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



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## COVER PHOTOGRAPH

7th Brigade Centenary Memorial, Chermside, erected to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Gallipoli in 2015. All units that comprised 7th Brigade are listed, together with the various badges used throughout the 100 years. The park was previously known as Hamilton Road Reserve until renamed 7th Brigade Park in 1996. (Photograph provided by Lyndal Cosgrove). *See story on p.4.*

## 7th BRIGADE PARK

By Alan Bourne

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The following is a selected history of the area now called 7th Brigade Park which is the site of Queensland Family History Society's new home.

Prior to World War I an area of land east of Murphy Road was owned by **Alonzo Sparkes**, a butcher, and the area was known locally as Sparkes' Paddock.

During the early stages of WWI, 120 members of a Light Horse section from the Northern Rivers area set up camp, known as Chermside Camp, on the northern side of Marchant Paddock (now Marchant Park) that lies on the western side of Murphy Road. From late 1914 the camp also became a Remount Depot for the Queensland-raised 2nd Australian Light Horse Regiment.

Based on the number of photographs held by the State Library of Queensland (SLQ) showing the range of buildings present at the Chermside Camp, it indicates that it was a substantial camp. During WWI the Marchant Paddock camp expanded across Murphy Road into Sparkes' Paddock where the Northern Rivers Light Horse section had moved to. The main reason the two paddocks were used was that the scrub had been cleared and thus made the area suitable for the agistment of horses. The camp also included an artillery unit with 18-pounder guns, as shown by some of the SLQ photos.

Several years ago, **Norm Pfingst**, a descendent of a German immigrant family that settled in Wavell Heights and after whom Pfingst Road is named, showed me a family photo of two Light horsemen taken during WWI. The Light horsemen were in uniform on their horses on a track that is now Pfingst Road. I always wondered if they were heading to the Kedron Park Hotel as the Pfingst Road track headed in the direction of the hotel.

As an aside, Marchant Park's military history extends back to colonial times, and the Park Gates at the corner of Gympie Road and Murphy Road were opened in 1924 to commemorate WWI servicemen from the then Kedron Shire.

At the end of WWI the military camp in Marchant paddock and Sparkes' paddock closed.

In 1940, a new Chermside Camp was opened in Sparkes' Paddock, an area bounded by Murphy Road, Ellison Road, Geebung Road (now Newman Road) and Downfall Creek. The first military units to be based at the Chermside Camp were units of the 7th Brigade which was composed of the following Queensland based Battalions: the 9th, the 25th and the 61st. The 9th Battalion can trace its origins back to the Moreton Regiment based in the Brisbane area during colonial times. The 9th Battalion still exists today and is based at Gallipoli Barracks, Enoggera. The 25th Battalion also still exists, based in Toowoomba today, and it also can trace its origins back to the Darling Downs Regiment from colonial times. The 61st Battalion, also known as the Cameron Highlanders, was initially formed in 1917 and disbanded the same year, but was reformed in 1938 as a Militia unit.

A late resident of Wavell Heights, **Frank McCosker**, was a member of the 9th Battalion when it was based at the Chermside Camp. Frank told me that the 9th Battalion was quartered near Murphy Road. Frank said that the 9th Battalion, following training at the Chermside Camp, was sent to Rollingstone, north of Townsville, where they manned the Townsville Line in preparation for a possible Japanese attack. The reason Rollingstone was chosen was that the distance between the coast and the Great Dividing Range was the narrowest in that part of the North. The 9th Battalion was then moved to Milne Bay where the Japanese met their first defeat on land during WWII. Frank said that they travelled to Milne Bay on a Dutch trader that had escaped from Indonesia. He made a comment that not only was the crew filthy but so was the ship. Luckily they only had to put up with the poor lodgings for two nights.

During WWII the Chermside Camp expanded across Downfall Creek. The old section was labelled upper camp and the new

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section lower camp. The following 1946 aerial photograph shows the layout of Chermside Camp.

The location marked by the red **X** on the aerial photo approximates where QFHS's new premises are located. There were a few outliers to the camp; in the photo a small group of huts can be seen on the northern side of Ellison Road. On Kuran Street, just south of the photo, was an Australian Women's Army Service (AWAS) camp. Members of the Chermside and District Historical Society interviewed a local Wavell Heights resident who told of chatting over her fence to service women in the AWAS Camp during WWII.

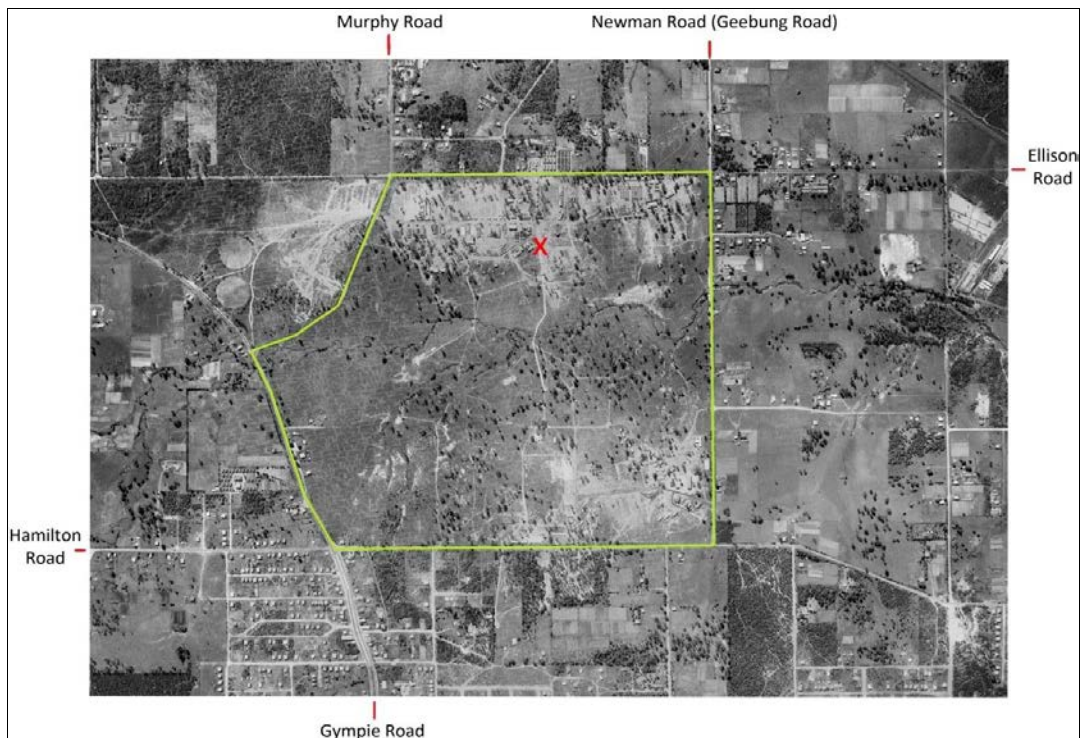
Bridges joined the upper and lower camps across Downfall Creek. Vegetables were grown on the banks of Downfall Creek to help feed the troops in the camp. In 1943 approval was granted for the military to use parts of Marchant Park. One of the uses for Marchant Park was driver training, which included training for service women from the AWAS camp. Scarring shown in the photo of

Marchant Park suggests where the driver training may have taken place.

An interesting incident occurred in the camp later in the war. A trainee pilot and instructor were flying near the camp when the plane experienced engine trouble. They tried to land on Hamilton Road but were unable to due to the traffic volume. The plane crashed in the lower camp hitting an officers' latrine. The instructor and trainee pilot were both killed.

A few more points of interest re Chermside Camp:

- Chermside and District Historical Society is based in the Historical Precinct at the rear of the Chermside Shopping Centre off Kittyhawk Drive, not far from QFHS's new premises.
- Also within the Historical Precinct is the old 9th Battalion's D Company Sandgate Drill Hall which was built in 1915. The drill hall was moved to its current location in 2000. The building is currently used as the 9th Battalion's War Memorial Museum.



## 7th BRIGADE PARK (Cont.)

- A late resident of Wavell Heights, Mr. **Peter Barfoot**, as a young lad lived in Taabinga Street during WWII. He mentioned that sometimes at night during the war, troops undertaking night exercises would pass his home. Peter also said that, to undertake rifle training, troops would march from the camp to the Zillmere Train Station to take a train to Enoggera to undertake such training.

The following comment is taken from the book, *The 61<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 1938-1945, The Queensland Cameron Highlanders' War* by James Watt.

“Cpl **Nev. Larsen** recalls his days with D-Coy:

“On arrival at Chermside Camp there were cries from the other troops of “You’ll be Sorry!” and “They must have scraped the bottom of the barrel for this lot!” At the Quarter Masters Store we were issued with “Giggle Suits” and cotton floppy hats and other necessary equipment. A large hessian bag was issued to us to fill with straw as a rough mattress, with the comment “This will be your bed on the hard wooden floors”. There was an Army routine ruled by the clock:

- |      |                               |
|------|-------------------------------|
| 0605 | Morning Parade                |
| 0800 | General parade and inspection |
| 1215 | Mess parade                   |
| 1613 | Knock off                     |
| 1700 | Mess parade                   |
| 2200 | Lights out played by a piper  |

“We had one hurricane light, a bucket of water in case of fire, one rifle rack plus a long rope in the centre of the tent to hold our “Going Out” uniforms. We were issued with gas masks in case the Japanese used that terrible warfare. Gas drills were horrible – chocking, gasping, stinging eyes – it was awful.

“Our platoon was chosen to exercise under battle conditions with live bullets overhead provided by Vickers and Bren machine-guns and mortar fire, and finally with fixed bayonets we would rush forward and attack the “enemy”.”

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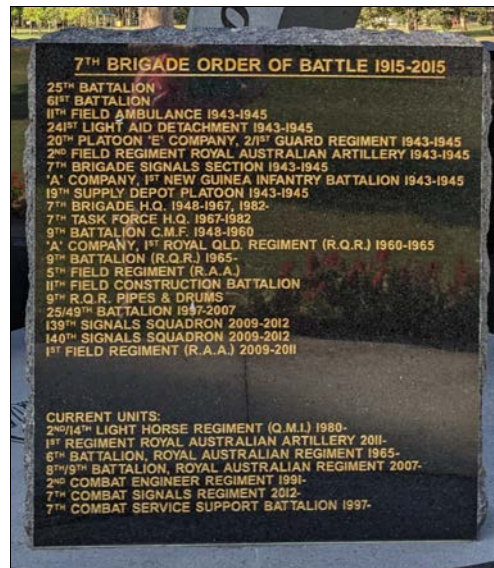
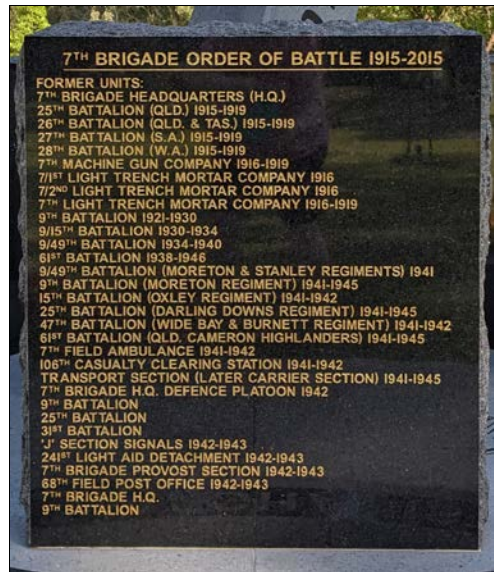
*Brisbane City Council Local Heritage Places, Marchant Park.*

*Queensland Government's Queensland WWII Historic Places.*

*Trove.*

*Map from website ArcGIS - Aerial imagery – 1946 [www.arcgis.com/home/webmap/viewer.html?u%seExisting=1&layers=8df0a022b7df4192849fdc72ed93bf12](http://www.arcgis.com/home/webmap/viewer.html?u%seExisting=1&layers=8df0a022b7df4192849fdc72ed93bf12) [I expanded the image then did a screen dump of the Geebung area.]*

*For further information refer to [www.qfhs.org.au/about-us/new-premises-for-qfhs/](http://www.qfhs.org.au/about-us/new-premises-for-qfhs/).*



*(map provided by the author, photos provided by the Editor) ■*

## WHAT'S IN A NAME?

By Lou Muller

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**Robert Roberts**, my great-grandfather, was born in Fore Street, London in 1830 and christened in St Giles, Cripplegate Without, thus within the sound of the Bow Bells and so a true Cockney. In December 1871, Robert left London with his wife, **Matilda Elizabeth ("Polly") Hopkins** and their infant daughter, **Annie Emily**, my grandmother. They arrived in Brisbane in March 1872 and moved quickly to Ipswich.

Little is known of the family in the ensuing few years, save what can be deduced from birth and death certificates. One suggests Robert continued in the trade of butcher which he had followed in England. In the mid to late 1870s they moved to Dalby where Robert worked first in railway construction, then as a storekeeper. Thereafter, they went to Sandgate, living in at least two houses and Robert working in various roles as commercial agent, commission agent and newsagent.

Matilda had eight children up to 1884, two dying in infancy. Robert developed cancer and gradually lost his eyesight in the 1890s, finally succumbing in 1899.

Almost no information on the family history was passed on to the next generation. The two surviving daughters, Annie Emily and **Mabel Violet**, had meagre knowledge of their parents, and their daughters **Evelyn Doreen Hendren**, my mum, and her cousin, **Hazel Mavis Hutchison**, sought to fill in gaps by chasing up others in the family. About the only clue was that Mabel had told Hazel that her mother was Robert's second wife.

Then Hazel found a copy of Robert's death certificate amongst her mother's papers. Here were many surprises, including mention of Robert's father as a butcher in London and the name of Robert's first wife and of her children, including ages. Matilda provided all this information to the registrar, having kept it from her family all her life.

Hazel then set about a systematic search for marriage information, all by post to the UK records office in the days before emails. She soon found that there was no marriage certificate for Robert and Matilda. Then,

thinking laterally, she applied for a marriage certificate for **Mary Ann Deakin Douthwaite**, named on his death certificate as his first wife. Back came the information that she married **Robert Meadway**, butcher, with his father **George** also a butcher. This all fitted neatly with the meagre knowledge of Robert except his birth name of Meadway.

Then followed years of meticulous searching through births, deaths, marriage records, census and church records. Hazel married **Freddy Field**, an Englishman, and went to live in Surrey. This helped in the hands-on research.

The outcome of Hazel's work is that we now have a nearly-complete picture of Robert's life and of his parents and siblings, first wife and children. One over-riding mystery is the nature of his "marriage" to Matilda. There is no evidence of a divorce from Mary Ann and no evidence of a second marriage. There is also no evidence of a legal change of name from Meadway to Roberts. In the 1881 census, Mary Ann nominated Robert as her husband and "away" on the night of record. In her will she described herself as wife of Robert Meadway, butcher. Also, Annie's birth certificate gives her name as Hopkins, her mother's, with no mention of a father.

Even more intriguing is the record of the census night in April 1871. In Rose Cottage, Streatham, London, we find Robert Meadway, provision dealer, his wife Mary, children, a servant and a visitor, Mary Hopkins, correctly giving her age and place of birth, Shenfield, Essex. This Mary is clearly Matilda which makes this a very interesting household as she then had an infant daughter. There is no record yet found of the location of Annie Emily on that night, not in Streatham nor in her grandmother's house in Shenfield, nor in any other relative's. Just a few months later, Robert, Matilda and Annie decamped for Australia as the Roberts family. It seems very clear in hindsight that Robert had abandoned his wife and six children, aged six to seventeen, and left with a common-law wife fifteen years his junior and their infant daughter. ■

## FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

The QFHS Family History Research Centre re-opened its doors to researchers in January. Hooray! (lots of happy dancing).

The relocation has been a mammoth task for the Management Committee with members, individual program managers, and curators of special collections all contributing in ways both small and large. I am grateful for everyone's contribution and am proud of what we have achieved in such a short time frame.

Of course, while the majority of the relocation is complete, the holiday season did interrupt our workflow and there are still a multitude of tasks awaiting completion. After some well earned and much needed R&R, we will be conducting a number of Working Bees over the next month to ensure all is shipshape for our official Opening in March.

In the meantime, our revised opening hours are **10 am – 3 pm on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday.**

We'd love to see you in person and are making arrangements for virtual tours later in the month for those unable to visit in person.

### **Members Meetings and Presenting...Guest Speakers**

One significant and immediate change to our program this year is the separation of monthly Members Meetings and the guest speaker program. Separation allows each to be shorter (approx. 60-75mins) and more sharply focussed.

The guest speaker program continues on the third Wednesday of the month under the banner of *Presenting...[topic]* whereas Members Meetings are now scheduled on the first Monday of the month. These will focus on consultation with members to set the agenda for the Society for the next five years.

The website and calendar has more detail. Bookings via Eventbrite are essential – please join us.

### **Investment in new premises**

While the Society has been actively seeking new premises for a number of years, previous Management Committees have judiciously preserved significant funds in the highly likely event that any new premises would require renovation and refurbishment. 46 Delaware St was originally a Scout Hall. Understandably, a more senior cohort in 2023 requires a little more comfort! Consequently, the once bare concrete floor is covered in a practical but attractive carpet tile and the exposed metal walls are now insulated and lined. We have freshly painted walls (4m high in places!) and have taken steps to keep the interior dry and free from unwanted visitors by plugging gaps, managing the flow of stormwater around the building, and improving security.

Fans and air conditioning are installed and we expect to be warm in winter and cool in summer. Yay! The Society's need for appropriate storage for our important resources has been met with new shelving, sufficient space between the shelves to manoeuvre comfortably and top shelves within reach (halleluia!) We have invested in three sets of compactus for the items not necessarily needed on 'open access'.

Whilst we have ensured that our physical premises is an attractive and stimulating environment, we have also invested in technology that will help us efficiently and effectively to deliver our services and programs to an increasingly online membership with 21st century expectations. We are in the process of developing new programs that will encourage our members to connect with the Society more often and gain greater value from their membership. More will be revealed soon.

### **Volunteers and Membership Value**

As a not for profit Society, we are a community of volunteers. Whilst our membership sits in excess of 900 and



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membership numbers are important, *it is volunteers who are vital*. After all, it's our volunteers who deliver the programs and services that provide value to our membership.

I am grateful for the members who have, once again, volunteered to donate their time to QFHS as Library Assistants – we could not open the Research Centre four days and 20 hours a week without them. From the moment a member approaches our building and steps through our front door, Library Assistants are our ambassadors. They are the warm welcome the Society gives and the assistance we provide to members and visitors. They ensure the facility is clean and tidy on a daily basis and they are the guides to location of resources, the suggesters of possible alternative sources to investigate. Our Library Assistants are crucial to the success of physical visits to the Research Centre and during the year will come to play an important role in our provision of services to our remote/online membership as well. They are our important frontline.

An equally valuable collection of volunteers devise and deliver our services and programs – the various individuals and teams deserve accolades for their contributions to the following areas: communications (calendar, journal, newsletter, publicity, social media, website, YouTube, Zoom), digitising, education, facilities, indexing, membership services, resources (digital, maps, microform, print library), research services, SIGs, technical/IT support, and leadership.

If there are additional services you would like to see or if you'd like to volunteer and contribute to delivery of our programs and services, we'd love to have you join the crew. Please contact Anna Gallagher at [secretary@qfhs.org.au](mailto:secretary@qfhs.org.au).

### Your Health and Safety

We take our responsibilities to provide a safe environment seriously. Prior to opening to members in January, Library Assistants and all regularly attending

volunteers undertook fire safety training as part of their orientation to the new facility. All fire extinguishers have been checked and upgraded, fire alarms, safety lighting and signage have been renewed in the building, and an evacuation procedure that will see Library Assistants assuredly donning a Fire Warden's hard hat and hi-vis vest should the need arise.

Our new facility is wonderfully airy with high ceiling and great ventilation. We have also purchased an air quality monitor to measure CO<sub>2</sub>/carbon dioxide indoors. As part of daily tasks, the Library Assistants will monitor and record CO<sub>2</sub> saturation in various parts of the new facility and ensure that all areas remain well ventilated. Wiping down tables and commonly used items will also reduce transfer of viruses and bacteria. We have revisited our Covid Safe Policy and you can read it on our website. We will publish the air quality monitoring results there also.

### Open Day and Official Opening

Due to the cancellation of our Open Day in August 2022, Management Committee decided an Open Day early in the new year would be a suitable replacement. It will be held on **Sunday 26 March 10 am – 3 pm** and will also serve as the Official Opening of our new facility, the QFHS *Family History Research Centre*.

There'll be more information about the Open Day and Official Opening in our newsletter, *Snippets*.

In the meantime, please add the date to your calendar now and make sure you let family and friends who might also be interested know so they can save the date too.

2023 is looking bright and interesting for QFHS and I extend my best wishes to all members for a wonderful year, also.

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## QFHS INC. AWARD FOR SERVICES TO FAMILY HISTORY

*Nominations are called each year for the QFHS Inc. Award for Services to Family History, which is reserved for QFHS members only, and in 2022 the Award was announced at our Volunteers' Morning Tea on 21 November. The nominations are considered by previous awardees as designated by the Management Committee and they form an ad hoc committee for this purpose each year.*

The nomination accepted for 2022 was **Dr Kerry Raymond**, Member Number 3103B. All services mentioned have been voluntary.



Dr Kerry Raymond joined QFHS in September 1998. She served on the Management Committee from June 2019 until September 2020. During the COVID pandemic of 2020-22, she was active in bringing the Society's information online. As a result, the datasets now provided to Society members are an immeasurable asset. Since 2020, when the pandemic obliged the Society to move to virtual presentations, Kerry has provided invaluable assistance by training others in using the Zoom application, so more of the Society's activities could resume and move online. Kerry is a willing and patient teacher; she leads and inspires others to embrace technology regardless of their level of experience.

Kerry is also part of the AskQFHS team. This group was established during COVID lockdowns to provide answers to research questions. Kerry always draws on her immense knowledge of Queensland sources to provide in-depth responses to enquirers.

In addition, Kerry has been a long-time contributor to the QFHS Education program as a presenter and, more recently, as a member of the QFHS Education Sub-Committee. Kerry's earliest offerings were hands-on workshops for QFHS members to

assist them in using Wikipedia at beginner and intermediate levels. We all know that Kerry is passionate about Wikipedia and has been Wikipedian in residence for the State Library of Queensland. She foresaw the importance of Wikipedia to family historians and provided opportunities for members to up-skill in the application.

In conjunction with her work with Wikipedia, Kerry is enthusiastic about Queensland geography and has extensively documented Queensland country towns, places, people, and institutions. Of course, this work is helpful to all researchers, but Kerry takes it to another level by providing learning events for QFHS on finding Queensland places, particularly those that have undergone name changes or have disappeared from the Queensland map.

She has provided many presentations on Queensland history and family history resources, including workshops on the Queensland mapping application, Queensland Globe, and Queensland geography. Some workshops are hands-on small group situations, and Kerry's generosity extends to providing one-on-one sessions for those unable to attend at the scheduled time.

Kerry, with her background in IT, is a leader in investigating and solving dilemmas in technology. She willingly researches all documentation to find answers to user requirements or complex questions.

Her professional life has provided a thorough grounding in aspects of copyright, and she is always happy to advise family historians in this confusing area.

With her husband, **David Horton**, Kerry maintains a 'Chapel Hill' website providing free resources to family historians, including

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cemetery photographs and monumental inscriptions in Brisbane and south-east Queensland, church photographs, and a database of renamed places in Queensland. Kerry and David have gathered, indexed, and maintained all the resources on this site.

Kerry is a sympathetic listener, provides guidance and comfort when difficult or troubling situations arise, and takes a

pragmatic approach to Society activities and volunteer involvement. She is a fitting recipient of the QFHS 2022 Award for Services to Family History.

## CONGRATULATIONS KERRY

*Nominated by Sue Reid and  
John Perryn*

*(photograph provided by Allana O'Kane) ■*

## END OF JOURNAL LOAN SCHEME

The Journal Loan Scheme was established in the 1980s by **Ann and Tony Swain**. Its purpose was to provide members who lived more than 50kms from the Brisbane GPO with access to the same journals their Brisbane-based cousins were able to consult at the QFHS premises. Remote members were entitled to borrow up to ten journal titles from a list circulated to all new members and published in our Queensland Family Historian journal. Popular titles were circulated around Queensland to interested members. Sometimes there were up to a dozen people waiting their turn! QFHS provided the forwarding address labels, and members would forward to the next person on the list, with the last person returning it to QFHS.

It was a wonderful scheme and helped to provide a tangible service to members who might otherwise feel they were not getting the same access to QFHS services as city folk.

In 1999 when **Cecily Stevenson** took over management of the scheme, there were 557 requests by 67 members borrowing 69 journal titles. However, the number of members utilizing the scheme dwindled over the years, so that by 2019 there were just four people on our list.

Two major factors contributing to the decline in Journal Loan Scheme user numbers were the high cost of postage, and the increasing availability of journals in electronic form. The latter is a mixed blessing. It saves all family history societies postage and printing costs. Although I suspect most of us really prefer to hold a printed journal and savour

turning the printed pages and scribbling in the margins, the reality is that almost 70 percent of our exchange and purchased journals are now in electronic form. Our Management Committee officially approved the JLS retirement in August 2022.

Whilst we bid a fond farewell to a scheme that served our remote members so well for so long, we encourage all members wherever they live, to access our most recent exchange ejournals. Log on to the QFHS website, go to Resources, then Subscription Journals and follow the instructions on the information sheet. After a few months these ejournals are stored on the QFHS computers, for accessing on the premises, just as we do for the physical journals. Have a browse and see what genealogy gems might be waiting to be discovered!

***Rosie Gall*** ■

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## MYRA JEAN PHIPPS – EULOGY, 28.10.2022, TAROOM

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I am the youngest son, and so proud that people say I am like my mother.

**Myra**, Mum, Granny or even Mrs Phipps as she was known to many of you, was born in 1937 in Ann Street, Windsor, the daughter of **Joseph** and **Myrtle Sheppard**, the second youngest of six children.

She started her working life at Nundah Motors as an accountant, and I know it will be a shock to anyone who worked with mum, she was considered a top rate one. Management there were a little upset when at the age 23 she packed her bags and left the bright lights of the big smoke and headed out to Taroom to be a governess at Bloomfield.

There she caught the eye of her one true love and soul mate **Rob**, who whisked her off to Rose's Lane and proposed to her. At the age of 24 they were married at the Windsor Presbyterian Church in Brisbane. Mum always loved reminding dad that she was the eldest and that we should always respect our elders, mind you it was only a five-month gap.

Two children later, after spending the beginning of married life on properties, they took up residence in their home in Taroom, where in addition to being the parents to their two biological children, the house became home to numerous schoolteachers that ended up living next door.

Myra took up the role of a teacher's aide at Taroom State School, a role that she cherished for 25 years or so, one which she loved as it allowed her to use her brain and help children grow/make the best of themselves. Having your mother work at the school can have a bit of a downside; I couldn't claim the dog ate my homework or I couldn't wag a day.

I've already alluded to the fact that mum was an incredibly bright and intelligent lady, with the advent of computers she became a powerhouse, she wrote programs and taught both teachers and students alike how to use the evolving technology. Mum was a stickler for accuracy over the years. I've heard about some young and not so young teachers being

sent back to their typewriters to redo the work that they tried to hand to her, and I may have been told once to go and redo my homework, just once.

Mum's greatest love was her family, and with each generation she became happier.

Sixty years of married life saw mum and dad doing everything together, be it sacrificing things for David and me, such as weekends to take us away for sporting events, or involvement with community groups such as the Scouts or the football club; both gave 100% to everything they were involved in. They loved Taroom and its people, it was always their home, and is to be their resting place.

Another one of mum's greatest loves was genealogy, or for those of us that struggle with technical terms, the family tree... mum loved the detective work that this involved, cross referencing and double checking the details before entering someone to the family. I've worked with some great detectives over the years and I can tell you she put them to shame with level of detail that was her benchmark, before a name could be entered on the official family tree. It wasn't good enough that our family tree was accurate, mum wanted to help others, and her work was recognised in 2006 when the Queensland Family History Society presented her with an award for digitising information that will let future generations easily find information about their families. More recently together with Rob, they produced several books about the Taroom and Wandoan Cemeteries and the bush graves in the old Taroom Shire.

Many of you might not know the origin of the name by which she was known by many, Granny. It originated with David, Bully & Bluey Hay getting her to look after multitudes of young pups and during this time someone called her Granny. The name was picked up by the young rodeo riders that would often be found sleeping throughout the house and being treated like their own children by mum and dad.

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I was privileged to spend mum's last hours with her; I know from her responses that she knew what I was saying to her and that she approved of many of the things I was saying; whilst not able to speak, there were little changes with her that told me if I was good to go or I was barking up the wrong tree.... So I know the following: True to the way that she lived life mum was extremely precise and left little doubt about what she wanted with her departure from the physical world, she didn't want us to mourn and have heavy hearts, she wanted us to remember the good times, smile, be joyful, love and to get on with our lives.

There are several legacies that our mother, Rob's love, leaves behind:

- Wherever mum went she made friends for life, she accepted everyone no matter their background, she also became a second mother to many people including countless rodeo riders, international backpackers working on properties and young teachers sent to the country for the first time.
- Along with Rob, Myra showed everyone that you should always be proud of the one you love, they could always be seen holding hands and looking after each other no matter where they were.
- Mum was an incredibly crafty woman, yep! Whatever the craft from knitting to making intricate things with her hands, whatever she turned her hand to she excelled at, and many of us will have reminders of her that will outlast us, sitting in our homes.
- For those researching their family trees, there's data bases that she helped digitise, and the cemetery books she wrote, so no-one will ever have to guess where their loved ones lay.
- This one struck a chord with me. When helping dad with a funeral a few years ago I was approached by a former student of Taroom State School who told me he owed my mother so much, as she and Betty Hay never gave up on him and a couple of others who struggled. Mum and

Betty made sure that every child that was struggling with reading, writing, and counting, could write a basic letter, read the important things, and know how to count their money and not be ripped off.

- And the love she showed us, I know we didn't say it much, but I know she loved us all unconditionally to her very last breath. Mum, I love you and I will miss you forever.



*Myra Jean Phipps 13.7.1937 – 15.10.2022*

The QFHS Award for Services to Family History that she received in 2006 was one of the highlights of her life, she was incredibly proud of it, she never stopped trying to help people in the search for their ancestry. Mum and dad have done a couple of books on the Taroom and Wandoan Cemeteries. Having just brought her home from Toowoomba Hospital the week before she had the stroke which took her life, I was given a number of instructions to go and photograph the new headstones and plaques in the Taroom Cemetery so she could release an update to the books. They also produced a book on the graves located on the properties surrounding the old Taroom Shire; again this was done to ensure people were not forgotten and that anyone looking for family members would have a decent idea of where they lay.

**Ian Phipps ■**

## QUEENSLAND PRE-SEPARATION GROUP PRESENTATIONS

At our 19 October 2022 Members' Meeting, **Ann Swain** and **Jenny Davidson** provided certificates for Queensland Pre-Separation Group members approved throughout 2022. Jennifer Smith was unable to attend the meeting, but Patricia Kelly and Carmel Bell attended via Zoom and spoke about their ancestors, and Kate Read was present and spoke briefly about her pre-separation family. A certificate to acknowledge Kate's membership was presented to her at the meeting, and certificates were posted to Jennifer, Patricia and Carmel at a later date.

#345 Jennifer Smith (QFHS Member 6511) is descended from **Ellen Jane McCartney** who arrived in Moreton Bay on 21/10/1848 on the *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.

#346 Patricia Kelly (QFHS Member 1777) is descended from:

- (1) **Johanna Bourke (née Ryan)** who arrived in Moreton Bay on the *Irene* on 11/2/1858 with her daughter **Catherine**;
- (2) **Patrick Connor** and his wife **Margaret Connor (née Fox)** who arrived in Moreton Bay on the *Argyle* on 19/7/1852 with their daughter **Bridget Connor**, aged 2; and
- (3) **William Shuttlewood** who arrived overland to the Darling Downs about 1849 and who married **Ann Nolan** on 24/12/1850 at Drayton. Their daughter **Mary** was born in Toowoomba on 31/1/1853.

#347 Carmel Bell (QFHS Member 5805) is descended from:

- (1) **Charles Alford**, his wife **Caroline Alford (née Wheadon)** and his son **George Alford** aged about 1 when they arrived in Moreton Bay on 9/8/1857 on the *Mary Pleasants*;
- (2) **William Solway**, his wife **Maria Solway (née Wilment)** and their 18 year old son **Samuel** who all arrived in Moreton Bay on 9/2/1857 on the *Parsee*. Samuel married **Elizabeth Houston** on 4/12/1859 in Ipswich;

(3) **Michael Knehr** and his wife **Maryanne Knehr (née Treffs)** who arrived in Moreton Bay on 25/5/1855 on the *Peru*, and their son **Joseph John Knehr** born on 30/11/1859 in Warwick;

(4) **John Reddy** and his wife **Catherine Reddy (née O'Keefe)** who arrived in Moreton Bay on 11/11/1855 on the *Conrad*, and their son **Stephen Reddy** born in Ipswich on 25/12/1858;

(5) **Patrick Kelly** who arrived overland to Queensland about 1845, and married **Isabella Reilly** in Ipswich on 9/8/1851, and their daughter **Margaret Kelly** born in Ipswich on 14/7/1856.

#348 Kathleen Read (QFHS Member 5347) is descended from **Walter Power** and his wife **Eleanor Power (née Power)** who arrived in Moreton Bay on 6/1/1857 on the *New Great Britain* with their daughter **Margaret Mary Agatha Power**, aged 3 when they arrived.



*Jenny Davidson (L) and Ann Swain (R) presenting Kate Read with her certificate (photograph provided by Lyndal Cosgrove) ■*



### TIME TO SMILE:

If your family members won't talk about a particular relative, a seasoned genealogist knows they are keeping mum about something very interesting.

## ARTICLE OF THE YEAR: MEMBERS' CHOICE AWARD 2022

In November 2021, we announced the inaugural Members' Choice Award for Journal Article of the Year. We wanted to show support for our wonderful volunteer authors and give QFHS members the opportunity to express their appreciation for articles that captured their interest or launched them on new avenues of research and discovery during the year.

Again in 2022 members were asked to cast their minds back over the articles they'd read in the *Queensland Family Historian* during the year and nominate the journal article that resonated most with them.

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

- Great drama, quick thinking at a critical point and the family history could have played out very differently if not for the intervention of one person.
- Thoroughly enjoyed learning about what I thought was an icon of the army but had no idea of the controversy that prevailed.
- Excellent research into both family circumstances and the legal arrangements of the time. Plus a great story of a family drama.
- Having spent a pleasant time in Daylesford, I could relate to this moving and well-researched story.
- A fascinating account of the little-known origin of a much-loved piece of Australian history.
- Most articles provide some research clues and provide a variety of colourful historical records of our history.

We enjoyed all articles, and each was of particular interest to someone in our community. The three most popular stories were **Bill the Bastard** by Lyndal Cosgrove, **Origins and History of the Emu Plume** by Alan Bourne, and **The Lost Boys of Daylesford** by Chris Griffiths.

Our congratulations go to Lyndal Cosgrove whose article received the most votes. Lyndal received a commemorative certificate and a Gift Voucher of \$75 in recognition of the interest and appreciation of our members, and her article featured on the QFHS website and our Facebook page.

All participating members were placed in a draw for the prize of a Gift Voucher for an Education event of their choice. The random draw was conducted at the Members Meeting on 30 November 2022 and the name selected was **Lawrie Augustine**.

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

And, finally, thank you to all member participants. We do appreciate receiving your feedback.

The survey will be repeated in 2023, giving our members the opportunity to nominate the article in the *Queensland Family Historian* that most captured their interest throughout the year. We will announce the article receiving the most votes at the end of the year as recipient of the **Journal Article of the Year: Members' Choice Award**.

We look forward to your continued interest.

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

## SHEEP IN THE BURNETT

By Robert Adamson

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This photo below shows my Great-uncle and Great-aunt, **Will and Marion Feuerheerdt** at their house, "Taralla" at Didcot near Biggenden, in the Burnett district, in the 1920s; and their sheep – which are the main part of this story.

Great-Uncle Will was born in Adelaide in 1866 and worked on the family's sheep property in the South East of South Australia in the late 1800s. He also spent a couple of years at a Technical College in Sydney, gaining a diploma in sheep and wool.

In 1902 **Wilhelm August Feuerheerdt** married **Marion Isabel Hodge** in Adelaide, and soon after, they left South Australia to try their luck in Queensland. Being trained in sheep farming, Will wanted an area to continue this interest, and curiously, finally settled in the Burnett district (not a sheep-farming district these days!). There he selected 1500 acres a few miles east of Didcot, a small railway siding near Biggenden, inland from Maryborough. He named the property *Nora Crena*.

An interesting description of his sheep-raising activities appeared in *Queensland Country Life*, March 1905, as part of a wider discussion on the Romney Marsh breed of sheep.

"Some two and a half years ago [i.e. 1902], Mr W. Feuerheerdt ... came to Queensland and after considerable trouble and expense in seeking a plot of land to his mind suitable, settled on Didcot Creek, Degilbo. In spite of the local criticism and advice, he decided upon sheep raising, and his success with this small flock will no doubt be a factor in the re-establishment of this valuable industry in the Burnett. Commencing with a flock of 287 he has sold 300 and now has over 640 in the paddocks.

"The sheep he has bred up to the present have been a Lincoln-Merino cross, which in his experience does not suffer from grass seed and gives a fleece of fine grade and fine staple, the ewes averaging as high as 9 lb of clean wool. With the object, however, of securing a flock which will be immune from

the diseases which decimated the Wide Bay and Burnett districts 30 years ago, catarrh, foot-rot, fluke, lung and intestinal worms etc, and will also be in no danger from grass seed, Mr Feuerheerdt has just brought up from South Australia a splendid lot of pure bred Romney Marsh sheep ... which are to be used for the improvement of the stock at Degilbo. The progress of this important experiment will undoubtedly be watched with keen interest throughout the coastal districts of Queensland, as, should it prove successful, and of this Mr Feuerheerdt has no doubt, the old order will again come to the fore, and the sovereign fleece and the (¾) of a sovereign lamb (sic) will be kings again on the Burnett."<sup>1</sup>

However, the Burnett district ultimately proved unsuitable even for Will's Romney Marsh or crossbred sheep. The higher rainfall, worms, blowfly strike and spear grass caused him to abandon the venture. He sold *Nora Crena* about 1920 and bought a smaller dairy farm (200 acres) named *Taralla*. This was a virgin scrub property with only about 20 acres cleared, located about 30 km south of Didcot and about 5 km north of Coalstoun Lakes.



TYPICAL EWES ON "TARALLA"

Ewes on right three-quarter Romney with quarter merino; ewe on left half Romney half merino. Both are 6 to 9th and typical specimens of sheep best suited for coastal Queensland farms. They averaged 8lb. 9oz. wool besides rearing 100 per cent. lambs. Wool sold by Dalgetys on 29th March.

*Typical Ewes on "Taralla",  
Dalgety Review, 8 April 1927  
(Ian Feuerheerdt)*

Marion's nephew **Bill Hodge** lived with Will and Marion for three years from 1929 to 1931. He says "they were the happiest



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married couple I have ever known". He continues: "This rain forest country was, in its natural state, a mass of trees and vines, which had to be brushed and felled and when quite dry, burnt; in the ashes they sowed seed, mainly Rhodes grass which proved good dairy cows' fodder. Imagine the work involved in clearing the scrubs with brush hooks and axe! The area was red volcanic soil and first class farming land."

In mid-1931 Will and Marion retired to live at Torquay, Hervey Bay, and left the farm to son **Jeffrey Wayne Feuerheerdt**.

Shortly before they retired, Will returned from a trip to Brisbane and the local carrier delivered a Beale piano for the lounge. Marion appeared at once with a satchel of her old music, drew up the stool, and after probably fifteen years' lack of practice, she gave a true and pleasing rendition of 'The Blue Danube Waltz'.<sup>1</sup>

In 1987 grandson **Wayne Feuerheerdt** visited *Taralla* with his parents Jeff and Val. The old house had gone, but evidence remained - old yards, old palm trees, etc.<sup>2</sup>

Will and Marion's grandchildren are my Queensland second cousins – in Brisbane, Buderim, and Dalby.



*Marion Feuerheerdt née Hodge, shortly after their wedding. The photographer was "Eden, Melbourne & Sydney".*

*The inscription on the back reads:  
"To Dear Mother with our very best love,  
April 1902"  
(Ian Feuerheerdt)*



*Will Feuerheerdt, 1920s?  
(Ann (Hodge) Green, Bourke, NSW)*



*Will and Marion Feuerheerdt at Torquay c1940  
(Wendy McArthur née Feuerheerdt)*

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*(photographs provided by the author) ■*

## HISTORICAL LINK TO MY KENYON RELATIONS IN AMERICA

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I had information given to me by some cousins who had done extensive family history research years ago, so when receiving several DNA matches from USA connections, I knew where these **Kenyon** descendants belonged on the tree but needed more information. I did not realise the historical fact I would uncover.

My great-grandmother's sister **Margaret Kenyon** was born in 1848 in Glasserton to **Peter Kenyon & Hellen McCredie**, and married at Culkae in 1874 to **John McHarg** (1846-1889), an inspector of Police in Glasgow.<sup>1</sup> They had two sons and one daughter.

Their eldest son **Peter Kenneth McHarg** (1875 Glasgow - 1972 USA) was using the stage name of **P K McHardy** when he married in 1898 **Maggie Smith** (1884-1909). They had three sons all born in Scotland, which I found from the DNA family trees. Peter and family were living in Glasgow in 1903 but he moved to the USA arriving on the 31 July 1905 by himself and using McHardy as his last name.<sup>2</sup> He was naturalized in New York 16 January 1912, where he lived most of his life.<sup>3</sup> On the McHardy web site there were unclear newspaper clippings of him being a dancer and also the Director of Ashbury Park Scottish Highland Games for many years. I have not been able to find them myself, but Ancestry has the source details.<sup>4</sup>

**Peter MacHardy** married **Annie Ross** (1883-7 May 1915) in 1911 in Manhattan.<sup>5</sup> Annie had arrived from Scotland to New York on 29 September 1908. Details on card: Height 5 Feet 6 Inches: Hair Colour Brown: Eye Colour Blue: Complexion Dark.<sup>6</sup> When checking her name up came a photo from a newspaper article "Lost on Lusitania".

"A native of Inver, Ross-shire, Mrs Machardy, was lost on the Lusitania. Mrs Machardy, who had been for nine years resident in New York, was returning to Inver to her father's home in order to take back her only daughter, nine years of age. She booked by the *Cameronia*, but was transferred to the

ill-fated liner." As told by **Margaret Ross**, Annie (Ross) Machardy had originally booked on the *Cameronia*, but was transferred to the *Lusitania* when the *Cameronia* was commissioned for war work. She was excited to see her only daughter, **Catherine Annie**

**Ross MacHardy**, and planned to bring her to New York to live with her parents, Annie & Peter MacHardy.

I then looked at the *Lusitania* web site<sup>7</sup> and found her case. From this I had more than expected of her life in America.

### "Docket No. 157: Annie MacHardy

"UNITED STATES OF AMERICA on behalf of Peter Kenneth MacHardy, individually and as Administrator of the estate of [Annie R. MacHardy](#), Deceased, Claimants v. GERMANY, PARKER, *Umpire*, rendered the decision of the Commission.

"This case is before the Umpire for decision on a certificate of the American Commissioner and the German Commissioner[a] certifying their disagreement. A brief statement of the facts as disclosed by the record follows:

"The United States asserts this claim on behalf of Peter Kenneth MacHardy for losses sustained by him resulting from the death of his wife, Annie R. MacHardy, while a passenger on the *Lusitania*. At the time of her death Mrs. MacHardy was 31 and her husband, an American national, was 38 years of age. They had been married some four years, during practically all of which time she was in the employ of Macy & Company, New York City, as a waitress at a weekly wage of \$4.50 and in addition, according to the claimant's testimony, received gratuities bringing her aggregate earnings to an average of \$18.00 per week. She was enroute



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[sic] to Scotland to visit her only child, an unmarried daughter, a citizen of the British Empire and a resident of Scotland, named Catherine A. MacHardy. The claimant testifies that it was the intention of his wife to return to him and resume her occupation and contributions to the maintenance of the household.

“No claim is made for property lost.

“Applying the rules announced in the *Lusitania* Opinion to the facts as disclosed by the record, the Commission decrees that under the Treaty of Berlin of August 25, 1921, and in accordance with the terms of the Government of Germany is obligated to pay to the Government of the United States on behalf of Peter Kenneth MacHardy individually the sum of four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00) with interest thereon at the rate of five per cent per annum from November 1, 1923; and that the Government of Germany is not obligated to pay any amount to the Administrator of the Estate of Annie R. MacHardy, Deceased.

“Done at Washington February 21, 1924.  
EDWIN B. PARKER *Umpire*.

“[a] Dated February 14, 1924.”

**Catherine Annie Ross McHardy** (1905-1966) finally made it to America in 1929 where she married **William Murray** (1902-1986). We have a DNA match from their children.<sup>8</sup>

Checking out Peter's other two sons, **Ian** and **Duncan**, also gave me very interesting facts.

**Ian Smith McHarg (McHardy)** (1899-1963) enlisted in 1916 in the 2/6th Black Watch<sup>9</sup> and in 1919 had passage to USA. He became a merchant seaman after the war, with his last voyage arriving in New York in 1954.

Someone else researching him mentioned looking at the *Application for Seaman's Certificate of American Citizenship*.<sup>10</sup> I finally managed to find it via Ancestry and what a treasure trove it is. The card has many details plus Ian's photograph, signature, and thumb print.

I entered **Duncan Campbell McHardy** (1903-1933) as I knew he was a seaman and

also found his card, so for anyone who had seamen going to America this is well worth looking at.

*Ian's Application for Seaman's Certificate of American Citizenship*

Back to **Margaret [Kenyon] McHarg**; she married in 1893 a **Thomas Scarlett Duffie** but then went to New York in 1913 by herself, as her other son **John Alexander McHarg** or **McHardy** (1877-?) also lived there. We have a DNA link with this family but I still have to research him.

**Margaret McHardy** died in 1936 at the Union Hospital, Bronx and is buried at Mt Olivet Cemetery.<sup>11</sup>

The daughter **Helen Kenyon McHarg** (1879-1944) stayed in Scotland and married **Lindsay McDonald Laird** in 1899. In 1918 they lived in Steven St, Kelvingrove as she was mentioned in Ian's war service record.<sup>9</sup>

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## TWO BROTHERS: THE STORY OF OUR JAMAICAN DNA

By Lesley Huxley

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Jamaica fascinated me even as a child hearing the songs of Harry Belafonte, so I was quite excited to find out on Ancestry.com that my 3 x great-grandfather **John Rhodes Pitter**, was born in Black River, Saint Elizabeth Parish on 1 May 1800.<sup>1</sup>



*Exterior views of parish church in Black River, Saint Elizabeth, Jamaica.*



*Interior of parish church, St John, Black River, Saint Elizabeth, Jamaica.*

### The family

His parents were **William Pitter** 1765-1817, an English sugar planter, and **Juliana Wisdom Morgan, née James**, a young widow born in 1764 into a family prominent in Jamaican public life since the 1660s.<sup>2,3,4</sup>

William was the younger son of a London manufacturer of silver and gold lace. His elder brother inherited the business, leaving William to find his own way in life. The family had many connections to Jamaica: his maternal grandfather, **Robert Wheatle** 1698-1749 was a merchant, owner of the ship *Boneta* and ship's captain, regularly making the journey to Jamaica.<sup>5,6,7,8,9</sup> Grandpa Wheatle was also the mortgagee in possession of **Bosley's** estate in Jamaica.<sup>10</sup>

William's maternal uncle **Thomas Wheatle** b.1734 was an East African Adventurer, slave ship captain, and plantation owner.<sup>11,12,13,14</sup>

William's sister **Ann Pitter** 1769-1833 had married **William Harriott** 1768-1821 whose family were owners of Mexico Estate and Santa Cruz on the island.<sup>15,16,17</sup> Perhaps these are some of the connections that encouraged him to try to make a life in the Caribbean.

Although there is no record of William's arrival, his wedding was announced in *The Jamaican Gleaner* newspaper in 1793.<sup>18</sup>

William Pitter and Juliana married on the island at Fontabelle Estate, Trelawney on 1 May 1793.<sup>19</sup> Juliana's father, **William Rhodes James** c.1734-1802, a wealthy planter, owned Southfield and Fontabelle estates.<sup>20</sup> William and Juliana Pitter produced five children, three of whom died. The two surviving brothers were John Rhodes Pitter and his elder brother, **Thomas Pitter** b. 1794.

### Rev. John Rhodes Pitter

Although brought up in Jamaica, my 3x great-grandfather John Rhodes Pitter was sent to Edinburgh University to study medicine.<sup>21</sup> He appears to have left after the first year and turned his energies to school



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teaching, with the intention of becoming ordained. He married **Sabina Eleanora Feist** in St Mary, Whitechapel, London in 1822 and it's an absolute mystery how they got together!<sup>22,23</sup>

Straight away they moved to Paris, where the Bourbon restoration was under way after the defeat of Napoleon at Waterloo in 1815, surely a dangerous location, poised between the reintroduction of an oppressive regime and the vigorous anti-royalist opposition.<sup>24</sup> Three of their children were born in Paris, and baptised in the chapel (dining room) of the British Embassy there.<sup>25,26</sup> John worked as a teacher of languages and mathematics, and was ordained a priest at Ile de la Cite.



*Old British Embassy in Paris*

John and Sabina moved back to London, but went through the insolvency courts, clearly unable to earn enough to support their expanding family.<sup>27</sup>

In 1829, we next find John and "**Ellen**" Pitter in Jamaica, where John is the schoolmaster at Vere Parish School, and the family is living in the school house.<sup>28</sup> John is also listed as a cleric in Kingston, and their family grows to eight children. Only three survive childhood, and Ellen dies young in March 1837.<sup>29</sup>

By July the same year, John has married **Jane Duncomb**, a resident of Kingston. At the time of the marriage, John is the Island Curate for the parish of Saint Andrew, supported by the colony, and officiating chaplain to the forces of the British Army stationed at Stoney Hill, Saint Andrew.<sup>30,31</sup> Altogether he had three wives who delivered

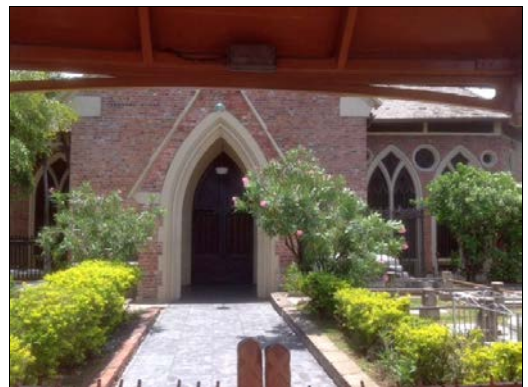
eleven babies in the perilous climate and conditions of the tropical West Indies. Jane and her baby **Anot** died in 1839.



*Old postcard Half Way Tree Church, Jamaica*



*St Andrew's Church, Halfway Tree, Kingston*



*St Andrew's Church, Halfway Tree, in Kingston, Jamaica*

John must have remarried before 1844 because his third wife **Eliza** gave birth to **Arthur** in Jamaica in 1845. John and Eliza migrated to Ireland or England in about

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1849. Their toddler Arthur survived, Eliza died in Liverpool, and new baby **Charlotte** disappeared after her baptism. John inconveniently died either in Liverpool or Bird Hill, Ireland in 1849 at a place as yet unidentified by any Pitter researchers.<sup>32,33</sup>

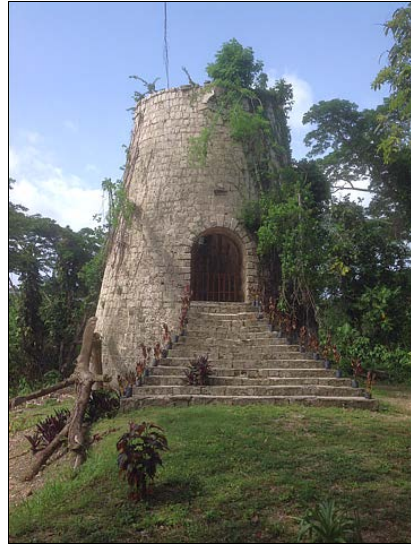
When John Pitter left Jamaica, his older children scattered. Elder son **William Thomas Rhodes Pitter** migrated to Australia, and eventually began a family leading to me. The only daughter, **Elizabeth Catherine** married **Richard Atkinson** and went to England. One of their descendants, another **Richard Atkinson**, has recently published a family history book about the Jamaican sugar and rum trade, *Mr Atkinson's Rum Contract, the story of a tangled inheritance*. **Edward**, their only other sibling, followed William to Australia and was years later arrested for public exposure.<sup>34,35,36</sup>

### Thomas Pitter

John's older brother, Thomas, was born on 26 February 1794 and baptised in Trelawny on 13 April of the same year.<sup>37</sup> While John led a busy life as schoolmaster and cleric, Thomas stayed in Jamaica, working his own estates, at various times Sherwood and the adjoining Content, and Mt Oliphant. He also acted as manager or attorney for other estates, and owned and managed slaves.<sup>38</sup> In the 2022 context we know the township of Sherwood Content as the home town of Usain Bolt, the Olympic sprinter.<sup>39</sup>



*Abingdon Great House built on 1660s foundations, and the 350 year old sugar mill in its grounds.*



Thomas had a close relationship with Abingdon estate, in Hanover, which was owned by his mother's father, William Rhodes James c.1734-1802 for about 22 years from 1766.<sup>40</sup> Thomas may have acted as attorney for subsequent owners as he was counted there in the 1822 Census, although it doesn't appear that he ever owned it.<sup>41</sup>

Thomas participated in local affairs. In 1818 twenty slaves from Thomas's estate were baptised, as detailed on Family Search. In 1828, he is listed among subscribers in the book *A Practical View of the Present State of Slavery in the West Indies etc.* as having contributed £50 to the education of slaves in Jamaica.<sup>42,43</sup>

Jamaica had a volunteer militia in every county, as well as barracks of British soldiers whose job was to keep the slaves contained. In 1816 Thomas was an ensign in the Manchester Regiment Foot Militia, and in 1819 had been promoted to a lieutenant.<sup>44</sup>

He acted as attorney for his mother in 1817, listing her household slaves in the compulsory annual muster.<sup>45</sup> Apart from his own estates, Thomas acted as attorney for his half-brother, **Henry Rhodes Morgan**, at Phantillands, Plinlimmon and Wales.<sup>46,47</sup>

He joined the Freemasons in 1830 at the Sussex Lodge in Kingston, giving his

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occupation as Clerk of the Vestry, which I believe means that he received the land taxes.<sup>48</sup>

Thomas Pitter was buried on 23 December 1833 at St Mark's Mandeville, Manchester, Jamaica.<sup>49</sup> Because he never married, I suspected that Thomas Pitter had a family with an enslaved woman, but never expected to get any proof. After all, there could be several explanations for his being a bachelor, and no likelihood of records.

Men and women in planter society usually married young, as life was precarious in the very unhealthy climate, and it made good commercial sense to ally the family land holdings. They tended to have large families, but also to die young. Most would endow their children with the mother's maiden name as a middle name. John Pitter had a succession of three wives and they lost many of their children too, but his brother Thomas never married.

### **DNA to the fore**

About six years ago, I had my DNA tested through Ancestry.com and gradually tested other family members. My mother was also willing; she is the Pitter.

Then, more recently, I was contacted by **Cynthia Pitter**, an American who has a small DNA match with my mother and me.

She has a comprehensive tree, strongly based on oral family history, and dating back to **Charles Pitter**, her great-grandfather in Jamaica, with his several partners and families. She could go no further. Her DNA result showed her black ancestry.

Immediately I turned to Family Search to confirm her facts, and to see what else I could find. Jamaican Family Search, some of which is now a part of Ancestry.com, was also helpful. Looking at my own family tree, I had a tempting possibility that might explain the DNA connection. My Thomas Pitter manumised (or freed) three of his slaves in 1825. The information was listed on the annual slave register for 1826.<sup>50</sup>

They were **Jenny aka Charlotte**, aged 30 years, Creole (meaning born in the colony),

and her two sons **Cuffee aka Charles**, 4 1/2 years and **Bob aka Thomas** 3 years 9ms. The little boys were mulatto, which means one white parent and one black parent.

Thomas Pitter owned seven mulatto youngsters, but he freed only Charlotte's children. The eldest boy, Charles would have been born in about 1820, almost the correct age. When I asked Cynthia if her great-grandfather could have been born as long ago as 1820, she said she believed he was born in 1818. It is just possible for three generations to stretch so far.

This may seem a shaky link, but I think the combination of the DNA match, the strong oral history, the shared Pitter surname, and the manumission of a slave child of the correct age and name is enough. Slaves were not easily given their freedom, and there is really only one reason to do so. Those little boys were the sons of Thomas Pitter, my 4 x great-uncle.

While we both sought to bolster this connection with further evidence, it was an acceptable working hypothesis. Luckily, since the discovery of this link, I've had contact with or discovered many other descendants of those two little enslaved boys who were given their freedom by their father. The large family tree is now a solid interwoven DNA connection.

### **But wait.....**

There are other considerations. In Jamaica, enslaved people were given the names of their owners as they often did not have a surname in their culture. This means that surnames may have no relation to DNA.

A British woman of black Jamaican descent emailed about our DNA link, and I immediately tried to work out how she could be descended from Thomas Pitter. However, as we shared further information, it became clear that her ancestors are from another part of my Jamaican family, the patriarch William Pitter's sister, Ann Pitter, who married William Harriott, the sugar planter.

This researcher originally messaged me to ask why I had included her great grandmother

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on my tree. She had never looked into her distant background because her DNA results showed she “had no white in her”. I was happy to tell her that we share a fifth great-grandfather, Thomas Pitter, who was a gold and silver wire drawer in London, and the father of the siblings William and Ann Pitter.<sup>51</sup>

The knowledge that several of my family branches passed through Jamaica is the only thing that would make me question my conclusion. The white population of Jamaica was very small and very interbred. It is quite possible for me to share multiple DNA strands with someone else descended from people who lived there.

However, there are now so many other Pitter researchers who share the DNA matches, that I believe it’s quite certain.

It is an absolute delight to me and my mother, and all our family members who have done DNA tests, to discover our shared history with these remote cousins. Considering the number of British and European investors who took part in the Jamaican slave trade, and in the production of coffee and sugar, vanilla and indigo, from the seventeenth to the twentieth centuries, and how many of my families were involved, I’m sure there are a few more DNA surprises to come.

The Jamaican national slogan is “Out of many, one people”.

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## BOOK REVIEW

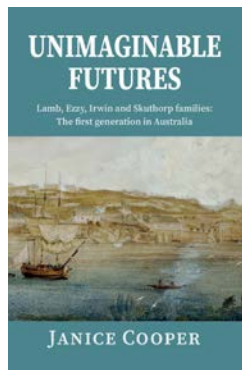
*Unimaginable Futures. Lamb, Ezzy, Irwin and Skuthorp families: the first generation in Australia* by Janice Cooper, Brisbane Qld 2022, self published, call number **LL B6 LAM 1**, reviewed by Gayle Thomsett.

A refreshing feature of this book is its focus on the women of these families as they struggled, beside their men, to establish successful lives in early colonial times. Its value lies in the insight it gives, not only to their living conditions and their experiences in challenging times, but also to the tenor of the developing colony.

Janice Cooper has chosen to write of the first of her ancestors to establish their families in what was to become Australia, and in so doing has been able to give a detailed account of the first decades of the new Colony. This is interesting and useful information for all whose ancestors were contemporary, and for anyone wishing to know more about the ordinary citizens of the time.

These four families comprised women and men, convict and free, some of whom came singly and some whose families accompanied them. Meticulous research has enabled both the domestic and the community aspects of their lives to be recounted. It can be assumed that their experiences and hardships were typical of those in similar circumstances.

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The book provides a solid foundation for future research, not only for descendants of these families but also anyone seeking to understand the conditions experienced by the immigrant population in those early years, thanks in part to the comprehensive bibliography provided.

The book is well-structured, with family trees at the beginning of each section, interesting old maps, photographs, and extracts from various letters and Government papers. The reader will appreciate the included transcripts where the originals are difficult to read. Headings and sub-headings are appropriate and useful. Some errors have slipped through the proof-reading/editing process. While not detracting from the general usefulness of the book, they do highlight the importance of these processes.

So often, family histories are of little interest to non-family readers. *Unimaginable Futures*, thanks to the inclusion of essential technical aspects of such a work – citations (as endnotes), bibliography, acknowledgements, a comprehensive index of names and places – as well as the excellent research into lives and times as already mentioned, has much for the aspiring writer and interested researcher to appreciate and emulate.

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### MONAGHAN, IRELAND CENSUS RECORDS FROM THE 1500S GO ONLINE

Over 8,300 census substitute records from the Monaghan/Clogher region dating from the 16th to the 19th centuries have been added to the Roots Ireland database, which includes *Monaghan, Tipperary, Westmeath, Galway* and *Kerry*. For the various lists refer to [www.eogn.com/page-18080/12866841](http://www.eogn.com/page-18080/12866841).

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#### THOUSANDS OF NEW RECORDS FROM FINDMYPAST

[Yorkshire, Sheffield Crime Courts and Convicts 1769-1931](#), includes 206,000 records from over 162 years, from documents transcribed by Sheffield Archives and Local Studies.

[Yorkshire, Sheffield Social and Institutional Records 1558-1939](#) covers 381 years of history, including details like lists of paupers 1751-1808, removal orders 1701-1844, and corn loan guarantors from 1795.

[Yorkshire, Sheffield, Asylum & Hospital Admissions & Subscriptions 1748-1937](#) nearly 200 years of records, e.g. registers and casebooks.

[City of York Electoral Registers 1848-1938](#) with 1.76 million records, should help you find an ancestor's name and address.

[Durham Baptisms](#) spanning 1664-1921, with 16,000 new records covering 19 churches across the county.

[Northumberland Baptisms](#), 9,500 new records for 11 parishes, and even include the All Saints Dissenter church of central Newcastle.

[Yorkshire, Sheffield, Air Raid Casualties, 1940-1941](#) can help you find if your ancestor suffered under an air raid.

[National Burial Index for England & Wales](#), around 100,000 new records have been added, mainly for Yorkshire.

[Ireland, Waterford, Dungarvan Town Commissioners Records](#), covering 1851-1922. The Town Commission was responsible for housing, road maintenance, and regulating markets.

[Waterford Poor Law Union Board of Guardians Minute Books](#), it's possible to uncover if your ancestor married in the workhouse, asked for emigration assistance, or owed money. Be sure to check the original images.

[Middlesex Baptisms](#), adding additional records from parishes of *New Brentford, Tottenham and Edmonton*.

[Surrey Baptisms](#), a further 23,000 transcripts have been added for parishes of *Lambeth, Stockwell, St Mary Magdalene Bermondsey and Walworth*.

[Hampshire Baptisms](#), [Hampshire Burials](#), and [Hampshire Marriages](#), further records added to this *Selborne* collection.

[Airmen Died in the Second World War, 1939-1946](#), covering both airmen and airwomen, discover if your ancestor gave their life while serving under the Royal Air Force.

[Bomber Command Losses, 1939-1945](#), thanks to volunteers at the International Bomber Command Centre in Lincoln.

[Greater London Burial Index](#), 8,000 new records added, mostly for *Ealing* in London.

[Scotland, Poor Law & Lists](#), with records for *Inverness 1846-1894, Wick 1870-1887, Stirling & Perthshire 1816-1899*, and *Dreghorn 1872-1901*.

[Scotland, Occupations & Professions](#), 16,000 records have been added reaching back into the 16th century, including Merchants Matriculat in the Company of Merchants of Edinburgh 1687; Scotland, Fellows of the Royal College of Surgeons 1581-1873; A history of the Society of Writers to Her Majesty's Signet 1890; Scottish Seafarers Index; and Fife Shopkeepers and Traders.

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#### SOCIETY OF GENEALOGISTS (UK) ANNOUNCES NEW PREMISES

The Society of Genealogists has purchased Unit 2, 40 Wharf Road, London, N1 7GS as their new premises. The new site will require a fit-out and it is estimated that the Society will re-open in the Summer of 2023.

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#### DONEGAL MUSEUM LAUNCHES WW1 DATABASE

A searchable database of over 1,000 people has been launched by Donegal County Museum, to contain information on each known person from the county who died as a result of WWI. More will be added. Read [www.rte.ie/news/ulster/2022/1109/1335137-donegal-database/](http://www.rte.ie/news/ulster/2022/1109/1335137-donegal-database/).

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#### THE GENEALOGIST'S NEW RECORDS

TheGenealogist has released a Collection of Memorial Records of the First World War; see <https://eogn.com/page-18080/12986037>.

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#### RECENTLY ADDED AND UPDATED COLLECTIONS

See list at [www.ancestry.com.au/cs/recent-collections](http://www.ancestry.com.au/cs/recent-collections).

Discover your ancestor's British Royal Navy & Royal Marines Service during the Inter-War period of the 20th Century with Findmypast at <https://eogn.com/page-18080/12994336>. ■

## QFHS NOTICES

### BEREAVEMENT NOTICES



We extend our deepest sympathy on the following bereavements:

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**Sylvia Johansen**, mother of member #5210 Barbara Richardson, late of Wynnum West, who passed away on 8 October 2022, aged 99 years.

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**Myra Jean Phipps**, member #1896, late of Taroom, who passed away on 15 October 2022, aged 85 years.

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**Trevor George Tighe**, husband of member #5213 Charlotte Sale, late of Chermside, who passed away on 17 October 2022, aged 70 years.

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**Barbara Faye Braddock**, member #5579, late of Aspley, who passed away on 1 November 2022, aged 81 years.

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

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### L.A. CONSULTATION AND TRAINING SESSION

**Friday 31 March 2023**  
**10.00 – 11.30 am**



To be held as a hybrid meeting, using our state-of-the-art Meeting Owl. Contribute to the strategic plan for our service in the future as well as learning about operational updates and opportunities for upskilling.

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### COPPER COAST CORNISH FESTIVAL

**15 - 21 May 2023**

Celebrating 50 Years  
Kadina, Moonta, Wallaroo, S Aust  
[www.kernewek.org/](http://www.kernewek.org/)

### LEARN@QFHS

Further courses will be held on the following dates:

**Topic:** **Talking about ... Writing your family history – What are the options?**  
**Date:** WED 25 January 2023  
**Time:** 10.00 am to 12 noon (online)  
**Presenter:** Nancy Edwards  
(Limit 25 people)

**Topic:** **Newspapers Advanced Searching**  
**Date:** FRI 10 February 2023  
**Time:** 10.00 am to 11.30 am (online)  
**Presenter:** Sue Reid  
(Limit 25 people)

**Topic:** **Introduction to media conversion**  
**Date:** FRI 17 February 2023  
**Time:** 10.00 am to 11.00 am  
**Where:** **BCC Library, 375 Hamilton Road, Chermside**  
**Presenter:** Chermside BCC Library staff  
(Limit 20 people)

**Topic:** **Talking about ... Riding the Railways**  
**Date:** WED 22 February 2023  
**Time:** 10.00 am to 12 noon (online)  
**Presenter:** Lyndal Cosgrove  
(Limit 15 people)

**Topic:** **Finding your Masonic History: A journey through the Masonic State Archive, Library, and Museum of Qld**  
**Date:** FRI 10 March 2023  
**Time:** 10.00 am to 11.30 am (online)  
**Presenter:** VW Brother Brodie Taylor CSM  
(Limit 25 people)

**Topic:** **Talking about ... Royal Connections**  
**Date:** WED 22 March 2023  
**Time:** 10.00 am to 12 noon (online)  
**Presenter:** Nancy Edwards  
(Limit 25 people)

**Topic:** **Using signatures to identify families**  
**Date:** FRI 14 April 2023  
**Time:** 10.00 am to 11.30 am (online)  
**Presenter:** Eric Kopitke  
(Limit 25 people)



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**Topic:** **Talking about ... Town Halls and Schools of Arts**  
**Date:** WED 26 April 2023  
**Time:** 10.00 am to 12 noon (online)  
**Presenter:** Nancy Edwards  
 (Limit 25 people)

**Topic:** **Finding the family farm: using land records and maps for Qld pastoral properties**  
**Date:** FRI 12 May 2022  
**Time:** 10.00 am to 11.30 am (online)  
**Presenter:** Charlotte Sale  
 (Limit 25 people)

Follow QFHS and be kept up to date with  
[www.eventbrite.com.au/o/queensland-family-history-society-inc-4629298833](http://www.eventbrite.com.au/o/queensland-family-history-society-inc-4629298833)

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

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

### Finding your family: a beginners' course in research



#### A six week course

Commences: Monday 13 February 2023  
 Time: 7.30 pm – 9.00 pm  
 Location: Online event  
 Cost: Members \$60, non-members \$90  
 Only 10 people per course  
 Content: Home sources, organisation, BDM certificates, archives, libraries, newspapers, overseas research, and much more.

Details:

[www.eventbrite.com.au/e/finding-your-family-a-beginners-course-in-research-february-2023-tickets-371896661927](http://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/finding-your-family-a-beginners-course-in-research-february-2023-tickets-371896661927)

#### QFHS INC. FAMILY HISTORY BOOK AWARD 2024

The Society invites entries for this Award which will be presented at the Annual General Meeting 2024 to the person or persons producing the best history of a Queensland family published in book form within the past five years.

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

Please check the guidelines. In brief, these include:

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

Further information is available from:

Hon Secretary  
 QFHS Inc  
 PO Box 78  
 Geebung Qld 4034

or

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



Entries close **30 November 2023**.

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

#### CHRISTMAS HAMPER THANK YOU



A big thank you to all who contributed to the Christmas hamper which was delivered to the Salvation Army for distribution to needy families at Christmas.

We appreciate your generosity very much.

**QFHS NOTICES (Cont.)**

**QFHS TROUT GAME**

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



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

**Date:** Sunday 28 May 2023

**Venue:** Meeting Room, QFHS Family History Research Centre, 46 Delaware Street, Chermside

**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](mailto:trout@qfhs.org.au).

**IRISH INTEREST GROUP**

**20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS**



**WHERE:**

QFHS Family History Research Centre, 46 Delaware Street, Chermside

**WHEN:**

**SATURDAY 24 JUNE 2023 and SUNDAY 25 JUNE 2023**

Contact Dale Fogarty, the convenor of the Irish Interest Group, to register your interest at [irish@qfhs.org.au](mailto:irish@qfhs.org.au).

**Irish Research Day**



**Researching Irish ancestors?**

The next Irish Research Day is **Thursday, 9 March 2023**

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

Everyone welcome. Come anytime between 10.00 am – 3.00 pm and stay as long as you like.

Work alongside others and help each other as required.

Make a day of it - bring your lunch.

In preparation, we suggest you:

- Review where you currently are with your research;
- Try to specify specific research questions or goals on which you would like to work.

On the day, bring whatever information and equipment you think you will need to help you work towards a productive day.

There will be plenty of friendly, experienced and helpful people there ready to assist & support each other.

Contact Dale Fogarty, the convenor of the Irish Interest Group, to register your interest at [irish@qfhs.org.au](mailto:irish@qfhs.org.au).

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS**

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

## WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS of QFHS INC.

Membership numbers 6552 - 6559 including members who joined up to 30/9/22:

BIRD Noeleen, Benarkin, QLD  
 DALTON Alison, Banyo, QLD  
 DUCHATEAU Rhonda, Calamvale, QLD  
 GWYDIR Christine & GIDDINS, Darryl, Kearneys Spring, QLD  
 MICHELL Mark, Kensington, VIC  
 STEVENS Jessica, Dakabin, QLD  
 STONE Catriona, Cleveland, QLD  
 WAY Colleen, Boondall, QLD

### Welcome back to the following members who are rejoining:

LE STRANGE Carol, Strathpine, QLD  
 RAYNER John, Murrumba Downs, QLD

### Joining with Existing Member:

NOONAN Ursula, Glenella, QLD ■

## MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE

### FOUND IN SURF AT SOUTHPORT

While fishing in the surf at Main Beach, Southport, during the weekend, two Southport boys found a bottle containing a message, which stated that the bottle had been thrown overboard from the H.M.S. *Sussex*, when the cruiser was between Lord Howe Island and New Zealand on 3 March, 1935. The message was signed by nine ratings, who wished the finder 'all happiness and plenty of beer instead of onions.'

The bottle, which was about the size of a small pickle bottle, also contained a half-penny. A covering had been placed over the cork, but some salt water had entered the bottle, and the paper on which the message was written was discoloured and the half-penny corroded.

Lord Howe Island is about 500 miles from Sydney, and it is thought that the bottle was washed towards the Queensland coast in the recent rough weather.

[The Courier-Mail \(Brisbane, Qld. : 1933 - 1954\) Tue 16 Jul 1935, Page 12.](#) ■

## NEW MEMBERS' WELCOME & ORIENTATION SESSIONS

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

**FRIDAY**  
(At 10.00 am)

**17 March 2023**  
**19 May 2023**

**SATURDAY**  
(At 9.30 am)

**11 February 2023**  
**15 April 2023**  
**17 June 2023**

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

### BOOKINGS: *Essential*

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

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

**e:** [welcome@qfhs.org.au](mailto:welcome@qfhs.org.au). ■

## QUEENSLAND PRE-SEPARATION GROUP APPROVAL

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

#349 Jennifer O'Dempsey (QFHS Member 6457) is descended from:

(1) **Enoch Death** and his wife **Maria Death (née Cooper)** who arrived in Moreton Bay on 17/8/1854 on *Monsoon* with their son **John Death**, aged 12 when they arrived.

(2) **Francis Harrington** and his wife **Catherine Jessy Harrington (née Roberts)** who arrived in Sydney on 18/5/1838 on *Orontes*, then later travelled to the Darling Downs, and their daughter **Kitty Harrington** born 25/1/1853 in Drayton. ■

## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

**PLEASE CHECK THE QFHS WEBSITE TO CONFIRM WHERE THESE MEETINGS WILL BE HELD**

### FAMILY HISTORY WRITING GROUP



This group meets online via Zoom on the **third Saturday** of **odd-numbered** months at **9.00 am**. The next meeting dates are:

**18 March 2023      20 May 2023**

If you are interested in joining us, please email [fhwriters@qfhs.org.au](mailto:fhwriters@qfhs.org.au).

**Sue Reid**  
(Convenor)

### IRISH INTEREST GROUP



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

**19 February 2023      1 April 2023**

*Note both changes of dates*

For further information, please email [irish@qfhs.org.au](mailto:irish@qfhs.org.au).

**Dale Fogarty**  
(Convenor)

### ENGLISH WEST COUNTRY GROUP



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

**23 March 2023      25 May 2023**

For further information, please email [englishwestcountry@qfhs.org.au](mailto:englishwestcountry@qfhs.org.au).

**Jenny Davidson**  
(Convenor)

### SCOTTISH INTEREST GROUP



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

**11 March 2023      13 May 2023**

If you are interested in joining this group, please email [scottish@qfhs.org.au](mailto: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 our new Family History Research Centre) on the **third Sunday** of **odd-numbered** months from **10.00 am until noon**. The next meeting dates are:



**19 March 2023      21 May 2023**

For further information please email [welsh@qfhs.org.au](mailto:welsh@qfhs.org.au).

**Charlotte Sale**  
(Convenor)

### CENTRAL EUROPEAN GROUP

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



**25 March 2023      27 May 2023**

A \$2 donation goes towards purchasing relevant records.

Phone Eric on 07 3376 4339 or email Eric at [kopittke@tpg.com.au](mailto:kopittke@tpg.com.au).

**Eric Kopittke & Noel Bergman**  
(Convenors)

### FAMILY TREE MAKER USER GROUP

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

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

**Fri 3 February 2023**  
**Sat 4 March 2023**  
**April 2023 cancelled**  
**Sat 6 May 2023**



For further information, please contact Geoff Morgan on phone 0407 146763 or email [familytree@qfhs.org.au](mailto:familytree@qfhs.org.au).

**Geoff Morgan & Joe Greaves**  
(Convenors)

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**DNA INTEREST GROUP**

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

<b>4 February 2023</b>	<b>Beginners</b>
<b>4 March 2023</b>	<b>Advanced</b>
<b>1 April 2023</b>	<b>Beginners</b>
<b>6 May 2023</b>	<b>Advanced</b>

For further information contact Chris Schuetz on 0413 594243 or Ann Swain on 07 3352 5537 or email [dna@qfhs.org.au](mailto:dna@qfhs.org.au).

**Chris Schuetz & Ann Swain**  
(Convenors)

**COLONIAL INDIA AND THE FAR EAST GROUP**

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

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

<b>12 February 2023</b>	<b>16 April 2023</b>
	<i>Note change of date</i>

For further information please email [indiafe@qfhs.org.au](mailto: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 **at**

**1:00 pm** for approximately 2 hours. The next meeting dates are:

<b>5 February 2023</b>
<b>5 March 2023</b>
<b>2 April 2023</b>
<b>7 May 2023</b>

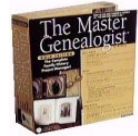
For further information please email [familyhistorian@qfhs.org.au](mailto:familyhistorian@qfhs.org.au).

**Malcolm Kingston**  
(Convenor)

**THE MASTER GENEALOGIST (TMG) USER GROUP**

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

<b>16 February 2023</b>
<b>16 March 2023</b>
<b>20 April 2023</b>
<b>18 May 2023</b>



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 online via Zoom on the **second Saturdays** of **March and September** at **1.30 pm**, or by **excursion in June and December**. The next meetings will be held on:

<b>Sat 11 March 2023</b>	<b>Tue 6 June 2023*</b>
	<b>*Excursion to be advised</b>

For further information please email [presep@qfhs.org.au](mailto:presep@qfhs.org.au).

**Ann Swain & Jenny Davidson**  
(Convenors)

**PRE-SEPARATION EXCURSION  
5 December 2022**

Visiting the Members' Reading Room,  
Parliament House, Brisbane ■

## DATES TO REMEMBER

DATE	ACTIVITY	VENUE	TIME
<b>FEBRUARY 2023</b>			
Friday	3 Family Tree Maker User Group (See p.36)	Online	10.00 - 11.30 am
Saturday	4 DNA Interest Group (See p.37)	Check website	1.30 - 3.30 pm
Sunday	5 Family Historian Software User Group (See p.37)	Online	1.00 – 3.00 pm
Monday	6 <b>Monthly Members' Meeting</b> (Afternoon)	<b>NEW</b> Hybrid	1.00 – 3.00 pm
Friday	10 Learn@QFHS: <i>Newspapers Advanced Searching</i> (See p.32)	Online	10.00 - 11.30 am
Saturday	11 New Members' Welcome & Orientation Session (p.35) <b>DATE CHANGED</b>	Online	9.30 - 12.30 pm
Sunday	12 Colonial India and The Far East Group (See p.37)	Online	10.30 - noon
Wednesday	15 <b>Presenting...Norwegian family history</b> (Evening)	Hybrid	7.30 - 9.30 pm
Thursday	16 The Master Genealogist (TMG) User Group (See p.37) <b>NEW TIME</b>	Online	7.00 - 8.30 pm
Friday	17 Learn@QFHS: <i>Introduction to media conversion</i> (See p.32)	BCC Chermshire	10.00 - 11.00 am
Sunday	19 Irish Interest Group (See p.36) <b>DATED CHANGED</b>	Online	10.30 - 12.30 pm
<b>MARCH 2023</b>			
Saturday	4 Family Tree Maker User Group (See p.36)	Online	10.00 - 11.30 am
Saturday	4 DNA Interest Group (See p.37)	Check website	1.30 - 3.30 pm
Sunday	5 Family Historian Software User Group (See p.37)	Online	1.00 – 3.00 pm
Monday	6 <b>Monthly Members' Meeting</b> (Afternoon)	Hybrid	1.00 – 3.00 pm
Thursday	9 IRISH RESEARCH DAY (See p.34)	Research Centre	10.00 – 3.00 pm
Friday	10 Learn@QFHS: <i>Finding your Masonic History</i> (See p.32)	Online	10.00 - 11.30 am
Saturday	11 Scottish Interest Group (See p.36)	Check website	10.00 - noon
Saturday	11 Pre-Separation Group (See p.37)	Online	1.30 – 3.30 pm
Wednesday	15 <b>Presenting...Innovation and Invention</b> (Afternoon)	Hybrid	1.00 – 3.00 pm
Thursday	16 The Master Genealogist (TMG) User Group (See p.37)	Online	7.00 - 8.30 pm
Friday	17 New Members' Welcome & Orientation Session (See p.35)	Research Centre	10.00 - 1.00 pm
Saturday	18 Family History Writing Group (See p.36)	Online	9.00 - 11.30 am
Sunday	19 Welsh Interest Group (See p.36)	Check website	10.00 - noon
Thursday	23 English West Country Group (See p.36)	Online	noon - 2.00 pm
Saturday	25 Central European Group (See p.36)	Check website	10.00 - noon
Sunday	26 <b>QFHS OPEN DAY</b>	Research Centre	10.00 – 3.00 pm
Friday	31 L.A. Consultation and Training Session (See p.32)	Hybrid	10.00 - 11.30 am
<b>APRIL 2023</b>			
Saturday	1 Irish Interest Group (See p.36) <b>DATE CHANGED</b>	Online	10.30 - 12.30 pm
Saturday	1 DNA Interest Group (See p.37)	Check website	1.30 - 3.30 pm
Sunday	2 Family Historian Software User Group (See p.37)	Online	1.00 – 3.00 pm
Monday	3 <b>Monthly Members' Meeting</b> (Afternoon)	Hybrid	1.00 – 3.00 pm
Friday	7 <del>Family Tree Maker User Group (See p.36)</del> <b>EASTER, CANCELLED</b>		
Fri-Mon	7 <b>EASTER – RESEARCH CENTRE CLOSED</b>		
Friday	14 Learn@QFHS: <i>Using signatures to identify families</i> (See p.32)	Online	10.00 - 11.30 am
Saturday	15 New Members' Welcome & Orientation Session (See p.35)	Online	9.30 - 12.30 pm
Sunday	16 Colonial India and The Far East Group (See p.37) <b>DATE CHANGED</b>	Online	10.30 - noon
Wednesday	19 <b>Presenting...Monash, Gallipoli to Amiens</b> (Evening)	Hybrid	7.30 - 9.30 pm
Thursday	20 The Master Genealogist (TMG) User Group (See p.37)	Online	7.00 - 8.30 pm
Tuesday	25 <b>ANZAC DAY – RESEARCH CENTRE CLOSED</b>		
<b>MAY 2023</b>			
Monday	1 <b>LABOUR DAY – RESEARCH CENTRE CLOSED</b>		
Monday	1 <b>Monthly Members' Meeting</b> (Evening)	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

Please refer to our website for the most current information.

### BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

Members may:

- Have free access to the Society's Family History Research Centre, Subscription Websites, useful weblinks, and journals from Australian and overseas FH Societies;
- Receive our *Queensland Family Historian* either by mail or email, and our e-newsletter *Snippets*;
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## MONTHLY MEETINGS OF THE SOCIETY



Each month, February to November, a Guest Speaker is invited to address topics of interest to family and local history researchers in Queensland and beyond. Presentations are arranged for the **third Wednesday of the month** and alternate between 1.00 pm and 7.30 pm to allow as many members as possible to attend. Monthly Members Meetings will be held on the first Monday of each month in person or via Zoom with times alternating between 1.00 pm and 7.30 pm. Refer to *Dates to Remember* on p.38 of this issue. Members and visitors may attend either in person at the Family History Research Centre, 46 Delaware St, Chermside, or via Zoom. Those unable to attend in person but unfamiliar with Zoom may contact the Secretary at [secretary@qfhs.org.au](mailto:secretary@qfhs.org.au) for assistance. Bookings made via Eventbrite are essential. For the dates of the meetings of the different *Special Interest Groups*, please refer to p.36 or *Dates to Remember* on p.38 of this issue.

### **Presenting...MONTHLY GUEST SPEAKERS**

**2023**

#### **FEBRUARY 15 (7.30 pm)**

##### **Presenting...Norwegian family history - further avenues of research**

Dr Hilda Maclean is a professional historian, genealogist, archival researcher and QFHS member, and has spent over thirty years researching her maternal Norwegian family. Although Hilda has a Norwegian mother and husband, this is the first time she is sharing her knowledge of Norwegian family history research. While Norway has the same basic family history records as the United Kingdom, it has other record sets which may be unfamiliar to Australian researchers. Amongst others, learn about confirmation, vaccination and movement records administered by the parish church and farm histories compiled by the local community.

#### **MARCH 15 (1.00 pm)**

##### **Presenting...Innovation and Invention: Patents, Trademarks and Designs**

Eve Terry from National Archives Australia will be joined by QFHS members Christopher Schuetz, Wendy Angliss and Beverley Hay. Australia has long been a nation of innovators; from unique and quirky inventions to everyday items, all designed to make Aussie lives better. Join us for a seminar that takes you on a journey through the history of Australian patent submissions, trademarks and designs. Also some pre-NAA inventions towards a very important technology of Queensland: refrigeration. Three QFHS members will discuss their ancestors who worked on making refrigeration available to industry, enabling the meat industry to thrive both locally and for export.

#### **APRIL 19 (7.30 pm)**

##### **Presenting...General Sir John Monash GCMG KCB VD, Gallipoli to Amiens.**

QFHS member, Major (Rtd) Richard Cosgrove RFD has had 42 years of Military Service. He will highlight the career of Australia's General Sir John Monash, who was the first man in 200 years to be knighted in the field by the King of England. He changed the way future battles would be fought which would save tens of thousands of lives. He planned a major battle during WWI to last 90 minutes which lasted 93 minutes, and he achieved his objective of capturing Le Hamel.

#### **MAY 17 (1.00 pm)**

##### **Presenting...Chasing the Sunshine – The Sunshine Express and the introduction of the Sunlander 1953**

Greg Hallam has been with Queensland Rail since 2000, and has been the Historian for the organisation for (nearly) all of the past 22 years. Greg is a third generation member of the Queensland Railways. 2023 will be 70 years since the first air conditioned trains entered service on the Queensland Railways, the Inlander commencing in 1953, and the venerable Sunlander in June 1953 (until its being withdrawn in 2014). Other air-conditioned trains also entered service the following year in 1954, the Midlander and Westlander, however, the route north and going for the sunshine of north Queensland really began in the mid-1930s. How Queensland Railways promoted the journey north for the tourists, how the Sunshine Express for twenty years was a tourism experience in itself, and how the 'Lander trains changed so much of train travel in country Queensland in the 1950s will be the topic for our talk.

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