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COVER PHOTOGRAPH

The Duke and Duchess of Connaught and Lord and Lady Curzon astride their respective elephants; watercolour by Sheldon Williams. The 1903 Durbar, held on New Year's Day, was to proclaim the accession of King Edward VII. It was intended both as a celebration and as a reinforcement of the idea of Empire and of India's place in it.

Refer to <https://armyservicenumbers.blogspot.com/2009/08/delhi-durbar-1903.html> and <http://gibberandsqueak.blogspot.com/2008/10/curzons-delhi-durbar-1903-photorealism.html> re the photorealism of Mortimer Menpes. Refer to his book about the durbar at <https://archive.org/details/thedurbar00menpiala/mode/2up?view=theater>. See story on p.84.

THE 1903 DURBAR

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Definition of 'darbar' in British English:

- a. (formerly) the court of a native ruler or a governor in India and British Colonial West Africa
- b. a levee at such a court

Collins English Dictionary.
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The *Delhi Darbar* (meaning "Court of Delhi") was an Indian imperial-style mass assembly organized by the British at Coronation Park, Delhi, India, to mark the succession of an Emperor or Empress of India. "The park is sometimes referred to as the Coronation Memorial; it was the venue of the Delhi darbar of 1877 when Queen Victoria was proclaimed the Empress of India. Later it was used to celebrate the accession of King Edward VII in 1903, and, finally, it was here that the darbar commemorating the coronation of King George V as Emperor of India took place on 12 December 1911, subsequent to his coronation at Westminster Abbey in June 1911. This last celebration had all the princely states in attendance."¹

The 1911 darbar was historic for two reasons; one, it was the only one attended by the Emperor himself, and second, this was where the shifting of the Imperial Capital from Calcutta to Delhi was announced, to emphasise the historical significance of Delhi as the former capital of the Mughal Empire.^{2,3}

However, it was the 1903 Delhi darbar held to celebrate the succession of Edward VII and Alexandra of Denmark as Emperor and Empress of India, presided over by **Viceroy of India George Curzon**, that set the standard for truly dazzling imperial extravagance, part of which was the increased number of attendees and decorated elephants.⁴

Melbourne's *The Age* of Thursday 1 January 1903 reported as follows:

"The following is the list of functions which have yet to take place:—

'Thursday, 1st January—Durbar.

'Friday, 2nd January—Assault-at-arms, 2.30 p.m., and fireworks at 10 p.m.

'Saturday, 3rd January—Assault-at-arms, 2.30 p.m., and investiture at 9 p.m.

'Monday, 5th January—Review of native chiefs' retainers.

'Tuesday, 6th January—Review of troops, 11 a.m.

'Intense interest in the success of the darbar is manifested throughout India, and incidents and rumours in connection with the preparations have arisen almost daily. The following story from Calcutta is a very good sample:— "A somewhat amusing rumour in connection with the Delhi darbar has found its way into the Calcutta bazaars. It owes its origin to the deep interest which Lord Curzon has taken in archaeological investigation. Lord Curzon's purpose is stated to have been the discovery of the throne of Solomon, which, by some mysterious means, is said to have been carried to India after the great King's death. The rumour now is that the throne has been found, and that Lord Curzon intends to seat himself on it on the day of the proclamation. The name of Solomon is revered in India by both Hindus and Mahometans, who have not the remotest idea of who he was or where he reigned, but are agreed in believing that he possessed miraculous influence over good and evil spirits. Virtue also attaches to his throne. The discovery of the throne at the present time is believed to have the greatest significance."

'In noting the preparation for the great darbar and reading the many speeches made in connection with it, one is forcibly struck by the depth of loyal feeling which exists throughout India towards the British throne. Speaking at a banquet recently tendered to Lord Curzon, the viceroy, the Maharajah of Jaipur said:— "The ceremonies now contemplated at Delhi are entirely in accordance with Hindu ideas, both from the State and religious standpoint. Our own ancient books contain many graphic and interesting accounts of the pomp and

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pageantry attending upon the Coronation of the Kings of those days. Since British rule became paramount in India, no such opportunity as the present has ever occurred, and it is our duty, as well as our pleasure, to participate in the ceremonies proposed, which should be devised on a scale befitting so great an occasion. In this way alone can our King-Emperor understand the deep and real feeling of loyalty which inspires the chiefs of India and their peoples. Few study ceremonials more carefully than myself, and I say, after a close consideration of the programme which has been ordained for the Coronation durbar at Delhi, that in view of the unique nature of the occasion of the crowning of a King-Emperor, of the vastness of the gathering, and of the many changes wrought by railways and other agencies, no more sensible and considerate programme could have been devised. It is for a special occasion, and in no wise detracts from our privileges and honours. We are all looking forward to meeting your Excellency there as the representative of the Sovereign to whom we unite in loyalty and devotion. In my view the princes of India will derive great benefit from taking part in such a ceremony."

'Lord Curzon, in his reply, observed:— "I can scarcely describe to your Highness the anxious labour that I have devoted to these arrangements. My one desire, as your Highness knows, since I have explained it by circular letter to all the chiefs, has been that the Indian Princes instead of being mere spectators of the ceremony, as they were in 1877, should be actors in it. It is their King-Emperor as well as mine and ours whose Coronation is being celebrated, and it seemed to me entirely wrong that the chiefs should sit or stand outside as though it were a function that only affected the Viceroy or the British officials in this country, but had no concern for them. The durbar is held for the Sovereign, and the Sovereign alone, and it is to mark the feelings that are entertained towards him by all the Princes of India, without exception, that I have invited their personal participation in these great and imposing events. So far should I be from seeking to detract from the honour of the

chiefs that my one preoccupation has been to add to it."⁵



Elephant Carriage of the [Maharaja of Rewa](#), Delhi Durbar of 1903

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

"The two full weeks of festivities were devised in meticulous detail by Lord Curzon, Viceroy of India. It was a dazzling display of pomp, power, and split-second timing. Neither the earlier Delhi durbar of 1877, nor the later durbar held there in 1911, could match the pageantry of Lord Curzon's 1903 festivities. In a few short months at the end of 1902, a deserted plain was transformed into an elaborate tented city, complete with temporary light railway to bring crowds of spectators out from Delhi, a post office with its own stamp, telephone and telegraphic facilities, a variety of stores, a Police force with specially designed uniform, hospital, magistrate's court and complex sanitation, drainage, and electric light installations. Souvenir guide books were sold and maps of the camping ground distributed. Marketing opportunities were craftily exploited. A special Delhi Durbar Medal was struck, firework displays, exhibitions and glamorous dances held.

'Edward VII, to Curzon's disappointment, did not attend but sent his brother, the Duke of Connaught, who arrived with a mass of dignitaries by train from Bombay just as Curzon and his government came in the other direction from Calcutta. The assembly awaiting them displayed possibly the greatest collection of jewels to be seen in one place.

THE 1903 DURBAR (Cont.)

‘Each of the Indian princes was adorned with the most spectacular of his gems from the collections of centuries. Maharajahs came with great retinues from all over India, many of them meeting for the first time, while the massed ranks of the Indian armies, under their Commander-in-Chief Lord Kitchener, paraded, played their bands, and restrained the crowds of common people.



Lord and Lady Curzon arriving at the Delhi Durbar, 1903

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

‘On the first day, the Curzons entered the area of festivities, together with the maharajahs, riding on elephants, some with huge gold candelabra stuck on their tusks. The durbar ceremony itself fell on New Year’s Day and was followed by days of polo and other sports, dinners, balls, military reviews, bands, and exhibitions.

‘The world’s press dispatched their best journalists, artists and photographers to cover proceedings. The popularity of movie footage of the event, shown in makeshift cinemas throughout India, is often credited with having launched the country’s early film industry.

‘The India Post issued a set of two commemorative souvenir sheets with special cancellation struck on 1 January 1903 at 12 noon, a much sought-after item for stamp collectors today.

‘The event culminated in a grand coronation ball attended only by the highest-ranking guests, reigned over by Lord Curzon and Lady Curzon in her jewels and peacock gown.’⁶

Having lived in India and visited Delhi and other places, I wish I could have been there at the time of the 1903 Delhi durbar!

Endnotes:

¹ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Coronation_Park_Delhi.

² https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Delhi_Durbar.

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(photographs provided by the author) ■



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FROM YOUR PRESIDENT



I'd like to repeat my gratitude for the contributions made to the immediate past Management Committee by those who are not rejoining the Committee for the coming 12 months:

- Kevin Haley retiring as President
- Elaine Eager, as Secretary
- Doug Eager, as Treasurer
- Eric Kopittke and Sue Reid who've given many years to the MC, and
- Tim Fitzpatrick who joined us just a few months ago.

As a community of volunteers, the entire Society is grateful to those who give the extra required to serve diligently on the Management Committee and recognises that some of those roles are particularly burdensome.

We thank each of you for your service and hope that, while you enjoy the respite from the rigours of the Management Committee, you continue to contribute to the Society in ways that give you personal satisfaction.

I welcome all new and returning members to the Management Committee of 2022-23.

Thank you, also, to all who proposed and seconded our nominations. This support from all of you is as much an expression of your deep interest in the wellbeing of the Society as it is in your confidence in the abilities of those you nominated. We are grateful for your support of the Society and your confidence in us.

The next year brings with it continued challenges for the Society and the Management Committee, in particular:

- Identifying suitable new premises will be a focus and - in the meantime - our current premises is in need of maintenance
- Our IT infrastructure demands replacement and Clem Ditton has begun the process of consultation with our Technical Advisory Group about this

- The Society, as an incorporated association, is required by the State Government to revise our Constitution and introduce new procedures, and
- Our membership must be replenished and strengthened.

Each of these is demanding AND crucial. None of them can be achieved in a vacuum and they all rely, in various ways, on each other.

How can we decide if a new premises is suitable if we don't know what our members expect to be provided with in that space?

Is the space to be physical or virtual? - or a combination of both – and in what proportions?

How can we construct a new Constitution if we're not crystal clear about our vision for the future?

We need a Constitution that underpins our growth and this may involve simplifying the Constitution and expanding our By-Laws.

From my perspective, the bottom line for the new Management Committee is a focus on

- Consultation with our *current* members, and
- Informed Prediction about the needs of *future* members.

I expect that one of the first priorities for the Management Committee will be conducting a broad consultation process. In order to survive and thrive, the Society needs you, your opinions, and your ideas. All members will have opportunities to express your opinions and discuss ideas with others – and we, your Management Committee, will be listening carefully.

I believe in order to survive and thrive we need a healthy combination of interested and satisfied current members and an innovative, 21st century approach to gaining new members.

Your new Management Committee looks forward with confidence to the year ahead, working with members to achieve our goals.

Allana O'Kane, president@qfhs.org.au ■

DISOBEDIENCE AND FOLLY

By Clem Ditton

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James Cranley and his family escaped the Great Irish Famine and arrived in Moreton Bay on the *John Fielden* in 1853.¹ My great grandfather, **Patrick Cranley**, was born on board as the ship entered the bay.² By 1857 the family had settled in the Toowoomba district and James became a successful farmer.³ James had been a Municipal Town Councillor in the 1860s. At the time of his death in July 1890, he was on good terms with only two of his children – his second daughter, **Margaret Fahy** and his fifth son, Patrick. However, Patrick was in for a surprise when James' will, drawn up three months earlier, left the farm to Margaret alone. Patrick, along with six of his siblings, were to be left:

*... one shilling each to come from my Estate. I will them this small amount on account of their disobedience and folly.*⁴

Patrick was outraged, as in his mind he had been on particularly good terms with his father.⁵ During his annual holidays he and his family visited his parents. He was the only son that did that. Patrick was now the stationmaster at Muraree on the Cleveland Line, earning an annual salary of £120.⁶ Previously, he had helped his father on the farm and he had tried his hand at gold and tin mining in the Stanthorpe district.⁷ However, he had upset his father when he chose **Mary Barry** as his wife. James had declared her as an unsuitable addition to the family as he had a low opinion of her and her family. Patrick was of the firm belief that his father no longer retained any anger towards him.⁸ He had heard that when riding on the train into Toowoomba, James chatted to the railway employees and fondly spoke of him. Patrick could recount recent conversations with his father that demonstrated that they were on good terms, and he remembered that James told him that he had lent money to **John Fahy**, Margaret's husband, but that he had trouble getting interest out of John.

Timothy Gleeson, an old friend of James, drew up the will. Timothy was a farmer from nearby Irishtown (now Harlaxton). James

engaged Timothy as he thought lawyers that he had used previously were too expensive. An earlier draft of the will had split the farm between Patrick and Margaret, but James had not signed that one.

At the time of the signing of the last will at Gleeson's farmhouse, the almost eighty-year-old James had been given a glass of porter and because James' hand was not steady, Timothy helped guide his hand. Then Timothy added his signature as a witness. John and Margaret Fahy were present in the room, but Timothy knew that he needed another witness who was not a beneficiary of the will, so he called in a man who was ploughing the fields. **James Simpson Jnr** came into the room and noticed that there were two signatures already on the document and Timothy asked James to touch the pen and put it on the document, which he did, but it did not leave a mark. The ploughman then added his signature.⁹

Margaret had been appointed sole executrix and in due course applied for probate which was granted later in that same year. Margaret then sought a loan for £1,000 against the land from the Queensland National Bank. Patrick rejected a suggestion from John Fahy that he come to an agreement with Margaret. Patrick sought legal advice and decided to challenge the will. His lawyers had advised that due to the suspicious circumstances around the construction of the will and the history that he could attest to, he could claim damages on the basis that the will was (1) unduly executed, (2) James was of unsound mind, (3) undue influence had been exerted, (4) James was unaware of what he signed. As a priority he agreed to the lawyers' suggestion that they seek a caveat on the transfer of the land to Margaret. They attempted to do this, but they arrived one day after the deadline that the Registrar of Titles had set for such action. Sometime later they did manage to register a caveat in a different form on Christmas Eve 1890, but the Bank had already provided Margaret with the £1,000 eleven days earlier.

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The subsequent court case started in the Supreme Court in May 1892. Patrick had engaged as his barrister **Sir Arthur Rutledge**, a sitting MLA and former Attorney General of Queensland. Not to be outdone, Margaret engaged another sitting MLA and the then Attorney General of Queensland, none other than **Sir Samuel Griffith**. Rutledge and Griffith were friends and political allies. They had taken up these briefs because they were confident that the judge, Chief Justice **Sir Charles Lilley**, would allow the legal fees to come out of the estate, win, lose or draw.

The contest began with the evidence presented suggesting that Patrick did have a case worth hearing. There was much intrigue, inconsistency and suspicion. There was even a forensic analysis of James' signature that strongly made the case that it was much more like Timothy Gleeson's signature than other validated examples of James' signature.

Patrick had an Achilles heel however, and that was his fondness for drink. The skilful Samuel Griffith had the defendant, Margaret, recall the words of James Cranley regarding Patrick: 'He had been getting worse and if he left any money to him, he would drink himself to death or lose his billet'. Griffith elicited corroboration from Timothy Gleeson and John Fahy.

Patrick had an inconvenient work history, with a demotion whilst stationed at Warwick. Additionally, Patrick had spent the two nights of his father's wake under the influence. Patrick testified on the stand he was not addicted to drink.¹⁰ Griffith had done the damage and convinced the jury of four that James' intentions were clear. However, Rutledge was able to argue that several prior cases provided clear precedents that affixing the first two signatures in the absence of the second witness invalidated the will. His Honour had been in complete agreement with the jury but reluctantly upheld Rutledge's legal argument. His Honour obliged his learned friends and ruled 'costs of all parties as between solicitor and client allowed out of the estate'.¹¹

In the current era, the law in Queensland has moved on to the extent that even unsent text messages have been accepted as valid testaments of intent.¹²

It is of some note that Sir Samuel Griffith himself had a prodigious drinking habit. Historian **Manning Clark** wrote of Griffith's fondness for strong drink and his ability to drink all others 'under the table'. His speech, gait and manner gave no clue as to the volume he had consumed. He was lauded as the 'Champion of Burketown' after the locals plotted to get the better of their distinguished but unpopular dinner guest. At daybreak, following an evening of solid drinking, Griffith alone stood to watch the second-place getter retreat on someone else's camel in a direction that was not of his property.¹³

James was declared to have died intestate and so his now senile widow, **Margaret Cranley**, was the immediate beneficiary, with all of the children then being potentially beneficiaries in equal measure after their mother died. Patrick was appointed administrator of the estate. In October 1892, Patrick commenced action against his sister claiming administrator's damages. More court action assessed the damages. In November 1892, Margaret Fahy was ordered to pay a sum which had now grown to £1520.10.0. She declared herself insolvent on the basis of her property alone – i.e. her husband's assets were not considered in the application.¹⁴ It was only the recent passing of the *Married Woman's Property Act 1890* that allowed a wife's financial position to be considered in isolation. She had defaulted on the loan repayments, and she submitted that she had no assets at all. Where had the loaned money gone? It isn't known for sure, but a later court hearing and family stories left the suspicion that it had been moved sideways.

Patrick realised that his position was hopeless, and the administration of the estate then passed to the Public Trustee. The Public Trustee decided to bring a case against the Registrar of Titles as a nominal defendant. It argued that because of the actions of the

DISOBEDIENCE AND FOLLY (Cont.)

Registrar of Titles in not accepting the first caveat, the Registrar had deprived Patrick and the estate of its land. The Trustee argued that it should receive the amount awarded in the administrator's damages case and that this should be paid out of the Government Assurance Fund which had been set up to ensure confidence in the land titles regime. This is the first such case heard in the colony. The panel of judges, which by now included Sir Samuel Griffith, who had recently replaced Sir Charles Lilley as the Chief Justice of Queensland, agreed that there was an entitlement to damages. However, it was not at the level of the administrator's damages, but at the level of the amount that was due to the bank for Margaret's loan, so that the land title could be released back to the estate. That amount had grown to £1,074.16s.8d. This determination conveniently ignored the fact that substantial legal fees had been awarded to the legal teams from the series of trials and hearings, including this one. The Public Trustee decided that the land title could stay with the bank and it would use the cash received from its legal action as the extent of the estate. It was expressly stated that neither Patrick Cranley nor the bank were parties to that legal action. By April 1894, legal fees had shrunk the balance of the estate to £403.4s.6d.¹⁵ However, the defense team from the original trial had not yet been paid the £275.3s.8d owed by Margaret Fahy. The defense lawyers brought a claim against the Public Trustee for payment of their outstanding fees. **Justice Reel** ruled that because Margaret Fahy had not accounted for the £1,000 that had been loaned to her, her lawyers were not entitled to payment from the estate.¹⁶

Through all of this, the depression of the 1890s had been gathering steam. James' farm would have been valued at over £5,000 at the time of his death, but by 1896 its value had shrunk to around the value of the amount that had been loaned against it. The Queensland National Bank, which held the mortgage, had been insolvent in 1894 but had illegally concealed this fact from everyone for a year. The bank was the one

used most extensively by the Queensland Government and when the facts were discovered the government passed legislation guaranteeing deposits for a year. Presumably in a ploy to help repair its balance sheet, the bank offered the Cranley farm to the Crown as it adjoined Baillie Henderson Hospital on its northern boundary, and the sales pitch was that it could be used by the inmates of the hospital for agricultural production.¹⁷ The sale to the Crown for around £1,040 was completed in 1897.¹⁸ In the current day the land is now dissected by the Toowoomba bypass completed in 2019.

Patrick remembered the saga as the time when he was diddled out of his inheritance. It appears the prediction about his drinking came true as he lost his position as stationmaster and was working as a 'checker' in the city of Brisbane on the reduced rate of seven shillings a day. His disgrace was complete when he was dismissed from the railway service in 1908.¹⁹ He died of typhus in 1910, aged 57.

He was remembered with affection by his family. Whether his relationship with drink would have been different had he gained an inheritance without acrimony is something that can be mused upon. His widow Mary lived on, partially supported by her children, until 1939.

Margaret Cranley lived with John and Margaret Fahy at Gowrie Junction until her death in 1896. Her dementia distorted her perception to the point that she thought of John Fahy as her son and her daughter, Margaret, as the interloping daughter-in-law. John Fahy died in 1909 and Margaret Fahy died in 1913. The descendants of the Fahy family had no remembered history of the court case, but they did note that there was some money left over from the Fahy estate when the unmarried Fahy children died in the 1950s and 60s, but at least one family member remarked that they didn't want any of it as 'it was cursed'.²⁰

It could be argued that James' folly was to not use a lawyer and Patrick's folly was to use them too much. Margaret's legal

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disobedience cemented a perverse outcome for the family, and together they provide a cautionary tale about the perils of vindictive wills.

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¹⁴ *Law courts, The Week (Brisbane), Fri 5 May 1893, page 19* <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article183114205>.

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²⁰ *Letter dated 24 Jul 1991 to author from Denise Sweeney (third cousin, Fahy line, died 2008)*.

(This story is a condensed version of the story in chapter 13 of the book *Shaking the Mulga: an Australian family history*, H6 DIT 1.) ■

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JOURNAL ARTICLE OF THE YEAR:

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QUEENSLAND FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY INC. PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2021-2022

On behalf of the QFHS Management Committee, it is a pleasure to report on the 43rd year of operation of the Queensland Family History Society.

On 1 November 2021 Her Excellency The Honourable Jeannette Young PSM was appointed Governor of Queensland to follow His Excellency The Honourable Paul de Jersey AC, who had served in that role and as Patron of our Society for six years. Just prior to his departure our President and Vice-President were pleased to attend a Reception at Government House in support of vice-regal arts and community patronages. We are honoured as a Society that the husband of the Governor, Professor Graeme Nimmo RFD, accepted our invitation and will be Patron of the Society throughout the term of Her Excellency. We are looking forward to him and the Governor visiting the Library and Resource Centre on Open Day, Saturday 6 August.

OVERVIEW

Overall, we can report that we have weathered another fairly challenging year in which the presence of COVID-19 in the community has had a profound effect on the operations of the Society. Without doubt we responded well in 2020 when it was necessary to close the Library for a period. Provision of most meetings online and increased access to resources of the Society from home has served our members well. However, very few members are now choosing to visit the library for research or to attend meetings held in hybrid mode. This is of major concern to the Management Committee primarily because much of the success of the Society can be attributed to the fellowship gained by coming together. So much of our volunteering effort and financial resources are directed to making the full range of resources available to members and the community many days of the week.

NEW PREMISES

For over three years now our existing lease has been on a month-to-month rental, with

the prospect that that arrangement is unlikely to be terminated by the landlord until plans for residential redevelopment are in place.

It has long been identified that the most favourable future premises will be a Community Facility on lease from the Brisbane City Council. At the time of the 2021 AGM, we were awaiting advice on expressions of interest that were being assessed. In September we were advised that we were unsuccessful in our bid for premises at Ashgrove and Ascot. Then in October similar advice was received for premises at Morningside. We achieved our highest assessment to date in relation to the Ascot premises, and to miss out there was very disappointing. Just last month, in recognition that the Society had well and truly established its credentials in past expressions of interest, BCC has made an exclusive first offer to the Society of premises in 7th Brigade Park, Chermside/Geebung. Although the existing building is too small to meet our needs, the lease could hold exciting prospects for the Society if extensions can be made to suit our requirements.

LIBRARY AND RESOURCES

Attendances at the Library during opening hours have fallen markedly and have shown no signs of recovery. There are frequently days when no-one comes in and the Library Assistants are on their own. That this was typically so on Sundays lead to the decision to discontinue opening on Sundays from the beginning of November 2021. No other changes have been made in opening hours, so we continue to open some 213 days a year. We are very grateful to currently have 32 Library Assistants devoted to helping members and the public. We particularly thank Dette Glenday for her contribution in the demanding role of Library Assistants' Roster Co-ordinator.

To showcase the Society and its resources an Open Day was held during National Family History Month on Saturday 21 August 2021.

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Masks were the order of the day and, although visitors were down on previous years there was an enthusiasm shown from all involved.

There has been no letup in the enormous amount of work done by individuals and teams of people behind the scenes to deliver the full range of resources and facilities provided in the Library.

Your Society holds approximately 11,000 books and 238 journals, with 130 journals still current. New and donated books and journals are accessioned, catalogued, indexed with key words, and repaired on a weekly basis. New books and journals are displayed for several months on shelves near the Print Library entrance. The team of seven people (Lurline Gedge, Di Coster, Pat Van Gaalen, Alison Gardiner, Carmel Bell, Lyn Hooper and Rosie Gall) come in when the Society is closed to the public. Typically, there will be up to five people attending on a Friday. Lurline Gedge holds the whole operation together with patience and grace. There is rarely a Friday or Monday when she is not in attendance, both managing current tasks and spotting future issues that may require attention.

Some 109 books were added to the v-library catalogue, consisting of 33 new purchases, the remaining books being donations to QFHS. This number includes books added to the Lending Library and Family History Award collection. There were five new electronic resources. Electronic resources other than journals are catalogued before being added to the in-house computer database.

During 2021 Alex Daw took on the role of Acquisition Co-ordinator. Somewhat earlier Rosie Gall had assumed the role of Donations Co-ordinator. The library welcomes book donations, although lack of space means we must make judicious choices about what to retain. They are sorted into categories and designated Print Library, Lending Library or put aside for onward donation. We have catalogued approximately 80 donated books in the last 12 months, amongst them some wonderful 'small print run' Queensland local

and family histories. There are still about 145 waiting to be processed. We thank all our donors who have not yet received a personal acknowledgement.

There are now 515 books available for loan in the Lending Library, with 16 catalogued in the past 12 months. From July 2021 to 22 May 2022 a total of 25 books have been borrowed. Of this total 22 were borrowed in the last 6 months of last year, and only 3 this year. Lyn Hooper manages the loan process and follows-up any overdue books in person.

The online resources continually grow through the efforts of the Digitising Team lead by Bev Young and assisted by Alison Gardiner. Along with the digitising of books, their work has accomplished a significant increase in the number of entries in the QFHS Books: Name Accumulation Index that now totals 263,437 entries.

The reliability of the Society's computer systems, and the ease of access to extensive electronic resources, is a testament to the excellent work of the Technical Advisory Group. John Perryn continues to co-ordinate this work which is so vital to the success of the Society. The Management Committee has benefitted this year from work undertaken by Clem Ditton preliminary to detailed planning of how best to upgrade some of our aging systems.

Our website is central to the effective operation and how members and potential members access the Society. Thanks are due to those responsible for the timely adding of and updating of information. It must be up-with-the-best in terms of providing contemporary information. Similarly impressive is the range of data and resources that are accessible through the website.

Throughout the year the map team, co-ordinated by Maurice Friend, has concentrated on making members more aware of the vast number of digital maps now available online from Departments and libraries both locally and around the world. To this end they looked at how best to present maps to members, now happy to receive information via Zoom. They recently

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presented an information session relevant to the Welsh Interest Group with its members at our Library and remote. The map team is looking forward to similar presentations to other groups in the future.

MEMBERSHIP

As at the end of May 2022 the Society had some 1,001 individual members, including 53 life members. We had 2 Associate members. There were 21 Journal only subscriptions. In addition to 105 new members joining this year, 25 former members re-joined. In May 2021 we had 1,052 individual members and 5 Associate members. Thus, we have seen a 4.9% decline of individual members. This has reversed growth of 4% over the previous two years. Looked at slightly differently, some 180 members or over one in six of our ordinary members did not renew their membership. These figures are indicative of the changed operational environment as a result of COVID-19 and our responses. Indications are that new members maintain their membership for a much lesser period than pre COVID-19.

Thanks are due to Leanne Donovan for her continuing contribution over very many years as Membership Secretary, to the efficient management of member applications and renewals. An innovative Gift Membership was introduced in the lead-up to Christmas 2021 and this continues to be available throughout the year.

New Members' Welcome and Orientation sessions are held each month (February to November). These play a vital role in helping new members become aware of the Society's wide range of physical resources and their use; and of the Society's special interest groups, education events and other activities which can help them with their research. Through their interactions with others at the sessions they also quickly appreciate the value of talking through problems with other members and of being part of, and contributing to, the Society; they feel genuinely welcome. We would like to engage with as many as possible of our new members in this way.

From June 2021 to May 2022 the nine sessions were attended by a total of 32 new or re-joining members. That means that one in four took up this offer. From July 2021 onwards sessions have alternated as much as possible between in-person and by Zoom. Each session went extremely well, with all participants very appreciative of the opportunity and what they had gained. For that we are grateful to Anne Long, and Ann and Tony Swain.

EDUCATION

During the year 2021-22, we have offered 28 education events on Fridays, Saturdays, and during the week. These included two non-paying events, six workshops, one hybrid event, and the remainder were online.

Our attendance was down on the previous year with 266 Society members attending, 18 Genealogical Society of Queensland members, and 25 non-members. The workshops we offer are limited to 4-6 people. Notably, there is increasing competition for attendees as technology allows organisations to attract remote participants. In addition, some organisations offer free events.

Since February 2022, we have offered a new event—"Talking about." The sessions focus on a particular topic. Thus far, the topics have included nurses, how to (make the best use of) Zoom, primary teaching, ancestors in the navy, and libraries. These sessions aim to provide an informal setting to allow people to ask questions or share tips and resources. Sessions are intended for members only; however, non-members are always welcome. The average attendance has been about ten people.

Preparing for a session and delivering it requires a substantial investment of time, research, and effort. Our Society owes a debt of gratitude to the generosity of our presenters and video hosts for their commitment to sharing their expertise with our members and visitors.

Many thanks to the Education Sub-Committee. We have had some changes to the Education Sub-Committee, with Susie de Kinderen, Rosemary Gall, and Marg Doherty

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stepping down during the year. Our current committee comprises Sue Reid, Kerry Raymond, and Nancy Edwards.

QFHS FINDING YOUR FAMILY: A BEGINNERS COURSE IN RESEARCH

We have held two courses over the past 12 months, both via Zoom. The winter course, July/Aug 2021, had six people and was fully booked. Similarly, the summer course had ten participants: seven members and three non-members. All three non-members joined the Society.

Our thanks go to the tutors, Sue Reid, Geoff Morgan, Susie der Kinderen, Charlotte Sale, Chris Schuetz, and all those who assist with this course.

JOURNAL AND SNIPPETS

The quarterly production and distribution of the *Queensland Family Historian* depends on a team of workers, including the editor, proof-readers, those involved in the production of labels, and finally the packaging and mailing. All of these share credit for an excellent journal and the regular timely distribution; however, none more so than our long-serving editor Lyndal Cosgrove.

The Society's monthly newsletter Snippets, distributed by MailChimp, serves to remind members of our upcoming events and provides family history news. Thanks go to Pat Smith for its timely arrival in our inboxes.

MONTHLY MEMBERS' MEETINGS

The regular members' meetings held each month except January, June and December provide an opportunity for the Management Committee to report to and communicate with the general membership, and for members to be enriched by presentations by guest speakers or our own members. Thanks are due to Lyndal Cosgrove for organising a variety of interesting speakers. These meetings are being held reasonably successfully in hybrid mode. We are able to accommodate speakers who choose to present in person or via Zoom.

SOCIAL MEDIA AND PUBLICITY

Throughout the year Alex Daw has been

responsible for our presence on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. The Society has increased its number of Facebook followers to 3,356, Twitter to 584 (an increase of 11%) and Instagram to 124 (doubling our followers in the past 12 months). We have a very creditable responsiveness rate on Facebook of 90%, replying to queries in under 4 hours. A free version of Buffer, a social media scheduling tool is used to assist in scheduling over 120 posts per month to our channels.

Some of the statistics should be of interest. Our audience on both Facebook and Instagram is predominantly female (80%/20% on Facebook and 72%/27% on Instagram) but interestingly we pick up different demographics in terms of overseas countries on each channel. 92% of our audience on Facebook is Australian, followed by the UK and then the US, NZ and Ireland. On Instagram it is 58% Australian, 11% US, then UK, Canada and NZ.

We benchmark creditably in comparison to Facebook pages of similar societies: The Society of Australian Genealogists leads the cohort with 6.8k followers, the Society of Genealogists in the UK has 5.8k followers, South Australian Genealogy and Heraldry Society has 3.5k followers and we come in at No. 4. New Zealand Society of Genealogists has 5th place with 3.1k followers.

We are grateful to Allana O'Kane for assuming the role of Publicity Co-ordinator. She has continued to provide articles to local print media covering up-coming activities of the Society.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

The Society now has 12 Special Interest Groups with the formation of a Family Historian User Group at the start of 2022. This group is the initiative of Melbourne resident Malcolm Kingston who joined the Society in April 2020. He is the Convenor of the group which was conceived as an on-line group that meets monthly.

The regular meetings of the SIGs are the major vehicle through which members now come together. All SIGs report good attendances at their meetings via Zoom and

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all have numerous attendees, who through distance, would not be able to attend meetings held at Gaythorne. Many SIGs have experimented with hybrid meetings but have found that very few take up the option of attending at the Library. Because of the added burden on convenors, only a small number of SIGs are persisting, at some inconvenience, to provide for all in this way.

The detailed reports of group activities are all very positive and commendable.

The success of the SIGs is undoubtedly a result of the dedication of the Convenors who devote countless hours to prepare presentations, and to respond to the needs of individual members. In most cases there are others carrying out supportive roles enabling all participants the opportunity to share knowledge.

Special mention must be made of the initiative of the Irish Interest Group to hold an all-day session dedicated to Irish family history research at the Library on Thursday 24 March 2022. This event was very successful; well attended by QFHS members, who received assistance from Irish Interest Group members and the library assistants in a friendly, collaborative atmosphere. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive so there are plans to hold another two similar days in the second half of this year. In addition, a half day Griffith's Valuation Workshop was held in July 2021.

Somewhat similarly, the Queensland Pre-separation Group has resumed the practice of arranging two excursions each year. The group excursion in December 2021, around Proclamation Day, was a white gloves experience at the John Oxley Library and was a great success, with time passing quickly as the 16 participants perused the wide range of documents and items the staff had selected for the occasion. To celebrate Queensland Day, 6 June 2022, the Group visited Old Government House for a tour led by its Curator.

RESEARCH

Charlotte Sale is currently the Research Team Co-ordinator, having taken over from Anne Long at the start of 2022. Thanks to

them for attending to this service in a professional manner.

The AskQFHS service continues to receive queries, providing an opportunity to showcase QFHS' members' research knowledge, skills, and readiness to assist.

PUBLICATIONS

Over many years, the major contribution to the profitability of the Society has been through the production of indexes for publication. Profits derive from sales and from royalties when indexes are accessed through MyHeritage and findmypast. The last publication was released in 2017. After that time the Publication Group decided to complete their projects of Queensland School Pupils Index 7 and the Queensland Cemeteries Collections Index, neither of which were intended for publication, and then retire the Group. The Group has now formally retired. However, many members of that group have informally continued with indexing for the benefit of the Society.

We were delighted earlier this year when we were advised that a further 224,000 entries were available to be added to QSPI 7. This work had been completed unbeknown to most of the Management Committee.

The Publications Group has given us two of the outstanding achievements of the year. Firstly, a data licensing agreement has been entered into with Ancestry which acknowledges the value of our indexes in the commercial world. The up-front payment was received in April 2022, so does not appear in the 2021-22 accounts. This and the free access to Ancestry Library Edition will provide a boost to our financial position from this year onwards.

AWARDS

Sue Reid was appointed a Fellow of the Society in October 2020. However, it was not until the Volunteers Morning Tea of November 2021 that an opportunity arose to formally induct her. We had a great attendance of volunteers to celebrate with Sue when she was presented with the Fellow certificate by a number of the Fellows of the Society.

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The twenty-ninth awarding of the QFHS Family History Book Award was made at the 2021 Annual General Meeting. Gerard Benjamin received the Award for his book *William & Leonora Monk*.

Gayle Thomsett has been the convenor for the 2022 Award. Thanks are due to her and to the judges Janice Cooper, Geoff Morgan, and Kirsten Peris.

Each year the Society recognises the contribution of its volunteers by the Award for Services to Family History. The worthy recipient of this award in 2021 was Leanne Donovan. This was presented to her at the Member's Meeting in November.

CONCLUSION

On behalf of the Management Committee, I am pleased to thank all the volunteers who through their dedication to the Society have contributed to its ongoing success.

Our gratitude, and my personal thanks, are due to the immensely hard-working Management Committee. Firstly, the Society

is indebted to Elaine Eager in the vital role as Secretary. She in turn acknowledges the great assistance given to her by Doug Eager. We could not have been endowed with a more efficient secretarial team. Together they have covered other roles such as Minutes Secretary and several associated with our premises, which have been carried out by several people in the past. In the role of Vice-President Chris Schuetz has provided great leadership across numerous activities. After a gap of two years, Doug Eager again accepted the duties of Treasurer. In that role he has been ably assisted by Wendy Angliss who has now carried out bookkeeping duties since our change to Xero three years ago. Grateful thanks are due to committee members Lyndal Cosgrove, Clem Ditton, Lyn Hooper (to November 2021) Eric Kopittke, Sue Reid, Allana O'Kane (appointed February 2022), and Tim Fitzpatrick (appointed March 2022).

Kevin Haley
President, QFHS Inc.
15 June 2022 ■

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TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR

1 APRIL 2021 TO 31 MARCH 2022

In this, the second year of lockdown, our financial results fell back a little from the buoyant first year. Shop sales, education events, and memberships were down a little, but royalties income was up. Expenses were generally similar to last year.

We have tried to make the P&L report simpler and more consistent between years. Even so, the timing of the transactions makes Journal expense and Interest income difficult to compare. Adjusting for timing, these items were broadly comparable year to year.

Our auditor has drawn attention to a certain lack of rigour in accounting for our print library. We have undertaken to review this item in the coming year.

Our major achievement for the year was negotiating a two way data agreement with Ancestry.com. Ancestry can access a selection of our proprietary indexes, and QFHS members can access the Ancestry website. A substantial financial settlement was received in April.

We have both a strength and a weakness going forward. We are comfortably in surplus, but also have to rehouse ourselves. Although we have substantial funds in the bank, replacing our premises will require substantial financial and physical resources.

Doug Eager
Treasurer, QFHS Inc.
15 June 2022

(See next page for financial statements.) ■

TREASURER'S REPORT (Cont.)

QFHS INC. – PROFIT & LOSS – PREVIOUS YEAR COMPARISON

	<u>Apr 21 to Mar 22</u>	<u>Apr 20 to Mar 21</u>
	\$	\$
Income		
Bookshop/Publication Sales	1,735	2,467
Donations	1,042	729
Interest received	3,015	5,816
Membership Subscriptions	60,082	62,262
Royalties	16,312	14,929
Seminars, Workshops, and Courses	5,459	7,192
Other Income	1,651	1,130
	89,296	94,525
Less Cost of Sales		
Cost of Bookshop Sales	645	2,087
Revaluation	-	4,708
	645	6,795
	88,651	87,730
Expenses		
Accounting	497	652
Audit fees	1,673	2,200
Bank Charges	1,256	1,254
Cleaning	1,745	1,215
Computer expenses	2,894	3,347
Depreciation	4,670	6,671
Electricity	2,446	2,487
Insurance	5,781	3,058
Journal (5 issues / 3 issues)	10,888	7,788
Legal fees	2,000	-
Paypal fees	1,308	1,529
Postage	1,277	788
Rent on premises	30,000	30,000
Repairs & Maintenance & Covid works	639	4,186
Seminar Costs	2,316	1,902
Stationery & photocopying	716	748
Subscriptions Data & Other Societies	9,626	9,586
Sundry Expenses	2,439	955
Telephone & Internet	1,907	1,903
	84,078	80,269
NET PROFIT	4,573	7,461

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QFHS INC. – BALANCE SHEET – PREVIOUS YEAR COMPARISON

	<u>31 Mar 2022</u>	<u>31 Mar 2021</u>
	\$	\$
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash and Cash equivalents	87,194	55,030
Inventories	6,282	6,085
Petty cash	50	72
Other assets	5,742	2,687
GST balance	2,090	2,276
Suncorp Term Deposits	310,000	340,000
Total Current Assets	411,358	406,150
Non-Current Assets		
Property, plant & equipment	282,663	286,417
Total Non-Current Assets	282,663	286,417
TOTAL ASSETS	694,021	692,567
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	406	3,525
TOTAL LIABILITIES	406	3,525
NET ASSETS	693,615	689,042
EQUITY		
Opening Balance Equity	689,042	681,581
Current Year Earnings	4,573	7,461
TOTAL EQUITY	693,615	689,042

(Note: The audited financial statements and auditor's report are available to any member who requires a copy; please contact the Treasurer.) ■

ACQUISITIONS – PRINT LIBRARY

The Codes to the Library catalogue numbers are on display in the Print Library and can also be seen on www.qfhs.org.au/media/12188/qfhs_library_classification_scheme20121201.pdf together with an explanation of how to read them. The second number sometimes found on the top tier indicates to which UK County or to which postcode area of an Australian State the publication is specific: for example, H4/170 is a local history for the Morningside area of Brisbane and N7/43 indicates vital records for Yorkshire, England. European countries will have an alpha coding to identify the countries: for example, W(GER)7 refers to German Vital Records and W(CH)4 to Swiss Local History.

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NEW SOUTH WALES

B4/232 3 1

Thomas, Pam

Sutherland School Centenary 1887-1987, Centenary Committee, Sutherland (NSW), 1987.

B4/233 26 1

Herben, Carol

Forgotten souls : the tuberculosis hospital and cemetery at Waterfall, NSW, Historical Society of Illawarra, Wollongong (NSW), 2021.

B6 CRO 3

Kilmartin, Dr Leslie

The elusive Captain William Cromarty, self published, Carlton (Vic), 2021.

B6 NIV 1

Oppenheimer, Jillian

An Australian clan, the Nivisons of New England, Kangaroo Press, Kenthurst, NSW, 1989.

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H4/066 8 3 Donated by Ruth Sapsford *Entrant, QFHS Family History Book Award 2022

Sapsford, Ruth

The Dell : a house in Toowong : the Sapsford family home since 1883, Toowong and District Historical Society, Toowong (Qld), 2021.

H04/067 8 2 Donated by Ruth Bonetti *Entrant, QFHS Family History Book Award 2022

Bonetti, Ruth

The art deco mansion in St Lucia : what drove the man who built it, Words and Music, The Gap (Qld), 2021.

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Marsh, Neville Alexander

Island in the flood : the story of the Bellbowrie, Moggill and Anstead floods 2011, Historical Association, Moggill (Qld), 2021.

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Marsh, Neville Alexander

With a stern resolve : the Second World War service of Moggill men and women, Historical Association, Moggill (Qld), 2021.

H6 BRA 6 Vol 1 & Vol 2 Donated by Diana E Kingston *Entrant, QFHS Family History Book Award 2022

Kingston, Diana E

Danish and English roots and Queensland stories : compiled for the family group of Andro Christian Brasch and Alice Maud Brasch, self published, Oatley (NSW), 2021.

H6 DIT 1 Donated by Clem Ditton *Winner, QFHS Family History Book Award 2022

Ditton, Clem

Shaking the Mulga : an Australian family history, self published, Brisbane (Qld), 2021. [See story on p. 88].

H6 FIG 1 Donated by Beverley Murray *Entrant, QFHS Family History Book Award 2022

Murray, Beverley

Bassingbourn to Brisbane : my Figgis family journey, self published, Nerang (Qld), 2019.

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H6 HAY 3**Donated by****Patricia McClafferty*****Entrant, QFHS Family History Book Award 2022**

McClafferty, Patricia

Potatoes and stout : a genealogical history of the Barry - Haynes family, self published, Wilston (Qld), 2021.**H6 MIS 2****Donated by****Margaret Clapham*****Entrant, QFHS Family History Book Award 2022**

Clapham, Margaret

The Syrians are coming : the Mistos of Alpha, M.C. Sutton, Beachmere (Qld), 2021.**H6 UHL 1****Donated by Anne Pollitt*****Entrant, QFHS Family History Book Award 2022**

Pollitt, Anne

The Uhle and Webb family of Queensland, Annette Pollitt, Bardon (Qld), 2018.**ENGLAND****N3 790 1**

Gill, Stephen

Dating by design 1840-1915 : a new way of dating old photographs, The Family History Partnership, Norfolk (Eng), 2021.**N4/34 1 7****Donated**

Mee, Arthur (Ed.)

The King's England : Somerset, Hodder and Stoughton, London (England), 1948.**N7/20 14 1 Vol-190****All donated by****John Perryn**

Lancashire Parish Register Society

The registers of Upholland (1813-1841), Billinge (1813-1841) and Pemberton (1832-1841), Lancashire Parish Register Society, England, 2018.**N7/20 14 1 Vol-192**

Lancashire Parish Register Society

The registers of the parish Lancaster St Mary 1778-1800, St John 1755-1813, St Anne 1796-1812, Lancashire Parish Register Society, Manchester (England), 2019.**N7/20 14 1 Vol-193**

Lancashire Parish Register Society

The registers of the parish Ashton Under Lyne 1761-1785, Lancashire Parish Register Society, Manchester (England), 2020.**N7/20 14 1 Vol-194**

Lancashire Parish Register Society

Some registers of South Ribble (1751-1841), Lancashire Parish Register Society, Manchester (England), 2020.**N7/20 14 1 Vol-195**

Lancashire Parish Register Society

The Registers of the Parish of Warrington (1707-1760), Lancashire Parish Register Society, Manchester (England), 2020.**N7/20 14 1 Vol-197**

Lancashire Parish Register Society

The registers of the Parish of Accrington (1743-1842), Lancashire Parish Register Society, Manchester (England), 2021.**N7/43 14 60.11 Vol 2****Gifted by****Cecily Margaret Cameron**

Pullan, Ron

Wakefield St John's Parish Church : burials 1845 to 1865 : K to Z, Wakefield & District Family History Society, Wakefield, (West Yorkshire, England), 2008.**ELECTRONIC RECORDS****QUEENSLAND****H11/165/50 1**

Redland Genealogical Society Inc.

*Redland Researcher : from issue 141 December 2021 / journal of the Redland Genealogical Society Inc.***ENGLAND****N11/38/50 1**

Sussex Family History Group

Sussex Family Historian : electronic from Mar 2021 onwards / quarterly journal of the Sussex Family History Group, N/A, Horsham, West Sussex (England).**SCOTLAND****P11/8/50 1**

Caithness Family History Society

*Caithness Family History Journal : from issue 67 January 2021.***WALES****Q11 50 5**

Powys Family History Society

Cronicl Powys : electronic from August 2019 onwards, Powys Family History Society, Welshpool (Wales), 2007-. ■

INDEXERS TRIBUTE MORNING TEA



*Back row: Rosemary Kopittke, John Perryn, Bryan Hacker
Centre row: Deanna Robertson, Ellen McDonald, Lynn Hooper, Liz Grech,
Maureen Arthur, Mary Geiger, Joan Kane, Elaine Eager
Front row: Jackie Buttress, Dorothy Jeffrey, Jenny Hacker, Bev Bonning, Bev Moore.*

After many years of indexing and providing millions of searchable entries for QFHS, the Publications Team has retired. Our Society acknowledged the work of the most dynamic of our data dynamos - those who have indexed more than 100,000 entries each – with a Tribute event to recognise their sterling contributions. The data dynamos, who are listed on the Indexers Honour Roll, were Guests of the Management Committee at a celebratory Indexers Tribute High Tea on Monday 9 May 2022.

INDEXERS TRIBUTE KEDRON-WAVELL SERVICES CLUB

Welcome everyone, invited guests and members of Queensland Family History Society to this Celebration. Please enjoy yourselves. We have had few opportunities over the last two years to come together in such numbers. The apologies have been noted, and it is inevitable that all invitees have not been able to attend. Significantly incapacity and the passing away of loyal indexers who were on the invitation list should be noted. We are delighted that **Liz Grech** joins us today to celebrate the contribution of her late husband, **Charlie**.

A celebration of the incomparable work of the indexers and the Publication Group has

been contemplated by the Management Committee for well over a year since the far-from-welcome, dare I say disappointing, announcement that the group would be retiring on completion of their existing projects. Some of us have been slow to come to terms with that grief. I, for one, do not accept that all good things must come to an end. From the Society's view I would like to hope that it is just a pause in publishing. We must accept that our last publication, in the true sense of the word, was launched in 2017. However, an enormous amount of indexing and the provision of that output to members of the Society has continued and is continuing. Even as we waited for a safe time to celebrate, the Publications Group has given us more to rejoice over. The data licensing agreement with Ancestry acknowledges the value that your production has in the commercial world, and reinforces the importance of your work for the public. I was overjoyed earlier this year when **Rosemary Kopittke** conveyed to me that a further 224,000 entries were available to be added to QSPI7. That this great encore was being performed in the background by many of our guests, came as a complete surprise.

This activity has met the objectives of the Society since its inception. In fact, in June

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1979, even before the inaugural meeting was held, the date was set for the first Saturday cemetery excursion. I might add, that so too was a date set for a beginners' course.

For the 40th anniversary of the Society in 2019, **Mary Geiger** prepared a comprehensive list of publications, together with a commentary on the origins of the various groups of publication. Copies of her presentation on the occasion of the celebration at Gaythorne have been reproduced and made available today. The earliest publication Mary mentioned was the *Directory of Family Names 1981*, though she does go on to say that the only evidence she had of it was from the QFHS History published in the Journal. For her benefit I have turned up, just on Saturday night, a copy of it in the papers of my uncle **Neville Cusack** who was a foundation member of the Society. He also had copies of the first Open Day papers for 1982 and 1983 that Mary had similarly been unable to find. Neville and I share the same hoarding genes, though he was far better organised. From those publications we have a continuum of publication effort which is represented today by our invited guests.

Generosity is surely the hallmark of all the indexers and others involved in our publications, who we honour today. The hours and hours of effort freely given to the benefit of the Society firstly, but just as importantly to the community, should be awe-inspiring to anyone who considers the work involved in photocopying, transcribing, indexing, proof-reading, and the numerous other tasks involved. A motivation has surely been that the heritage of our ancestors can be honoured, as we and generations to come research our Queensland ancestors and others who are part of the State's history.

To digress for just a moment: Only last week, out of the blue, I was contacted by a 6th cousin twice removed of East-End London Huguenot heritage. Just so easily through our QSPI index and accessing the image of the admission register at the State Archives, I was able to discover not only the residence and occupation, but also the

employer of her closer relative. Equivalent information is highly valued as a selling point for the 1921 UK census. I was certainly grateful for the effort involved in our Society's ability to facilitate such ready access. To the extent that is sustainable, we should strive to make the products of our indexers' generosity available to the wider community.

The Society is justly proud of the high proportion of members who volunteer in all the roles necessary to sustain the Society. A relatively small number of our volunteers could be said to be in the limelight, but all contributions are highly valued. The Publication Group has dutifully recorded the work of indexers and acknowledged each and every one of them in our publications. Thus, we are able to see, as an example, the names of 246 people who contributed to the transcribing of our series of nine Commonwealth Electoral Rolls for Queensland. Very impressive! We do not forget that much of that work has been done by non-members who are related to our indexers or just generous friends.

We can't omit to acknowledge that the sound financial position of the Society is attributable, as much as anything, to the work of the Publication Group, firstly through the sale of our publications and more recently through the commercial contracts that we have entered into. Profit has never been a motivation: I hope that that is clear from my earlier remarks.

I have left my concluding remarks for the leaders of the Publications Group of Rosemary Kopittke, Mary Geiger, and **Jackie Buttress**. Everyone present will agree that these ladies and their supportive families have earned our special thanks. Together they have formed a great team and built a supportive group around them. Mary, in her presentation, acknowledged the knowledge and drive of Rosemary, and who are we to disagree?

Please join me in a round of applause for our Indexers and the Publication Group.

Kevin Haley, President ■

QFHS INC. FAMILY HISTORY BOOK AWARD PRESENTATION 2022

It is a pleasure to report that the eight entries for the 2022 Book Award are of a generally high standard, and all demonstrate extensive and thorough research.

This Award exists to promote excellence in family history writing, and it is for this reason that the judges are stringent in their insistence on adherence to the published criteria. The differences in their assessments are usually the result of the way the research is recorded. No matter how entertaining and well-written a story may be, the book will lose points if it lacks the essential criteria.

Some people set out to produce 'something for the family' and having done that they then decide to enter the fruits of their labours for the Award. Many entries over the years, while not winners, have superbly achieved their aim to produce an entertaining and historical account of family, for family. Several of this year's entries fall into this category.

Others - perhaps more in tune with publishing - aim to satisfy all the criteria required for an award-winning book, even though that is not their chief reason for writing.

Both these approaches have their place.

I'd like to suggest that if you have even the slightest idea that you might like to produce a book to showcase your research, you familiarise yourself with the requirements for publishing a useful family history. Advice can be sought from, among other places, the QFHS Writing Group, and it is worth looking at past winners, particularly those of recent years.

Your book will have greater relevance to other researchers in the future if you include an index (both names and places), if you list your source citations, and if you include a bibliography. There's a lot to think about - remembering also format, privacy and copyright.

As well as checking the technical aspects of a book, such as those already mentioned, our

judges are looking for a family story. This is more than a list of family members, or even a list of family members with details of significant events in their lives. An outstanding family history will give the reader a sense of time and place; it will illustrate how a family fits into its historical setting and how its members react to the social and economic conditions of their time. If the author can demonstrate well-rounded and apparently authentic characterisation, in correct and flowing text, then this will make our judges positively excited. Maps, photographs, and clear family charts are helpful; it is very easy to 'lose' a reader in complicated family relationships, especially if given names are repeated in succeeding generations. As we all know, no-one's family is quite as interesting as our own, so to keep the general reader engaged and interested, a few of the techniques employed by a successful novelist must be employed. The difference, of course, is that the family story really happened.

To illustrate the relevance of the historical setting, two of the books entered this year, while not fully satisfying the criteria for this Award, are important additions to the history of Brisbane:

The Dell. A house in Toowong by **Ruth Sapsford**, and *The Art Deco Mansion in St Lucia* by **Ruth Bonetti**.

The wide scope of backgrounds is hinted at in the titles of the other entries:

The Uhl and Webb Family of Queensland by **Anne Pollitt**, *The Syrians are Coming* by **Margaret Clapham**, *Shaking the Mulga* by **Clem Ditton**, *Danish and English Roots and Queensland Stories* (2 vols) by **Diana E Kingston**, *Bassingbourne to Brisbane* by **Beverley Murray**, and *Potatoes and Stout* by **Patricia McClafferty**.

The judges were unanimous in their decision to award this year's prize to Clem Ditton for *Shaking the Mulga*. Described as thoroughly researched, using documentary, anecdotal and DNA evidence, and well-written and

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produced, this story is interesting in that it begins with recent generations (Clem's parents) and works backwards. Clem has been able to bring these people to life with his narrative style; this is not as easily achieved in later, more historical chapters, and perhaps demonstrates how difficult it can be, generally, to bring unknown ancestors to life. Congratulations Clem.

Sincere thanks to our judges. The closing date for entries is the end of November, so it is no small ask to give them a pile of books to read carefully and critically at possibly one of the busiest times of the year. This they do with good grace and enthusiasm.



*Clem Ditton receiving his award from
Gayle Thomsett*

Gayle Thomsett (Convenor) ■

PHOTOGRAPHS THEN AND NOW



Burleigh Heads, Gold Coast, in the 1920s

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/hwmobs/25518904811/in/photostream/>



Burleigh Heads, Gold Coast, April 2022. © L Cosgrove ■

THE MAHENO (PART III) - RETURN TO CIVILIAN LIFE, AND SHIPWRECK

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

During the Great War, the New Zealand government pressed both the *Maheno* and its sister ship the *Marama* into service as hospital ships.

After the war, the ships returned to Port Chalmers to offload their hospital fittings (the *Maheno's* went to South Island hospitals and the *Marama's* to North Island ones). Re-equipped with their peacetime finery, they resumed their old runs, the *Maheno* principally on the Tasman and the *Marama* mainly on the trans-Pacific service. The *Maheno* undertook six voyages from New Zealand to England and return. Then she returned to her regular Trans-Tasman service.

The *Maheno* was converted in 1919 from three screws to two, and although this slowed her, she was more fuel efficient and profitable to operate.



SS Maheno

<http://ssmaritime.com/Marama.htm>

But in due course the advent of internal combustion engines, ironically improved by the war, would inevitably lead to her demise as newer, faster and much cleaner ships came to the scene and took to the high seas. Thus as she was aging, it was time for USSCo to sell the old girl that had served the company so well!

Under **Captain G B Morgan** DSO, DSC the *Maheno's* last voyage departed from Melbourne on 14 March 1935, called at the Bluff in New Zealand on 18th, Dunedin on the 19th and Lyttleton the next day. She arrived at Wellington on Thursday morning 21 March and that evening sailed for Sydney, docking on Tuesday 26 March. She was then laid up for sale. She and her little sister *Oonah* were sold to Miyachi KKK of Osaka, Japan for scrap, her twin propellers were removed and she set out for Japan under tow on 3 July 1935.²⁰

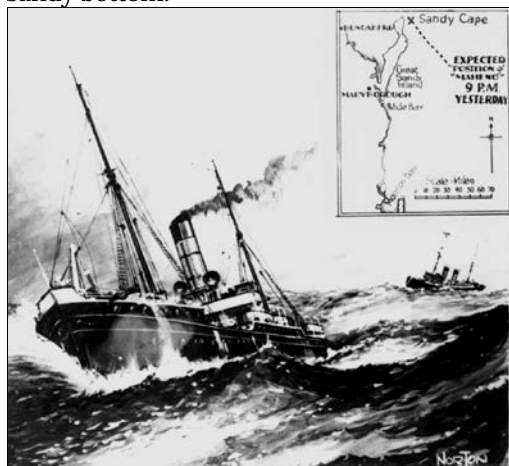
Considerable interest was attached to the departure from Sydney yesterday of the former Union S.S. Co.'s passenger vessels *Oonah* and *Maheno* when they left direct for Osaka, to be broken up. The *Maheno* (5,323 tons gross) is being towed by the smaller vessel, which is only 1,755 tons, and the journey of about 4,000 miles is considered one of the longest ocean tows on record. The progress of the vessels, 'until late yesterday' afternoon indicates that the voyage will take about six weeks to complete. Both vessels are manned by Japanese officers and crews.²¹

The calm weather in which the *Oonah* and the *Maheno* left Sydney was not to last. When sailing into the waters off Queensland, a winter cyclone struck. 'Through the breaking of a tow line the steamer *Maheno*, which was being towed to Japan by the *Oonah*, is adrift and at the mercy of a cyclone 60 miles south-east of Sandy Cape. The tug *Carlock* will leave Brisbane this morning and go at full steam to her rescue.'²²

Newspapers from around the country soon reported on the fate of the *Maheno*. Stranded on a lonely part of Fraser Island, 165 miles from Brisbane, the steamer *Maheno* was discovered by 'plane to-day. Waves were smashing themselves against the vessel and difficulty may be experienced in refloating her. Two members of the skeleton crew appeared on deck when the

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'plane, "City of Grafton," owned by New England Airways Ltd., appeared overhead, and waved their hands, clearly glad to know that the *Maheno* had been found. Owing to the bad nature of the country it was not possible for the 'plane to make a landing, but no time was lost in making for Maryborough and informing the navigation authorities. The tug *Carlock*, which set out yesterday to search for the *Maheno*, was communicated with by radio, as was the *Oonah*, which was towing the *Maheno* to Japan when the line broke during Monday's cyclonic weather. The *Maheno*, at the mercy of the elements, drifted a considerable distance before grounding on a sandy beach, but when is as yet not known. Both the *Oonah* and *Carlock* are now steaming towards Fraser Island. There is little danger of the *Maheno* breaking up as the vessel is resting on a sandy bottom.²³



SS Maheno, State Library of Qld (JOL) 1 147143

Theories and counter-theories abounded, 'the *Maheno* will break up'; 'the *Maheno* will be able to be salvaged'. 'There is a possibility that the stranded *Maheno* may break in two. The tide has scoured the sand from beneath her bows and stern.'²⁴

'Apparently it will be only a matter of days before the stranded steamer *Maheno* topples over and breaks up. The vessel's back is believed to have broken. A hole is reported to have developed in her hull, admitting water into the engine room and stokehold.'²⁵



Maheno aground on Fraser Island
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<https://hdl.handle.net/10462/deriv/111593>.

When on a visit to Maryborough, **Captain Tanaka**, commander of the *Maheno*, stated that banks of sand had now formed all round the *Maheno* and he doubted whether anything could be done to refloat her. He was of the opinion that she would have to be left on Fraser Island to break up.²⁶

'The crew of the *Oonah* will endeavour to salvage everything of value from the stranded steamer *Maheno* at Fraser Island. The *Maheno* is being undermined and will have to be stayed up before heavy weather, if salvage is to be effective.'²⁷

A reporter for the *Maryborough Chronicle* wrote, 'He was a small swarthy man, neatly dressed, with an overcoat over his arm and an attache case in his hand. He stood on the corner of a Maryborough street and the Friday shopping crowd passed him carelessly by. No one paid any particular attention to his rather uncertain movements, yet a few days ago he was one of the most sought-after men in Australia. He was **Captain Hashimoto** of the *Oonah*. Only yesterday morning he arrived in Maryborough bringing with him his wireless operator who, after gallantly standing by throughout the storm and the busy days that followed, had finally surrendered to a serious illness. When approached, Captain Hashimoto was not reticent. He was ardent in his appreciation of the interest and sympathy which Australians had lavished on his plight. 'All have been very kind,' he said. 'We have received many messages, but you must understand that first the anxiety of the

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storm, then the equal anxiety of the calm that followed have prevented us from answering as fully as we would have liked. I would appreciate if your paper would accord me the opportunity to express my gratitude and Captain Tanaka's and that of the crews, both of the *Maheno* and the *Oonah*, for the consideration, help and courtesy of the Navigation Department, the Customs Department, the Port of Maryborough Harbour Master, the Postal authorities and the police, as well as the citizens of your splendid country.' There was a little quiver in his face which witnessed the earnestness of his sentiments. Captain Hashimoto had an exciting tale to tell. To augment the meagre details already gleaned of the *Oonah's* ordeal in the cyclone, he described how tremendous seas swept the vessel, flooding the deckhouses and plunging in soaring cascades over the bows. 'We were lucky and unlucky, both,' he said. 'When I left Sydney I did not expect such weather. There is always uncertainty on the sea but at this period experience had shown that cyclones are almost unknown in these waters. It was sheer bad luck. We made really splendid time from Sydney with our tow. The weather was delightful, and a few hours after the storm it was just as bright. Still, we met the storm and lost the *Maheno*. It was something for which no one could prepare and no one could prevent.

'HIT SANDBANK. He then went on to show how bad luck had followed them even after the *Maheno* had broken adrift. Probably the *Maheno* would have ridden out the storm had she not hit a sandbank. A quarter of an hour would have made all the difference. Drifting towards the land, the *Maheno* had her anchor out, holding her bow on to the sea. An exceptional wave lifted the vessel on to the sandbank and, the keel grounding, the vessel was swung broad side on. The *Maheno* heeled over and the sudden strain snapped the cable. So she was left at the mercy of the sea, riding to sea anchors. Asked whether he thought that salvage operations on the *Maheno* would be successful, Capt Hashimoto said that the difficulties at present in his way seemed

almost insuperable. He was worried at the possibility of the vessel's toppling over, and had thought of putting out land anchors, but the equipment at his disposal was very scanty, and the roughness of the island made the problem of transport exceedingly difficult. He doubted whether the trucks would stand the strain of the passage over the island with the heavy load they must necessarily carry, and even if they did there was always the possibility of another heavy sea arising, in which case the strain of the vessel would snap the steel cables and result in further loss to the company. In fact he did not intend to remove anything from the vessel. The furniture was too bulky and negligible in quantity, while the weight of the metal fittings put them right out of the question. He had, however, cabled to the Japanese Salvage Company, in whom he had unlimited faith. That organisation was, he claimed, one of the most efficient in the world. He was now awaiting a reply, but as there was no guarantee of calm weather prevailing until the salvage outfit arrived, he doubted whether sending it would be worth the gamble.

'WIRELESS OPERATOR ILL. His purpose in town was to secure another wireless operator, either a Japanese or one conversant with the language, but from his inquiries he feared that his prospects were dim. He had been forced to take his operator to hospital, where he was operated on this morning for a serious complaint. His condition was causing him grave concern. Although the operation had been successful, he was not out of danger and no visitors would be allowed for at least three days. Great difficulty was experienced in getting adequate medical attention for the operator. He was conveyed in **Mr. C. Mathieson's** launch to the Test House, Urangan and there was examined by a doctor who immediately phoned for the Maryborough Ambulance. This arriving at three o'clock yesterday morning, the sick man was conveyed to Maryborough where the operation was immediately performed. Captain Hashimoto paid a tribute to this officer's courage and endurance during the

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storm throughout which he had been on duty without intermission, and without complaint. It was due to his efforts alone that they had kept in touch, to some extent, with the outside world. We are safe now, but don't forget to thank your people. They have been really kind to us, said Capt. Hashimoto, as with a smile and a warm clasp of the hand he said good-bye.²⁸

The *Courier Mail* reported, 'Captain Hashimoto, of the *Oonah*, arrived in Maryborough this morning with the wireless operator, who was rushed to hospital where he underwent an operation. His condition is stated to be serious, though the operation was successful. The wireless operator became suddenly ill on Thursday night. A launch was in the vicinity, and he was placed on board and hurried to Urangan. There a doctor was waiting by arrangement, and at 1 o'clock this morning made an examination of the operator and ordered his immediate removal to hospital. The Ambulance Brigade made a quick run to Urangan and back to the Maryborough Hospital, where the operation was performed immediately.'²⁹

The captain of the *Oonah* also secured permission to sail without a radio operator. The *Oonah's* operator is recovering from an operation for appendicitis in the Maryborough Hospital, and Japanese to fill the job could not be found in Queensland.³⁰ To fulfil legal formalities two Japanese sailors have been left onboard. Permission to leave these in Australia was obtained from the immigration authorities in Queensland.³¹

Customs officer **Dudley Weatherley** went by launch to Bogimah on the calm side of Fraser Island then by truck to the beach side to guard the wreck. He boarded the ship by rope ladder and as the ship had a list to sixteen degrees it was quite difficult to walk on her decks. Tables and chairs, carpets and fittings, including a French baby grand piano and an organ which was later purchased by a church in Maryborough, were in good condition.³² As the *Maheno* was registered in New Zealand everything sold from her was subject to customs duty.

Despite items being expensive there was great demand and all the fittings were sold, as were the lifeboats and other removable items. Some items found their way into the Hervey Bay Museum.³³ (Customs duty on the piano was three times the cost of the piano.)

The following advertisement appeared in the *Courier Mail*:³⁴

STRANDED	STEAMER	MAHENO.
Anyone interested in the purchase of the piano, organ, copper, brass, metal lifeboats, furniture fittings, etc. (FOR BIG BUYERS ONLY). Apply H. SUZUKI, Petrie Terrace, B6760.		

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(photographs provided by the author)

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WEB LINKS

ARMY SERVICE NUMBERS 1881-1918

A number of British infantry regiments were present at the 1903 Delhi Durbar, each regiment nominating eight men to receive the Delhi Durbar Medal. A number of databases are available at <https://armyservicenumbers.blogspot.com/2009/08/delhi-durbar-1903.html>.

SEARCHING FOR YOUR NORTHERN IRISH ANCESTORS: A THREE-STEP GUIDE

Post-ceasefire talks, following an agreed truce in the Irish War of Independence, the Anglo-Irish Treaty was signed in London on 6 December 1921; this ended British rule in most of Ireland. Six northern counties remained within the United Kingdom as Northern Ireland. From a genealogical point of view this means that if your ancestors lived in what is now known as Northern Ireland you need to verify if record offices and/or national databases contain records for all (32 counties) of Ireland or for 26 counties of modern Ireland or for 6 counties of Northern Ireland. For example, Irish civil registrations contain birth, marriage and death registers for all Ireland prior to 1922, but only post-1921 registers for the 26 counties of Ireland. Post-1921 civil registers for Northern Ireland can be searched at GRONI online. Refer to <https://irelandxo.com/ireland-xo/news/tracing-your-northern-irish-ancestors-three-step-guide>.

THE GENEALOGIST RELEASES OVER 31,000 LAND TAX RECORDS FROM 1910

Fascinating English land tax records from the years before the First World War have been released recently by [TheGenealogist](#). Researchers are now able to search 31,394 newly added 1910-15 records of owners and occupiers to discover their ancestors from *Merton, Mitcham, Morden and the Wimbledon areas*. Each record is linked to clear scanned pages of the actual IR58 Field books, sourced from The National Archives, and the properties plotted onto large scale contemporary IR121 maps. Read more at www.eogn.com/page-18080/12770024.

VIRTUAL RECORD TREASURY OF IRELAND CONNECTS MILLIONS OF LOST RECORDS

The newly launched [Virtual Record Treasury of Ireland](#) is a digital archive which combines historical investigation, archival discovery, conservation and technical innovation to re-imagine and recreate, through digital technologies, archives lost at the beginning of the Irish Civil War. For the first time in 100 years, researchers will be able to 'step back in time' to explore a virtual recreation of the Public Record Office of Ireland and its collections of over seven centuries of Irish records dating back to the time of the Normans in Ireland. Hundreds of thousands of precious historical documents relating to all aspects of Irish life were lost, including invaluable census records dating from before the Irish Famine in the 1840s. In the aftermath of the fire of 1922, over 25,000 sheets of paper and parchment were retrieved from the rubble. These records, which date from the fourteenth to the nineteenth centuries, are known as the '1922 Salved Records'. They are now held at the National Archives. During a recent investigation of unopened parcels of salved records through the Beyond 2022 project, archivists identified five parcels of significance to the history of Dublin Port. The Virtual Record Treasury of Ireland has been developed by [Beyond 2022](#), an international collaborative research project by historians in Trinity College Dublin and computer scientists in the Science Foundation Ireland ADAPT Centre, in partnership with five core partners: National Archives Ireland, National Archives UK, Public Record Office of Northern Ireland, Irish Manuscripts Commission and the Library of Trinity College Dublin. Refer to www.eogn.com/page-18080/12776388 and <https://eogn.com/page-18080/12835281>.

NEW YORK CITY RELEASES 9.3 MILLION HISTORICAL BIRTH, DEATH, & MARRIAGE RECORDS FOR FREE

Historical New York City records of birth (1866-1909), death (1862-1948), and marriage (1866-1949) can be accessed at <https://a860-historicalvitalrecords.nyc.gov/>.

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SOUTH AUST. WOMENS PIONEER MEMORIAL

In 1936, the centenary year of South Australia, Mount Barker planted trees along Adelaide Road, part of which is now Follett Close, as a memorial to the pioneer women of the district. Families of the pioneer women were invited to pay for plaques that could be attached to a tree, but no plaques remain. The names of these women, with husband's name in brackets, can be seen on a photograph on the webpage <https://monumentaustralia.org.au/themes/landscape/settlement/display/108999-womens-pioneer-memorial>.

**QUEENSLAND STATE ARCHIVES
HAVE RELEASED NEW FILES**

Dead Farm Files contain records relating to leases where the leaseholder is paying off the purchase price and a freehold title (Deed of Grant) is issued when fully paid. Tenure types include agricultural farm leases, grazing homestead leases and perpetual lease selections. For more information refer to www.archivessearch.qld.gov.au/series/S14050.

Mining lease files contain records relating to mining leases, pursuant to the Mining Act 1898 and 1968 and the Mineral Resources Act 1989. A mining lease is granted for the mining of minerals, coal, and resources including camps, workshops, stockpiles, various types of water storage devices, treatment plants, storage sheds and explosive magazines at www.archivessearch.qld.gov.au/series/S134.

Corporate school files contain requests, lodged by various State Schools, for supplies, requisitions, equipment and building facilities. The files include correspondence relating to the acquisition of land for schools, opening or closure of state schools, rough development plans, costings and letters of complaint and can be researched at www.archivessearch.qld.gov.au/series/S53.

Any of the following may be included in the file: maps; plans; correspondence; Government Gazette notices; applications; descriptions of the land; notices from Treasury about payments; transfers; lease documents; conditions of lease; forfeiture, surrender or extension of leases; and details of mortgage.

THE GREAT IRISH FAMINE ONLINE

This is a ground-breaking interactive map project which charts changes in the human and social landscape of pre- and post-famine Ireland. Swipe between the 1841 and the 1851 map to see key changes by parish and by town. You can also read The Census of Ireland 1881 (Area, Population and Number of Houses) Statistical Report which allows you to see the reality of depopulation at even more local level. Scroll through different parishes and drill down to each townland for the effects of the famine. Produced in four volumes, this resource can be explored free online (thanks to the University of Southampton). Read more at <https://irelandxo.com/ireland-xo/news/great-irish-famine-online>.

**330,000 ONLINE MEMORIALS UNLOCK
INDIVIDUAL STORIES OF OUR WWI ANZACS**

The individual wartime journeys of over 330,000 Australian men and women who volunteered to serve overseas in the First World War are revealed for the first time in an ambitious family history project. Australian War Stories by Memories enables descendants to search for a loved one at <https://australianwarstories.com.au/> and receive a free online memorial of their wartime journey: from enlistment, to training, embarkation and beyond. You can read more in an article at www.miragenews.com/for-nation-330000-online-memorials-unlock-766147.

UPDATED PLACE NAMES OF IRELAND WEBSITE

The updated logainm.ie website provides a searchable database of the official Irish-language versions of approximately 100,000 places throughout the country. The new *Placenames Database of Ireland* site features interactive maps, aerial photography and better ease of navigation for those looking to find out the origins of place names from Arklow to Zion Road. Refer to <https://eogn.com/page-18080/12781732>.

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

QFHS NOTICES

BEREAVEMENT NOTICES



We extend our deepest sympathy on the following bereavements:

Charlie Grech, indexer extraordinaire, late of Springfield Lakes, who passed away on 20 March 2022, aged 75 years.

Diane Margaret Lindsay, member #3284, late of McDowall, who passed away on 5 June 2022, aged 77 years.

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

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Visit the conference website www.celtic-connections.org for more information.

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Further courses will be held online or at our Library on the following dates:

Topic: **Organise your family history using Excel: getting started**

Date: FRI 12 August 2022

Time: **1.30 pm to 3.00 pm** (online)

Presenter: Therese O'Brien
 (Limit 25 people)

Topic: **Talking About – the small country town**

Date: WED 24 August 2022

Time: 10.00 am to 12 noon (online)

Presenter: Janela Jell
 (Limit 15 people)

Topic: **Townsville Catholic Archive : History and family history resources in the collection**

Date: FRI 9 September 2022

Time: 10.00 am to 11.30 am (online)

Presenter: Helen Lucas
 (Limit 25 people)

Topic: **Talking About – Communism**

Date: WED 28 September 2022

Time: 10.00 am to 12 noon (online)

Presenter: Nancy Edwards
 (Limit 15 people)

Topic: **[Citation needed]**

Date: FRI 14 October 2022

Time: 10.00 am to 11.30 am (online)

Presenter: Kerry Raymond
 (Limit 25 people)

Topic: **Talking About – QFHSdatasearch**

Date: WED 26 October 2022

Time: 10.00 am to 12 noon (online)

Presenter: Geoff Morgan
 (Limit 15 people)

Topic: **Zotero: your personal research assistant (w/shop)**

Date: FRI 11 November 2022

Time: 10.00 am to 12 noon (online)

Presenter: Sue Reid
 (Limit 6 people)

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

CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE EVENTS

Bookings are required – you are invited to register to secure your place for these events through www.qfhs.org.au/events/.

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QFHS INC. FAMILY HISTORY BOOK AWARD 2023

The Society invites entries for this Award which will be presented at the Annual General Meeting 2023 to the person or persons producing the best history of a Queensland family published in book form within the past five years.

Full guidelines, conditions of entry and entry forms are available on the website at www.qfhs.org.au/about-us/awards/.

Please check the guidelines. In brief, these include:

- It must be the story of a family, not an individual, and have significant Queensland content
- It should have an index
- Desirable features include charts and tables, illustrations, maps, references, and a list of source materials.

Further information is available from:

Hon Secretary
QFHS Inc
PO Box 171
Indooroopilly Qld 4068

or

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

Entries close **30 November 2022**.

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



MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS REMINDER

For most members it is time to renew your membership. If you have received your membership email but haven't yet renewed for the next research year, you can renew via our website at www.qfhs.org.au/join-us/join-qfhs-or-renew-membership or direct credit to our bank account BSB 484 799 Acc No 041217518, remembering to put your surname/member number as a reference. If you need to advise changes to your contact details or have any other enquiries, please email membership@qfhs.org.au.

Save the Date

QFHS OPEN DAY
SATURDAY 6 AUGUST 2022
10 AM - 3 PM

Bring friends and family to our Library and Resource Centre and introduce them to all that QFHS has to offer.

Guided tours, Demonstrations, and guidance on researching DNA, Central Europe, India and the Far East, English West Country, Scotland, Wales and Ireland.

Special discounted memberships, and Publications for sale.

Raffles, cups of tea/coffee and show bag.

**THERE'LL BE LOTS HAPPENING SO
SAVE THE DATE AND BRING
A FRIEND TO OPEN DAY.**

QFHS TROUT GAME

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



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

Date: Sunday 23 October 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.)



NSW & ACT Association of
Family History Societies Inc.




Annual Conference

16, 17 September 2022

Via Zoom & YouTube

Check website, Facebook, & Conference Newsletter

Riding the Waves of History



Newcastle Family History Society Inc. nfhs.org.au
Maitland & Beyond Family History Group Inc. mdgs.org.au/
ridingthewavesofhistory.com.au

LIBRARY ASSISTANTS' TEAM MEETING



Friday 23 September 2022

10.00 – 11.30 am

QFHS Library and Resource Centre
Come along and learn the latest about QFHS publications and meet other L As.

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

Members are invited to submit nominations for the 2022 QFHS Award for Services to Family History. This award is for Queensland Family History Society members only. Usually, up to two awards are presented each year.

An awardee will have made a significant contribution to:

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

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

Nominations close **30 September 2022**. The Awards will be presented at a Volunteers' Thank You function on 21 November 2022.

You can download a nomination form at www.qfhs.org.au/about-us/awards/. Please email your completed nomination form to secretary@qfhs.org.au or send by mail to PO Box 171, Indooroopilly, 4068 and allow seven(7) days for postage. Please include your contact details and membership number. ■

QFHS VOLUNTEERS THANK YOU MORNING TEA

MONDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2022
10.00 am – 12.00 noon



QFHS Library and Resource Centre
Do come along for a friendly get-together and meet other volunteers
AND PRESENTATION OF THE
QFHS INC. AWARD FOR
SERVICES TO FAMILY HISTORY
2022

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS of QFHS INC.

Membership numbers 6509 - 6528 including members who joined 1/4/22 to 30/6/22:

BAHR Ian, Narangba, QLD
 BAKER Karen, Graceville, QLD
 BRINDLEY Dot, Roma, QLD
 COX Nigel, Mitchelton, QLD
 HANSON Sandra & Robert, Parkside, QLD
 KENAVAN Michael, Albion, QLD
 KENT Geoff, McDowall, QLD
 LEWIS Alana, Toowong, QLD
 LYNCH Barbara, South Yarra, VIC
 MAHON Mary, Geebung, QLD
 MILDWATERS Alison, &
 CHAPPELL Gwenyth, Bardon, QLD
 MOORE Rebecca & Gary, Ashgrove, QLD
 O'CONNOR Lynette, Bray Park, QLD
 RAILTON Robert, Twin Waters, QLD
 SCHOEFFLER Thomas, McDowall, QLD
 SCOTT Rachel, Lower Mount Walker, QLD
 SMITH Jennifer, Kedron, QLD
 STREEK Geoffrey, Chermside, QLD
 TOMES Pamela, Maleny, QLD
 WILTSHIRE Linda, Gaythorne, QLD

Welcome back to the following members who are rejoining:

CHRISTIANSEN Kathryn, Deagon, QLD
 GLANCY Ross, Carine, WA
 READ Kate, Annerley, QLD
 SIMPSON Annette, Forest Lake, QLD
 STEHBENS Ian, Imbil, QLD
 THOMSON Nicole, Caboolture, QLD
 WHARTON Barbara, Everton Park, QLD ■

QUEENSLAND PRE-SEPARATION GROUP APPROVAL

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

#345 Jennifer Smith (QFHS Member 6511) is descended from **Ellen Jane McCartney** who arrived in Moreton Bay on 21/10/1848 on *Earl Grey* and married in Brisbane on 13/2/1849 **Daniel Jounquay** who had arrived in Moreton Bay about 1842, and their daughter **Elizabeth Ellen Jounquay** born 23/12/1849 in Brisbane.

NEW MEMBERS' WELCOME & ORIENTATION SESSIONS

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

FRIDAY
(At 10.00 am)

SATURDAY
(At 9.30 am)

16 September 2022 **20 August 2022**
18 November 2022 **15 October 2022**
18 February 2023

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 ■

STUCK ON A BRANCH? OUT ON A LIMB?

The QFHS Library is a treasure trove of resources and information.

Do you live too far away?

Have you hit that famous brick-wall?

Do you know that members who live further than 50 km from the Brisbane GPO are entitled to 2 hours of free research per year?

A free Look-up Service for all members is also available.

Not a QFHS member? We can still help

Request help now by downloading a request form from

www.qfhs.org.au/about-us/research-service/extended-research

QFHS members - \$40 per hour (incl. GST)

Non-members - \$60 per hour (incl. GST)

Queensland Family History Society Inc.

P O Box 171, Indooroopilly Qld 4068

Email: research@qfhs.org.au

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

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

FAMILY HISTORY WRITING GROUP



This group meets online via Zoom (or in the QFHS Library) on the **third Saturday of odd-numbered months at 9.00 am.**

The next meeting dates are:

17 September 2022 19 November 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:

13 August 2022 8 October 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:

22 September 2022 24 November 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:

10 September 2022 12 November 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:

18 September 2022 20 November 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:

24 September 2022 26 November 2022

A \$2 donation goes towards purchasing relevant records.

Phone Eric on 07 3376 4339 or email Eric at kopittke@tpg.com.au.

Eric Kopittke & Noel Bergman
(Convenors)



FAMILY TREE MAKER USER GROUP

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

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

Fri 5 August 2022
Sat 3 September 2022
Fri 7 October 2022
Sat 5 November 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:

6 August 2022	Cancelled
3 September 2022	Advanced
1 October 2022	Beginners
5 November 2022	Advanced

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

Chris Schuetz & 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:

14 August 2022 **9 October 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:

7 August 2022
4 September 2022
2 October 2022
6 November 2022

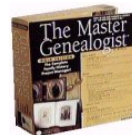
For further information please email familyhistorian@qfhs.org.au.

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:

20 August 2022
17 September 2022
15 October 2022
19 November 2022



For further information contact Kevin Haley on 07 3359 7491.

Kevin Haley
(Convenor)

QLD PRE-SEPARATION GROUP

Did any of your ancestors arrive in Queensland prior to separation from New South Wales On 10 December 1859?

If so, you may become a certificate member of this group. The group also welcomes anyone interested in pre-separation families and history to its periodic meetings and activities. Meetings are usually held quarterly on **Saturdays** online via Zoom (or in the QFHS Library) at **1.30 pm**, or by excursion. The next meetings will be held on:

Sat 10 September 2022

Mon 5 December 2022 - Excursion TBA

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

Ann Swain & Jenny Davidson
(Convenors) ■

QLD PRE-SEPARATION GROUP EXCURSION TO OLD GOVERNMENT HOUSE



Thanks to Dr. Katie McConnel for a wonderful 2 hour tour.

DATES TO REMEMBER

DATE	ACTIVITY	VENUE	TIME
AUGUST 2022 - AFFHO: National Family History Month			
Friday	5 Family Tree Maker User Group (<i>See p.116</i>)	Check website	10.00 - 11.30 am
Saturday	6 QFHS OPEN DAY (Cancelled)	QFHS Library	10.00 – 3.00 pm
Sunday	7 Family Historian7 User Group (<i>See p. 117</i>)	Online	1.00 – 3.00 pm
Wednesday	10 EXHIBITION DAY – LIBRARY OPEN	QFHS Library	10.00 – 3.00 pm
Friday	12 Learn@QFHS: <i>Organise your family history using Excel: getting started</i> (<i>See p.112</i>)	Online	1.30 - 3.00 pm
Saturday	13 Irish Interest Group (<i>See p.116</i>)	Online	10.30 - 12.30 pm
Sunday	14 Colonial India and The Far East Group (<i>See p.117</i>)	Check website	10.30 - noon
Wednesday	17 Monthly Members' Meeting (<i>Evening</i>)	Hybrid	7.30 – 9.00 pm
Saturday	20 New Members' Welcome & Orientation Session (<i>See p.115</i>)	Check website	9.30 - 12.30 pm
Saturday	20 The Master Genealogist (TMG) User Group (<i>See p.117</i>)	Online	1.30 - 3.30 pm
SEPTEMBER 2022			
Saturday	3 Family Tree Maker User Group (<i>See p.116</i>)	Check website	10.00 - 11.30 am
Saturday	3 DNA Interest Group (<i>See p.117</i>)	Check website	1.30 - 3.30 pm
Sunday	4 Family Historian7 User Group (<i>See p. 117</i>)	Online	1.00 – 3.00 pm
Friday	9 Learn@QFHS: <i>North Queensland Catholic Archives</i> (<i>See p.112</i>)	Online	10.00 - 11.30 am
Saturday	10 Scottish Interest Group (<i>See p.116</i>)	Check website	10.00 - noon
Saturday	10 Pre-Separation Group (<i>See p.117</i>)	Check website	1.30 – 3.30 pm
Friday	16 New Members' Welcome & Orientation Session (<i>See p.115</i>)	Check website	10.00 - 1.00 pm
Saturday	17 Family History Writing Group (<i>See p.116</i>)	Check website	9.00 - 11.00 am
Saturday	17 The Master Genealogist (TMG) User Group (<i>See p.117</i>)	Online	1.30 - 3.30 pm
Sunday	18 Welsh Interest Group (<i>See p.116</i>)	Check website	10.00 - noon
Wednesday	21 Monthly Members' Meeting (<i>Afternoon</i>)	Hybrid	1.00 – 3.00 pm
Thursday	22 English West Country Group (<i>See p.116</i>)	Check website	noon - 2.00 pm
Friday	23 Library Assistants' team meeting	QFHS Library	10.00 - 11.30 am
Saturday	24 Central European Group (<i>See p.116</i>)	Check website	10.00 - noon
Friday	30 CLOSING DATE for nominations for Services to Family History Award 2022		
OCTOBER 2022			
Saturday	1 DNA Interest Group (<i>See p.117</i>)	Check website	1.30 - 3.30 pm
Sunday	2 Family Historian7 User Group (<i>See p. 117</i>)	Online	1.00 – 3.00 pm
Monday	3 QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY - LIBRARY CLOSED		
Friday	7 Family Tree Maker User Group (<i>See p.116</i>)	Check website	10.00 - 11.30 am
Saturday	8 Irish Interest Group (<i>See p.116</i>)	Online	10.30 - 12.30 pm
Sunday	9 Colonial India and The Far East Group (<i>See p.117</i>)	Check website	10.30 - noon
Friday	14 Learn@QFHS: [<i>Citation needed</i>] (<i>See p.112</i>).	Online	10.00 - 11.30 am
Saturday	15 New Members' Welcome & Orientation Session (<i>See p.115</i>)	Check website	9.30 - 12.30 pm
Saturday	15 The Master Genealogist (TMG) User Group (<i>See p.117</i>)	Online	1.30 - 3.30 pm
Wednesday	19 Monthly Members' Meeting and Presentation of Pre-Separation Certificates (<i>Evening</i>)	Hybrid	7.30 - 9.30 pm
Sunday	23 Trout Game (<i>See p.113</i>)	QFHS Library	10.00 – 4.00 pm
NOVEMBER 2022			
Saturday	5 Family Tree Maker User Group (<i>See p.116</i>)	Check website	10.00 - 11.30 am
Saturday	5 DNA Interest Group (<i>See p.117</i>)	Check website	1.30 - 3.30 pm
Sunday	6 Family Historian7 User Group (<i>See p. 117</i>)	Online	1.00 – 3.00 pm
Friday	11 Learn@QFHS: <i>Zotero : your personal research assistant</i> (<i>p.112</i>)	Online	10.00 - noon
Wednesday	16 Monthly Members' Meeting (<i>Evening</i>)	Hybrid	7.30 - 9.30 pm

Management Committee meetings are usually held on the second Tuesday 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.

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MONTHLY MEETINGS OF THE SOCIETY



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



For the dates of the meetings of the different **Special Interest Groups**, please refer to *p.76* of this issue or *Dates to Remember* on *p.78*.

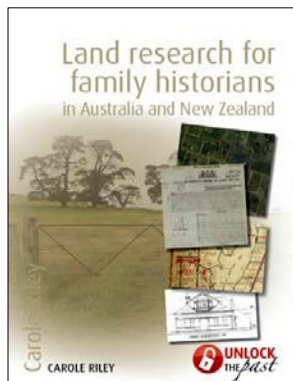
PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE TO SEE WHERE THESE MEETINGS WILL BE HELD

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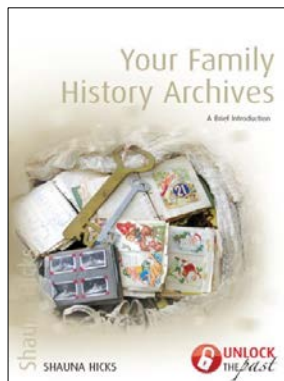
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| AUGUST
(7.30 pm) | 17 | Topic: 130 years of the Queensland Ambulance
Speaker: Dr Mick Davis AM, ASM, Manager QAS Heritage & History, Queensland Ambulance Service |
| SEPTEMBER
(1.00 pm) | 21 | Topic: Becoming a fan of FANs: let your family's friends, associates and neighbours reveal more of your family's history
Speaker: Pauleen Cass, QFHS |
| OCTOBER
(7.30 pm) | 19 | Topic: The Pumicestone Passage Castaways, 1823-24
Speaker: Dr James Lergessner
And Pre-Separation Certificate Presentations |
| NOVEMBER
(7.30 pm) | 16 | Topic: My Life Story
Speaker: Dr Colin Dillon AM, APM, 2022 Queensland Senior Australian of the Year, and Australia's first Indigenous police officer
QFHS Christmas meeting / Christmas breakup. Please bring a plate |
| NOVEMBER
(10.00 am) | 21 | QFHS Volunteers' Morning Tea and Presentation of QFHS Inc. Award for Services to Family History |

FOR SALE

CDs, USBs and Books available from QFHS Bookshop or QFHS website
\$22.50 (incl. Postage) **\$14.00 (incl. Postage)**



Deeds and Grants, Torrens titles, Crown leases, selections and conditional purchases, closer and solder settlements, title applications, maps, and plans. Land research can tell us so much about how our ancestors lived and worked, and can give us a picture of our ancestors' social and economic position. Buying or selling property may have been the only time our ancestors dealt with government in colonial times.



This book is a brief introduction to the basics of recording, organising and caring for family archives and what to do to ensure the collection is not lost to future generations of family and other researchers. A family archive does not eventuate overnight, it slowly grows over the years. The book is in three stages; the final stage is what happens to the collection in the future.

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

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