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To bring together those people who are interested in the study of genealogy, heraldry, family and local history, and to assist and encourage members in their studies. To encourage the preservation of historical records, to acquire and maintain a reference and research library and to collect and preserve material bearing on the families of the people of Queensland.



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Fellow of the Queensland Family History Society Inc., Sue Reid, with her award presented by QFHS Fellows (from left) Eric Kopittke, John Perryn and Dorothy Jeffrey.
(Photograph provided by Lyndal Cosgrove). *See article on p.4.*

FELLOW OF THE QUEENSLAND FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY INC. : SUE REID

Suzanne Reid has been admitted as a Fellow of the Society for her devotion to advancing the work of the Society. Such a prestigious award is made to those who have given long and sustained exceptional service to the Society and to family history, and the Society permits a maximum of only ten Fellows at any one time. A Fellow automatically confers life membership if this has not already been awarded. The Award was presented by some of our Fellows, Eric Kopittke, Dorothy Jeffrey and John Perryn at our Volunteer's Morning Tea held on 22 November 2021.

Sue's citation was submitted by

Charlotte Sale, Geoff Morgan, John Perryn, Gayle Thomsett, Bev Young and Chris Gibbs.

We are pleased to nominate Sue Reid to become a Fellow of the Queensland Family History Society Inc.

Sue joined the Queensland Family History Society Inc. (QFHS) in January 1982, becoming member number 174. Since then she has made outstanding contributions to many aspects of the Society, and many members have recognised her work and appreciated her involvement.

Sue's greatest gift to the Society is her implementation of a clear vision of QFHS as a provider of quality educational programs for both members and non-members. By her sustained development of QFHS's education program, Sue has significantly raised the profile of the Society, provided a reliable revenue stream, and created a means to attract and keep members – particularly during the challenges of COVID-19 restrictions.

Sue's dependable leadership, knowledge, supportive engagement and hard work have delivered key benefits for the Society and make her a worthy recipient of this Award.

Criterion 1: Long, sustained promotion of the Society in multiple facets of Family History endeavour.

(Read by Geoff Morgan)

Sue began volunteering at the Society when, from 1987 to 1989, she became the second co-ordinator of the Adoption Scheme for Remote Area Members (ASRAM). This scheme arranged for our Brisbane members to volunteer to help remote members with their research.

Sue was closely involved in the development in 2014 of QFHS's new website. Her work with the website's content continues to be more extensive than anyone else's. Apart from authoring much of the content, especially in regard to QFHS events, she maintains the ambience of the site as if it were written by a single author –

monitoring the grammatical aspects such as case, tense, tone, person and spelling.

Moreover, during the 2020 COVID-19 restricted shut down of the library when QFHS published close to 40 searchable datasets to its website, Sue provided or



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edited most of the descriptive 'About this dataset' documentation.

Queensland's first Local, Family and Social History Conference, *In Time and Place*, was held in Brisbane in October 2015. This was jointly developed and managed by QFHS, the Genealogical Society of Queensland and History Queensland. Sue represented QFHS on the organising committee. Sue also produced the bulk of the content for the website for the conference.

Sue ensured QFHS's activities were advertised and promoted in various publications, particularly in local newspapers.

Sue has ably represented QFHS at the Australasian Federation of Family History Organisations, ensuring the Society's interests are recognised at the national level.

Criterion 2: Continuous involvement in helping run the Society – not necessarily through being on the Management Committee.

(Read by Chris Gibbs)

Sue joined the Computer Training Group as a trainer in 1999, commencing her ongoing delivery of quality education for family historians. This group ran workshops to assist members to use computers and introduce them to computer-based resources in the QFHS library or on the Internet. On joining the group, Sue conducted a member survey to ensure that the training was best suited to the needs of members, demonstrating her commitment to evidence-based improvement. In 2000 she became Co-ordinator of this group, continuing until this group was subsumed into the newly formed Education Sub-Committee in 2013.

In February 2008 Sue became co-convenor of the Family History Writing Group, and later sole convenor from 2017. This enabled her to share her passion for the written word and inspire many to share their family history through writing. Sue has willingly assumed the responsibility for designing the yearly programs and chairing each meeting. Her collaborative manner ensures that the topics for discussion are acceptable to

members of the group, and that interaction at each meeting occurs in an informal supportive atmosphere.

Sue is a past collator of the QFHS Who Does What - the record of member responsibilities in the operation of the Society.

Sue has been an active volunteer at the Society since 1987. She became Secretary of the Society in December 2009 and soon after was elected President, serving in this role from 2010 to 2013. She has continued as a Management Committee member to the present, contributing calm and experienced mentorship to the executive.

In 2014-15 Sue's proactive approach saw her involved as a member of the Strategic Working Group and the Membership Strategy Group during the strategic planning process, which culminated in the 2015-2020 Strategic Plan.

Sue received the Award for Services to Family History in December 2015 for her dedicated and passionate service to the Queensland Family History Society Inc. and for her contribution to family history education.

Criterion 3: Creative and implements concepts which substantially benefit the Society and raises its stature among Family History Societies.

(Read by Charlotte Sale)

Sue's greatest gift to the Society is her clear vision of QFHS as a provider of quality educational programs for both members and non-members, a vision she shares with many members.

Sue is the driving-force behind that vision's realisation – particularly through her role as Convenor of the Education Committee. In early 2013 Sue became the Education Officer for the Society and created this Sub-Committee. Under her direction and very active involvement and leadership, the Education Sub-Committee plans, develops and implements a program of educational talks, seminars and Fridays@QFHS – now expanding to Weekends@QFHS and evening events. These sessions are heavily booked

**FELLOW OF THE QUEENSLAND FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY INC. : SUE REID
(Cont.)**

with some sold out very quickly, and many with waiting lists.

Sue spends many hours in consultation with others, identifying, contacting and negotiating with potential presenters who have expertise in topics of interest, aspects that the Education Sub-Committee has identified as priorities. She also encourages and provides opportunities for members to develop their confidence and presentation skills and become presenters. As a result, QFHS speakers are in demand at libraries and other Societies.

At many of these events, Sue has been a key presenter herself. In addition, Sue has attended a number of the triennial Australasian Congresses on Genealogy and Heraldry as well as other conferences where she has been a presenter, and more importantly a strong advocate for QFHS.

When COVID restrictions allow, educational outings are also part of the education program, including visits to the Queensland State Archives and elsewhere. Seminars, often held at the Queensland Baptists Conference Centre, offer members not only excellent education and social engagement but also a place to view and purchase from the QFHS shop – a valuable income stream for the Society.

Sue conceived the six-week course “Finding your Family: a beginner’s course in research”. She created and led a team to develop and deliver the course, held for the first time in February 2016 and delivered every six months since then. Of those who begin the course as non-members, almost all take out membership during or shortly after completing the course, and a number have gone on to become key volunteers within the Society.

The implementation of COVID-19 restrictions meant the cessation of face-to-face education. Sue’s response was to immediately work with others to determine an appropriate online platform for the internet-based delivery of the program, and to increase the frequency of presentations to

maintain member interest and participation. Previous speakers were invited to have their presentation materials available to members on the QFHS website. Speakers who were previously unavailable due to geographic distance were engaged, and talks were scheduled at weekends and evenings as well as weekdays. As a result, the revenue stream from the education program has been maintained. In addition, members are enjoying attending in the comfort of their own homes, and participants from around Australia and overseas are part of the program.

By her sustained development of QFHS’s education program, Sue has significantly raised the profile of the Society. The program provides a reliable revenue stream. It provides a means to attract and keep members. Importantly, it also provides opportunities for members to engage with the Society in a way that attracts them to participate as volunteers, supporting the Society into the future.

Sue’s dependable leadership, knowledge, supportive engagement and hard work have delivered key benefits for the Society and make her a worthy recipient of the Award of Fellow of the Queensland Family History Society Inc.



Sue being presented with her certificate by QFHS Fellows Eric Kopittke, John Perryn and Dorothy Jeffrey.

Standing nearby are Charlotte Sale, Geoff Morgan and Chris Gibbs (at back)

(photos provided by Lyndal Cosgrove) ■

FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR

We wish all our members good health and happiness for the New Year. As I write this, immediately following the January meeting of the Management Committee, the near future is somewhat clouded by the rapidly rising numbers of Covid-19 cases. However, with reliance on vaccination, rapid testing, and continuing safe practices, the Gaythorne Library and Resource Centre will reopen on Monday 10 January. The hours of opening remain as established late last year.

Our expectation is that only well people, who hold certified proof of full vaccination or exemption, will attend the Society's premises. We trust that our members will have the utmost respect for each other and forgo visiting if at all unwell, and that they will wear masks indoors when social distancing is not possible.

OUR NEW PATRON

We are delighted to announce that Professor Graeme Nimmo RFD, has accepted our invitation to be our Patron. We have been advised by Government House that Professor Nimmo will be Patron for the term of office of Her Excellency Dr. Jeannette Young PSM. Our open day in August will hopefully give us an opportunity for Professor Nimmo to visit our premises and meet members.

VOLUNTEERS

In late November, a morning tea was held to thank our current volunteers. It was good to see so many attending. A highlight of the event was the induction of Sue Reid as a Fellow of our Society. Our thanks go to Brisbane City Council for financial support of this event, a part of our end-of-year celebrations.

At the Members' Meeting in November, our last in 2021, it was my privilege to present an Award for Services to Family History to Leanne Donovan.

As essentially an all-volunteer society, our ongoing success is dependent on the generous contribution of time and expertise

by our members. The high proportion of members who are currently volunteers or have volunteered in previous years is quite remarkable. The tradition that all members consider what contribution they can make to the Society must continue and there is such a variety of tasks and activities that there is a job for all wherever they reside. In particular we are on the lookout for volunteers with IT skills and experience.

PUBLICATIONS

These past years we are seeing a steady transition from the manual transcription and indexing of records, to digitisation of other lists, and also of entire books. The Management Committee unanimously agrees that the end of this era, and the decades of work of the Publications Group indexers should be celebrated with a social function. Unfortunately the earliest date for such an event has now receded to May. We will keep you posted.

The strong financial position of the Society has undeniably been built on work of the Publications Group. Their efforts have rewarded the Society with income from CD sales and royalties from licensing to MyHeritage and Findmypast. Now, as a further valuable dividend, the Management Committee has negotiated a Data Provider Agreement with Ancestry.com. The data being shared is Queensland School Pupils Index Parts 1-6, Queensland Customs House Shipping, Queensland Railway Employees, and some Commonwealth Electoral Roll indexes. Benefits for QFHS will be an upfront payment and access to the library edition of Ancestry.

GIFT MEMBERSHIPS

At the suggestion of Publicity Officer, Allana O'Kane, provision for Gift Memberships was made in early December. These were purchased as Christmas gifts by a few members. Positive feedback to this initiative has led the Management Committee to continue this offering throughout the year.

Kevin Haley (President) ■

THE LOST BOYS OF DAYLESFORD

By Chris Griffiths

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‘A Sad and Melancholic Affair’

In August 1867, my great-great grandfather **John Mugridge May** (1826-1885) witnessed an event that was and still is every parents’ nightmare – the disappearance of their children.

At the time, Daylesford was a booming gold town and John Mugridge May had arrived in 1857 with his wife **Mary Silvester Chantry** (1828-1864). By 1867, John had two sons, **Frederick George** (1859-1908) and **Walter Chantry** (1861-1930) but had suffered the death of Mary in 1864.

John May kept a diary of his life on the gold fields and recorded the disappearance of three boys in 1867. He wrote, “a sad and melancholic affair has happened here. Three boys went missing in early July.”¹ In fact, it was Sunday 30 June when brothers **William and Thomas Graham**, aged 6½ and 4 respectively, and **Alfred Burman**, aged 5, headed from their homes in Connell’s Gully, Daylesford towards Table Hill to look for wild goats.² The boys failed to return for lunch and their fathers began to search, focusing on the bush near the confluence of the Wombat, Stony and Sailors Creeks.

When the fathers’ search proved fruitless, it was ceased at 9 pm and the police were notified.³ The police assigned two constables and the search resumed next day. Again, the boys’ fathers headed the search along with a large number of persons from Table Hill.⁴ By now, the news of the disappearance and reported sightings were widely circulating. A storekeeper, **Mr Mutch**, saw the boys on Sunday and had directed them back towards their homes, however they took a wrong turn towards Specimen Hill. Another boy, **John Quinn**, saw them going in this direction but when he questioned them, the elder Graham said they knew the way to Table Hill.⁵

John Quinn told his mother what he had seen, however she did not think it worth reporting and so valuable time was lost. Search parties were directed to the area of last sightings but the weather turned cold and wet, and any hope of finding footprints

was diminishing. The community’s anxiety grew and the Daylesford mayor, Councillor **Bleakley**, organised a public meeting at the Commercial Hotel on 3 July. The *Ballarat Star* reported the details of the meeting.⁶ The Daylesford merchants and traders were to release as many workers as possible, the police called in aboriginal trackers and the volunteer fire brigade would turn out.

The meeting organised searchers into ‘companies’, according to the *Ballarat Star*.⁷

Each ‘company’ was under the leadership of a captain to be selected for his bushman’s skills, not his position or status. Eleven captains were nominated and appointed with **Mr Taylor**, the Post Master, as commander.⁸

The next day the search parties assembled. Every business in town was shut to enable every able-bodied man to participate. Men on horse and foot set out to search every spot around Specimen Hill. The weather was extremely inclement, with an afternoon gale blowing in with heavy rain and fog. The bush was so dense that several companies soon became ‘bushed’.⁹ The conditions forced an early end to the search.

In August, John May wrote, “Almost everyone has been out in search for several weeks, all hope of ever finding them alive gone”.¹⁰ In fact, 25 days were spent searching and eight public meetings were held.¹¹ But by September, still not a sign of the three boys had been found. John May’s thoughts flew to his sons away from him being raised by guardians. The boys were at a stage at which they could write to their father. These letters brought John much ‘pleasure’.¹²

The *Mount Alexander Mail* carried a headline on 16 September, “The Three Lost Children Found”.¹³ The discovery was triggered when a dog returned to its master’s home at Wheelers Hill, 10 km from Daylesford, with a small boot containing a child’s foot. The following day, several Wheelers Hill residents combed the area and found the remains of the younger boys huddled in a hollow tree. The eldest was found nearby.¹⁴ The inquest into their deaths

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concluded that the boys had gone into the hollow for shelter and had curled up around each other with the eldest's back towards the opening. The severe cold on the Monday night after their disappearance had taken their lives.

It's unclear if John May had participated in any of the searches. He does not mention participation in his diary. However, his entries for September include "the remains of the lost children have at length been found some two and a half miles from Specimen Hill G.M.C. where they were last seen alive".¹⁵

The Daylesford community held a large funeral for the children and they were buried together in the Daylesford Cemetery. The impressive monument was erected by public subscription.



The monument to the three children

In 2014, I travelled to Daylesford to explore the country where my great-great grandfather had lived and prospected. I visited the cemetery, and found the memorial at the spot where the children were found.



Mr Graham, father of two of the lost boys, established a scholarship to be presented each year to the best boy and girl pupils at the local state school. The memory of the Lost Children and the enormous community effort to find them has been kept alive.

Endnotes

¹ From the Diary of John Mugridge May, compiled by Annette Blair, 1995, unpublished.

² Daylesford Express, Friday, 4 July, 1867. Retrieved from Trove, NLA 23 July 2021.

³ *Ibid.*

⁴ *Ibid.*

⁵ *Ibid.*

⁶ 'The Lost Children of Daylesford', Ballarat Star (Vic.: 1865-1924), 4 July, 1867, p.2, retrieved from Trove, NLA 23 July 2021.

⁷ *Ibid.*

⁸ *Ibid.*

⁹ *Ibid.*

¹⁰ Blair, *op.cit.*

¹¹ The Three Lost Children Walk - Daylesford. Victorian Government Department of Sustainability and Environment, 2007, Victorian Government.

¹² Blair, *op.cit.*

¹³ 'Latest Intelligence. The Three Lost Children Found', Mount Alexander Mail (1854-1917), 16 September, 1867, p.3, retrieved from Trove, NLA 23 July 2021.

¹⁴ 'The Lost Children, Recovery of the Remains', Mount Alexander Mail, 18 September, 1867, p. 3, retrieved from Trove, NLA 23 July 2021.

¹⁵ Blair, *op.cit.*

(photographs provided by the author) ■

THE RICKSHAW RIDE

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“Raffles Hotel!”

The coolie nodded, and set off at a trot.

Slowly he merged into the chaos of the busy road, clamouring with the noise of every conceivable vehicle pushing to stake a claim in the slowly moving throng.

A few turns into quieter side streets, and again he nodded to the more pressing request “Raffles, Raffles Hotel!!”

The rickshaw coolie now gathered up speed, running with great loping strides. Faster and faster the rickshaw travelled. Narrower and narrower the streets became. No Europeans were to be seen now – no foreigners whatsoever.

The narrow streets hung with row upon row of washing, strung so low that they almost touched the canopy of the racing rickshaw. Curious, but secretive, Asian faces looked up from their various activities at the clattering noise of the rickshaw’s wheels on the broken uneven dirty streets.

“Raffles, Raffles Hotel!!” – the now desperate tones fell on unresponsive ears.

Now the street – cluttered, littered, smelly and dingy – suddenly broke out into a wide intersection with a Singaporean policeman, immaculately dressed in navy uniform with shining white tropical helmet and white gloves, standing at the pivot, ostensibly there to control traffic.

My father half stood up, and leaned out the side of the rickshaw, waving wildly and yelling for help – hoping to attract the policeman’s attention in the noisy throng of people and vehicles.

It worked! Sizing up the situation immediately, the policeman ran with remarkable speed to intercept the racing rickshaw, raining his baton from side to side onto the now cowering coolie. Within seconds the coolie was handcuffed to the rickshaw.

Then the policeman let fly with “Are you stupid? Why do you take a rickshaw? You know how dangerous Singapore is for

Europeans at the moment! One more street over the crossing, and you and your family would have been gone forever!! Kidnapping of Europeans happens every day!!”

My father explained in broken English that we were leaving for Australia that afternoon, and we were to be picked up, for the departure by ship, from Raffles Hotel. He had no money left for a taxi to take his wife, two young children (*three-year-old and six-year-old*), and the suitcases, to Raffles Hotel from the other side of town where we had been staying in a refugee centre.

It would have been a very long hot walk, fraught with danger – trying to hold on tightly to a child and a suitcase each – through the post war, disease ridden, European antagonistic streets of Singapore.

The policeman hailed a taxi for us, and ordered it to take us to Raffles Hotel – no charge! He cautioned us once again, before wishing us well.

Our father often retold this story of the many experiences we faced in Singapore in 1948, mostly emphasising the conundrum he faced at the time. He never ever sorted out in his own mind what he could have done for the best in that situation. It posed so many problems to be sorted out in the split seconds that had been available.

To jump or not to jump from that speeding rickshaw?

To each jump with a child under the arm?

Leave the suitcases?

What if his wife had not been able to make the jump, and disappeared from sight in the rickshaw?

What if one of the children had been hurt in the jump?

What mercy could they have expected from the residents, or the rickshaw coolie for that matter, if the jumps had been successful, lost in those sinister streets?

Certainly, without the policeman’s intervention, our fate would have been

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dreadful. Our suitcases were not the attraction, nor was there any thought of ransom. Most kidnapped European women and children were sold into the white slavery market run by criminal organisations such as the Triads, and were beyond the help of any police or government agencies. Dad, as a liability, would almost certainly have been murdered.

It certainly had been an eventful stopover, those few weeks in Singapore.



<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rickshaw> ■

MEMORIALS, NAMBUCCA COAST, NSW

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On the headland at the Captain Cook Lookout at Nambucca Heads, is an aged tombstone where the inscription, very hard to read, says:

“Sacred to the memory of **Alice**
the dearly beloved wife of **W.J. Whaites**
and mother of **S.A.R. Whaites**
who died 4th January 1883
aged 36 years.

In the way of righteousness is life; and in
the pathway thereof there is no death.

Prov. XII.28

Also sacred to the memory of
Richard Whaites
.... Nov [?] 1889.”



Also at the Captain Cook Lookout, on the headland at Nambucca Heads, NSW is an obelisk “In Memory of **Charles Brodie**, a native of Leith, Scotland, who drowned in the Nambucca River on 11 March 1890 aged 30 years. This stone is erected by his late shipmates, and friends.”



In the Frank Partridge V.C. Military Museum in nearby Bowraville, NSW there is a headstone reading: “For God and Country and in Loving Memory of my dear friend **Pte Robert Charles Channells** No. 3140 45 Batt. A.I.F. who was killed in action in France August 7, 1916 aged 24 years. A young life nobly ended”. ■

QUEENSLAND PRE-SEPARATION GROUP PRESENTATIONS

At our 20 October 2021 Members' Meeting, **Ann Swain** and **Jenny Davidson** provided certificates for Queensland Pre-Separation Group members approved throughout 2021, **Roseann Creagh**, **John Hayes**, and **Christian Bow**, and recently approved member #344 **Christine Wright** who received three certificates for her ancestor families. **Roseann**, **John** and **Christian** were unable to attend the meeting in person or on Zoom, but **Chris** spoke briefly on Zoom about tracking her pre-separation families. Certificates to acknowledge the new members were presented to **John** and **Christian** at a later date, and posted to **Roseann** and **Chris** in Central Queensland.

#341 **Roseann Creagh** (QFHS Member 5724) is descended from **William Craig** and his wife **Isabella Craig (née Falla)** and their son **Thomas**, aged 7, who arrived in Sydney on 3/12/1837 on *Portland*, and then travelled overland, arriving at Rosenthal Station near Warwick on 4/12/1847. **Thomas** married **Bridget Ryan** at Rosenthal on 27/2/1855.

#342 **John Hayes** (QFHS Member 3396) is descended from **Owen Hayes** and **Catherine Hayes (née Cahill)** who arrived in Sydney on 12/4/1848 on the *Subraon*, (whose son **John** was baptised in Brisbane in 1849), and their child **Patrick Hayes** born on 21/9/1851 in Brisbane.



Jenny Davidson presenting John Hayes with his certificate



Christian Bow receiving his certificate from Jenny Davidson

#343 **Christian Bow** (QFHS Member 6436A) is descended from **David Bow** and his wife **Elizabeth Bow (née Rolland)** who had arrived in Hobart on 10/4/1833 on *Adventure*, and their son **Richard Connor Bow**, born about 1841. **David** was the licensee of the Victoria Hotel in Brisbane from 1846, and **Elizabeth** died in Brisbane on 2/6/1848.

#344 **Christine Wright** (QFHS Member 1916) is descended from:

(a) **Alexander Dun Smith** and his wife **Ellen Smith (née Turner)** who arrived in Moreton Bay on 26/2/1853 on *Agricola* and their son **John Turner Smith** born in Ipswich on 13/10/1853;

(b) **Alexander Coutts** and his wife **Janet Coutts (née Mactaggart)** who arrived in Moreton Bay on 1/8/1855 on *Cambodia* and their daughter **Margaret Agnes Coutts** born 6/1/1857 at Rosalie Plains; and

(c) **Christian Weibler** and his wife **Margaretta Josephine Weibler (née Becker)** who arrived in Moreton Bay on 21/3/1855 on *Aurora* with their 14 year old daughter **Clara Weibler**, who married **Philip Weinheimer** in Maryborough on 17/6/1857. **Philip** had arrived in Moreton Bay on 14/3/1855 on *Marbs*.

Member and historian **Dr Jennifer Harrison** then gave an enlightening talk on early Queensland settlers in *New Horizons: Populating North-Eastern New South Wales, 1842-1860*.

(photographs provided by Cameron Davidson) ■

QUEENSLAND PRE-SEPARATION GROUP APPROVALS

There have been no further Pre-Separation Group approvals. ■

QFHS INC. AWARD FOR SERVICES TO FAMILY HISTORY

Nominations are called each year for the QFHS Inc. Award for Services to Family History, which is reserved for QFHS members only, and in 2021 the Award was announced at our Members' Meeting on 17 November 2021 and also at the Volunteers' Morning Tea on 22 November 2021, and presented to our member at our Members' Meeting. The nominations are considered by previous awardees as designated by the Management Committee and they form an ad hoc committee for this purpose each year.

The nomination accepted for 2021 was **Leanne Donovan**, Member Number 4483. All services mentioned have been voluntary.



Leanne with her award and certificate presented by Kevin Haley

It gives me great pleasure to nominate Leanne Donovan. The sterling work that she has done for many years as Membership Secretary will be well known to most of our members. Support for this nomination would come from innumerable members who can attest to the invariably friendly and helpful attention to these duties. Her contribution to the Society extends widely.

Leanne joined the Society in November 2006, and it was a little over a couple of years later that she answered the call to fill a

Library Assistant vacancy on the first Saturday of the month, serving with Dawn Montgomery. These duties brought her into contact with Jackie Buttress, and they teamed up to take on the duties of Membership Secretary when in early 2011, due to ill health, Jill Ritchie stepped down from that role. By the end of 2011 Leanne took over by herself, so she has dependably served in that crucial position for over 10 years. She brings great administrative and people skills to the demanding job and has displayed these in the way she has met the needs of changing systems.

Generosity with the time she has devoted to the Society was demonstrated frequently during the two years from June 2016 to June 2018 in which she served on the Management Committee. In 2017 she took on the added duties of the sale of publications from Robert Browning when he had to retire. As time passed, she has also taken on the lead role of selling our publications at our outside educational events. Also, during 2017 when the need arose for additional Library Assistant presence at Saturday morning SIG meetings, Leanne again answered the call.

Dependability and friendliness to all are her outstanding virtues, and we all benefit greatly from her on-going dedication to the activities of the Society.

Nominated by Lyndal Cosgrove

CONGRATULATIONS LEANNE

(photograph provided by Richard Cosgrove) ■



TIME TO SMILE: Where there is a will, you'll find a genealogist!

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THE KNOX FAMILY TOMBSTONE

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For many years I have intermittently searched for a Knox family who lived in Walshtown or Walshestown in Lusk, County Dublin, Ireland, in the late 1700s and early 1800s. The marriage record of one of my 2nd great-grandmothers, **Margaret Knox** (1815-1894), shows that she was born in Walshestown.

I have family stories that there was a **James Knox** (Snr) possibly born around 1740. He had two sons, **James** (Jnr) and **Thomas**. James Jnr was said to have been the father of Margaret Knox. Thomas was said to have a daughter, **Ann**, who married **Richard Cloney** and they had a son **John Cloney** (1817-1883). John Cloney married Margaret Knox, on 10 December 1840. There is a marriage record for that but sadly no proof of parents.

I have, frustratingly, not been able to find much in the way of documentation to link them definitively to the family stories.

A few years ago I came across an article in *The Dublin Evening* of Tuesday, 1 June, 1847. The article was headed SECOND REPORT PRESENTED TO THE COUNCIL OF THE CELTIC ATHENÆUM, ON LUSK CHURCH. It began: 'A further inspection of the buildings and ruins at Lusk, as recommended by the Council, at their last meeting, took place on Wednesday, the 26th ult.' The article goes on to refer to a previous article in the *Evening Post* of 31st December that seems to have sparked this inspection. It seems that the memorials in the churchyard had been vandalised. It would appear that the Lusk church was built on the site of an old Abbey and an ancient round tower 'so peculiar to this kingdom'. The round tower was described as being 'in good preservation, and rises several feet above the battlements of the (church) steeple'. The article states that: 'The great storm of 6th January, 1839, prostrated the slate roof of ... the old church.'

A new church was being built at the site at the time the article was written. The article indicates that the intention was to

incorporate the surviving tombstones into the new church.

This article then went on to 'particularise the monuments &c.' It seems there were eight tombstones, which although damaged and removed from their initial location, were able to be described and the script of each of them detailed. I was thrilled to find that one of the tombstones found and described was a tombstone of the Knox family.

I would love to share this as the sentiment expressed on this tombstone from around 1800 is so touching. The story reads:

SEVENTH – THE TOMBSTONE OF THE KNOX FAMILY.

This lay loose in the church yard, thrown to the north of the belfry-tower. There were no remains by which we could ascertain the original situation of the burial place to which it belonged. Its inscription appeared to us to show affectingly how contrary to the intentions and feelings of mourners o'er the dead must be a violation of sepulture like this.

Here is the inscription:-

This stone was erected by Thos Knox of Walshtown out of unfeigned affection to the Memory of this beloved Wife Bridget K. and to point out to Posterity the spot that contains the remains of an Affectionate Wife, a tender Mother and a sincere friend. She was born on the 1st of Novr 1773 and departed this life on the 14th June 1816.

*O man draw near and with your eyes
See what you'l (Sic) be; and very soon
look on this grave wherein there lies
A woman little past her bloom
Now is your time, make God your friend
Like her whose ashes lieth here
Like her to meet your latter end
With joyful hopes and little fear
May peace and happiness attend
Upon my dear departed friend
May she with angels ever blest
In Heaven enjoy eternal rest.*

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I found a record of a marriage between a **Thomas Knox** and **Bridget Buckley** in 1793. This appeared in Find My Past Ireland, in the records of the Deputy Keeper Of Ireland, Index To The Act Or Grant Books, And To Original Wills, Of The Diocese Of Dublin 1272-1858 (26th, 30th and 31st Reports, 1894, 1899). Sadly this is an index only so there are no details of exactly where this occurred and no details of the parents or witnesses of the marriage.

Could this Bridget be the well-loved Bridget K of the tombstone? Perhaps the Bridget K as written on the tombstone referred to two Christian names? The year of the marriage record certainly would fit the dates found on the tombstone.

Interestingly in 1831, **Elizabeth Knox**, sister of my 2nd great-grandmother Margaret Knox, married a **William**

Buckley. This could indicate the further intertwining of these same Irish families.

[I sent a copy of this article to a cousin in Northern Ireland who is also descended from the Knox family. She was able to give me some information about the current situation of the Lusk church. She wrote:

'The 9th century anti-viking round tower and 15th century anglo-norman tower were incorporated into the Church of Ireland church – re-built in the neo-gothic style in 1847 – the year of your newspaper article. It is a very curious-looking building - now a heritage centre and the Church of Ireland parish is (now) amalgamated with Swords. There are 16th - 18th century monuments inside.']

If I get to Ireland again, I will definitely visit Lusk to see this wonderful tombstone. ■

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THE CINDERELLA OF RESOURCES - SCHOOL RECORDS

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Lucky me. I'm a member of QFHS and I'm able to access all the wonderful records that they have indexed.

Just recently I did a Keyword Search on the QFHS website using my surname. In 16 datasets, my surname occurs 300 times! In the more than 6 million Electoral Roll entries, my surname appears 145 times. Coming in second are the QSPI records (Queensland School Pupils Index) where I can find 30 listings in the more than 3.5 million entries.

Lucky? Yes. But grateful too that QFHS understood the value of those school records. As a former teacher I know just how informative school records can be.

QSPI records can come from a variety of sources. The best records come from Admission Registers. There you can see date of admission, date of birth (or age), parent name, address, and occupation, religion and progress through the school and date of leaving. If you find a record that has come from such a register, then check out Queensland State Archives whose digitised version may be found online. Do not forget to search our Library Catalogue for admission registers as QFHS has a number of these. Admission Registers give us a clever work-around when the date of birth is later than the dates listed in the official Birth Registration Index.

You can also (mostly) see the sex of the child - underlining almost always indicates a male (except at the start of the Albert SS registers where they underline the girls).

Other valuable resources are the books celebrating significant anniversaries of the school or the town or district. Where such books include a school pupils' list, only the admission year is recorded. But that should inspire the researcher to access the Admission Register.

My father worked for a Bank and we moved frequently around Queensland, and so, in QSPI, I could find my listing at the schools I remember attending – Roma, Monto,

Capella, Forest Hill and Gatton Secondary Department. Then suddenly I found my entry for Longreach State School! I have no memory of this school, and indeed I attended only for a week, but it was the time when my grandmother had died and my mother and her sister were busy dismantling the family home, and they didn't need an 8-year old slowing things down, so they packed me off to the local school. While I understand why they did this, I wonder what family history gems I missed out on.

QSPI gave me records for my sister, and some surprising results for my mother and father. In those 3.5 million entries, QSPI gave me cousins (of every variety).

When I began my research (at the beginning of this century), I discovered FamilySearch and their incredible film hiring system. Like most beginners I hired and read the filmed records of the Parish Registers and the various English Censuses. "Instant gratification" hadn't been invented, and I admit it was a laborious task. But I still believe I gained so much by walking with the enumerator as he filled out his schedules. My families didn't live in isolation; they had neighbours; often the neighbour was a "rellie" just waiting to be found.

I came to understand that ownership of names in my ancestry made it much easier for me to identify them – even when the parish clerk was inventive in his spelling. Eventually I created my own index for each parish.

I learned too to be wary of transcriptions produced by big companies. Lucky I did. Most of them ignored the baptism of my 2G Grandmother **Pamela Vile** in 1805. There were 16 baptisms recorded for 1805 in the parish of Seavington St Mary in Somerset. Pamela (Pamilia) was baptised on 25 December 1805, the illegitimate daughter of **Julia Vile**. One website named her as Pamilia Jule, daughter of Judie; another website named her as Pamilia Qule daughter of Judia; another website omitted the last two entries for 1805; and another website recorded the details for the first eight entries,

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and then inexplicably omitted the details for the next eight entries.

Then I discovered that FamilySearch had filmed school records in my parishes of interest in Somerset and in Bedfordshire.

I read the registers for Whitelackington in Somerset 1870-1949; my grandfather **Sidney** was enrolled in the Whitelackington School on 3 May 1880. He was three and a half years old! With his sisters he left the school on 11 February 1881, just prior to the family emigrating. As that former teacher, I'd shudder at having a 3-year old in my class.

So imagine my disappointment when recently one of the big companies published admission registers for Somerset 1860 -1914, and I discovered that I could not get that "instant gratification" by using their search boxes. I tried to find my grandfather's admission to Whitelackington School. I should have known better. But it also said I could browse by selecting a school – another dead end. Not all the places listed had a browsable set of images. So, despite the hype, it didn't deliver what was promised.

Then, when I read the registers for the schools in Marston Moretaine and Wootton in Bedfordshire, I struck gold. There I could read – Surname, Age, Date Admitted/Class, Date Withdrawn/Class, Parents' Christian Names, Occupation, Residence, and sometimes No of Children in the family.

Where school records survive, they may solve some of the mysteries we cannot solve from looking at the Censuses.

Simeon Busby appears four times; parents are named as **William & Mary**. But in his last enrolment parents are named as Deceased and Mary. When Simeon was withdrawn in June 1849, it stated he was "at work for the summer"; when he was withdrawn in April 1850, he was "working for his father for the summer". There were so

many entries like that, and as a former school teacher, I really feel for the difficulty that teacher faced when the pupils were in and out of the classroom.

My 2G Grandfather, **William Dudley** appears in the register – when he was 12 in 1850, and again when he was 13½ in 1851, when "he came only one day". The teacher (after 1854) recorded an interesting comment. It reads "soubriquet – William "Rufus"; (married very young)." I often wonder how William earned that nickname.

One entry that intrigues me is for **George Saunders** aged 11 in 1847. His parents are named as **Enock and Patty**. Now I know Enock (Enoch) to be my 3G grandfather, and I know he married three times, and now I know his second wife **Martha Arms** was called Patty.

One of the challenging schools appearing in QSPI is the Admission Register of the Primary Correspondence School. For example, we often assume that enrolments represent the first contact with a school at six or seven years of age. In 1945 we can find **Joyce McNeil** as an Adult enrolment, with a birth year of 1927. Later that year we can see the enrolment of **Malcolm Cyril Thorpe** with a Military Reference and a birth year of 1921.

In the post WWII period, there are many enrolments of people from the Military or the Air Force, and I can only assume the impetus for this was to achieve a particular level of education which would have an influence on their pay. I wonder what prompted **Ernest Scheuber** who enrolled on 5 February 1945? He was born on 11 July 1898.

We cannot afford to make assumptions about any resource we come across. Like death and taxes, schools affect all of us. I hope you, dear researcher, have as much success in your research by including this very valuable resource. ■



TIME TO SMILE: Family tree research is one giant step backwards and one giant step forward—usually at the same time.

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SEASONS GREETINGS

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'Kong Hee Fat Choy!' 'Happy (Chinese) New Year!' By late afternoon those words which had been uttered haltingly and with a degree of self-consciousness in the morning were rolling off our tongues with practised ease. Christmas Island, Friday 18 February 1977, and the first day of Chinese New Year. We had been on the Island for nine days and were still coming to terms with the strangeness of it all, so what better time to dive head first into life in a multi-cultural society where we were very definitely in the minority group, albeit the one with the administrative and employment advantages.

We hurried through breakfast. Already the sound of drums and cymbals could be heard in the distance, and we were anxious not to miss the Lion Dance. We needn't have worried, as it turned out – the drums and dancing were to continue throughout the day as the Lion Dance team worked its way through all the settled areas. Richard, eighteen months old, found the beat irresistible and could barely stand still but Laura, at three, had to be coaxed from her position of abject terror on the floor of the back seat of the car.

We watched the Lion Dance at the hospital, where the little 'ang pow' or red envelopes containing a donation of money, and for which they performed, were placed in such a way as to provide a challenge for the Lion. One packet, together with a sprig of greenery, was suspended on a string at the end of a pole over the edge of the first-floor balcony of the Nurses' Quarters. With flourishes and prancing, posing and posturing, shimmying and shaking to the accompaniment of the somehow hypnotic drumming and clashing of cymbals, and urged on with a fan by the man with the smiling pink round-faced mask, some of the men hoisted a round board into the air, the man under the head of the Lion leaped onto it and continued to dance, all the while getting closer and closer to the prize. It was a feast of colour and movement.

Over the road, at the hospital, staff had set a long table out the front with a large bowl of water at the far end. In this the 'ang pow'

floated, and the task for the Lion was to leap onto the table, progress along it, and fish out the envelope. All this was done to the tune of suitably dramatic music, which reached a crescendo when the Lion finally achieved his aim. Each exercise was a drawn-out procedure, designed to show off the considerable expertise of the performers, who rotated through the various positions as necessary. The team then walked on to the next offering, preceded by flags, accompanied by the drum on a trolley, and with many excited children on bicycles bringing up the rear.

Inspired, we immediately decided that next year we would hang out our own 'ang pow' from the high front window.

Then it was time to go visiting. That day and the next, in the company of a couple of work colleagues, we visited about ten different Chinese families. The proffered hospitality was extravagant and for us, exotic. We ate aniseed flavoured curry, spicy chicken wings, special roast pork slices with a sweet sauce imported at considerable expense from Singapore, curry puffs and other Chinese delicacies. There were also coloured agar squares which reminded me unavoidably of petri dishes and culture medium; Richard had no such qualms and ate his way doggedly through all and any colour put before him. He also made an exhibition of himself by devouring a bowl of pickled onions. The girls couldn't be encouraged to talk to anyone, but happily sampled almost everything they were offered.

Drinks were something else! After two days I felt I would never again look at another orange juice. This had seemed to be the safest option. Beer was served with ice blocks and when someone asked for a shandy, we all watched with horrified fascination as the 'shandy' was concocted – equal parts of (warm) beer, lemonade, and black label scotch! The children happily drank various coloured soft drinks but refused to use the Asian toilets, so between visits we had to keep making detours home for comfort stops.

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The holiday was four days long, but fortunately days three and four were very relaxed and we were able to enjoy them by doing a lot of nothing much. In the course of that year and those following we learned to celebrate festivals with all parts of the

community – in addition to Chinese New Year we celebrated Easter and Christmas, Deepavali, the Mooncake Festival, Hari Raya and Mahommed's Birthday. A plethora of Seasons Greetings! ■

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SCANDINAVIAN IMMIGRANTS

Hello and greetings from Sweden!

Many Scandinavians left their countries in the 19th century and settled down in various parts of the world, and I know it can sometimes be difficult to find them in their original countries, being on the other side of the world without local knowledge. I am a Swedish professional genealogist and as I have had a great share of Australian and New Zealand clients looking for their Scandinavian ancestors, maybe there are other researchers needing some help? I give my contact information to you if someone in your society bumps into a brick wall with their Scandinavian immigrants and might want to hire me. My contacts for more information about me and my services are: my website is www.ourswedishroots.com/, my email is monicagenealogy@hotmail.com, and Facebook is Ourswedishroots.

Best regards, **Monica Fogelqvist** (Member of the Association of Professional Genealogists). ■

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The QFHS Digitisation Team has added a wide selection of digitised books to the QFHS website. You can find the books under 'Online Access—Searchable Collections.' The publications are in two groups: *Regional Queensland* and *Digital Books*. Check what is available for *Regional Queensland* using the clickable map (www.qfhs.org.au/online-access/searchable-collections/qld-regional-map). Under the *Digital Books* heading, you will find four of the winning entries for the QFHS Book Award.

A new addition to the *Other Works* category of *Digital Books* is the *Biographical Record of Queensland Women, 1939*. The *Biographical record*, subtitled *A representation of every sphere showing activities and interests: social, philanthropic, historic, scholastic, sport and travel*, contains short life stories of 163 Queensland women. These women were some of those invited to submit their biographies to the publishers, Webb, Elliot & Co., of Brisbane. While the publishers do not reveal the criteria for selection, they indicate there was an Advisory Committee responsible for 'nominating those women eligible for inclusion'. They say that 'since the number of invitations were [sic] limited, we are confident that [the Committee's] choice will meet with general approval'. Other women, whose names might have been expected to be included in the *Biographical record*, failed to respond to their invitations in time. In the book's front pages, neither the Editor's Note nor the Foreword refer to World War II, declared on 1 September 1939, so we could assume publication preceded the outbreak of hostilities.

Of the 163 Queensland women featured in the *Record*, nine are Justices of the Peace, six belong to the Australian Trained Nurses Association (ANTA), three are medical practitioners, three are hospital matrons, one holds a law degree, eleven hold bachelor's or master's degrees, and one is a pharmacist. In addition, two women are members of the Order of the British Empire (OBE), while eight hold the title Lady and one is a

Countess. More than half of the women are or have been married.

The work includes the stories of well-known Queensland women: Lady **Phyllis Cilento**, recognised for her work in early childhood; Lady **Winifred Wilson**, wife of the then Governor of Queensland, for whom the Lady Wilson Convalescent Home in Chelmer was named; and **Gertrude McLeod** who supported the establishment of the McLeod Country Golf Club in Mt Ommaney, the first golf club in Australia to be administered entirely by women.

Most of the other women whose stories are included in the *Biographical record* are those who worked and participated in professional and community spheres and, while faded from the public eye, are remembered by their families. The biographies follow a template, including the woman's name and family information, activities, hobbies, clubs, and address.



Geddes Elizabeth Cox

Three women who feature in the *Biographical record of Queensland women* are Mrs **Geddes Elizabeth Cox** with her daughters **Nan (Annie) Cay Cox** and

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Veronica Cay Cox. When the *Biographical record* was published, Geddes Elizabeth Cox lived at her home, *Carrington*, in Taylor Street, Toowoomba. A prominent member of the Toowoomba community, Geddes Cox was a committee member of the Red Cross during the Great War and a Past President and member of the Mothers' Hospital in Toowoomba.



Annie (Nan) Cay Cox

Nan was a French Mistress at the Glennie Preparatory School and, at the time of publication, was in the Voluntary Aid Detachment (VAD) in Toowoomba. Her younger sister Veronica was also in the Toowoomba VAD.

Geddes Elizabeth Cox was the daughter of Mr and Mrs **Robert Cay** of Victoria. The family spent time in Edinburgh. Geddes was presented at the Court of St James in 1914. She married a pastoralist, **Henry H Cox** of Weewondilla, Longreach, Qld and Carrington in Taylor Street, Toowoomba. Henry and Geddes had five children: Nan, **Hunter, Geddes, Neil**, and Veronica. Geddes was a member of the Town and Country Club of Toowoomba and enjoyed gardening.

Nan Cay Cox and Veronica Cay Cox are great-great granddaughters of **William Cox**

who was responsible for supervising and directing the working party to construct the first road over the Blue Mountains in NSW. (The *Record* erroneously claims William Cox arrived in Australia in 1880. The correct date is 1800.) Nan was born in Muswellbrook, NSW, and educated in Hobart, Sydney, and Brussels. According to the *Record*, Nan was also presented at the Court of St James in 1914. Veronica was born in Toowoomba, educated in Armidale, NSW, and presented at Holyrood Court in 1937. Both women were members of the Young Contingent of the Victoria League – a voluntary charitable organisation connecting people from Commonwealth countries. Nan and Veronica belonged to the Town and Country Club of Toowoomba and included reading, photography, music, and sketching in their hobbies. Veronica held a certificate and medal for life saving.

The information in the *Biographical record* gives us the building blocks to discover more about the three Cox women. Geddes Elizabeth Cay was born in Newbridge, Victoria in 1870. She married Henry Hunter Cox in Muswellbrook in 1894. The couple's first two children were born in NSW: Annie (Nan) Cay Cox in 1896 and Hunter Cay Cox in 1897. Geddes Cay Cox was born in Hobart in 1907. The final two children, Neil Cay Cox, 1909, and Veronica Cay Cox, 1916, were born in Queensland. Henry Hunter Cox died at age 56 on 20 September 1920 in NSW.

Henry Cox was a grazier at Ivanhoe Station at Morvan in 1906 and worked as a station manager in the Longreach area from 1908. From 1913, Henry and Geddes gave their place of residence as Carrington in Toowoomba. Geddes was active in the Toowoomba community, regularly donating money to various charities. In 1939, she used Carrington's verandahs and reception rooms to host a garden party in honour of Miss **Gwen Dowson**, the new principal of the Glennie School. Geddes died in Toowoomba in December 1946.

Although shown in the *Biographical record* as a French Mistress at Glennie Preparatory School, Annie Cay Cox appears not to have

BIOGRAPHICAL RECORD OF QUEENSLAND WOMEN, 1939 (Cont.)

updated her occupation in the electoral rolls, which consistently indicate home duties. Annie spent much time travelling around the country visiting friends. In the early 1950s, she was president of the Toowoomba Town and Country Club. Annie died on 27 July 1982 at age 86.

Veronica Cay Cox also lived at Carrington. On 22 April 1940, she became engaged to Private **Frank Chilcot**. In the summer of 1940-1941, Veronica responded to a call for women to go to the fruit districts for the picking season to take the places of men who had enlisted. Veronica lived with an orchardist and his family for some months at Cottonvale. Wearing a large hat and overalls, she worked in the orchard, commencing picking at 7:30 am until a morning tea break at 9:30. Picking resumed until 1:00 pm, after which she and the family had lunch and took a nap. Work started again at 2:30 pm and ceased at 6:30. Then, after she had fed the family calf, she bathed and dressed for dinner at 8:00. If it was a busy time, all hands returned to the shed to pack until 10:00 pm. A versatile young woman, Veronica also drove a horse and cart, ploughed, drove a two-horse team, and planted pumpkins.

In January 1942, Veronica passed as medically fit to serve overseas as a Voluntary Aid Detachment (VAD). She spent time at Redbank, west of Brisbane and then served at the 2/2 Australian General Hospital as part of the Australian Army Medical Women's Service (AAMWS). Veronica was discharged on 3 November 1944 and became Superintendent of the Red Cross Field Force.

In September 1945, Veronica travelled from Cairns to meet her fiancé, Frank, a prisoner of war for four years. Due to the war, Veronica and Frank had not seen each other for five years. Veronica was finally released from her Red Cross activities in 1946 and the couple was able to marry. In 1949, Veronica gave birth to twin boys. The couple lived at Longreach; they had four sons in all. Veronica died in Toowoomba on 9 March 1997, aged 80.

Is one of these 163 women a member of your family? An index, listing the women's full names and birth names, where applicable, is available on the QFHS website at www.qfhs.org.au/media/1753780/index.pdf. Be sure to check our other digital publications under Searchable Collections.



Carrington, Taylor Street, Toowoomba
(courtesy of Toowoomba Historical Society)

(photographs provided by the author) ■



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

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

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ARTICLE OF THE YEAR: MEMBERS' CHOICE AWARD 2021

In November, we announced the inaugural Members' Choice Award for Journal Article of the Year. We wanted to show support for our wonderful volunteer authors and give QFHS members the opportunity to express their appreciation for articles that captured their interest, or launched them on new avenues of research and discovery during the year.

Members were asked to cast their minds back over the articles they'd read in the *Queensland Family Historian* during 2021 and nominate the journal article they most enjoyed.

As expected, reasons for choosing particular articles have been rich and varied. Here's a small sample:

- *I liked the author's style and that references were provided. I found the story kept my attention as I followed the author's logical search for answers. [It was a difficult choice as I enjoyed many of the other articles, too.]*
- *This little story is well and concisely written. Demonstrates the value of keepsakes which prompt memories and stories and reveal something of the owner.*
- *My father was in the Navy in WW2 so the article was of much interest to me.*
- *Hits the spot in two ways - part of the family history regions and the current covid climate.*
- *I particularly liked the approach of telling a family story through their relationship with horses... Well written, easy to read and interesting.*

We enjoyed all articles, and each was of particular interest to someone in our community. The three most popular stories were **The Great Family Mystery: Who was James Yappa?** by Ken Swadling, **Biggenden and the Spanish Flu pandemic of 1919** by David Huggonson, and **Central Railway Station, Brisbane** by Greg Hallam.

Our congratulations go to Ken Swadling whose article received the most votes. Member comments about his article included:

- *Great to read about some family history of the early Chinese migrants*
- *This article stayed on in my memory, I enjoyed reading the whole article...*
- *It prompted me to contact [the author] with suggestions to further his research as the time period and location ran parallel to my own research.*
- *Strong writing style, mix of the personal and historical context and with an exemplary use of references/endnotes.*

Ken will receive a commemorative certificate and a Gift Voucher of \$75 in recognition of the interest and appreciation of our members, and his article will feature on the QFHS website and our Facebook page.

All participating members were placed in a draw for the prize of a Gift Voucher for an Education event of their choice. The random draw was conducted at the Management Committee meeting in December 2021 and the name selected was **Lou Muller**.

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

And, finally, thank you to all member participants. We intend to repeat the survey at the end of every year, giving our members the opportunity to nominate the article in the *Queensland Family Historian* that most captured their interest through the year. We will announce the article receiving the most votes in February of each year to identify the **Journal Article of the Year: Members' Choice Award**. We look forward to your continued interest in our Members' Choice Award.

***S Reid, G Thomsett, L Cosgrove and A O'Kane for
the QFHS Management Committee. ■***

THE MAHENO (PART I) – PRE-WAR YEARS

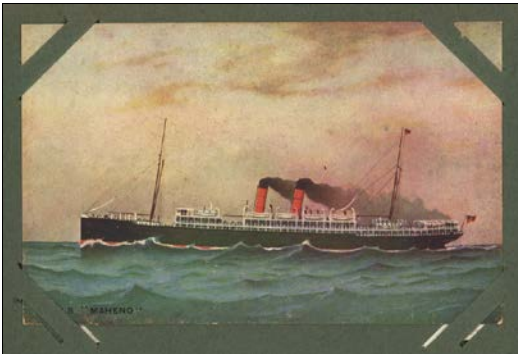
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When the Union Steamship Company of New Zealand commissioned two new steam turbine ships, little did they know the future that lay ahead. The first to be completed, 'The *Maheno* was named after the tiny South Island town that lies between Dunedin and Christchurch.¹

The *Maheno* had been built by Denny yards in Dumbarton, Scotland. It was estimated that 'She will have a speed of eighteen to twenty knots, and will be run in the intercolonial trade.'²

Following the launch on 20 May 1905, it was reported in *The Age* that 'The vessel, which is intended for the trade between Melbourne and New Zealand ports via Hobart, is 5,500 tons gross, and her engines 6,000 horse power, capable of allowing her to steam at over eighteen knots per hour. Her accommodation is equal to 220 first saloon, 116 second saloon and 83 third class passengers. The *Maheno* is expected to arrive in Melbourne in time to take up the summer excursion trips starting early in November.'³



Hand coloured postcard of the
SS *Maheno*, c.1905,

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

On 30 May 1905 the *Examiner*, Launceston, announced 'Captain Evans returns to England to join the company's new turbine steamer *Maheno* as chief officer.' A busy life was planned for the vessel as 'The Postmaster-General, [of Melbourne] Mr. Smith, has been informed by the Union Steamship Company that it intends, during the busy season of next year, from May to

July, to substitute the turbine steamer *Maheno* for one vessel at present employed.'⁴ Also 'The new Vancouver mail contract with the Union Steamship Company has been approved by the Canadian Government.'⁵

'A London cable message to the Union Steamship Company states that the company's new steamer *Maheno* did 17½ knots on her trial trip on the River Clyde.'⁶ Her progress was eagerly watched as a cable advised that 'the steamer *Maheno* sailed from Durban on Sunday last, the 22nd inst., at 4 p.m., for Melbourne, at which port she is expected to arrive on Wednesday, 8th November.'⁷

No expense was evidently spared as it was reported in *The Age* that 'The latest improvements, the dining saloon at the fore end of the 'mid ship deck house, is framed in a classic design of fumed oak, with ground treated in reeded oak stained green. Two long tables will seat the majority of passengers, while along the sides small parties have special "family" tables available. An organ, convenient sideboards, perfect light from brass framed windows and a dome above combined with perfect ventilation, a feature being also flail fans on the ceiling, makes this compartment the most up to date of modern luxury in travelling. The music room on the deck above is an "Adam's" design in white enamel, with gold silk panels, and a unique feature is the "cosy corners", artistically screened from the rest of the room. The smoking room is on the shade deck forward of the turbine hatch, and its ornamentations are of exceptional merit. Main vestibules are framed in walnut, with satin wood panels. Second class accommodation, though less costly, cannot fail to be appreciated, as in comfort and convenience it discloses on a modest scale everything contained in the first class. Cargo handling gear is controlled by steam, as also the steering arrangements. The vessel is lighted electrically throughout, and the refrigerating installation provides both for cargo and ship's use. Fire extinguishing appliances are placed in every effective

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position, the method adopted being the "Clayton" system of extinction by the sulphur-dioxide process. All water used for drinking is passed through filters. The vessel will be propelled by three sets of turbines made and fitted on board by Messrs Denny and Co., Dumbarton. The list of engineers are:—

Chief **Mr. R. Wallace** (late of Mooraki);
Second, **Mr. T. White** (late of Mooraki);
Third, **Mr. D. McDonald** (late of Monowai);
junior engineers are all New Zealanders.⁸



The Saloon - SS Maheno
<http://ssmaritime.com/Marama.htm>



Saloon Dining Room - SS Maheno
<http://ssmaritime.com/Marama.htm>

Everywhere the *Maheno* docked it created great interest, as the *Sydney Morning Herald* reported, 'An important event in the history of the shipping industry of our port will take place today with the arrival of the magnificent new steamer *Maheno* - the first steamship propelled by turbine engines to enter Port Jackson. The advent of this fine liner in the Sydney-New Zealand trade has been looked forward to for many months, and her

presence in our waters will doubtless create a good deal of interest, not alone among the shipping community but among the public in general' and 'The requirements of the cargo service have not been neglected, as will be seen from the fact that her trial had to be carried out with not less than 3,000 tons of deadweight on board, while if loaded down to her marks she could carry more than this'.⁹

Although the stylish *Maheno* captured public attention, it was not perfect. The ship chewed through coal, had clumsily designed furnace doors and 'rolled on wet grass' as seafarers used to say. Canny firemen and trimmers took jobs on other ships if they could get them. In 1914 the company spent a fortune on completely re-engineering the ship at Port Chalmers, New Zealand.¹⁰

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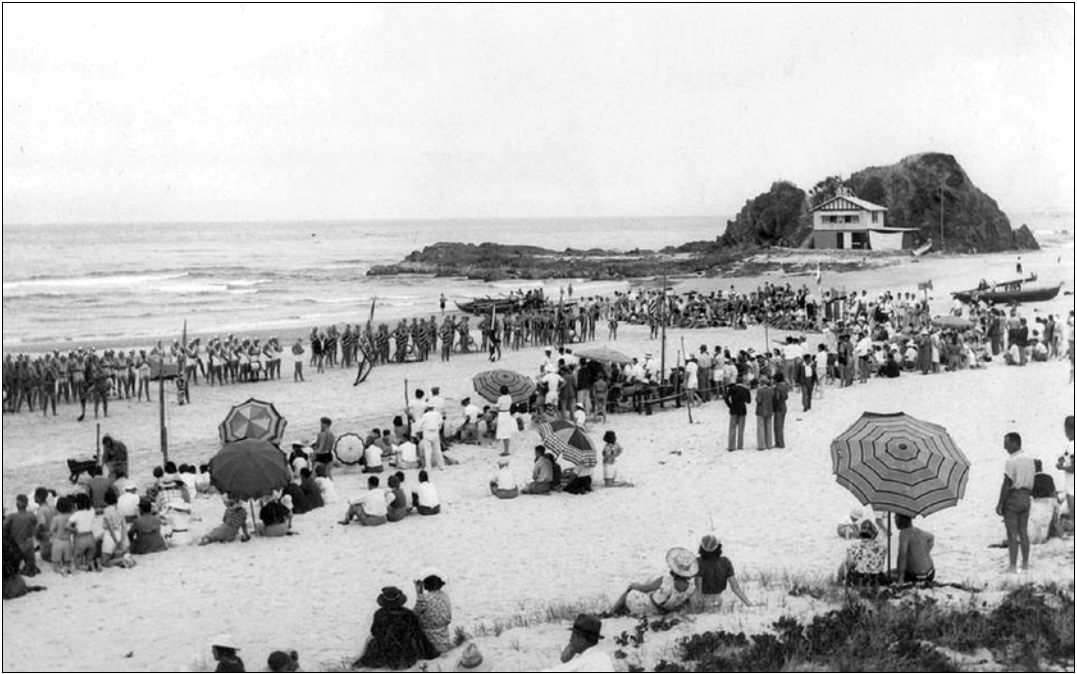
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(photographs provided by the author)

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PHOTOGRAPHS THEN AND NOW



Surf life saving carnival at Currumbin Beach, ca. 1940.

A crowd of spectators on the beach at Currumbin watching a surf carnival. Most people appear to be wearing street clothes, many are seated under beach umbrellas. The surf lifesavers clubhouse at Elephant Rock is in the background. Copied and digitised from a Kodak postcard.

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Currumbin Beach, December 2021. Note the carpark on the beach for the restaurant. © L Cosgrove. ■

EDMOND AYLWARD, GEORGE RAFF, AND THE EARLY QUEENSLAND COTTON INDUSTRY

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My professional career has been involved in agricultural research and teaching. Recently, while on a botanical excursion to North Harbor, Burpengary East, I discovered a (largely unknown?) piece of Brisbane's agricultural history.

The North Harbour Heritage Park, on the southern bank of the Caboolture ("Cabulture or Deception") River, documents and commemorates the sugarcane, sugar mill, rum distillery and cotton farming enterprises established in the mid-1860s by **George Raff** (1815-1889). Raff purchased this large parcel of land (about 4,000 acres) from the defunct Australian/"Cabulture" Cotton Company in 1866 and it became known as the Moray Fields Plantation, and in that year employed 65 indentured South Sea Islanders, known as "Kanakas". In 1869 he was commended by the **Reverend John Dunmore Lang** for his treatment of his workers.

Raff was born in Morayshire, Scotland, and arrived in Brisbane in 1851 via New South Wales. He lived at "Moray Bank", New Farm, and established very successful trading, shipping and cotton ginning businesses (removing seeds and cleaning the fibres). In 1859 he was elected to the first Queensland parliament, where he represented until 1867. On his death nine children survived him.

My interest in Raff was sparked, as I had recently discovered (thanks to TROVE, once again) that my great-great-grandfather, **Edmond Aylward** (1818-1890), son of a Kilkenny farmer, was one of the early cotton growers in Queensland. In 1866 Edmond was farming at Irishtown, near the old Ipswich Racecourse, Bundamba Creek, and as was the practice, his son **Patrick Aylward** (1855-1932) would have helped with the picking.

In April 1866, George Raff's cotton ginneries were busy preparing the crop for export to London on the barque *Lochnagar*, to be auctioned. Included in this shipment were

from E. Aylward, two bales, 480 pounds, "clear good quality New Orleans variety". Other producers making up this consignment were **John Smith, Luke Smith, R Lock, W Hodges, S Perrett, M Toms, C Dutney** and **H Skelton**. The Queensland crop this year totalled 1,200 bales.

On arrival in London in October, lots in the consignment were valued at around 16½ pence per pound. Some had sustained sea damage and were downgraded. At auction there was "no competition", and the lots were not sold, the best offer being 14½ pence a pound. The eventual price received is unknown.

The Aylward family selected land at Rosevale where they continued farming until around 1910, Edmund's wife **Caroline née Creer/Currier, Koerth, Doring** (1834-1912) dying at the Swenson farm, Mt. Crosby.

On George Raff's death Moray Fields passed to his sons **Alexander, Robert** and **Henry**. In the following years parcels of the property were sold off, dairy farming being the main activity. A complete history of the property can be seen on the North Harbour Heritage Park internet site.

A visit to the Heritage Park is highly recommended for anyone interested in the early history of Queensland.

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WEB LINKS

MYHERITAGE PUBLISHES THREE RECORD COLLECTIONS FROM NEW ZEALAND

NZ Birth Index 1840–1901, NZ Marriage Index 1840–1901, and NZ Death Index 1840–2021; the records in these collections are provided by the New Zealand Department of Internal Affairs and are the main source of vital records in NZ. Refer to <https://blog.myheritage.com/2021/07/myheritage-publishes-three-record-collections-from-new-zealand/>

500K IRISH NAMES RECORDED IN NEW YORK ALMSHOUSE LEDGERS DATING BACK TO 1700S ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE

The *New York, U.S., Almshouse Ledgers, 1758-1952* holds a total of 1,113,040 entries in the collection. Around 486,894 Irish-born individuals are listed. The collection contains records for individuals admitted to almshouses in New York City, detailing admissions (voluntary or otherwise), deaths, discharges, and census information for the various types of almshouses. View at www.ancestry.co.uk/search/collections/62048/. Also refer to “*Guide to the Almshouse Ledgers, 1758-1952*” at https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/records/pdf/Almshouse_REC0008_MASTER.pdf.

IRISH MARRIAGE RECORDS

Did your Irish ancestor marry in Ireland? If so, the clues hidden in Irish marriage records can unlock the door to your deepest Irish roots. Discover what’s hidden in the detail, and more in this handy guide at <https://irelandxo.com/ireland-xo/news/ten-faqs-about-irish-marriage-records>.

RESEARCHING IRISH PASSENGER LISTS

In the 1800s travellers were more likely to be recorded at their port of entry rather than their port of departure and although the information gathered may have been limited, passenger list archives can give vital clues as to where the people hailed from in Ireland. Official departure passenger lists exist from 1890. Refer to <https://irelandxo.com/ireland-xo/news/researching-irish-passenger-lists>.

THEGENEALOGIST ADDS 1910s PROPERTY RECORDS

TheGenealogist has added a total of over one million individuals to its unique Lloyd George Domesday Survey record set with the addition of 85,959 individuals from the 1910s property tax records for the *Borough of Haringey*. Covering the areas of *Hornsey Central, Hornsey East and Hornsey West*, as well as *Tottenham and Wood Green*, this release is made up of maps and field books that name property owners and occupiers in an exclusive online resource that gives family history researchers the ability to discover where an ancestor lived in the 1910-1915 period. Refer to www.thegenealogist.co.uk/featuredarticles/2021/haringey-land-valuation-records-uncovers-the-modest-house-that-gave-its-name-to-a-famous-football-stadium-1429/.

Also 49,552 owner and occupier records have been added with the release of the 1910 Land Survey records for the areas of *Barnes, Hampton, Richmond upon Thames, Teddington and Twickenham*. See further information at <https://eogn.com/page-18080/12083288>.

60,290 new owner and occupier records have been added to their unique Lloyd George Domesday Survey record set. The IR58 Inland Revenue Valuation Office records reveal to family historians all sorts of details about their ancestors’ home, land, out-buildings and property owned or occupied in *Edmonton, Enfield and Southgate* at the time of the survey in the 1910s. See <https://www.eogn.com.wildapricot.org/page-18080/12184041>

UNITED KINGDOM COURT AND TRIBUNAL JUDGEMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE VIA NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Court and Tribunal Judgements moved to a new website and the storage and publication of judgements will now be managed by the (UK) National Archives. Be mindful that the records will not be available until April 2022. For more information refer to www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/about/news/the-national-archives-to-publish-court-and-tribunal-judgments/.

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NETHERLANDS NATIONAL ARCHIVES DATA SETS RELATING TO WORLD WAR II

The Netherlands National Archives has made several data sets relating to World War II available as open data. Go to www.nationaalarchief.nl/over-het-na/datalab-nationaal-archief/open-data-sets, and for more information refer to <https://eogn.com/page-18080/10749200>.

DIocese OF PLYMOUTH JOINS FINDMYPAST'S EXCLUSIVE CATHOLIC HERITAGE ARCHIVE

[Findmypast](http://www.findmypast.com) have expanded their exclusive collection of Catholic parish registers with over 100,000 records covering 59 parishes across *Cornwall, Devon & Dorset*. Published online for the first time in association with *Diocese of Plymouth*, this valuable new resource spans 1781-1921 and includes over 55,000 baptism records, over 16,000 marriage records, over 15,000 burial records and over 15,000 congregational records. Each record includes both a transcript and scanned colour image of the original document. For further information refer to <https://eogn.com/page-18080/11776777>.

INDIAN ARMY RECORDS OF SERVICE 1900-1947

Did your ancestor serve in the Indian Army in the first half of the twentieth century? This is an index of nearly 13,000 officers who served in the Indian Army between 1900 and 1947, spanning five decades and both world wars, and containing detailed service information. From captains to conductors, colonels to cooks, these transcripts could provide invaluable insights into the careers of those that served. Each transcript also includes the corresponding British Library reference which means that having identified your soldier in this index, you can arrange to have the papers copied at the British Library. This small but fascinating collection held at the British Library could shed new light on your ancestor's military past. For more information see <https://eogn.com/page-18080/12122957>, and search the records at <https://search.findmypast.com.au/search-world-records/indian-army-records-of-service-1900-1947>.

MYHERITAGE PUBLISHES COLLECTION OF 463 MILLION HISTORICAL RECORDS FROM FRANCE

MyHeritage has published historical records from France in five collections: birth, marriage, death, and 1872 and 1906 censuses. The collections provide the most comprehensive coverage available for vital records from France in the 18th, 19th, and early 20th centuries. Until now they have been available exclusively through *Filae*, a leading French genealogy company recently acquired by MyHeritage. The collections cover nearly every department in France and include a high-quality index of the transcribed records and digital images of the original documents. For details of the collections and infographics of the coverage of the geographic, parish and civil records in the MyHeritage collections refer to <https://blog.myheritage.com/2021/10/myheritage-publishes-huge-collection-of-463-million-historical-records-from-france/>.

1921 CENSUS OF ENGLAND AND WALES

Thursday 6 January 2022 saw the release of the 1921 census of England and Wales online and, for many of us, the arrival of the answers to long-standing family mysteries. With the 1931 and 1941 censuses having been, respectively, destroyed by fire and cancelled because of the war, the 1921 census is a vital window on the early 20th century. These valuable documents offer an unprecedented snapshot of life 100 years ago, allowing the public to discover where, how and with whom their ancestors lived for the very first time, only available on [findmypast](http://www.findmypast.com). The 1921 Census offers more detail than all previous England and Wales censuses. There will be charges for every record transcript and every original record image to cover the cost of the project. Refer to <https://www.eogn.com.wildapricot.org/page-18080/12016697>, and for more details see www.findmypast.com/1921-census and also www.whodoyouthinkyouaremagazine.com/feature/your-questions-answered-about-the-1921-census/.

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

QFHS NOTICES

BEREAVEMENT NOTICES



We extend our deepest sympathy on the following bereavement:

Hubert Dominic (Dom) Jones, past member #1656, late of Chermside, who passed away on 11 November 2021, aged 83 years.

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

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Further courses will be held online or at our Library on the following dates and AEST times

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(Limit 25 people)

Topic: **Furthering your family history studies**

Date: FRI 18 February 2022

Time: 10.00 am to 11.30 am (online)

Presenters: A panel
(Limit 25 people)

Topic: **Indexing your family history book using Microsoft Word**

Date: SUN 20 February 2022

Time: 10.00 am to 12.00 noon (online)

Presenter: Sue Reid
(Hands-On, Limit 4 people)

Topic: **Creating a family history cookbook (two sessions)**

Date: TUE 8 & TUE 15 March 2022

Time: 7.00 pm to 8.30 pm (online)

Presenters: Emma Bulfin & Sonia Martinez
(Limit 25 people)

Topic: **Latin for family historians**

Date: FRI 11 March 2022

Time: 10.00 am to 11.30 am (online)

Presenter: Sue Reid
(Limit 25 people)

Topic: **Methodologies: with a view to writing**

Date: FRI 25 March 2022

Time: 10.00 am to 11.30 am (online)

Presenters: Ludij Peden and Clem Ditton
(Limit 25 people)

Topic: **Queensland's online family history resources**

Date: FRI 8 April 2022

Time: 10.00 am to 11.30 am (online)

Presenter: Dr Kerry Raymond
(Limit 25 people)

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

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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QFHS INC. FAMILY HISTORY BOOK AWARD 2023

The Society invites entries for this Award which will be presented at the Annual General Meeting 2023 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 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
PO Box 171
Indooroopilly Qld 4068

or

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



Entries close **30 November 2022**.

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

**THE HUGUENOTS:
THE ALMOST-FORGOTTEN PEOPLE
(Irish, German, English, Netherlands,
South Africa, etc.)**

**New date:
Sat 23 July 2022**

2.00 – 3.30 pm

QFHS Library and Resource Centre,
58 Bellevue Ave, Gaythorne

**Presenter: Robert Nash, Secretary,
Huguenot Society of Australia**

QFHS SEMINARS

Please note that QFHS will not hold any seminars during 2022.

Extra sessions of Fridays@QFHS and Weekends@QFHS have been provided during 2021, and will continue to be provided during 2022.

We have a new name for these sessions, Learn@QFHS, and we look forward to your support during 2022.

If there is any subject you would like covered as part of Learn@QFHS, please let the Education Sub-Committee know at education@qfhs.org.au. We thank you for your continued support.

F H D U FAMILY HISTORY
DOWN UNDER

**Family History Down Under 2022
(International)**

8-11 November 2022

Castle Hill RSL, Castle Hill NSW

Postponed from Feb/March 2022 to ensure speakers can travel to Australia

Event Format – 4 days | 4 tracks |
1 track each day

Attend in-person, online, or purchase the recordings – available until 28 Feb 2023.

Cost: \$99-\$595

see website for all options and prices

International speaker team

For further information refer to

www.fhdu22.com

CHRISTMAS HAMPER THANK YOU



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

QFHS NOTICES (Cont.)

QFHS TROUT GAME

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



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

- Date:** Sunday 22 May 2022
- Venue:** Meeting Room, Library and Resource Centre
- Time:** 10.00 am to 4.00 pm
- Cost:** \$5.00 includes morning and afternoon tea (BYO lunch)
- Contact:** The Game Master, Ann Swain, for bookings or enquiries, phone 07 3352 5537 or email trout@qfhs.org.au.



LOCAL AND FAMILY HISTORY CONFERENCE
21-23 OCTOBER 2022

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**Congress 2022
(Postponed from 2021)**

**History in Paradise
Norfolk Island**

**30 July – 6 August 2022
(from Brisbane)**

with the actual **Congress** dates being
1 – 4 August 2022

Congress will include:
A welcome function, Lecture Programme,
Morning Teas, Lunches, Island Style
Dinner, and Visits to Historic Sites

Travel and Accommodation packages
have been developed around the event,
refer to the main website

Hosted by Norfolk Island Museum



For further information and the
program of events refer to
<https://affhocongress2022.com>,
www.facebook.com/AFFHO2021 and
www.norfolkisland.com.au/.

LIBRARY ASSISTANTS' TEAM MEETING

**Friday 4 March 2022
10.00 – 11.30 am**

Please check the website calendar to find out whether the meeting will be held by Zoom or at Gaythorne



WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS of QFHS INC.

Membership numbers 6477 - 6495 including members who joined up to 31/12/21:

ADEY Richard, Pomona, QLD
 ALLEN Renay, Samford Valley, QLD
 BENSEN Valerie, Prince Henry Heights, QLD
 BOARDMAN Julie, Caboolture, QLD
 BUSHNELL Robyn, Brackenridge, QLD
 CRAWFORD Greg, McDowall, QLD
 ESDAILE Michael, New Farm, QLD
 FOGARTY Christopher, Salisbury, QLD
 HAYES Leith, Kenmore, QLD
 KENNEDY Ronald, Aspley, QLD
 KENNEDY Sheridan, St Lucia, QLD
 MARSHALL Rex, Bellbird Park, QLD
 PAGE Therese, Ashgrove, QLD
 PRICE Robin, Sherwood, QLD
 ROBERTSON Wendy, Aspley, QLD
 TIMMINS Rod, Kirwan, QLD
 VOEVODIN-KEOUGH Glenyce,
 Cleveland, QLD
 WICKHAM Dorothy & PHILLIPSON Wayne,
 Hamilton, QLD
 WILLIAMS Russell, Gaythorne, QLD

Welcome back to the following members who are rejoining:

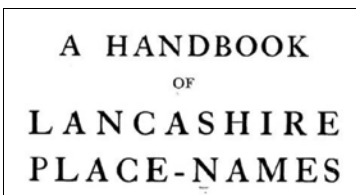
ST LEDGER, Deborah, Kallangur, QLD
 WALSCH Vicky, Arana Hills, QLD
 WESTBROOK, Graeme, Wilston, QLD

Joining with Existing Member:

MORRISSY Dan, Petrie, QLD ■

LANCASHIRE PLACE-NAMES

Carolyn Grimward recommends a book *A Handbook of Lancashire Place-Names* by John Sephton (Liverpool, 1913) which can be read or downloaded (click the three dots in a small circle on the left-hand-side of the screen) from the Internet Archive at <https://archive.org/details/cu31924028040230>.



NEW MEMBERS' WELCOME & ORIENTATION SESSIONS

New Members' Welcome and Orientation Sessions will be held online via Zoom (or at the Library – please check the QFHS website) on the following dates and times:

FRIDAY
 (At 10.00 am)

SATURDAY
 (At 9.30 am)

18 March 2022
20 May 2022

19 February 2022
April Cancelled
18 June 2022

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.

p: Ann Swain 07 3352 5537
 Anne Long 07 3203 6963
e: welcome@qfhs.org.au. ■

QLD PRE-SEPARATION EXCURSION



27048; Mary Bennett Travelling Cosmetic Case; John Oxley Library; State Library of Queensland.

Our QFHS Pre-Separation Group excursion to the John Oxley Library on 10 December 2021 to celebrate Proclamation Day was a great success. Special thanks to Joan Bruce, Specialist Librarian at SLQ and a member of the Collection Engagement Team of the John Oxley Library, who organised our white gloves experience. The time passed quickly as we perused the collection of letters, diaries, artworks, an application to migrate and realia such as daguerreotypes, a telescope, a regimental badge & a travelling cosmetic case (c.1790) (above), etc. that Joan had selected. (photograph provided by Jenny Davidson) ■

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 (or in the QFHS Library) on the **third Saturday** of **odd-numbered** months at **9.00 am**.

The next meeting dates are:

19 March 2022 21 May 2022

If you are interested in joining us, please contact Sue Reid on 07 3378 2278.

Sue Reid
(Convenor)

IRISH INTEREST GROUP



The Irish Interest Group meets online via Zoom on the **second Saturday** of **even-numbered** months (not December) **from 10.30 am until 12.30 pm**. The next meeting dates are:

12 February 2022 9 April 2022

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 (or in the QFHS Library) on the **fourth Thursday** of **odd-numbered** months at **noon**. The next meeting dates are:

24 March 2022 26 May 2022

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

Jenny Davidson
(Convenor)

SCOTTISH INTEREST GROUP



This group meets online via Zoom (or in the QFHS Library) on the **second Saturday** of **odd-numbered** months (except January) at **10.00 am**. The next meeting dates are:

12 March 2022 14 May 2022

If you are interested in joining this group, please email scottish@qfhs.org.au or phone Chris Schuetz on 0413 594243.

Chris Schuetz
(Convenor)

WELSH INTEREST GROUP

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

20 March 2022 15 May 2022

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 the QFHS Library) on the **fourth Saturday** of **odd-numbered** months **from 10.00 am to noon**. The next meeting dates are:

26 March 2022 28 May 2022

A \$2 donation goes towards purchasing relevant records.

Phone Eric on 07 3376 4339 or 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 either online via Zoom (or in the QFHS library) 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:

Fri 4 February 2022
Sat 5 March 2022
Fri 1 April 2022
Sat 7 May 2022



For further information, please contact Geoff Morgan on phone 0407 146763 or 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 the QFHS Library) at

1:30 pm. The next meeting dates are:

5 February 2022	Beginners
5 March 2022	Advanced
2 April 2022	Beginners
7 May 2022	Advanced

For further information contact Chris Schuetz on 0413 594243 or Ann Swain on 07 3352 5537 or email dna@qfhs.org.au.

Chris Schuetz
(Convenor)

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 (or in the QFHS Library) at **10.30 am** on the **second Sunday** of **even-numbered** months. The next meetings will be held on:

13 February 2022 **10 April 2022**

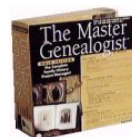
For further information please email indiafe@qfhs.org.au.

Dette Glenday & Wendy Angliss
(Convenors)

THE MASTER GENEALOGIST (TMG) USER GROUP

The group caters to the needs of all users, from novice to advanced, and meets online via Zoom (or in the QFHS Library) on the **third Saturday** of **most** months (except December) at **1.30 pm.** The next meeting dates are:

19 February 2022
19 March 2022
April 2022 CANCELLED
21 May 2022



For further information contact Kevin Haley on 07 3359 7491.

Kevin Haley
(Convenor)

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 on **Saturdays** online via Zoom (or in the QFHS Library) at **1.30 pm**, or by excursion. The next meetings will be held on:

Sat 12 March 2022
Mon 6 June 2022 (Excursion TBA)

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

Jenny Davidson
(Convenor)

FAMILY HISTORIAN7 - GENEALOGY AND FAMILY TREE SOFTWARE

Family Historian is an excellent, fully featured, UK developed, family history programme. Its inbuilt feature set can be extended by the use of plug-ins, which are freely available on the very active user group's website. Individuals are added to your tree using inbuilt event types; your custom event types; and segments of a multi-person image, so that only the individual's portrait is attached to the individual's record. A focus on source-driven data entry has been incorporated in the programme to encourage working directly from source material.

Ease of data entry and navigation is a major benefit for the newer user, however Family Historian is the ultimate 'power tool' for experienced family historians.

To find out more, join our group meetings via Zoom on the **first Sunday** of each month (except January) at **1:00 pm** for approximately 2 hours. The next meeting dates are:

6 February 2022 **6 March 2022** **3 April 2022** **1 May 2022**

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

Malcolm Kingston
(Convenor) ■

DATES TO REMEMBER

DATE	ACTIVITY	VENUE	TIME
FEBRUARY 2022			
Friday	4 Family Tree Maker User Group (See p.36)	Check website	10.00 - 11.30 am
Saturday	5 DNA Interest Group (See p.37)	Check website	1.30 - 3.30 pm
Sunday	6 Family Historian7 User Group (See p. 37)	Online	1.00 – 3.00 pm
Friday	11 Learn@QFHS: <i>Getting the most out of the Tasmanian Names Index</i> (See p.32)	Online	10.00 - 11.30 am
Saturday	12 Irish Interest Group (See p.36)	Check website	10.30 - noon
Sunday	13 Colonial India and The Far East Group (See p.37)	Check website	10.30 - noon
Monday	14 Finding your Family course begins (See p.32)	Online	7.30 – 9.00 pm
Wednesday	16 Monthly Members' Meeting (Evening)	Hybrid	7.30 - 9.30 pm
Friday	18 Learn@QFHS: <i>Furthering your family history studies</i> (p.32)	Online	10.00 - 11.30 am
Saturday	19 New Members' Welcome & Orientation Session (See p.35)	Check website	9.30 - 12.30 pm
Saturday	19 The Master Genealogist (TMG) User Group (See p.37)	Check website	1.30 - 3.30 pm
Sunday	20 Learn@QFHS: <i>Indexing your family history book using Microsoft Word</i> (See p.32)	Online	10.00 - noon
MARCH 2022			
Friday	4 L A Team Meeting	Check website	10.00 - 11.30 am
Saturday	5 Family Tree Maker User Group (See p.36)	Check website	10.00 - 11.30 am
Saturday	5 DNA Interest Group (See p.37)	Check website	1.30 - 3.30 pm
Sunday	6 Family Historian7 User Group (See p. 37)	Online	1.00 – 3.00 pm
Tuesday	8 Learn@QFHS: <i>Creating a family history cookbook session 1. Session 2 is included with Session 1.</i> (See p.32).	Online	7.00 – 8.30 pm
Friday	11 Learn@QFHS: <i>Latin for family historians</i> (p.32)	Online	10.00 - 11.30 am
Saturday	12 Scottish Interest Group (See p.36)	Check website	10.00 - noon
Saturday	12 Pre-Separation Group (See p.37)	Check website	1.30 – 3.30 pm
Tuesday	15 Learn@QFHS: <i>Creating a family history cookbook session 2</i>	Online	7.00 – 8.30 pm
Wednesday	16 Monthly Members' Meeting (Afternoon)	Hybrid	1.00 – 3.00 pm
Friday	18 New Members' Welcome & Orientation Session (See p.35)	Check website	10.00 - 1.00 pm
Saturday	19 Family History Writing Group (See p.36)	Check website	9.00 - 11.00 am
Saturday	19 The Master Genealogist (TMG) User Group (See p.37)	Check website	1.30 - 3.30 pm
Sunday	20 Welsh Interest Group (See p.36)	Check website	10.00 - noon
Thursday	24 English West Country Group (See p.36)	Check website	noon - 2.00 pm
Friday	25 Learn@QFHS: <i>Methodologies: researching, organizing, assessing, evaluating with a view to writing</i> (See p.32)	Online	10.00 - 11.30 am
Saturday	26 Central European Group (See p.36)	Check website	10.00 - noon
APRIL 2022			
Friday	1 Family Tree Maker User Group (See p.36)	Check website	10.00 - 11.30 am
Saturday	2 DNA Interest Group (See p.37)	Check website	1.30 - 3.30 pm
Sunday	3 Family Historian7 User Group (See p. 37)	Online	1.00 – 3.00 pm
Friday	8 Learn@QFHS: <i>Queensland's online family history resources</i> (See p.32)	Online	10.00 - 11.30 am
Saturday	9 Irish Interest Group (See p.36)	Check website	10.30 - noon
Sunday	10 Colonial India and The Far East Group (See p.37)	Check website	10.30 - noon
Fri-Mon	15 EASTER – LIBRARY CLOSED		
Wednesday	20 Monthly Members' Meeting (Evening)	Check website	7.30 - 9.30 pm
Monday	25 ANZAC DAY - LIBRARY CLOSED		
MAY 2022			
Monday	2 LABOUR DAY – LIBRARY CLOSED		

Management Committee meetings are usually held on the first Wednesday of each month at 7.30 pm online via Zoom.
If you would like to attend, please contact the Secretary.

ABOUT THE SOCIETY

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

Members may:

- Have free access to the Society's Library and Resource 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;
- Search the Cemetery Room for Queensland records, including the George Bond collection of headstone photographs. Cemetery records for other states are in the Print Library;
- Use our 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 participate in the Journal Loan Scheme and 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'/LIBRARY 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.)	\$35
(incl. postage; no GST payable)	

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.

LIBRARY HOURS (ALL AEST)

Monday (2nd & 3rd):	6 pm – 9 pm
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays:	10 am – 3 pm
Saturdays:	10 am – 3 pm
Sundays (1st, 2nd and 3rd):	Closed
Sundays (4th and 5th):	Closed

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

INFORMATION FOR ADVERTISERS AND PUBLISHERS

Authors and editors of other publications are requested to quote only the full name of our Society and our mailing address and Library phone number. Do not quote fees for membership or services, or library hours, but direct readers to telephone the Library or email the Secretary or the Editor. If authors or editors consider further information is necessary they should submit a copy of their intended script to the Society for approval before publishing.

ADVERTISING RATES

Non-members may submit *Help Wanted* advertisements (100 words) for \$8.80. The advertising rate for 1/10 page (approx. 5 lines in 1 column) is \$18.00. For larger advertisements, please contact the Editor regarding rates and also space availability. Please remit in Australian dollars, either by cheque, Visa, MasterCard, or direct credit to the Society's account, see Inside Front Cover. All fees quoted include GST.

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MONTHLY MEETINGS OF THE SOCIETY



Monthly Members' Meetings of the Society are normally held at the QFHS Inc. Library and Resource Centre, 58 Bellevue Avenue, Gaythorne, Brisbane and by Zoom, on the **third Wednesday** of each month (except in January and December). Visitors are welcome, free parking.



For the dates of the meetings of the different **Special Interest Groups**, please refer to *p.36* of this issue or *Dates to Remember* on *p.38*.

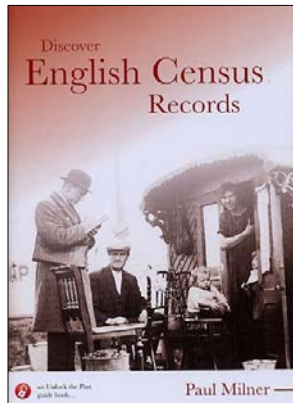
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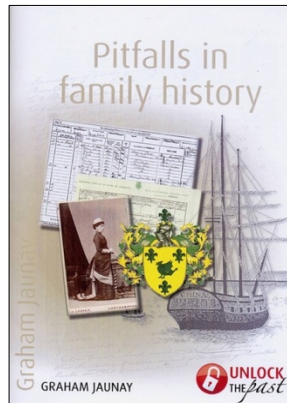
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| FEBRUARY
(7.30 pm) | 16 | Topic: Beyond distinguished gentlemen: Forgotten voices from Brisbane's mid-19th Century
Speaker: Duncan Richardson |
| MARCH
(1.00 pm) | 16 | Topic: Beacons by the Sea: Lighthouses in Queensland
Speaker: Eve Terry, National Archives Australia |
| APRIL
(7.30 pm) | 20 | Topic: Canon D.J. Garland, Toowong Cemetery and the origins of Anzac Day
Speaker: Dr Hilda Maclean |
| MAY
(1.00 pm) | 18 | Topic: A Railway at War - Queensland Railways and the Second World War
Speaker: Greg Hallam, Historian with Queensland Rail |

FOR SALE

CDs, USBs and Books available from QFHS Bookshop or QFHS website
\$20.00 (incl. Postage)



In this detailed guide, family historian Paul Milner explains how and why census records were created in 1801, expanding to an every-name format in 1841, and following every 10 years since. The book explains what the records look like, how they have evolved, and why they are one of the few records that place individuals into families. By following a case study family through the different census years, Milner expands upon census records to show how to put the family physically on the ground, using maps.



What is a pitfall? Look it up in a dictionary and you will find that it is defined as ... *a concealed pit as trap for man or animal, an unsuspected difficulty or danger or an error into which it is easy to fall*. Somewhere there may be a family historian who claims never to have encountered a pitfall in their research, but most of us, if we're honest, will admit to being bruised all over by the number of falls we've taken whilst our family trees have been growing. By reading this booklet you will be more aware of many of the pitfalls waiting to entrap you!

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

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