

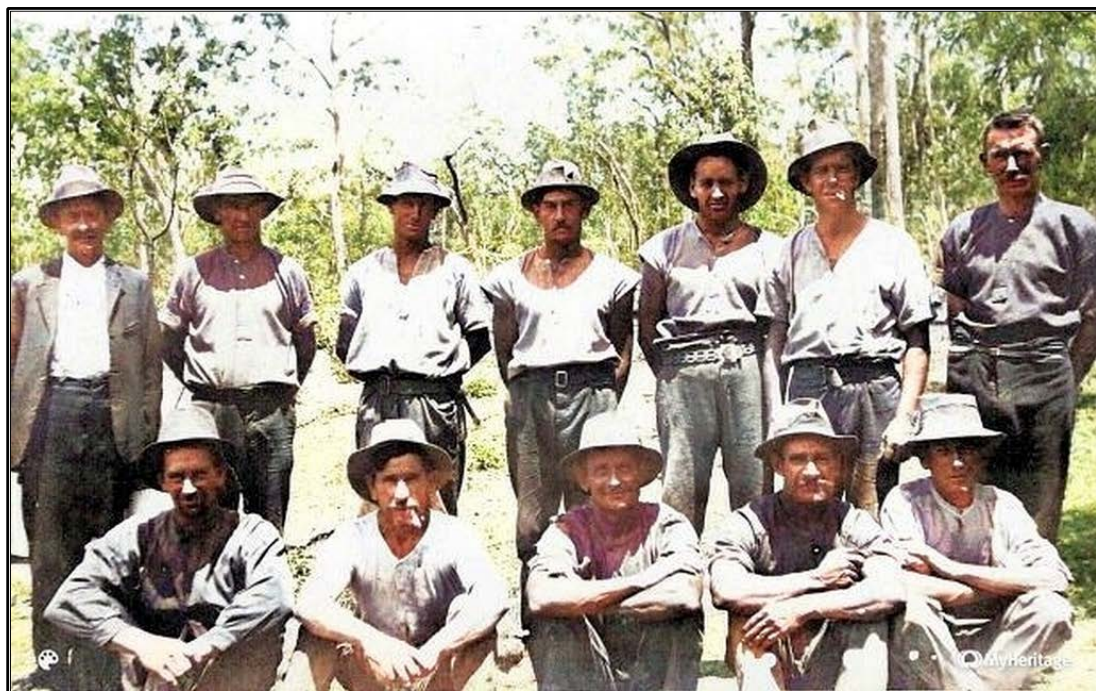
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To bring together those people who are interested in the study of genealogy, heraldry, family and local history, and to assist and encourage members in their studies. To encourage the preservation of historical records, to acquire and maintain a reference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



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COVER PHOTOGRAPH

Stonemasons at Camp Mountain quarry, c. 1921-1923.

Backrow first from left: probably Harry Wales, third Ted Aylward.

From Aylward Family Photographic Collection, provided by Mike Vincent, colourised by MyHeritage.
See story on p.44.

THE CAMP MOUNTAIN GRANITE QUARRY, THE BRISBANE CITY HALL, AND THE ROLE OF THE AYLWARD FAMILY

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The Quarry

The contract of £119,870, for construction of the concrete foundations and granite base walls of the new Brisbane Town Hall, was awarded on 13 November 1920 to **Arthur Midson** (1854-1943), a Brisbane master builder.¹ The contract specified granite from Greymare, 32 km west of Warwick, but Midson was approved to use “equal quality stone” from Camp Mountain, near Samford. This greatly reduced costs, as it could be transported the much shorter distance, directly by rail, to Roma Street station.^{2,3}

The identification and assessment of the Camp Mountain “granite” lode, (in geological terms granodiorite), was carried out by **Henry C Richards** (1884-1947), Professor of Geology at Queensland University. An accomplished photographer, Richards visited the quarry on a number of occasions, with **Dr. C F Marks**, owner of the land; **Dr. E O Marks**, a geologist; **Mr. G Prentice**, Town Hall Architect; **Mr. Foster**, City Architect; **George Cryle**, Council Inspector of Works; **Ted Aylward**, stonemason, and others. Richards documented progress with photographs through 1920 to 1922.^{4,5,6,7,8,9}

At the Town Hall site, between Adelaide, Albert, and Ann Streets, initial clearing began on 16 February 1921, with the contract to run from 14 February 1921 to June 1923.^{10,11} By July 1921, Midson had opened the granite quarry on “Cushleva”, the property of Dr. C F Marks at Camp Mountain, 3km south of Samford.^{4,9}

A suction gas plant with air compressor for drilling purposes was installed, a power house erected, a barracks for the workmen was under construction, and “dimensioned stone” was being taken out.¹¹

The barracks, comprising nine rooms, was constructed from the “Columbia Skating Rink” building, which stood for 33 years on the corner of Adelaide and Albert Streets.^{12,13} This was later relocated, and became the home of **Dr. E.N (Pat) Marks** (UQ

Professor of Entomology), and is now the home of the QUT Samford Environmental Research Facility.^{9,14}

In early October 1921, Midson was advertising for more “granite masons” to work the quarry.¹⁵ The stone was split into large rectangular blocks, “four hundred-weight to four tons apiece”, hauled by two draft horses, Paddy and Dandy, on a trolley on wooden rails, to the Camp Mountain Train Station spur line, about a kilometre east of the quarry.^{9,16,17}

By July 1922, 25-30 masons were employed on the Adelaide Street building site.¹⁶ External and decorative masonry work continued until the building was officially opened on 8 April 1930.¹⁸

In November 1923 “beautiful foundation stones, of an attractively shaded granite, were secured from Camp Mountain” for the foundations of the Ernest Baynes Stand, in Bowen Park, Exhibition Ground, Brisbane.¹⁹

The Aylward Family



The Aylward family: Maud, Rita, Ethel, Eileen, Dorothy, Ted, 1923/24 (AFC)

In 1921 **Edward Michael (Ted) Aylward** (1884-1944) and **Maud (née Hurley) Aylward** (1886-1962), and daughters **Rita** (1913-1988), **Eileen** (1915-1987), **Dorothy** (1917-2006) and **Ethel** (1919-1994), moved from their home in Wooloowin to the Camp Mountain quarry barracks.^{4,20} Ted was an experienced mason and member of the Stonemason’s Trade Board from 1915-1918.^{21,22}

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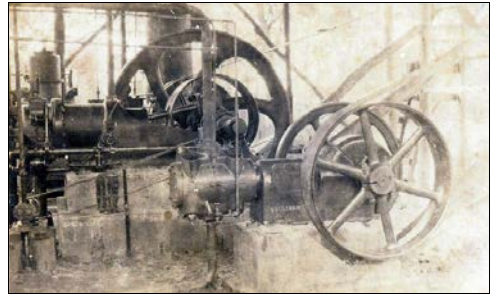
From 1921 to 1923, Ted supervised the stone masons, cutting, carting and loading the large granite blocks for the City Hall base for delivery by rail to the Adelaide Street site. He continued working on the building for several years, carving the tympanum designed by **Daphne Mayo**.²³ He later worked on the Anzac Square Memorial Development and for some years the University of Queensland, St Lucia.^{4,24} As a hobby he sculpted many sandstone and marble ornaments, and when designing these was able to sketch with both hands simultaneously!²⁰

Prior to 1921, the extended Aylward family used to picnic at a spot called "Elephant Rock", at Camp Mountain.²⁰ This may be the site where the quarry was initially opened up.

The young Rita, Eileen and Dorothy attended Samford State School from 1921 till 1923²⁵, and often played with the **Coonan** girls, who lived nearby. Little Eileen, while playing on the wooden trolley track, lost the tip of a finger when the trolley ran over it; a permanent reminder of her time at Camp Mountain. On 26 January 1924 the family moved to their newly built home in Gordon Park.^{4,20}



Sisters of Ted Aylward. Agnes Aylward (m L Grundy) 1896-1972, and Kathleen Aylward (m H Everett) 1902-1990, on Elephant Rock, Camp Mountain, ca. 1918-1921 (EMV, AFC)



Sullivan suction gas engine and air compressor, Camp Mountain Quarry, July 1921 (AFC)



Dimensioned granite blocks on railway wagon, 1921, Camp Mountain spur line. Dr. C F Marks on right (AFC)



Derrick at Camp Mountain Station spur line, 1921 (AFC)



Splitting the blocks, 1 June 1922 (HCR)

THE CAMP MOUNTAIN GRANITE QUARRY (Cont.)



Two roomed office and machinery shed 1921
(AFC)



Camp Mountain granite/granodiorite
(AFC, MSV 2019)

Photographs:

- AFC – Aylward Family Collection, original Aylward photographs.
 EMV – Mrs E M Vincent's collection.
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(photographs provided by the author) ■

DON'T BE FOOLED

Beware. It is not true that anyone listed on a Shipping List is migrating.

Imagine my surprise to find a record claiming I was migrating from the UK to New Zealand in 1961. After 2 years in the UK, I was returning home to Australia, and Wellington in NZ was a port of call on the way. Fake History is really easy to create. My shipping list was listed in the Travel and Migration category. But for them to say I was migrating is really problematic. Many of my fellow passengers were migrating – to NZ or to Australia; many of my fellow passengers were returning home to Australia. So fake history was created for every passenger on that ship. Grrrrr.

Bev Bonning ■

FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

APPOINTMENTS TO THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Our financial year has closed and our AGM is nearly upon us, when annually all the committee retires. Several key committee members have indicated that they will not seek re-election.

It is pleasing that this year we have had two people come forward to join the committee. Allana O’Kane, our Publicity Officer since last year, and Tim Fitzpatrick were appointed at the February and March committee meetings respectively.

VOLUNTEERING

For most of the past decade a person joining the Society, on being accepted as a member, received a copy of the *New Members Handbook* (revised August 2011). In more recent times because of the need for revision due to changes in the Library and Resource Centre and online resources, issuing of this handbook was discontinued. As an unintended consequence of that, new members are not made aware of some important aspects of Society. The importance of volunteers warranted mention prominently in the Foreword. I believe that it is worthwhile to quote:

‘Volunteers manage every aspect of QFHS. The contribution of members is essential to our continued growth. Perhaps even at this early stage you may be considering what you can do to assist the Society. Your involvement as a library assistant, on a committee, working on a special project, or in some other capacity, will enable you to become more familiar with the Society’s resources. From this you can have a happy and worthwhile association with other family historians and genealogists.’

CHARITABLE STATUS

The observant amongst you may have noticed at the top right-hand corner of the back cover of the February Journal, or perhaps a little earlier on our Home page or Snippets, the ACNC Registered Charity Tick issued by the Australian Charities and Not-

for-profits Commission. QFHS has long held this status, however it is more recently that ACNC has encouraged charities to display the Tick to publicly promote our registration and commitment to transparency and accountability.

We warrant this status on account of the services that we provide to the community through adult education, indexing of historical data and other family history activities. Furthermore, as a registered charity our primary objects should be directed to the community that we seek to serve and not just our members. It is our members that facilitate such service.

INDEXING AND PUBLICATIONS

This core activity was reported on in the February Journal and planning is proceeding for a celebratory function to be held on Monday 9 May.

Excellent news is that a small group of devoted indexers have continued to index the original State School Admission Registers held at the Queensland State Archives and which are progressively being digitised. Resulting from this indexing almost 224,000 names have been added to Queensland Schools Pupils Index Part 7 which now totals 1,375,845 records. The new additions come from 171 schools, including large city and country schools, and others which are small country schools with as few as seven students. Further good news is that indexing of the school registers will continue as permitted by other demands on the time of key members of that group.

EDUCATION EVENTS

Since the start of the year the regular education events have been rebranded as Learn@QFHS and are now offered on a wider variety of days and times. To increase the attractiveness for people to register, where possible, presentations are being recorded and being made available for a limited time after the event to all who pre-register.

Kevin Haley (President) ■

FROM BROMSGROVE TO BRISBANE - A CRAWFORD FAMILY

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Bromsgrove is a town in the West Midlands of England. It was a centre of metal manufacturing from at least the 12th century, concentrating on Nailmaking. Nailmaking peaked in the 17th and 18th centuries.

To make a nail by hand, a rod of iron was placed into a furnace until it was red hot, then struck with a hammer to form the point, turned and struck again to form the head, then allowed to cool, and the process repeated. Virtually every family in Bromsgrove had a furnace and forge attached to the house and the whole family was usually involved in the process. Other towns in the Midlands specialized in chain, bolts etc. The coal smoke from these little furnaces turned the sky black, and coated every surface with coal soot, hence the name "The Black Country" given to the Midlands.

Every week, the head of the household would take the nails made during the week and deliver them to his "factor", in exchange for another sack of iron rods and some money. It was a tough way to make a living, with no real way to get ahead of the cost of rent and fuel and to keep a family clothed and fed.

Thomas Crawford was the head of such a household. Thomas was born to **Benjamin** and **Sarah** (both Nailers) in 1837, the ninth of 11 children born between 1820 and 1840. Census records indicate all surviving children (5 boys and 4 girls) were Nailers, from about the age of 10. This was quite typical at the time.

It is not known what schooling he had, but by 1851 he is listed as a Nailer (aged 14).

In 1857, he married **Charlotte Lewis**, another Nailer, and their children were:

Harry Lewis Crawford b. 1859 (died at 3 weeks)

Kate Crawford b. 1860

William Henry Crawford b. 1862

Clara Constance Crawford b. 1865

Mary Lewis Crawford b. 1869

Benjamin Thomas Crawford b. 1871

By 1871 Thomas' Census listing is Nailer and Preacher. Thomas had been a member of the Primitive Methodist Society since 1862, a local preacher since 1863 and a Sunday School Superintendant since 1867. He was a committed churchman!

We think of the current time as being subject to job disruption by technical change; but the Industrial Revolution of the 19th century had a far greater disruptive effect. Nailmaking was one industry targeted for mechanization. From about 1840 nailmaking by hand was progressively eliminated, and by about 1880 was severely diminished, but persisted for more difficult nail designs until the very early 1900s. This fairly rapid decline in fortunes was accompanied by severe social problems, loss of income, lengthy strikes, etc. Thomas was caught up in the fight to preserve a way of life, and was elected President of the Bromsgrove Nailforgers Protection Association, and held that position through the 1870s. The very name of this Association tells you that they were fighting a rearguard action.

Based on the above, you can conjure up an image of a hard-working manual labourer and Union firebrand during the week, and a tub-thumping preacher on Sunday, both activities requiring a command of language and an ability to fire listeners with commitment.

On an unknown date (probably mid 1870s), Thomas went to London to represent the Nailers at a Trades Union Congress. He met **Joseph Chamberlain**, and **Mr Gladstone** spoke at the meeting of 400 delegates.

In 1877 Thomas was elected to go with (as?) a deputation to Old Hill (another similar town near Halesowen) to get operatives there to join the long strike (aka Twenty Week strike).

However, the industry was in irreversible decline, and nothing was going to save it.

By 1881 he was out of the Union he had led through turbulent times and out of the

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declining Nailmaking industry altogether, and was a Gardening Instructor at a Reformatory School. He was only 44 at this time, and must have felt strongly the effects of the destruction of his livelihood.

At this time, there were many families displaced similarly, and many were looking to “get out”, but where to go?

In 1882 Thomas decided to emigrate. The original plan was to leave as a family in April, but his youngest son Benjamin Thomas was not well enough to embark. Charlotte stayed behind to allow Benjamin to recover and follow on a later sailing.

On 26 April 1882 Thomas and children William (19), Clara (16) and Mary (13) departed from Plymouth on the 2,000 ton RMS *Camorta*, transitted Cooktown and arrived at Brisbane on 28 June 1882. His eldest daughter Kate (21) stayed behind and soon after married their next door neighbour **James Webley**. This couple would bring their 10 children to Brisbane in 1913.

With Thomas and the children was **Lillian Virginia Crawford** (20), his niece by his brother **Henry**. I speculate that daughter Kate was originally booked to travel, but made a late decision to stay in Bromsgrove, and Lillian took her place. Lillian later married her cousin **George Crawford**, a farmer at Tamworth, NSW.

On 10 May 1882 Charlotte and son Benjamin left Plymouth on the RMS *Roma*, transitted Cooktown on 29 June 1882 and sailed on to Brisbane.

The Suez Canal had been opened 12 years previously, and it is assumed both vessels used that route.

Not much is known of their early years in Brisbane, but Thomas maintained contact with Bromsgrove, occasionally having letters to *The Messenger* published. Thomas also “nominated” other settlers from Bromsgrove, and assisted them on arrival.

In 1886 two marriages were conducted in the family home in Edward Street in Brisbane. In April, niece Lillian married her cousin George Crawford from Tamworth, and then

daughter Clara married in December 1886. Thomas’ occupation was given as “Gardener”. He was only 49 at that time, so “Gardener” suggests that he had no gainful employment.

By 1890 Thomas and Charlotte had moved to Spring Hill. One of the houses they lived in (1893) was “Linthurst” in Leichhardt Street, named after an area near Bromsgrove.

In 1898 he was hospitalized for 12 days after being knocked down by a bicycle, an accident that left him an invalid, by his own description. Whatever this injury was, it caused, or was compounded by, his loss of hearing by 1905.

In 1908 a Thomas and Charlotte Crawford applied for the Old Age pension, and it is almost certain that this is “our” couple. He would have been over 70, and she turned 70 that year.

After Charlotte’s death in 1914, Thomas lived in a small cottage in Dorset Street, Ashgrove, and then with daughter Clara and family, also in Dorset Street, and finally in a room under son William’s house in the adjacent Crawford Street.

Thomas died at Ashgrove in 1923, and was buried in Toowong Cemetery.

For a description of the Nail trade, see www.sedgleymanor.com/trades/nailmakers2.html.

Of the children:

Kate Crawford (1860-1932) married James Webley. They emigrated to Brisbane in 1913. Curiously, in 1917, James went back to England to work in the WWI war effort in munitions, suffered a head injury on the ship, and died at his daughter’s house shortly after arriving back in Bromsgrove.

William Henry Crawford (1862-1958) married **Harriet Locker**. They lived for a time at Tamworth, then moved back to Ashgrove. In about 1925, he moved to Tamborine on medical advice, but returned to Brisbane to live with their children in his final years.

Clara Constance Crawford (1865-1949) married **James Aitken**. They lived at

FROM BROMSGROVE TO BRISBANE - A CRAWFORD FAMILY (Cont.)

Dorset Street, Ashgrove after their first son was born. They frequently provided temporary accommodation for several new immigrants nominated by her father Thomas. One such was elder sister Kate and family in 1913. Clara and James acquired several properties, mainly in Ashgrove, but including a family holiday house at Redcliffe.

Mary Lewis Crawford (1869-1904) married **William Wackett**. This family lived in Brisbane initially, but later moved to Perth.

Benjamin Thomas Crawford (1871-1953), my grandfather, married **Florence May**

Newell. This family lived at Taringa. Benjamin was a Solicitor/Conveyancer/Accountant in Queen Street. This was a very unusual combination of professions at the time, and he assisted his sister Clara in accumulating property.

Acknowledgement:

I wish to acknowledge the work of Colin Wood, my fourth cousin, once removed, of Bromsgrove. Colin has extensively researched the nineteenth century families of the area, and is the source of all our knowledge of the Crawford family in Bromsgrove. ■

THE DEATH OF A MINER

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'The deceased leaves a widow and five children.'

Mining has always been a dangerous occupation. Natural hazards such as gases, rockfalls and flooding take their toll, while human error and machinery failure add further risks. It was human error which led to the tragic death of this father of a young family.

Frederick George May (1859-1908), affectionately known as Fred, was the elder son of **John Mugridge May** (1826-1885). John May was my great-great-grandfather and Fred my great-uncle. John had come to Victoria to seek his fortune on the goldfields near Daylesford. He worked hard and persistently but managed only a meagre return. Fred was not discouraged by his father's experience and also took up work as a miner.

Fred and his younger brother **Walter Chantry May** (1861-1930), my great-grandfather, were raised in care after their mother died in 1862. The other family member to assist with their upbringing was **Benjamin Chantry** (1837-1920), their mother's younger brother. He was also a miner, an occupation he pursued all his life. The two boys' early lives were recorded in a diary kept by their father.¹ However, after 1869, the date of the last entry, information

becomes scarce. Both boys were young men when their father died in 1885. Fred was married.

By this period, mining had developed into a large capital-intensive industry. Fred worked for the United Mine Company near the town of Sunnyside in central Victoria. Gone were the prospecting days of his father. Underground mining replaced the pan and cradle. Machinery operated winches were used to enable access to underground diggings. It was the failure of a winch mechanism that caused Fred's death.

The accident was reported in the newspapers of the time. The first report was 6 March 1908.² The rope in question had caused a problem on 5 March when a pump was being winched up a shaft; the rope disconnected and fell down the shaft, landing on the pump. The rope was retrieved and instructions given to fasten the end to the drum and wind it up. Three men, **J.E. Wells**, **J.H. Roberts** and **R. Thewles**, were given this task.

The next day, Fred was asked to go down the shaft on the reconnected rope in order to check the pump and reattach the rope below. A board was fitted to the sling-chain as a seat for Fred. However, at 150 feet, the rope ran off the winch and fell down the shaft. Fred fell to his death, landing on top of the pump.

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The manager and others rushed down the ladderway but all they could do was bring Fred's body to the surface.³ A coronial inquest was ordered.

The Inspector of Mines, **George Hawke**, was sent the news and at once proceeded to Sunnyside. Early on 7 March, Hawke, in company with the manager and others, went down the shaft to inspect the chains, block and rope. While the winch was found in good order, Hawke came to the conclusion the accident was caused by the negligent and unskillful manner in which the rope was fastened to the drum.

The coroner returned a verdict that Fred May had been killed from injuries received in the fall which was caused by the negligent and unskillful manner in which the rope was fastened by Wells, Roberts and Thewles. The company was also found guilty of culpable negligence in not supervising the men's duties carefully.⁴

Fred was a member of the Amalgamated Miners' Association of Victoria. The Glen Wills Branch held a meeting after Fred's death and heard a report from the A.M.A.'s representative on the inquiry. The branch rendered assistance by a fatal accident payment of £59 given to Fred's widow and five children.⁵

A postscript to Fred's death appeared in the *Omeo Standard*, 20 March 1908. The article revealed that Fred had been in poor health and had applied for a land grant under the then government's 'Small Holdings Act'. However, his application was unsuccessful and he returned to his calling. He was 'broken in health' according to the report.

The reporter urged the Government to deal with the question of land reform in a 'tangible manner'. Frederick May's death illustrated the inability of the Government to assist suitable applicants.

He concluded his correspondence thus:

'May would make every effort to better his condition by obtaining a block at the first opportunity. But, alas! He has no more need for it'.⁶

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FROM THE RHINELAND TO GAYNDAH: THE LIFE AND TIMES OF GEORGE KOST, 1831-1916

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My great-great-grandfather **George Kost** was born in February 1831 in the small town of Bodenheim in Rhineland Palatinate, which was a western province of the Kingdom of Prussia and part of the German Confederation. The Confederation was an association of 39 predominantly German-speaking sovereign states created by the congress of Vienna in 1815 as a replacement for the former Holy Roman Empire, which was dissolved in 1806.

Serfdom had been abolished across most German States by 1811 but landless families were still tied to the many small lordships who owned most of the land and the cottages on their estates. There was little chance for a farm labourer to ever own land.

Rhineland Palatinate, as part of the German Confederation, became a member of the Deutscher Zollverein in 1834, which was a tariff-free custom union among 18 German-speaking states that totalled over 23 million people. In fact, Prussia and Hesse-Darmstadt had signed an early treaty in 1828 to form a customs union, which was a forerunner to the larger Zollverein.

The establishment of the Zollverein coincided with the beginning of railway construction in the German states. Private capitalists constructed all the early railroads but their construction stimulated the great industrial and commercial development, which was to commence in the 1850s.

In his adolescent years George Kost and his family lived through a potato famine caused by a blight, which badly affected the South Western States, Saxony and part of Prussia, between 1842 and 1847. The lack of food was compounded in 1845 by widespread failure of the grain harvest. Prices rose and imports of grain became necessary. However, emancipation allowed the landless to immigrate to the New World. In 1847 the number of German emigrants rose above 100,000 for the first time. The vast majority went to the United States of America. Over a

million Germans found new homes abroad between 1851 and 1860.

To foster new industries suited to its climate, the New South Wales Government introduced bounty regulations from 1835 to 1837, to provide assistance for "Foreigners brought to the colony for the cultivation of the vine or olive or for the manufacture of wine or oil". The systematic immigration of Germans to New South Wales began in 1849 under a similar bounty regulation. **Wilhelm Kirchner** was appointed immigration agent for the NSW Government. He based himself at his mother's house in Frankfurt am Main, arranged for the publication and distribution of his promotional booklet and put advertisements and posters in towns and villages all over the Rhine regions. Kirchner was careful to avoid involvement in local politics.

Frankfurt in 1848 was in the midst of the revolutionary fervour that swept central Europe, having been chosen as the capital for the new liberal, democratic Germany. The first elected German parliament met in the Paulskirche where deputies from all German states fiercely debated whether Germany should be a constitutional monarchy or a republic, and whether greater Germany should include the Habsburg Empire. The old kings and dukes recovered from the shock of the March revolutions and put a swift and bloody end to parliamentarianism. On 23 August 1851 the resurrected German Confederation nullified the "Fundamental Rights of the German People" that the Frankfurt Parliament had enacted.

Adam Holzberger from Baden arrived in the port of Brisbane in 1855; his occupation was given as "vine dresser". However, at the time there were only six acres of vines in Moreton Bay and he was forced to find employment as a "shepherd" on a pastoral property at Gayndah. On completion of his period of indenture he became the owner of a small block at Bulimba, then a farming area supplying produce to Brisbane. Most other

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German immigrants of this era, without a trade or capital, were forced to work as indentured labourers in the wool industry under the NSW Masters and Servant Act.

While waiting in the storage sheds of the shipping company at the river port of Bremen, George Kost met **Katherine Scheib** of Bespaart, Nassau and her parents **Philip** and **Maria Scheib**. George Kost was among the 255 emigrants that left the port of Bremen for Australia on 5 July 1858 on the Dutch-owned sailing ship *Armin*, which arrived in Sydney on 9 November 1858 after stopping at Cape Town for fresh supplies and to engage several more crew from the wrecked ship *Eastern City*. The *Sydney Morning Herald* of 22 September 1859 published details of the 1858 annual report of the Port Jackson Health Officer. He stated that 730 German immigrants had arrived on three ships that year and although better provisioned than previous years, there was want of space, poor ventilation and a total absence of any system for ensuring order and cleanliness among the passengers. The 624-ton *Armin* had only one death on the 141-day voyage and 10 births.

George Kost was most likely recruited by immigration agents of Wilhelm Kirchner, who was appointed by the NSW Government to recruit German immigrants. Kirchner brought large numbers of immigrants to Sydney on several ships from Bremen in 1857-58, but without the assistance of colonial government funds. Pastoralists and other business people were required to enter into contracts to pay the fares and travel costs of the migrant in return for a period of service on their arrival in Australia. George and Katherine's relationship developed while waiting in the quayside sheds for the departure of their emigrant ship. Katherine Scheib became pregnant during the voyage. Most likely the Captain of the *Armin* married them at sea but informed them they would need to repeat the ceremony in a church once in Australia.

Most of the emigrants on board the *Armin* settled in the Clarence River District of New South Wales, where Wilhelm Kirchner

owned a soap and candle factory and a number of farms. However, George Kost and Philip Scheib had been contracted to a Gayndah based pastoralist and were on-shipped to the Port of Maryborough once the *Armin* had cleared quarantine. Heavily pregnant Katherine would have had to endure a coach trip from Maryborough to Gayndah as a railway line was not commenced until 1890. It did not reach Gayndah until 1907.

Katherine gave birth on 27 November 1858 to **Katherine Wilhelmina Kost** shortly after their arrival in Gayndah. Katherine's birth certificate contains errors, her name is spelt Catherine and her mother's is shown as Catharina Shirp rather than Katherine Scheib. George and Katherine would not have spoken English at this time. Their daughter survived and was known as "Kate" most of her life. She married **Frederick August Scheuber** and moved from Gayndah to Eidsvold in 1882. She died on 23 October 1902 and is buried in the Eidsvold cemetery.

George married Katherine Schieb on 11 August 1861; the couple had lost another child in infancy 5 months before they married. Katherine Scheib was 19 years old when she married George according to the rites of the Roman Catholic Church. Interestingly, their marriage certificate was written on the old New South Wales Colony form with the Colony of Queensland substituted.

Only twelve years previously, **Maurice Charles O'Connell**, the Commissioner of Crown Lands for the newly established Burnett District, had advised the New South Wales Government to declare Gayndah a township. Queensland had become a separate British Colony from the mother Colony of New South Wales in 1859. The new Queensland Government authorised the opening of the Gayndah State School in 1863, and the first bank was opened in the town in 1864.

George and Katherine Kost had other children:

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George Andrew Kost was born on 4 March 1862 and became a horse trainer. He was accidently killed on 7 April 1892, while breaking wild horses. He was 30 years old and is buried in Gayndah cemetery. Almost a year after George Andrew's birth, Gayndah experienced an exceptional flood on 27 February 1863. The Burnett River rose 40 feet above its normal level, many sheep drowned, and many homes and gardens were inundated. The Burnett River remained impassable for two months.

Another son was born to George and Katherine on 5 November 1864. **John** survived and lived until 21 October 1934.

Mary Ann Kost was born 8 September 1867. She married stockman **Fred Nissen** on 25 May 1887. Fred (Siegfried) Nissen had known the Kost family since he arrived in Gayndah as a twelve year old and gained employment with **Carl Zietz** a cordial manufacturer. The couple raised a large family of their own, chiefly while Fred was employed as head stockman at Boonara Station in Kilkivan Shire. Mary Ann had been born in Gayndah while Fred was born in the Duchy of Schleswig, which was under the Danish crown until the Danish/Germany war of 1864. Much of the population of Schleswig migrated rather than live under Prussian domination. Most went to the United States of America, but some poorer families came to Queensland, because they could sign over their land grant certificate to the ship's captain in return for a free steerage passage. The shipping companies combined the land orders and sold them to pastoralists in Queensland wishing to secure their river frontages and homestead with freehold title rather than grazing leases.

Adam Philip Kost's Death Certificate states that he died of Enteritis and Perforation of the intestine on 10 March 1890. The 18 year old was a Post and Telegraph line repairer. He was born at Yungai Station near Gayndah on 29 June 1871 and died while working in the St George area.

Margaret Kost was born on 21 March 1874 but only lived for six days. She died on 27 March 1874.

Harry (William Henry) Kost was the 26-year-old mailman between Nanango and Gayndah who tried unsuccessfully to drive his mail buggy across the flooded Barambah Creek at Marshlands in March 1908. When Harry realised his horses would not be able to pull the buggy across the flooded creek, he had dived under to cut them free but was kicked in the head by one of the horses and drowned. Harry was attempting to reach Gayndah for the birth of his second child when he drowned. In this era it was not uncommon for mailmen to drown crossing flooded creeks and rivers.

Harry had married **Emily Frederica Buckholz** on 18 November 1903. Their first child, **Olive Glennie Kost** was born to them on 1 October 1906. She married **Guy Gordon** and died on 26 July 1965.



1903 Wedding Photograph of William Henry Kost and Emily Buckholz.

The *South Burnett Times* of 22 June 1993 reported on two local men **Arthur Bradley** and **Ivan Reidy**, who restored Harry Kost's grave at Marshlands with a plaque and tubal steel fence.

Harry's son, **Henry George Kost** was born on 20 March 1908, a day after his father's accidental death. He married **Jean Graham** in 1941, a year before the Great Gayndah Flood of 1942, which forced the evacuation of hundreds of residents to hospital hill. The floodwaters reached an unprecedented height of 19.5 metres.

George Kost Senior had become a naturalised citizen of the British Colony of Queensland in

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1866. He purchased Lot 36 allotment 2 portion 14 in Gayndah on 1 January 1871 from **John Augustus Adeville**.

George's wife Katherine died alone in Maryborough Hospital of cancer of the uterus when she was 52 years of age. The *Maryborough Chronicle* on 13 February 1894 carried her funeral notice. She was buried in Maryborough cemetery. At the time of her death only four of her eight children were still living. Queensland, like most of Australia, was in the grip of the Federation Drought, which lasted from 1891 until 1903. Many workers in the pastoral industry like George were laid off. Fortunately, George was a keen gardener and kept the household supplied with vegetables.

George Kost died of a Cerebral Haemorrhage on 26 June 1916; he was 85 years of age. Only two of his eight children were alive at the time of his death: John Kost aged 51 years and Mary Ann Nissen aged 48 years. George had lived in Queensland for 57 years but when he had arrived in Gayndah the region was still part of the Colony of New South Wales. He died in a house on the corner of Meson and Barrow Street.



George's slab cottage, which was on the corner of Meson and Barrow Streets in Gayndah.

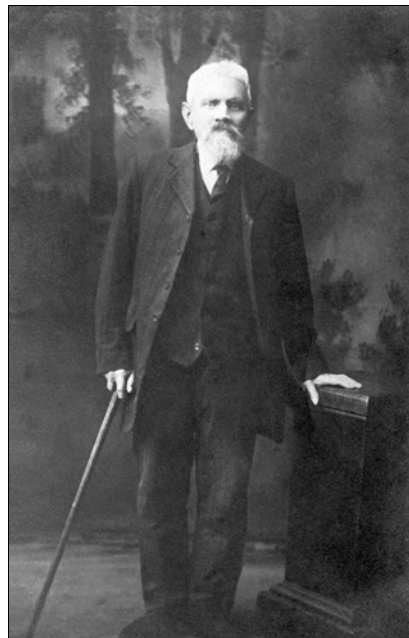
It was washed away in the Great Gayndah Flood of 1942. Standing in front of the cottage is his daughter-in-law Emily and her son Henry who was born the day after his mailman father drowned.

Emily Frederica Kost, his daughter-in-law, informed the medical authorities of his death. Emily was the widow of the mailman

Harry Kost and she was raising two children, Olive and Henry, at the time of George's death.

George was receiving the aged pension, which the new Commonwealth Government had introduced in 1908. The National Archives of Australia hold a copy of a Statutory Declaration, which George Kost made in 1911 to obtain his pension. It shows that George could sign his own name although a Justice of the Peace had to assist him complete the form, and the spelling of the town where he was born is incorrect which leads one to think that he had little formal education.

Descendants have recently identified his unmarked grave through the Gayndah cemetery register now held by the North Burnett Regional Council. He is buried in the old Monumental Section Row 6 Plot 428 next to the grave of his son, the horse trainer, George Andrew Kost. He lies among many of the hard-working German immigrants who contributed to the success of the pastoral industry in the district.



*George Kost
(photo found in my grandmother's (Vera Nissen) collection. George Kost was her grandfather on her mother's side.*

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OBITUARY

ROBERT (BOB) McALLISTER 23.2.1952 – 7.1.2022



Bob McAllister, member #5333, died suddenly on 7 January 2022. Bob joined QFHS in 2013 and contributed to the work of the Society by serving on the Management Committee in

2014-2015, as a Library Assistant, and participating in the QFHS Strategic Planning process. In addition, he was a member of the Central European Special Interest Group and the Writing Group.

Bob is remembered for his depth of knowledge of genealogy and family history. When asked a question, he would often proffer unexpected and surprising answers. Bob was able to speak on an eclectic range of subjects such as South African research, Free BMD, and pioneer feminists. He had a good knowledge of German genealogy and contributed to the Special Interest Group discussions. Bob's fellow library assistants appreciated his ability to sort out computer problems, and he proposed a re-organisation of the QFHS members' interest list to make the application easier to use and more straight-forward for members to access the data.

He devoted much time to organising the Strathpine Family History Group, arranging meetings and providing information sessions. Bob invited QFHS speakers to give presentations at Strathpine and fostered a connection between the two groups. His other passion was the Queensland Women's Historical Association, where his aunt had been a member.

Bob's passion for family history was infectious and inspired many to look further, share more, and take more joy in what they found.

Sue Reid

OBITUARY

MELVA ANN WELCH, OAM 11.12.35 – 31.1.2022



Melva Welch was QFHS member #878, and was a regular member of the Family History Writing Group, a modest and quiet but very interested contributor. She was meticulous

in her referencing and was a joint winner of the QFHS Inc. Family History Book Award in 2015 for her book *Bergin Beauty: John Delany Bergin Family*.

Melva was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia on 14 June 2004 for service to the community through researching and recording local history in the Pine Rivers Shire and Arana Hills district. She also received the Centenary Medal on 1 January 2001 for service to community groups through sharing skills, research and writing.

She authored or contributed to more than twenty local and family history works, including *Cranwel: 15 Macartney Street Paddington* and the *Camp Mountain rail disaster*.

Much of her local history research is available at the Samford Museum. For more than thirty years, most local history buffs visiting the Samford Museum have had their answers sourced from some of Melva's extensive and ever-growing collection of material in the form of files and published books of the Pine Rivers, Hills District and Samford Valley areas.

Melva also volunteered at Moreton Bay Region Libraries for over 50 years, creating databases suitable for Family and Local History.

Melva was the Chief Editor and Collator of the Hills District local paper the *Adviser* for 25 years. She resigned from QFHS in June 2020 due to ill health.

Lyndal Cosgrove ■

DIGITISATION PROJECT SUMMARY – A CONVERSATION WITH BEV YOUNG IN MARCH 2022

As **Bev Young** has indicated that she intends to wind down on the digitisation project for health and other reasons, I thought it useful to capture some details about what the project has achieved and where it is headed.

The current project was initiated shortly after the pandemic lockdown began in 2020. It was seen as a way of engaging some volunteers to increase the on-line offerings available to the membership.

Increasing the on-line offerings was endorsed as part of the remote access strategy of the Society's Strategic Plan 2015-2020. Part of the motivation was also to highlight the value of the library to the membership and the potential membership. During the pandemic, physical access to the library was restricted, which reduced the use of the library even more than previously.

The first target of the new project was to index past issues of the *Queensland Family Historian* (1979-2020), the Society's journal. The team sought to collect every reference to people within the journal articles. The names were then uploaded into a distinct set named *Queensland Family Historian name index*, which currently totals 16,401 entries. As new journals are produced index entries are added to that set, currently by **Lyndal Cosgrove**, the journal's editor.

With that objective completed the project moved onto books within the Society's collection. The initial category were those books that were submitted to the Society's annual book competition, held since 1993. The conditions of entry for that competition specify a family history with significant Queensland content and with an index. Not all entries had the mandatory index. The names of people from the indexes of the qualifying books were added to the *QFHS Books: Name Accumulation Index*. The Journal and Book indexes (and many others) can be accessed by members and non-members from the QFHS website.

The books that are valid entries to the competition are typically catalogued under QFHS library catalogue code of **H6** (Queensland - Individual and family histories and biography). The next target were other books catalogued under that code, which had a usable index. Only about a quarter of the remaining books in that category had that feature. In total, the H6 catalogue code currently has 611 books and there are currently a total of 186 books represented within the index.

The next target group was books catalogued under **H4** (Queensland – Local history) as many of these books contained names of the historical residents of the localities. Once again, books with usable indexes were the principal targets. There are 1,576 books currently using that catalogue code but less than twenty percent have a usable index. The H4 set of books is still a work in progress as only 120 are currently represented within the index.

Some books catalogued under H4 and H6 without indexes were selected for name extraction despite having no index, as they were deemed to have particular value, or a volunteer had a personal interest in that district or family. That required the volunteer reading the book and extracting names as they went, which was a time-consuming but satisfying process. As a result, not many books have been given that treatment but there are many more available if anyone would like to try their hand at it.

As Anzac Day was approaching, Bev diverted her efforts to extracting names from indexes within a small number of books on Battalions that were raised from Queensland, and those names will help us mark Anzac Day 2022. Those books are typically catalogued under **A3** (Australia (General) – History - world, national, state).

The new digitisation project team has access to scanning equipment which is purpose-designed to scan printed publications. The

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resulting Portable Document Format (PDF) image is compatible with Optical Character Recognition (OCR) functionality in many cases. More recently produced books have been found to have the best capability in this regard. The OCR conversion is rarely perfect, but it is sufficiently useable for saving time in the data extraction process. Some indexes (e.g. of older books) are not able to be OCR converted and they have been transcribed from scans into an Excel spreadsheet by hand.

John Perryn has been responsible for uploading the extracted entries to the website database. The entries are first sampled or perused by Bev or other key volunteers and any obvious issues addressed. John then has to enhance and massage the data to ensure that the set can be cleanly loaded. John has reported some data quality issues with regard to this set, mostly because of the variability of the source material and that the process is heavily reliant on human intervention to extract the indexes.

In addition to these activities, Bev's team have been scanning a small number of complete books into PDFs that have been loaded onto the website. In all cases the author has given permission to do this, or the books are out of copyright. The collection currently includes 12 books. The intention is to continue this part of the project as more suitable books are identified.

The current *QFHS Books: Name Accumulation Index* stands at 227,367 entries from 387 distinct sources. Those sources are surprisingly diverse and even include some books that are not within the QFHS collection.

Prior to Bev's digitisation project, the Society had accumulated book and publications index data from a number of different sources. The legendary QFHS indexing team had gathered data for the *Queensland Genealogical Master Index* (QGMI), a project that was intended to expand the set of genealogical resources available to the family history community of Queensland.

By 1998, the QFHS team had indexed over 130 books as part of that exercise, but the project did not come to full fruition at that time. The over 50,000 index entries accumulated from that exercise had been retained and formed a foundation set for the *Name Accumulation Index*.

Other indexing exercises undertaken by the indexing team over the years had added to that resource. A stand out example of that was the two volume QFHS publication, *Queensland Founding Families*, stories of Queensland's pre-separation families produced to celebrate Queensland's 150th anniversary. That publication alone provided almost 15,700 entries to the index.

On a personal note, I believe that this latest exercise is a very worthy project in the spirit of the many other worthy projects that the Society has undertaken in its lifetime. Such projects add to the value proposition that we offer to members and prospective members. The library catalogue already signposts readers to the furlong of the Society's bookshelf space. The *Name Accumulation Index* goes further and puts the spotlight on individual needles hidden within these stacks and makes them findable by the world. As a volunteering exercise, indexing is one of those rare tasks that can be undertaken from the comfort of home, and it leaves a legacy that will outlast the volunteer.

Bev started the project with a team of eight volunteers and is now down to three. There have been several attempts to attract more helpers, but with only limited success. There are still volunteer positions available in this team and others. Bev states that she would like any feedback regarding how the indexes or scanned books have been used or received. Please contact us if you have found them useful. This Society's indexes continue to grow, so make sure to check the website regularly.

Many thanks to Bev Young, **Kerry Raymond**, John Perryn and the indexing team for providing information for this article.

Clem Ditton ■

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AUSTRALIA

A8 58 7 **Donated by John Perryn**
Hull, G Maxwell
Australian radio amateur call book 1961-1962, Wireless Institute of Australia, Victoria, 1961.

NEW SOUTH WALES

B4/899 1 19 **Donated**
Clarke, Peter
Hell And Paradise : The Norfolk, Bounty, Pitcairn Saga, Shearwater Press, Norfolk Island, 1998.

B5 44 1
Smith, Clive
Port Macquarie's first convicts, Port Macquarie Historical Society, Port Macquarie (NSW), 2021.

QUEENSLAND

H4/000 1 30 **Donated by Morag Shield**
Richardson, Duncan
Year of disaster : Brisbane 1864; fire, plague, cyclone and flood, Pula Press, Brisbane (Qld), 2017.

H4/000 44 2
O'Keefe, Mamie
Convicts at Moreton Bay 1824 - 1859, Royal Historical Society of Queensland, Brisbane (Qld), 2021.

H4/006 26 1 **Donated by Jenny Davidson**
Patrick, Ross
The Royal Women's Hospital, Brisbane : the first fifty years, Boolarong, Brisbane (Qld), 1988.

H4/069 3 8
Hoole, Alison
Brookfield State School 1871-2021 : Celebrating 150 years, Brookfield State School, Brookfield (Qld), 2021.

H4/306 6 1 **Donated**
Rogan, Ray
One hundred years of service : Mount Crosby East Bank Water Works 1892-1992, Brisbane City Council, Brisbane (Qld), 1992.

H4/620 1 2 **Donated**
Harvey, Len
Pioneers and progress : a history of division one Shire of Woocoo, Queensland, Woocoo Historical Society, Brooweena (Qld), 1988.

H4/650 1 15 **Donated by Kevin Haley**
Connor, Richard Laurance
A man a time and a place: early settlement and development in the Wide Bay Burnett region: with particular reference to pioneers of the Maryborough and Bundaberg districts, self published, St Lucia (Qld), 2020.

H4/703 3 2 **Donated by Helen Lucas**
Yeppoon State School : Centenary 1885 – 1985, Yeppoon State School, Yeppoon (Qld), 1985.

H5 10 48 Vol 4
Drayton and Toowoomba Cemetery : our backyard Vol 4, Toowoomba & Darling Downs Family History Society, Toowoomba (Qld), 2019.

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Drayton and Toowoomba Cemetery : our backyard Vol 5, Toowoomba & Darling Downs Family History Society, Toowoomba (Qld), 2021.

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H6/BOO 1 Donated by Pauline Peel

Peel, Pauline

The family from Elagh Hill : early generations of the Booth and Keenan families arrived Swan Creek, Queensland, 1876, self published, Fairfield (Qld), 2018.

THE WORLD**L3 4 19**

Gordon, Alan

The regiment that mapped the world : the story of 42 Survey Engineer Regiment Royal Engineers, Royal Engineers Association, England, 2021.

ENGLAND**N3 28 21****Donated**

Tickner, Frederick Windham

A social and industrial history of England, Edward Arnold, London (England), 1945.

N6/4 PAR 1**Donated by****Helen Parker-Drabble**

Parker-Drabble, Helen

A Victorian's inheritance : Who do I think you were, Animi Press, London (UK), 2020.

LENDING LIBRARY**AUSTRALIA****LL A3 5 44****Donated**

Jeffreys, Max

Murder, mayhem, fire and storm :

Australian shipwrecks, New Holland Publishers, Frenchs Forest (NSW), 1999.

LL A3 11 11**Donated**

Dutton, Geoffrey

The squatters : an illustrated history of Australia's pastoral pioneers, Penguin, Ringwood (Vic), 1989.

LL A5 10 63**Donated by
Denniston Furey**

Wright, John

Undaunted : the Irish in Australia, The History Press, Dublin (Ireland), 2012.

QUEENSLAND**LL H4/069 1 2****Donated**

Wager, Libby

Different tracks, Kenmore-Brookfield parish of the Uniting Church, Brookfield (Qld), 1998.

LL FICT SCH 1**Donated**

Schacht, Tod

Up north on the Mary : an historical novel of Australia, Libra Publishers, San Diego (California, USA), 1988.

ENGLAND**LL N4/20 1 2****Donated**

Timmins, Geoffrey

Blackburn : a pictorial history, Phillimore and Co Ltd, West Sussex (England), 1993. ■

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					MURPHY	1830+	Seirkieran	OFF	IRL
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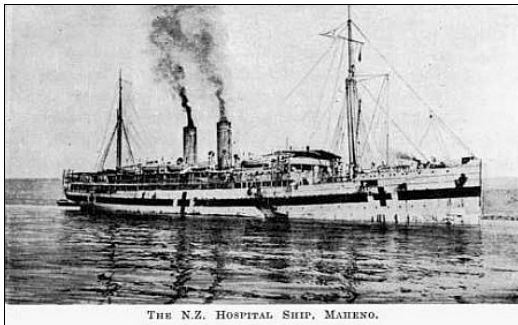
THE MAHENO (PART II) – THE GREAT WAR YEARS

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The S.S. *Maheno* had been built by Denny yards in Dumbarton, Scotland. Launched on 20 May 1905, it was used as a luxury passenger vessel mainly between Melbourne and New Zealand.

The outbreak of war on 28 July 1914, following the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria, quickly developed into a global conflict which lasted until a truce was signed at 11.00 am on 11 November 1918. Australian and New Zealand troops answered the call, first joining in battle at Gallipoli. As casualties mounted, the New Zealand government pressed both the *Maheno* and its sister ship the *Marama* into service as hospital ships.



THE N.Z. HOSPITAL SHIP, MAHENO.

The N.Z. Hospital Ship, Maheno.

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

The Hague Convention of 1907 laid down the rules for war. It required hospital ships to:

- be clearly marked with white hulls,
- green stripes and red crosses,
- help the injured and sick regardless of nationality,
- not be used for any military purpose,
- not interfere with or hamper combatants,
- be available for inspection and verification.¹¹

'Gallipoli was a bloody mess. Within hours of their landing on the Turkish peninsula on 25 April 1915, New Zealand soldiers were falling in distressing numbers. The carnage staggered politicians and the public, none more so than the Governor, **Lord Liverpool**. After the government ordered a

hospital ship, Liverpool made it his pet project and suggested running a public appeal to equip the vessel with medical equipment and patient comforts. The government would pay the charter fees, fund the structural cost of building the operating theatres and wards, and then meet the ship's operating costs (fuel, wages, port fees, etc).

'Although Cabinet had originally planned to pay for everything, Liverpool's suggestion inspired the public and gave Kiwis too young, old or infirm to fight, the chance to 'do their little bit'. ... 'Most New Zealanders responded enthusiastically.' Numerous ways were found to fund-raise to supply such items as 'bedding, bandages, shoes, slippers and clothing as well as comforts such as deck chairs.'... 'In May 1915 it sent the *Maheno* to its Port Chalmers dockyard for conversion along the lines set out by War Office (UK) plans.'

Fortunately the company had the shipwrights to turn the ship around quickly and Dunedin's manufacturers knew how to build hospital equipment. In just a month they removed and stored the *Maheno's* luxury fittings, gutted many cabins and public spaces, and built operating theatres, X-ray rooms and specialist labs. One of the bigger jobs was fitting two electric lifts large enough to transport two patients in stretchers, two in cots (beds) and their caregivers between decks as required. The *Maheno* could take 340 cot cases.

People were just as important as fittings and equipment. Although the government paid everyone's wages, the Union Company provided the crew and did most of the practical work needed to operate the ship through unfamiliar ports around the world. The army provided everyone else, who were called the ship's 'personnel' (the Union Company men were 'crew'). Medical orderlies made up the bulk of the personnel. The rest were officers, the surgeons and physicians, army chaplains and the nurses, the only women aboard hospital ships. The personnel often referred to themselves by the name of

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their ship, either 'Mahenos' or 'Maramas'. Finally, in July 1915, it was time to sail for Gallipoli.¹²

After leaving Wellington on 11 July and travelling via Adelaide and Colombo the *Maheno* arrived in the Mediterranean in time for the Allies' bloody late-August 1915 offensives. Not much had improved since the April landings on the peninsula. The troops ashore were short of water, nutritious food, medical facilities and shelter. At times disease was as much a threat as bullets and shells. Even at the best of times, flies, lice, stress and an inadequate diet compromised a man's health even before he copped a bullet or shell fragment ... unlike on the Western Front, there were no safe rear areas for casualty evacuation and initial treatment. The Ottoman (Turkish) troops commanded the high ground, able to fire on the landing beaches and offshore anchorages. *Maheno* crew and personnel compared the trenches and shelters dug into the lower cliffs to rabbit burrows, soon learning that most of these offered only limited protection.¹³

In just over four months she was to complete six trips to Anzac, seven to Mudros, as well as Valetta (Malta), Alexandria (Egypt) and Southampton, before departing Suez on 26 November 1915 for Wellington via Colombo, Albany (Australia) and Auckland.



The passage alongside the ward, with space at a minimum. The Maheno's wards and operating theatres were at the heart of the ship's new role.

Out went decorative wooden panelling and in came gleaming white surfaces and metal cots.
<http://nzetc.victoria.ac.nz/tm/scholarly/tei-WH1-Effo-t1-body-d7.html>

On her second commission commencing January 1916, she completed a round trip from Wellington to Suez and Aden before returning to Port Chalmers for repairs in early May. When back in the war zone the *Maheno* did 20 round trips between Southampton and Le Havre or Boulogne and completed a refit to add a further 115 cots, and visited Dublin, Gibraltar and Port Said before setting out for New Zealand on 8 November 1916.

Although Turkish gunners respected the Allied hospital ships, operating off Anzac Cove was fraught with difficulties. On the Western Front hospital ships docked far from the battle front alongside modern wharves. Under these safe, secure conditions it was easy to transfer patients from trains or ambulances. At Anzac, in contrast, the *Maheno* had to anchor in the open sea and load patients from launches, trawlers and even towed barges. Unless marked clearly with red crosses, these small craft were legitimate targets. Even when the shells were falling far away, it was slow, laborious work, easily disrupted by bad weather. When the small craft came alongside the *Maheno*, the crew and personnel used the ship's derricks to winch up patients and their caregivers (though the ship's unusual side doors made this easier under the right sea conditions). Once aboard, medics quickly assessed the men. On those hectic, bloody days of late August 1915 'walkers' (as they called the lightly injured) were likely to be sent to the other side of the *Maheno* to be transported by trawler or launch to a humble transport or freighter. On these 'black boats', medical care might be left to a veterinarian and a couple of orderlies, but there were too many seriously hurt men to provide full service care for everyone. On the *Maheno*'s first day, 400 'walkers' were offloaded just to allow the overcrowded ship to dash to the nearby islands of Imbros and Lemnos to deposit the most seriously wounded in the makeshift hospitals there.¹⁴

Tired firemen and trimmers helped army orderlies and nurses comfort and move patients and serve food and tea. The short shuttle journey to Imbros and Lemnos was

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no leisure cruise. At night the ships' officers had to keep a sharp lookout for blacked out warships and transports. In daylight they stopped for sea burials.

The return journey to Anzac was only marginally better. While there were no patients to worry about, the nurses and orderlies kept busy fumigating the wards and theatres, remaking the cots and rolling bandages while the seafarers scrubbed the decks. They had to scrub hard, because many patients had arrived in a filthy condition.¹⁵



Patients being loaded onto the hospital ship Maheno from lighters at Anzac Cove, Gallipoli, in 1915.
National Army Museum Te Mata Toa, Reference: 2005.550.

The Maheno's side doors greatly simplified the loading and unloading of patients. On 25 August 1915, during the battle for Hill 60, more than 1,000 wounded soldiers boarded on one side of the Maheno for treatment at dressing tables. The 400 who could walk were then sent to the other side of the ship to board lighters for transfer to other vessels.

www.siq.qld.gov.au/blog/hospital-ship-ssmaheno

The *Maheno* took patients from several nations, but there is no doubt that its familiar profile gladdened many Kiwi hearts, who regarded 'The *Maheno* is a floating palace'. The food worked wonders. Although the ship's meat and poultry were usually tinned or frozen, they were a delight to men accustomed to tinned bully beef, dried biscuits and a much-loathed jam usually enjoyed more by the summer flies than by the men. Even something as simple as fresh-baked bread and New Zealand butter worked wonders. 'How they go for it', a Union Company officer remarked as he helped the army personnel butter bread while they lay

off Anzac Cove. 'The first remark is always about the butter and how good it tastes.'

However, everything was not ideal as 'The military's ancient division between officers and 'other ranks' imposed its own set of rules and restrictions.' The medical establishment changed over time, but on the *Maheno* there were typically 7-8 doctors, 3 chaplains, 14 nurses and 60-70 orderlies. The doctors, chaplains and nurses had officer status and enjoyed better accommodation and first class passenger menus. Or they should have. Although the government had said that nurses would be treated as officers, **Lieutenant-Colonel James Elliott**, the senior military officer on the *Maheno's* first voyage, withdrew many of their privileges, greatly souring relations. The ships were small and crowded, but some women felt short-changed in the amount of open deck areas allocated to them, mixing between men and women being restricted to certain times and places. Even so, the other personnel would have envied the nurses' treatment. Orderlies, masseurs and technicians made up the vast bulk of the ships' musters, although their ranks also included food service workers and clerical staff. Although peacetime passengers were used to sharing four- or eight-berth cabins with strangers of the same sex at peak season, the army personnel were crowded together and dined according to peacetime third-class standards. The army never got the orderlies' accommodation on the *Maheno* quite right, a problem for the men who performed some of the most physically taxing duties on the ship.¹⁶

The crew occupied their peacetime quarters, Union Company cooks and stewards serving officers first-class food and everyone else a third-class menu. Crew numbers were down about 10% on peacetime, since army personnel catered for their own personnel and patients. The crew was divided into the deck department (officers and seamen), the engineering department (engineers, firemen and coal trimmers) and what would now be called the catering or hotel department (cooks, stewards, laundry workers, etc). On the *Maheno's* first voyage the men ranged in age from the 56-year-old master to a 16-year-

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old brass boy. Many had been born overseas, most in the UK, but some came from Australia, the United States, Scandinavia and even Russia. Since Dunedin was the ship's home port, Otago men featured strongly on the crew lists of both ships.

Crew accommodation was adequate by the standard of the day, although in the hot Mediterranean the firemen's unventilated area was considered bad, especially on the *Maheno*. On both ships, the hardworking 'black gang' – the firemen and trimmers – were always the men most likely to delay the ships by being late or by coming back drunk.

Serving on a hospital ship was not always good for your health, even if you were a medic. During the *Marama's* first commission over 60% of the orderlies fell sick, as did 40% of the nurses and all but one doctor. Crew fell victim to the usual accidents created by moving machinery and handling derricks and mooring ropes. Patients also dined and were accommodated according to rank, with officers enjoying more spacious wards. While surgery was important during the Gallipoli and the Somme phases of the ships' careers, on the long voyages back to New Zealand, rest, good food and rehabilitation worked most of the shipboard miracles. The water in the ships' baths may have been salt, not fresh, but clean sheets, daily bathing and a balanced diet turned many cot cases into 'walkers' long before they re-entered New Zealand waters.

Entertainment varied. Quoits tournaments and boxing matches were popular with spectators and participants alike. The chaplains helped with lectures and library duties. Music and concerts were popular, as was sightseeing at ports of call. For many personnel and patients, this was their first 'OE' and Colombo their first taste of the exotic east. In Egypt people talked about going 'Sphinxing'.¹⁷

During the third commission from January to May 1917 the *Maheno* visited a number of middle eastern ports before sailing for England, then back to the middle east before returning to New Zealand with veterans. A further return trip was made, this time via the

Panama Canal, arriving in New Zealand in September of that year. More veterans returned on the trip arriving at Auckland on 24 December 1917. 1918 saw two more round trips to bring the servicemen home, with the final trip being February to April 1919.

The *Maheno's* voyage to Gallipoli was not as smooth as Governor Liverpool liked to portray. Lieutenant-Colonel Elliott, the officer commanding (as the senior army doctor was known), got off to a bad start by denying the nurses some of the privileges due to personnel with officer status. More disturbingly, he tried to boss the ship's master, **Captain McLean**. The well-known maritime phrase 'master under God' seems to have been a mystery to him. In August 1915 Elliott stunned Defence Department officials in Wellington by telegraphing 'am I in supreme command and the ship's master responsible to me for the safe navigation and discipline, or is the master in supreme command?'

The issue made it into the press and briefly involved the attention of New Zealand's High Commissioner to London. Elliott was told firmly that while the ship's master should consult him, the captain had the final say.¹⁸

Before planning a new 'push', the army always cleared out the base hospitals and convalescent centres in Britain and Egypt, knowing that their beds would soon be in high demand. Lightly wounded men who might expect to serve again shortly stayed put, but those deemed too sick or injured to make a speedy return to full health were put on hospital ships and sent back to Australia and New Zealand. There they could recover and the more able-bodied among them could find other ways of contributing to the war effort.

In July 1916, **Field Marshall Sir Douglas Haig** launched the massive Somme offensive. On the first day alone, nearly 60,000 British officers and men were killed, captured or wounded.

Mines lurked everywhere in the English Channel and the huge 8-metre tidal range at

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Le Havre sometimes made it very difficult to position gangways. Everyone not needed to navigate the ship helped with tending the wounded and with the catering. The *Marama's* stewards stopped serving patients at mess tables and simply handed out cutlery and food, telling patients to eat 'in much the same manner as children are served at a school picnic'.

The ships were crowded for the short cross-channel dash. On one memorable occasion the *Marama* struggled to find room for nearly 1,600 patients. The *Maheno*, refitted to carry 600 patients, picked up 1,141 on its first trip. Many badly wounded men had to make do with deck chairs rather than cots.

For weeks the ships criss-crossed the Channel, sometimes meeting up in the same port, sometimes passing each other at sea. When passing mid-channel the crews and patients would cheer each other loudly. During the battles for the Somme, the *Maheno* carried 14,631 patients on 14 voyages and the *Marama* conveyed 10,978 in 11 journeys. These tallies included 973 German prisoners of war, some of whom looked very scared, having been told by their own propaganda that U-boats and mines had made the English Channel impassable.

The ships resumed their trans-hemispheric voyages in September/October 1916 as the Somme battles fizzled out. The long voyages took them away from the hazardous North Sea and Mediterranean zones for most of their journeys, but in early 1917 Germany, being strangled slowly by the Royal Navy's blockade of its sea trade, hit back. In February it declared unrestricted submarine warfare, closing off all but a few narrow routes around the British Isles to all shipping.¹⁹

Soon hospital ships were coming under attack in what the Allies referred to as a 'war on hospital ships'. While some attacks may have been mistakes, others clearly were not.

In May 1917 the War Office ordered all nursing sisters off imperial hospital ships, to the deep disappointment of the women. The ban was lifted a few months later when Germany allowed neutral Spanish commissioners to supervise hospital ships' passage through narrow transit routes.

The end of the war saw the *Maheno* and *Marama* working as troopships, helping other units of the Union Company fleet to carry New Zealanders back home. By the time they returned to peacetime duties in 1919, they had carried over 47,000 patients and prisoners of war.

Endnotes:

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If you wish to know the movements of the *Maheno* and the *Marama* please refer to <https://nzhistory.govt.nz/war/first-world-war-hospital-ships/movements-1915-19>.

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(photographs provided by the author)

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PHOTOGRAPHS THEN AND NOW



Kirra Surf Life Saving Club, Kirra Beach c.1946. John Oxley Library, SLQ, Neg 203635. 2016 marked the 100th anniversary of the Kirra Surf Life Saving Club. The formation of the club was precipitated by the death of 47 year old Brisbane accountant, Robert Doran who was carried away by the undertow while swimming at Kirra on January 6, 1916, despite the valiant efforts of his swimming companion, John George, head teacher of Gatton State School.



Kirra SLSC, with surf carnival at North Kirra beach, April 2022. © L Cosgrove ■

WEB LINKS

BEYOND 2022 – CREATING THE VIRTUAL RECORD TREASURY OF IRELAND

'Beyond 2022' is an international collaborative research project working to create a virtual reconstruction of the Public Record Office of Ireland, which was destroyed in the opening engagement of the Civil War on 30 June 1922. The 'Record Treasury' at the Public Record Office of Ireland stored seven centuries of Irish records dating back to the time of the Normans. Together with partners worldwide, they are working to recover what was lost in that terrible fire one hundred years ago. On the centenary of the Four Courts blaze (30 June 2022), they will launch the Virtual Record Treasury of Ireland online. Mark your diaries, and read more at https://beyond2022.ie/?page_id=2#vision.

NEW FAR EAST DIRECTORIES

These British books were published between 1833-1941, providing listings of active corporations, government agencies and foreign residents of all nationalities for each particular year, together with their addresses in countries including Borneo, China, Indo-China, Japan, Korea and The Philippines. They consist of over 70,000 records.. See <https://search.findmypast.com/search-world-records/asia-far-east-directories-and-chronicles-1833-1941>, and you can learn more at <https://www.eogncom.wildapricot.org/page-18080/12184015>.

MORE RECORDS ON PROV

Every year on the 1st of January hundreds of state archives are made public for the first time as part of Public Record Office Victoria's annual Section 9 record openings. Refer to <https://prov.vic.gov.au/about-us/our-blog/i-will-swear-jinnette-did-it>.

WORKS BY MELVA WELCH OAM

If you are researching your family in the Pine Rivers, Samford and Arana Hills areas, you can also find a list of Melva's extensive research at the Moreton Bay Region libraries, <https://ourstory.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/nodes/view/368>.

LONDON SYNAGOGUE RECORDS

Covering 16 synagogues from *Bayswater* to *Stoke Newington*, in the area now known as Greater London, this collection of seat holders transcripts and images provides a snapshot of a time in which the Jewish population of Britain saw significant growth, rising from 46,000 to 250,000 between 1880-1919. Many of these new arrivals were refugees from Russia, fleeing the Pale of Settlement region in which Jewish residents had faced terrible persecution and been forced from their homes. The list of 16 synagogues can be found at <https://search.findmypast.com/search-world-records/london-synagogue-seatholders-1904> and for more information refer to <https://www.eogncom.wildapricot.org/page-18080/12184015>.

ELLIS ISLAND: HOW TO RESEARCH ANCESTORS WHO PASSED THROUGH THE GATEWAY TO USA

If your ancestors travelled to New York from outside the United States during the years 1892-1954, there's a good chance they passed through Ellis Island. In honour of the 130th anniversary of the day Ellis Island opened its gates, we can explore MyHeritage's Ellis Island records. You can read the article at <https://blog.myheritage.com/2021/12/ellis-island-how-to-research-ancestors-who-passed-through-the-gateway-to-freedom/>.

HOW TO PRESERVE WATER-SOAKED BOOKS AND PAPERS IN AN EMERGENCY

You never know when this information just may come in handy! Cyclones and floods can happen any time. Refer to <https://www.eogncom.wildapricot.org/page-18080/10181133>.

USEFUL WEBSITES FOR FAMILY HISTORIANS

This is a collection of quality websites selected by information professionals for family and local historians. It includes sites from across Australia and overseas. Links to the most important parts of a website are included. Refer to the SLQ site at www.slq.qld.gov.au/research-collections/family-history/useful-websites-family-historians.

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IRISH CIVIL RECORDS ONLINE FOR FREE

Since 2016, the General Register Office has progressively given free access to over 15.5 million historic register records of births, marriages and deaths. The records on Irishgenealogy.ie cover *births* from 1864 to 1921; *marriages* from 1845 to 1946; and *deaths* from 1878 to 1971, together with Civil Partnerships, Church Records of Baptism, Marriage and Burial from a number of Irish counties. Read more at <https://irelandxo.com/ireland-xo/news/irish-civil-records-online-free>.

THE 1950 U.S. CENSUS IS RELEASED

You will be able to view the census for free at FamilySearch.org, Ancestry.com and archives.gov. All census images are now available, refer to <https://eogn.com/page-18080/12693128t>, and follow Ancestry's 1950s census district finder (maps) at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s3wO6KmK5Ao>. For more tips refer to <https://eogn.com/page-18080/12683626>, and <https://eogn.com/page-18080/12684244> re MyHeritage details; search MyHeritage free at <https://blog.myheritage.com/2022/01/1950-census-release-is-coming-up-soon/>. Steps to an every-name census index may be found at <http://nancysfamilyhistoryblog.blogspot.com/2022/04/until-theres-every-name-index-for-1950.html>. In addition, researchers can download the full 1950 Census dataset through the Amazon Web Services' (AWS) Registry of Open Data at <https://registry.opendata.aws/nara-1950-census/>.

ANNOUNCING THE LARGEST COLLECTION OF FULLY SEARCHABLE RAF OPERATIONS RECORD BOOKS ONLINE

TheGenealogist has recently released over 4.2 million transcripts for its RAF Operations Record Books (ORBs), fully searchable by Name, Rank, Aircraft, Squadron, and Date plus many other fields, making it simpler to find your air force ancestors. You can search the period 1911-1963, with over 11 million records online. See www.thegenealogist.co.uk/raf/ and <https://eogn.com/page-18080/12593021>.

1921 SCOTLAND CENSUS

Although the 1921 Scotland Census isn't due for release until the second half of 2022, ScotlandsPeople have recently released an additional year of births (to 1921), marriages (to 1946), and deaths (to 1971).

IS YOUR FAMILY FROM CAVAN? EARLIEST IRISH CENSUS RECORDS REVEALED ONLINE

An online database is using 19th-century census records to provide a detailed ancestral history of more than 2,000 Cavan townlands consisting of records from the 1821 census, which covers 17 of the 36 parishes in Cavan, in addition to the records of the Tithe Applotment Book of 1832, which covers most towns in the county. There are also records from the 1841 census for the parish of Killashandra which is available at <https://cavantownlands.com/killashandra-census-of-1841/>, and also uploaded is Griffith's Valuation, which covers most county towns. You can read more in an article at www.irishcentral.com/roots/genealogy/family-cavan-irish-census-records-online.

A TREASURE CHEST OF DUBLIN HISTORY

The Guinness Archive is one of the few corporate archives fully open to the public in Ireland. At times the single largest private employer in Dublin, Guinness kept meticulous personnel records from the 1880s onward - containing individual information about more than 20,000 employees. Only searchable personally in Dublin, but refer to <https://irelandxo.com/ireland-xo/news/irelandxo-insight-guinness-archive>.

LEGACY FAMILY TREE 2022 WEBINARS - DOWN UNDER SERIES

Check out the details of these 2022 webinars with Australia/New Zealand content from May to November 2022 at <http://familytreewebinars.com/upcoming-webinars/>. Download the schedule for the year's listing. See also other webinars at https://news.legacyfamilytree.com/legacy_news/2021/12/2022-legacy-family-tree-webinars-series-announced-adds-monthly-online-conferences-and-mexico-series.html. ■

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BEREAVEMENT NOTICES



We extend our deepest sympathy on the following bereavements:

Robert Joseph (Bob) McAllister, member #5333 late of Lawnton, who passed away on 7 January 2022, aged 69 years.

Melva Ann Welch, OAM, member #878, late of Arana Hills, who passed away on 31 January 2022, aged 86 years.

Margaret Somers, life member #697 late of Sunnybank Hills, who passed away on 9 March 2022, aged 80 years.

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Presenter: Alex Daw (Limit 15 people)

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Presenter: Charlotte Sale (Limit 25 people)

Topic: Organising your family history
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Time: 10.00 am to 11.30 am (online)
Presenter: Panel of QFHS members (Limit 25 people)

Topic: The Huguenots: the almost forgotten people
Date: SAT 23 July 2022
Time: 2.00 pm to 3.30 pm (hybrid)
Presenter: Robert Nash (see. p.71) (Limit 25 people)

Topic: Organise your family history using Excel
Date: FRI 12 August 2022
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QFHS NOTICES (Cont.)

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.

INTERNATIONAL TARTAN DAY BRISBANE FRIDAY 1 JULY 2022

King George Square,
Brisbane City.
Parking available underneath.



A day to celebrate Scottish heritage through arguably its most obvious manifestation - Tartan. The day marks the anniversary of the repeal of the 1747 Act of Proscription that banned the wearing of tartan.

WRITING AWARDS AVAILABLE

Alexander Henderson Award

This is presented to the person(s) producing, in the opinion of Family History Connections, the best Australian *family history* submitted. Strong emphasis is placed on a pre-Australian component. The closing date is **30 November** each year. Further information including conditions of entry, entry form and guidelines can be found at www.familyhistoryconnections.org.au/index.php/awards/65-alexander-henderson-award.

The Don Grant Award

This is presented to the person(s) producing, in the opinion of Family History Connections, the best Australian *historical biography*, with a strong emphasis on a Pre-Australian component. The closing date is **30 November** each year. For conditions of entry, entry form and guidelines see www.familyhistoryconnections.org.au/index.php/awards/64-don-grant-award.

Lilian Watson Family History Award

This award is for a book, however produced or published, printed on paper, dealing with family history and must have a significant *Tasmanian content*. The work should be carefully and accurately researched on a single family/individual, an autobiography or group of related families. Entries close on **1 December** each year. For details email secretary@tasfhs.org or refer to the website at www.thra.org.au/newsletter-event-blog/2017/4/10/lilian-watson-family-history-award.

E M Fletcher Writing Award

Entries for the best *short story of 1500-2000 words* on a family history or genealogy theme will be in contention to win a \$1,000 prize. A separate HAGSOC member prize of 12 months membership and a \$75.00 society voucher will also be awarded. Entries close **mid-July 2022**. For conditions of entry and closing date refer to <https://familyhistoryact.org.au/index.php/activities/writing-competition/writing-entry>.



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**NOTICE OF QFHS
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**



Our Society will hold its **Annual General Meeting** on **Wednesday, 15 June 2022** at the QFHS Library and Resource Centre, 58 Bellevue Avenue, Gaythorne commencing at 7.30 pm.

Nominations for positions on the Management Committee (including Office-Bearers) close fourteen days before the AGM, so nominations must be in the hands of the Secretary by midnight on **Wednesday, 1 June 2022**. If you wish to nominate a financial member of the Society for election to the Management Committee, a Nomination Form can be downloaded from the foot of the home page of the Society's website at www.qfhs.org.au. All parties must sign. Post it to the Secretary no later than 24 May 2022 at our postal address, or scan and email the completed form to the Secretary by 1 June 2022. The Management Committee currently meets on the first Wednesday of the month commencing at 7.30 pm. Meetings last for approx. 2 hours.

Please remember you can appoint a proxy to represent you at the AGM meeting in accordance with Clause 23 of our Constitution. Your proxy must be received by the Secretary at least 48 hours before the meeting. Copies of the Constitution and a Proxy Form can be downloaded from the foot of the home page of the Society's website at www.qfhs.org.au. Should you wish to request a copy of the Constitution by mail, please send a business size, stamped and self-addressed envelope to the Secretary and allow at least 7 days each way for postal delivery. A Proxy Form can also be obtained from the Secretary by email at secretary@qfhs.org.au. All positions on the Management Committee will be declared

vacant at the AGM. If you would like further information on any position you are welcome to contact the Secretary.

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

***Elaine Eager** (Secretary)
31 March 2022*

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.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

Date: **Sunday 29 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.

QFHS NOTICES (Cont.)




FHDU 2022 Family History Down Under 2022


8-11 November 2022
Castle Hill RSL Club, Castle Hill NSW
Refer to new website
www.familyhistorydownunder.com/2022/home



NSW & ACT Association of Family History Societies Inc.



Annual Conference
16, 17, 18 September 2022



Themes
Riding the Waves of History

Hosted by: Newcastle Family History Society Inc. www.nfhs.org.au
Maitland & Beyond Family History Society Inc. mdgs.org.au/

New Location:
Scarborough Function Centre – East Maitland Bowling Club
www.ridingthewavesofhistory.com.au



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.

Our regular user group meetings for FTM and Reunion are held using Zoom. This allows any interested member to log in. Monthly events are also shared with members using Zoom. They will be recorded and will be viewable by members through the members' section of the website.

For details of member benefits visit the website www.vicgum.asn.au and join on line.

email: info@vicgum.asn.au

Phone: 03 9807 2509
Suite 4, 318 Stephenson's Road
Mt Waverley VIC 3149

**NORTH IRISH ROOTS
IS CALLING FOR STORIES**



The Editor of the North of Ireland Family History Society's twice yearly journal, *North Irish Roots*, is calling for stories to be published in their Autumn journal. Her theme will be "**Tracing Your Irish Roots in Australia.**" This would cover the key sources e.g. Trove and Government Records, as well as including personal family stories.

Are any members interested in contributing a story for *North Irish Roots* on this subject?

The articles should be around 1,500 - 1800 words (including photos of 100 words each). The closing date is 31 July, 2022.

The Editor can forward the template and give guidance to anyone who wishes to contact her, Audrey McKeown, Editor *North Irish Roots*, Belfast, Northern Ireland, on NRoots@nifhs.org. ■

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS of QFHS INC.

Membership numbers 6496 - 6508 including members who joined up to 31/3/22:

ARMSTRONG Werona, Redcliffe, QLD
 BIRCH Leslie, Eight Mile Plains, QLD
 GREENTREE Dee, Everton Park, QLD
 HALLIWELL Kristine, Aspley, QLD
 KIDSTON Paul, Keperra, QLD
 McMURTRIE, Peter & Lorraine, Pimpama, Q
 MCSWEENEY Meredith, Sinnamon Park, Q
 MOHR Fiona, Noosa Heads, QLD
 MOORE Aidan, Zillmere, QLD
 ROBINSON Rodney, Newtown, VIC
 RODIOS Donna, Red Hill, QLD
 STURWOHLD Neville, Tingalpa, QLD
 WAGNER Barbra, Fairfield East, NSW

Welcome back to the following members who are rejoining:

BILES Jocelyn, Ferny Hills, QLD
 BOWSER Carolyn, Chermside, QLD
 CONNELLY Patrice, Bridgeman Downs, QLD
 ELLER Trevor, Holland Park West, QLD
 MacDONALD Torquil, Kalinga, QLD
 RACKLEY Lynda, Ferny Grove, QLD
 SMITH Sharon, Coorparoo, QLD
 WHEATE Marilyn, Aspley, QLD

Joining with Existing Member:

MacDONALD Diane, Kalinga, QLD ■

VOLUNTEERS TO THE PRINT LIBRARY TEAM

Have you any time you can spare to help your Society to recover from Covid?

Donate 3 hours a week on Friday or Monday morning to the Print Library and you will enjoy -

- A cuppa and a chat,
- Company of other devotees of Family History,
- Perhaps find some hidden gems from our shelves.

There's lots of "unfinished business" both electronic records and print books needing your help.

Cheers

The Print Library Team ■

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)

20 May 2022

15 July 2022

SATURDAY

(At 9.30 am)

18 June 2022

20 August 2022

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

BOOKINGS: *Essential*

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

p: Ann Swain 07 3352 5537
 Anne Long 07 3203 6963

e: welcome@qfhs.org.au. ■

IMHIO ?

Who was Imhio Aiuheihower?

I found her in the 1934 Queensland Electoral Roll when I was searching for a surname starting LO---. How did her address – Auchenflower – turn into a surname?

But that unusual given name turned up again – Imhio PcnniTifilon (Lynne Pennington), Imhio Iiahtwkmi (San Diego Multigraphing Co.), Imhio F. Kingsbury (Isaac F. Kingsbury living in Boston in 1883). There is also Martha Kaplan's husband Imhio (Isidore) Kaplan (living in New York).

Three guesses to identify Thorpe t Auchenflower Crogc. Who on earth is this person? Give in?

He is William George Evenden, living in Thorpe St., Auchenflower.

Bev Bonning ■

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:

21 May 2022 16 July 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 from 10.30 am until 12.30 pm.** The next meeting dates are:

11 June 2022 13 August 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:

26 May 2022 28 July 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:

14 May 2022 9 July 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:

15 May 2022 17 July 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:

28 May 2022 23 July 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:

Sat 7 May 2022
Fri 3 June 2022
Sat 2 July 2022
Fri 5 August 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:

7 May 2022	Advanced
4 June 2022	Beginners
2 July 2022	Advanced
6 August 2022	CANCELLED

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

Chris Schuetz & Ann Swain
(Convenors)

COLONIAL INDIA AND THE FAR EAST GROUP



We welcome you into our friendly, collaborative group to explore the ever-increasing resources available to research Colonial India and the Far East.

Our meetings share information, ideas and short presentations about this fascinating time and place. The group meets online via Zoom (or in the QFHS Library) at **10.30 am** on the **second Sunday of even-numbered months.** The next meetings will be held on:

12 June 2022 **14 August 2022**

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

Dette Glenday & Wendy Angliss
(Convenors)

FAMILY HISTORIAN7 USER GROUP



Family Historian - simplicity for the newer user, but still the ultimate 'power tool' for experienced family historians. To find out more, join our group's meetings via Zoom on the **first Sunday of each month**

(except January) at **1:00 pm** for approximately 2 hours. The next meeting dates are:

1 May 2022
5 June 2022
3 July 2022
7 August 2022

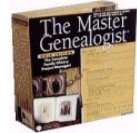
For further information please email familyhistorian@qfhs.org.au.

Malcolm Kingston
(Convenor)

THE MASTER GENEALOGIST (TMG) USER GROUP

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

21 May 2022
18 June 2022
16 July 2022
20 August 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:

Tue 7 June 2022 (Excursion to Old Government House, Brisbane)

Sat 10 September 2022

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

Jenny Davidson & Ann Swain
(Convenors) ■



PRE-SEPARATION EXCURSION to celebrate Queensland Day

Would you like to join us on **Tuesday 7 June** for a tour of Old Government House? A select group of 25 people will learn interesting snippets of our early history as Dr Katie McConnell, Curator of Old Government House, guides us through this fascinating building. Our one-hour tour will start at 10:30 am. Please contact presep@qfhs.org.au if you are interested. ■

DATES TO REMEMBER

DATE	ACTIVITY	VENUE	TIME
MAY 2022			
Sunday	1 Family Historian7 User Group (See p.77)	Online	1.00 – 3.00 pm
Monday	2 LABOUR DAY – LIBRARY CLOSED		
Friday	6 Learn@QFHS: <i>Findmypast 1921 Census (Free)</i> (See p.70)	Online	10.00 - 11.00 am
Saturday	7 Family Tree Maker User Group (See p.76)	Check website	10.00 - 11.30 am
Saturday	7 DNA Interest Group (See p.77)	Hybrid	1.30 - 3.30 pm
Friday	13 Learn@QFHS: <i>Dutch research unclogged</i> (See p.70)	Online	10.00 - 11.30 am
Saturday	14 Scottish Interest Group (See p.76)	Hybrid	10.00 - noon
Sunday	15 Welsh Interest Group (See p.76)	Check website	10.00 - noon
Wednesday	18 Monthly Members' Meeting (Afternoon)	Hybrid	1.00 – 3.00 pm
Friday	20 New Members' Welcome & Orientation Session (See p.75)	Check website	10.00 - 1.00 pm
Saturday	21 Family History Writing Group (See p.76)	Check website	9.00 - 11.00 am
Saturday	21 The Master Genealogist (TMG) User Group (See p.77)	Online	1.30 - 3.30 pm
Thursday	26 English West Country Group (See p.76)	Check website	noon - 2.00 pm
Saturday	28 Central European Group (See p.76)	Hybrid	10.00 - noon
Sunday	29 Trout Game (See p.73)	QFHS Library	10.00 – 4.00 pm
JUNE 2022			
Wednesday	1 Management Committee 2022/23 nominations close (See p.73)		
Friday	3 Family Tree Maker User Group (See p.76)	Check website	10.00 - 11.30 am
Saturday	4 DNA Interest Group (See p.77)	Hybrid	1.30 - 3.30 pm
Sunday	5 Family Historian7 User Group (See p.77)	Online	1.00 – 3.00 pm
Tuesday	7 Pre-Separation Group Excursion to Old Government House	Brisbane	10.30 - 11.30 am
Friday	10 <i>Learn@QFHS: Getting the most out of FamilySearch: Jump-start your family research</i> (See p.70)	Online	10.00 - 11.30 am
Saturday	11 Irish Interest Group (See p.76)	Online	10.30 - 12.30 pm
Sunday	12 Colonial India and The Far East Group (See p.77)	Check website	10.30 - noon
Wednesday	15 Annual General Monthly Members' Meeting (Evening) and QFHS Book Award Presentation	Hybrid	7.30 – 9.30 pm
Saturday	18 New Members' Welcome & Orientation Session (See p.75)	Check website	9.30 - 12.30 pm
Saturday	18 The Master Genealogist (TMG) User Group (See p.77)	Online	1.30 - 3.30 pm
JULY 2022			
Saturday	2 Family Tree Maker User Group (See p.76)	Check website	10.00 - 11.30 am
Saturday	2 DNA Interest Group (See p.77)	Hybrid	1.30 - 3.30 pm
Sunday	3 Family Historian7 User Group (See p.77)	Online	1.00 – 3.00 pm
Monday	4 Finding Your Family Beginners' Course begins (See p.70)	Online	10.30 - noon
Friday	8 Learn@QFHS: <i>Organising your family history</i> (See p.70)	Online	10.00 - 11.30 am
Saturday	9 Scottish Interest Group (See p.76)	Hybrid	10.00 - noon
Friday	15 New Members' Welcome & Orientation Session (See p.75)	Check website	10.00 - 1.00 pm
Saturday	16 Family History Writing Group (See p.76)	Check website	9.00 - 11.00 am
Saturday	16 The Master Genealogist (TMG) User Group (See p.77)	Online	1.30 - 3.30 pm
Sunday	17 Welsh Interest Group (See p.76)	Check website	10.00 - noon
Wednesday	20 Monthly Members' Meeting (Afternoon)	Hybrid	1.00 – 3.00 pm
Saturday	23 Central European Group (See p.76)	Hybrid	10.00 - noon
Saturday	23 Learn@QFHS: <i>The Huguenots</i> (see p.70/71)	Hybrid	2.00 – 3.30 pm
Thursday	28 English West Country Group (See p.76)	Check website	noon - 2.00 pm
AUGUST 2022 - AFFHO: National Family History Month			
Saturday	6 QFHS OPEN DAY	Gaythorne	10.00 – 3.00 pm

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.) (incl. postage; no GST payable)	\$35

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

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

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

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

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.

DISCLAIMER

Views expressed by contributors in this publication are not necessarily those of the Editorial Committee or of the QFHS Inc. Management Committee. ■

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.76 of this issue or *Dates to Remember* on p.78.

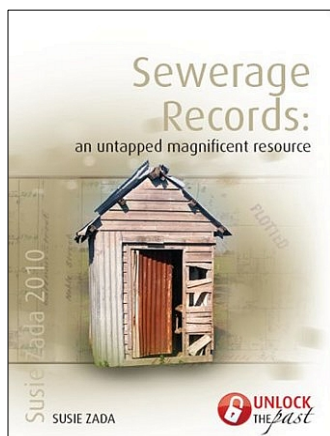
PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE TO SEE WHERE THESE MEETINGS WILL BE HELD

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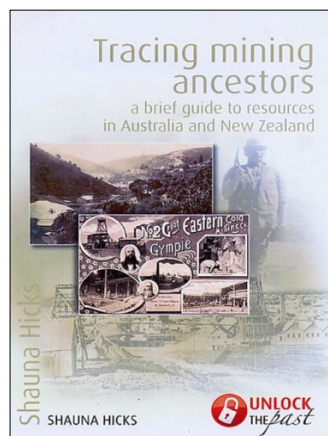
MAY (1.00 pm)	18	Topic: A Railway at War - Queensland Railways and the Second World War Speaker: Greg Hallam, Historian with Queensland Rail
JUNE (7.30 pm)	15	Topic: AGM and QFHS Family History Book Award Presentation
JULY (1.00 pm)	20	Topic: A Beginners' Guide to Researching Family History in India Speaker: Dette Glenday and Wendy Angliss, Convenors of the QFHS Colonial India & the Far East Group
AUGUST (7.30 pm)	17	Topic: 130 years of the Queensland Ambulance Speaker: Dr Mick Davis AM, ASM, Manager QAS Heritage & History, Queensland Ambulance Service

FOR SALE

CDs, USBs and Books available from QFHS Bookshop or QFHS website
\$20.00 (incl. Postage) **\$15.50 (incl. Postage)**



One of the major benefits of sewerage records is that they do not discriminate between large mansions and small mining cottages, grand theatres and factories, exclusive private schools and smaller local public schools. The information and tips provided relate to sewerage records in Australia and New Zealand, however you can apply the same approach to countries around the world – where a sewerage system has been installed, there will be records.



This publication highlights the wealth of information available to genealogists and family historians looking for their mining ancestors, covering archival and library resources, maps, photographs, newspapers, published works and online resources. It looks at where this information may be located, including historical societies and museums, genealogical and family history societies, archives and libraries. School records can also help.

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