verification comes in the next generation. There is absolutely no trace of the man who fathered her children and perhaps supported her and the children for many years.

Elizabeth Lathangue's two sons were intelligent and capable. **Richard Henry** b.1834 became a schoolmaster who was, while in his twenties, appointed as a clerk in the General Registry Office, Somerset House. He then spent his working life as a public servant in the GRO. When he died in Holloway Sanatorium in 1896, he was an Assistant Superintendent in the Registrar-General's Office.^{41, 42, 43, 44}

Rupert b.1843 became a clerk in a Friendly Society Office and later the

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manager of the Norwood Cemetery in London. He married but had no children.^{45, 46, 47, 48}

Someone was supporting Elizabeth and her two boys in 1851 when she's listed on the census as an annuitant at 6 Museum Street, Bloomsbury.⁴⁹ These old buildings are still there. By 1861 she has moved across the river and is working as an assistant matron in the parish workhouse of St George the Martyr at Southwark, where the inmates are listed by initials only and recorded as penitents.^{50, 51}

Elizabeth La Thangue died in Bethnal Green on the opposite side of the Thames in 1871 and was buried in Norwood Cemetery, managed at that time by her son Rupert. She had three grandchildren, but no descendants from them.⁵²

The second generation clincher

When Richard married, he honestly and bravely gave no father's name on the marriage record.⁵³ Working in the GRO would have given him a clear understanding of the significance of this act. It can only mean he could not name his father.

When Rupert married **Patience Grover**, he told a lie. He said his father was **Joseph La Thangue**, a commercial traveller. Such a person is completely absent from the BDM and census records. Then he and his new wife returned to the church next day, and asked to change the information given. Extraordinarily, this is annotated on the marriage record, probably because the curate refused to alter the details. The revised information states that his father is Robert La Thangue, captain in the late East India Corp Army, another fictitious personage!⁵⁴

It is clear to me that the boys were born La Thangue because it was their mother's maiden name.

The connection with Henry Herbert La Thangue RA

Our family always thought there may be a

connection with the famous artist, but there was no link other than the surname.

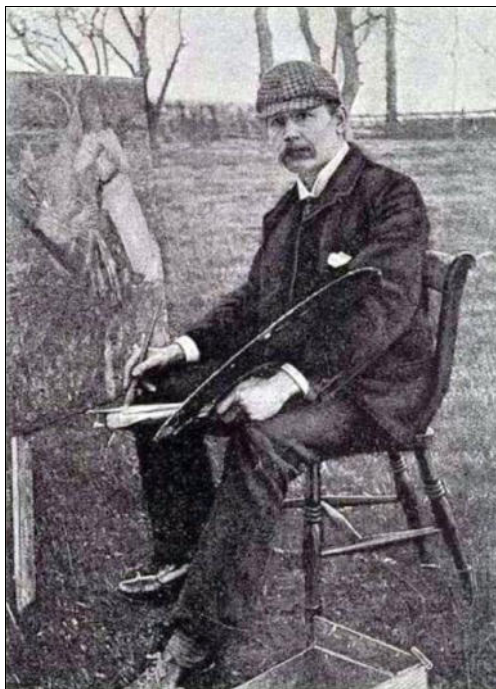
Richard's children (Elizabeth's grandchildren) were also intelligent and capable. **Edith** b.1861 stayed unmarried and looked after their mother, a common decision in those days, but perhaps her preference.⁵⁵ **Maurice** b.1856 became a barrister, appearing on the 1911 census as a barrister-at-law to the Fire Offices Committee, in the fire insurance industry.^{56, 57} He was a talented cricketer. He married late, but had no children, and they lived very comfortably.⁵⁸

Their brother **Henry Herbert La Thangue** b.1859 became an academician at The Royal Academy of Art. He was a widely admired realist rural landscape painter associated with the Newlyn School, winning many awards and achieving high prices. Over a century later, this is still the case, with recent sales including £70,000 in 2006 and £285,000 in 2009.^{59, 60, 61}



Henry Herbert La Thangue (1859-1929)
Victorian Web <http://www.victorianweb.org/>

DR ROBERT LA THANGUE (Cont.)



Henry Herbert La Thangue (photo c.1893) – the pictorial documenter of rural life
<https://mydailyartdisplay.uk/2015/07/21/henry-herbert-la-thangue-the-pictorial-documenter-of-rural-life/>

In December 1929 the Steam Ship *Manuka* foundered off the NZ coast, losing two of his paintings in the cargo. Already ill, Henry was emotionally affected by the loss and died soon after. At the very end of that year, the paintings were recovered in quite good condition. His works are owned by many galleries internationally, including the Tate in London, the Art Gallery of WA and a NZ art gallery in Christchurch.⁶²



Shipwreck of the SS *Manuka*, at Long Point, NZ, 16 December 1929

<https://ehive.com/collections/3021/objects/40260/photograph-wreck-of-the-ss-manuka>

The La Thangues are an intriguing family, creative and clever. It's been very satisfying to finally get them into a workable order, establishing our links to the painter and accounting for all the strays.

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CONSTITUTION UPDATE

The draft constitution was accepted by members at our general meeting on 24 March 2026. A huge thank you to Charlotte Sale for all of her contributions over a lengthy period. Thanks also to Chris Schuetz and Kevin Haley for their contributions to the constitution sub-committee over an extended period. Several other members acted as reviewers to the draft over the past few years and we thank them for their input as well as general member feedback.

The document has been forwarded for approval by the Office of Fair Trading. Upon their ratification of our document we may then formally consider our current constitution adopted.

CENTRE UPDATE

The street sign and the “open” banner really herald our presence at 46 Delaware Street, Chermside.

Our renovated entrance with a new front door and awning to protect us from adverse weather is appreciated by our members and visitors.

Other improvements include new LED lighting in the back storeroom area, a sensor light erected above the front door for evening access, carpentry repairs in the kitchen area, and ceiling beams in our main area which required attention due to age. Recent incidents involving our front door have initiated the reintroduction of keeping a spare key in the key lock box.

Four new tables for the mapping and digitising area are installed and the old tables are now in the kitchen. The photocopier has moved to its new site (where the book sales were previously) and the book sales are now located under the defibrillator. We are progressing with the library rearrangement which will hopefully be completed mid-June. We have approval to tile the kitchen floor and have lodged an application to tile the bathroom floors. The tiling is expected to be undertaken later in the year. In the meantime the current kitchen floor will

remain so that storage items from the main area can be moved into the kitchen area to allow the introduction of new shelving for the library.

We have BCC approval to dispose of the raised garden beds and the tank and stand.

The car park barrier on Delaware Street has not been operational for some months. The BCC advised our neighbours that a request came from QFHS to cease this operation some time ago when our neighbours requested action on reinstatement of the barrier in the evening hours. BCC has been advised QFHS has no objection to the barrier being reinstated. Neighbours have been complaining about campers in the park and other night activities in the car parking areas of 7th Brigade Park since the security firm ceased locking at night and unlocking in the morning. The barrier is again operational and open by 7 am, closed about 7 pm.

In terms of our BCC lease we are required to conduct annual checks on a number of items at our centre. These checks involve electrical, air conditioning, plumbing, fire and safety services, termite and pest control, the general condition of the building and its fixtures, also inspecting from a hazards perspective. We installed new termite traps as a result of our most recent termite and pest control inspection.

GRANTS

Peter Gehrke continues to coordinate our grant applications process. A BCC grant opened on 23 March. Peter and the MC are working on possible grant application projects. Our Gambling grant application for IT hardware awaits a decision.

VOLUNTEERING

We continue to seek volunteers for vacant roles. Would you please consider volunteering your services to assist with the running of QFHS. Any help would be appreciated, even a few hours a month as assistance can be provided by members offsite as we further enhance our records.

Graeme Drew, President ■

A MIGHTY WOMAN OF SCIENCE, DR ISABELLE GORDON

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*Dr Gordon at her microscope
NHM Archives DF100/23*

My only famous ancestor, **Dr Isabelle Gordon** [1901-1988] PhD, DSc, O.B.E., has enjoyed a new lease on life; or more precisely, her scientific work has.

Since I wrote about Bella [as she was known in my family] in 2019, her life and work has been in the public spotlight.

On 8 September 2025, the Natural History Museum [NHM] organised a day long seminar entitled '*Gordon Meets Hirohito: New Histories of Marine Biology in Britain and Japan*'. The seminar had three panels; Isabelle Gordon and Japan, Japanese Scientists and Specimens Abroad and Collections and Display Presentations. The seminar concluded with an a-cappelle tribute performed by the Electric Voice Theatre.¹

That's enough of the present; let's go back to the beginning. Isabelle Gordon was born in 1901 in Keith, Scotland, the illegitimate daughter of farmer servants. After her primary school years, Bella received a scholarship to complete the Sixth Form at the Keith Grammar School. Her academic abilities earned her a further scholarship to the Aberdeen University in 1918 where she studied zoology. A combination of academic success and a supportive Biology Professor led to her receiving the Kilgour Research Scholarship. With this, Bella completed her PhD at Imperial College, London in 1926. Then followed overseas travel to the Caribbean and U.S.A.

1928 was a momentous year for the young scientist. Bella received the DSc from Aberdeen University and her appointment as an assistant keeper of crustaceans at the Natural History Museum. Here she was one of four women employees and the first full time female scientist.

In the course of her career, Bella named and described new species and pioneered new approaches to coastal seashore studies around Britain. By the end of her career, Bella was the Principal Curator of Crustaceans.

In 1961, she was invited to Japan to be an honorary member of the new Carcinological Society of Japan. [the study of crustaceans]. She also had an audience with the Emperor Hirohito who was a keen amateur marine biologist.

The O.B.E. was awarded to Bella in 1963 in recognition of her achievements.

The NHM seminar was not the first event to mark her life and work. The National Library of Scotland exhibited her work in an exhibition '*The Mighty Women of Science*' in 2016. Then in 2021, *Minerva Scientifica*, a organisation bringing together science, music and drama, created a podcast featuring her life.

I was involved in providing some biographical material as a living family member after contacting the Science Curator at the National Library of Scotland. I also joined the podcast audience and the NHM seminar through 'zoom'. In 2024, I viewed Bella's archive material at the NHM along with the NLS Science Curator and the current Principal Curator of Crustaceans.

¹ <https://electricvoicetheatre.co.uk/projects/isabellas-footsteps/>.

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SIR GEORGE D'AGUILAR: THE MAN BEHIND A QUEENSLAND PLACE NAME

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How a name from medieval Spain came to appear on Queensland maps

In November 2026, a member of the Queensland Family History Society contacted me asking whether I knew anything about the man after whom the D'Aguilar Highway was named. She explained that the nearby mountain range had been named in 1827 by **Sir Thomas Mitchell**, Surveyor-General of New South Wales; possibly on the suggestion of the Governor, **Lieutenant General Ralph Darling**.

I had been researching the d'Aguilar family for several years and had already established that **George d'Aguilar's** ancestors came from Jewish communities that settled in Iberia during Roman times. These communities survived and often prospered until around 1478, when the Roman Catholic Church initiated a series of Inquisitions. Jews were frequently accused and inevitably found guilty. Punishments ranged from heavy fines and imprisonment to public humiliation or, in some cases, death.

One such Jewish community lived around the town of Aguilar de Campoo in northern Spain¹. During the early 1500s, the Inquisition forced many Jewish families to flee into Portugal, where they settled in and around the small trading town of Mogadouro, some 350 km from their former home.



Map showing the modern borders of Spain and Portugal

The Pereira Lopes Family

Among those who moved to Mogadouro were the Pereira and Lopes families. Records show that **Isabel Pereira** married **Gaspar Lopes** around 1615. They are the fourth great-grandparents of Sir George d'Aguilar.

Between 1500 and 1717 the family moved repeatedly between Spain and Portugal as the focus of the Inquisition shifted. This movement contributed to challenges in tracing the family name.

Problems with Names

Tracking the family's movements was complicated by Iberian naming customs. In Spain and Portugal, prominent families often used double surnames. In Portugal, the woman's surname traditionally came first; in Spain, the order was reversed. Thus, Isabel and Gaspar's family was known as *Pereira Lopes* in Portugal but *Lopes Pereira* in Spain. Variations in spelling added further complexity when searching modern alphabetical databases.

Manuel Lopes Pereira d'Aguilar (1645–1712)

Manuel was the first family member to add the suffix "d'Aguilar," doing so while living in Spain.

He was a successful merchant and importer of tobacco, then a new and highly lucrative product. Manuel held several Royal Warrants granting him monopoly rights for the sale of tobacco in several Spanish kingdoms. But from 1700 Jews were barred from holding such warrants.

Manuel therefore moved to Portugal, resuming the name Pereira Lopes, and became a customs contractor in Porto, valuing imported goods and determining taxes. In 1710 he was appointed General Administrator for Tobacco in Portugal. Soon afterwards, Archduke Charles of Austria visited Portugal, met Manuel, and learned both the profitability of tobacco and the tax revenues it generated. This meeting proved

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significant, as Charles later became Holy Roman Emperor in 1711.

Manuel died in 1712, leaving his teenage son Diogo to inherit the business.

Diogo / Diego / Moses Lopes Pereira d'Aguilar (1696–1759)

Diogo (known as Diego in Spain and Moses in London) was an extraordinary figure. He inherited the business at 17 and expanded it rapidly, trading in tobacco, and sugar. Increased threats from the Portuguese Inquisition forced the family to move to Amsterdam, where Diogo joined the Sephardic synagogue and met his future wife, **Simha da Fonseca**.

Around 1717, Diogo relocated to London. He joined the Bevis Marks Synagogue and adopted the name Moses. In London he went into business with his brother-in-law, **Gabriel de Lima**, establishing what became the city's largest gold-trading firm.

Naturalised as a British citizen in 1725, Moses was soon invited to Vienna by Emperor Charles VI to help improve royal revenues from the Austrian tobacco monopoly. To secure his services, the Emperor granted him the title **Baron of the Holy Roman Empire** in 1726. After marrying Simha in Amsterdam, Moses and his extended family settled in Vienna.

From then on, the family name became d'Aguilar². As was his right, he styled himself *Baron d'Aguilar* and adopted a heraldic crest featuring a lion rampant holding a tobacco plant, three pear trees (from the Portuguese *pereira*), and an eagle (from the Spanish *aguilar*).



Stylised representation of the d'Aguilar family crest

Life in Vienna and return to London

In Vienna, Moses and Simha raised fifteen children. Moses prospered as an investor, tobacco importer, banker, and financier to successive emperors. He contributed to the extension of Schönbrunn Palace and held senior administrative posts within the Habsburg Empire. By modern standards, he would be regarded as a billionaire.

In 1755 the family returned to London due to the death of Moses's business partner, which required him to take charge of the firm's gold bullion in person. And perhaps also to arrange suitable marriages for his children.

Simha died soon after their return; Moses died three years later and was buried beside her in the Portuguese Cemetery on Mile End Road.

Their eldest son, **Ephraim**, inherited both the barony and the business. Eight of the younger children were still under 21 and were cared for by their elder siblings, **Rachel**, and Ephraim.

Solomon d'Aguilar (1753–1817)

The youngest³ of Moses's children, **Solomon**, was born in 1753 and grew up at the family home in Bishopsgate, London. As a young man he travelled widely, probably in search of trading partners across the Atlantic.

It is likely during these travels that he met his wife, **Margaret**, and began a family. They later returned to England (possibly due to the outbreak of the American Revolutionary War in 1775) where records show Solomon was a merchant.

Solomon made a dramatic change of career in 1779 when he joined the 2nd Dragoon Guards as an officer. This caused a serious rift within his family because at that time (until 1828) non-conformists, including Jews, were barred from holding Crown appointments. To accept a commission, Solomon had to renounce Judaism. The publication of his commission in the *London Gazette* on 30 October 1779 was a public declaration of his conversion to Christianity and this would have deeply offended the Jewish community at Bevis Marks Synagogue.

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Merchant in Liverpool

Solomon resigned his commission in 1784, probably due to injury, and moved to Liverpool where he established himself as an import-export merchant at a time when Liverpool was Britain's major trans-Atlantic port. His business prospered and the family lived comfortably. Solomon died in 1817 and was buried in his family vault at St Mary's Church in Liverpool.

George Charles d'Aguilar (1784–1855)

George was Solomon's fourth child and his second son: traditionally the son destined for a military career. In September 1799, at age 15, he joined the Army and served in India with the 86th Regiment of Foot. He was promoted to Lieutenant in 1803 but was severely wounded in action. After recovering, he returned to England and was promoted to Captain in 1808 at the unusually young age of 24.

The Walcheren Campaign and meeting Ralph Darling

In 1809 d'Aguilar took part in the Walcheren Campaign. This was a British attempt to deny the French access to Antwerp by occupying Walcheren Island. It was here that Captain d'Aguilar likely met **Lieutenant-Colonel Ralph Darling**, then Deputy Adjutant General. Although Darling was more senior, the two almost certainly worked together.

Based on their later actions, it appears they shared a common interest in administrative efficiency and in developing a fair, rules-based system of military discipline. Darling seems to have recognised d'Aguilar's talent for administration, because d'Aguilar subsequently joined the Adjutant General's staff.

The Role of the Adjutant General

The Adjutant General oversaw recruitment, pay, discipline, and organisational processes within the Army. Each regiment had its own adjutant, who reported to the General Staff Adjutant General in London, one of the Army's most senior roles.

Advancement Through Ability

Although the Walcheren Campaign was a disaster due to disease and poor sanitation, both Darling and d'Aguilar advanced their careers.

During the 1810s, d'Aguilar held several important administrative posts. He served in Sicily and undertook special missions to Turkey and Spain. He gained a reputation as a highly competent, intelligent, and reliable staff officer, culminating in his promotion to Lieutenant-Colonel in 1813.

Meanwhile, Darling rose to become Deputy Adjutant General and was later promoted to Major General. In 1818 he was appointed Acting Governor and Garrison Commander of Mauritius, where he confronted tensions arising from the abolition of the slave trade. Despite conflict with the French colonial elite, he returned to England in 1823 with official commendation.

That same year, d'Aguilar became Assistant Adjutant General of the Horse Guards which was a highly desirable post previously held by Darling. It is plausible that Darling supported d'Aguilar's candidacy. It also seems likely that during their time together in London, the two men discussed the principles of military jurisprudence that later appeared in d'Aguilar's court-martial manual.

Darling: Governor of New South Wales

In November 1824 Darling was appointed Governor of New South Wales. He introduced reforms aimed at improving public administration, expanding settlement, and tightening discipline within the penal system. His strict and uncompromising leadership drew criticism for being cruel and severe.

During the colonial 'discovery' of Australia, Darling appears to have been fond of naming geographical features after himself: the Darling River, Darling Downs, and Darling Harbour among them. However, it is unlikely that he personally directed that the name d'Aguilar be given to a newly identified range of mountains. More plausibly, the Surveyor-General was provided with a short list of

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names known to be favoured by the Governor.

The inclusion of d'Aguilar's name on such a list is surprising. In 1827, d'Aguilar was not a general, not a member of the Royal Family, and not a Cabinet Minister. His name had never even appeared in *The Times* newspaper. He was, in effect, an anonymous lieutenant-colonel in London. I suspect his name was put forward because he was known to be a protégé of the Governor and a fellow disciplinarian.

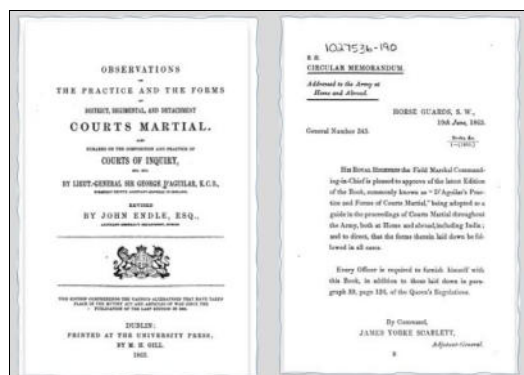
For whatever reason, the D'Aguilar Range, and later the D'Aguilar Highway and the town of D'Aguilar, came to be on the maps of Queensland.

However, d'Aguilar's later achievements more than justified the honour.

D'Aguilar's later achievements

In 1830 d'Aguilar was appointed Deputy Adjutant General in Ireland, working in Dublin for more than a decade. During this time, he published several books, including a translation of Napoleon's *The Officer's Manual: Military Maxims* and a translation of the German drama *Fiesco, The Conspiracy of Genoa*.

His most influential work, however, was *Observations on the Practice and the Forms of District, Regimental, and Detachment Courts Martial*, the first codification of military law in the British Army. It remained required reading for officers until 1878 and established him as a major figure in military jurisprudence.



d'Aguilar Court Martial book title page and memo

In 1841 d'Aguilar was promoted to Major General, and two years later received one of the most significant appointments of his career.

Commander of British Forces in China

Following Britain's victory in the First Opium War (1839–1842), the Treaty of Nanking required military enforcement. In 1843, d'Aguilar was appointed Commander of British Forces in China, based in Hong Kong.



Portrait of Major General d'Aguilar c.1845, source Wikimedia

In 1847 d'Aguilar led a punitive expedition up the Pearl (Canton) River after British demands for redress went unmet. Although small, d'Aguilar's force captured all the forts and batteries at the Bogue (Humen Strait), disabling nearly 900 guns. Canton itself escaped attack only because Chinese officials quickly submitted. D'Aguilar's actions were applauded by Foreign Secretary **Lord Palmerston**.

D'Aguilar returned to England in 1848. He was promoted to lieutenant-general in 1851 and retired the following year after 52 years of service. He had married **Eliza Drinkwater** in 1809; together they had four children, two of whom became senior military officers. D'Aguilar died in 1855 and was buried in Hove Cemetery, Sussex.

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Conclusion

The name d'Aguilar came from a small town in northern Spain. It arrived in Australia to honour a man, who presciently as it turned out, became one of the heroes of British imperial policy. For better or worse, George d'Aguilar cemented Britain's colonial interests in China. Today the d'Aguilar name features on maps both as a legacy of colonialism and as a reminder of a fascinating family history.

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¹ For simplicity I am using the modern names, and boundaries, of Spain and Portugal throughout.

² NB the name is correctly prefixed with a lower-case d.

³ Solomon may have had a twin brother, Benjamin.

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It is fortunate that many records from synagogues in London, Amsterdam, Portugal and Spain have survived. Research into these archives has been published in *Transactions of the Jewish Historical Society of England*.

For the history of the d'Aguilar family prior to 1759, I am indebted to academic historian Professor Michael Silber from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

A Jewish family with close connections to the d'Aguilar's is the Baruch Lousadas. One of their descendants, Julian Land, wrote *My Baruch Lousada Ancestors and their place in the Western Sephardic Diaspora* published in 2023. The book is accompanied with an excellent website that contained many links to further sources <http://www.barrow-lousada.org/>. I found both of these to be hugely helpful.

(photographs provided by the author) ■

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| May 8   | Learn@QFHS: - <i>Charles Booth's London maps and poverty notebooks</i>                                                        | (Online)          |
| May 14  | Central European Research Day                                                                                                 | (Research Centre) |
| May 20  | Presenting... <i>A Medal for (or from) Commissioner Thallon</i> (Greg Hallam)                                                 | (Hybrid)          |
| May 24  | Social - <i>Visit to Miegunyah House Museum, Bowen Hills</i>                                                                  |                   |
| May 27  | Talking About - <i>Memorialisation</i>                                                                                        | (Online)          |
| June 5  | Pre-Separation Group Excursion for Queensland Day – Guided tour of Newstead House                                             |                   |
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| June 16 | <b>Annual General Meeting</b>                                                                                                 | (Hybrid)          |
| June 19 | Learn@QFHS: <i>Queensland maps for family history</i>                                                                         | (Online)          |
| June 26 | Learn@QFHS: <i>Queensland maps for family history (repeat)</i>                                                                | (Research Centre) |
| June 29 | Book Club -- <i>The Stolen Crown</i> by Tracy Borman                                                                          | (Online)          |
| July 10 | Learn@QFHS – <i>A History of Parliament Online</i>                                                                            | (Online)          |
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| July 16 | L A Consultation and Training Session                                                                                         | (Hybrid)          |
| July 22 | Talking About – The home front in World War I                                                                                 | (Online)          |
| July 27 | Social - <i>Visit to Masonic Memorial Hall, 311 Ann Street, Brisbane</i>                                                      |                   |
| Aug 5   | QFHS Inc Family History Book Award Presentation and Author Bookfest, Carseldine                                               |                   |
| Aug 19  | Presenting... <i>The search for Isabella</i> (Dr Roger Wilkinson AM)                                                          | (Hybrid)          |
| Aug 29  | QFHS Open Day                                                                                                                 |                   |

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## BY FAR KAYMAKCHALAN

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I was recently invited to a screening of the 60-minute documentary film *By Far Kaymakchalan* produced by **Bojan Pajic**, based on his book *Our Forgotten Volunteers*. He and **Major General Professor John Pearn** OAM RTD narrated the story of the service of Anzacs who served in the Serbian Campaign of World War One and the medical conditions of the time.

It concentrated mainly on the six medical volunteers named on the stamps illustrated on the front cover of *Queensland Family Historian* November 2025: **Dr Mary De Garis**, nursing sister **Ethel Gillingham**, writer **Stella Miles Franklin**, Sydney socialite **Olive King**, **Dr James Donaldson**, and **Dr Thomas Benbow**, and included soldiers **Niall Mullarkey** and **Edward Ramage** who served. They also interviewed descendants in Australia. In my opinion this film should be shown in a small theatre at the Australian War Memorial as this part of WWI is mainly unknown.

The Battle of Kaymakchalan took place in 1916 on the Salonica (Macedonian) Front, where Serbian forces defeated the Bulgarians in a harsh mountain battle. Refer to articles previously published here, Vol 38 No 3, Vol 39 No 4, Vol 44 No 4, and Vol 46 No 4).

This links to a story on Australian television current affairs program:

<https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&source=web&rct=j&opi=89978449&url=https://www.youtube.com/watch%3Fv%3DFVEY-ia-qJs&ved=2ahUKEwif3IXSvLaRAxUlbuUHHZ1zDKoQkPEHegQIFxAB&usq=AOvVaw145yvP5V1YmR-4ZekafgCn>.

Trailer link:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Fq3BoXWTWa1zLj1GqbKWh\\_zrxA3lCvDS/view?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Fq3BoXWTWa1zLj1GqbKWh_zrxA3lCvDS/view?usp=drive_link).

Link to Australian television News story:

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*L-R: Major General Professor John Pearn AO, RFD, Mirjana Martinovic, Helen Malone (great niece of Helen "Nell" Malone), Bojan Pajic and Nada Martinovic after the screening*

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## ELOPEMENT WITH THE BOSS' DAUGHTER, 1847

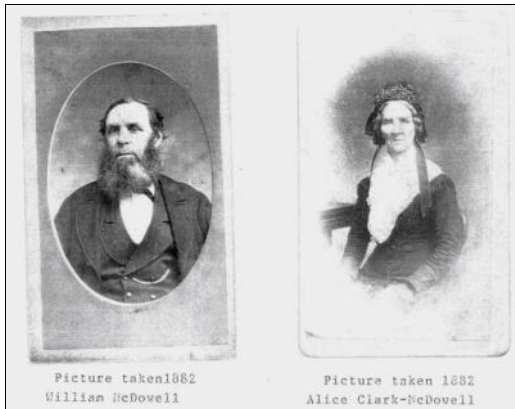
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My mother, **Doris Margaret Fraser**, was the third and youngest child of an Irish Protestant couple, **Robert**, known as Bob, and **Victoria Alice Maude Fraser**, known as Alice, who arrived in Australia in 1913. No other family member came with them but they were joined by Alice's sister, **Florence**, in 1914.

I am fortunate that Alice and Florence kept in touch with family back in Ireland. My mother later corresponded with a number of family members. Some of the McDowell descendants, living in Canada, set themselves a task of writing down what they recalled of stories and experiences of the previous generations, their Irish Ancestors, and passed them onto us.

Some photographs came along with the stories. The photographs were often not-so-good photocopier copies of old photographs that probably didn't show the sitters to their advantage. A couple of photographs showed **William** and **Sarah McDowell** (née Clark), my second great grandparents. My mother's comment to me was "These are the handsome couple who ran off to Gretna Green. The bride's father, who was apparently the groom's employer, chased them all the way."



*The happy couple 35 years after the elopement.*

This story of Gretna Green had come from the stories of the Canadian cousins. I began to look for records in Gretna Green to show

the truth of the story but had no luck. Fortunately, some time later, another Canadian cousin, descended from yet another daughter of William and Sarah, contacted me. She told me that she had found a record of the marriage. It was not from Gretna Green but from Lamberton Toll. This was just over the Scottish border from Northumberland where the couple had met and where William worked for **Henry Clark** in his tile manufacturing business. Such exciting news, but I wanted to see the record.



*The old Toll House and Marriage House, Lamberton*

*Situated on the border with England, Lamberton offered a wedding venue to rival Gretna Green. The house no longer exists. The sign above the door reads "Toll House. Original Marriage House for East of Scotland"*

To confirm this information, I contacted the family history society in the area in which the loving couple had lived. A volunteer from the Northumberland and Durham Family History Society kindly replied to my enquiry. She told me that the original records in the registers of **Henry Collins** (the toll keeper of the time) are held by the Scottish Record Office.

However, she was able to send me a transcription of the copy of the record they held in their society titled "Irregular Border Marriages Volume 1 - The registers of Henry Collins"

*"William McDoal (written thus) of Binney and Sarah Clark of Shieldbottle (this could*

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*be Shilbottle, near Alnwick) at Lamberton Toll on July 10 1847, witnesses Robert Mathewson and Ann Collins jnr."*

I can't find Binney as a village or town in Northumberland. Perhaps it was a cottage, street or farm name. I am assuming that William and Sarah travelled to Lamberton Toll together, so Binney would likely to have been somewhere near Alnwick.

It may or may not be true that Sarah's father, Henry Clark, was William's boss at that time. William may have still been an agricultural labourer at the time.

At the time of the 1841 Census, the Clark family, including Sarah, were living in Sturton Grange in Northumberland, England at the Tile Sheds. William McDowell, at that time an agricultural labourer, was living on the Southside of Sturton Grange.

In the 1851 census William, born in Ireland, was a Tile Maker, living with his own family, Sarah and two young children. Between the 1841 census and that in 1851, William became a Tile Maker. It would make sense that after their marriage, her father would assist William and Sarah to do better in the world.

In the 1851 census, Henry Clark, his wife and one of their sons, **James**, were still living in Northumberland, now in the Tile Sheds at Hesleyhurst. I can only speculate that Tile Makers moved house and business when the clay they have access to has been used up and they move on to another suitable area.

In Great Britain, tileries produced bricks, clay flooring tiles plus drainage or draining tiles, more like pipes, that drained water, lowering the water table. These drainage tiles/pipes were important for Irish land.

It was around 1850 that mechanisation began to be used for producing the clay tiles and bricks. I know that William used mechanisation because in 1870 he decided to stop manufacturing bricks and put his machine up for sale in the Farmer's Gazette and Journal of Practical Horticulture -

Saturday 29 January 1870.

William moved to Ireland sometime between 1854 and 1861 and very successfully ran a Tilery at Soloheadbeg (which has been spelled in numerous ways) in the County of Tipperary. There is still a good size home at the site of the Tilery that locals say he built to house his family of six girls and one boy. In 1870, he built a line of five houses in Tipperary town. William and his family are buried in a small graveyard in Cullen.

If you are interested in Irregular marriages in Scotland, the National Records of Scotland has a very interesting paper available online that was updated in 2014 by Ronald Nicolson. It lists the locations of records of irregular marriages 1754 to 1940. He notes that some custodians of these records may require a fee for search and copy of records. This list shows approximate numbers of marriages recorded in each of these record sets. There are hundreds in the eighteenth century records and that ramps up considerably in the nineteenth century to tens of thousands. It drops off in the twentieth century when laws finally stopped these marriages for good.

The link to this list is: <https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/media/trhnsrnq/irregular-border-and-scottish-runaway-marriages.pdf>



*Lamberton Toll, Berwickshire. An unposted early 20<sup>th</sup> century postcard.*

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## ACQUISITIONS – PRINT LIBRARY

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In Koha, an example of the simplest search would be by going to the drop down button that by default shows *Library catalogue*. Click that button and select *Title*. In the search entry field to the right enter *Geebung* and click the search button to the right. Two entries with Geebung in the title should be shown. Members may have a Call Number to find. To find an exact match, select *Call Number* from the same drop down options and enter the full Call Number in quotes, eg, “H4/034 1 2”. The Title “Geebung story : the next fifty years” should be found. An option called *Advanced Search*, directly under the Library Catalogue option button, is where visitors can start to develop more targeted searches.

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## FINDING FREDERICK

By Charlotte Sale.

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For many years, my husband **Trevor**'s family had resigned themselves to never knowing the identity of their great-grandfather.

Their grandmother **Ida Beatrice Conroy** was born in Bingara, New South Wales, on 13 January 1889 to **Emma Ethel Conroy** aged 20, with no father given on the birth registration.<sup>1</sup>

Ida married **William James Tighe** in Goondiwindi, Queensland on 13 October 1904.<sup>2</sup> The marriage registration named both Ida's mother and father, however raised questions.

Ida's father's name was stated as **Frederick Conroy**, a blacksmith.

Mother Emma's surname was given not as Conroy, the maiden name she used until she later married, but as **Crotty** which was her mother **Mary's** maiden name. Further research determined that Emma was not the child of Mary's husband **James Conroy** but that of a neighbour, which may have helped her dispense with the surname in this situation.<sup>3</sup>

Ida died on 18 May 1941 in Brisbane. Her mother outlived her and was the informant for the death registration. She again named Ida's father as Frederick Conroy, a labourer.<sup>4</sup>

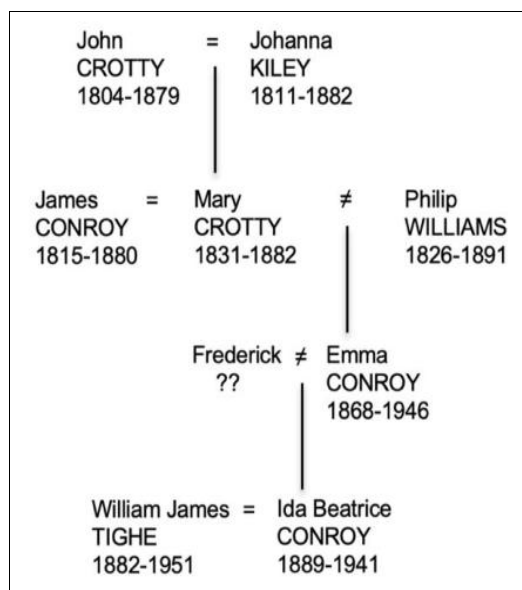
No evidence could be found for the existence of a Frederick Conroy. It seemed the surname Conroy was given simply to match Ida's maiden name and to mask her illegitimacy. Was Ida's father really named Frederick? Sadly, the family resigned themselves to not knowing who fathered this child born to a part-aboriginal girl in country New South Wales.

Fast forward to 2017 when Trevor took a DNA test with Ancestry. He was intrigued to see his ethnicity and the many people who shared his DNA but did little more than glance over these. With a "humph" he passed his test results to me, to see if I could make anything of them. At that time, engrossed in other challenges, DNA analysis was not on my to-do list.

Fast forward again to 2024 when I decided to learn to use the DNA genealogical tool properly. Or at least begin to understand it, as the detail can be quite challenging to master. I enrolled in the course "Analysing Your AncestryDNA Results" with the Society of Australian Genealogists.

After some salutary lessons in not jumping ahead – I was completely lost and frustrated more than once because of this trait of mine – I began to make sense of the long list of shared matches. I decided to focus on Trevor's DNA and see if the puzzle of Frederick could be solved, as in theory a gap of three generations seemed possible to bridge. Our teacher Christine was equally enthusiastic and soon cracked the puzzle, leading me gently through the steps to identify Trevor's great-grandfather for myself.

Maternal and paternal lines were identified and coloured dots were applied to show the various ancestral lines. Sure enough, there was a collection of matches which didn't fit with any of the identified lines. One, I'll call him **Joe**, shared sufficient DNA to be a potential second cousin and his Ancestry tree showed a great-grandfather named Frederick!



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A “quick and dirty” family tree was built for this Frederick using the free index search of the NSW Registry records, combined with searching local newspapers in Trove. Joe’s great-grandfather was **Frederick William Schroder**, who indeed had lived in Bingara around the time of Ida’s birth. With increasing excitement, similar trees built for three other shared matches of Trevor also led back to Frederick William Schroder of Bingara.

There was a brief hiatus to investigate another Frederick William Schroder who lived about the same time, in Lismore and Tamworth. No DNA shared matches were found to link back to this man who clearly just happened to have the same name.

Frederick was 30 when he married in 1892, three years after Ida’s birth, and had six more children with his wife **Elizabeth née Cowan**.<sup>5</sup>

Frederick’s father Carl (**John Carl Frederick Schroder**) emigrated to Sydney in 1854, aged 24, from the town of Barth in North Western Pomerania. Today this is part of Germany but Barth was part of Finland until 1819, then part of Prussia, which became one of the constituent states of Germany in 1918.<sup>6</sup> Carl moved to Bingara where he became the police constable. He married **Anne Berry** at Warialda, 40 kilometres north of Bingara, in 1859. Anne came to Sydney from Swimbridge in Devon in 1858.<sup>7</sup> Frederick was their third child of twelve, all born in Warialda despite the family living in Bingara. Perhaps there was a good midwife there. Despite Frederick’s German-sounding surname, he was born in Australia with mixed German and English heritage.

DNA shared match ‘**Joe**’ was the grandson of Frederick and Elizabeth’s eldest son **Frederick**. ‘**Bill**’ was the grandson of daughter **Gertrude**. ‘**Jane**’ was the granddaughter of daughter **Marjorie**. The final match, ‘**Helen**’, showed her to be the 2xgreat-granddaughter of Frederick’s sister **Sophia**.<sup>8</sup>

Ancestry’s new Pro Tools allows us to see

how much DNA different shared matches share with each other. Using this tool confirmed that Joe, Bill and Jane are likely to be 2nd cousins based on the DNA they share with each other. Interestingly, none of them share sufficient DNA with Helen for her to appear on their shared match lists. She matched with Trevor by only 36 cM, and with several other known cousins by a similar amount.

Using the “What Are the Odds” tool in DNA Painter<sup>9</sup> showed that the hypothesised relationships are likely.

The strong genetic links between the cousins and with Trevor add weight to my hypothesis that I have, indeed, finally found Frederick. Comparing photographs of Frederick and Ida shows a similarity of expression, although the photos are not clear.

In his marriage registration Frederick claimed to have no children despite Emma and Ida living in the same tiny country town. Did the Schroder family know that Ida was his child? Frederick’s obituary in 1936 described him as “a highly esteemed resident of Bingara” and at the time of Ida’s birth his father was the local police constable – indicators of a social status incompatible with a known illegitimate child, let alone a liaison with a “half caste” in the parlance of the day (Emma’s grandmother was indigenous).<sup>10</sup>

Sadly, none of these shared matches have responded to my messages. Nonetheless I continue to test my hypothesis with further reasonably exhaustive research and hope to add this branch to Trevor’s tree soon.



Ida B Conroy [Tighe]



Frederick Schroder

## FINDING FREDERICK (Cont.)

### Sources:

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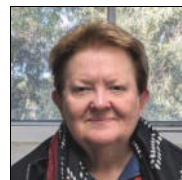
<sup>8</sup> *Names of modern day descendants have been changed for privacy.*

<sup>9</sup> <https://dnainter.com/tools/probability>.

<sup>10</sup> "Mr. F. W. Schroder" *The Inverell Times* (NSW : 1899 - 1907, 1909 - 1954) 11 March 1936: p.4. Web. 16 Feb 2024 <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article185367073>.

(photographs provided by the author) ■

## QFHS NEW MEMBERS' WELCOME AND ORIENTATION



### Facilitated by Ann Swain, Tony Swain and Anne Long

I attended this event at the QFHS library at 46 Delaware St, Chermside. Along with two others, I signed in. A chat over morning tea broke the ice before we sat together to begin the orientation. The 14-page handout will make clear what my mind hasn't retained. All three leaders of the meeting were knowledgeable, committed and truly approachable, so asking questions was not a problem. **Ann** and **Tony Swain**, joint Member Fives, have helped the Society be what it is today through their initiative, enthusiasm and, dare I say, their long commitment. Ann is also one of the DNA group convenors and Queensland Pre-Separation joint convenor, while Tony is the finance officer for Shop Support and USB production. Both are frequently onsite to welcome those who call in.

I have been a member of QFHS for some years but had never done the orientation. We each spoke about our family research interests. **Anne Long** gave us a guided tour of the centre's resources, pointing out microfiche, maps, journals, books for borrowing, library, and research folders along the way. Tony then took us to the computers to show us how to conduct our own research both at the centre and remotely. He sent each of us to locate a book of individual relevance and we were shown how to insert the book marker to relocate the spot later. I found an ancestor's name in the book I'd been sent to locate! While we were there, a talented library helper arrived and sat at a particular computer to transfer to USB research material requested by members.

It is astounding the amount of quality material that is available, so if you have not done this orientation session, I strongly recommend that you do. I am so thankful I was there. Ann, ever the scientist, pointed out how the tree-filled location allowed members to breathe in endorphins and feel better.

**Dornell Wylie** ■

## WRITING & SELF PUBLISHING A FAMILY HISTORY BOOK

By Michael Jones

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### Introduction

Having recently completed two family history books, this article summarises my learnings from the process. Initially, I was only intending on publishing the books in PDF format but due to demand from relatives they were both printed as softcover books.

It should be noted that the books were written primarily for family and relatives and not for a wider audience.

### Software Used

Being fairly familiar with Microsoft Word from my working life and already owning the software, I decided to use it for the books. Some people may find other publishing specific software easier to use but there would also be a learning curve involved.

An advantage with using Word is that it can generate PDF files (using File Save As) with detailed PDF bookmarks based on either Word headings or Word bookmarks. My books were created using Word headings. The resulting PDF files also have the hyperlinks in the Word document preserved.

### Book Writing & Assembly Process

After doing a lot of rework with my books I would recommend following the order below to minimise any rework.

1. Determine the general structure of the book i.e. front cover, front matter (title page, copyright, introduction, table of contents), body of book (the breakdown of the chapters), appendices, endnotes, index, back cover. Ensure they are all in separate sections in Word.
2. Complete the front cover, front matter and back cover.
3. Put together the text, tables etc. and integrate any images for the body of the book.
4. Add superscript numbers to reference endnotes and the corresponding endnote citations, references, and commentary. Endnotes may be included at the end of each chapter or at the back of the book.

5. Add any appendices e.g. ancestor details, descendant details, BMD certificates, etc.

6. Add filler pages if required so that Chapters and Word sections have an even number of pages. Note that this step may not be required if the book will be PDF only.

7. Have the book proof read, preferably by someone with at least some knowledge of the family history.

8. Once the content of the book and the page numbering have been finalised add the table of contents and the index for the book.

9. Make a copy of the Word file to use for the printed book. Remove the front and back covers and add mirrored borders to all sections. The printer will generally require the front cover, spline and back cover as a separate single wrap-around file.

### International Standard Book Numbers (ISBN's)

In Australia, ISBN's must be purchased from the local agent Thorpe-Bowker. If you are intending on publishing more than a couple of books, in the long term, it is more economical to buy ten ISBN's.

Bar codes based on the ISBN's can also be purchased from them or generated yourself using free online tools. The bar code should be included on the back cover of the book and in the front matter. Different formats of the same book require different bar codes.

Details of each book version must be entered into their system when the book is published.

### National E Deposit (NED)

NED is run by the National Library of Australia (NLA) for depositing electronic versions of books. Where a book is produced in both electronic format and hardcopy, the electronic version is preferred. Details of books may be entered pre-publication but must be entered when published. After processing the books are shown on TROVE. Books uploaded via NED are made available at the NLA and at all state libraries.

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## WEB LINKS

### SEARCH OVER HALF A MILLION PRISON REGISTER ENTRIES ON SCOTTISHINDEXES.COM

Scottish Indexes have reached a major milestone in their Scottish prison register indexing project. You can now search over half a million records from 38 Scottish prisons. Search Scotland's Criminal Database at <https://www.scottishindexes.com/ScotlandsCriminalDatabase.aspx>. While the census may give a place of birthplace of 'Ireland' or 'England' a prison register may give us the specific county or parish. If our ancestor died before 1851 the birthplace and age could be the vital clues we need. Aliases and alternative surnames are given in the prison register. It could be that someone used a name to try to avoid the law but we also see multiple surnames recorded for other people. Married women usually have their maiden and married surnames included. Inmates who were illegitimate may be recorded under their biological father's name as well as their mother's surname. The indexes on [scottishindexes.com](https://www.scottishindexes.com) are free to search. As well as criminal records you can search the Scottish Paternity Index, Mental Health Records, Court of Session Index, Poor Relief Records, Deeds Index, and more.

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### HEIGHTENED SECURITY FOR MAGNA CARTA

One of the four remaining copies of Magna Carta has been placed inside a new display box to prevent fading and to increase its security. The document, which was signed more than 800 years ago in 1215, is based at Salisbury Cathedral and is estimated to be worth more than £20m. Its new home has upgraded LED light control levels and more safety features. The Salisbury copy of Magna Carta, which established the right of trial by jury and ensured that no one was above the law, is believed to be the best preserved of the four 1215 copies. Signed by King John at Runnymede in 1215, it is seen as the foundation of English laws. [It has influenced later documents](#), including the US constitution. Recent news is that a further original copy of the Magna Carta has been found at Harvard University in the USA.

### COUNTY KILDARE, IRELAND'S GRAND JURY PRESENTMENT AND QUERY BOOKS DIGITISED

More than 6,000 pages of Grand Jury Presentments and Query Books have been digitised by Kildare County Archives. They are now online, free to download in pdf format. The books contain the names of many individuals: contractors taking on public works, medical staff and those caring for deserted children. You can read more in the [irishgenealogynews](https://www.irishgenealogynews.com/2023/09/county-kildares-grand-jury-presentment.html) web site at: <https://www.irishgenealogynews.com/2023/09/county-kildares-grand-jury-presentment.html>.

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### CARIGENETICS LAUNCHES GENEALOGY CONSULTATION SERVICE - BERMUDA

A privately curated Bermudian database of 140,000 individuals, 45,000 marriages and over 18,800 photos, tracing back to the 1600s, is available at *MyLineage*, a private genealogy consultation service. Refer to <https://eogn.com/page-18080/13530489>.

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### REMEMBERING THE FALLEN WITH MORE THAN 1.6 MILLION RECORDS ON THEGENEALOGIST

TheGenealogist has released **over 40,000 Rolls of Honour, over 65,000 Medal awards and over 1.5 Million War Memorial Records** significantly adding to the suite of fully searchable Military records on this family history website. Read TheGenealogist's feature article: *Rolls of Honour for Unsung Heroes of the Rolling Sea*: <https://www.thegenealogist.co.uk/featuredarticles/2023/rolls-of-honour-reveal-unsung-heroes-of-the-rolling-sea-6860/>.

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### CZECH ACADEMY OF SCIENCES LAUNCHES A DIGITAL ARCHIVE OF 15,000 FOLK SONGS

Nearly fifteen thousand songs from all regions of Bohemia, Moravia, and Silesia are now freely available through a new online library called *Písňovna.cz*. The project was created by the Institute of Ethnology of the Czech Academy of Sciences, whose archives hold most of this unique collection. Refer to <https://eogn.com/page-18080/13564170>.

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### IRELAND'S HISTORICAL TRANSPORT RECORDS NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE

Following an ambitious programme of conservation, cataloguing, and digitisation, over 166,000 pages of material, dating back to the early 19th century, have been digitised, and thousands of historical documents are now accessible to the public. The platform includes a map-based search tool and a genealogical database of almost 7,000 names, enabling users to explore the stories of those who worked within, or were connected to, Ireland's transport network. Read more at <https://eogn.com/page-18080/13562230>

### NEW FREE HISTORICAL RECORDS

FamilySearch has expanded its free online archives with over 30 million new records from 28 countries. Additions include 21 million court registers from Ireland, 3.6 million public records from the United States, and 2 million census and civil records from Italy. Other countries with significant record additions include Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Dominican Republic, England, France, Hungary and Philippines. Also refer to [FamilySearch Newsroom](#). Follow the links below to browse new records to expand your family tree:

- [Canada and United States of America](#)
- [Europe](#) (Continental Europe, the United Kingdom, Ireland, Turkey, and so on)
- [Latin America](#) (South America, Brazil, Central America, Caribbean, Mexico)
- [Pacific and Oceania](#) (Australia, New Zealand, Pacific Islands, and so on).

### AUSTRALIAN MAPS FOR FAMILY HISTORIANS

Discover land and property history with the National Library of Australia's extensive map collection and enrich your family history research with unique geographical records. This site covers Pastoral or squatting maps; Parish, Town and Country maps; and Real estate or sales plans. Search <https://www.library.gov.au/research/research-guides-o/australian-maps-family-historians>.

### AUSTRALIAN TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS RESEARCH GUIDE

The National Library of Australia also holds around 200,000 Australian topographic maps from after 1900 published by national and state mapping authorities. These include current mapping at a number of scales from 1:25 000 to 1:1 000 000, and historical series mapping at imperial scales (inch:mile, inch:four miles etc). Use this guide to help find and access maps in their collection. For more information refer to <https://www.library.gov.au/research/research-guides-o/australian-topographic-maps-research-guide>

### MAJOR UPDATE TO THEORY OF FAMILY RELATIVITY™ — 103 MILLION NEW THEORIES ADDED

The MyHeritage team recently rolled out an update to Theory of Family Relativity™, adding an impressive 103 million new theories — a 44% increase that brings the total to over 336 million. Theory of Family Relativity™ is the ultimate tool for smashing brick walls and solving DNA-Match-related mysteries. It's the only DNA tool on the market that leverages historical records as well as family tree and DNA data to suggest how a given DNA Match may be related to you. Because of the vast amounts of data involved, Theories of Family Relativity™ are calculated and refreshed on a periodic basis. With this update, 3.5 million DNA kits now have at least one Theory of Family Relativity™ — a 20% jump since the last time the data was refreshed. Read more at <https://eogn.com/page-18080/13562980>.

### IRISH HELP

Whether you are exploring your Irish Heritage or reconnecting with family, the team of volunteers at Ireland Reaching Out are there to help; contact them at [info@ielandxo.com](mailto:info@ielandxo.com). They have a new website, Irish Family History Centre, at <https://www.irishfamilyhistorycentre.com/article/ireland-reaching-out-launch-new-website/>. Irish Lives Remembered is the Irish Family History Centre's free digital magazine. ■

## QFHS NOTICES

### BEREAVEMENT NOTICES



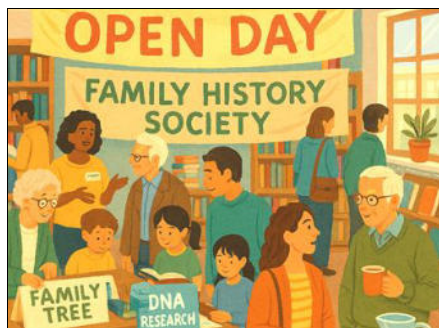
We extend our deepest sympathy on the following bereavements:

**Rhonda Stuart**, member #5664, late of Kallangur, who passed away on 7 January 2026.

**John Crowsley**, past member #2680, late of Keperra, who passed away on 28 February 2026.

**Margaret Doherty**, a past Treasurer, member #2266B, late of Mansfield, who passed away on 1 April 2026.

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



**SATURDAY 29 AUGUST 2026**  
**10.00 am – 3.00 pm**

It's a fantastic opportunity to bring friends and family to explore what QFHS offers. Featuring guided tours, demonstrations, and expert guidance on researching family history across various regions, including DNA, Central Europe, India and the Far East, the English West Country, Scotland, Wales and Ireland, discounted memberships, publications for sale, raffles, refreshments, and showbags. The event promises a lively atmosphere – so **SAVE THE DATE**.

### LEARN@QFHS

Further courses will be held as follows:

**Topic:** **Charles Booth's London maps and poverty notebooks**  
**Date:** FRI 8 May 2026  
**Time:** 10.00 – 11.30 am (online)  
**Presenter:** Dr Penny Walters, UK\* (Limit 50 people)

**Topic:** **Australian literary sources for family history context**  
**Date:** FRI 12 June 2026  
**Time:** 10.00 am to 11.30 am (online)  
**Presenter:** Chris Schuetz (Limit 50 people)

**Topic:** **Queensland maps for family history**  
**Date:** FRI 19 June 2026 (free)  
**Time:** 10.00 am to 12.00 noon (online)  
**Presenter:** Kerry Raymond (Limit 6 people)

**Topic:** **Queensland maps for family history (repeat)**  
**Date:** FRI 26 June 2026 (free)  
**Time:** 10.00 am to 12.00 noon (Centre)  
**Presenter:** Kerry Raymond (Limit 6 people)

**Topic:** **A History of Parliament Online**  
**Date:** FRI 10 July 2025  
**Time:** 10.00 am to 11.30 am (online)  
**Presenter:** Patrice Connelly (Limit 50 people)

**Cost per presentation:**  
\$20 members (QFHS and GSQ) and  
\$30 non-members

\*International speakers:  
\$35 members (QFHS and GSQ) and  
\$45 non-members

### TALKING ABOUT

**Topic:** **Memorialisation**  
**Date:** WED 27 May 2026 (free)  
**Time:** 10.00 am to noon (online)  
**Facilitator:** Nancy Edwards (Limit 25 people)

**Topic:** **The home front in WWI**  
**Date:** WED 22 July 2026 (free)  
**Time:** 10.00 am to noon (online)  
**Facilitator:** Nancy Edwards (Limit 25 people)

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Bookings are required – you are invited to register to secure your place for these events through <https://www.qfhs.org.au/events/learn-qfhs/> or <https://www.qfhs.org.au/events/members-lounge/talking-about/>.

*“Follow” QFHS and be advised as soon as new events are listed with*

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/o/queensland-family-history-society-inc-4629298833>

CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE EVENTS

#### GSQ EDUCATION EVENTS

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| <b>Topic:</b>                                                                  | <b>The Manorial System in England and Wales</b>                                                                |
| <b>Date:</b>                                                                   | Sat 16 May 2026                                                                                                |
| <b>Time:</b>                                                                   | 9.00 - 11.00 am                                                                                                |
| <b>Presenter:</b>                                                              | Geoff Barber                                                                                                   |
| <b>Topic:</b>                                                                  | <b>Making sense of the English Censuses and 1939 Register</b>                                                  |
| <b>Date:</b>                                                                   | Sat 13 June 2026                                                                                               |
| <b>Time:</b>                                                                   | 9.00 - 11.00 am                                                                                                |
| <b>Presenter:</b>                                                              | Helen Smith                                                                                                    |
| <b>Topic:</b>                                                                  | <b>AI and Family History: The 2026 Update</b>                                                                  |
| <b>Date:</b>                                                                   | Sat 27 June 2026                                                                                               |
| <b>Time:</b>                                                                   | 9.00 - 11.00 am                                                                                                |
| <b>Presenter:</b>                                                              | Andrew Redfern                                                                                                 |
| <b>Topic:</b>                                                                  | <b>Building the family story: maps and plans – insights into the history of our suburbs, streets and homes</b> |
| <b>Date:</b>                                                                   | Sat 4 July 2026                                                                                                |
| <b>Time:</b>                                                                   | 9.00 - 11.00 am                                                                                                |
| <b>Presenter:</b>                                                              | Stephanie Ryan                                                                                                 |
| <b>Topic:</b>                                                                  | <b>Accessing Ancestry: The Roots, The Branches, and the Trees</b>                                              |
| <b>Date:</b>                                                                   | Sat 18 July 2026                                                                                               |
| <b>Time:</b>                                                                   | 9.00 - 11.00 am                                                                                                |
| <b>Presenter:</b>                                                              | Cindy Ingle*                                                                                                   |
| <b>Cost per presentation:</b>                                                  |                                                                                                                |
|                                                                                | \$21 members (QFHS and GSQ) and                                                                                |
|                                                                                | \$31 non-members                                                                                               |
| <b>*International speakers:</b>                                                |                                                                                                                |
|                                                                                | \$31 members (QFHS and GSQ) and                                                                                |
|                                                                                | \$41 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. Register at <https://www.gsq.org.au/gsq-events/>.

QFHS members will need to input their member number and the code when booking to obtain the GSQ discounted member pricing. 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.

#### LIBRARY ASSISTANTS' CONSULTATION AND TRAINING SESSION

**Thursday 16 July 2026**

**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.



The Hills & Districts Chamber of Commerce has changed the name of their Expo to

#### **The Thrive over 55 Expo** with a theme

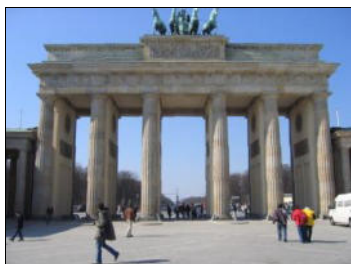
**Live Life to the Fullest Over 55**  
to be held on **Friday 29 May 2026**

from **9 am to 2 pm** at the Hills PCYC at 135A Olearia St West, Everton Hills.

If you have any questions please contact Carolyn Hohnke, on 0448 328 914 or email [cadsh@bigpond.com](mailto:cadsh@bigpond.com).

## QFHS NOTICES (Cont.)

### Central European Research Day



#### Researching your German or Central European ancestors?

The next Central European  
Research Day is

**Thursday, 14 May 2026**

**9.00 am to 3.00 pm**

at

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

(at intersection of Delaware St & Waring St)

This event offers a fantastic chance to dedicate a day to your Central European family history research. You'll have the chance to collaborate with others, offering and receiving support as needed. Feel free to bring your own lunch or some food to share.

To make the most of this experience, consider preparing by:

- Reviewing your ongoing research and bringing any materials you'll need
- Defining specific questions or objectives to guide your work

Friendly, skilled people will be there to help you and other attendees. Please remember to register soon, as spaces are limited.

Please register through Eventbrite at <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/central-european-research-day-tickets-1977012856674?> or our calendar.

### QFHS INC. FAMILY HISTORY BOOK AWARD 2027

The Society invites entries for this Award which will be presented at a special event 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](mailto:fhaward@qfhs.org.au).



Entries close **30 November 2026**.

The Award is open to members of the Society and to the general public. For further information email [fhaward@qfhs.org.au](mailto: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](mailto: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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## Irish Research Day



### Researching Irish ancestors?

The next Irish Research Day is  
**Thursday, 9 July 2026**  
**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](mailto:irish@qfhs.org.au) with your QFHS membership number.

### OTHER WRITING AWARDS AVAILABLE

#### Joan Reese Short Story Competition

The topic for 2026 is *A short story from family history research you have undertaken*, with maximum words of 2500. Entries close **25 May 2026**. Details can be obtained from <https://www.gsq.org.au/gsq-events/writing-competition>. (Page is not yet updated but details from GSQ Generation, Vol49 No.2, Dec 2025, p.6.).

#### E.M. Fletcher Writing Competition

For best short story between 1500 - 2000 words on a family history or genealogy theme. Entries open on 15 February and close on **15 July** each year. Information can be obtained from the FHACT's website <https://www.familyhistoryact.org.au/writingcompetitioninformation>.

#### GSV Writing Prize

This must contain between 1200 - 2400 words and have a family history/genealogy theme. Closing date is **28 August 2026**. Refer to [GSV Writing Prize | The Genealogical Society of Victoria](https://www.gsv.org.au/gsv-writing-prize-o) at <https://www.gsv.org.au/gsv-writing-prize-o>.

#### The Don Grant Award

Presented for the *best Australian family historical biography with a family history focus* submitted that year. Strong emphasis is placed on a pre-Australian component. The closing date is **30 November** each year. For further details refer to <https://www.familyhistoryconnections.org.au/index.php/awards/64-don-grant-award>.

#### Alexander Henderson Award

Presented for the *best Australian family history* submitted that year. Strong emphasis is placed on a pre-Australian component. The closing date is **30 November** each year. See <https://www.familyhistoryconnections.org.au/index.php/awards/65-alexander-henderson-award>.

#### Lilian Watson Family History Award

This award is for a book with a significant *Tasmanian content* on a single family, group of related families or a biographical history. Entries close on **1 December** each year. For further details refer to [https://www.tasfhs.org/lilian\\_watson.php](https://www.tasfhs.org/lilian_watson.php).

**QFHS NOTICES (Cont.)****NOTICE OF QFHS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Our Society will hold its **Annual General Meeting** on **Tuesday, 16 June 2026** 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 **Tuesday, 2 June 2026**. 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](http://www.qfhs.org.au). All parties must sign. Post it to the Secretary no later than 26 May 2026 at our postal address, or scan and email the completed form to the Secretary by 2 June 2026. 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 5.8 of our Constitution. Your proxy must be received by the Secretary at least 48 hours before the meeting. Copies of our 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](http://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](mailto: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.

As we are all aware, QFHS is a volunteer organisation however it needs to be conducted as a business. We need to keep abreast of legislative and financial responsibilities of an incorporated association as well as taking decisions in the best interests of the Society.

Volunteering is the life blood of QFHS. Members are urged to consider whether they might be prepared to assist with the centre's operation. All involvement, irrespective of the time offered, benefits our society.

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 2026 ■

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**MORE ENTRIES HAVE BEEN ADDED TO OUR QUEENSLAND SCHOOL PUPILS INDEX PART 7**

Our indexing team has advised a further 415,213 new entries have been added to our Queensland School Pupils Index Part 7 – new material from admission registers of 183 schools. The updated guide (now 210 pages) gives details of those schools as well as all the others available in QSPI7.

QSPI7 now has over 3.5 million records, none of which have ever been available to any outside groups. In total, our society has now made admission details of almost 6 million students available to members at <https://www.qfhs.org.au/online-access/qsip7/>. Congratulations to our team on a great job! ■

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## WORKING ON YOUR FAMILY HISTORY?

We can help you with your research. Programs available to you at our Research Centre or online are:

Ancestry  
Biographical Database of Australia  
British Newspaper Archive  
Emerald Ancestors (Northern Ireland)

FamilySearch digital images  
Findmypast  
MyHeritage  
Irish Ancestors (Ireland)  
The Genealogist (UK)

We can also help with:

Burial records, burial registers, MIs, headstone photographs  
Birth, death and marriage indexes  
Electoral rolls and shipping records  
Government and Police Gazettes  
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## DATES TO REMEMBER, INCL. MEMBERS LOUNGE

| DATE             | ACTIVITY                                                                                                                                                     | VENUE           | TIME             |
|------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| <b>MAY 2026</b>  |                                                                                                                                                              |                 |                  |
| Saturday         | 2 Family Tree Maker User Group ( <i>See p.156</i> )                                                                                                          | Hybrid          | 10.00 - 11.30 am |
| Sunday           | 3 Family Historian Software User Group ( <i>See p.157</i> )                                                                                                  | Online          | 1.00 - 3.00 pm   |
| Monday           | 4 <b>LABOUR DAY – RESEARCH CENTRE CLOSED</b>                                                                                                                 |                 |                  |
| Thursday         | 7 Technology Special Interest Group ( <i>See p. .150</i> )                                                                                                   | Online          | 10.00 - noon     |
| Friday           | 8 <b>Learn@QFHS:</b> <i>Charles Booth's London maps and poverty notebooks</i><br>Speaker: Dr Penny Walters ( <i>See p.68</i> )                               | Online          | 10.00 - 11.30 am |
| Saturday         | 9 Scottish Interest Group ( <i>See p.154</i> )                                                                                                               | Hybrid          | 10.00 – noon     |
| Thursday         | 14 CENTRAL EUROPEAN RESEARCH DAY                                                                                                                             | Research Centre | 9.00 – 3.00 pm   |
| Saturday         | 16 Family History Writing Group ( <i>See p.154</i> )                                                                                                         | Online          | 9.00 - noon      |
| Sunday           | 17 Welsh Interest Group ( <i>See p.154</i> )                                                                                                                 | Hybrid          | 10.00 - noon     |
| Monday           | 18 The Master Genealogist (TMG) User Group ( <i>See p.</i> )                                                                                                 | Online          | 7.00 - 8.30 pm   |
| Wednesday        | 20 <b>Presenting...</b> <i>A Medal for (or from) Commissioner Thallon</i><br>( <i>see back page</i> )<br>Speaker: Greg Hallam, Queensland Railways Historian | Hybrid          | 1.00 - 3.00 pm   |
| Saturday         | 23 DNA Interest Group ( <i>See p.157</i> ) <i>Beginners</i>                                                                                                  | Hybrid          | 10.00 - noon     |
| Sunday           | 24 New Members' Welcome & Orientation Session ( <i>See p.158</i> )                                                                                           | Research Centre | 9.30 – 12.30 pm  |
| Sunday           | 24 <b>Members Lounge – Visit to Miegunyah House Museum</b>                                                                                                   | Bowen Hills     | 2.15 – 4.00 pm   |
| Wednesday        | 27 <b>Talking About – Memorialisation</b> ( <i>See p.68</i> )                                                                                                | Online          | 10.00 - noon     |
| Thursday         | 28 English West Country Group ( <i>See p.154</i> )                                                                                                           | Online          | noon - 2.00 pm   |
| <b>JUNE 2026</b> |                                                                                                                                                              |                 |                  |
| Thursday         | 4 Technology Interest Group ( <i>See p. .150</i> )                                                                                                           | Online          | 10.00 - noon     |
| Friday           | 5 Family Tree Maker User Group ( <i>See p.74</i> )                                                                                                           | Online          | 10.00 - 11.30 am |
| Friday           | 5 Pre-Separation Group Excursion for Queensland Day –<br><i>Tour through Newstead House</i> ( <i>See p.61</i> )                                              | Newstead        | 10.30 – noon     |
| Saturday         | 6 Central European Group ( <i>See p. .</i> )                                                                                                                 | Hybrid          | 10.00 – noon     |
| Sunday           | 7 Family Historian Software User Group ( <i>See p.75</i> )                                                                                                   | Online          | 1.00 – 3.00 pm   |
| Friday           | 12 <b>Learn@QFHS:</b> <i>Australian literary sources for family history context</i><br>Speaker: Chris Schuetz ( <i>See p.68</i> )                            | Online          | 10.00 - 11.30 am |
| Saturday         | 13 Irish Interest Group ( <i>See p.74</i> )                                                                                                                  | Online          | 10.30 - 12.30 pm |
| Sunday           | 14 Colonial India and The Far East Group ( <i>See p.75</i> )                                                                                                 | Online          | 10.00 – 12 noon  |
| Tuesday          | 16 <b>Annual General Meeting</b> ( <i>Evening</i> )                                                                                                          | Hybrid          | 7.30 – 9.30 pm   |
| Friday           | 19 <b>Learn@QFHS:</b> <i>Queensland maps for family history</i>                                                                                              | Online          | 10.00 - noon     |
| Saturday         | 20 New Members' Welcome & Orientation Session ( <i>See p.155</i> )                                                                                           | Online          | 9.30 – 12.30 pm  |
| Friday           | 26 <b>Learn@QFHS:</b> <i>Queensland maps for family history repeat</i>                                                                                       | Research Centre | 10.00 - noon     |
| Saturday         | 27 DNA Interest Group ( <i>See p.157</i> ) <i>Experienced</i>                                                                                                | Hybrid          | 10.00 - noon     |
| Monday           | 29 <b>Book Club - The Stolen Crown</b> by Tracy Borman                                                                                                       | Online          | 10.00 - 11.30 am |
| <b>JULY 2026</b> |                                                                                                                                                              |                 |                  |
| Thursday         | 2 Technology Interest Group ( <i>See p. .150</i> )                                                                                                           | Online          | 10.00 - noon     |
| Saturday         | 4 Family Tree Maker User Group ( <i>See p.156</i> )                                                                                                          | Hybrid          | 10.00 - 11.30 am |
| Sunday           | 5 Family Historian Software User Group ( <i>See p.75</i> )                                                                                                   | Online          | 1.00 – 3.00 pm   |
| Thursday         | 9 IRISH RESEARCH DAY ( <i>See p. .</i> )                                                                                                                     | Research Centre | 10.00 - 3.00 pm  |
| Friday           | 10 <b>Learn@QFHS:</b> <i>A History of Parliament Online</i><br>Speaker: Patrice Connelly ( <i>See p.68</i> )                                                 | Online          | 10.00 - 11.30 am |
| Saturday         | 11 Scottish Interest Group ( <i>See p.74</i> )                                                                                                               | Hybrid          | 10.00 – noon     |
| Wednesday        | 15 <b>Presenting...</b> <i>Dangerous to Know: The beginnings of</i>                                                                                          | Hybrid          | 1.00 – 3.00 pm   |

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| <i>Qld's asylums and early colonial doctors (see back page)</i><br>Speaker: Duncan Richardson |    |                                                                                                       |                                                          |
| Thursday                                                                                      | 16 | LA CONSULTATION AND TRAINING SESSION                                                                  | Hybrid 10.00 - 12.30 pm                                  |
| Saturday                                                                                      | 18 | Family History Writing Group (See p.74)                                                               | Online 9.00 - noon                                       |
| Sunday                                                                                        | 19 | Welsh Interest Group (See p.154)                                                                      | Hybrid 10.00 - noon                                      |
| Monday                                                                                        | 20 | The Master Genealogist (TMG) User Group (See p.75)                                                    | Online 7.00 - 8.30 pm                                    |
| Wednesday                                                                                     | 22 | <b>Talking About</b> – <i>The home front in World War I (See p.68)</i>                                | Online 10.00 – noon                                      |
| Thursday                                                                                      | 23 | English West Country Group (See p.74)                                                                 | Online noon - 2.00 pm                                    |
| Saturday                                                                                      | 25 | DNA Interest Group (See p.157) <i>Beginners</i>                                                       | Hybrid 10.00 - noon                                      |
| Sunday                                                                                        | 26 | New Members' Welcome & Orientation Session (See p.155)                                                | Research Centre 9.30 – 12.30 pm                          |
| Monday                                                                                        | 27 | <b>Members Lounge</b> – <i>Visit to Masonic Memorial Centre</i>                                       | 311 Ann Street 10.00 - noon                              |
| <b>AUGUST 2026 – AFFHO National Family History Month</b>                                      |    |                                                                                                       |                                                          |
| Saturday                                                                                      | 1  | Central European Group (See p. )                                                                      | Hybrid 10.00 – noon                                      |
| Sunday                                                                                        | 2  | Family Historian Software User Group (See p.75)                                                       | Online 1.00 – 3.00 pm                                    |
| Wednesday                                                                                     | 5  | QFHS INC FAMILY HISTORY BOOK AWARD PRESENTATION AND AUTHOR BOOKFEST                                   | Aspley Hornets Football Club, Carseldine 11.00 – 1.00 pm |
| Thursday                                                                                      | 6  | Technology Special Interest Group (See p. .150)                                                       | Online 10.00 - noon                                      |
| Wednesday                                                                                     | 12 | <b>BRISBANE EKKA HOLIDAY – RESEARCH CENTRE OPEN</b>                                                   |                                                          |
| Wednesday                                                                                     | 19 | <b>Presenting...</b> <i>The Search for Isabella (see back page)</i><br>Speaker: Dr Roger Wilkinson AM | Hybrid 1.00 – 3.00 pm                                    |
| Saturday                                                                                      | 29 | <b>OPEN DAY</b>                                                                                       | Research Centre 10.00 - 3.00 pm                          |
| Monday                                                                                        | 31 | <b>Book Club</b> - <i>Fleeced</i> by Trish FitzSimons and Madelyn Shaw                                | Online 7.30 – 9.00 pm                                    |

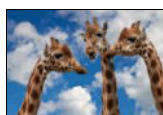
Management Committee meetings are usually held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7.00 pm online on Zoom or in person at the Research Centre. If you would like to attend, please contact the Secretary.

Dates and participation methods are correct at the time of printing.



### 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/>



### Members Lounge Socials

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

## You are cordially invited to attend the presentation of the QFHS Inc Family History Book Award Presentation, and Author Bookfest

on Wednesday 5 August 2026

at 11.00 am – 1.00 pm

at the Aspley Hornets Football Club, 50 Graham Rd, Carseldine

Books to be discussed:

*The Doolans of Pine Mountain and Peak Crossing* by Mary Mahon

*What's in a Name? A Journey of Immigration, Infidelity and Incarceration* by Kay Ryan

*From Springfield Station with Love* by Sarah Collins

*The Emigrant and The Exile (Ann Lyon (1819-1900) and James Lee (1828-1886))* by Sylvia Bannah

Please RSVP through the QFHS Calendar ■

## 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:

**16 May 2026**

**18 July 2026**

If you are interested in joining us, please email [fhwriters@gfhs.org.au](mailto:fhwriters@gfhs.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:

**13 June 2026**

**8 August 2026**

For further information, please email [irish@gfhs.org.au](mailto:irish@gfhs.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:

**28 May 2026**

**23 July 2026**

For further information, please email [englishwestcountry@gfhs.org.au](mailto:englishwestcountry@gfhs.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:

**9 May 2026**

**11 July 2026**

If you are interested in joining this group, please email Chris on [scottish@gfhs.org.au](mailto:scottish@gfhs.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:

**17 May 2026**

**19 July 2026**

For further information please email [welsh@gfhs.org.au](mailto:welsh@gfhs.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:

**6 June 2026**

**1 August 2026**

A \$2 donation goes towards purchasing relevant records.

For further information email Eric at [kopittke@tpg.com.au](mailto:kopittke@tpg.com.au).

**Eric Kopittke**  
(Convenor)

### 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 2 May 2026**

**Fri 5 June 2026**

**Sat 4 July 2026**

**Fri 7 August 2026**

For further information, please contact Geoff Morgan on email [familytree@gfhs.org.au](mailto:familytree@gfhs.org.au).

**Geoff Morgan & Debra Ricks**  
(Convenors)

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**DNA INTEREST GROUP**

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

|                       |                    |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| <b>23 May 2026</b>    | <b>Beginners</b>   |
| <b>27 June 2026</b>   | <b>Experienced</b> |
| <b>25 July 2026</b>   | <b>Beginners</b>   |
| <b>22 August 2026</b> | <b>Experienced</b> |

For further information contact Chris Schuetz or Ann Swain on email [dna@qfhs.org.au](mailto: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 **10.00 am** on the **second Sunday of even-numbered** months. The next meetings will be held on:

|                     |                      |
|---------------------|----------------------|
| <b>14 June 2026</b> | <b>9 August 2026</b> |
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For further information please email [indiafe@qfhs.org.au](mailto:indiafe@qfhs.org.au).

**Dette Glenday & Wendy Angliss**  
(Convenors)

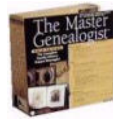
**FAMILY HISTORIAN USER GROUP**

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

|                      |
|----------------------|
| <b>3 May 2026</b>    |
| <b>7 June 2026</b>   |
| <b>5 July 2026</b>   |
| <b>2 August 2026</b> |

For further information please email [familyhistorian@qfhs.org.au](mailto:familyhistorian@qfhs.org.au).

**Malcolm Kingston & Chris Wright**  
(Convenors)

**THE MASTER GENEALOGIST (TMG) USER GROUP**

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

|                    |                     |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| <b>18 May 2026</b> | <b>20 July 2026</b> |
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For further information contact Kevin Haley or Peter Frederick at [tmg@qfhs.org.au](mailto:tmg@qfhs.org.au).

**Kevin Haley & Peter Frederick**  
(Convenors)

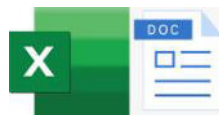
**QLD PRE-SEPARATION GROUP**

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 meeting will be held on:

**Fri 5 June 2026 – Tour of Newstead House, to celebrate Queensland Day**

For further information please email [presep@qfhs.org.au](mailto:presep@qfhs.org.au).

**Ann Swain & Jenny Davidson**  
(Convenors)

**TECHNOLOGY SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP**

The Technology SIG will provide an opportunity for members to discuss and learn commonly used computer software such as Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint. The group will meet online via Zoom at **10.00 am** on the **first Thursday of each** month. The next meetings will be held on:

|                      |
|----------------------|
| <b>7 May 2026</b>    |
| <b>4 June 2026</b>   |
| <b>2 July 2026</b>   |
| <b>6 August 2026</b> |

For further information please email [webadmin@qfhs.org.au](mailto:webadmin@qfhs.org.au).

**Debra Ricks**  
(Convenor) ■

## WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS of QFHS INC.

Membership numbers 6901 - 6935 including members who joined up to 31/03/26:

BARRETT Rebecca, Coolangatta, QLD  
 BENSON Melinda, Orient Point, NSW  
 BERQUIST Cheryl, Chapel Hill, QLD  
 BREENE Helene, Morningside, QLD  
 BROSNAN Michael, Carseldine, QLD  
 BUCKLEY Denise, Wavell Heights, QLD  
 CARDILIN Deb, Eagleby, QLD  
 CARROLL John, Albany Creek, QLD  
 CARTER Christine, Bongaree, QLD  
 CATTON Rodney, Innisfail, QLD  
 CHARTERS Heather, Banksia Beach, QLD  
 DIGGLES Renae, Clayfield, QLD  
 FULTON Terence, Bongaree, QLD  
 GUNTORPE Fiona, Forest Lake, QLD  
 HARDING Frances, Everton Park, QLD  
 HOLMES Gabriel, Stafford Heights, QLD  
 JACOBSEN Patricia, Bongaree, QLD  
 JAMES Pamela, Tin Can Bay, QLD  
 KANE Robert, Taigum, QLD  
 McKAY Donald, Everton Hills, QLD  
 MITCHELL Kirsten, Tanawha, QLD  
 NOBLE Georgina, Tamborine Mtn, QLD  
 NOVELLO Mary, Bardon, QLD  
 PEACH Deborah, West End, QLD  
 RANKINE Andrew, Chapel Hill, QLD  
 RUSSELL Natasha, Warwick, QLD  
 SCHLOSS Janelle, Beaudesert, QLD  
 STEVENSON Anthony & RENDELL  
 Kathryn, Moorooka, QLD  
 TAYLOR John, Mackay, QLD  
 TOWNSLEY Glen, Scarborough, QLD  
 WERNER Gayle, Clayfield, QLD  
 WOLSKI Malcolm, Eight Mile Plains, QLD  
 WRIGHT Kellie, Camira, QLD

### Welcome back to the following members who are rejoining:

COREY Teena, Kedron, QLD  
 HERBERT Pamela, Ferndale, WA  
 KANE Dorothy, Taigum, QLD  
 PEACOCK Ian, Aspley, QLD  
 VILLIERS Ann, Enoggera, QLD  
 WAY Colleen, Boondall, QLD ■

## NEW MEMBERS' WELCOME & ORIENTATION SESSIONS

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

|            |                  |                           |
|------------|------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Sun</b> | <b>24 May</b>    | <b>at Research Centre</b> |
| <b>Sat</b> | <b>20 June</b>   | <b>Online</b>             |
| <b>Sun</b> | <b>26 July</b>   | <b>at Research Centre</b> |
| <b>Sat</b> | <b>15 August</b> | <b>at Research Centre</b> |

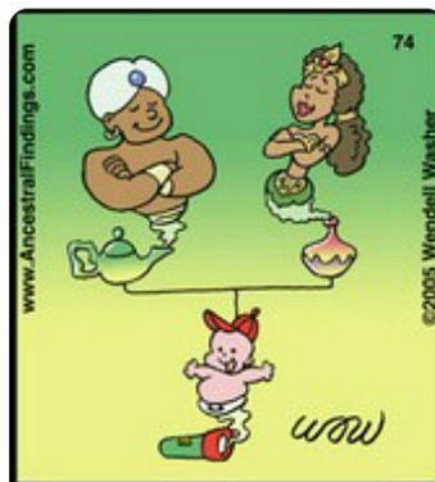
Enjoy an overview of research material and facilities available in the Family History Research Centre. We invite you to attend a New Members' Welcome and Orientation session when you join the Society or at any time you would like a refresher.

### 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**  
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- 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/](http://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/](http://www.qfhs.org.au/join-us/country-members/);
- See other benefits of membership at [www.qfhs.org.au/join-us/benefits-of-membership/](http://www.qfhs.org.au/join-us/benefits-of-membership/).

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The Society is pleased to accept articles of interest to members for publication in this journal – family stories, stories relevant to family history, articles about historical social conditions, research tips, lists, certificate prices and availability, etc. The Editorial Committee reserves the right to decide whether articles are suitable and when they will be published, apart from *Help Wanted* and *Members' Interests* which normally will appear in the journal following their receipt. Alterations in *Help Wanted* or *Members' Interests* will not normally be made without prior consultation with the contributor. Articles for publication should be submitted by email as an attachment. Scanned photographs and images should be attached as high quality \*.jpg or \*.tif files. Receipt of articles will be acknowledged by email, and any photographs posted to support the text will be returned. Contributors should indicate if copy is being distributed to other family history society journals or family history magazines. The Journal is produced using Microsoft Office (for Windows). The preferred formats for files submitted are MSWord (\*.doc or \*.docx) or Rich Text (\*.rtf). The closing dates for the Journals are **15 March, 15 June, 15 September and 15 December**. The Editor reserves the right to make alterations in submitted text in regards to grammar, spelling, clarity and length. **It is imperative that contributors supply in writing all necessary authorisation obtained in respect to copyright for use of photographs, attachments, etc.**

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|--------------------------------------------------|---------|
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### VISITORS'/RESEARCH CENTRE USAGE FEES

|                                                           |                             |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
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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](mailto: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.76 or *Dates to Remember* on p.74 of this issue.

### ***Presenting...MONTHLY GUEST SPEAKERS***

#### **MAY 20 (1.00 pm) HYBRID**

##### ***Presenting...A Medal for (or from) Commissioner Thallon***

Popular presenter Greg Hallam, Historian with Queensland Rail, will talk about two towns that stand on the Queensland Railways system, both now very much “at the end of the line”, one at the end of the Etheridge line in far northern Queensland, and the other at the end of the south western line from Warwick and Goondiwindi, in tribute to one of the Commissioners for Queensland Railways, James Forsayth (or Forsythe in older spellings) Thallon. Thallon died in 1911, and despite his death over a century ago, he maintains a legacy that continues with the railways in Queensland to the present time. Following his death, the fund from 1912, in memory of Thallon, was maintained by voluntary subscription, and the interest used to provide 3 gold medals annually.

#### **JUNE 16 (TUESDAY) (7.30 pm) HYBRID**

##### ***Annual General Meeting***

Your President and Treasurer will provide their reports for the financial year to 31 March 2026, and a Management Committee will be elected for the coming year 2026-2027.

#### **JULY 15 (1.00 pm) HYBRID**

##### ***Presenting...Dangerous to Know: The beginnings of Queensland's asylums and early colonial doctors***

Duncan Richardson will speak about his latest book. Medicine in the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century was on the threshold of life-saving discoveries and developments so a doctor might use leeches to bleed a patient one day and an anaesthetic for an operation on the next. But for mental illness, real treatment was still very distant. Most doctors believed that cold water immersion, straightjackets and brandy would cure a disturbed person. In Queensland's early years as a colony, the government hurriedly ordered a mental asylum to be built at Woogaroo. Another asylum for the poor and chronically ill was set up on Stradbroke Island. To assess people's state of mind, a Reception House was opened in the old barracks on Spring Hill. The medical men, with no training in mental illness, would oversee these places, and employ staff based on their physical strength. Lack of skill and effective drugs were not the only reasons why patients received little care. The doctors had other priorities, ambitions, sectarian divisions and professional jealousies. Often described in biographies as medical heroes, many of these men were dangerous to know.

#### **AUGUST 19 (1.00 pm) HYBRID**

##### ***Presenting...The Search for Isabella***

Back by popular demand, Dr Roger Wilkinson AM will speak about his great aunt, her life as a doctor growing up in Melbourne, and her subsequent life as a medical missionary in southern China from 1909 -1920 before returning to England with her family.

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