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Staff at Christsen’s emporium, Bundaberg, c.1930 - George Nielsen, centre in the white shirt.
Photograph provided by Chris Griffiths. See story on p.84.

SOCIAL MEDIA NUGGETS – REVEALING H.T. CHRISTSEN, 'THE GRAND OLD MAN OF BUNDABERG'

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Do you ever feel that searching the Internet, more specifically social media, is akin to looking for a needle in a haystack? I often think it more closely resembles the panning for gold; washing through a lot of irrelevant drash in the hope of finding specks of gold. Watch out for fools' gold in the form of misinformation and distracting cat videos that produce momentary excitement but that soon gives way to disappointment.

My recent experience seems to give weight to my gold analogy.

The successful gold search must start in the right terrain. In my case, it was a Facebook group called 'Bundaberg: Remember When'.¹ My family roots go back to 1877 when my great grandfather **George Dawson** [1838-1928] settled and bought land. Since then, three generations have lived and worked there. There must surely be someone who remembers some of them?

My first question to the group concerned my cousin **George Dawson** [1889-1968]. He ran a successful bicycle and motor cycle business and was prominent in the cycling fraternity. Did anyone recall his business? Disappointment best described the responses. Someone's grandfather knew a mate of a mate who worked for George, and someone else had tyres pumped up in his shop. Fools' gold I'd say.

I moved on to ask about George's wife, **Florence Christsen** [1862-1924]. Florence was the daughter of **Hans Truvel Christsen** [1856-1926] and **Emma Champ** [1862-1924]. H. T. Christsen also had a successful grocery business in Bourbong Street. My mother remembered the shop from her childhood in the 1930s. By the next day, the Facebook page was awash with memories. I'd struck gold.

Several people remembered working at Christsen's or had family who worked there. One remembered groceries being delivered from them. The grocery business was remembered fondly. 'Sliced ham' was recalled

as well as cheese being cut from a block with wire, wrapped in grease proof paper then tied with brown string which was snapped by the grocer. Another recollection of the snapping of string, was the grocer's skill and not to be attempted by children, as the contributor had done, 'nearly to sever his fingers'.

The payment system was also remembered by a woman who had worked in a 'cage type' office to which money was sent on a cable device. The range of goods for sale had been very impressive. The list from one contributor went thus: 'ammo, dynamite, tools, tinned food, bulk flour, grains and deli items'. The emporium had bare wooden floors and 'a smell that still pleasantly lingers in the memory'. In subsequent research at the Queensland State Archive, a H.T. Christsen letterhead was found. The emporium's impressive inventory was reflected on the stylishly designed logo.



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There was also bulk wine from large barrels in the days when wine drinking was a rarity. The customers for this trade were mostly Germans for the white wine and Italians for the red. The term 'plonk' was used by the contributor who claimed the expression had been used by the returning soldiers from the Western Front who had drunk 'vin blanc' in France. It's a good story.

I was very pleased to have one respondent make a connection between H.T. Christsen's and Bundaberg's famous spirit Bundy Rum. Christsen's operated their own bottling plant in the Bourbong Street premises at the rear of

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the grocery and hardware. The spirit was sold at UP and OP strengths. The bottles were recycled Bushels Coffee Chicory bottles. Bundaberg folk sold them to Christsen's for one penny per bottle. They were washed and refilled with the famous spirit. The shape remained the same whereas the capacity has increased to 700 millilitres. H.T. and his son **Frederick** [1890-1962] preferred to employ staff of the Salvation Army faith in the rum bottling department as they were less likely to be tempted to sample the spirit. I felt very lucky to hear these stories and for the group to share them.

All these specks of information were creating a picture of an industrious family. Of their 13 children, three sons seemed to have been heavily involved in the business. It was not just business that concerned the Christsen's because they also took an interest in the financial welfare of customers who had difficulties. One respondent told of his grandmother using the mortgage service provided, whereby the family farm mortgage was transferred to H.T. after the death of the grandfather. High death duty placed a considerable burden on the grandmother. However, she was able to remain on the farm until her death in 1940 at which time the Christsen's took the farm.

After three days, responses ceased. My subsequent posts have yielded no treasure. Further searching on Trove produced H.T.'s obituary which referred to him as 'the grand old man of Bundaberg'.² He was further praised as 'one of the most esteemed and respected men in Bundaberg and was an ardent supporter of all movements to advance the district. His honesty and integrity were unquestioned and these combined with his industry, thrift and ambition were the mainstays of his success'.³ His contributions live on in the collective memory of the city he loved.

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² 'Death of Mr H.T. Christsen' in Maryborough Chronicle, Wide Bay & Burnett

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³ *ibid.*



Christsen Park, Barga

(photographs provided by the author.) ■



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CHARLES KEANE, A BLACK SHEEP IN THE FAMILY

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Until they were adults, my mother and her siblings knew little about their Uncle **Charles** who died in 1921. What had he done that his sister's children knew virtually nothing about him?

One day in the late 1940s, my grandfather told my mother and her sister that Uncle Charles had run off and married an older woman, **Lucille Mullaly**, a governess, when he was very young. There was an inference that she had led Charles astray and was certainly beneath him socially. Three children were born. He added that in 1941, my grandmother, Charles' sister, received a letter from Charles' younger daughter **Ruth**. She had seen the death notice for **Ada**, Charles' mother. She asked if she could visit my grandparents.

It was several years after this visit that Mum and her sister were given the scant details of Charles' life and Ruth's visit, and many more years before I heard the bare bones of the story. It was a short and sad tale.

Ruth told my grandparents that she and her siblings spent time in care. Charles poured carbolic acid down the throat of one of the children. They lived in poverty. In 1931, Charles and Lucille's teenage son was hit by a car in Sydney and killed. Their eldest daughter was also dead. No contact was maintained with Ruth after the visit.

I have since discovered more about Charles and his family.

Just after his nineteenth birthday, Charles married Lucille Mullaly at St Mary's Catholic Church, Young. The only witnesses were Lucille's mother **Isabella** and a young priest. Lucille was aged twenty-four and five months pregnant.

Her father had died when she was four, and she and her mother and sister were living on the property of her grandfather, **James Gibb**. *Berthong*, near Young, was a large holding running 34,000 sheep. Isabella's brothers were wool and sheep judges at the Royal Easter Show and the family had city properties in the wealthy eastern suburbs of

Sydney. The Gibb family was socially prominent with numerous newspaper articles detailing their magnificent parties and attendance at other important social events.

Charles' parents **John Joseph Keane** and **Ada Gunson** came from notable Irish Catholic families in Melbourne and Wagga Wagga. Charles' grandfather, **William Gunson**, was the first editor of the *Catholic Advocate* newspaper. The families included four nuns and a Knight of the Catholic Church. The Keane family had also owned several Riverina properties but lost them in the 1890s recession. When Charles married, John and Ada were living in Cootamundra where John worked as stock and station agent.

It seemed the young, disgraced couple were sent to live in the anonymity of Sydney. Charles, however, was not going quietly. When Lucille gave birth to their daughter **Colleen** in May 1905, he proudly and loudly proclaimed the fact in not one but two birth notices in the *Sydney Morning Herald*. When Ruth was born in 1908, no birth notice appeared. **Stewart Keane** was born in 1916.

When Stewart was 11 months old, he was taken into care and for the rest of his short life he was fostered by the **Nicolls** family and went by the name Nicolls. A document about his fostering notes in the *Particulars of Parents* section that his father Charles Keane 'deserted'. Above Charles' name is the name **Henry Holmes** and the document then notes that Stewart is illegitimate. Perhaps, he was not Charles' son but the result of a relationship the deserted Lucille had with Henry Holmes. When did Charles desert Lucille?

Charles died in the Rookwood Asylum on 17 June 1921 from tuberculosis. His death certificate stated he was a grocer, that marriage information was unknown, that he had no children and his mother's first name was Ada. These scant details suggest a life cut off, at least in Charles' mind, from family.

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How long he was in the Asylum before he died may have contributed to the lack of information about his life.

Nevertheless, the following death notice appeared in the *Sydney Morning Herald*:

'KEANE.—At Sydney, on the 17th Inst., Charles Gunson beloved younger son of Jack and Ada Keane, Cootamundra. Brother of Sydney and May (Mrs. Bromhead), grandson of the late John Keane, Pullitop, Wagga Wagga, and of the late W. H. Gunson first editor of "The Advocate", loved nephew of Peter J. Keane. R I P.'

When Stewart died in 1931 after he was crushed between a motor van and a brick wall, Charles Keane, grocer, was noted on the death certificate as his father.

Perhaps Charles was in contact with his parents and siblings before he died. However, their lack of contact or knowledge about his children after his death seems terrible to me now. They were my mother's cousins and my grandmother's nieces and nephew.

Ruth married a pottery agent and had a family. She lived in Strathfield and died in 1971. Colleen was an artists' model in Sydney. There are several mentions of her in newspapers during the 1920s and 1930s. In 1929, the *Daily Telegraph* reported that a new movie was about to start production in which Colleen Keane, well known in city art circles, was to feature prominently. In 1938, auburn haired artists' model Colleen appeared several times to give evidence before the Industrial Commission in hearings to raise models' wages. Other articles note that Colleen resided with **Joan Brettan**, a model for many of Norman Lindsay's works. Colleen died in 1941. Like her father, she was 35 years old and died of tuberculosis. I would like to know more about her and her life in Sydney's artistic circles.

It occurs to me now that Charles may have suffered from a mental illness that has affected many members of my mother's family. Now known as bipolar disease, it was not understood or well treated in Charles' lifetime. I have no doubt that Charles'

parents and siblings loved him, but the combination of Catholicism, Victorian values, possible mental illness, and antipathy to the Protestant woman that took him from them led to the long years of silence about him and disinterest in his children.

I have only recently discovered that my grandmother's first child died shortly after his birth in 1911. She named him Charles.



Charles with his sister May and Uncle Peter
(photograph provided by the author) ■

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THE VOYAGE FROM LEITH, SCOTLAND TO ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

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*This piece of writing describes the voyage out from Scotland to Adelaide in 1839 by my g-g grandparents **James** and **Elizabeth Adamson** and their seven children. It is in the form of a letter to Elizabeth's parents. (Adelaide was founded in 1836).*

Ship Letter
Mr and Mrs David Beveridge
Guild-Hall St
Dunfermline
Scotland

Dear Mother and Father

At last I can write to you now we have safely arrived in Adelaide on the *Recovery*. It's been so long – we were 20 weeks on the deep. I can tell you that Mr Adamson and the children are all well and have thrived on the voyage – except for the boredom – it seemed almost like a prison in the last few weeks.

Our voyage from Leith to London only took four days. You may recall we had been strongly recommended to buy a chest of drawers in two halves, for ease of transportation. We found the ideal item at a Cabin Fitter, in Bishopsgate St., London. We finally left London on 21 May after waiting there nearly three weeks for other passengers to arrive at the emigrants' depot. We then spent two days at Plymouth taking on the final passengers and our water and last vegetables. About 250 passengers in all.

The only other stop we made was at St Jago in the Cape Verde Islands where we spent a most interesting three days. We marvelled at the banana and orange groves, we had never seen either of these fruits growing before. And the tropical vegetation, growing so luxuriantly, with brilliant-coloured flowers amid the lush greenery. We were very glad to take on a new supply of fruit and vegetables for the voyage.

In the Southern Atlantic, where I can only describe the location as about 1000 miles from St Paul, a fire broke out on the ship. We all feared greatly for our safety, being hundreds of miles from land and not a sail in sight. There were about 10 barrels of

gunpowder in the hold near where the fire occurred. You can imagine everyone seized with terror and dreading the worst. Your children look to you for aid but you can afford them none. However the resourceful crew extinguished the flames and we were able to proceed without a lot of damage to the ship.

No particular diseases occurred on the ship, except many children had the Whooping Cough. In all there were eight births in the ship & five young children died. We had plenty of Provisions and for some time had Lime Juice and sugar served out to us to prevent the Scurvey.

When we finally reached Adelaide, the ship initially made anchor at Holdfast Bay, where the pilot came aboard; he and his crew were quite formal, they wore white jackets, vests and trowsers [sic], and large cabbage-tree hats. Some of the cabin passengers went ashore. However the ship continued on to Port Adelaide, and we the emigrants were landed at what is called the 'Creek Settlement', a rather dismal and muddy shore with lots of mosquitoes.

On our arrival, we were surprised to find Adelaide is still a forest of trees, under which the blacks still erect their mi-mis in which they sleep at night, while the streets are represented by avenues cut through the forest of gum-trees. There is still only a small number of houses in the settlement, and so, like most of our fellow-passengers, we have pitched our tent under a spreading eucalyptus tree at a spot near the River Torrens. Young **James** has already painted a picture of our little home under canvas, one day perhaps you will see it. There is plenty of work for James and the older boys, as carpenters and wheelwrights are in great demand. And the Wages are good, so we are already setting some money bye [sic].

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James has secured us a good-sized block of land in Hanson Street and he and the boys hope to start building a pise house in a few weeks, there is plenty of space for a large workshop in the future.

As the Ships mail closes in an hour, I must now conclude which I do by recommending you both to the care and protection of that Divine Being who neither Slumbers nor Sleeps.

Remember me to my brothers most affectionately. Make my kind compliments

also to all old friends, my old acquaintances and anyone else who may take the trouble to enquire for us.

Believe me my very dear Father and Mother,
Your affectionate and loving daughter,
Elizabeth Adamson.

Mr Adamson and the children send their sincerest compliments too.

Adelaide

10 October 1839. ■

VALE LAWRENCE (LAURIE) BULLEY



Laurie Bulley with his Certificate of Appreciation presented to him in November 2019

Laurie Bulley, father of QFHS member Lesley Stratford, died on 4 April 2024, aged 97 years. It was through his daughter that Laurie began his work for us. Laurie was not a member of the Society but was a valued member of the indexing team. Laurie started indexing for us in 2008 and since that time has indexed more than 360,000 records covering cemetery records, electoral rolls, school admissions, Colonial Forces General Orders, and passenger lists. He no sooner finished one batch of work than he asked for the next!

Laurie has done much more for the Society than many of our members. He was an excellent indexer, reliable, accurate and careful. He will be known to very few at the Society but nonetheless his participation in

an important aspect of our work has been considerable. It is easy to list the number of records he has indexed, but what does it actually mean? Does anyone who is not an indexer have any idea of the effort required? He will have spent thousands of hours producing indexes for QFHS.

Laurie appeared in many of the records indexed by us. Although he probably didn't index these particular indexes, he appears in indexes for Emerald State School, Townsville State High School, and the Qld Commonwealth Electoral Rolls, just to name a few.

With Lesley's encouragement Laurie wrote his life story with the title "Making the Most of It". His father had died before Laurie was three years old. He and his siblings were brought up by his mother and grandmother during the depression years. They didn't have a lot but he said he didn't feel that he had to do without: they learned to "make do". He acknowledged that without radio, television and today's social media they were less aware of what other people had. He felt his upbringing did develop his sense of duty and work ethic, which stayed with him. Making a contribution through his indexing was important to his daily routine in his latter years, and it was only in August last year that Laurie was unable to continue indexing. His contribution to QFHS will be sadly missed.

We pass on our condolences to his family.

Mary Geiger, Publications Team ■

QFHS INC. FAMILY HISTORY BOOK AWARD PRESENTATION 2024

Three people entered their family history works for our Award this year, and our judges had the challenging task of deciding between three quite different stories. As usual, all entrants achieved their own goals and produced valuable contributions to broaden our knowledge and understanding of the history of families and places in Queensland. Books are not usually written with the purpose of entering a competition, so while our specific criteria were sometimes not met, the people for whom these works were produced – the authors' families or communities – will doubtless be very satisfied with them. Congratulations on your great work.

I would like to encourage anyone who is planning to compile a family history to check out the many resources available to assist them before they begin the task. The criteria for this Award include useful information about the technical elements required for a good book; our Writing Group can offer information about specific aspects, and there have been several journal articles over the years which can also help. The lending library contains copies of all the entries since the inception of the Award just over thirty years ago, and I would encourage members to explore this collection. You will find not only ideas about how to approach the telling of your own story, but also references to a huge number of geographical locations which just might aid your research.

This year's entries were:

Eduard Gottlieb Julius Neuendorf – Family And Ancestors by Judge Gregory J Koppenol. As the title suggests, this book, even though it does include extensive family detail, is primarily a biography. It follows the direct family line of Eduard Gottlieb Julius Neuendorf, known as Julius, both before and after his emigration to Australia, and so gives a narrow view of the family. There is more emphasis on the family origins in Germany, supported by impressive professional research, than on their Queensland story. Only one diagrammatic family tree is

included, and this focusses on Julius' forebears. There are numerous and varied illustrations which are well placed. This book does not meet the criteria established for this Award, lacking the key structural features – a title page or reverse, an index, bibliography, reference list or ISBN.

Peacehaven Botanic Park, Legacy of a Pioneering Family by Barbara McKenzie.

This book is a comprehensive history of the Peacehaven Botanic Park, just north of Toowoomba, and its benefactor Stan Kuhl. The Kuhl family story is a relatively small part of the book which focusses on the park, its conception, creation, development and purpose; a chart showing the first generations of the family in Queensland would have been a helpful addition to support the family history element. This book is very well written and attractively presented – the design, paper quality and illustrations. The illustrations are well-placed and relevant; the index is comprehensive. It is an authoritative and very readable local history, and an excellent example of an important extension to family history. Read this book and you will want to visit the park next time you are in the Toowoomba area. Our judges were very impressed with this book and its relevance to the history of Highfields, and have deemed it *Highly Commended as Local History*.

What's In A Name, And Where Did We Come From? The Louis family from 1778 by Sylvia Bannah.

The questions posed in this rather clunky title are clearly answered. Based on wide-ranging and in-depth research in Germany and Queensland, the work covers seven generations of the Louis family, exploring changes in surname spelling over time and place. The story is well placed historically, with good local content and pre-emigration history. The inclusion of some detail of the author's personal research journey, and simple family tree charts, appropriately placed, help guide the reader through the complexity produced by multiple marriages and early deaths. Publication conventions and content requirements are

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generally satisfied, although the bibliography only lists print sources and not all illustrations are credited. This book is the *2024 Winner* of the Queensland Family History Society Book Award.

I would like to thank our judges most sincerely. As ever, their deliberations were thoughtful and detailed. It is always a pleasure to meet with them and to hear their discussions.

Gayle Thomsett (Convenor)



Sylvia Bannah receiving her award from Gayle Thomsett ■

1874 – ON THE *HERSCHEL* IN SEARCH OF A NEW LIFE

By Dornell Wylie

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Gute Reise: Bon voyage! Happy travels!

Liebe Mutti

I miss you desperately. I was about to head back home when I remembered what you said about the coming political unrest and how **Dorothea** was depending on my arrival, and I was strong again. Remember how heavily it was raining when I left? Well, it kept raining and was freezing cold all the way to Hamburg. By the time we arrived at the wharf, I was shivering, and my teeth were chattering so loudly I could almost make music. It was such a relief to go aboard straight away and change into warm, dry clothing. And I was thankful for the food you gave me, too. We weren't given anything last night nor for breakfast this morning. I almost didn't want to eat the apple pie because it reminded me of home and you.

The Captain, **Master Friedrichs**, came on board and we set out as planned on the morning tide on April 1 but, as soon as we left the River Elbe, strong winds stopped us going any further and we had to stay near Cuxhaven for three days. Did you know it's more than 14000 nautical miles to Australia? That's astonishing, isn't it? I'll be too far away from you. I've made friends with **Amalie**, a girl from Hamburg. She's going to live in Brisbane with her brother and work in his grocery shop. She's 18, so a bit older than me, but we both love adventure and music, and Amalie makes me laugh. When she found out it was my birthday on the

second day, she organised for the other women to sing 'Zum Geburtstag viel Glück'. It was kind of her, but I was embarrassed. I miss you more every day, but I'm trying to be positive.

The *Herschel* has three masts and two decks. It's 30 feet x 165 feet x 19 feet - whatever that means. To me it means small. It used to be a steam ship called the *Edith Byrne*, but the steam engines were removed, and I think that's where they've put us. It certainly smells bad, not like the wonderful leather polish smell of papa's workshop. Women without families have been separated from other passengers here at the back of the ship, so I should be safe. Anyway, **Nicolaus** showed me what to do if anyone tries anything. Our bunks are built three up into the sides of the ship with benches and tables in between where we can sit to eat, chat or write as I am now. I see why we weren't allowed to bring more than we could carry. All my belongings are under the bottom bunk. The light here isn't good at all.

Once we set off again on April 4, we sailed non-stop for about a week before another gale forced us to anchor. When we got going again, we came upon an English brig in trouble. A brig is a merchant ship which has two masts, both square rigged. Aren't you impressed by my growing sea knowledge? I want to know everything. That's no surprise to you, of course. The *Herschel* waited near the other vessel till we could launch a lifeboat

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to rescue the crew – nine men. We dropped the English sailors in Madeira.

Passengers get up at 7 am. That's when we do our chores and washing. Tea is early – 6 pm. I suppose that's so they can look after the cabin passengers. We hear music coming from higher in the ship and sometimes we make our own music and dance down here. Lights out is at 8 pm, but you know me – I'm ready for bed by then anyway. I tuck in the blanket you gave me tightly all round with my head under, too. There are rats down here and one bit Amalie on her toe. We cleaned it as well as we could, but it was disgusting to think about.

The *Herschel* crossed the Equator yesterday, May 12. So now we're in the southern hemisphere and I'm on the other side of the world! We all miss home meals and you'd be upset to see what they give us. We get soup every day and I think they make it with the scraps from the meals of the cabin passengers. But it's food, so I'll be thankful. Sometimes we get potatoes, and we boil them down here and add them to the soup. Today we got a bit of stringy beef. It was tough as anything, even after we simmered it for ages, but at least it was a change from the usual soup and added some flavour. We get bread,

black bread, and you should see how quickly I eat it softened in the soup.

Early in June we came level with the Cape of Good Hope. Soon after that, we headed straight to the east towards Australia, driven by really strong winds called the Roaring Forties. Our first sighting was Cape Leeuwin at the southern tip of Western Australia, but it was July before we reached the east coast at Cape Otway. Are you marking all these places on the map in papa's workshop? From there we headed north and got to Point Lookout on July 11. We were so close and then the weather turned dreadful, and it took another three days to reach Cape Moreton. We were frustrated to be slowed down so close to the end of the journey. But the pilot came on board that same day and guided the *Herschel* into Moreton Bay. Next morning we discovered we were anchored off the Pilot Station.

I'm all packed and we've been told to report on deck in half an hour ready to disembark, so I'll finish this later. I've arrived in Brisbane! I'm excited but I'm nervous, too. I hope **Detlef** is here to meet me as Dorothea said he would.

Wir sprechen uns später
Elise. ■

VOLUNTEERS MAKE Q.F.H.S. RUN

Do you realise that every benefit, resource, activity and service you receive as part of your QFHS membership is provided by fellow-members who volunteer? Any seminar or workshop you attend, our unique digital records, members' lounge or guest speaker events, our newsletter and journal, our extensive library and map resources as well as countless other IT and admin activities behind the scenes are all produced by volunteers. Without these people giving back to our Society, it simply would not exist.



Sometimes you may notice a gap in our services and think 'why doesn't somebody do something about that' or you may have a great idea that 'somebody' could bring to life; the answer to these situations is that we never have enough volunteers for all the tasks and great ideas! Maybe you could be the "somebody" we're looking for?

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40TH ANNIVERSARY, EUROPEAN SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

The 40th anniversary of the European Special Interest Group was held at our Family History Research Centre at Chermerside on Saturday 1 June 2024, attended by past and present members of the Management Committee and members of the Central European Special Interest Group. After cutting the anniversary cake, Eric Kopittke reflected on 40 years of the Special Interest Group, then after the drawing of the lucky door prizes and raffle prizes provided by our sponsors My Heritage, Legacy Family Tree Webinars, Unlock the Past books, a box of chocolates, a hamper of continental goodies, and two meat trays, he announced the introduction of the Les Moreland Scrapbook Collection Index which has been digitised by our Digitising Team, and available to search at <https://www.qfhs.org.au/online-access/lesmscrapbooks/>. The late Les Moreland, a member of QFHS, corresponded with genealogists from around the world, and collected many birth, death and marriage certificates, and other documents, in the process of helping them with their family research.



The welcome party, providing name tags and raffle tickets, Jane Ramus, Annette Kapitzke and Elizabeth Nunn



Eric Kopittke cutting the anniversary cake



Welcome by President Allana O'Kane to visitors



Allana drawing the lucky door prizes and raffle tickets



Eric reflected on 40 years of the German Group, renamed European Group, then later renamed Central European Group



Eric Kopittke introducing the Les Moreland Scrapbook Collection, now available on our website, providing certificates and general information about many families ■

QUEENSLAND FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY INC. PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 14 JUNE 2023 TO 19 JUNE 2024

Perhaps the most significant event for Queensland Family History Society over the last 12 months was submitting a successful competitive tender for the Brisbane City Council community facility at 46 Delaware St, Chermside.

A small team of the Management Committee worked diligently to gather the evidence and craft our responses to BCC's selection criteria. In all, 50 supporting documents were developed – from detailed descriptions of the value we provide to the family history community, letters of support from new and longstanding members, the number of hours of education or peer learning we delivered, the opportunities for connection and shared endeavour, and the fact that we have 80 regular volunteers plus an additional 20-30 who will volunteer for specific events.

We maintained (with supporting articles and studies) that, as an organisation that encourages and supports volunteers, QFHS makes a significant contribution to the mental health of individuals.

- Studies have shown that volunteering contributes significantly to the health and wellbeing of the individual.
- Volunteering opens the door to life satisfaction.
- Helping others triggers the reward pathway in the brain and releases 'feel-good' neurotransmitters - individuals who volunteer feel happier and healthier.
- Volunteers feel a sense of belonging and, working with others, develop 'emotional contagion' and infect others with positivity.
- Volunteering allows us to embrace our passions.

In addition, we argued, providing opportunities for QFHS members to volunteer across a wide range of options contributes significantly to the wider community:

- Volunteers are more likely than non-volunteers to have attended a community event recently.
- Volunteers are 30% more likely to believe that most people can be trusted - 62% (volunteers) compared to 49% (non-volunteers).
- Volunteers are significantly more likely to be 'delighted, pleased or mostly satisfied' with their lives.
- Volunteers are more likely than non-volunteers to provide assistance to others outside their own household.

This very important factor, along with a detailed Maintenance Plan, sound governance and finances, long-term stability, and a demonstrable ability to maintain BCC's community facility to a high standard resulted in QFHS winning the tender and being offered a Lease.

While the Lease will save the Society considerable expenditure on rent (this was \$35,000 p.a. for many years at Gaythorne but increased to double that for the last few months of our tenancy there), BCC requires their tenants to commit considerable resources, in terms of time and/or cost, to maintenance, building insurance and the like.

In addition, the new premises has a smaller footprint than Gaythorne and we had to hire a storage unit at commercial rates for the 'overflow'.

As part of the competitive tender process, we signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Grownl Theatre, a community group looking for storage space for their props and costumes. In return for their support of our tender application (BCC is understandably keen that their community facilities meet the needs of as many community groups as possible), QFHS undertook to provide the external shed for Grownl Theatre's use. The incoming Management Committee will liaise with BCC to execute an appropriate tenancy

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agreement/licence with our new community partner and vacate the shed.

Work has been undertaken by Alex Daw and QFHS Fellow Shauna Hicks OAM, with support from Rosie Gall and Carolyn Grimward, to review and update our Collections Development Policy. Such a policy is important for guiding management of our collection of resources and ensuring volunteer time and Society funds are invested in the items that will add most value to our members and help the Society achieve its goals.

Work has also begun on establishing a number of digitisation projects in the upcoming year – starting with the Queensland Electoral Rolls for 1982 and 1989. This will release space in the commercial storage unit and, more importantly, add significantly to QFHS datasets and expand the benefits of QFHS membership.

There are even more treasures (aka valuable family history resources) to be discovered in other boxes of donated papers, certificates, and personal research currently in storage.

The successful tender application also made it possible to apply to BCC to undertake various works at the facility. First priority was the (re)installation of air conditioning units and we have received approval to do so, subject to a report from a structural engineer and development of a Safety in Design report. Thanks to Chris Gibbs for arranging for quotes from structural engineers and Greg Crawford who is currently working up the Safety in Design report.

As tenants of a BCC facility, these are the sorts of additional conditions our new landlord requires, and they impose extra workload on key personnel.

Approval has also been received for installation of new kitchen cabinetry, and the next priorities for Applications for Works to BCC are exterior signage and new doors for both the entrance and kitchen to provide increased light, improved ventilation and security features. Architectural drawings

have been prepared for a portico over the new front door.

Another major undertaking commenced during the past 12 months is the review of the Society's Constitution. Charlotte Sale has taken on this mammoth task for the Management Committee and has been competently supported by Chris Schuetz. So far, the work has involved consultations with an advisory group of members, detailed discussions with a lawyer specialising in incorporated associations like QFHS, and further consultations with Management Committee. Discussion opportunities with the wider membership are scheduled in coming months.

Some detail of the Constitution Review Committee's work is included in the full Annual Report and the Society can look forward to a new draft Constitution and associated By-Laws being presented at the General Meeting in September.

The last 12 months have seen several significant events for the Society including anniversary celebrations for two of our Special Interest Groups – and the hosting of visiting international speakers from the Ulster Historical Foundation (UHF) in Ireland. The UHF event was important for several reasons including:

- the opportunity for our members to hear highly respected experts in their field.
- the fact that over 100 gathered for the event is a big indicator that family historians are prepared to gather in person and pay for quality speakers.
- that such conference/seminar type events can be profitable for the Society and would provide the diversification of income we would do well to invest time and effort in generating.

The anniversary celebrations for two of our Special Interest Groups were highlights of the past year and both successful and delightful: the happy buzz during the special morning tea preceding the formalities, the contributions of past and present convenors, the poetry, the music and dancing at the Irish

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20th, and the launch of a new and significant dataset in the Les Moreland Scrapbook Index at the Central European 40th were all immensely satisfying. Of course, such events don't imagine or organise themselves and cannot be delivered without many more 'hands on deck' on the day. All members who volunteered for various tasks - the organisers, in particular - are to be congratulated.

Of course, the dependable bread and butter work of the Society, so relied upon by our members, has continued throughout the past year:

- the Education, Special Interest and Members Lounge teams have provided opportunities for learning, peer coaching and forming social connections.
- valuable research materials, both print and digital, have been generated, enhanced and maintained.
- the Family History Research Centre is appropriately equipped and has been made comfortable, welcoming, secure and stimulating.
- communications have kept members informed and hopefully inspired to try something new,

and

- management of the Society have encompassed many challenges – these have been handled appropriately and with imagination and an eye to the future.

The Society's strategic plan (no small task to update in 2023) continued to shape and direct our endeavours. For a strategic plan to be effective, it must be central to our work and this we have aimed to do. Each of the strategic priorities:

- Strengthen and build membership
- Attract and support volunteers
- Enhance our digital footprint
- Sustain financial viability
- Enrich our reputation
- Improve operational capability

has shaped and guided our endeavours and each is the lens through which our activities are reported.

The strategic priority of enriching the Society's reputation is perhaps the most nebulous concept: what exactly is 'reputation'? and what activities will enrich it? One thing we can define more easily is the types of activities that will inflict reputational damage: financial troubles, unlawful or unethical acts, incorrect information, and unfriendly dealings. So, while the Society's reputation may be enhanced and extended by our Community Outreach activities and key members taking QHFS out into the wider world, our reputation is built upon the way we conduct ourselves as an organisation. Meeting governance requirements, acting ethically in delicate areas of family history research, ensuring the products we deliver are accurate and of a high standard, continuing to provide a welcoming environment both in person and online so all who interact with QFHS feel it's been worthwhile – these are all the basic building blocks of our reputation. Thank you to all members and volunteers who ensure our reputational foundation is solid.

Finally, we must pay tribute to the outgoing Management Committee. It has been a very busy year and your forbearance and commitment have been greatly appreciated. While we all play a part as our skills, knowledge, personalities and available time allow, all contributions have been valuable, appreciated and of benefit to the Society.

On behalf of all members, we thank you most sincerely.

Allana O'Kane and Alex Daw
President and Vice President

19 June 2024

The full President's Report – Year in Review for 2023-2024 can be read on our website at <https://www.qfhs.org.au/media/2211067/2024-annual-report-with-financial-statements.pdf>

Please note - there is no From your President page in this journal as the Annual Report includes the last three months. Ed. ■

QUEENSLAND FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY INC. TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1 APRIL 2023 TO 31 MARCH 2024

It is with pleasure that I present the QFHS financial reports for the year ending March 2024. It has been a year of consolidation in our first full year at the new Chermside premises but with accompanying growth in the enhancement of our offerings to both existing and new members.

The Society remains in a strong financial position at the end of the 2023–24 financial year. Bank deposits total \$305,594, an increase of \$5,474 (+ 1.8%) from the end of the previous financial year.

The value of QFHS's assets has increased significantly during the past year due primarily to an independent valuation of the Society's Library resources. This expert review assessed the market value of the Print Library as \$596,221, an increase of \$323,724 over the value held previously in the accounts. As a result of this revaluation and the premises improvement works undertaken, the total Property, Plant and Equipment asset value (after depreciation) at the end of the financial year is \$696,643, up from \$395,312 at the beginning of the year. With the addition of QFHS's cash and other current assets, the Net Assets of the organisation are \$1,026,341.

In the past financial year, total income for the Society was \$88,538. This is a pleasing result as it is an increase of \$11,175 (+14.4%) over the equivalent income for last year (excluding a one-off Ancestry payment last year associated with a data access agreement). Membership subscriptions at \$57,409 represent the largest component of income (64.8%) and have increased by \$1,788 (3.1%) from last year.

Member education services, in the form of seminars, workshops and events, at a total income of \$10,242 (11.6%), contributed the largest increase (+\$6,286 or 159%). The major contributors to this increase were the Irish Group's 20th anniversary event and the seminar held featuring overseas speakers

from the Ulster Historical Foundation. Acknowledgement is due to all members who organised and assisted with these events, particularly representatives of the Irish Interest Group. The third significant contributor to income is Royalties, at \$14,233 (16.1%), received from commercial organisations for their use of a selection of QFHS datasets. This year's Royalties income was similar to last year (-\$286).

Operating expenses for the financial year were \$67,440. With the addition of the assessed depreciation amount of \$37,657, total expenditure is \$105,097, resulting in a reported loss for the year of -\$16,559.

The significant expense variations for the year, compared to the previous year, include advertising and promotion (+\$2,286), rent (-\$17,681), seminar costs (+\$5,006) and relocation costs (-\$14,298).

In presenting this report, I particularly acknowledge the significant contributions of the Assistant Treasurer, Wendy Angliss, for her ongoing efforts in managing the recording of financial transactions and data within our financial systems and for the support and advice always readily provided. My thanks are also extended to Membership Secretary, Leanne Donovan, for the management and oversight of membership payments and activities, to Pat Gardner for looking after the Bookshop stock and sales, and to Sarah Barry for managing QFHS's subscriptions with other overseas and local family history Societies. I thank each one for their contributions.

The Society has had a strong year financially and we remain in an excellent financial position to move forward to deliver on growth and enhanced service to members.

John Young
Treasurer, QFHS Inc.
19 June 2024

(See next page for financial statements.) ■

TREASURER'S REPORT (Cont.)

QFHS INC. – PROFIT & LOSS – PREVIOUS YEAR COMPARISON

| | <u>Apr 23 to Mar 24</u> | <u>Apr 22 to Mar 23</u> |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| Income | | |
| Bookshop/Publication Sales | 1,470 | 1,317 |
| Donations | 1,947 | 556 |
| Interest received | 3,358 | 1,930 |
| Membership Subscriptions | 57,409 | 55,621 |
| Other Income | 623 | 4,058 |
| Royalties | 14,233 | 64,518 |
| Seminars, Workshops, and Courses | 10,242 | 3,956 |
| Total Income | 89,282 | 131,956 |
| Less Cost of Sales | | |
| Cost of Bookshop Sales | -744 | -4,593 |
| Gross Profit | 88,538 | 127,363 |
| Expenditures | | |
| Accounting | 514 | 477 |
| Advertising and promotion | 3,026 | 740 |
| Audit fees | 3,100 | 2,300 |
| Bank fees and charges | 9 | 1,463 |
| Cleaning and rubbish removal | 1,872 | 1,726 |
| Communication platforms | 1,291 | 1,286 |
| Computer software | 1,063 | 886 |
| Computer expenses | 1,231 | 1,531 |
| Depreciation - plant | 37,657 | 11,303 |
| Electricity | 2,046 | 1,882 |
| Insurance | 7,322 | 7,279 |
| Journal printing and postage | 8,581 | 7,525 |
| Library operation | 128 | - |
| Management expenses | 100 | 346 |
| Member events and sponsorships | 2,737 | 4,033 |
| Office supplies | 453 | 188 |
| Paypal fees | 1,324 | 1,169 |
| Postage | 821 | 1,009 |
| Printing and reproduction | 722 | 796 |
| Relocation costs | 4,933 | 19,231 |
| Rent on premises | 4,143 | 21,824 |
| Repairs & Maintenance | 20 | 3,532 |
| Security | 673 | 1,195 |
| Seminar Costs | 6,597 | 1,591 |
| Subscriptions Data & Other Societies | 7,018 | 4,829 |
| Sundry Expenses | 5,839 | 1,350 |
| Telephone & Internet | 1,877 | 2,311 |
| Total Expenses | 105,097 | 101,802 |
| NET LOSS FOR THE YEAR | (16,559) | 25,561 |

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QFHS INC. – BALANCE SHEET – PREVIOUS YEAR COMPARISON

| | <u>31 Mar 2024</u> | <u>31 Mar 2023</u> |
|-------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| ASSETS | | |
| Current Assets | | |
| Cash and Cash equivalents | 305,594 | 300,119 |
| Inventories | 2,301 | 3,065 |
| Other assets | 11,116 | 9,246 |
| Trade and other receivables | 4,432 | 15,948 |
| Total Current Assets | 323,443 | 328,378 |
| Non-Current Assets | | |
| Property, plant & equipment | 696,643 | 395,312 |
| Intangible asset | 10,000 | - |
| Total Non-Current Assets | 706,643 | 395,312 |
| Total Assets | 1,030,086 | 723,690 |
| LIABILITIES | | |
| Current Liabilities | | |
| Trade and other payables | 3,745 | 4,515 |
| Total Liabilities | 3,745 | 4,515 |
| NET ASSETS | 1,026,341 | 719,175 |
| EQUITY | | |
| Retained Earnings - Opening Balance | 719,176 | 693,615 |
| Net loss/profit | (16,559) | 25,561 |
| | 702,617 | 719,176 |
| Revaluation surplus (Library revaluation) | 323,724 | |
| TOTAL EQUITY | 1,026,341 | |

(Note: The audited financial statements and auditor's report are available to any member who requires a copy; please contact the Treasurer. The financial statements are available to read on our website at <https://www.qfhs.org.au/about-us/annual-reports/>. ■

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THE GERMAN DESERTER AND THE ENGLISH ORPHAN

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Introduction

Before looking into the German ancestry of my great-grandfather **Hermann Schramm** (1851-1912), I visited a second cousin in order to share information on the Schramm family and their descendants.

According to family folklore they had heard, Hermann had abandoned his first wife and children in Germany, travelled to Australia and then jumped ship. Some years later he married our great-grandmother **Agnes Prendergast** (1866-1941) who was believed to have been an English orphan. Hermann's son from his first marriage **Oscar Schramm** was also said to have visited Australia from Germany looking for relatives at some stage.

Hermann Schramm - First Marriage

Hermann Heinrich Christian Schramm was born in Verden, Lower Saxony, Germany on 13 October 1851.¹ He was married to his first wife Sophie Ernestine **Johanne Nieschlag** on 1 June 1873² in Saint Aegidien's Church in Hanover, Lower Saxony, Germany. She was born on 10 March 1854³ in Wüfel just south of Hanover. They had two children born in Hanover, Hermann August **Oskar Schramm** on 11 April 1874⁴ and Anna Sophie Hedwig **Marie Schramm** on 11 July 1875⁵. Unfortunately Johanne died within a month of giving birth to their daughter on 8 August 1875⁶. See family tree in Figure 1.

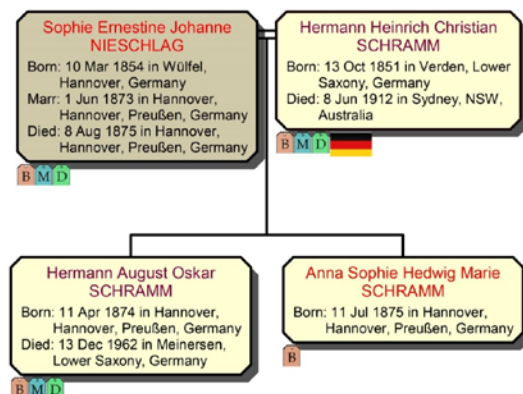


Figure 1

Hermann Schramm's First Wife & Children

It is not known what Hermann did immediately after the death of his wife. His children were only one month and 16 months old. Hermann's mother had died 10 years before and his only sister was living about 300 kilometres away in Berlin with a 10 month old baby of her own. No record of any siblings of Johanne have been found.

Hermann Schramm - Immigration

Finding an immigration record for Hermann took quite a while. His NSW naturalization record from 1896 (see Figure 2) provided the name of a ship the *Kehrwieder* and an arrival date of 19 April 1882. A quick search on TROVE proved that the *Kehrwieder* only sailed to Australia once and that was in 1883. The passenger list for the voyage in 1883 was found but it did not include Hermann Schramm. Eventually after a few years a list of crew and passengers for the *Kehrwieder* voyage which arrived 25 September 1883⁷ was found and it included H. Schramm a sail trimmer aged 24 years. His real age was 31 years though.

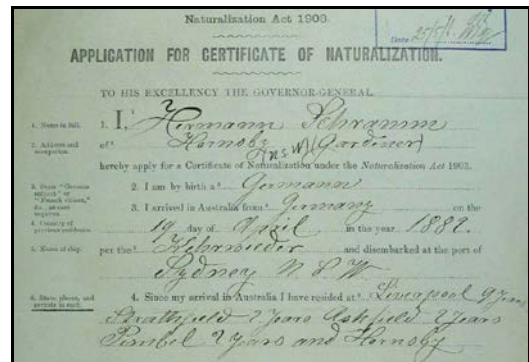


Figure 2

Hermann Schramm's Naturalization Application. Source – National Archives of Australia | Series A1 | Control 1906/2722 Item ID 6912

So the rumour that he had abandoned his first wife in Germany was incorrect. It appears though that he did abandon his children there at some stage between 1875 and 1883.

The other part of the story about him travelling to Australia and jumping ship is partially true. He did leave the ship

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Kehrwieder in Sydney in 1883 but the circumstances are unable to be determined. A search of TROVE and the NSW Government Gazette failed to find any evidence that he had jumped ship.

Agnes Prendergast - In England

Agnes' marriage certificate (Figures 5 & 6) provided information on her parent's names (**Michael Prendergast** and **Mary Curran**) and the city she was born in (Liverpool). Armed with that information and that she had been an orphan it was relatively easy using Ancestry to complete the story of her early life.

Agnes was born on 4 April 1866⁸ in Liverpool, Lancashire, England to Irish parents. Her father Michael died when she was only 2 years old on 25 November 1868⁹. That left her mother Mary to bring up four children 16 years of age or younger.

Mary is shown as a widow with her four children in the 1871 census¹⁰ living in Vauxhall, an inner city suburb of Liverpool. Sadly Mary died three years later on 20 December 1874¹¹ leaving four orphaned daughters. At this point the children ranged in age from eight to 22 years with Agnes being the youngest.

From the 1881 census¹² it is known that Agnes was an inmate of the Female Catholic Orphanage (Female Orphan Asylum) located at 47A Falkner Street, Liverpool.

See photograph of a similar Orphanage in Liverpool in Figure 3.



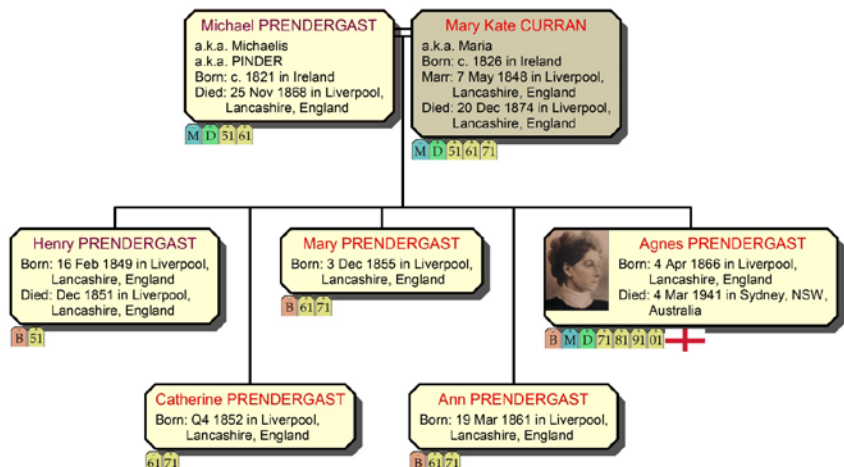
*Figure 3
Female Orphan Asylum in Myrtle Street,
Liverpool*

In the 1891 census¹³ Agnes appears as a patient in the Northern District Hospital in Vauxhall, Liverpool. Her occupation is shown as a Housemaid/Domestic Servant. Agnes' parents and siblings are shown in the family tree in Figure 4.

At some time between 1891 and 1894 Agnes emigrated to Australia. Her migration details are yet to be determined.

Hermann Schramm - Second Marriage

Herman Schramm and Agnes Prendergast were married on 13 October 1898¹⁴ at the Manse (Congregational Mission Church) in Pitt Street, Sydney. On the certificate his age has been lowered from 47 to 39 years and hers from 32 to 27 years. Hermann also showed his marital status as bachelor instead of widower.



*Figure 4
Agnes Prendergast's
parents & siblings*

THE GERMAN DESERTER AND THE ENGLISH ORPHAN (Cont.)

| Date and place of marriage | Names and surnames of parties | Conjugal status | Birthplace |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| 1898. 16 th Thirtieth October SYDNEY. | Hermann Schramm. Agnes Prendergast | Bachelor Spinister | Bergen Germany Liverpool England |
| Married at the Manse, 378 Pitt Street Sydney According to the rites of the Congregational Mission Church | | The Consent of _____ being the _____ of the Bridegroom, was given in writing to the Marriage of _____ with _____ the said _____ being under the age of twenty-one years. Minister or Registrar: _____ The Consent of _____ being the _____ of the Bride, was given in writing to the Marriage of _____ with _____ the said _____ being under the age of twenty-one years. Minister or Registrar: _____ | |

Figure 5 – Marriage Certificate Schramm / Prendergast (Left)

| Usual occupation | Age | Usual place of residence | Father's name mother's name and maiden surname | Father's occupation |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Gardener | years 39 | Pymble N.S. Wales | Hermann Schramm deceased Elizabeth Greenhagen deceased | Hotel Keeper |
| Domestic Servant | 27 | Turrumurra N.S. Wales | Michael Prendergast deceased Mary Curran deceased | Bricklayer |
| This Marriage was solemnized between us Hermann Schramm Agnes Prendergast | | In the presence of us Carl Julius Koppa Carltime Bonnelly | | |
| By (or before) me George Lewis | | Officiating Minister D. J. McAllan Registrar General | | |

Figure 6 – Marriage Certificate Schramm / Prendergast (Right)

Agnes Prendergast (Figure 7) and Hermann Schramm went on to have six children born in Sydney between 1900 and 1910.

Two of the children including my grandfather moved to North Queensland and remained there. The family tree is shown in Figure 8.

Their first born children were a set of twins **Michael** and **Bridget** who were featured in an Arnott's Biscuits advertisement¹⁵ in the

newspapers of the time. (Figure 9)

Oscar Schramm – Australian Visit

As indicated in the introduction, Hermann Schramm's son Oscar (from his first marriage in Germany) was believed to have visited Australia. Since he did not emigrate here and the year is unknown, it has proved very difficult to find any record of his visit. All searches to date have been unsuccessful.

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Figure 7 - Agnes Prendergast



Figure 9
 Arnott's Biscuits Advertisement -
 Bridget Nora Schramm and Michael Schramm

Ancestry Family Tree:

For subscribers a link to my fully sourced Schramm family tree is included below.
<https://www.ancestry.com.au/family-tree/person/tree/66256005/person/40151682913/facts>

Diagrams:

Family tree diagrams in this article were produced using Family Historian software.

Note that B, M & D icons in the diagrams indicate that Birth, Marriage & Death records or certificates are held, Yellow icons indicate that Census records are held for those respective years in the 1800s & 1900s, German & English flags indicate emigration from those countries to Australia.

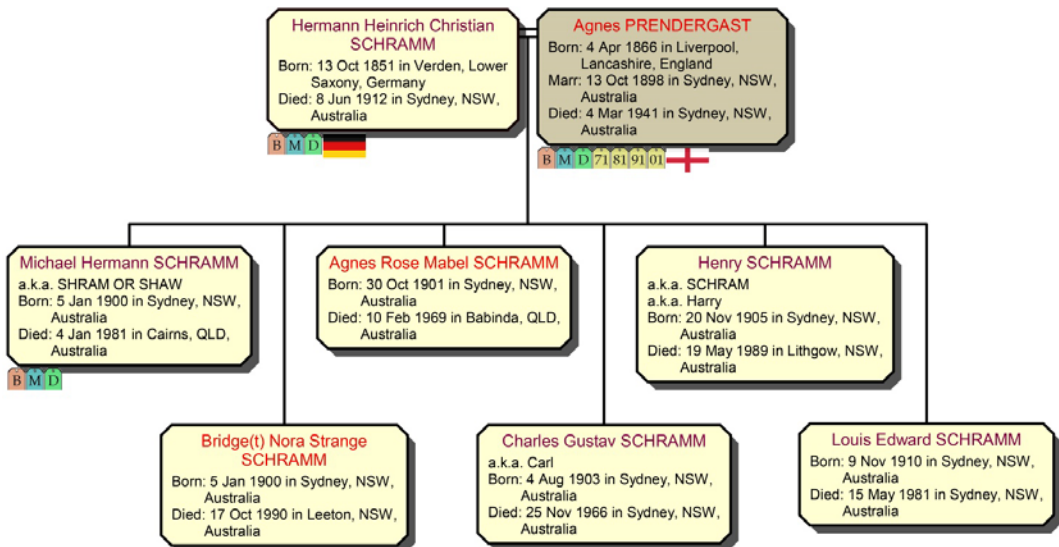


Figure 8
 Hermann Schramm's Second Wife & Children

THE GERMAN DESERTER AND THE ENGLISH ORPHAN (Cont.)

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QUEENSLAND PRE-SEPARATION GROUP APPROVAL

EXTRA ANCESTORS ADDED TO A PRE-SEP MEMBER'S FAMILY

The following Pre-separation member's additional ancestors have been approved to be included in her QFHS Inc. Queensland Pre-Separation Group membership:

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

WEB LINKS

D-DAY, 80 YEARS ON

This year marked the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings in Normandy, France, which took place on 6 June 1944. Involving the largest armada of ships ever assembled, and more than 10,000 supporting aircraft, D-Day was the culmination of years of planning and preparation. Australians played a small but important role as part of the Allied forces that participated in D-Day. In tribute to them and all Australians who served throughout the war, the AWM recognises and remembers their contributions to one of the most momentous events of the twentieth century. Read more at *D-Day 80th Anniversary / Australian War Memorial* at <https://www.awm.gov.au/commemoration/D-day>.

HISTORY OF THE IRISH LUCKY PENNY

The Irish have many lucky charms - the four-leafed clover will protect you from evil spirits, the horseshoe will ward off misbehaving fairies, and the leprechaun will bring you gold, but our luckiest charm is undoubtedly the Irish Penny. Written by Hilary Kiely at Silver Branch Heritage, this is a great introduction to some of the traditions around this coin and how it became the nation's lucky charm for generations. Read more at [History of the Irish Lucky Penny \(irelandxo.com\)](https://www.irelandxo.com/history-of-the-irish-lucky-penny).

FIVE FREE DUBLIN GENEALOGY DATABASES RETURN ONLINE

Following the removal of Dublin City Council's 'Heritage Databases' from the *dublincity.ie* platform, John Grenham has uploaded his own back-up copies (he created them) of five of the most genealogically useful databases to his *Irish Ancestors* site. They are:

Dublin Voters 1938-1957
Dublin Municipal Voters 1899, 1908-1915
Dublin Graveyards Directory
Dublin Cemeteries - burial registers from Clontarf, Drimnagh and Finglas
Dublin Freeman to 1774.

These databases are now free to search and view at <https://www.johngrenham.com/dcla/>.

OBITUARIES FROM THE 1600S TO THE 1800S ARE NOW SEARCHABLE ONLINE ON THEGENEALOGIST

[TheGenealogist](https://www.thegenealogist.co.uk) has added over 20,000 obituary records from the *Index Society*, *Musgrave's Obituaries* and the *Society of Friends [Quakers]* to its record collection, with obituaries dating back to the 1600s. Find the vital details of your ancestors from the Stuart Era to the Victorian Era, recorded at the time of their deaths. Obituaries often cite their sources, for example providing a newspaper page, edition, etc., which can be very helpful for the family historian in conducting further research into ancestors. Read *TheGenealogist's* feature article *Dead but not Forgotten* at <https://www.thegenealogist.co.uk/featuredarticles/2024/dead-but-not-forgotten-7506/>.

RESEARCHING YOUR PATERNAL ANCESTORS

Behind that Irish surname in your family tree, there's the personal story of someone taking a courageous leap that got you to where you are today. Read more at [Researching your Paternal Ancestors / Ireland Reaching Out \(irelandxo.com\)](https://www.irelandxo.com/researching-your-paternal-ancestors-ireland-reaching-out).

MAPPING IRELAND: UNIVERSITY OF LIMERICK RESEARCHERS CREATE NEW ORDNANCE SURVEY DIGITAL HERITAGE RESOURCE

Celebrating two-hundred years since the founding of the first Ordnance Survey of Ireland, the "OS200—Digitally Re-Mapping Ireland's Ordnance Survey Heritage" project compiled historic Ordnance Survey (OS) maps and texts from many archives to create a freely available, digital resource for researchers and public users. Read more at <https://eogn.com/page-18080/13374652>.

KEY MOMENT IN SCOTLAND'S CHURCH HISTORY GOES ONLINE

The moment the Church of Scotland defied King Charles I in 1638 is among a vast number of historical documents now available to view on the [ScotlandsPeople](https://www.scotlandspopulation.com) website. National Records of Scotland has added papers including minutes of the meeting held in Glasgow when delegates rejected the monarch's rules for worship. See <https://www.eogn.com/page-18080/13374979>. ■

QFHS NOTICES

BEREAVEMENT NOTICES



We extend our deepest sympathy on the following bereavements:

Lawrence (Laurie) Bulley, father of member #4045 Lesley Stratford, late of Durack, who passed away on 4 April 2024, aged 97 years.

Heather (Dawn) Siggs, past member M3725, late of Albany Creek, who passed away on 15 May 2024, aged 87 years.

Janet Evans, past member M5345, late of Morningside, who passed away on 4 June 2024, aged 86 years.

Dorothy Livett, past member M5368, late of Dorrington/Geebung, who passed away on 9 June 2024, aged 84 years.

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



The Redcliffe Historical Society Inc., the Royal Historical Society of Qld and the Bribie Island Historical Society are organising a Conference *The Moreton Bay Bicentennial Commemoration*, to be held on **Saturday 7 September 2024** at The Komo Conference Centre, Redcliffe. to acknowledge the bicentennial of the first European settlement and penal colony in Redcliffe, Queensland.

A series of smaller events will be held during the following week culminating in the Main Event in Corscadden Park, adjacent to the Redcliffe Museum, on **Saturday 14 September 2024**. See details for both at <https://historyredcliffe.com.au/2024-200/>.

EDUCATION@QFHS

Further courses will be held as follows:

Topic: **Learn@ - DNA testing and genealogy : the basics**
Date: FRI 9 August 2024
Time: 10.00 am to 11.30 am (online)
Presenters: Ann and Tony Swain (Limit 35 people)

Topic: **Learn@ -General Ian Hamilton's visit to Queensland in 1914 and preparations for war**
Date: FRI 13 September 2024
Time: 10.00 am to 11.30 am (online)
Presenter: Chris Schuetz (Limit 35 people)

Topic: **Talking About – International Day for Universal Access to Information 2024**
Date: WED 25 September 2024 (free)
Time: 7.30 pm – 9.30 pm (online)
Facilitator: Nancy Edwards (Limit 25 people)

Topic: **Learn@ -More Newspapers : Overseas Newspapers and More Australian Newspapers**
Date: FRI 11 October 2024
Time: 10.00 am to 11.30 am (online)
Presenter: Sue Reid (Limit 35 people)

Topic: **Talking About – Ambulance Services**
Date: WED 27 November 2024 (free)
Time: 10.00 am to noon (online)
Facilitator: Nancy Edwards (Limit 25 people)

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

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

Cost per presentation/hands-on mode:
 \$15/20 members (QFHS and GSQ) and
 \$25/30 non-members
Cost per Talking About - free

CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE EVENTS
 Bookings are required – you are invited to register to secure your place for these events through www.qfhs.org.au/events/learn-qfhs/.

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GSQ EDUCATION SESSIONS

Topic: **Strategies to find your elusive immigrants**
Date: SAT 3 August 2024
Time: 9.00 am to 11.00 am (online)
Presenter: Stephanie Ryan, SLQ
Cost: \$31

Topic: **London: An Introduction To Research**
Date: SAT 17 August 2024
Time: 9.00 am to 11.00 am (online)
Presenter: Ann Metcher
Cost: \$31

Topic: **What's New at FTM**
Date: SAT 14 September 2024
Time: 9.00 am to 11.00 am (online)
Presenter: Mark Olsen
Cost: Free

Topic: **Women Teachers in Early Brisbane**
Date: SAT 21 September 2024
Time: 9.00 am to 11.00 am (online)
Presenter: Sharyn Merkley
Cost: \$31

Topic: **Undertakers' records: making the most of GSQ's collection**
Date: SAT 5 October 2024
Time: 9.00 am to 11.00 am (online)
Presenter: Dr Hilda Maclean
Cost: \$31

QFHS members will need to input their member number when booking to obtain the discounted member pricing from GSQ. Register via <https://www.gsq.org.au/gsq-events/>. You can find the GSQ discount code on the QFHS Members Portal at <https://www.qfhs.org.au/members-portal/gsq-code/>.

JOURNAL ARTICLE OF THE YEAR:
Members' Choice Award
2024

Nominations for your favourite article of 2024 will be requested after publication of each journal.

QFHS INC. FAMILY HISTORY BOOK AWARD 2025

The Society invites entries for this Award which will be presented at the Annual General Meeting 2025 to the person or persons producing the best history of a Queensland family published in book form within the past five years.

Full guidelines, conditions of entry and entry forms 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, not an individual, and have significant Queensland content
- It should have an index
- Desirable features include charts and tables, illustrations, maps, references, 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
 Email:
QFHS.MC10@qfhs.org.au



Entries close **30 November 2024**.

The Award is open to members of the Society and to the general public.

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

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

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

QFHS NOTICES (Cont.)

QFHS TROUT GAME



Allow yourself the privilege of having a fun day in family history and play the Trout Game.

The game simulates researching into an imaginary English Trout family using eleven types of records. Use the game to assess your skills using basic research techniques to see if you can get back to the 1500s. You may discover why you have brick walls in your research. Numbers are limited and early bookings are essential.

- Date:** 27 October 2024
- Time:** 10.00 am to 4.00 pm
- Venue:** Family History Research Centre, 46 Delaware Street, Chermside
- Cost:** \$5.00 includes morning and afternoon tea (BYO lunch)
- Contact:** The Game Master, Ann Swain, for bookings or enquiries, by email trout@qfhs.org.au.

**QFHS AWARD FOR SERVICES TO FAMILY HISTORY
SPECIAL AWARDS FOR SPECIAL PEOPLE**

Members are invited to submit nominations for the 2024 QFHS Award for Services to Family History. This award is for Queensland Family History Society members only. Usually, up to two awards are presented each year.

An awardee will have made a significant contribution to:

- family history in general for the benefit of all family historians, or
- the Society, that is of benefit to all members whether it be to improve Society resources or to help with the general running of the Society.

You should make your nomination in the form of a citation, up to 500 words. If your nominee is successful, your citation will be read out at the presentation of the Award. It will also be published in the *Queensland Family Historian*.

Nominations close **30 September 2024**. The Awards will be presented at the Volunteers' Thank You function on 9 December 2024.

You can download a nomination form at www.qfhs.org.au/about-us/awards/. Please email your completed nomination form to secretary@qfhs.org.au or send by mail to PO Box 78, Geebung, 4034 and allow seven(7) days for postage. Please include your contact details and membership number.

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to be held at
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Combined 17th Australasian Conference
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by 30 November 2024, \$395 for 3 days.
<https://www.connections2025.org.au/>

LIBRARY ASSISTANTS' CONSULTATION AND TRAINING SESSION

**Monday 21 October 2024
10.00 am – 12.30 pm
Family History Research
Centre, Chermside**



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

Meet other L.As and learn about operational updates and opportunities for upskilling.

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Irish Research Day



Researching Irish ancestors?

The next Irish Research Day is

Thursday, 14 November 2024

10.00 am to 3.00 pm

at

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

(at intersection of Delaware St & Waring St)

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

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

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

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

Please register early as places are limited.

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

QFHS VOLUNTEERS THANK YOU MORNING TEA

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**PRESENTATION OF THE QFHS INC.
AWARD FOR SERVICES TO FAMILY
HISTORY 2024**

and

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE JOURNAL
ARTICLE OF THE YEAR 2024
AWARD**

WRITING AWARDS AVAILABLE

Alexander Henderson Award

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

The Don Grant Award

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

Lilian Watson Family History Award

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

QFHS NOTICES (Cont.)

18TH CRUISE – SOUTHERN AUSTRALIA

<https://www.gould.com.au/18th-cruise-southern-australia/>

1-10 December 2024

Southern Australia on *Celebrity Edge*. Prices from AU\$2,145 p.p. (at 11 June 2024)

Sydney – Hobart – Kangaroo Island – Adelaide – Melbourne - Sydney.

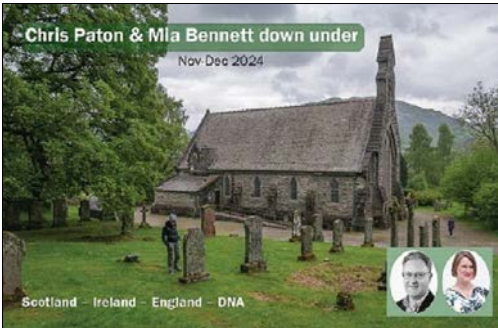


Speakers: Chris Paton, Mia Bennett, Hilary Blanford, Maggie Gaffney, Shauna Hicks, Eric Kopittke, Rosemary Kopittke, Michelle Patient, and Helen Smith.

CHRIS PATON & MIA BENNETT DOWN UNDER

<https://www.gould.com.au/chris-paton-mia-bennett-down-under/>

Scotland, Ireland, England & DNA



If you can't make the cruise, take your research further with leading experts Chris Paton and Mia Bennett, featured speakers on the 18th Unlock the Past cruise (Southern Australia) in December 2024. Three land seminars are planned with them in the following cities:

- **Sydney** – 2 days Thu 28 - Fri 29 Nov 2024 – [Sydney details and booking](#) at [Ryde-Eastwood Leagues Club](#), 117 Ryedale Road, West Ryde, NSW
- **Adelaide** – 1 day Fri 6 Dec 2024 – [Adelaide details and booking](#) at [Hisense Stadium](#) (West Adelaide Football Club), 57 Milner Road, Richmond, SA
- **Brisbane** – 2 days Thu 12 - Fri 13 Dec 2024 – [Brisbane details and booking](#) at [Geebung RSL Club](#), Corner Newman Road & Collings Street, Geebung, Qld

19TH CRUISE LOWER MURRAY (MANNUM)

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

21-29 August 2025



Murray Princess, from Mannum, Lower Murray River, SA

Provisional 9 day conference/cruise/tour package

This is the proposed provisional schedule they are working to:

- **Adelaide** - 2 day conference – Thu 21 and Fri 22 Aug 2025
- 1 day bus transfer via North East Hills to Mannum (with tourist stops) – Sat 23 Aug 2025
- **Mannum** - 2 day conference and tour activities – Sat afternoon 24 Aug – early Mon afternoon 25 Aug 2025
- 4 night Murray River Outback Heritage Cruise – Mon afternoon 25 Aug to Fri morning 29 Aug 2025 – for details refer to <https://www.murrayprincess.com.au/cruises-murray-river/4-night-murray-river-cruise/>
- 1 day bus transfer via South East Freeway to Adelaide (with tourist stops) – **Fri 29 Aug 2025**
- **OPTIONAL** - 2 day add on tour of Kangaroo Island – **Sat 30 and Sun 31 Aug 2025**

Register your interest – some activities will have a numbers limit, so this will help them with planning.

We're going LIVE on Saturday 10th August 2024

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CONGRATULATIONS SHAUNA - WELL DESERVED

We congratulate member Shauna Hicks on being presented with an OAM in the latest King's birthday honours, for service to community history. Shauna Hicks is widely known in Australia and beyond as a prolific family and local history speaker and author, as well as a librarian archivist.

See [Shauna's full citation here](#) (No.134).

MONMOUTH REBELLION JULY 1685

Upon reading through some of our old journals recently I came across many interesting articles, and in particular these lists previously provided by member Heather Smith.

In the Vol 6 No. 5 October 1985 issue of the *Queensland Family Historian* we published a 'list of the Rebel Prisoners taken at the Battle of Sedgemoor, 5-6 July 1685 who were sentenced at the Bloody Assizes to be transported to the West Indies as slaves on the sugar plantations'.

In Vol 7 No. 5 October 1986 we published a 'List of the Names of the Rebels (sic) that were Executed at Lyme, Bridport, Weymouth, Melcombe Regis, Sherbourn, Pool, Wareham, Exeter, Taunton, and several other places: together with the names of those which were respited till further Orders. Gathered out of several papers formerly printed.' This was printed in 1686. These lists were provided to commemorate the 300th anniversary of the MONMOUTH REBELLION.

If you think you may have someone whose name may be listed, please contact the Editor who can provide a copy of the lists of names.

**FAMILY TREE MAKER (FTM)
PROPOSED FULL DAY SEMINAR
THURSDAY 10 OCTOBER 2024**

**TO BE HELD AT
BRISBANE (TBA)**



Presented by VicGUM (David Stephen, President; Peter Reading, Vice-President) with international speakers – Duff Wilson (from Software MacKiev in the US, the publisher of FTM) and Stefan Harms (the creator, from Germany, of "Family Book Creator", a plug-in for FTM.)

For those who may be unfamiliar with VicGUM, it is "Victorian Genealogists Using Microcomputers". Refer to p.85 for their advertisement.

Watch out for further details in Snippets and on the QFHS website.

Geoff Morgan
Co-convenor of the QFHS FTM User Group
familytree@qfhs.org.au

OLD COPIES OF THE QUEENSLAND FAMILY HISTORIAN

The Editor has spare copies of this journal from 1995 onwards. If you are interested in obtaining old copies, or replacing a journal you have missed, please contact the editor at editor@qfhs.org.au to see what is available.

The Editor is also compiling a further complete set of the *Queensland Family Historian*. If you have any printed copies of the *Historian* that you no longer require, please contact the Editor. The Editor is especially looking for the journal of May 1995, Vol.16 No.2.

If anyone has copies of any journal/s they do not require please contact the Editor.

**FAMILY AND LOCAL HISTORY WRITERS BOOKFEST**

28 AUGUST 2024 at 11.00 AM

AT ASPLEY HORNETS FOOTBALL CLUB, 50 GRAHAM ROAD, CARSELDINE

REFER TO OUR WEBSITE AND SNIPPETS FOR MORE DETAILS AS THEY ARE CONFIRMED

*Three authors talking about their books and writing processes *Book signings

We will host **Sylvia Bannah**, winner of the 2024 QFHS Family History Book Award, author of *What's in a name and where did we come from? The Louis family from 1778*, **Catherine Smith**, author of *Queensland's Sugar King*, and **Karen Rosser**, author of *Wangalpong to Mount Tamborine*. ■

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:

21 September 2024 16 November 2024

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

Sue Reid
(Convenor)

IRISH RESEARCH GROUP



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

10 August 2024 12 October 2024

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

Dale Fogarty
(Convenor)

ENGLISH WEST COUNTRY GROUP



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

26 September 2024 28 November 2024

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

Jenny Davidson
(Convenor)

SCOTTISH INTEREST GROUP



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

14 September 2024 9 November 2024

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

Chris Schuetz
(Convenor)

WELSH INTEREST GROUP



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

15 September 2024 1 December 2024

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

Charlotte Sale
(Convenor)

CENTRAL EUROPEAN GROUP



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

3 August 2024 5 October 2024

A \$2 donation goes towards purchasing relevant records.

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

Eric Kopittke & Noel Bergman
(Convenors)

FAMILY TREE MAKER USER GROUP

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

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

Fri 2 August 2024
Sat 7 September 2024
Fri 4 October 2024
Sat 2 November 2024



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

Geoff Morgan & Joe Greaves
(Convenors)

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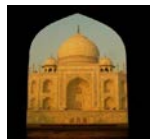
DNA INTEREST GROUP

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

24 August 2024 **Experienced**
28 September 2024 **Beginners**
26 October 2024 **Experienced**
23 November 2024 **Beginners**

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

Chris Schuetz & Ann Swain
(Convenors)

COLONIAL INDIA AND THE FAR EAST GROUP

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

11 August 2024 **13 October 2024**

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

Dette Glenday & Wendy Angliss
(Convenors)

FAMILY HISTORIAN USER GROUP

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

4 August 2024
1 September 2024
6 October 2024
3 November 2024

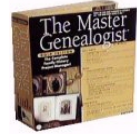
For further information please email familyhistorian@qfhs.org.au.

Malcolm Kingston
(Convenor)

THE MASTER GENEALOGIST (TMG) USER GROUP

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

15 August 2024
19 September 2024
17 October 2024
21 November 2024



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

Kevin Haley & Peter Frederick
(Convenors)

QLD PRE-SEPARATION GROUP

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

Sat 14 September 2024
Tues 10 December 2024

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

Ann Swain & Jenny Davidson
(Convenors) ■

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DATES TO REMEMBER, INCLUDING MEMBERS LOUNGE





| DATE | ACTIVITY | VENUE | TIME |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|
| AUGUST 2024 – AFFHO National Family History Month | | | |
| Friday | 2 Family Tree Maker User Group (See p.114) | Online | 10.00 - 11.30 am |
| Saturday | 3 Central European Group (See p.114) | Online | 10.00 – noon |
| Sunday | 4 Family Historian Software User Group (See p.115) | Online | 1.00 – 3.00 pm |
| Wednesday | 7 Members Lounge – Social – Coffee and Chat | TBA | 10.00 - noon |
| Friday | 9 Learn@QFHS: <i>DNA testing and genealogy: the basics</i> (See p.100) | Online | 10.00 - 11.30 am |
| Saturday | 10 Irish Interest Group (See p.114) | Online | 10.30 - 12.30 pm |
| Sunday | 11 Colonial India and The Far East Group (See p.115) | Check website | 10.30 - noon |
| Wednesday | 14 BRISBANE EKKKA HOLIDAY – RESEARCH CENTRE OPEN | | |
| Thursday | 15 The Master Genealogist (TMG) User Group (See p.115) | Online | 7.00 - 8.30 pm |
| Saturday | 17 New Members' Welcome & Orientation Session (See p.118) | Research Centre | 9.30 – 12.30 pm |
| Wednesday | 21 Presenting... <i>The Myth of Uncle John</i> Speaker: Dr Roger Wilkinson AM (Day) | Hybrid | 1.00 – 3.00 pm |
| Saturday | 24 DNA Interest Group (See p.115) <i>Experienced</i> | Hybrid | 10.00 - noon |
| Monday | 26 Members Lounge – Book Club – Question 7 by Richard Flanagan | Online | 7.30 – 9.00 pm |
| Wednesday | 28 FAMILY AND LOCAL HISTORY WRITERS BOOKFEST – 3 authors (See p.113) | Aspley Hornets Football Club | 11.00 – 12.30 pm |
| SEPTEMBER 2024 | | | |
| Sunday | 1 Family Historian Software User Group (See p.115) | Online | 1.00 – 3.00 pm |
| Saturday | 7 Family Tree Maker User Group (See p.114) | Hybrid | 10.00 - 11.30 am |
| Friday | 13 Learn@QFHS: <i>General Ian Hamilton's visit to Queensland in 1914 and preparations for war</i> (See p.100) | Online | 10.00 - 11.30 am |
| Saturday | 14 Scottish Interest Group (See p.114) | Hybrid | 10.00 – noon |
| Saturday | 14 Pre-Separation Group (See p.115) | Online | 1.30 – 3.30 pm |
| Sunday | 15 Welsh Interest Group (See p.114) | Hybrid | 10.00 – noon |
| Wednesday | 18 Presenting... <i>A Home-grown Monarch of the Queen's state</i> Speaker: Dr Gary Bacon AM (Day) | Hybrid | 1.00 - 3.00 pm |
| Thursday | 19 The Master Genealogist (TMG) User Group (See p.115) | Online | 7.00 - 8.30 pm |
| Saturday | 21 Family History Writing Group (See p.114) | Online | 9.00 - noon |
| Sunday | 22 New Members' Welcome & Orientation Session (See p.118) | Online | 9.30 – 12.30 pm |
| Monday | 23 Members Lounge – Social – Antiquities Museum at University of Queensland, St Lucia | Uni of Qld, St Lucia | 10.00 – 12.30 pm |
| Tuesday | 24 Bi-annual General Meeting | Online | 7.30 – 9.00 pm |
| Wednesday | 25 Talking About - International Day for Universal Access to Information 2024 (See p.100) | Online | 7.30 - 9.30 pm |
| Thursday | 26 English West Country Group (See p.114) | Online | noon - 2.00 pm |
| Saturday | 28 DNA Interest Group (See p.115) <i>Beginners</i> | Hybrid | 10.00 - noon |
| Monday | 30 CLOSING DATE QFHS Award for Services to Family History 2024 Nominations | | |
| OCTOBER 2024 | | | |
| Friday | 4 Family Tree Maker User Group (See p.114) | Online | 10.00 - 11.30 am |
| Saturday | 5 Central European Group (See p.114) | Online | 10.00 – noon |
| Sunday | 6 Family Historian Software User Group (See p.115) | Online | 1.00 – 3.00 pm |
| Monday | 7 KING'S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY – RESEARCH CENTRE CLOSED | | |
| Wednesday | 9 Members Lounge – Social – Diamantina Health Care Museum at Princess Alexandra Hospital | P A Hospital, Brisbane | 10.00 – 12.30 pm |

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| Thursday | 10 | FAMILY TREE MAKER (FTM) FULL DAY SEMINAR | Brisbane TBA | TBA |
| Friday | 11 | Learn@QFHS: <i>More Newspapers : Overseas Newspapers and More Australian Newspapers (See p.100)</i> | Online | 10.00 - 11.30 am |
| Saturday | 12 | Irish Interest Group (See p.114) | Online | 10.30 - 12.30 pm |
| Sunday | 13 | Colonial India and The Far East Group (See p.115) | Check website | 10.30 – noon |
| Wednesday | 16 | Presenting...Let's play – No more dull boys named Jack: Social life in pre-separation Queensland Speaker: Dr Jennifer Harrison (Day) and Presentation of Pre-Separation Certificates | Hybrid | 1.00 - 3.00 pm |
| Thursday | 17 | The Master Genealogist (TMG) User Group (See p.115) | Online | 7.00 - 8.30 pm |
| Saturday | 19 | New Members' Welcome & Orientation Session (See p.118) | Research Centre | 9.30 - 12.30 pm |
| Monday | 21 | LA TRAINING & CONSULTATION SESSION (See p.110) | Hybrid | 10.00 - 12.30 pm |
| Saturday | 26 | DNA Interest Group (See p.115) <i>Experienced</i> | Hybrid | 10.00 - noon |
| Sunday | 27 | QFHS Trout Game (See p.110) | Research Centre | 10.00 – 4.00 pm |
| Monday | 28 | Members Lounge – Book Club - Killing for Country by David Marr | Hybrid | 10.00 – 11.30 am |
| NOVEMBER 2024 | | | | |
| Saturday | 2 | Family Tree Maker User Group (See p.114) | Hybrid | 10.00 - 11.30 am |
| Sunday | 3 | Family Historian Software User Group (See p.115) | Online | 1.00 – 3.00 pm |
| Saturday | 9 | Scottish Interest Group (See p.114) | Hybrid | 10.00 – noon |
| Thursday | 14 | IRISH RESEARCH DAY (See p.111) | Research Centre | 10.00 – 3.00 pm |
| Saturday | 16 | Family History Writing Group (See p.114) | Online | 9.00 - noon |
| Wednesday | 20 | Presenting...Untapped resources: Some almost forgotten WWII sites across Queensland Speaker: Allan Tonks (Day) <i>Christmas meeting – please bring a plate to celebrate</i> | Hybrid | 1.00 - 3.00 pm |
| Thursday | 21 | The Master Genealogist (TMG) User Group (See p.115) | Online | 7.00 - 8.30 pm |
| Saturday | 23 | DNA Interest Group (See p.115) <i>Beginners</i> | Hybrid | 10.00 - noon |
| Sunday | 24 | New Members' Welcome & Orientation Session (See p.118) | Research Centre | 9.30 – 12.30 pm |
| Wednesday | 27 | Talking About - Ambulance Services (See p.100) | Online | 10.00 – noon |
| Thursday | 28 | English West Country Group (See p.114) | Online | noon - 2.00 pm |
| Saturday | 30 | CLOSING DATE QFHS Family History Book Award 2025 | | |
| DECEMBER 2024 | | | | |
| Sunday | 1 | Welsh Interest Group (See p.154) CHANGED DATE | Hybrid | 10.00 – noon |
| Sunday | 1 | Family Historian Software User Group (See p.155) | Online | 1.00 – 3.00 pm |
| Monday | 9 | QFHS Volunteers Thank You Morning Tea & Presentation of QFHS Inc Award for Services for Family History | Kedron Wavell | 10.00 - noon |
| Tuesday | 10 | Pre-Separation Group (See p.115) | Online | 1.30 – 3.30 pm |
| Saturday | 14 | Irish Interest Group (See p.114) | Online | 10.30 - 12.30 pm |

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

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

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|  | Book Club https://www.qfhs.org.au/events/members-lounge/book-club/ |  | Talking About... https://www.qfhs.org.au/events/members-lounge/talking-about/ |
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WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS of QFHS INC.

Membership numbers 6715 – 6739 including members who joined up to 30/6/24:

ALMEIDA Reena, Nudgee, QLD
 BASILE Cherie, Carina, QLD
 BATES Merylyn, Bardon, QLD
 BUTTSWORTH Geoff, Greenmount, QLD
 CONWAY Julie, Wynnum, QLD
 DEBNAM Raymond, Pelican Waters, QLD
 DRAGANI Sannie, Lutwyche, QLD
 GLEESON Bronwyn, Bellambi, NSW
 HARLE Sandra, Coalfalls, QLD
 HOHENHAUS Simone, Drayton North, QLD
 JONES Mary-Anne, Taroomball, QLD
 KARAKALIOS Sheron, Kidman Park, SA
 KOPP Heather, Rochedale South, QLD
 McMICHAEL Janis, Shailer Park, QLD
 MOORE Jack, Mitchell, QLD
 NIAL Karen, New Beith, QLD
 PETTETT Ebony, Gillieston Heights, NSW
 PHILLIPS Tracey, Sunnybank Hills, QLD
 PYBURNE Paula, Bulimba, QLD
 SIEGLE Rodney, Maroochydore, QLD
 STROJA Jessica, Cleveland, QLD
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 WARD Robert, Beachmere, QLD
 WASHBROOK Rebecca, Charleville, QLD

Journal only:

BANCROFT Evelyn, Eidsvold, QLD ■

QUEENSLAND PRE-SEPARATION GROUP APPROVALS

The following members have been approved to become members of the QFHS Inc. Queensland Pre-Separation Group:

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

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

(2) **Alfred Thomas Tinney** and **Mary Ann**

NEW MEMBERS' WELCOME & ORIENTATION SESSIONS

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

Sat 17 August at Research Centre

Sun 22 September Online

Sat 19 October at Research Centre

Sun 24 November at Research Centre

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

BOOKINGS: *Essential*

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

Ann Swain & Anne Long
Convenors

welcome@qfhs.org.au. ■

QUEENSLAND PRE-SEPARATION GROUP APPROVALS (Cont.)

Tinney (née Barnard) who arrived in Moreton Bay on 6/10/57 on *Blenheim* and their son **William Henry Tinney** born on 22/10/1859 in Brisbane.

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

ABOUT THE SOCIETY

Please refer to our website for the most current information.

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

Members may:

- Have free access to the Society's Family History Research Centre, Subscription Websites, useful weblinks, and journals from Australian and overseas FH Societies;
- Receive our *Queensland Family Historian* either by mail or email, and our e-newsletter *Snippets*;
- Submit two free *Help Wanted* queries in the journal per year; and a list of research interests for publication in the *Queensland Family Historian* and on our website;
- Use our AskQFHS, Look Up and Extended Research services available to members and non-members at www.qfhs.org.au/about-us/research-service/;
- Country members (living more than 50 km from Brisbane GPO) can use the Research service, see www.qfhs.org.au/join-us/country-members/;
- See other benefits of membership at www.qfhs.org.au/join-us/benefits-of-membership/.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THIS JOURNAL

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 Non-members: \$20.00 per day (incl. GST)
 credited towards joining fee if joining within 2 weeks.

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| Joining Fee (for new and lapsed members) | \$10 |
| Single Membership (p.a.) | \$80 |
| Joint/Dual Membership (p.a.) | \$120 |
| Associate Membership (p.a.) | \$120 |
| Single Life Membership | \$1,200 |
| Joint/Dual Life Membership | \$1,800 |
| Journal Only Subscription (incl. postage) (p.a.) | \$40 |
| Journal Only Overseas Subscription (p.a.) | \$40 |
| (incl. postage; no GST payable) | |
| (effective from 1 May 2024). | |

Renewal subscriptions for existing members as at 1 April 2016 and who maintain continuous membership are due on 1 July each year. From 1 April 2016 new memberships are for 12 months from the first day of the month of a member's admission to the Society.

Joint/Dual members are two members with one registered address. Joint/Dual members receive one journal only, sent to the registered address, and have one vote only at General Meetings.

Associate members are family history societies and allied groups. At any time, two members of a current Associate Group may use the resources and facilities of the Society free of charge.

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

RESEARCH CENTRE HOURS (ALL AEST)

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| Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays: | 10 am – 3 pm |
| Saturdays: | noon – 3 pm |
| Sundays | Closed |

The Research Centre is **closed on Mondays and Fridays** (except for special meetings) and on all **Public Holidays** except **Exhibition Wednesday**.

INFORMATION FOR ADVERTISERS AND PUBLISHERS

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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 arranged for the **third Wednesday of the month** and alternate between 1.00 pm and 7.30 pm to allow as many members as possible to attend. Members and visitors may attend either in person at the Family History Research Centre, 46 Delaware St, Chermside, or via Zoom. Those unable to attend in person but unfamiliar with Zoom may contact the Secretary secretary@qfhs.org.au for assistance. Bookings are essential and may be made via the QFHS website and Eventbrite. For the dates of the meetings of the different *Special Interest Groups*, please refer to *p.114* or *Dates to Remember* on *p.116* of this issue.

Presenting...MONTHLY GUEST SPEAKERS

2024

AUGUST 21 (1.00 pm)

Presenting...*The Myth of Uncle John*

Dr Roger Wilkinson AM's father's 'Uncle John' resided as a mythical figure in the canon of his father's stories. That John had been a well-known physician in early Edwardian and pre-Second World War II Melbourne, had something to do with diabetes and stomach disorders, and was a staunch Methodist, were accepted 'facts.' As an adult physician himself, Roger accidentally came across John's entry in the Australian Dictionary of Biography. It made him realise that this man was no myth. He had lived a full and interesting life, not appreciated by this one brother's family. Roger thought his life should be further explored. This is John's story as Roger has been able to piece it together.

SEPTEMBER 18 (1.00 pm)

Presenting...*A Home-Grown Monarch of the Queen's State*

Dr Gary Bacon AM is an engaging speaker who will give us an appreciation of the testing environments and living conditions which our fore-fathers and -mothers endured. 2024 is the 200th anniversary of the establishment of the penal settlement of Moreton Bay at what is now called Redcliffe. After John Oxley and Allan Cunningham explored Maiwar (the Brisbane River) the settlement was moved to Brisbane in 1825. During their exploration Cunningham named the pine tree growing in thick brush near the river the Brisbane pine. By focusing on *Araucaria cunninghamii*, Dr Gary Bacon will present a history of the Queensland timber industry. That history will include the discovery of the species, the pioneers, industry, timber sales and resources, and forestry plantations.

OCTOBER 16 (1.00 pm)

Presenting...*Let's Play - No More Dull Boys Named Jack: Social Life In Pre-Separation Queensland*

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

And Presentation of 2024 Pre-Separation Certificates by Ann Swain and Jenny Davidson, Co-Convenors of the Queensland Pre-Separation Group

NOVEMBER 20 (1.00 pm)

Presenting...*Untapped Resources: Some almost forgotten WWII sites across Queensland*

Allan Tonks will consider future tourism potential at just a few of the many WWII sites across Queensland. Topics likely to be covered in this presentation are *False Cape and Gordonvale*; *Charleville: Looking beyond the Secret Base*; *Charlie's Hill: Site of the WWII RAAF Station 211*; *Round Mountain: The American penal stockade site near Beaudesert*; *Julia Creek's crumbling RAAF ruins*; and *Brisbane's own WWII Mount Coot-tha sites*.

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