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Drover's camp at Hughenden, c.1916. Boxes, buckets and other gear are spread out upon the ground. Dogs shelter under the loaded dray. A tethered horse can be seen on the right. (Brisbane John Oxley Library, State Library of Queensland, Negative number: 63497). Photograph provided by Pam Garfoot, image enhanced using MyHeritage Colourization software. See story on p.124.

A DROVING STORY – SHOWING WHERE FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH MIGHT LEAD

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There's a 3x great uncle in my family tree who did something extraordinary. Of course, I never met him – he died nearly thirty years before I was born. But his story is fantastic, just the same.

Close to one hundred and fifty years ago my ancestor was part of an epic droving journey in Queensland. A small party, mostly of men but with a single woman amongst them, travelled right across Central Queensland with a big mob of cattle. All in the team proved to be resilient, hardworking and brave. Well, perhaps not all in the team as the camp cook packed up and left early in the piece (with all sorts of impacts for the other drovers!). But the rest of the team stuck it out in the face of many challenges. There was an adventurous achievement in what was often harsh and dangerous frontier country.

The journey took place in 1878, beginning on the east coast at Waverley Station near St Lawrence, Queensland. It ended a good thousand miles to the west at Diamantina Lakes Station on the Diamantina River. The route the team travelled forged into pioneer country so long inhabited by Aboriginal tribes but little explored, or indeed settled, by white men. Much of the detail in their journey, indeed knowledge of its very existence, is now known to us, thanks to family history research.

Five or six years ago the family history research my sister and I were doing took an exciting turn. My sister, Elizabeth, happened upon a reference to an 1878 diary written by a drover on a long trek across the fledgling colony.² The drover was our ancestor, **Edward Hayes Talbot**, and the brother of our great great grandmother, **Sarah Talbot**. To begin with we were aware only of a basic catalogue entry for the diary in the Special Collections area of James Cook University. It could have proved to be quite underwhelming, or it could have been something quite significant. We were

intrigued. What family history researcher could have resisted the tug of curiosity about Edward's diary? Certainly not us.

It turned out to be the latter - something rather significant indeed. Over a period of some months we accessed digital scans of the diary, completed a transcription of it, and began a lengthy process of research into what it described. Slowly the story emerged and delighted us.

The droving journey was commissioned by prominent Queensland pastoralist, **John Arthur Macartney**, who sought to have 1,400 cattle moved from his Waverley run close to the coast to another of his stations out west, a massive run in the Channel Country. Macartney had only purchased Diamantina Lakes Station two years previously, with business partner **Hugh Heber-Percy**, hoping to establish it as successful pastoral property in far western Queensland. It was a very remote place, even as late as the close of the 1870s.

Settlement across western and northern Queensland happened considerably later than that in most other States. At the time of the droving journey the west of the colony was home to just a handful of immense stations, most only recently established and set within vast tracts of land still under the traditional ownership of Aboriginal tribes. Because white settlers had intruded into tribal lands, many conflicts, often violent and brutal, were still occurring between settlers and Aborigines. A white traveller en route to the Channel Country might rightly fear for his safety, and Aboriginal people were still the subject of deadly reprisals by some settlers and the infamous Native Mounted Police.

Despite the potential hazards of these frontier tensions, a small droving party was formed, with boss drover **Tom Kelly** leading it. Talbot was to be his second-in-command with the rest of the team comprising three other white drovers, one of them our great

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grandfather, **Ted Gooch**, and at least three Aboriginal drovers. Additionally there was a drover's cook and, for reasons unknown, Kelly's wife rounding out the party. One of the drovers, **Tom Hardy** with one of the Aboriginal drovers as his offsider, travelled separately with the bulls of the mob. The main team had charge of the breeding cows and calves.

Preparations for the droving trip began on Waverley where the cattle, mainly Shorthorns with some Herefords³, were readied. They were branded, inoculated against bovine pleuropneumonia, and dehorned in the stockyards. A sizeable group of horses to be used was selected, and the many supplies and pieces of equipment required, to be transported in a dray, were purchased from one of St Lawrence's stores. Finally the team and cattle departed Waverley in early April 1878 and Talbot began to write in his diary. His account covered a period of four months.

Leaving behind a wife and two small daughters, Talbot wrote often of his homesickness. But worse than the homesickness were the team tensions which became apparent from the very outset of the journey. Talbot and Kelly, who had not known each other previously, proved prickly team mates. Kelly was the boss, but Talbot felt it was a role that he should have been given; he had the experience and skills needed, and was a natural leader to the rest of the team. Although Talbot kept much of his resentment to himself, or wrote of it in his little diary, the other drovers no doubt sensed the clash of personalities and the niggling disagreements between the two men.

The first challenge faced by the droving team was crossing the formidable Connors Range to the west of St Lawrence. It was no easy feat urging recalcitrant cattle up the steep incline and down the other side. But it would be just one of the many difficulties that would face them, in addition to a drover's usual hardships – long night watches alone with skittish cattle, the ever present risk of stampedes, petulant camp cooks, bad weather, and accidents and illnesses amongst

both the droving team and the cattle. Unpredictable supplies of feed, and scant water in an era when no bores were available to cater to travelling stock, added to the catalogue of potential woes.⁴ The occurrence most feared by the men was possible attack by the local Aboriginal people whose land they were trespassing on and whose resources they were depleting.

Still, once past the Connors Range, the country through which the team travelled was tolerable for a while. They passed several stations and watercourses on their westerly progress, but were hampered by the recent loss of their cook and the subsequent re-assignment of droving duties amongst the men. Talbot, who filled in as cook until another could be found, grizzled at his additional duties, but at least he had the competent young drover, Gooch, to take on some of his own demanding duties as the team's horse tailer (the man responsible for managing the horses which were so vital to the undertaking).⁵

Reaching the small mining town of Clermont, after about three weeks' travel, was a boost to everyone's spirits. Or it would have been, had the men been allowed to visit the town. Also there developed the first of many battles of will between Kelly and Talbot. Talbot had lost track of two young cattle pups while in Clermont purchasing stores. Kelly was not pleased and promised to stop at nothing to get the pups back. Talbot was directed to retrace his route, a loop of many additional miles, in search of the pups. By sheer good fortune, Talbot's fellow drover and friend, Hardy, had found them. One small crisis averted – many more to come.

In the subsequent days the team travelled for a short while with two other men, one of whom was a Sub-Inspector from the infamous Native Mounted Police. This arm of Queensland's police force was notorious for their brutal 'dispersals' of Aboriginal people in frontier Queensland regions. Fortunately the drovers saw none of that.

Once more on their own the team made fair headway but, predictably perhaps, another

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battle of wills between Kelly and Talbot loomed. Gooch had managed to lose a single cow somewhere along the way and was unable to catch her again. He was sent out several times to catch the missing cow but, despite being on his retrieval mission for several days, was unsuccessful.

Kelly would not tolerate the loss of the cow and sent Talbot back to complete the task. Talbot met up with Hardy, who told him the mission was impossible. Talbot knew he couldn't return to the team empty handed and, after an exhausting struggle, managed to return to camp with the cow (two, in fact). It was a pity that there was other trouble on Kelly's mind by then – 'poison bush', an ever-present danger to grazing cattle. This journey was not for the faint-hearted.

Of all the tribulations faced by the droving team, the one they faced next and through most of 1878 was perhaps the most challenging. As they travelled on towards the Belyando River the weather turned. Persistent rain meant that not only were the drovers and the cattle wet through and miserable, but the ground over which they were moving became a quagmire. For the horses and cattle this was bad enough but the dray, which carried most of their supplies and in which Mrs Kelly travelled, could barely move through the mud. The river and other small watercourses were flooded and sheets of water continually impeded their movement. Progress was painfully slow and everyone's spirits were low.

As the dray fell further and further behind the rest of the team and the cattle, Kelly assigned Talbot and Gooch to getting it through. Several days passed where the trio (Talbot, Gooch and Mrs Kelly) were on their own, enmeshed in a perpetual ordeal of bogging and digging. Many times the men needed to pull the heavily laden dray from the mud by their own efforts as the horses, by this stage, could not. All were exhausted.

In time the weather improved, the team was reunited, and they were travelling through better country. Much of what would usually have been very arid land was, by late May,

looking green and providing good feed for the cattle.

However, they were still only about one third of the way through the trip and in country few of them knew. More troubles beset the team: Kelly and his wife were both ill, one of the Aboriginal drovers left the team (later returning, but not until after Talbot had been blamed for his disappearance), and there were endless problems with the cattle. One of their hard-working horses met with a serious accident and was left behind with the young drover **Marris** to temporarily watch over him. To add to it all, eight horses escaped. Talbot was sent to retrieve them and, although he was successful, the ill-feeling between him and Kelly continued. Talbot was beginning to feel he could no longer work with Kelly.

After passing Lake Galilee, in drier times a salt lake, they traversed the enormous and legendary run called Bowen Downs Station. Much to Talbot's disappointment the station's boundary rider directed them away from the station so they saw little of the famed run. The weather was turning much cooler by day, and by night was biting cold. Now they were entering never-never country.

Mount Cornish Station was their next destination but again they were diverted. So, onwards they slogged, alongside the Thomson River, and past the newly established township of Muttaborra. It was about here that Kelly left them for a short while to accompany his wife back to Bowen Downs where she would await the team's return. The possibility of unpredictable and sometimes dangerous conditions ahead must have concerned them. Conversations with various other drovers and teamsters they had earlier met along the way did not help. Talk of attack by Aborigines fuelled their fears and the men understood Mrs Kelly's situation. They missed her just the same.

Water sources were unpredictable and their route haphazard while they headed to whatever water they could find. Their route passed Ambo, Camoola, Darr, Evesham and Vindex Stations, all the while seeking out

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water for the cattle. After Vindex they reached Bladensburg Station, another property recently acquired by Macartney. Sadly the property had a shocking history of massacre of Aboriginal people, as did many other places in Queensland.

After passing through Elderslie Station, the team turned south west with their cattle. They were now in the remote Channel Country where the major rivers, including the Diamantina, formed confusing braided channels across vast open plains.

After a few days' travel down the Diamantina they met up with Heber-Percy who had ridden from the station to meet them. He was pleased with the condition of the cattle.⁶ But then he turned the world upside down for Talbot. Talbot was not to travel on to the Diamantina Lakes Station with his droving colleagues, but instead to return to Elderslie to take charge of a driver-less bullock team bringing much needed supplies south to the homestead. Talbot was not enthusiastic. He had no experience of these particular bullocks and it would take all his skill as a bullocky (one of his former occupations) to deliver the team safely.

Although Talbot did not record much in his diary after this point, it's clear that he eventually delivered his wagon load of supplies. The cattle also made the trip successfully. It had taken them a long four months to reach their destination.

Afterwards the team gradually dispersed. Most, including Gooch and Marris, headed back towards St Lawrence. Some may have stayed on at Diamantina Lakes to work for Macartney – perhaps Hardy and some of the Aboriginal drovers. Macartney never took up residence there, leaving Heber-Percy to run the station. In time it became an impressive place, running many thousands of cattle. In 1909 Macartney sold Diamantina Lakes Station to cattle king Sidney Kidman⁷ and later retired to a comfortable life in Brisbane.

If Talbot had not seen Kelly after the journey it would hardly have troubled him. But to Talbot's regret, he and Hardy may never have seen each other again. Hardy went to work

for Macartney on one of his Northern Territory stations but died there, soon after being speared by Aborigines.

Talbot, of course, returned to his young family. Over the subsequent years he and his wife became parents of several more daughters and a son. Perhaps it was one of his several children, a distant cousin of ours, who kept his little droving diary tucked away somewhere. Eventually, in poor condition, the diary was donated to James Cook University in the 1970s. Few had ever looked at it until Elizabeth and I began our project.

Recently the university undertook a much-needed conservation of the diary, stabilising its deteriorating iron gall ink and treating its crumbling pages.⁸ Now that it is in better condition, Elizabeth and I hope that in telling of our great uncle's adventure we will shine a light on a story which deserves to be recognised as an important part of Queensland's pioneer history.

Often we reflect on how our family history research led us to something quite remarkable. Something that definitely deserves some moments in the sun.

Endnotes:

¹ Capricorn Drover: from Waverley to Diamantina Lakes Station in 1878 is the recently published book by Pam Garfoot and Elizabeth Conway (available at

<https://www.digitalprintaustralia.com/bookstore/non-fiction/historical/capricorn-drover.html>).

Elizabeth Conway collaborated in writing this article. The book follows their family history, Making Them Real: finding a Queensland past, which was published in 2012 (available at <https://www.digitalprintaustralia.com/bookstore/non-fiction/historical/making-them-real-finding-a-queensland-past.html>).

² James Cook University, Special Collections, Talbot Archive TAL/Diary/1, Location 102R, Talbot diary, 1878.

³ 'Peak Downs district', in *Rockhampton Morning Bulletin*, 30 April 1878, p. 2.

⁴ Many good descriptions of the drover's life have been written, including in ES Sorenson, *Life in the Australian backblocks*, Whitcombe & Tombs, London, 1911, and in HM Barker, *Droving days*, Rigby, Adelaide, 1972.

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⁵ H Sawrey, *Memories of a Ringer*, in *The Stockman: Australian outback heritage, Lansdowne, Sydney, 1984*, p. 16.

⁶ Stock movements and state of the country: upper Diamantina, in *The Queenslander*, 3 August 1878, p. 568; Upper Diamantina, July 2, in *Brisbane Courier*, 3 August 1878, p. 7.

⁷ Queensland State Archives, Item ID26446 File - pastoral run - Diamantina Lakes, 1899-1928.

⁸ Iron gall ink : the ink of kings, monks and poets on the 50 Treasures Youtube Channel, viewed 26 August 2021, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oZkNb_2TDjQ. ■

WRITING THE FAMILY STORY: HOW DO I ORGANISE MY INFORMATION?

At the May 2023 meeting of the QFHS Writing Group, the members discussed how to organise family information specifically for a writing project.

The first thing our writers suggested was to create a timeline to assist in sorting your information and clarifying the sequence of events. A timeline gives you something concrete to look at while writing and indicates where you may need additional research. There is no one way to formulate a timeline. You could compile a master timeline with all the significant events for your writing project, a timeline for each person or family in your work, or a combined timeline for the central characters. Some writers like a timeline for each chapter of their book.

Create your timeline in an application such as Microsoft Word or a spreadsheet. This way, you can begin with basic details such as birth, baptism, marriage, death, and burial, then interpolate other information as you find it. You can then add details, such as when the person would have begun school or become eligible to vote, along with other facts, such as occupations or places of residence. If you wish, you can add screen clips of newspaper articles, directory entries, website mentions or anything else (together with the website reference). Consider the use of colour codes if you have a composite timeline. You may want to include a timeline in your book, perhaps in an appendix, to help your reader sequence information.

You can use spreadsheets to create visual displays of people's life spans. If, for example, a couple had many children and some died in infancy, a visual timeline can

show how their lives overlapped. You can make visual displays by having a column (or row) for dates, then a column (or row) for each person and using different colours to fill the relevant cells.

Use your family history software to print out a family tree for the people in your story to have something you can refer to. If your software does not do what you specifically require, try compiling a bespoke family tree on a spreadsheet, printing it on A4 paper, and gluing the sheets together. Do not forget to add family trees to your text to assist your reader.

Organising your information depends on the work you are preparing to write. If you are writing a short piece and know your subject matter well, you may not need much organising. You may find the story writes itself in your head. If you are writing a longer work, you will find ideas come to you while doing other activities—mowing the lawn or walking the dog. Jot these down on your phone or in a notebook for future use.

Your family history will undoubtedly have two or more people with the same names. To help with the writing process and assist your readers, distinguish between people of the same name by numbering them or adding life spans or suffixes, such as senior or junior.

If you plan to write a book or more extended work, consider arranging your material—certificates, timelines, other documents, images, etc.—in folders or bundles relevant to

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the chapters of your work. However, you should constantly review your source material to ensure that you have not missed anything or that something you dismissed as irrelevant now assumes new importance once you know more about your family.

Maps are crucial in the research stage and your finished work. For example, creating a map showing where your ancestors lived helps visualise the relationship between significant places and the distances between them. You will need maps for your completed work, as well. Google Maps¹ allows the reuse of their maps, as does the National Library of Scotland². If you wish to create your own maps, consider a website like D-Maps.com.³

Use a notebook to keep track of all your references and thoughts. If you prefer something electronic, applications such as Zotero⁴, Evernote⁵, and Microsoft OneNote⁶ can assist in storing information. In addition,

Zotero has the advantage of also being a citation manager.

Finally, as you progress through your writing project, ask a family member or a trusted friend to review your work and provide advice on improvements and additions.

Endnotes:

¹ Google Maps www.google.com/intl/en-GB_ALL/permissions/geoguidelines

² National Library of Scotland <https://maps.nls.uk/copyright.html>

³ D-Maps.com <https://d-maps.com/conditions.php?lang=en>

⁴ Zotero <https://www.zotero.org/>

⁵ Evernote <https://evernote.com/>

⁶ Microsoft OneNote <https://www.microsoft.com/en-au/microsoft-365/onenote/digital-note-taking-app>

Sue Reid, on behalf of the Queensland Family History Society Writing Group. ■

A FAMILY LEGEND – MISTAKEN RECORDS CORRECTED JOHN BEVERIDGE (1797 – 1826)

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This coloured miniature portrait is of my great-great-great-uncle **John Beveridge**. The original is slightly smaller than a standard photograph. John had it painted in Canton whilst he was on East India Company duty there.

John Beveridge was the second child and eldest son of **David Beveridge**, a baker of Guildhall Street, Dunfermline, Scotland, and his wife **Margaret (née Thomson)**. He was brother to **Elizabeth**, the eldest, who married **James Adamson** of Crossgates. They were my great-great-grandparents. They emigrated to Adelaide with their seven children in 1839.

John Beveridge grew up in Dunfermline, and initially went into business as a baker like his father, but somehow became bankrupt. He married a cousin, **Jane Guilliand** in 1818, but this did not last and he apparently left her.

About five years later he qualified as a surgeon – now that’s an interesting change of occupation. In 1825 he sailed as Surgeon’s Mate to Bengal and China on the HCS *Royal George* (Honourable East India Company Ship). However while in Canton, his ship caught fire and sank, so John was returned to England as a “distressed mariner” on HCS *Bombay*. On arrival at the Isle of Wight in June 1826, John was dismayed to read in the first newspaper he encountered of the bankruptcy of his patron, a **Mr William Brydon**, London gentleman, with whom he had funds (a “bill”) deposited. However his money was safe, and with the profit from his voyage he paid off his creditors.

He then became a Surgeon on HMS *Grampus*, a naval hospital ship moored in the Thames at Deptford. He died at Deptford in 1826.

In his book about his Beveridge family, *India Called Them* (published 1948), **Lord**

A FAMILY LEGEND – MISTAKEN RECORDS CORRECTED (Cont.)

Beveridge, the famous English economist, wrote the following note on his great-uncle, John Beveridge. This was as he knew it from family tradition.

'The black sheep of the family who, in his own way, paid all debts. Bankrupt as baker, [he] qualified as surgeon, and from profits of his East India voyage paid his creditors in full. Being held unwillingly to engagement with a cousin, married her and left her at the church door. Ship's surgeon on the *Royal George* and *Grampus*, died at 29 of typhus contracted in making a post-mortem.'

We in Australia are fortunate to have a collection of eleven letters from John Beveridge to his family, spanning some twelve years, which his sister Elizabeth brought to Adelaide and which have survived.

Lord Beveridge visited Australia in 1948, and in Adelaide met some of his second cousins, including my father. While there he read these letters, and from these he completely revised his opinion of John. He wrote in his later book, *Antipodes Notebook - Travels in Australia and New Zealand*:

'John's letters show him, not a black sheep at all, but an engaging young man who made a young man's mess of marriage - not leaving his bride at the church door as family tradition had it, but marrying at twenty the wrong person in obvious haste. One of the letters tells his sister of this marriage as of a bolt from the blue and puts a good face on it. 'Let me repeat, I am perfectly happy.' That is not the way in which a young man should write three days after marriage. And the wife does not appear again in any of his letters.'

As a footnote, until recently I had John's large Bible, which also came to South Australia with his sister in 1839, with some other of his effects. Obviously Elizabeth, his only sister, was his nearest and dearest sibling. Mum and Dad had the Bible rebound some years ago. It is interesting that it was second-hand when John received it in 1815 as an 18-year-old; there is a title page with another signature, glued together; it was printed in 1793. It's now passed on to my eldest grand-daughter in Toowoomba.

Some years ago I read and transcribed John's letters from copies of the handwritten originals. I can endorse Lord Beveridge's changed opinion of John.

I would like to have included here one of the letters which describes John Beveridge's last days leading up to his death. It is particularly interesting for its insight into early 19th century medicine. It was written to John's family by Captain **James Adamson**, Uncle of great-great-grandfather **James Adamson** on 2 November 1826. He was caring for John at Rotherhithe, London, during his illness.

It describes cupping, bleeding, applying leeches and keeping his head wet with vinegar, amongst other strange remedies.¹

Endnotes:

¹ For a copy of the letter, refer to *Queensland Family Historian* Vol 30 No.2 May 2009, p. 49, Death and Burial (3) – John Beveridge. ■



John Beveridge (1797-1826)

(Photograph provided by the author) ■

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

We welcome new and returning members to the Management Committee for the remainder of our term: Charlotte Sale, Chris Robertson and Helen Evans. Helen is now the Society's Honorary Secretary. We are grateful for their interest in the Society and look forward to their contributions to the committee as we work on the Society's strategic priorities.

OUR CONSTITUTION

The Management Committee has commenced a review of the Society's Constitution (our rules) to ensure it reflects the Society's current and future needs. In recent times, the State Government has revised and simplified the Model Rules which, as the name suggests, provide a model for incorporated associations such as QFHS to adopt. Associations may adopt the Model Rules in their entirety or devise their own rules and submit these to the Office of Fair Trading for approval.

Why the need for a review? There are a number of rules in our constitution that do not reflect modern practices or regulatory requirements – for example, payments are stipulated to be paid by cheque, membership applications are required to be made in writing, and we have no agreed Grievance Procedure. Member Chris Schuetz has undertaken a comprehensive comparison of our existing constitution with the new Model Rules and this will form the basis for further development and consultation with the Society's membership. In the meantime, those who would like to familiarise themselves with the constitution as it currently stands may access the document via the link on the footer of every page on the website.

The rules governing changes to the constitution for associations are clear: a special resolution is required and must be presented for a vote at a general meeting, and special resolutions require 75% of the vote (from members who are present and entitled to vote). The next Members General Meeting will be held in March next year and we have the AGM in June. If these are insufficient for our needs, a Special General Meeting will be

added. More detail about the consultation process will be published in the coming weeks and months, and all members will be invited to respond to various aspects as they are presented for consideration.

TENDER PROCESS FOR 46 DELAWARE ST

Management Committee submitted a detailed and comprehensive application for the premises at 46 Delaware St on Friday 8 September.

It was the culmination of many hours' work and included in excess of 50 supporting documents – Annual Report, financial statements, evidence of insurance, letters of support from our members and the community at large, evidence of our interactions with individuals and community groups and the value we provide them, our Strategic Plan, an operational plan, a maintenance plan, evidence of our ability to maintain the facility, and much more.

A major requirement of the process was to demonstrate how our use of the facility would increase community participation and to list the organisations or groups with whom we would work with at the facility. We supplied details of plans to share space with a local community theatre group and have initiated discussions with northside local history groups with a view to collaboration on, for example, joint projects to ensure the retention of local heritage resources.

Brisbane City Council now has the unenviable task of making selections between all no-doubt-worthy applications and a decision is expected within three months, ie, by mid December.

While nothing in this life is certain, my question is this: Why would Brisbane City Council not consider us a perfect tenant? We are mature, reliable, financially responsible, task-orientated and an excellent neighbour – what's not to love?

Best wishes to all,

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CAPTAIN JOHN MARTIN, AN ENIGMA TO THE END

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Captain **John Martin**, variously seaman, crewman, sailmaker, Master Mariner¹, sea pilot², publican³, maybe mercenary and blackbirder⁴ and finally farmer, led the kind of life guaranteed to fascinate and frustrate researchers.

He claimed to have been born in Port Glasgow, Scotland around 1816⁵, but so were several other John Martins so his parentage is unknown. After arriving in Adelaide, South Australia in 1839, supposedly on board the *Asia*, he married **Elizabeth Pedler** the following year on 29 January at Trinity Church, Adelaide.

A daughter, **Lucy Jane**, and two sons, **John** and **William Henry**, were also born in Adelaide – their father being described on their birth certificates as ‘a seafaring man’ and ‘Captain of the Cutter *Alpha*’. John captained ships plying between Tasmania and the mainland, and his family sometimes accompanied him. Three more daughters completed the family: **Agnes**, born in Hobart; **Mary M** probably in Victoria; and **Catherine**, in Willunga, South Australia.

Just as his early years are shrouded in mystery, so are his final days, and indeed much of his later life.

During the early years of his marriage John worked as a sea captain. There are various records of John Martin captaining ships out of both Hobart and Launceston, bound for Port Albert, Port Phillip, and Sydney, and Captain Martin of the *Agenoria*, cited as a regular visitor to Port Albert, was one of four captains asked to comment on the harbour and bar at Port Albert in June 1848.⁶ On 2 December 1852 John Martin was appointed a Junior Ships Pilot for Port Phillip Bay, and on 2 March 1853 he was listed as a Pilot 2nd Class on an annual wage of £300, stationed at Queenscliffe, his first pilot ship being the *Boomerang*.⁷ John purchased a block of land at Queenscliffe for £65, which he later sold to a blacksmith at a good profit.

The first Pilot Service had begun almost by accident when the *Enterprise*, which was

bringing the first settlers to Melbourne, piloted the *Endeavour* across Bass Strait to the Yarra. After that, men who had experience set up as unofficial pilots vying for trade – the larger the ship, the better the payment to bring her in. This was known as ‘pirating’. The need for official pilots was recognized by 1837, but it was not until June 1839 that the first official pilot was appointed. It soon became clear that one pilot could not handle the volume of shipping; unofficial pilots were still operating, using their own boats, and many of these men were appointed to the Service. This did not wipe out the practice of piracy, however.

This early Pilot Service was a fairly primitive affair and it was taken over by the Government in 1851 because of the large number of fatalities by drowning and shipwreck at the entrance to Port Phillip Bay. Pilots from Shortland Bluff used whaleboats to transport pilots to ships requiring them, a practice which was never satisfactory, particularly during heavy weather when it was too rough to go aboard. At those times, the vessels followed the whaleboats to the more sheltered waters inside the Heads. At night they were guided by a lantern set at the stern. There were often casualties. On Sunday 21 March 1852 the *Isabella Watson*, under the command of **Captain Fullerton**, arrived off Port Phillip Heads. When at sunset she stood in for the Heads she hit a sunken reef off Point Nepean, lost her rudder, and became unmanageable. Then her masts went over the side. A lifeboat containing Captain Fullerton and several passengers left the ship and immediately capsized, resulting in the drowning of nine of the occupants. The remaining passengers and crew were landed by pilot vessels at daylight. This event prompted drastic action.

Between 1851 and 1853 the number of pilots was increased from eleven to fifty. The *Boomerang*, which had arrived from Glasgow in October 1852, was purchased by the Government, and was ready for her first official duties on 18 December. She was a

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wooden brigantine of 96 tons which had been built that year; her dimensions were 73'8" x 19'1" x 10'5". It was proposed that she would carry up to 22 pilots, so accommodation was cramped. *Boomerang* became the first Pilot vessel to be stationed outside the Heads when she moved to her cruising ground on 7 February 1853. She was replaced in 1854, being considered not really suitable for a Pilot ship.

In November 1853 John Martin was master of the *Boomerang* when she was involved in an incident which resulted in the dismissal of three pilots, **Archibold**, **Flood** and **Liddell**, and **Captain Ashby**, master of the *Anonyma*. While *Boomerang* was keeping station, *Anonyma* was inshore picking up supplies of wood and water. When *Boomerang* ran out of pilots, those on board *Anonyma* ignored signals alerting them to the state of affairs, and when approached and verbally hailed the pilots refused to transfer to *Boomerang*. Disaster struck two ships that afternoon; the French vessel *Marie* struck Corsair Rock and was run ashore by a pilot to prevent her foundering; *Ontario* followed her through the Heads and struck the same rock, breaking up four hours later, fortunately with no loss of life. John Martin was the one man to come out of this incident with his reputation intact.⁸

He transferred to the *Corsair* sometime after November 1853 or in early 1854. A well-known cutter, she had been brought from Southampton after being purchased from The Royal Yacht Squadron, and arrived in Melbourne on 6 June 1853 after an almost disastrous voyage during which high seas in the 'Roaring Forties' south of Madagascar had carried away her boat and spare spars stowed on deck. She arrived after 105 days, sailing under 'jury rig'.

The year 1854 was an *annus horribilis* for John both on the home front and at work. As one of the pilots on the *Corsair* he was on board in June on the day that a welcome salute was fired by her cannon for the arrival of the new Governor, **Sir Charles Hotham**. One cannon failed to go off and in attempting to clear the gun John was caught by the

exploding charge, burned on the face and partially blinded.

Captain Deane was placed in charge of the cutter which dropped Shortland Bluff and stood away for Williamstown.⁹

John's youngest daughter Catherine, aged about four years, died and was buried at Queenscliffe.

Then on 12 October an incident occurred which must have seemed the most cruel blow of all. He came home tired from work, having landed from the *Corsair* at Shortland Bluff and was joined for the evening meal about an hour later by **Thomas Campbell**, a friend and colleague. Campbell had arrived from Williamstown as a passenger on the *Lady Bird*. After dinner John retired to bed. He was still awake a short time later when he heard Campbell threaten his wife Elizabeth with exposure unless she consented to his wishes. Elizabeth Martin replied, "For God's sake, Campbell, there's been too much of it already, and Martin will find out." John Martin then heard Campbell say, "Never mind, if he does I'll keep you." Elizabeth and Mr Campbell left the house and went to an uninhabited cottage next door.

Enraged, John pulled on his trousers and followed, stumbling over the pair as he opened the door. He dragged Elizabeth out by the hair and threw her into the night. Campbell rushed past and disappeared. He obviously thought attack was the best defence he could have, as the following morning he wrote a threatening letter to John, and procured a warrant from **Dr Hunt**, who was still treating John for his injuries sustained by the exploding charge, to arrest John Martin for defamation of character. However, Elizabeth had admitted her guilt in a statement witnessed by **Pilot Dix**. Campbell was charged by the Pilots Board, but denied all charges in a letter in which he also defamed Elizabeth. The case was heard by **Captain Ferguson**, **George Burrell** and **Henry Nicholson**. The outcome of the incident was Pilot Campbell's dismissal for misconduct and bringing ill-repute to the Pilot Service.¹⁰

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John Martin transferred to Port Albert as the local pilot after this incident but is reported to have suffered ill-health as a result of the physical and mental traumas of that year. It is recorded in *Port Phillip Pilots and Defences* that he 'ceased to be a pilot' sometime late in 1854; it could be that he ceased to be a pilot at Port Phillip. Letters in his own hand testify to the fact that he was transferred, and it is elsewhere noted that he resigned the service in July 1856 on account of ill health.

The *Gippsland Guardian* of 18 January 1856 reported that Mr Martin was the landlord of the Bush Inn, and only one week later, on 25 January, that he was fined £2 plus costs after being charged with serving liquor after 10 pm. The discrepancy in the dates (that is, his resignation from the Pilot Service and his taking up the licence of the Inn) is worthy of note – no explanation is available at present.

John's daughter Lucy married **Charles Thomas Lucas** on 5 May 1856 at the Bush Inn, Bruthen Creek, where her father gave his occupation as 'publican'. Both Charles and Lucy gave Bruthen Creek as their usual place of residence. Lucy claimed to be sixteen, but in fact she was only fifteen; there is no record of her 'rank or profession'. Charles, a carpenter, gave his age as 33; he would have turned 34 just two months later. John was a witness to the marriage, which was performed according to the rites and ceremonies of the Presbyterian Church, of which Lucy was a member according to a signed statement on the marriage certificate.

The Bush Inn was a popular port of call for travellers on the road from Port Albert to Sale, situated on Bruthen Creek at Woodside, about 12 miles east of Yarram. A publican's general licence had been issued to **Hugh Buntine** on 21 April 1849, under the name 'The Bush Inn'. It was renewed on 23 April 1850, on condition that the building was extended by the erection of two more rooms. The Bush Inn did not have a monopoly on succour for the weary, as an 1849 survey map shows 'Buntine's Public House' on a bush track beside Bruthen Creek and nearby, 'Collins Public House'. A map of 1855 shows

the Bush Inn at the point where the road from Port Albert to Sale crosses Bruthen Creek.

It would appear that John's career as a publican was to be short-lived, as later that same year he lost his licence for serving liquor out of hours, and for having drunk and disorderly patrons on the premises.

After that, his movements are unknown. The Bush Inn was put up for sale in 1856.

It was assumed by younger family researchers that John died at some time between 1856 and June 1862 when his wife Elizabeth remarried. Her new husband was a man named **Robert Sands**. On her marriage certificate she claimed to be a widow. The year 1857 has been widely cited as his year of death, probably because this is the notation below Elizabeth's status as widow on the certificate. However, there are entries in a diary kept by Mrs Margaret McCann of West Stradbroke which raise further questions. **John & Margaret McCann** owned the farm adjacent to 'Burwood', the property of Charles Thomas and Lucy Lucas, and there was a good deal of social and commercial interaction between the families, as recorded in Margaret's diaries of the time.

Entries for April 1894 are:

7th Old Mr Martin lost in scrub.

21st Mrs Lucas back from looking for old Mr Martin who is lost.

Harold Thomsett visited his maternal grandparents Charles Thomas and Lucy Lucas in 1893-94, prior to the Thomsett family moving to Western Australia. He was a child of nine at the time. His recollection was that Lucy's father, known to all as 'Daddy,' had gone to stay with **Jack Lucas**. While Jack was visiting his family at 'Burwood' at Easter 1894, Daddy apparently went out with his fox terrier. When Jack got home, Daddy was missing, and was never seen again.

Another Martin descendant heard from her grandmother, **Lizzie Martin** (one of John's

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granddaughters), that John had just disappeared into the bush. It seemed certain, therefore, that John did not die in 1857, or indeed any time before 1894.

A search of the local newspapers of the time found an article in the *Gippsland Standard* of 11 April 1894:

'The disappearance of Captain John Martin, an old resident of South Gippsland, aged seventy-eight, has caused a good deal of trouble and anxiety to his friends during the past week, and still no tidings of the missing man. On the 19th March, Mr Martin was left at the hut on Mr John Lucas' selection in the Binginwarri area. The selection is adjacent to the holdings of Messrs. Burrows, Rice and Bishop, and joins the land which is shown on the map as Binginwarri township reserve. After visiting the Alberton and Yarram shows on the 21st and 30th ultimo, and relatives in the Alberton district, Mr John Lucas (brother of **Mrs H B Newton**, and distantly related to Captain Martin) returned to the hut on Wednesday last for the purpose of taking him to his home at Stradbroke; but although his dog still remained at the place, Martin was not to be found. By reference to a sailor's almanack (sic) or diary, on which Martin never failed to make a daily record, it was at once discovered that he had left the locality on the 23rd March (Friday); this being his last entry. On Tuesday last Mr **Henry Newton**, of Alberton, reported the matter to the police, with the result that Constables **Cameron** and **Edwards** were soon in the saddle, and off to the Binginwarri hills in quest of the wanderer; but after searching far and near, both on horseback and on foot, until Saturday evening, the constables had to return to their respective stations at Alberton and Port Albert without discovering any clue that would guide them in further search. There were, however, by this time half a dozen other willing hands on the scene – namely, Mr **Chas Lucas senr.**, Mr John Lucas, Mr H B Newton (all related to Capt Martin by marriage), who were assisted in their search by Messrs **Wm. Collis**, **D Phillips**, **Jeffrey**, **Simmonds** (2), **Thos.** and **Fred. Livingstone**. But although the country was scoured in almost

every direction, no tidings were received or traces of the involuntary fugitive met with up to the time of our going to press. Several members of the original search party have returned, but other expert bushmen (including **Messrs. Henry and Thos. Nebbitt**) are still engaged in the search.'

On 18 April, in the same newspaper, Mr and Mrs Chas Lucas posted a notice of thanks to all who had assisted in the search, which unfortunately proved unsuccessful. The mountains and forests around Binginwarri were wild and dangerous, no doubt an easy place to get lost. Harold Thomsett said there was speculation that John Martin had tried to go to the WA goldfields. It is unlikely that he would have left either his dog or his almanac behind had this been the case.

Harold Thomsett also recalled that stories of Daddy Martin credited him with having been in the American Civil War, where he was at one time taken prisoner and, being a foreigner and a mercenary, was offered his freedom in return for changing sides. This he did. This was apparently a common practice, particularly where foreigners were concerned. They were more interested in employment than the causes.

He was also rumoured to have been involved in bringing Kanakas to the Queensland cane-fields, a slave trade known as 'blackbirding'. The original idea was to bring labourers who consented to the proposal, but there was much more coercion and force used than volunteering.

A possible scenario is this: disheartened and disenchanted with the Pilot Service, his failure as a publican, his continuing poor health and perhaps unhappy relationship with his wife, John just disappeared. To give Elizabeth the benefit of the doubt with regard to her second marriage, he may have been officially declared dead. There were many ships bringing prospectors to the Australian goldfields, and John may have found a place as crew on one such vessel from America. The American Civil War broke out in 1861, and this life of adventure may well have appealed; it was also a common practice for immigrants to be grabbed for the war as soon

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as ships docked, so John could easily have been dragooned.

The Civil War had widespread consequences for trade, particularly in sugar and cotton. Queensland farmers were quick to fill the breach, but when the war finished in 1865 and American production resumed, they were unable to compete without cheap labour. **Robert Towns** was a leading figure behind the plan to bring Pacific Islanders to work in the cane-fields; this rapidly deteriorated into a slave trade.

At a loose end again, and perhaps desirous of returning to Australia, John may well have signed on to a ship which was involved in this trade. Eventually tiring of this, and maybe no longer physically able to work hard, he found his way back to Gippsland and his eldest daughter Lucy. Harold Thomsett believed that John Martin had a property across the creek from 'Burwood'. This has not been verified, although the *South Gippsland Chronicle* of 3 November 1893 reported that a John Martin, c/- *Chronicle* office at Yarram wanted to buy 30 acres of land.

This proposal is just a suggestion. Harold Thomsett was a reliable informant; some of his stories were somewhat romanticized but have always been found to be largely true, so there are many areas begging further research.

In March 1895, Elizabeth Sands, formerly Martin, nee Pedler, wrote to her brother Dan, with whom she had no contact for 'a great many years'. In her letter she mentions that her daughter Lucy is in Gippsland, but whether or not she has had direct contact with her is not known. Elizabeth died on 9 September 1905 at 52 Hoddle Street, Clifton Hill, City of Collingwood, where she resided with her daughter Mary.

And there, for the time being, we leave John Martin. An enigma.

Endnotes:

¹ *Birth Certificate, son William 1857 (Captain of the cutter Alpha); Death Certificate, daughter Lucy Lucas 1903.*

² *Nominal Roll of Pilots holding licences 1855-1856.*

³ *Marriage certificate of daughter Lucy Jane Lucas, 1856.*

⁴ *Oral family history.*

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BOOK REVIEW

Following their Footsteps: From towns and paddocks they came... Muttaborra remembers WWI, 2nd edition, 2022. Produced and compiled by Jenni Gray, Judith McClymont, Kerry Robinson and Sue Wyton, with assistance from Barcaldine Regional Council and Muttaborra Bushmen's Carnival. Call number, **H6/732 4 1**, reviewed by Charlotte Sale.



“It is a long way from the Mitchell grass plains and coolibah clad watercourses of western Queensland to the mud and blood drenched battlefields of the Western Front, the deserts of Palestine, the bluff cliffs of Gallipoli.”

So opens this recent addition to the QFHS print library. The authors have compiled an excellent publication, not only describing the WWI experience of 159 men from the Muttaborra district but also a wealth of information relevant for anyone researching this period.

The soldiers are listed alphabetically, including photographs and images of newspaper clippings, postcards and gravestones where possible.

Several pages are given to Annie Margaret Wheeler OBE who, although trained as a nurse, spent the war in London contacting the soldiers from central Queensland, writing to them and their families, enabling soldiers and their families to keep in touch. An index to her card index of soldiers is available at the Genealogical Society of Queensland.

Chapters of useful background information about WWI comprise almost half of this book.

It begins with an overview and timeline of WWI, and maps of Gallipoli and the Western Front. Enlistment standards and soldiers' pay are discussed and how recruitment occurred, how the men travelled from the remote bush to enlistment posts. Statistics are provided not only regarding the men on which this book focuses, but also for the numbers in each service overall, how many were killed or wounded, and more.

There are images and descriptions of the memorials of the western front and how bodies may have been registered, exhumed, and reburied. Descriptions and photographs of WWI awards, orders and medals are provided as well as when and why they were issued.

There are sections covering the ships and transport used by the AIF, the horses they used, what life in the trenches was like, and a description of medical personnel, hospitals, and treatment. Army uniform is discussed including badges and insignia, and that for Australian Army nurses and their necessary qualifications.

Salutes and ranks, weapons, soldiers' songs, and a glossary of slang are also covered.

On the home front, there's description and photos of the ANZAC Day children's medal, and some of the 'women's work' done to raise money and inspire patriotism at home.

Demobilisation, the 'Spanish' flu, and memorial customs round out this comprehensive book.

While an index may have added clarity, the contents page, layout, and design make it easy to find individuals and subject matter. Sources, credits and acknowledgements are provided.

The book focuses on the army and perhaps more detail of specific issues could be found elsewhere., The contextual information, along with the individual soldiers listing, makes this a very useful book which I recommend to anyone with an interest in WWI.

(Photograph provided by the reviewer, with permission of the author) ■

UNCLE NORMAN

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Uncle Norman 1916 off to WWI

Grandma (my husband's mother) idolized her Uncle **Norman**, and until the day she died, treasured the photo of the dapper young soldier in dress uniform, the album of war cigarette cards, several Australian Rising Sun badges with little shells attached by fine copper wire and the large brown spotted cowrie shell he had sent her from the beaches of Normandy. She passed these on to me asking that I would promise to treasure them too and that I would try to find out what happened to him. All this was before the internet.

He was her father's younger twin brother who had gone to World War I in 1916 as an officer and engineer at the age of 37 and never returned. Family knew he had boarded a ship for home in 1918 but had not arrived, so they assumed that perhaps the ship had been torpedoed. At least that is what they told her. She was only ten years old at the time. Whether the family knew the whole story will never be known but certainly Grandma believed it. She was a very upright person and would not deliberately lie. Besides she did regale us with a couple of his early misdemeanors so would not have clung to the other story if she had known.

While the first-born twin, **Harold**, a volunteer with the Queensland Mounted Horse contingent, had been at the Boer War, Norman had been able to wheedle his brother's life savings and possessions, including clothes, from their ailing mother who had been Harold's custodian. Harold had sent home his war paychecks to his mother in Brisbane as he planned to marry his fiancée on his return. Because the newspapers at home told of the massive casualties at the battles of Ladysmith and Mafeking, and because Harold was a standard-bearer (a horseman bearing the unit flag and therefore a target), Norman had convinced his mother that his brother would not be coming home. By the time Harold did get home, Norman had squandered the lot.

It had been hard to find Norman because of his surname **Smith**. Also, I had been looking in Australia because of the Rising Sun badges, until a helpful person in the Cairns Family History Society passed on his photo to a friend who was a wartime uniform expert. He identified it as a New Zealand uniform. From 'TROVE' I later discovered he had been in trouble with the Brisbane police so perhaps that is why he relocated to NZ sometime after 1911.

Searching New Zealand's 'Papers Past', I found a mention of his embarkation and war service number so I wrote away for his Army Personnel Files. The information was quite an eye-opener. He was conscripted, as New Zealand had similar problems to Australia. When the battlefield carnage became common knowledge through the newspapers, the enthusiasm for volunteer enlistment dried up. Except for Australia, many Governments resorted to conscription. So Norman went unwillingly to World War I, but managed to never participate in any fighting.

For the entire three and a half years he was based at the NZ army training camps at Sling and Codford in Wiltshire, he spent most of the time in hospital with in-grown toenails and venereal disease, and the rest of the time in the lock-up for going AWOL. The ingrown

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toenails probably resulted from the forced marches to the Codford VD hospital imposed as a form of punishment. Certainly, they received little sympathy from their superiors.

Norman was never more than a private, because he was constantly in trouble. He had a butterfly tattoo on his right arm, and was an electrician, not an engineer, and a heavy smoker.

The files were very comprehensive. The Military Police were continually rounding him up when he didn't return from leave. He managed at one time to evade them for a month. When I looked to see when the M.P.s first arrested him after he overstayed his leave only a few weeks after arriving, it roughly corresponded to when he was marched to the VD hospital at Codford a month later. The medical examinations before enlistment ruled out men who had VD, so he must have contracted it there. I would say he probably spent his leave at the nearby notorious brothels of Salisbury, close to the army bases, and Portsmouth, close to the naval bases.

This sequence of events continued throughout the years he was based in England – AWOL, in the brig, VD hospital, AWOL, in the brig, hospital for in-grown toenails, AWOL, in the brig, and so on.

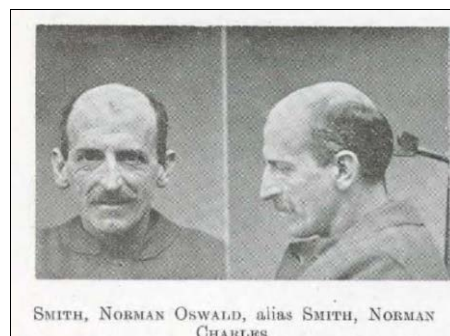
The beaches around Portsmouth would be where the shells originated; the cigarette cards pasted into the album and the intricate lacing of the shells fashioned during idle moments in hospital or the brig.

The wounded NZ soldiers from the French battlefields came to the convalescent hospital at Codford to recuperate until they were well enough to be sent back to the killing fields. At the hospital he would have heard the horror stories. For the duration of the war, he managed to evade being sent on active duty to the slaughter in France. I can't help wondering if he was stupid or very cunning. My conclusion is that he did not set out deliberately to contract VD otherwise he could have done that back in NZ, but once it happened, he took full advantage of the situation. At the time, such men who found

ways to shirk their 'patriotic' duty were called 'lead-swingers'.

He did come back to New Zealand at the end of the war, and continued a life of dubious dealings. In 'Papers Past', there are numerous instances where he was arrested for drunkenness, burglary, possession of stolen property or fraud (his 'mug shot' is attached below). His war records show that he was sick when he came home and that, in 1940, he died in Wellington from that wartime illness. Perhaps the VD?

Whether he kept quiet, not revealing his whereabouts to the family, or whether they chose to ignore his existence, we will never know. I am just glad that before I discovered all this about Grandma's beloved Uncle Norman she had passed away. She would have been devastated, especially to learn he had been alive all the while she was grieving for him.



*Uncle Norman 1922 mug shot
(Photographs provided by the author) ■*

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UPCOMING AUSTRALIAN EVENTS

1 November 2023

[Military Websites](#) (NSW?)

Organised by: Botany Bay Family History Society.

1 November 2023

[HeritageTalk: Digital Recording of Cemeteries with Joe Mills](#) (NZ & Online)

Organised by: Auckland Libraries.

3 November 2023

[Sir Josiah Symon: Anti-Socialist Senator for South Australia](#) (South Australia)

Organised by: Historical Society of South Australia.

3-5 November 2023

[WikiTree Symposium Conference](#) (Online)

Organised by: WikiTree.

4 November 2023

[About U3A Worldwide and Western Australia](#) (Western Australia)

Organised by: Family History Society of Rockingham & Districts.

4 November 2023

[“If only I could see your grave” – Remembering the Western Front](#) (Online)

Organised by: Genealogical Society of Qld.

4-11 November 2023 (2 sessions)

[Introduction to MyHeritage DNA](#) (Online)

Organised by: Society of Australian Genealogists.

7 November 2023

[Genealogy Club: Friendly Societies](#) (South Australia)

Organised by: Playford Library Service.

8 November 2023

[Palaeography: English and Scottish](#) (South Australia)

Organised by: WEA South Australia & History Helper.

8 November 2023

[Same Ships Project: ‘William Nichol’](#) (South Australia)

Organised by: Pioneers Association of South Australia.

11 November 2023

[The AJCP in Trove](#) (Online)

Organised by: Genealogical Society of Qld.

13 November 2023

[War Histories of Our Soldiers Project](#) (Qld)

Organised by: Caloundra Family History.

15 November 2023

[HeritageTalk: Building the Takapuna](#)

[Tramway with Derek Whaley](#) (NZ & Online)

Organised by: Auckland Libraries.

17 November 2023

[Exploring Chinamans Hollow history walk](#)

(New South Wales)

Organised by: Cessnock City Library.

18 November 2023

[Conserving Works on Paper](#) (NSW)

Organised by: Lake Mac Arts & Culture.

18 November 2023

[William the 4th](#) (NSW)

Organised by: Lake Macquarie Family History Group.

21 November 2023

[In plain sight: Twentieth century LGBTQ+ writers in our collections](#) (South Australia)

Organised by: State Library of South Australia.

21 November 2023

[Genealogy Club: Heraldry](#) (South Australia)

Organised by: Playford Library Service.

22 November 2023

[Family History Talk – Getting Started](#) (W.A.)

Organised by: State Library of Western Australia.

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22 November 2023

[Short presentations from members](#) (Online)
Organised by: Geelong Family History Group.

25 November 2023

[In Search of...DNA](#) (Online)
Organised by: Society of Australian Genealogists.

25 November 2023

[Wring that Document Dry: getting the most from your research documents](#) (Online)
Organised by: Genealogical Society of Queensland.

29 November 2023

[Aboriginal Family History](#) (W.A.)
Organised by: State Library of Western Australia.

2 December 2023

[Constructing a Digital Convict Memorial](#) (Online)
Organised by: Genealogical Society of Qld.

3 December 2023

[Christmas Quiz](#) (Western Australia)
Organised by: Family History Society of Rockingham & Districts.

6 December 2023

[1843 Retrospective Talks](#) (South Australia)
Organised by: Pioneers Association of South Australia.

22 December 2023

[Talk and Walk: Learn about historic Leopold](#) (Victoria)
Organised by: Geelong Regional Libraries.

28 December 2023

[Proclamation Day Luncheon](#) (South Australia)
Organised by: Pioneers Association of South Australia.

6 January 2024

[C.Y. O'Connor Part 2](#) (Western Australia)
Organised by: Family History Society of Rockingham & Districts.

24 January 2024

[Researching Land in Victoria Part 3: Land Selections](#) (Online)
Organised by: Geelong Family History Group.

3 February 2024

[Lucy Saw Rockingham History](#) (W.A.)
Organised by: Family History Society of Rockingham & Districts.

28 February 2024

[Even More Local History](#) (Online)
Organised by: Geelong Family History Group.

28 February – 2 March 2024

[RootsTech Conference 2024](#) (United States & Online)
Organised by: RootsTech & FamilySearch.

2 March 2024

[Success Convict Ship](#) (Western Australia)
Organised by: Family History Society of Rockingham & Districts.

27 March 2024

[Welfare records for family history \(SLV\)](#) (Online)
Organised by: Geelong Family History Group. ■

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VISIT TO SERBIA FOR ANZAC DAY 2023

By Bojan Pajić

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Further to the article in this journal in the May 23 edition, we have a report on the trip to Serbia.

I have finally returned from a long overseas trip that started with Anzac Day in Belgrade, Serbia.

At the invitation of the Australian Embassy in Belgrade, Serbia, **Kathy Hancock, Richard Cooke** and **Bojan Pajić** participated in the Anzac Day ceremony at the British war cemetery section of the New Cemetery in Belgrade on 25 April 2023.

Richard is a descendant, Kathy is a close relative of two Australians who served with the Serbs in World War One, and I am the author of three books about Australians and New Zealanders who served in Serbia or alongside the Serbian Army in World War One. My grandfather and great uncle were officers in the Serbian Army in World War One.

We ended up finding and contacting families of about half the Australian servicemen buried in Belgrade, where 45 ANZACs are buried – 28 Australians and 15 New Zealanders. We carried out the wishes of the families we had found and contacted, such as placing flowers on the graves, taking photographs and videos to send back to them and to reciting statements and prayers.

The moving Anzac Day ceremony was organised by the Australian and New Zealand Embassies in Belgrade, and attended by the Crown Prince of Serbia, Serbian Government representatives and military attaches from many embassies.



Bojan Pajić, Prince Aleksandar and representatives of the Serbian Government and Army, Anzac Day 2023, Belgrade



His Royal Highness, Prince Aleksandar, laying a wreath on Anzac Day 2023, Belgrade

The Serbian Army provided an honour detail of ceremonial guards and a bugler.

Following the ceremony at the cemetery, the Australian Embassy held a reception at which His Royal Highness, Prince Aleksandar, was presented with two books about Australians who had served with Serbs, written by myself:

“Our Forgotten Volunteers – Australians and New Zealanders with Serbs in World War One”, and

“Australians with Serbs in World War One”,

which the Australian Embassy had translated into Serbian and published jointly with the Institute for Newer History of Serbia.



His Royal Highness, Prince Aleksandar, being presented with two books by Bojan Pajić at the Anzac Day reception following the earlier ceremony at the War cemetery, Belgrade 2023

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Our group then visited the places and battlefields where Australian and New Zealanders had served alongside the Serbian Army in World War One.



Richard Cooke and Kathy Hancock laying flowers on graves of Australian and New Zealand servicemen buried in Belgrade, Anzac Day 2023

On the following day we attended the launch of my book “*Australians with Serbs in World War One*”, which the Embassy is distributing widely in Serbia.



Serbian language cover of the book

The Australian Embassy also arranged presentations at the Young Rotary Club in Belgrade and in the town of Vrnjačka Banja, where Richard Cooke’s grandmother, **Ethel Gillingham**, had served as a nursing sister in World War One.

We also visited a memorial built by Serbian authorities in the town of Mladenovac during World War One to the Scottish Women’s Hospitals for Foreign Service in which Kathy Hancock’s great aunt, Dr **Mary de Garis**, had served as Chief Medical Officer of a field hospital in support of the Serbian Army.

If anyone would like to see an article and photographs about the trip to Serbia, please contact myself at the above email address. Publishing the article or some form of it and/or reviewing my book “*Australians with*

Serbs in World War One” may help us discover more descendants of Australians who served in Serbia in both World Wars and the families of the rest of the Australians who are buried in Belgrade and who may appreciate receiving photographs we took of each grave there.



The Australian Ambassador, HE Mr Daniel Emery, laying a wreath at the Serbian memorial for British (including Australian and New Zealand) women medical staff who treated wounded Serbian soldiers at Vrnjačka Banja during World War One. Richard Cooke’s grandmother, Ethel Gillingham, served there in 1915-1916



Kathy Hancock comparing the present site and World War One photograph of the site where her great aunt, Dr Mary de Garis, served as the Chief Medical Officer of a tented field hospital in support of the Serbian Army in 1916-1918.

Links to my books, articles and several video presentations are also available.

Please see a link below to the trailer for a documentary we are making about the visit: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1PdgrL8iUME5y29sTIVoIirJfi9oLXQEx/view?usp=sharing>.

VISIT TO SERBIA FOR ANZAC DAY 2023 (Cont.)

Address by Captain (Retd) Bojan Pajić at the Anzac Day ceremony at the War Cemetery in Belgrade on 25 April 2023

At least 1,500 Australians and New Zealanders were involved in the Serbian campaign of World War One, either in Serbia or fighting as allies along the then Serbian and Greek border.

In World War Two, Australian and New Zealand troops were sent to Greece near the border with Yugoslavia but were overwhelmed by larger German troops that invaded both Yugoslavia and Greece in April 1941.

Some Serbian servicemen made their way to join British, Australian and New Zealand forces in North Africa, and some escaped. Australian and New Zealand POWs joined the resistance fighters in Serbia. Throughout the war, Australian and New Zealand air crews flew missions over Serbia.

In World War One, Australian and New Zealand medical staff, mainly women doctors, nurses, ambulance drivers and orderlies, were already in war-torn Serbia in 1914 and 1915, before Australian and New Zealand troops landed at Gallipoli. They were helping the Serbs to treat the Serbian wounded from the heavy fighting in 1914 and dealing with the typhus epidemic that swept the country in the first half of 1915.

Later in 1915, an Australian Army unit advanced into Serbia from the port of "Salonika", with British forces as part of a Franco-British force sent to link up with the Serbian Army fighting invading German, Austro-Hungarian and Bulgarian forces further North in central Serbia.

Second Lieutenant Ralph Cullen, (30 years old), from Sydney, but who enlisted in New Zealand, was in charge of a machine gun section placed in front of the main position of British forces on the then Serbian border with Bulgaria. As his machine gun ran out of ammunition firing at attacking enemy, he ordered the crew to withdraw and he was last seen emptying his revolver at advancing Bulgarian troops. His body was never found.

From 1915 to 1918, hundreds of Australian and New Zealander soldiers, airmen, sailors and medical staff served alongside the Serbian Army on the then border of Serbia and Greece. A field hospital, led by Australian and New Zealand women staff, served in support of the Serbian Army.

Lieutenant Wilfred Lucas, (28 years old) from Adelaide, South Australia, was serving in December 1916 in a howitzer battery supporting British troops on this Allied front. He was killed by enemy counter-battery fire and is buried in northern Greece.

Six Royal Australian Navy destroyers saw action in the Adriatic and Mediterranean Seas supporting the allied troops in the Serbian campaign. In April 1918, in heavy seas, whilst rescuing Italian sailors whose ship had sunk, **Ordinary Seaman Leslie Moore** from Williamstown, Melbourne, on board HMAS Torrens, was lost at sea. He was 17 years old.

In March 1917, **Second Lieutenant Donald Glasson**, from Blainey, New South Wales, was flying in an Armstrong-Whitford aeroplane on a bombing mission of an enemy airfield in Hudova in enemy-occupied Serbia, when he was shot down and killed by a German Halberstadt plane. He was 29 years old and is buried in Skoplje.

In World War Two, in August 1944, over 500 downed Allied aircrew were rescued by Serbian Resistance forces of the Royal Yugoslav Army in the Homeland and flown out from Pranjane in liberated territory in Ravna Gora, Serbia. This was the largest single rescue of Allied airmen in the whole of World War Two.

But not all Allied aircrew were that fortunate. Here at the cemetery in Belgrade, around us, lie 27 Australian and 15 New Zealand aircrew and soldiers who died in World War Two.

Among them, for example, are three Australian air crew of a Halifax bomber. **Flying Officer Gordon Walker** (21 years old), pilot, from Melbourne and **Warrant Officer Andrew Wallace Lyon** (30 years old), navigator, from Perth, were killed when their aircraft was shot down. **Warrant**

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Officer George Robert Lowe (31 years old), bomb-aimer, from New South Wales, was shot and killed as he parachuted down.

Corporal Eric Morante, (27 years old), from Wollongong, part of the Australian 6th Infantry Division sent to Greece in 1941, was fatally wounded in fighting near the Yugoslav border and died in a hospital in Bitolj.

Lieutenant William Irwin, (32 years old), from Parkes, New South Wales, also part of the 6th Australian Infantry Division, was fatally wounded in the same fighting near the Yugoslav border in April 1941 and died in a hospital here in Belgrade.

Gunner Colin Edward Cargill, (23 years old), from Red Hill, Queensland, was a POW who escaped but was recaptured and shot by Italian occupying forces in 1942.

Flight Sergeant Bernard Austin Hough, (30 years old), from Subiaco, Perth, was killed with other crew when his aircraft crashed during operations in 1944. His niece, **Tracey Hough**, has asked me to read out the following statement from her:

“Bernard Austin Hough sacrificed his life for the greater good, that we now have the privilege to enjoy.”

Flight Sergeant Geoffrey Goodhand Parker, (20 years old), from Carnarvon, Western Australia, was killed in action in a Wellington bomber in 1944. His relative **Monique O'Connor** has asked me to read this prayer:

“Eternal rest grant unto him Oh Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen”

Lest We Forget

I also helped organise a current exhibit in Maryborough Military and Colonial Museum, about five Queensland women who were decorated for their service with the Serbs in World War One. All five served with the Serbs in medical roles as surgeon, nursing sister or orderly. They are **Lilian Violet Cooper**, **Mary Josephine Bedford**, **Agnes Dorothy Kerr**, **Edith MacKay** and **Helen Francis Malone**.

The detail about these five decorated women and their service is in my newest book “Australians with Serbs in World War One” with photos of them and their medals, and of the exhibit in Maryborough.

I am working on a documentary about these Australians and their descendants, hopefully to be ready by Anzac Day 2024.

Links:

Australia and Serbia in World War One; Australian War Memorial,
<https://youtu.be/1QHVeAbKtSE>.

Army Museum of South Australia, Adelaide,
<https://youtu.be/JgU8CFxj1Q>.

The Shrine of Remembrance, Melbourne,
https://youtu.be/F_7I_xGDzFw.

New Australian War Memorial website presentation,
https://www.awm.gov.au/articles/blog/Australi_aandNZSerbianfront.

Australians on the Serbian Front,
<https://anzacportal.dva.gov.au/wars-and-missions/ww1/where-australians-served/serbian-campaign>.

Refer also to other links listed in the May 2023 edition of the *Historian*.

(Photographs provided by the author) ■

UNLOCK THE PAST CRUISES OFFERED

18th Unlock the Past cruise - Southern Australia – 1-10 December 2024, NOW BOOKING
Itinerary: from Sydney, visiting Hobart, Kangaroo Island, Adelaide, Melbourne.

19th cruise: Lower Murray (Mannum) - late 2025 – If they get sufficient interest they will charter the *Murray Princess* exclusively for their group and offer a choice of two options:

- 7 night cruise/conference only
- 12 day cruise tour package, adding an Adelaide-Kangaroo Island tour to the cruise. ■

WEB LINKS

MORE IRISH COMMUNITY ARCHIVES GO ONLINE

*Read <https://eogn.com/page-18080/13213892>; and you can read more in an article in the *IrishCentral* website at <https://www.irishcentral.com/roots/genealogy/genealogists-irish-community-archives>.

*Free Irish websites to help your research at <https://www.irelandxo.com/ireland-xo/news/researching-your-irish-ancestry>.

*17th-Century records of those who settled in Ulster are now available online at <https://eogn.com/page-18080/13240448>.

*RootsIreland adds church records from two south Mayo parishes <https://eogn.com/page-18080/13238077>.

*From Ireland to Sydney in 100 days – Letters from Passengers, Ireland Reaching Out, see <https://8jvi8.r.a.d.sendibm1.com/mk/mr/sh/7nVT PdZCTJDXOxeRIIXT4qRklWkcjP2/lhrXJHLiIdn>.

*Tackling Townlands, Ireland Reaching Out, <https://8jvi8.r.a.d.sendibm1.com/mk/mr/sh/7nVTPdZCTJDXOxeRIIXT4qRklWkcjP2/QOIEbE3RQ V 4>

*Getting Started in Irish Genealogy, refer to <https://eogn.com/page-18080/13243949>.

*New Pocket Guide to Irish Genealogy Explains Griffith's Valuation, refer to <https://eogn.com/page-18080/13235337>.

NEW RECORDS FROM THEGENEALOGIST

*New occupational records reveal biographical details of those in the arts. Find out more about ancestors who were writers, artists, actors and more at <https://eogn.com/page-18080/13222352>.

*More Than 355 Square Miles of Additional Lloyd George Domesday Records have been Released on TheGenealogist's Map Explorer™, refer to <https://eogn.com/page-18080/13109615>.

*New Seafaring Records have been added to TheGenealogist; further information at <https://www.eogn.com/page-18080/13227776>.

*Historic Records and Maps for *Oxfordshire* have been launched online at <https://eogn.com/page-18080/13239618>.

*Over Half a Million Irish Parish Records newly released by TheGenealogist, refer to <https://eogn.com/page-18080/13255201>.

MYHERITAGE COLLECTIONS

*Here's a roundup of important Australian collections to explore. MyHeritage have recently added and updated several collections, including: [Adelaide Gaol Prisoner Registers, 1848–1912](#), [Western Australia Births, Marriages, and Deaths](#), [South Australia Death and Funeral Notices](#), [New South Wales Colonial Secretary's Papers, 1788–1825](#), and [Business Register](#).

*Searching for your ancestors in Australia? You're likely to find them in valuable collections such as [Australia Electoral Rolls, 1893–1949](#), [Australia Death Notices, 1860–2019](#), [Victoria Birth Index](#), [Victoria Death Index](#), and [Australian Newspapers](#). Search the list of all Australian records at <https://www.myheritage.com/research/catalog?location=Australia>.

*Introducing PhotoDater™ from MyHeritage, an exclusive, free new feature to estimate when old photos were taken, refer to <https://eogn.com/page-18080/13240452>.

*Six Tips for Searching Historical Records on MyHeritage, see <https://eogn.com/page-18080/13235848>.

MORE REFERENCES TO LOOK UP

*World War Two aerial photos of England opened to the public for the first time at <https://eogn.com/page-18080/13242002>.

*Elephind: A digital newspaper collections search engine, refer to <https://eogn.com/page-18080/13239861>.

*Library and Archives Canada launches a new archive of the Government of Canada Web at <https://eogn.com/page-18080/13239620>.

*Almost Half a Million Pages of the Scotsman Opened Up for the Public in Archive Update, see <https://eogn.com/page-18080/13236046>.

*Old Icelandic Recordings and Handwritten Texts at <https://eogn.com/page-18080/13255742>.

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FINDMYPAST ADDS NEW RECORDS

*[Lancashire, Barrow-in-Furness Shipbuilding & Engineering Employees](#), a new collection. Also [United Kingdom, Commemorative Plaques](#), discover famous faces and great deeds. These 12,785 commemorative plaques remember figures like Virginia Woolf and Sylvia Pankhurst. Refer to <https://eogn.com/page-18080/13126477>.

*[Lincolnshire Baptisms](#), 216,638 new records, covering 1754-1812 and 269 churches and chapels across the county. [Suffolk Marriage Index](#), a further 52,387 records have been added to this set, covering 1813-1837 and over 500 churches. [National School Admissions Register](#), 5,709 records for [Halifax, Yorkshire](#) have been added. see <https://eogn.com/page-18080/13109485>.

*Explore Stories of Military Ancestors - [British Army, Local Armed Forces' Enrolment Forms, Anglo-Boer War 1899-1902](#), [British Army, East Surrey Regiment 1899-1919](#), [British Army, Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment 1901-1918](#).

*The Catholic Heritage Archive Grows With New and Exclusive Records. [England Roman Catholic Parish Baptisms](#), a brand-new diocese joins the Catholic Heritage Archive. 243,092 Catholic baptisms for [Leeds](#) have been added into this existing record collection, covering the years 1757 to 1913. [England Roman Catholic Parish Marriages](#), a further 56,525 Catholic marriage records have been added, again for the [Diocese of Leeds](#). These cover the years 1776 to 1913. [England Roman Catholic Parish Burials](#), if your [Leeds](#) ancestor was Catholic and died between 1759 and 1913, you may find them in these 26,195 new records.

*[England Roman Catholic Congregational Records](#), rounding off the new Catholic records are 152 congregational records, spanning 1798 to 1845. Refer to <https://www.eogn.com/page-18080/13227762>.

*500 Years of Herefordshire History. Over 650,000 new parish records have been released. [Herefordshire Baptisms](#), 231,270 new baptism transcripts spanning 1433 to 1950. [Herefordshire Marriages](#), 86,782 new marriages have been added covering 1433 to

1949. [Herefordshire Burials](#), 300,517 new burial records, spanning 1459 to 1959.

*Dig into your [Derbyshire](#) roots with thousands of new parish records. [Derbyshire Baptisms](#), with 231,270 new baptism records from across the county of [Derbyshire](#), which cover the years 1524 to 1991. [Derbyshire Marriages](#), with 114,294 new records added. These also cover parishes from across the county, from 1510-2004, taking you back to the Tudor era. [Derbyshire Burials](#), with 108,015 new burial records, spanning from 1539 to 1997 and also covering a selection of parishes up and down the county. If you're curious about the exact years and locations available as part of any of these new additions, be sure to consult the [Derbyshire parish list](#) for more information, and refer to <https://eogn.com/page-18080/13239611>.

*Findmypast Announces Brand-New Records from Northern Ireland, Scotland and Canada at <https://eogn.com/page-18080/13233379>.

*Find the Final Resting Place of Your Norfolk Ancestors with Findmypast at <https://eogn.com/page-18080/13248860>.

*Find My Past Adds Stories of Norfolk and Wales Ancestors at <https://eogn.com/page-18080/13246523>.

ANCESTRY

*Recently Added and Updated Collections on Ancestry, at <https://eogn.com/page-18080/13235060>.

100 THINGS YOUR KIDS/GRANDKIDS MAY NEVER KNOW ABOUT

Ah, the good old days: Super-8 movies, playing music on an audio tape, TV channels with a single digit, VHS tapes, 3-D movies, and floppy disks. You can find the full list at www.wired.com/geekdad/2009/07/100-things-your-kids-may-never-know-about/. (This may take a while to load).

(Remember that these subscription sites are free to members at our Library or from home.) ■

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BEREAVEMENT NOTICES



We extend our deepest sympathy on the following bereavements:

Hanna Sofie Maclean (née Helberg) late of West Mackay, mother of member #3668 Hilda Maclean, who passed away on 1 June 2023.

Maurice Haydn Jones, member #2828, late of The Gap, formerly North Queensland, who passed away on 22 June 2023, aged 95 years.

Douglas Dobbin, past member #3731, late of Lutwyche, who passed away on 31 August 2023.

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



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Topic: **Who Rocked the Cradle? Women of the Diggings**
Date: FRI 10 November 2023
Time: **10.00 am to 11.30 am** (online)
Presenter: Dr Dorothy Wickham (Limit 30 people)

Topic: **Talking About – postal and telecommunications**
Date: WED 22 November 2023 (free)
Time: **10.00 am to 12 noon** (online)
Facilitator: Nancy Edwards (Limit 25 people)

Topic: **Finding your Qld Country Women's Association History**
Date: FRI 9 February 2024
Time: **10.00 am to 11.30 am** (online)
Presenter: Jeni Bush (Limit 25 people)

Topic: **Talking About –researching a biography**
Date: WED 28 February 2024 (free)
Time: **10.00 am to 12 noon** (online)
Facilitator: Nancy Edwards (Limit 25 people)

Topic: **Photogenealogy: An Introduction**
Date: THU 7 March 2024
Time: **7.00 pm – 8.30 pm** (online)
Presenter: Ann Larkham (Limit 40 people)

Topic: **Talking About –everything automobile related**
Date: WED 27 March 2024 (free)
Time: **7.30 pm – 9.30 pm** (online)
Facilitator: Nancy Edwards (Limit 25 people)

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

www.eventbrite.com.au/o/queensland-family-history-society-inc-4629298833

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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Irish Research Day



Researching Irish ancestors?

The next Irish Research Day is
Thursday, 9 November 2023
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.

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 INC. FAMILY HISTORY BOOK AWARD 2024

The Society invites entries for this Award which will be presented at the Annual General Meeting 2024 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

Gayle Thomsett
 Unit 16
 43-46 Taylor Street
 Woolloongabba Qld 4102.



Entries close **30 November 2023**.

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

JOURNAL ARTICLE OF THE YEAR: Members' Choice Award 2023

We will be asking you to vote for your favourite journal article of 2023 after the publication of the November issue.

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

One voter will win the lucky draw.

QFHS NOTICES (Cont.)

**QFHS VOLUNTEERS
THANK YOU MORNING TEA**

**MONDAY 4 DECEMBER 2023
10.00 am – 12.00 noon**



**KEDRON-WAVELL SERVICES CLUB,
21 KITTYHAWK DR, CHERMSIDE, Q**

**DO COME ALONG FOR A FRIENDLY
GET-TOGETHER AND MEET OTHER
VOLUNTEERS**

also

**PRESENTATION OF THE QFHS INC.
AWARD FOR SERVICES TO FAMILY
HISTORY 2023**

and

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE JOURNAL
ARTICLE OF THE YEAR 2023
AWARDS**

CHRISTMAS HAMPER

You are invited to contribute to the Christmas Hamper which will be placed in the Reception Area at our Volunteers' Morning Tea. During the Christmas break, the hamper will be delivered to the Salvation Army for distribution. All non-perishable goods, soft toys, etc, will be very welcome. Thank you. We appreciate your generosity.



**Finding your family:
the fundamentals of research**



A six week course

Commences: Monday 12 February 2024

Time: 7.30 pm – 9.00 pm

Location: Online event

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

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

Details:

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

**REDCLIFFE HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.
WATCH THIS SPACE 2024!**

Redcliffe Historical Society Inc. is in the early stages of planning some events in September 2024 to acknowledge the Bicentennial of the first European settlement and penal colony in Redcliffe, Queensland.

RHSQ, Bribie Island Historical Society and HR are organising a Conference called "The Moreton Bay Bicentennial Commemoration" to be held on **Saturday 7 September 2024** at The Komo Conference Centre.

A series of smaller events will be held during the following week culminating in their Main Event in Coruscadden Park, adjacent to the Redcliffe Museum, on **Saturday 14 September 2024**.

Watch this space by logging into the website <https://historyredcliffe.com.au/2024-200>. ■

LOAN APPLICATION - WHY HISTORY IS IMPORTANT

If you doubt that some lawyers add real value, please read on.

Sometimes lawyers really do have the best responses. The following is just one example:

Rebuilding New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina often caused residents to be challenged to prove home titles back hundreds of years. That is because of community history stretching back over two centuries, during which houses were passed along through generations of family, sometimes making it quite difficult to establish a paper trail of ownership.

A New Orleans lawyer sought an FHA (Federal Housing Administration) rebuilding loan for a client. He was told the loan would be granted upon submission of satisfactory proof of ownership of the parcel of property, as it was being offered as collateral.

It took the lawyer three months, but he was able to prove title to the property dating back to 1803. After sending the information to the FHA, he received the following reply:

(Actual reply from FHA)

“Upon review of your letter adjoining your client’s loan application, we note that the request is supported by an Abstract of Title. While we compliment the able manner in which you have prepared and presented the application, we must point out that you have only cleared title to the proposed collateral property back to 1803. Before final approval can be accorded, it will be necessary to clear the title back to its origin.”

And here is the great letter the lawyer responded with:

(Actual response):

“Your letter regarding title in Case No.189156 has been received. I note that you wish to have proof of title extended further than the 206 years already covered in the present application.

I was unaware that any educated person in this country, particularly those working with real property, would not know that Louisiana was purchased by the United States from

France in 1803, the year of origin of title identified in our application.

For the edification of uninformed FHA bureaucrats, the title to the land prior to U.S. ownership was obtained from France, which had acquired it by Right of Conquest from Spain. The land came into the possession of Spain by Right of Discovery made in the year 1492 by a sea captain named Christopher Columbus, who had been granted the privilege of seeking a new route to India by the Spanish monarch, Queen Isabella.

The good Queen Isabella, being a pious woman and almost as careful about titles as the FHA, took the precaution of securing the blessing of the Pope before she sold her jewels to finance Columbus’ expedition. Now the Pope, as I’m sure you may know, is the emissary of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and God, it is commonly accepted, created this world.

Therefore, I believe it is safe to presume that God also made that part of the world called Louisiana. God, therefore, would be the owner of origin and His origins date back to before the beginning of time, the world as we know it, and the FHA.

I hope you find God’s original claim to be satisfactory. Now, may we have our damn reconstruction loan?”

The loan was immediately approved.

Not only is this one of the best emails, it is a great history lesson. (Unknown) ■

Here’s a great idea for Christmas!

Give a Gift membership to Mum,
or Dad, or any family member



A gift that keeps on giving all year,
<https://www.qfhs.org.au/>

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

PLEASE CHECK THE QFHS WEBSITE FOR DETAILS OF WHERE THESE MEETINGS WILL BE HELD

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:

18 November 2023 20 January 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:

9 December 2023 10 February 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:

23 November 2023 25 January 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:

11 November 2023 9 March 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:



19 November 2023 21 January 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 **fourth Saturday** of **odd-numbered** months from **10.00 am to noon**. The next meeting dates are:



25 November 2023 27 January 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 the **first Saturday** of **odd-numbered** months (not January) at **10.00 am**. The next meeting dates are:

Sat 4 November 2023
Fri 1 December 2023
Fri 2 February 2024
Sat 2 March 2024



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

Geoff Morgan & Joe Greaves
(Convenors)

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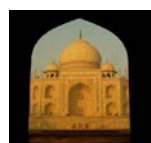
DNA INTEREST GROUP

This group seeks to share information on aspects of genetic family history. The group meets on the **first Saturday** of **each** month (except January) online via Zoom (or in our new Family History Research Centre) **at 1:30 pm**. The next meeting dates are:

4 November 2023	Advanced
2 December 2023	Beginners
3 February 2024	Beginners
2 March 2024	Advanced

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

Chris Schuetz & Ann Swain
(Convenors)

COLONIAL INDIA AND THE FAR EAST GROUP

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

10 December 2023 **11 February 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:

5 November 2023
3 December 2023
7 January 2024
4 February 2024

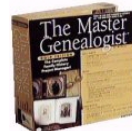
For further information please email familyhistorian@qfhs.org.au.

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:

16 November 2023
18 January 2024
15 February 2024
21 March 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 usually held quarterly online via Zoom on the **second Saturdays** of **March and September** at **1.30 pm**, or by **excursion in June and December**. The next meetings will be held on:

Fri 8 December 2023 Excursion, see below.
Sat 9 March 2024

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

Ann Swain & Jenny Davidson
(Convenors)

PRE-SEPARATION GROUP TOUR OF COMMISSARIAT STORE 8 DECEMBER 2023

This guided tour, focusing on pre-separation times and the time of separation from NSW, will commence at 11:00 a.m. and take approximately 1½ hours. New exhibits will also be viewed. The cost will be \$10 adult, \$8 concession, or free for RHSQ members. Please pay at reception on arrival, at 10:45 a.m. (20 people maximum).

The Commissariat store, in William St, is the headquarters of the Royal Historical Society of Queensland. If interested in this tour please email presep@qfhs.org.au to register, so that the appropriate numbers of volunteer guides can be arranged by RHSQ.

Public transport is recommended.

DATES TO REMEMBER

DATE	ACTIVITY	VENUE	TIME
NOVEMBER 2023			
Saturday	4 Family Tree Maker User Group (<i>See p.154</i>)	Online	10.00 - 11.30 am
Saturday	4 DNA Interest Group (<i>See p.155</i>)	Check website	1.30 - 3.30 pm
Sunday	5 Family Historian Software User Group (<i>See p.155</i>)	Online	1.00 – 3.00 pm
Thursday	9 IRISH RESEARCH DAY (<i>See p.151</i>)	Research Centre	10.00 – 3.00 pm
Friday	10 Learn@QFHS: <i>Who Rocked the Cradle? Women of the Diggings</i> (<i>See p.150</i>)	Online	10.00 - 11.30 am
Saturday	11 Scottish Interest Group (<i>See p.154</i>)	Check website	10.00 – noon
Thursday	16 The Master Genealogist (TMG) User Group (<i>See p.155</i>)	Online	7.00 - 8.30 pm
Friday	17 New Members' Welcome & Orientation Session (<i>See p.158</i>)	Research Centre	10.00 - 1.00 pm
Saturday	18 Family History Writing Group (<i>See p.154</i>)	Online	9.00 - 11.30 am
Sunday	19 Welsh Interest Group (<i>See p.154</i>)	Check website	10.00 – noon
Thursday	23 English West Country Group (<i>See p.154</i>)	Online	noon - 2.00 pm
Saturday	25 Central European Group (<i>See p.154</i>)	Check website	10.00 – noon
Thursday	30 CLOSING DATE QFHS Family History Book Award 2024		
DECEMBER 2023			
Friday	1 Family Tree Maker User Group (<i>See p.154</i>)	Online	10.00 - 11.30 am
Saturday	2 DNA Interest Group (<i>See p.155</i>)	Check website	1.30 - 3.30 pm
Sunday	3 Family Historian Software User Group (<i>See p.155</i>)	Online	1.00 – 3.00 pm
Friday	8 Queensland Pre-Separation Group Excursion (<i>See p.155</i>)	Commissariat Store, William St	11.00 am
Saturday	9 Irish Research Group (<i>See p.154</i>)	Online	10.30 - 12.30 pm
Sunday	10 Colonial India and The Far East Group (<i>See p.155</i>)	Check website	10.30 – noon
Sunday	10 RESEARCH CENTRE CLOSING FOR CHRISTMAS BREAK		
JANUARY 2024			
Sunday	7 Family Historian Software User Group (<i>See p.155</i>)	Online	1.00 - 3.00 pm
Thursday	11 LA CONSULTATION AND TRAINING SESSION	Hybrid	10.00 - 12.30 pm
Monday	15 LA CONSULTATION AND TRAINING SESSION	Hybrid	10.00 - 12.30 pm
Tuesday	16 RESEARCH CENTRE RE-OPENS	Research Centre	10.00 - 3.00 pm
Thursday	18 The Master Genealogist (TMG) User Group (<i>See p.155</i>)	Online	7.00 - 8.30 pm
Saturday	20 Family History Writing Group (<i>See p.154</i>)	Online	9.00 - 11.30 am
Sunday	21 Welsh Interest Group (<i>See p.154</i>)	Online	10.00 - noon
Thursday	25 English West Country Group (<i>See p.154</i>)	Online	noon - 2.00 pm
Friday	26 AUSTRALIA DAY – RESEARCH CENTRE CLOSED		
Saturday	27 Central European Group (<i>See p.154</i>)	Check website	10.00 – noon
Sunday	28 New Members' Welcome & Orientation Session (<i>See p.158</i>)	Research Centre	9.30 – 12.30 pm
FEBRUARY 2024			
Friday	2 Family Tree Maker User Group (<i>See p.154</i>)	Online	10.00 - 11.30 am
Saturday	3 DNA Interest Group (<i>See p.155</i>)	Check website	1.30 - 3.30 pm
Sunday	4 Family Historian Software User Group (<i>See p.155</i>)	Online	1.00 - 3.00 pm
Friday	9 Learn@QFHS: <i>Finding your Queensland Country Women's History</i> (<i>See p.150</i>)	Online	10.00 - 11.30 am
Saturday	10 Irish Research Group (<i>See p.154</i>)	Online	10.30 - 12.30 pm
Monday	12 Finding Your Family course Week 1 (<i>See p.152</i>)	Online	7.30 - 9.00 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.

MEMBERS LOUNGE DATES

DATE	ACTIVITY	VENUE	TIME
NOVEMBER 2023			
<i>Socials this month – Sunday 12th Theatre visit</i>		<i>Check website</i>	
Monday	6 What's New in Family History?	Hybrid	7.30 – 9.30 pm
Sunday	12 Members Lounge Social – Georgiana & Kitty: Christmas at Pemberley	Windsor School of Arts Hall	2.00 pm
Wednesday	15 Presenting... <i>The Biographical Database of Australia. Speaker: Ann Swain (Afternoon)</i> Christmas meeting – please bring a plate and join us for a Christmas afternoon tea after the presentation	Hybrid	1.00 -3.00 pm
Wednesday	22 Talking About – <i>postal and telecommunications (See p.150)</i>	Online	10.00 – noon
Tuesday	28 Book Club – Historical fiction	Hybrid	7.30 – 9.00 pm
DECEMBER 2023			
Monday	4 QFHS Volunteer's Thank you Morning Tea, and Presentation of QFHS Inc. Award for Services to Family History, and Announcement of the Journal Article of the Year Awards	Kedron-Wavell Services Club, Chermshire, Hybrid	10.00 – noon
JANUARY 2024			
Monday	29 What's New?	Online	7.30 – 9.00 pm
FEBRUARY 2024			
<i>Members Lounge Social – to be advised</i>			
Wednesday	21 Presenting... <i>Family history and the big picture Speaker: Dr Gaye Wilson (Evening)</i>	Hybrid	7.30 – 9.30 pm
Monday	26 What's New?	Online	7.30 – 9.00 pm
Wednesday	28 Talking About– <i>researching a biography (See p.150)</i>	Online	10.00 – noon
<p>Our program of courses, workshops & events for members is undergoing a makeover for 2024. Announcements will be made when decisions are finalised. Please keep an eye on the website for further details.</p>			

Dates and participation methods correct at the time of printing. Always check the QFHS calendar. Information in bold indicates item is out of expected sequence in some way.



Book Club

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



Socials

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



Presenting ...

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



Talking About ...

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



Trout Game

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



What's New?

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

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS of QFHS INC.

Membership numbers 6634 - 6664 including members who joined up to 30/9/22:

ANDERSON Marita, Regency Downs, QLD
ARIEL Elizabeth, Flinders View, QLD
BEZUIDENHOUT Marcia,
Meringandan West, QLD
BYRNE Janelle, Camp Mountain, QLD
CAESAR Lorraine, Wavell Heights, QLD
COLEMAN Margy, Kippa-Ring, QLD
COREY Teena, Kedron, QLD
DAY Peter, Port Macquarie, NSW
EBERLE Michelle, Taigum, QLD
EVANS Julie, Forest Hill, QLD
HERRON Bernadette, Alligator Creek, QLD
HEWITT Karen, Hervey Bay, QLD
HONSIG-ERLENBURG Liliane, Elwood, VIC
IRELAND Sue, Trott Park, SA
KEATING Anne, Bald Hills, QLD
McKONE Philip, Caboolture, QLD
MICHELLE Denise, Clayfield, QLD
MOFFATT Sandra, Forest Lake, QLD
PORTCH Elsie, Toowoomba, QLD
PURNELL-WEBB Trish, Burleigh Heads, QLD
REARDON Clare, Geebung, QLD
RIDDLE Bruce, Bridgeman Downs, QLD
STANDFAST Lynette, Brisbane, QLD
STEHN Graham, Clayfield, QLD
STEVENSON Robynne, Bayswater North, VIC
WALKER Colleen, Mannum, SA
WALSH Lou, Gowrie Junction, QLD
WHYTE Nathan, Geebung, QLD
WOOLNOUGH Graeme, Lutwyche, QLD
YOUNG Gregory, Nanango, QLD

Joining with Existing Member:

SCHARF Chris, Stafford Heights, QLD

Welcome back to the following member who is rejoining:

REID Liz, Glen Iris, VIC ■

NEW MEMBERS' WELCOME & ORIENTATION SESSIONS

Our last New Members' Welcome and Orientation Session for 2023 will be held at **10.00 am** on:

Fri 17 November at Research Centre

Beginning in 2024, the dates for New Members' Welcome and Orientation Sessions will be held on the **fourth weekend**, alternating Saturdays and Sundays, **all starting at 9.30 am**. Dates starting from January 2024 will be:

Sun 28 January at Research Centre

Sat 24 February 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 APPROVAL

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

#350 Annette Simpson (QFHS Member 5547) is descended from **Robert Bell** and his wife **Margaret Elizabeth Bell (née Pitkin)** who married in Armidale on 20/5/1848, and travelled overland in 1855 to settle in the Gladstone area, where their children included a son (b. 9/4/1858) and Annette's ancestor Rachel (b. 12/2/1863). ■

ULSTER HISTORICAL
FOUNDATION

SEMINARS 15-16 FEB 2023

Watch the QFHS website for further details of an Irish conference early next year.



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

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

VISITORS'/RESEARCH CENTRE USAGE FEES

Members:	Free
Non-members:	\$8.50 per hour or part thereof or \$17.00 per day (incl. GST).

MEMBERSHIP FEES/SUBSCRIPTIONS (incl. GST)

Joining Fee (for new and lapsed members)	\$14
Single Membership (p.a.)	\$70
Dual Membership (p.a.)	\$105
Associate Membership (p.a.)	\$105
Single Life Membership	\$1,050
Dual Life Membership	\$1,575
Journal Only Subscription (incl. postage) (p.a.)	\$35
Journal Only Overseas Subscription (p.a.) (incl. postage; no GST payable)	\$35

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.

Dual members are two members with one registered address. 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)

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

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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.154 or *Dates to Remember* on p.156 of this issue.

Presenting...MONTHLY GUEST SPEAKERS

2023

NOVEMBER 15 (1.00 pm)

Presenting...*The Biographical Database of Australia Christmas Meeting – Please bring a plate for Afternoon Tea*

Ann Swain will show us *The Biographical Database of Australia*, a collection of references in biographical and other records to deceased Australians. It evolved from the Australian Biographical & Genealogical Record, the first volume of which was published in 1985. The BDA launched as an internet-based database in 2013 with approximately 500,000 records and now includes approximately 2,200,000 records. A key feature is the linking of multiple records for a person to form a referenced timeline (a Biographical Report) for the individual. This talk includes the background to the BDA; who the database covers; the sources of information; and the use and benefits of the database in family research, through examples. [Find the link on the QFHS “Search the Internet>Subscription Websites” menu. Of course, while you can search from home to produce a list of resources, the documents themselves can only be viewed from one of the research computers at the Resource Centre at Chermside.]

DECEMBER 4 (10.00 am)

QFHS VOLUNTEERS' THANK YOU MORNING TEA, Presentation of QFHS INC. AWARD FOR SERVICES TO FAMILY HISTORY, and ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE JOURNAL ARTICLE OF THE YEAR AWARDS

2024

February 21 (7.30 pm)

Presenting...*Family History And The Big Picture*

Dr Gaye Wilson earned a doctorate in Egyptology after many years of studying the ancient world. Due to the lack of jobs world-wide in that field, she has now turned her attention to more modern historical pursuits, centred around Australia and her local area. Gaye came to family history in 2020 when her family-historian sister died unexpectedly. She rapidly learned the ropes and is currently trying to make sense of the 40 years of research her sister left behind. A Master of History degree at the University of New England in Armidale gave Gaye more historical skills, leading to expertise in Australian cemetery studies and military history. As a professional editor and personal coach, she is passionate about getting research out there for others to see and use. Today she is sharing her perspective on family history and where it fits into the bigger picture of historical research.

MARCH 20 (1.00 pm)

Presenting... *'We, the undersigned...'* petitions in the National Archives

Eve Terry from National Archives Australia, back by popular demand, will speak about the National Archives collection which includes a wide range of petitions relating to a number of areas for change including land rights for First Australians, equal voting rights, the deportation of South Sea Islanders and the internment of enemy aliens. Not all petitions relate to the big issues, with some asking for change around postal services and others penned by school students about matters that affected them.

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