

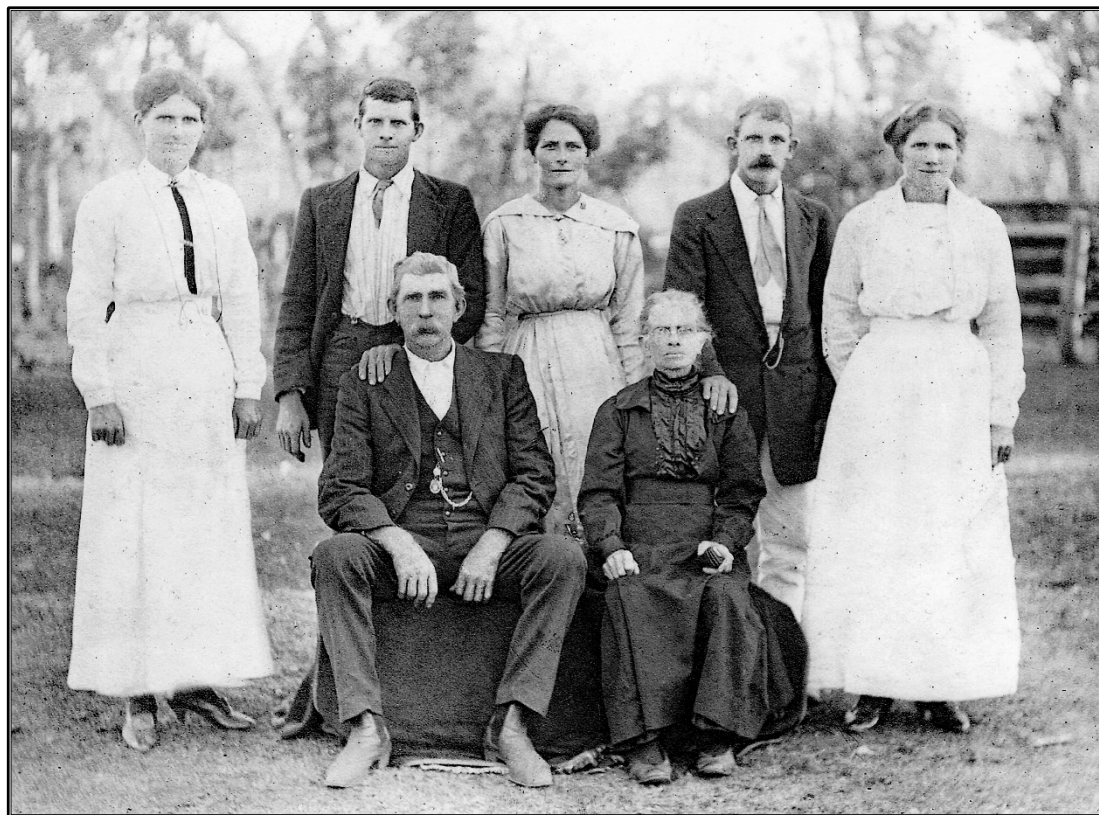
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Nielsen Family 1910s. Back (L-R) Hannah (Ann Johanna), Jack (John Thomas), Kate (Catherine), Neil (Niels Michael) and Maggie (Margaret Ann),
Front (L-R) Hans Otto Nielsen, Elizabeth Carr.
(Photograph provided by Michael Jones, courtesy of Eileen White). *See story on p.44.*

DID THE NIELSEN FAMILY FROM HORSENS IN DENMARK REUNITE?

By Michael Jones

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When I first began researching my great-great-grandfather **Hans Otto Nielsen** (1852-1921), almost 20 years ago, it was quite a challenge. There were several individuals with that name or variants of it who were of Danish origin in Queensland. This included a few who also resided in far north Queensland.

Hans Otto's marriage and death certificates^{1,2} stated that he was born in Horsens(s) in Denmark in 1852/1853 and his parents were **Niels Quist/Dinst Nielsen** and **Catherina/Catherine Andersen**. The website [Danish Family Search www.danishfamilysearch.com/](http://www.danishfamilysearch.com/) was invaluable in tracking down birth, baptism, confirmation and census records. These records confirmed that his mother's birth name was actually **Ottesdatter/Ottesen** and not Andersen. It's a bit of a puzzle how this came about but maybe Ottesen sounded like Andersen, or it was an anglicised version of the name.

There were rumours from distant Nielsen cousins in Queensland that Hans Otto may have had a brother named Michael who also emigrated from Denmark and lived in far north Queensland. That rumour was enough to pique my interest to determine whether this was true and if so to seek out his brother's details. I visited Queensland State Archives looking for naturalization records for my Hans Otto Nielsen. While scanning through the microfilm naturalization records I happened to come across one for a Hans Otto Nielsen in Townsville on 3 June 1886 (No. 11159)³. Immediately before that record was one for a **Michael Nielsen** also in Townsville on 3 June 1886 (No. 11158)⁴. This was the first indication of the sibling relationship between Hans Otto Nielsen and (Niels) Michael Nielsen that would later be confirmed.

Unfortunately, the naturalization records did not indicate the year of immigration or the name of the immigrant ship for either of them. Further extensive research determined that Hans Otto emigrated from Hamburg on

the ship *Reichstag* which arrived in Brisbane on 1 August 1872⁵. His brother (Niels) Michael Nielsen arrived just over a year later. He departed Hamburg on the ship *Eugenie* which arrived in Rockhampton on 30 October 1873⁶. Luckily there were passenger lists available for departure and for arrival for both brothers.

Niels Michael Nielsen was the first of the brothers to be married. He married **Delia Teresa Ryan** in Saint Stephens Cathedral, Brisbane on 11 May 1877⁷. She was born in Tuam, Galway, Ireland about 1859. Just over four years later, on 25 November 1881, Hans Otto Nielsen married **Mary Elizabeth Carr**¹ at the Registry Office in Townsville. She was born in Consett, Durham, England on 10 November 1853⁸.

Both families initially resided in the Woodstock/Calcium/Reid River area^{3,4,9,10}, about 50 kilometres south of Townsville. They then moved on to the Charters Towers area in the 1890s¹¹. Niels Michael and family remained there but Hans Otto and family moved on to the Atherton Tablelands around 1900 - 1903^{11,12}.

There was an article published in the *Northern Miner* newspaper in Charters Towers on 25 October 1899¹¹ as follows:

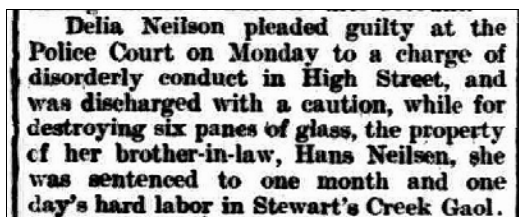


Image courtesy of TROVE

Delia Nielsen (née Ryan) was the wife of Niels Michael Nielsen who was Hans Otto's younger brother. It is not known whether there was a falling out between the two brothers because of this incident. However, as noted above, Hans Otto's family relocated further north to the Atherton Tablelands between 1900 and 1903.

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While searching TROVE for further articles related to the brothers, I chanced upon the advertisement below in the *Northern Miner* newspaper published in Charters Towers on 10 August 1908¹³:

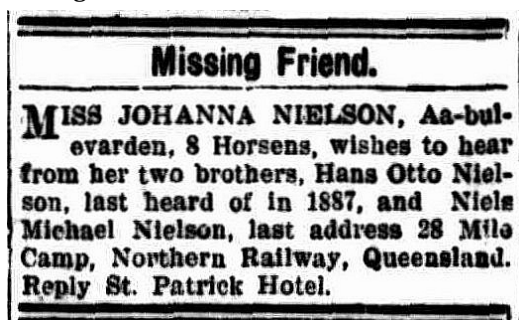


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This advertisement not only confirmed the relationship between the two brothers but also indicated that they had a sister living in Horsens, Denmark who had not emigrated.

The 1860 Danish Census provided further evidence of the members of the Nielsen family. A cropped image of the Census record¹⁴ is included in Figure 1.

Note that the enumerator recorded the names and details of both the parents, the details of the three children but only two of their names. The youngest child's name (Niels Michael Nielsen) was missing. Niels Michael Nielsen was however shown in the 1870 Danish Census with his mother¹⁵, who by then was a widow.

One can only hope that **Johanna** was successful in reuniting with at least one of her brothers. The Saint Patrick's Hotel where she was staying is located in Charters Towers and at that time Niels Michael was living at Rishton Gold Mine¹⁶, about 30 km ESE of Charters Towers. Hans Otto was living on the Atherton Tablelands then, so it is unlikely that Johanna would have caught up with him. That is, unless she was first in contact with Niels Michael to ascertain his location.

Unfortunately there is no evidence or even family folklore to indicate that the three siblings were reunited. So I guess this will remain a Nielsen family mystery.

Danish Census records for Johanna from 1911¹⁷, 1916¹⁸, 1921¹⁹, 1925²⁰ and 1930²¹ confirm that she returned to Denmark. To date, no shipping records have been found that show when she arrived in or departed from Australia. She outlived both of her two younger brothers living in Australia and died on 2 April 1936²² at the age of 86 years in Horsens.

A descendant diagram showing the three siblings and their spouses is included in Figure 2.

Sources:

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⁸ UK General Register Office, Birth Certificate, Elizabeth Carr, 10 November 1853, Lanchester, Durham, 1853/349.

⁹ Queensland State Archives, Land Application 1884 and Land Grant 1889, Hans Otto Nielsen, Portion 480 Parish Magenta County Elphinstone.

¹⁰ Queensland State Archives, Land Purchase, Michael Nielsen, Portion 307 Parish Wyoming County Elphinstone.

DID THE NIELSEN FAMILY FROM HORSENS IN DENMARK REUNITE? (Cont.)

¹¹ TROVE Article,
<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/84872077>

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www.danishfamilysearch.com/sogn2941/census1870/opslag11557778.

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<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-C952-P7SS-K?mode=g&i=715&cc=2691890>

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www.danishfamilysearch.com/sogn2941/census1921/opslag11552086

²⁰ Danish Family Search, Danish Census 1925,
www.danishfamilysearch.com/sogn2941/census1925/opslag7577621

²¹ Danish Family Search, Danish Census 1930,
www.danishfamilysearch.com/sogn2941/census1930/opslag11532129

²² Danish Family Search, Churchbook 1935-1938 Horsens Kloster Sogn,
www.danishfamilysearch.com/sogn1430/churchbook/source10791/opslag248438

Ancestry Family Tree:

For Ancestry subscribers a link to the Nielsen family is included here:
www.ancestry.com.au/family-tree/person/tree/66256005/person/4015168294/1/facts

Diagrams:

The descendant diagram in this article was produced using Family Historian genealogy software, www.family-historian.co.uk/.



Four Generations of NIELSENS

Mary Elizabeth CARR (centre), her daughter Ann Johanna NIELSEN (left) holding her great granddaughter Inez Louise MATTHEWS (on lap) and her granddaughter Elizabeth Johanna BEH (right). Taken 1920/1921.

Family History – Hans Otto Nielsen & Mary Elizabeth Carr:

A detailed family history of Hans Otto Nielsen and Mary Elizabeth Carr is available by request from the author via the email address at the top of this article.

Husband	Hans Otto NIELSEN (1852-1921)
Wife	Mary Elizabeth CARR (1853-1924)
Marriage	25 Nov 1881 Townsville, QLD
Children	Ann Johanna NIELSEN (1882-1949) <i>Spouse – David Charles BEH (1872-1956)</i>
	Margaret Ann NIELSEN (1885-1974) <i>Spouse – William GRAY (1872-1928)</i>
	Catherine NIELSEN (1887-1966) <i>Spouse – John KIDNER (1872-1957)</i>
	John Thomas NIELSEN (1890-1933) <i>Spouse – Mary WOLFE (1896-1978)</i>
	Niels Michael NIELSEN (1894-1970) <i>Spouse – Annie HEMMINGS (1889-1966)</i>

Nielsen/Carr Family Summary produced by Michael Jones

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Før-, Eder-, Baghus-, Tjage eller Kjøder-, Selliged.	Sammenlæst Stiel.	Optegnelse			Personernes Stilling i Familien, Titel, Embede, Forretning, Kæringsdvei eller af hvilket Gæverv de leve, eller om de forserges af Gattigvæsenet.	Tross-, besen-, besen.	Af disse ere:			Anmær-ninger.
		Den 1 ^o Februar 1860.	Samtlige Personers fulde Navn.	Algt, gift, Ent-, mand, Ent-, eller Traffilt.			Ødskebet, nemlig Kjøsladens eller Egenens og for de i Kolonierne fødte samt for Udlandige Landet, hvo: de ere fødte.	Forhævede.	Forhævede.	
		Niels Oqvist Nielsen	42	Gift	Handelsmand					
		Bodil Cathrine Nielsen	42	Gift	Handelsmand					
		Ane Johanne Nielsen	10	Gift	Handelsmand					
		Hans Otto Nielsen	7	Gift	Handelsmand					
		Hans Otto Nielsen	5	Gift	Handelsmand					

Figure 1–Nielsen Family in 1860 Danish Census at Kattesund 403-404, Horsens¹⁴
Image courtesy of Danish Family Search and the Danish State Archive

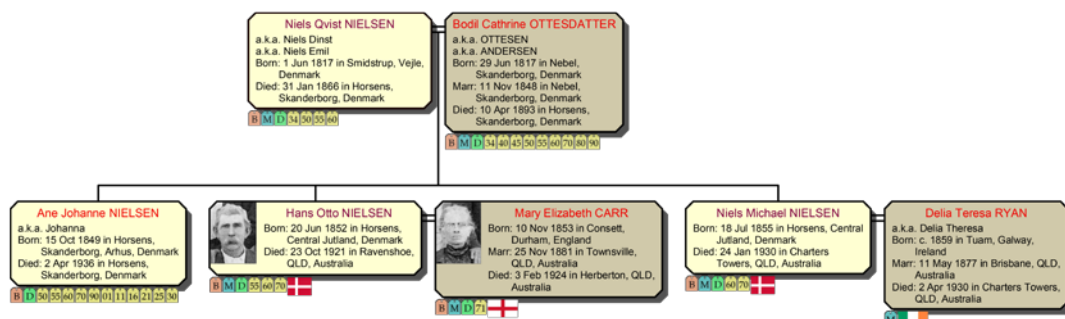


Figure 2–Descendant Diagram for Niels Oqvist Nielsen & Bodil Cathrine Ottesdatter
(Note that B, M & D icons indicate that Birth, Marriage & Death records or certificates are held, yellow icons indicate that Census records are held for those respective years in the 1800s & 1900s, Danish, English & Irish flags indicate emigration from those countries)

DID YOU KNOW - DANISH NAMES?

- Around about the middle of the 19th century Danish people adopted fixed surnames.
- Before that Danish surnames were patronymic for most of the population. That is, they were based on the father’s first name with the addition of “sen” or “en” at the end for males and “datter” at the end for females, e.g. the son of Jens Pedersen may have been Hans Jensen and the daughter Cathrine Jensdatter. Thus the male and female children and the parents may all have had different surnames.
- There is also a tradition originating in the 19th century of incorporating the mother’s maiden surname into a child’s name either as a middle name or part of a double surname.

From the LDS website www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Denmark_Personal_Names.

(Illustrations and photos provided by the author) ■

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE 2023-2026

Management Committee has updated the previous Strategic Plan for the Society and has identified a number of strategic priorities as crucial to the Society's progress into the 21st century.

Members can expect to see steady incremental gains being made in a number of areas and I invite you all to think seriously about how you can play a role in the dynamic organisation that will be bolstered by advances within these strategic priorities.

PRIORITY: TO STRENGTHEN AND BUILD OUR MEMBERSHIP

The reasons for joining the Society are firmly based on the desire to research our ancestry and having necessary resources available to support that task. That family history quickly becomes a most absorbing past time is good news for member numbers, but it is the value that our members derive from their membership that keeps them connected to the Society.

That value is provided by our services and programs – Special Interest Groups, Learn@QFHS education programs, digitisation of print resources so more members can access what we have in the Research Centre, the ability to Key Word search millions of records, indexes to millions of records, access to valuable subscription databases & thousands of journals from nearly 100 sources, to name a few.

What is equally valuable, though, is the community of fellow family historians – likeminded travellers on the same journey of discovery.

Where else can we talk at length about our trials and tribulations of our brick walls? Where else can we share those moments of triumph when a determinedly shadowy ancestor reveals themselves after a lengthy search? Who else but fellow family historians understand the maze of research, and buzz of excitement when an inkling of an idea develops?

QFHS provides that fellowship. QFHS is that community.

Our Society is strengthened when all members – no matter where they are on the scale of new to longstanding – appreciate all facets of the human, digital and physical resources available.

To strengthen and build our membership, Management Committee must ensure all the elements of the Society that provide value to our members are clearly identified, articulated and delivered.

PRIORITY: TO ATTRACT AND SUPPORT VOLUNTEERS

There are many reasons why members choose to volunteer. They like to give back to their community. They want to support others as they have been supported. They feel they can make a difference. They enjoy the social aspects of working in a small team and being part of a larger team. They learn new skills. They are needed. They gain personal satisfaction.

And thank goodness for all of that because Societies such as ours falter without volunteers. Volunteers are key to our existence - they provide every single service and program offered to members and the volunteers are a core community of our organisation.

Volunteers are key to our success.

Management Committee has undertaken to enhance the volunteer experience at QFHS by providing training, structure and support where it is needed.

PRIORITY: TO ENHANCE OUR DIGITAL PRESENCE

Many members have invested heavily in the development of our existing IT infrastructure. They have created an IT system that underpins the Society and allows our members to access millions of locally created records. There is nothing else like it in Australia.

In order to protect their work, continue secure access by our members, and expand advantages the digital age provides, Management Committed has committed to

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invest in an upgrade to IT infrastructure with an immediate emphasis on a membership management system and a new website.

Even if we were not a volunteer organisation, this would be a huge undertaking. Relying, as we do on volunteers with busy lives, the dedication to the complex task of defining our requirements for the future, assessing various options, and recommending a course of action is a big task for the Society.

PRIORITY: TO SUSTAIN THE SOCIETY'S FINANCIAL VIABILITY

Financial stability is a significant responsibility of the Management Committee. It's vital that our budgetary processes are well governed and income streams are sufficiently broad and sustainable.

PRIORITY: TO IMPROVE OUR OPERATIONAL CAPABILITY

Any organisation focussed on service delivery, but particularly a volunteer organisation, relies on organisational structure.

Such a structure may not have the heavy hand of a Managing Director or a boss of some sort but, if it wants to operate at peak efficiency and not waste a moment of volunteer time so generously given, structure and processes are important.

Our Society is no different and needs processes in place to underpin all our efforts and to increase the results of our effort. For instance, communication within a volunteer organisation is paramount but how do we best communicate when everyone involved is on different schedules? And only available a few hours a month? With each few hours different to almost everyone else's? It's a challenge! But even small improvements can yield dividends.

PRIORITY: TO ENRICH THE SOCIETY'S REPUTATION

We will work towards consolidating the reputation of QFHS in the family history community.

Reputation is that intangible asset that members have built over the decades through conducting and contributing to conferences and seminars, through quality publications and indexing millions of records, and ensuring those records are correct, through acting authentically and with integrity at all times.

I am grateful to all the members of Management Committee who have taken on leadership and guidance roles in each of these Strategic Priorities. I am also grateful to the many members who are responding with ideas and time to contribute to the action plans that each of these priorities requires.

Progress and challenges in each of these priorities will be reported to members at the two General Meetings scheduled annually in March and September.

The first of these is on Wednesday 13 September. These will be hybrid events so you may attend in person or via Zoom.

We look forward to your company and contributions.

Best wishes to all,

Allana O'Kane

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DAVE TODD: QUEENSLANDER FIRST, AUSTRALIAN SECOND

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Grace Todd née Renfrey, George Todd and Dave Todd, studio portrait 1906

My grandfather **Dave Todd** arrived as a one-year old at the Port of Maryborough on the *St James* on 24 July 1874 with his parents **David Todd** and **Rachel née Stammers**.¹

The *St James* was a union ship containing mostly members of the National Agricultural Labourers Union of England. The Union had been established by the Primitive Methodist preacher **Joseph Arch** in 1871, shortly after the Trade Union Act of 1870 had allowed for the establishment of unions in Britain.²

Besides campaigning for better wages, shorter working hours and the extension of the parliamentary vote to landless agricultural labourers, the union leadership soon realised that to increase the wages of farm labourers they needed to reduce supply. They started to actively encourage migration to the new colonies and the newly industrialising areas in the north of England.

Richard Daintree, Queensland's Agent-General, worked hand-in-glove with union organisers to attract young agricultural labourers and their families to the new colony. Land grants and free passages were the chief inducements to landless, poverty-stricken families to migrate. Daintree, a geologist, had pioneered the use of photography in his fieldwork.³ He was able to use his images in his talks around rural England to show audiences what the colony had to offer. For men of limited education

this was reassuring. Britain had only introduced the Elementary Education Act in 1870, which set a framework for schooling of all children between the ages of five and twelve years. Under the Act schooling was not free and attendance was not compulsory. Prior to the introduction of national schools the children of agricultural labourers largely relied on Sunday Schools for learning to read and write. The Primitive Methodists put a lot of energy into Sunday school education. They produced and widely distributed low-priced spelling books and readers.⁴

Cyrus McCormick's mechanical reaper and the extension of the American railway network to Chicago were having a devastating impact on British agriculture in terms of import prices of grain and livestock. McCormick had displayed and demonstrated his mechanical reaper at the Great Exhibition at London's Crystal Palace in 1851. Many British farmers started to reduce harvest labour costs with reaping machines. Therefore, there were "push factors" as well the strong "pull factor" of land ownership at work on the minds of English farm labourers. The Todd Family was among a large group of labourers who took the courageous step and caught the train at Whitham in Essex to the port of Gravesend for a new life on the other side of the world.

Fortunately, the Todd family arrived during the Queensland winter so they had some time to acclimatise before the sub-tropical summer of the Mary River district set in. Dave Todd's father found work at the Yengarie Sugar plantation south of Maryborough.⁵ Two years later rust almost completely destroyed the thick slow-growing varieties of cane then favoured. **L. C. McCreedy**, who was a sugar-cane farmer in the Mackay district, demonstrated over five consecutive seasons that a rust-immuned variety, which matured in one season, could be produced on a profitable basis and the infant industry boomed.⁶ By 1883-4, 157 sugar mills were crushing cane and producing 34,148 tons of sugar and 144,073 gallons of rum.

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Cane cutting gang containing both the author's grandfathers, Jim Huggonson standing second on left hand side and Dave Todd sitting second on the right

Once the Queensland Government was reimbursed for their passage costs, Dave's parents were able to use their two land order warrants to select 80 acres of crown land in the Horton District south of the small town of Childers in what was then termed the Isis Scrub. After clearing the land of pine trees the family established their own sugar-cane farm where Dave Todd worked throughout his teenage years.⁷

Dave's father obviously enrolled to vote in 1876. Rachel Todd could vote in the Commonwealth election from 1902 and in Queensland elections from 1905. Being a member of the largely Primitive Methodists led National Agricultural Labourers' Union, David Todd (senior) would have been very aware of the right to vote. The early Todds are buried in the Apple Tree Creek Cemetery, north-west of Childers.

In 1892, nineteen-year-old Dave Todd and his older brother **James** selected adjoining mixed farming properties on Mt Hasting Creek near Biggenden. To pay off his selection, to fence the property and to purchase farming equipment, Dave Todd started working as a miner at the nearby Mt Biggenden mine. He obtained the freehold title to the property on 15 June 1895. Most miners at the Mt Biggenden mine had selections in the vicinity of the mine, since the introduction of the Agricultural Lands Purchase Act of 1894, which aimed to increase the amount of land under cultivation and to encourage closer settlement.⁸

In 1889 to encourage closer settlement the Queensland Government commenced construction of a railway line from Mungar situated on the existing Gympie to Maryborough line to the Burnett Lands. After bridging the low-lying flats of Degilbo Creek, the railway halted on a well-drained knoll on 13 May 1891.

A new town named Biggenden was surveyed and a public auction of the first allotments was held in Maryborough on 29 September 1891. Ironically, the line was never extended to the Mt Biggenden mine, after which the town was named.

The railway line reached Degilbo township in 1893 and Wetheron by 1905. After much political pressure the line was extended to Gayndah in 1907.⁹

While working at the Mt Biggenden mine, Dave Todd became friendly with fellow miners, **George Renfrey** and his son **Tom**. He married George's daughter **Grace** on Boxing Day 1901 almost a year after the Commonwealth of Australia was federated into a nation state.

In 1901 **Alan Gibb** formed the New Queensland Copper Company and in the next four years the company recovered over a million pounds sterling worth of copper from its mines at Mt Perry. These were the most prosperous years in the history of Mt Perry. The company continued operations until December 1912, when the overseas company with which the mining company was associated failed and the mines closed down.¹⁰ Dave Todd's obituary states that he worked at the Mt Perry Mines for eight years, most likely from 1902 until 1910. The Electoral rolls for 1903 and 1905 show Dave and Grace Todd living on the Fife-Barnett estate owned by **George Fife**, **August Huesman** and **John Barnett** as tenants in common.

Adult Australian women, except Aboriginal women, were given the right to vote in Commonwealth elections in 1902, unlike Britain where only women over 30 years of age got the vote in 1918, and women over 21 years of age were not finally given the vote

DAVE TODD: QUEENSLANDER FIRST, AUSTRALIAN SECOND (Cont.)

until 1928. The Queensland Parliament extended the franchise to adult women in 1905, after being presented with extensive state-wide petitions in 1894 and 1897.¹¹ Sadly, landless agricultural labourers in Britain did not gain the right to vote until 1918. Millions of British men fought in the 1914-1918 World War without the right to vote in Parliamentary Elections. Australia was more advanced than Britain in terms of social welfare in the early years of the new century.



Biggenden Mines State School c.1913, Albert Todd front row third from left, George Todd second row first from left

The Fife-Barnett Estate was subdivided into allotments and sold off over time. On 2 December 1871 the town of Tenningering had been proclaimed and a post office and school established adjacent to the private town of Fife-Barnett, but the twin towns were known by the collective name of Mt Perry.



Dave Todd using a disc plough drawn by two horses about 1918, niece Gladys Northgrave is seated on driver's seat with her sister Ada standing next to her, Dave's wife Grace with two year old daughter Grace and their son Albert

With a growing family, Dave and Grace Todd returned to their mixed farm and Dave

commenced work again at the Mt Biggenden Bismuth Mine. In 1915 the mine ceased operations for twenty years and the Todds turned to dairy farming and cropping to support themselves. To supplement his income Dave Todd cut sugar cane in the harvest seasons. His other elder brother, **William** had inherited his parents' cane farm at Horton.

Under **Premier Kidston's** coalition government (1907-1911) Dave Todd was able to take advantage of the innovative Queensland Workers' Dwelling Act of 1909. The Act meant that anyone earning less than 200 pounds gross income per annum, who owned a piece of freehold land and was a British subject over 21 years of age could apply to the Workers' Dwelling Board for a loan to build a dwelling for himself and his family. The maximum amount that could be borrowed was three hundred pounds. Loans were repayable over twenty years at 5% interest per annum. Beside a mortgage over the dwelling the mortgage extended to the borrower's freehold land. The borrowers also required a third deposit of the loan amount. Borrowers were exempt from mortgage stamp duty, which was a considerable saving. During the three decades in which the Workers' Dwelling Scheme operated, government assistance was provided for the construction of 23,515 houses throughout Queensland. The Workers' Dwelling Board provided a set of standard house plans to assist borrowers. The designs were conservative, economical and typical of the Queensland vernacular working-class 'timber and tin' housing of the period.¹²



17 Brookes Street, Biggenden

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Dave and Grace Todd loved their house, so much so that when they retired from farming in 1938 they had the house dismantled and all the structural timbers and cladding were numbered. They then moved the house, stack by stack, by truck and re-erected it at 17 Brookes Street in Biggenden's Newtown area. This applies to the part of town which used to be the old experimental state farm. The farm was subdivided by the Lands Department when the government closed the experimental farm down.¹³

Dave Todd remained a teetotal Methodist his entire life and like many rural Queenslanders of his era he believed that the harder you worked the closer to God you became. He died from miner's lung on 14 July 1945. His wife Grace died almost a year later on 6 June 1946. Both are buried in the Degilbo cemetery near Biggenden.

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150TH ANNIVERSARY OF LESTER CLAN IN AUSTRALIA 1873-2023

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Joseph Lester was born in County Armagh, Ireland in 1852, and as a 21 year old single man emigrated to Queensland on the sailing ship *Gauntlet* that departed London on 15 August 1873, and after a journey of 93 days, anchored in Moreton Bay on 16 November 1873. The next day most of the passengers went aboard the paddle steamer *Settler* which took them to the immigration depot at North Ipswich.

Joseph Lester (1852–1934), as most would know, married **Susan Burgess** (1858–1945), a local lady, at the Presbyterian church in Laidley on 15 June 1876. They had eleven children who were born between 1877-1898:

Isabel
Leonard Thomas
Alice
Samuel Reid
Phoebe
Joseph John
Emily
Walter Richard
Sylvester James
Albert William
Marcus Charles

I am the granddaughter of Leonard Thomas Lester and only daughter of his fourth child of ten, **Lucy**. My cousins have so far been able to make contact with descendants of:

Leonard Thomas; his youngest brother Marcus; brother Albert William; and brother Sylvester (Jack). The descendants of Isabella (Blake), Alice (Baulch), Phoebe (Pitt), Emily (Brent), and Walter Richard have been a little more difficult to trace.

There have been six generations of the Lester clan since the arrival of Joseph Lester in 1873. There would be many, many hundreds of family descendants and I welcome any to join this anniversary cruise and meet relatives you may know and those you never knew you had.

Cruise details follow – please feel free to forward this information to all/any family members connected with the very large Lester Family Tree.

Bremer River Junction Day Cruise

Tuesday 28 November, 2023

9.00 am to 4.00 pm

Brisbane River Cruises operate this cruise on their boat *Lady Brisbane*.

The cruise includes morning tea and a BBQ lunch.

Cost: adult: \$85, children: \$45 (4-14 years)

Departure & Return is from the Commercial Pontoon at 449 Kingsford Smith Drive, Hamilton, Brisbane.

This is a most scenic cruise that cruises up the Brisbane River from Hamilton, through the Brisbane city centre, passing Newstead, New Farm, Bulimba, Hawthorne, East Brisbane, Milton, Auchenflower, Toowong, West End, St. Lucia, Indooroopilly, Fig Tree Pocket, Fairfield, Graceville, Chelmer, Sherwood, Seventeen Mile Rocks, Jindalee, West Lakes, River Hills etc., etc.

We pass under numerous road, rail and foot bridges, such as: Story, Captain Cook, Goodwill, Victoria, Kurilpa, William Jolly, Indooroopilly rail, William Taylor, Centenary.

The cruise alone provides a great view of both historical buildings and river mansions and the newer suburban areas on the river right to the Bremer River junction – a river that flows through Ipswich.

This cruise is attractive just for the scenery alone but also has the added historical significance of being the route Joseph Lester travelled on the paddle steamer *Settler* 150 years ago in November 1873.

This Bremer River Junction Day cruise is very popular as it only runs on a few dates each year as very high tides are required to enable the boat to reach the Bremer River junction.

Those wishing to join this cruise need to book/pay themselves and I would suggest booking no later than Friday 27 October to get a seat on 28 November 2023.

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Contact Brisbane River Cruises by telephone only (their website shows the

cruise as "full" because it is marked out to the Lester function) on (07) 3630 2666.



Family of Joseph

*Back: Walter Richard, Isabella, Leonard Thomas, Albert William, Phoebe, Joseph John,
Seated: Sylvester James, Alice, Joseph, Susan, Emily, Marcus Charles. ■*

SEARCHING FOR FAMILY OF WORLD WAR TWO AUSTRALIAN SERVICEMEN BURIED IN BELGRADE

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We now know that at least 1,500 Australians and New Zealanders served in Serbia or alongside the Serbs in the Serbian campaign of World War One. I have published three books and a number of articles about this.

I have also assisted the Australian War Memorial and the Department of Veterans Affairs to prepare presentations about these ANZACs on their websites (see links below).

Following the mounting of exhibitions on this theme at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra, the Shrine of Remembrance in Melbourne, the Army Museum of South Australia and the Maryborough Military and Colonial Museum in Queensland, I have been contacted by more relatives of these Australians, and now, two relatives have

accompanied me to visit the places and battlefields where their forebears served in Serbia and the region. These are **Kathy Hancock** and **Richard Cooke**, whose great-aunt and grandmother respectively served as a Medical Officer and Nursing Sister with the Serbs.

The Australian Embassy has had my book "Australians with Serbs in World War One" translated into Serbian to distribute in Serbia and we will be in Belgrade for the launch of that Serbian-language edition. The Embassy also invited us to participate in the Anzac Day ceremony in Belgrade on 25 April 2023.

The Anzac Day ceremony took place at the War Cemetery in Belgrade where there are twenty-seven Australian servicemen from

SEARCHING FOR FAMILY OF WORLD WAR TWO AUSTRALIAN SERVICEMEN BURIED IN BELGRADE (Cont.)

World War Two buried. We would like to contact any surviving family of these buried Australians to inform them that we will be visiting the graves of their forebears and to ask whether they would like us to do anything whilst at the cemetery, such as placing sprigs of rosemary or poppies on the graves and taking photos. We hope to take some video film of everything in Serbia to possibly make a documentary about the theme and our visit; in which case we can also provide current families with links to such videos. We will be in Serbia and later other places in Europe during April, May and June 2023.

The list of the twenty-seven Australians buried in Belgrade is included on the next page and shows where their families were located. This information came from the graves organisation, but we do not know how recent it is

We would appreciate help to find the families of these Australians and would ask them to get in touch with us on this email address: bjpiris@gmail.com.

Links:

Australians and New Zealanders with Serbs in World War One links:

Links to YouTube presentations in Canberra, Adelaide and Melbourne about Australians with Serbs in World War One:

www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLr7yNhFSYQbi9fwEp5IO6Y9o4nx_ecOJx.

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War Cemetery in Belgrade

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Australians buried in War Cemetery, Belgrade									
Surname	Forename	Initials	Age/Rank	Unit	Service/No	Family State	Additional Info		
BLACK	ERIC LYNN	E L	24 Private	A.L.F. HQ, 6th Div Supply Column	'NX2533'	NSW	Son of Irvin Thomas Hiscotm Black and Vera Lynn Black, of Ashfield, New South Wales, Australia.		
BLACKFORD	WALTER FREDERICK	W F	24 Flying Officer		'425389'	QLD	Son of Ernest George Tobias Blackford and Georgina Amelia Blackford, of Montgate, Queensland, Australia.		
BROWN	STEWART EMERSON	S E	25 Private	A.L.F. 2/5 Bn.	'V05102'	VIC	Son of Mark Emerson Brown and Catharine Mary Brown, of Caulfield, Victoria, Australia.		
CAULDER	LEWIS WALTER	L W	23 Flight Sergeant	148 (R.A.F.) Sqdn.	'427416'	WA	Son of Walter and Jessie Emily Calder, husband of Edith Edna Calder, of Victoria Park, Western Australia. (Buried in Tinboulle Civil Cemetery, Slovenia).		
CARGILL	COLLIN EDWARD	C E	23 Gunner	A.L.F. 1 A/Tk. Regt.	'QX1679'	QLD	Son of Alexander and Margaret Jane Cargill, of Red Hill, Queensland, Australia.		
CUSTANCE	GEOFFREY JAMES	G J	21 Warrant Officer		'416938'	SA	Son of John Leslie and Gladys Marion Custance, of Kensington Park, South Australia.		
GARDINER	DESMOND EDWARD JAMES	D E J	41 Flight Lieutenant		'251432'	VIC	Son of Edgar Robert Watson Gardiner and Lucy Margaret Gardiner, husband of Rose Irene Gardiner, of St. Kilda, Victoria, Australia.		
HOLMES	EDWARD JAMES	E J	21 Pilot Officer		'420946'	NSW	Son of Herbert and Alma Clarice Holmes, of Bentley, New South Wales, Australia.		
HOUGH	BERNARD AUSTIN	B A	30 Flight Sergeant		'415424'	WA	Son of David Edward and Martha Ann Hough, husband of Beryl Grace Hough, of Subiaco, Western Australia.		
IRWIN	WILLIAM	W	32 Lieutenant	A.L.F. 2/4 Bn.	'NX3953'	NSW	Son of Harold and Georgina Irwin, husband of Joyce Aloron Irwin, of Farnes, New South Wales, Australia.		
KIMBER	DONALD DAVID	D D	21 Flight Lieutenant		'425414'	QLD	Son of Lewis Joseph and Mary Elizabeth Kimber, of Toowoong, Queensland, Australia.		
LEE	EDWARD GEORGE	E G	24 Flight Sergeant		'410307'	NSW	Son of Albert Edward and Miss Christina Lee, husband of Nola Lee, of Manly, New South Wales, Australia.		
LOWE	GEORGE ROBERT COLQUHOUN	G R C	31 Warrant Officer		'419507'	NSW	Son of Arthur Milbourne Lowe and Marie Isabelle Lowe, of Tottenham, New South Wales, Australia. (husband of Barbara Lowe, of Newmarket, Suffolk, England.		
LYON	ANDREW WALLACE	A W	30 Warrant Officer		'427522'	WA	Son of Francis Andrew and Freda Louisa Caroline Lyon, husband of Joy Lyon, of Mosman Park, Western Australia.		
MANN	PERCY GARFIELD	P G	38 Flight Sergeant		'412601'	ENGL	Son of Henry Palmer Mann and Sarah Fanny Mann, of Birkenhead, Cheshire, England.		
MASON	HENRY OSCAR	H O	31 Flying Officer		'432241'	VIC	Son of Henry and Lillian Mason, of Hawthorn, Victoria, Australia; husband of Eileen Mason of Ballarat, Victoria.		
MCGUGAN	IAN	I	27 Flight Sergeant		'414720'	QLD	Son of Alexander and Florence McGugan, husband of Heather Sabville McGugan, of Peachester, Queensland, Australia.		
MORANTE	ERIC	E	27 Private	A.L.F. 2/4 Bn.	'NX9952'	NSW	Son of Edwin James Morante and Pauline Inez Morante, of Blackwall, New South Wales, Australia.		
MOSS	FRANK WILLIS	F W	24 Pilot Officer		'421040'	NSW	Son of William Joseph and Jane Moss, of Wollongong, New South Wales, Australia.		
O'SULLIVAN	KENNETH GEORGE	K G	21 Private	A.L.F. 2/4 Bn.	'NX15509'	NSW	Son of Sidney and Edith Marion O'Sullivan, stepson of Gertrude Ann O'Sullivan, of Sydney, New South Wales, Australia.		
PARKER	GEOFFREY GOODHAND	G G	20 Flight Sergeant		'427933'	WA	Son of Reginald Goodhand Parker and Ida Linda Parker, of Murrumbidgee, Western Australia.		
REID	WILLIAM HOWARD	W H	33 Sergeant	A.L.F. 2/5 Bn.	'V09752'	?	Son of William John Coombe Reid and Evelyn Rosina Reid.		
SIMMONS	LESLIE	L	25 Bombardier	A.L.F. 1 A/Tk. Regt.	'QX1217'	QLD	Son of John and Mona Madeline Martha Simmons, of Hillmerran, Queensland, Australia.		
STEELE	CHARLES GIBSON	C G	21 Flight Sergeant		'424114'	NSW	Son of Charles Oliver and Annie Beatrice Steele, of Burwood, New South Wales, Australia.		
STEWART	DEREK GEORGE	D G	31 Warrant Officer		'419578'	VIC	Son of George and Lillian Elizabeth Stewart, husband of Flora Mavis Stewart, of Ascot Vale, Victoria, Australia.		
WAITE	REGINALD	R	34 Spapper	A.L.F. 2/2 Field Pk. Coy.	'WX5861'	ENGL	Son of Mary Waite, of Herefield, Bristol, England.		
WALKER	GORDON MURRAY	G M	21 Flying Officer		'418610'	VIC	Son of William and Eunice Agnes Jean Walker, of Sandringham, Victoria, Australia.		

‘HONOUR THE BRAVE’¹: THE ITHACA WAR MEMORIAL CENTENARY

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The Twenty-fifth of February 2022 was the centenary of the Ithaca War Memorial in the suburb of Paddington, Brisbane. To mark the occasion, the local history group, ‘Paddington Then and Now’, assisted by the local M.L.A., organised the ANZAC Day service along the lines of the unveiling of the memorial. After the service, a presentation was made in the nearby Presbyterian church regarding some of the men whose names appear on the memorial. My great-uncle **Walter George Clayton** (1894-1916) was amongst the names of the fallen.

The desire for a local memorial grew as the Great War drew to a close and men returned to civilian life. According to **Ken Inglis**, in his book, *Sacred Places*, the term ‘war memorial’ came into common usage after 1918.² A proposal for an Ithaca memorial appeared in the newspapers in 1917 but with the war still raging, plans were postponed until September 1919 when a public meeting was called at the Red Hill Picture Pops Pavilion “for the purpose of deciding the form the proposed memorial should take”.³ The meeting was presided over by no less a person than the Queensland Governor who was a resident of the town of Ithaca.

After that meeting, the Ithaca War Memorial Committee, comprising the former mayor **J. F. Hayward**, **Alderman J. Tait**, treasurer and **C. Campbell**, secretary, set about fund raising in earnest. By January 1920, the committee had raised one hundred pounds and had forwarded a request for twenty pounds to the Ithaca Town Council.

The fund raising efforts went into full swing and the community came up with many worthwhile activities; a Baptist church cake stall, Red Cross ‘Girls’ dance, a swimming carnival which raised fifty-two pounds, children’s concerts, a donation from the Helidon Spa Company and benefits at the Red Hill Picture Pops. All told six hundred and fifty pounds was collected by June 1921 and a meeting at the Town Council Chambers called for designs.⁴ **Mr R. Black**,

Ithaca Town engineer, was to supervise the work. Twenty entries were received and the successful design went to **Mr A. H. Thurlow**, a Brisbane monumental mason.

The all important location was discussed at the same meeting and the committee decided upon Cook’s Hill or Alexander Jolly Park on Enoggera Terrace. With extensive views to the south and the west and access from La Trobe Terrace as well, the site satisfied the twin needs to be accessible and prominent. The park was also located near the Ithaca Fire Station which would play a pivotal role in the memorial’s operation.

As the unveiling approached, the committee met for the last time. With all the details complete the big day proceeded; the Queensland Governor, **Sir Matthew Nathan**, officiated at the handover of the memorial from the committee to the Ithaca Town Council, represented by the Mayor Alderman J. Tait. The ceremony featured a Guard of Honour comprising the Boys’ Brigade and the Social Institute Naval Cadets. Hymns were sung by the Ithaca Choral Society. After the unveiling by the Governor, the ‘Last Post’ was played while the large gathering of townspeople stood in silence. Relatives of the fallen soldiers placed wreaths around the base of the memorial.



*Unveiling the memorial, 1922
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The masons had done a fine job. The foundation and steps are of reinforced concrete and the memorial itself of brown Helidon freestone, surmounted with bases

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and a sill to carry the memorial. Four marble panels surrounded by four columns bear the names of one hundred and twenty men from the town killed in the war. Rising above the name panels is a shaft surmounted by a cap with a round ball on top to carry a clock, making the memorial eight metres high. It was this clock that gave the memorial a 'decided usefulness'.⁵

The four sided clock was a technical marvel. It was built by the Clock Synchronome Electric Company of Brisbane. Powered by a dry cell battery, the clock was driven by the master clock in the Fire Station. It is still the city's only clock memorial. It is possible to tell the time from a considerable distance, day and night, as the dials are lit from the inside.



Ithaca War Memorial, 2022

Since 2016, my sister and I have been attending the ANZAC Day service at the memorial to lay a wreath for our great uncle Walter Clayton. I often wondered if my grandmother, Walter's youngest sister, and her family attended services from 1922. Queensland had already moved to make the twenty-fifth of April the official ANZAC Day, so a commemorative service was held in 1922 at the new memorial.⁶

Walter's family felt the loss of their son and brother deeply. My father, born in January 1923, was baptised **John Walter Griffiths** (1923-1998). On the anniversary of Walter's death at Pozieres a public notice appeared in *The Telegraph*.⁷

The Ithaca War Memorial continues to serve the community that built it a century ago, judging by the numbers of people attending the ANZAC Day service; honouring the brave who lie buried so far away.



Private Walter George Clayton

Roll of Honour

Clayton- In loving remembrance of our dear son and brother, Walter George Clayton, killed in action at Pozieres, 23 July, 1916 aged 21 years.

*He lives for evermore
Inserted by father, mother, sisters
and brothers.*

'HONOUR THE BRAVE': THE ITHACA WAR MEMORIAL CENTENARY (Cont.)

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Floral tribute for Walter Clayton 2022
(photographs provided by the author) ■

SAMFORD CATTLE STATION

The first holder of the lease, **Archibald Young**, probably squatted in the Samford Valley in 1853 and established a homestead on the site that was much later occupied by the CSIRO laboratories. When he sold to **Clarence Haselwood Ball** in 1861 the area was 20 square miles and carried 2,000 cattle. Captain **William Townley** was the next lessee, from 1864 to 1871. From 1865 portions of the best land were excised for closer settlement. **Randall Macdonnell** was the lessee from 1871 to 1877. By 1873 the lease was 3,512 acres, before almost 2,000 acres was converted to conditional purchase and the balance of the lease was forfeited to the Crown in 1877. **Florence O'Reilly** took over the conditional purchase block, which was later freeholded in 1882 by **John Delaney Bergin**, who lived at Samford Station from 1877 to 1894. In 1904 'The Bergin Estate' was auctioned as 10 dairy blocks of from 50 to 200 acres each.

When Samford Station Homestead was destroyed by fire in the late 1860s, the Townley family, who held the lease at that

time, lost a lot of possessions. The homestead was rebuilt and later became the Samford Hotel, which was also destroyed by fire, before being rebuilt and finally moved to its present location in Samford Village in 1918.



(Plaque provided by Pine Rivers Shire Council, Rotary Club of Samford Valley, Samford Historical Museum Society and Samford Progress Association 1997.)

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(Refer to *Bergin Beauty: John Delaney Bergin family* by Melva A Welch OAM, in our library at **H6 BER 4**, QFHS Family History Book Award Joint Winner 2015.) ■

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You know you're a genealogist...

if you evaluate the surname of acquaintances (along with complete strangers) to see how they might be related.

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THE MAD DASH

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He ran. He ran—as if the devil was after him.

He and Roelof had sneaked off as soon as the sun had set the evening before. All night they had walked, sometimes trotted, along the carriageways towards Utrecht, crossing the river sometime before midnight.

The roads were treacherous—deeply rutted from the carriage wheels and, more often than not, filled with almost calf-deep water from the drizzle of the past weeks. It was fine now, but the going had been slower than expected. The cloying mud sticking to their boots and the smell of the stagnant water made breathing heavy and sickly. They had to push on.

If they could reach Utrecht before anyone caught up with them, they would be safe—melding into the crowds at the busy marketplace and in the surrounding urban jumble of dwellings. They would not be noticed there and could make a new life.

They were serfs of the Lord of Hardenbroek and knew they were forbidden to leave his feudal estate without permission. Being sturdy, healthy young men in their mid-20s, there was no likelihood that, under normal circumstances, they would ever be allowed to leave. Official documents were required to move from parish to parish or village to village, so their only hope of escape was the anonymity of a big city. They had hatched the plan together as they'd toiled in the fields from sun up till sundown.

They wanted to be free.

At the first sign of daybreak, they decided to split up, and move off the carriageway into the thick forest on either side, to avoid being seen. They were tiring now, and desperation was setting in. Wishing each other luck, they separated. Any time now, Van Starckenborg would realise they were missing and would be rousing up his men for the chase.

Ghijbrecht van Starckenborg, the rentmeester (steward) of the Castle of Hardenbroek, schout (sheriff) of the county of Werkhoven, a knight in his own right, managed the property—was overseer of the

serfs, collected taxes and rents, meted out justice, settled disputes and saw to the maintenance of the estate for the nobleman, **Johan Lord of Hardenbroek**. Under the feudal system, the tenant farmers or serfs were treated as the land owner's property—especially those born on the estate, as were he and Roelof.

Within sight of Utrecht, the forest suddenly thinned, and he, alone now, ran with urgency through the rows of trees lining the dijk along the canal. Surely, they would have missed him by now and be in hot pursuit. Tiring, he stumbled through a patch of bracken under the trees, frightening a pair of pheasants which fluttered high above the canopy. A sure tell-tale sign for any watchful eyes following!

In his panic, he staggered blindly through the undergrowth, hearing the dull thudding sounds of galloping horses' hooves not far behind him. Falling and picking himself up and falling again, he dragged himself along in desperation. He scrambled up the side of the dijk, thinking to jump across the canal to the other side, into the fields leading up to the city walls. He was so close. But, in his panic, he stumbled again, collapsing exhausted onto the top—unable to move anymore—the fight gone out of him.

The horses' hooves were now upon him. Behind him, somewhere, they stopped. He lay face down with his head tucked into his arms—the warm wet gravel of the dijk against his cheeks and arms. He didn't look up—he dare not. Slow, deliberate, climbing footsteps crunching on the small stones of the dijk came up behind him. The soft, jangling sound of spurs on boots rang in his ears and froze his heart. He flinched, expecting a sword to come down on his neck.

Instead, he suddenly found himself picked up by the neck of his vest and the belt of his breeches and tossed, fully clothed, off the dijk into the canal's murky waters.

Johan Mertensz complained bitterly to the magistrates when he came before the Hof (Courts) of Utrecht that Van Starckenborg

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had overstepped his rights by throwing him in the water. Death was one thing, indignity another. He protested that he had wanted to be a free man. Van Starckenborg was also summoned to appear before the Court to explain his actions.

Johan received six lashes as a penalty for his unauthorised dash to freedom and was ordered to return to the estate. Ghijsbrecht van Starckenborg was warned for his toss and cautioned not to retaliate against his serf. Nothing more was written about what happened to Roelof. I'd like to think that he made it to Utrecht and achieved a new life for himself.

*Surprisingly, for us today, on a constant diet of Hollywood's brutal interpretations of those times, the Courts of the Low Countries did recognise the rights of **all** men to be treated fairly, even in those far-off days in 1431. Remember at that time they still believed the world was flat. After reading many research stories about how ruthlessly the nobility and prestigious families treated each other, I had expected that a serf would have no rights at all, let alone leave to bring his complaints before a Court.*

CLARIFICATION OF RESEARCH

At the last Family History Writers Group meeting, when I read out my story about *The Mad Dash*, someone asked me whether it was creative non-fiction because of the fine details I had used, or whether it was family history writing rooted in research. That led me to retrace the steps I had taken to arrive at those finer interesting details that give life to an otherwise dull account of documents, names and dates.

I began with the court document (Utrecht Archives Online) and noted the names, date, event and places mentioned. That was my starting point. From there –

- I checked the workings of the feudal system (Internet).
- I looked on Google maps for the route and distance from the Castle to Utrecht by foot and noted that a river had to be crossed.
- The fringes of Utrecht were an urban nightmare of dirty, poor, crime-ridden, unhygienic dwellings – much like London in those times (Internet Utrecht History).
- From the date I saw that it was early April. The Internet confirmed that this is a rainy month and the roads would be rutted, muddy and slippery from the recent thawed snow.
- The early country roads were dirt (before McAdam invented bitumen road coverings). Only the town roads were cobbled (Internet).
- From the Internet (early paintings), it is possible to see the era's fashions. In this case, the wealthy men were dressed like Hollywood's version of the Three Musketeers (large hats, silks, capes and knee-long leather boots with spurs), and the poor in woollen vests and leather breeches. Cotton fabric was not yet invented, so people wore wool, linen, silk or leather clothes.
- Transport then was by horseback, horse-drawn carriages or 'legging it' (Internet).
- The dike banks are gravelly, and many canals are muddy, smelly and covered with green algae (personal observations and the Internet).
- In the feudal system, the *Schout* (sheriff/overseer) was perfectly within his rights to kill any serf who absconded.
- The Utrecht Archives Online explained what his job entailed as a *Schout*.
- At that time, the Netherlands did not have a King, etc. or a unifying body, so the Counts of the Low Countries ruled their own domain (Wikipedia - Dutch History).
- The Lords, Dukes and Counts hired Knights to do this work, and when there was a skirmish between any of the Counts, it was his duty to round up the males on the estate to go fight – as in most of Europe and Britain (Internet).

THE MAD DASH (Cont.)

- His job was also to catch poachers trespassing in the forests, hunting pheasants, rabbits and small animals. The nobility owned and hunted in these forests which lined the carriageways (Internet).
- Pheasants are notorious for fluttering wildly when disturbed – other creatures usually hide (personal experience when driving, Internet).
- My ancestor must have been a big strong man to be able to pick up the serf, who, in turn, must have been young, fit and

strong from his work on the feudal estate.

- Google Translate is a big help in translating foreign/Latin words, phrases or sentences.

I could have extended the story even further, but I was word-limit conscious. This is the sort of research available to everyone to flesh out their stories and make their ancestors come alive. It is doable with a bit of curious creative delving into the facts, and is considered acceptable family history story writing. ■

THE CROSS OF VALOUR

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Recently while scanning the British Library Newspapers in search for snippets of information on immigration of family, my attention was drawn to an article in *The Standard, London*, Friday 24 April 1857.



Not only is it a soldier's story of disappointment, but it is a reflection of historical conflicts in the regions. It is also a time of remembrance with a possible snippet of family history for anyone researching **Morley**.

The following letter appears in the column of a morning contemporary: Now if the statements made therein be true, and we see no reason to discredit them, they prove that a great injustice has

been committed upon the writer, which is hoped His Royal Highness the Commander-in-Chief will immediately endeavour to remedy: -

“Sir, I am a sergeant of nearly three years, lately retired from the 17th Lancers, at the early age of 26 years, solely in consequence of being passed over most unjustly, in rewards and honours that have been bestowed. I am

now made drill sergeant in the Sherwood Rangers, Mansfield by its noble Colonel His Grace the Duke of Newcastle, wishing my fellow men to know how unjustly I have been treated, I beg you to allow me a place in your column so generously open to private and public grievances, to state my services as briefly as possible.

“After being at the Alma I was present in every engagement that took place. I charged at Balaclava with my squadron until it was nearly annihilated, my own lance being shot away. Drawing my sword I galloped on to the Russian gunners. On the right of our forming lines I observed one particular gun going away as fast as the horses could take it. I went after it with **Captain Jervis** of the 13th Light Dragoons, who shot one of the horses and delayed its progress. On this I engaged two gunners, who both fell. It now became a struggle of our lives, as a large body of Cossacks surrounded us. I succeeded in working my way through them, and galloped in the direction of what I judged to be our own Hussars. I found they were Russians returning. I forced my way at full speed through them, unhurt. A regiment of Polish Lancers, 800 strong had formed across the valley. I halted a moment to look around. Perceiving some of our calvary were in the same dilemma, I called to them and being then a corporal using what authority I had to

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form them as well as I could. We gathered 12, and charged their centre most of us got through. I believe three fell. These men were 4th and 13th Light Dragoons and 17th Lancers, one was of the 8th Hussars. I received the point of a lance in my right hand, the wound was slight. The Russian Infantry now opened a heavy fire upon us, and, after galloping through the guns enemy in advance of us, each man separated, trusting in fate. **Private James Cope** and **Private James Wightman** now corporals of the 17th Lancers, were of the number, Wightman was severely wounded, and taken prisoner for 12 months.

“On the 5th November, 1854, I was at the battle of Inkerman, and under fire. **Cornet Cleveland** was shot, and when our regiment was ordered to retire, I asked **Capt. Morgan** to allow me to fall out of the ranks to assist in carrying Mr. Cleveland off the field. **Troop Sergeant Major O’Hara** and **Private James O’Hara** of the same regiment also fell out for that purpose. In performing that act James O’Hara and myself had both our dress caps shot off our heads by a cannon ball. We still pursued our duty until out of range, where the Cornet wished to be laid down till a stretcher was procured. This officer died.

“While stationed at Balaclava I was one of the detachment ordered for the Baidar Valley. On one occasion I was engaged in the reconnoitring party in advance of the party that took possession of **General Chateloof’s** house, near the Woronzoff road. Two of the Land Transport Corps and several mules were wounded and one killed, when the corps deserted the wagon, and I

was the Sergeant who led a detachment of my regiment to the spot, when the Russians, on our approach, fled into the wood, and I placed my men on vidette, which the main body had to retire upon. I may further add that I embarked with the regiment at the first commencement of the war.

“I served under **Lord Cardigan** at Devno Yeni-Bazar at the time when disease greatly prevailed. At this time, I had the honour to be selected as corporal of a letter party stationed at Varna. The whole of the army dispatches were conveyed by our party, and I was often compelled, in consequence of the sickness of the men, to ride day and night without rest.

“I was present in every skirmish in which my regiment was engaged, and I returned home when the campaign ended. When in Ireland with my regiment I inquired of my troop officer why I did not get a medal for distinguished conduct. He told me he was sorry I did not, but it lay to the commanding officer’s discretion. So it appears they are not ‘distinguished conduct medals’, but ‘discretion medals’! There are several men in the 17th Lancers who wear medals for distinguished conduct in the field of battle who never crossed swords with a Russian.

“This is my simple and truthful statement, and I think I have reason to complain that I am not decorated with a cross of valour — not to wear as a matter of vanity, but alone prizable to me as a mark that, though young, I have not been an unworthy soldier.

“I have the honour to be yours truly, **THOMAS MORLEY**. “39, Church-street, Mansfield, Notts, April 22.” ■



IS THIS YOU?

1. You spend a lot of time talking and thinking about dead people.
2. You have looked up from your family history research only to realize that it’s 4 a.m.
3. You have done ridiculous things to get the perfect photo of a tombstone.
4. You have found a family connection with a random stranger.
5. You see lifecycle events as opportunities to update your family tree.

Refer to <https://blog.myheritage.com/2022/10/12-signs-youre-addicted-to-family-history-research/>. ■

WRITING THE FAMILY STORY: WHERE DO I BEGIN?

At the January 2023 meeting of the QFHS Writing Group, the members discussed beginning the writing process: how to formulate an idea or purpose for a piece of work and what a writer needs to decide before starting the task. Here is a compilation of their advice.

If you want to write about your family but do not know where to begin, an excellent place to start is with shorter articles. Society journal editors always welcome stories about people, places, and events. You may choose to submit your work to your own Society, but other family history groups will often accept stories from non-members if they relate to the local area. In addition, the story you write could connect you with another researcher sharing your interest. Apart from Society journals, there are many other options for publishing a family story. Free websites such as WikiTree or Geneanet have sections that enable you to upload stories, but be aware that once you post anything on the internet, anyone can copy it. Likewise, if you post on Ancestry or a similar site, people can link your story to their trees and imply that it is their work.

Inspiration for a shorter piece can come from a dramatic incident, an anniversary, a family photograph, a newspaper item, or an oral family story, to mention a few. In addition, writing about a tale that family members have passed down through one or more generations will help test the original story's integrity.

A different process is required if you plan on writing a longer work, say a full-length book. You may be prompted to write by an approaching family reunion, a significant celebration, or the passing or aging of a family member. You may choose to identify a focus, an issue, a person or an adventure to form the basis of your book. Is there a theme you can follow or an event that had a far-reaching effect on the family? Alternatively, you may seek out one or more intriguing characters and research what they believed, how they behaved, and what they did. Once you have experience with family history records and have done appreciable research, you will build the confidence to begin. Ideas will be milling around in your head and provide you with a framework. You may be surprised by the ideas that form in your mind without you having to think about your work consciously.

Some experts believe it is necessary to have a plan before you begin writing, but it is equally legitimate to follow the advice of a particular shoe brand and just do it. It does not matter what you write initially as long as you are writing. You cannot improve or edit your work unless you write it down, so, at first, concentrate on getting the words onto your computer or device or onto paper, and do not concern yourself with formatting, grammar or punctuation. The act of writing stimulates more and more memories and inspires and informs further writing. In addition, writing will show the gaps in your research and what you need to investigate further. Some writers approach writing their books by collecting stories and 'growing' their work.

Do not be afraid to write in your own voice. It may take time to find and become comfortable with your voice: the word choices, point of view, tone and rhythm that form the sentences and paragraphs of your work. Again, writing and rewriting will help you find your voice.

Accomplished writers produce many versions of their work, and, like them, you should not be satisfied with a first draft. Writing is mainly rewriting. Work on what you have put down initially and build it up until it becomes more appropriate; keep editing and revising. If your word processor has a read-aloud function, this is an excellent way to test the tone of your work and is a practical way to edit it.

If you are writing a longer work, the scope is something you need to decide. For example, how many branches of the family will you include, how far back will you go, and how far into the modern day? Be careful with details of living people, so you do not infringe on their privacy.

In short, start writing whenever you feel ready, find a focus, take your time and let your mind do the work, revise and edit, but above all, get writing.

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

THIS FAMILY MEMBER WAS A BLACK SHEEP

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Uncle Harry wasn't a black sheep... he was black.

Henry Francis Andrew Hyde was born in Balmain, Sydney in 1911. His younger sister Aunty Flo, or **Florence Mary** to be precise, had married my Dad's half-brother in 1952 after meeting at church where Aunty Flo played the organ and led the choir.

Their grandfather **Louis Hyde**, was African American. He had been born in 1841, probably in Colchester, Connecticut where he is recorded in the 1850 census as residing with **Horace Foot** and his wife **Lucy**, although the census does not indicate what Louis was doing there. Colchester was a thriving community with other families of the same name living nearby. The town had been founded in 1698 by **Nathaniel Foote** (with an E) after purchasing land from the Mohegan Indians, and he named the town for his grandfather who had emigrated from Colchester, England earlier that century.

Louis arrived in Adelaide, South Australia in June 1860 on board the *Samuel Curling* (aka *S. Curling*) from Liverpool, England; but how and when he arrived in England from America is unknown. He may have been kept on as crew after working the ship's America-England crossings or even as crew on a whaling ship. Regrettably, crew listings, especially for those with his heritage, rarely rated a mention in American records. It was fortuitous that he left his homeland when he did, as the American Civil War started the year after he arrived in Adelaide.

Louis did not re-join the ship; instead, he settled in Adelaide which was a town more accommodating to people of colour. He embarked on liaisons with two women resulting in a child to each.

In 1882 his son **Joseph** (Harry and Flo's father) was born to his then flame, **Jane Freeman** who was the daughter of an English sea captain and had come to Australia as a servant. Like the other women in his life, there is no record of a marriage between them and by the following year, they had gone their separate ways.

After 64 years in Australia at the age of 84, Louis applied for naturalization with the help of **Mr. Vincent**, part-owner of Dunlop Station out near Bourke, NSW where Louis was employed as a camp cook. His application was refused due to him being a "coloured man."

I suppose this was something the family had learnt to live with throughout the generations. I don't know if their heritage was well-known or if the family just let people draw their own conclusions. I had grown up under the impression that the Hydes were of Maori descent - not that it really mattered as our family loved them to bits. Flo was my Dad's favourite sister-in-law and she was my favourite aunt - and not just because she could sing and play the piano.

I don't know what Uncle Harry did for a living, but his hobby was painting. He did wonderful paintings of animals and the few that have survived, are now found in the homes of his nieces and their children, as Harry never married. But I think we got the best one and it comes with a sad tale.

Harry competed in local art shows and always took home a prize. One particular show proved to be a turning point, and not for the better. Everyone thought he was a shoe-in to win as the rest of the entries weren't that great. To everyone's surprise, Harry didn't win. He didn't even get a place. Family and friends were sure that the competition had been rigged, but Harry took it to heart and thought it was purely because he was black. He never painted again. He tossed the picture into his garage where it sat gathering dust until my Dad spotted it and asked if he could have it, as we had moved from a flat to a house and were in need of things to hang on the walls. Dad had the painting set into a nice frame and the small hole in the canvas repaired, and then hung it with pride on the chimney breast in our dining room where it remained for almost 50 years. It now hangs in my dining room, and although we don't have a chimney breast, it certainly feels more like a dining room now that Uncle Harry's horses are there. ■

WEB LINKS

RESEARCHERS TO EXAMINE AND DIGITISE 15TH-CENTURY ENGLISH GENEALOGICAL ROLL

A team of historians and heritage science researchers at Nottingham Trent University (NTU) will be using cutting-edge scientific imaging in a rare and precious genealogical roll that was made in England between 1447 and 1455. The new spectral imaging method developed by NTU for scanning manuscript rolls will produce not only high-resolution colour images given by traditional digitisation but also material and 'hidden' information. See www.medievalists.net/2022/11/researchers-to-examine-and-digitise-15th-century-english-genealogical-roll/.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS INDEX PROJECT IRELAND: NAMES INDEX EXCEEDS 500,000 RECORDS

The Irish Genealogical Research Society advise that while the number of names in the Registry of Deeds is in the millions, the project is making accessing these important records easier, wherever you are in the world, using the images available through familysearch.org. See further information at www.lcgsco.org/registry-of-deeds-index-project-ireland-names-index-exceeds-500000-records/.

See also The Historical Records of Cork, Ireland: Registry of Deeds, at <https://corkrecords.com/rod.htm>. This is a video of four presentations about the *index* given at a recent online celebration of the *Names Index exceeding 500,000* entries.

<https://irishdeedsindex.net/blog/index.php> The purpose of this page is to share information and tips about indexing for the Registry of Deeds Index Project Ireland.

DATING FAMILY PHOTOS BY CLOTHING

Try dating family photos from clothing, hairstyles, and jewelry. The Fashion-Era.com website features multiple pages with specific tips on dating family photos from clothing, hats, and even undergarments. Other sections of the website are organized by era and use illustrations and text to help pin down a time period. Refer to www.sassyjanegenealogy.com/dating-family-photos/.

FINDMYPAST RELEASES MORE NORFOLK RECORDS

[Norfolk Wills & Probate](#), this collection has over 257,000 records covering the years 1301-1858. The records cover 14 Deaneries, see www.findmypast.com/blog/new/norfolk-wills-probate-parish for the list of Deaneries.

[Norfolk Banns and Marriages](#), over 65,000 records have been added to this existing set, covering 1702-1923. You'll normally discover details such as the marriage year, parish, and often the father's first name, so multiple generations could be unlocked with just one record. Also see other Norfolk records.

ESTONIA IS ESTABLISHING A DATABASE OF WORLD WAR II REFUGEES

An estimated 80,000 Estonians fled the country during World War II and the Institute of Historical Memory is now establishing a database to enable further research. It is also seeking people's help. Initially, the project is focusing on refugees' first destinations – Sweden and Germany. It is hoped the first stage will be completed by September 2024. President Alar Karis is the project's patron. More information about the project can be viewed at <https://mnemosyne.ee/en/estonian-second-world-war-refugees-database/>.

TWO SEVENTEENTH CENTURY ATLASES DIGITISED AND ONLINE IN ENGLAND

Two bound sets of maps from the British Library's core collection of early modern English cartography have recently been digitised and placed online. [Harley MS 3749](#) is a series of 18 hand-drawn maps of parts of the Royal estate at Windsor, produced in 1607 by the English surveyor, mapmaker and author John Norden (c. 1547-1625). [Harley MS 3813](#) is a collection of 37 (of an original 44) small printed maps of English and Welsh counties and areas of Ireland and Scotland, engraved by the Flemish artist Pieter Van den Keere (1571-c.1646) and printed at around the same time as Norden's work. Their histories are entwined in various ways. See more at <https://eogn.com/page-18080/13023559>.

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JAMAICAN REGISTRAR GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT ADDS GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH TOOL TO LIST OF PRODUCTS, SERVICES

The rebranded "Outtamany Search" and other products and services were launched recently at St Andrew, Jamaica. The Outtamany Search, formerly known as Genealogical Research, provides useful information on a family's history, factual evidence on the cause(s) of death through generations, and can identify the origin of a family or discover unknown family members. The upgraded service includes more in-depth research reports with a list of vital events, births, marriages, deaths, customised family trees and ancestral causes of death. The research report can highlight specific milestone events, and clients have the option of a published family book in hard or soft copy. For more information refer to <https://eogn.com/page-18080/13023771>

POLISH STATE ARCHIVES WEBSITE IS BACK ONLINE

More than three months after suffering an external hacking attack, the Polish State Archives (PSA) has spent several months solidifying their internet security. The PSA website has returned to its normal online operations. The JRI-Poland search results "Click to View" feature can once again retrieve images of more than 2.7 million documents from the PSA website. To access the Polish State Archives web site, go to www.nac.gov.pl/en/ for the English section of the web site. (Not all records are available in English. If you can read Polish, go to www.nac.gov.pl/.)

IRELAND'S 1926 CENSUS IS BEING DIGITIZED

The 1926 Republic of Ireland Census, set to go online for searching for free in April 2026, will provide 21 data sets of Ireland's population, age, religion, occupation, housing and the Irish language. For more information read further at <https://eogn.com/page-18080/12994833>.

THE YEAR WAS 1909 – A BIT OF FUN

Interesting facts at <https://eogn.com/page-18080/12835553>.

HERITAGE OF SCOTTISH FISHING COMMUNITIES

Thousands of images of generations of Scottish workers who made their living from the sea have been gathered online by the Scottish Fisheries Museum. Read more at <https://eogn.com/page-18080/12857023>.

TRACING BELGIAN FAMILY TREES MADE EASIER BY MASSIVE NEW ARCHIVE

This arduous task is now made simpler thanks to the Belgian State Archives. The federal institution has just published a new website that includes some 38.6 million official documents. More information at <https://eogn.com/page-18080/13074635>

DON'T FORGET TO CHECK IRISHGENEALOGY.IE

This is a quick reminder for anyone with Irish ancestry: make sure you know about and occasionally check irishgenealogy.ie; <https://www.eogn.com.wildapricot.org/page-18080/13015669>.

QSA MINING LEASE FILES

This series contains records relating to mining leases, pursuant to the *Mining Act 1898 and 1968* and the *Mineral Resources Act 1989*. A mining lease is granted for the mining of minerals, coal, and resources including camps, workshops, stockpiles, various types of water storage devices, etc. See www.archivessearch.qld.gov.au/series/S134.

TWO NEW AND EXCLUSIVE COLLECTIONS FROM FINDMYPAST

<https://search.findmypast.co.uk/search-world-records/civil-service-commission-appointments-promotions-and-transfers-1871-1942> spanning 71 years of British Civil Service, and <https://search.findmypast.com/search-world-records/second-world-war-civilian-casualties-in-britain-1940-1945> covering civilian casualties and 4,000 servicemen who died on the home front during enemy action.

IRISH SURNAME INFORMATION

Included are links to *Gaois* the FREE Irish language surname database. Refer to www.irelandxo.com/ireland-xo/news/researching-irish-surnames ■

QFHS NOTICES

BEREAVEMENT NOTICES



We extend our deepest sympathy on the following bereavements:

Joyce Heirdsfield, member #2435, late of Thornlands, who passed away on 24 November 2022.

Margaret Ellen aka Peggy Presnell, past member #1812, late of Aveo Newstead, who passed away on 28 November 2022.

Sr Joan Margaret Murphy rgs, life member #3336, late of Grange, who passed away on 8 February 2023, aged 81.

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

Finding your family: a beginners' course in research



A six week course

Commences: Monday 10 July 2023
 Time: daytime 10.30 am - 12 noon
 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.qfhs.org.au/events/learn-qfhs/finding-your-family-a-beginners-course-in-research-winter/

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Further courses will be held ONLINE on the following dates:

Topic: **Finding the family farm: using land records and maps for Qld pastoral properties**
Date: FRI 12 May 2023
Time: 10.00 am to 11.30 am (online)
Presenter: Charlotte Sale
 (Limit 25 people)

Topic: **Talking About – Maps**
Date: WED 24 May 2023 (free)
Time: 10.00 am to 12 noon (online)
Presenter: Dr Kerry Raymond
 (Limit 25 people)

Topic: **The Servant Problem: or, my great great grandmother was a General**
Date: FRI 9 June 2023
Time: 10.00 am to 11.30 am (online)
Presenter: Chris Schuetz
 (Limit 25 people)

Topic: **Talking About – Writing your family history – what are the options? (Repeat)**
Date: WED 28 June 2023 (free)
Time: 10.00 am to 12 noon (online)
Presenter: Nancy Edwards
 (Limit 25 people)

Topic: **Google Slides for Family History**
 This event will be recorded
Date: FRI 14 July 2023
Time: 10.00 am to 11.30 am (online)
Presenter: Chris Wright
 (Limit 25 people)

Topic: **Talking About – Metalsmiths Past and Present**
Date: WED 26 July 2023 (free)
Time: 10.00 am to 12 noon (online)
Presenter: Nancy Edwards
 (Limit 25 people)

Topic: (Follow us on eventbrite for notification when scheduled)
Date: FRI 11 August 2023
Time: 10.00 am to 11.30 am (online)
Topic: **Talking About – (Follow us on eventbrite for notification when scheduled)**
Date: WED 23 August 2023 (free)
Time: 10.00 am to 12 noon (online)

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"Follow" QFHS and be advised as soon as these events are listed with www.eventbrite.com.au/o/queensland-family-history-society-inc-4629298833.

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

Cost per Talking About - free

CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE EVENTS

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

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.

**INTERNATIONAL
TARTAN DAY
BRISBANE
SATURDAY
1 JULY 2023**

King George Square,
Brisbane City.
Parking available
underneath.



QFHS INC. FAMILY HISTORY BOOK AWARD 2024

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

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

Please check the guidelines. In brief, these include:

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

Further information is available from:

Hon Secretary
QFHS Inc
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.



COPPER COAST CORNISH FESTIVAL
Kadina . Moonta . Wallaroo
15 - 21 May 2023
Celebrating 50 Years

[Kernewek Lowender](http://www.kerneweklowender.com.au), [Copper Coast Cornish Festival 2022](http://www.coppercoastcornishfestival.com.au) (South Australia)

Organised by: Kernewek Lowender Inc.

QFHS NOTICES (Cont.)

**IRISH INTEREST
GROUP
20TH ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATIONS**



WHERE:

Family History Research Centre,
46 Delaware Street, Chermside
(at intersection of
Delaware St & Waring St, Geebung)

ALSO ONLINE

WHEN:

Sat 24 June 2023
10:00 am - 3 :00 pm

Watch the QFHS website and Snippets
for more details to follow.

Come and explore the new QFHS
Research Centre and its resources.

Recognition of people who have made
important contributions to the formation
and running of the Irish Interest Group.

Irish music, dancing, videos, sharing
Irish family stories, wear your Irish-
themed clothing, family friendly
activities.

Food and drinks.

Discounts, door prizes.

Contact Dale Fogarty, Irish Interest
Group convenor, at irish@qfhs.or.au to
register your interest in contributing to or
participating in the day's activities.

Irish Research Day



Researching Irish ancestors?

The next Irish Research Day is
Thursday, 13 July 2023

at Family History Research Centre,
46 Delaware Street, Chermside
(at intersection of
Delaware St & Waring St, Geebung)

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.

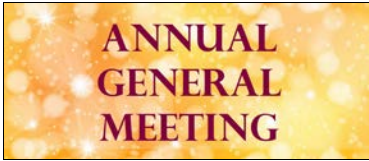
Contact Dale Fogarty, the convenor of the
Irish Interest Group, to register your
interest at irish@qfhs.org.au.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

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

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**NOTICE OF QFHS
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**



Our Society will hold its **Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, 14 June 2023** at the QFHS's Family History Research Centre, 46 Delaware Street, Chermside commencing at 7.30 pm.

Nominations for positions on the Management Committee (including Office-Bearers) close fourteen days before the AGM, so nominations must be in the hands of the Secretary by midnight on **Wednesday, 31 May 2023**. If you wish to nominate a financial member of the Society for election to the Management Committee, a Nomination Form can be downloaded from the foot of the home page of the Society's website at www.qfhs.org.au. All parties must sign. Post it to the Secretary no later than 24 May 2023 at our postal address, or scan and email the completed form to the Secretary by 31 May 2023. The Management Committee currently meets on the second Tuesday of the month commencing at 7.30 pm. Meetings last for approx. 2 hours.

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

In particular our Treasurer Judy Cronin has indicated that she will not be standing for re-election, so we will require a new Treasurer.

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

Anna Gallagher (Secretary)
31 March 2023

WRITING AWARDS AVAILABLE

Alexander Henderson Award

The closing date is **30 November** each year. Further information can be found at www.familyhistoryconnections.org.au/index.php/awards/65-alexander-henderson-award.

The Don Grant Award

The closing date is **30 November** each year. For conditions of entry, etc. see www.familyhistoryconnections.org.au/index.php/awards/64-don-grant-award.

Lilian Watson Family History Award

This award is for a book with a significant *Tasmanian content*. Entries close on **1 December** each year. For details email secretary@tasfhs.org or refer to www.thra.org.au/newsletter-event-blog/2017/4/10/lilian-watson-family-history-award.

E M Fletcher Writing Award

For the best *short story of 1500-2000 words* on a family history or genealogy theme. Entries close **15 July 2023**. Refer to <https://www.familyhistoryact.org.au/writingcompetition>. ■

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:

20 May 2023 **15 July 2023**

If you are interested in joining us, please email 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:

10 June 2023 **12 August 2023**

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

Dale Fogarty
(Convenor)

ENGLISH WEST COUNTRY GROUP



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

25 May 2023 **27 July 2023**

For further information, please email 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:

13 May 2023 **8 July 2023**

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

Chris Schuetz
(Convenor)

WELSH INTEREST GROUP

The Welsh Interest Group meets online via Zoom (or in 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:

21 May 2023 **16 July 2023**

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



Charlotte Sale
(Convenor)

CENTRAL EUROPEAN GROUP

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

27 May 2023 **22 July 2023**

A \$2 donation goes towards purchasing relevant records.

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

Eric Kopittke & Noel Bergman
(Convenors)



FAMILY TREE MAKER USER GROUP

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

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

Sat 6 May 2023
Fri 2 June 2023
Sat 1 July 2023
Fri 4 August 2023



For further information, please contact Geoff Morgan on phone 0407 146763 or email familytree@qfhs.org.au.

Geoff Morgan & Joe Greaves
(Convenors)

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DNA INTEREST GROUP

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

6 May 2023	Advanced
3 June 2023	Beginners
1 July 2023	Advanced
5 August 2023	Beginners

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

Chris Schuetz & Ann Swain
(Convenors)

COLONIAL INDIA AND THE FAR EAST GROUP

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

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

11 June 2023	13 August 2023
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For further information please email indiafe@qfhs.org.au.

Dette Glenday & Wendy Angliss
(Convenors)

FAMILY HISTORIAN USER GROUP

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

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

7 May 2023
4 June 2023
2 July 2023
6 August 2023

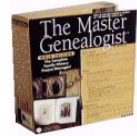
For further information please email familyhistorian@qfhs.org.au.

Malcolm Kingston
(Convenor)

THE MASTER GENEALOGIST (TMG) USER GROUP

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

18 May 2023
15 June 2023
20 July 2023
17 August 2023



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:

Tue 6 June 2023* Sat 9 September 2023

*Excursion to Interpretive Centre of TradeCoast Central Heritage Park, Eagle Farm

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

Ann Swain & Jenny Davidson
(Convenors)

**PRE-SEPARATION EXCURSION
to celebrate Queensland Day**

10:30 a.m. on Tuesday 6th June 2023

Would you like to join us for a talk by Dean Prangley from RHSQ at the Interpretive Centre of TradeCoast Central Heritage Park, site of the Convict Women’s Prison and Factory, Allison Engine Testing Stands & Hangar No.7 Wartime Secrets. Following the talk we’ll walk around the site using our phones to listen to podcasts. Their website is <https://tradecoastcentralheritagepark.com.au/>. Limited to 20 people, please contact presep@qfhs.org.au if you are interested. ■

DATES TO REMEMBER

DATE	ACTIVITY	VENUE	TIME
MAY 2023			
Monday	1 LABOUR DAY – RESEARCH CENTRE CLOSED		
Saturday	6 Family Tree Maker User Group (<i>See p.74</i>)	Online	10.00 - 11.30 am
Saturday	6 DNA Interest Group (<i>See p.75</i>)	Check website	1.30 - 3.30 pm
Sunday	7 Family Historian Software User Group (<i>See p.75</i>)	Online	1.00 – 3.00 pm
Friday	12 Learn@QFHS: <i>Finding the family farm: using land records and maps for Queensland pastoral properties</i> (<i>See p.70</i>)	Online	10.00 - 11.30 am
Saturday	13 Scottish Interest Group (<i>See p.74</i>)	Check website	10.00 - noon
Thursday	18 The Master Genealogist (TMG) User Group (<i>See p.75</i>)	Online	7.00 - 8.30 pm
Friday	19 New Members' Welcome & Orientation Session (<i>See p.78</i>)	Research Centre	10.00 - 1.00 pm
Saturday	20 Family History Writing Group (<i>See p.74</i>)	Online	9.00 - 11.30 am
Sunday	21 Welsh Interest Group (<i>See p.74</i>)	Check website	10.00 - noon
Thursday	25 English West Country Group (<i>See p.74</i>)	Online	noon - 2.00 pm
Saturday	27 Central European Group (<i>See p.74</i>)	Check website	10.00 - noon
JUNE 2023			
Friday	2 Family Tree Maker User Group (<i>See p.74</i>)	Online	10.00 - 11.30 am
Saturday	3 DNA Interest Group (<i>See p.75</i>)	Check website	1.30 - 3.30 pm
Sunday	4 Family Historian Software User Group (<i>See p.75</i>)	Online	1.00 – 3.00 pm
Tuesday	6 Pre-Separation Group, Excursion, Queensland Day (<i>See p.75</i>)	Check website	10.30 – noon
Friday	9 Learn@QFHS: <i>The Servant Problem: or, my great great grandmother was a General</i> (<i>See p.70</i>)	Online	10.00 - 11.30 am
Saturday	10 Irish Interest Group (<i>See p.74</i>)	Online	10.30 - 12.30 pm
Sunday	11 Colonial India and The Far East Group (<i>See p.75</i>)	Check website	10.30 - noon
Thursday	15 The Master Genealogist (TMG) User Group (<i>See p.75</i>)	Online	7.00 - 8.30 pm
Saturday	17 New Members' Welcome & Orientation Session (<i>See p.78</i>)	Online	9.30 - 12.30 pm
Saturday	24 20th Anniversary of Irish Interest Group (<i>See p.72</i>)	Research Centre	10.00 – 3.00 pm
JULY 2023			
Saturday	1 Family Tree Maker User Group (<i>See p.74</i>)	Online	10.00 - 11.30 am
Saturday	1 DNA Interest Group (<i>See p.75</i>)	Check website	1.30 - 3.30 pm
Sunday	2 Family Historian Software User Group (<i>See p.75</i>)	Online	1.00 – 3.00 pm
Saturday	8 Scottish Interest Group (<i>See p.74</i>)	Check website	10.00 – noon
Thursday	13 IRISH RESEARCH DAY (<i>See p.72</i>)	Research Centre	10.00 – 3.00 pm
Friday	14 Learn@QFHS: <i>Google Slides for Family History</i> (<i>See p.70</i>)	Online	10.00 - 11.30 am
Saturday	15 Family History Writing Group (<i>See p.74</i>)	Online	9.00 - 11.30 am
Sunday	16 Welsh Interest Group (<i>See p.74</i>)	Check website	10.00 – noon
Thursday	20 The Master Genealogist (TMG) User Group (<i>See p.75</i>)	Online	7.00 - 8.30 pm
Friday	21 New Members' Welcome & Orientation Session (<i>See p.78</i>)	Research Centre	10.00 - 1.00 pm
Saturday	22 Central European Group (<i>See p.74</i>)	Check website	10.00 – noon
Thursday	27 English West Country Group (<i>See p.74</i>)	Online	noon - 2.00 pm
AUGUST 2023 – AFFHO National Family History Month			
Friday	4 Family Tree Maker User Group (<i>See p.74</i>)	Online	10.00 - 11.30 am
Saturday	5 DNA Interest Group (<i>See p.75</i>)	Check website	1.30 - 3.30 pm
Sunday	6 Family Historian Software User Group (<i>See p.75</i>)	Online	1.00 – 3.00 pm
Wednesday	16 BRISBANE EKKO HOLIDAY – RESEARCH CENTRE OPEN		

Management Committee meetings are usually held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7.00 pm online via Zoom.
If you would like to attend, please contact the Secretary.

MEMBER'S LOUNGE DATES

DATE	ACTIVITY	VENUE	TIME
MAY 2023			
<i>Socials this month – what will it be? Check website</i>			
Monday	1 What's New in Family History? Presenting... <i>Chasing the Sunshine – The Sunshine Express</i>	Online	7.30 – 9.00 pm
Wednesday	17 and the introduction of the Sunlander 1953. <i>Speaker Greg Hallam (Afternoon)</i>	Hybrid	1.00 – 3.00 pm
Tuesday	23 Book Club – Family Histories	Hybrid	10.00 – 11.30am
Wednesday	24 Talking About – Maps (<i>See p.70</i>)	Online	10.00 – noon
Sunday	28 Trout Game (<i>See p.71</i>)	Research Centre	10.00 – 4.00 pm
JUNE 2023			
<i>Socials this month – what will it be? Check website</i>			
Monday	5 What's New in Family History?	Hybrid	10.00 – 11.30 am
Wednesday	14 Annual General Meeting and <i>Presentation of Queensland Family History Book Award (Evening)</i> DATE CHANGED	Hybrid	7.30 - 9.30 pm
Tuesday	27 Family History Toolkit	Hybrid	7.30 – 9.00 pm
Wednesday	28 Talking About – Writing your family history – what are the options? (Repeat) (<i>See p.70</i>)	Online	10.00 – noon
JULY 2023			
<i>Socials this month – what will it be? Check website</i>			
Monday	3 What's New in Family History? Presenting... <i>The Roles and Visibility of Women in Brisbane's</i>	Hybrid	7.30 – 9.00 pm
Wednesday	19 <i>Social Protests 1967-1982.</i> <i>Speaker Jennifer O'Dempsey (Afternoon)</i>	Hybrid	1.00 – 3.00 pm
Tuesday	25 Book Club - Biographies	Hybrid	7.30 – 9.00 pm
Wednesday	26 Talking About – Metalsmiths Past and Present (<i>See p.70</i>)	Online	10.00 – noon
AUGUST 2023 National Family History Month			
<i>Socials this month – what will it be? Check website</i>			
Thursday	10 What's New in Family History? Presenting... <i>Finding your Norwegian ancestors in digital</i>	Hybrid	7.30 – 9.30 pm
Wednesday	16 <i>archives and library collections.</i> <i>Speaker Dr Hilda Maclean (Evening)</i>	Hybrid	7.30 – 9.30 pm
Wednesday	23 Talking About – TBA (<i>See p.70</i>)	Online	10.00 – noon
Tuesday	29 Family History Toolkit	Hybrid	10.00 – 11.30 am



Book Club

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



Presenting...

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



Trout Game

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



Family History Toolkit

<https://www.qfhs.org.au/events/members-lounge/family-history-toolkit/>



Talking About ...

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



What's New in Family History:

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

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

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS of QFHS INC.

Membership numbers 6560 - 6583 including members who joined up to 31/3/23:

ANDERSON Tracey, Deception Bay, QLD

BISHOP Kathy, Aspley, QLD

BRAZEL Helen, Ferny Hills, QLD

DEVEREUX Kath & Joe, Cottonvale, QLD

ELLIS Vicki, Cambridge, NZ

FARINA Len & MacLAUGHLIN Marion,
Aspley, QLD

GARSIDE Danielle & Wayne, Narangba, QLD

GIBSON Elizabeth, Ashgrove, QLD

HODGES Anne, Chermside, QLD

MacARTHUR Fiona, Bunya, QLD

PENNINGTON Robin, Kedron, QLD

PITT Roslyn, Cabarlah, QLD

RUSSELL Sandra, Sherwood, QLD

RYAN Paul, Cedar Pocket, QLD

STAUNTON Michael, Ferny Hills, QLD

TROTT Toni, Taigum, QLD

TSIPROU Gabriella, Kallangur, QLD

WHIPPLE Patricia, Chermside, QLD

WHITING Ray, Stafford Heights, QLD

WILLIAMS Neil, East Lismore, NSW

Welcome back to the following members who are rejoining:

CHRISTIANSEN Philomena & Colin,
Geebung, QLD

DIXON Margaret, Wavell Heights, QLD

DRUVE Merilyn, Kenmore, QLD

JONES Anne, Clontarf, QLD

MOFFITT Ray, Oxley, QLD

PALMER Joan, Kallangur, QLD

RICKS Debra & Shane, Taigum, QLD

Journal Only subscription:

Brisbane City Council Library, New Farm ■

NEW MEMBERS' WELCOME & ORIENTATION SESSIONS

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

FRIDAY

(At 10.00 am)

19 May 2023

21 July 2023

SATURDAY

(At 9.30 am)

17 June 2023

19 August 2023

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

BOOKINGS: Essential

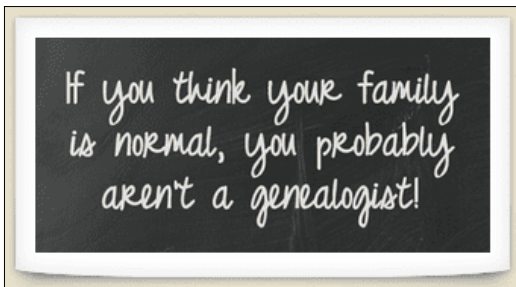
Numbers have to be limited in each session to ensure that everyone is able to participate fully in the program. Sessions are usually fully booked, with a waiting list, so please advise the organisers as soon as possible if you book and find you are unable to attend.

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

e: welcome@qfhs.org.au ■

HINT: PUT TAPE OVER YOUR WEBCAM!

Put tape or something else over the webcam on your computer, or any other device capable of sending video. It could be a sticky note, or a business card, a sticker of some sort, your choice. If you have children or grandchildren in your house frequently, this article is doubly important to you. The methodology may vary but the underlying principle remains the same: stop your webcam from being on all the time (or ever). Hackers, government agents, and teenagers can, and do, use easily accessible tools and phishing techniques to hijack webcams of unsuspecting people, often who they know, and watch them through their camera. Regardless of which devices you have in your home, your rule of thumb should be "If it is capable of sending video, that video should also be blocked when not being used." Refer to <https://eogn.com/page-18080/12930130>. ■



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ABOUT THE SOCIETY

Please refer to our website for the most current information.

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

Members may:

- Have free access to the Society's Family History Research Centre, Subscription Websites, useful weblinks, and journals from Australian and overseas FH Societies;
- Receive our *Queensland Family Historian* either by mail or email, and our e-newsletter *Snippets*;
- Submit two free *Help Wanted* queries in the journal per year; and a list of research interests for publication in the *Queensland Family Historian* and on our website;
- Use our AskQFHS, Look Up and Extended Research services available to members and non-members at www.qfhs.org.au/about-us/research-service/;
- Country members (living more than 50 km from Brisbane GPO) can use the Research service, see www.qfhs.org.au/join-us/country-members/;
- See other benefits of membership at www.qfhs.org.au/join-us/benefits-of-membership/.

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VISITORS'/RESEARCH CENTRE USAGE FEES

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

MEMBERSHIP FEES/SUBSCRIPTIONS (incl. GST)

Joining Fee (for new and lapsed members)	\$14
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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. Members and visitors may attend either in person at the Family History Research Centre, 46 Delaware St, Chermside, or via Zoom. Those unable to attend in person but unfamiliar with Zoom may contact the Secretary secretary@qfhs.org.au for assistance. Bookings are essential and may be made via the QFHS website and Eventbrite. For the dates of the meetings of the different *Special Interest Groups*, please refer to *p.74* or *Dates to Remember* on *p.76* of this issue.

Presenting...MONTHLY GUEST SPEAKERS

2023

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.

JUNE 14 (7.30 pm)

Annual General Meeting and QFHS Family History Book Award Presentation.

Your President and Treasurer will provide their reports for the financial year to 31 March 2023, and a Management Committee will be elected for the coming year 2023-2024. Presentations will be made to the author/s of the Family History Book/s voted as the winner/s for 2023.

JULY 19 (1.00 pm)

Presenting...The Roles and Visibility of Women in Brisbane's Social Protests 1967-1982.

Jennifer O'Dempsey completed her PhD with Charles Sturt University in 2022. Her thesis researched the involvement of women in social protests in Brisbane between 1967 and 1982. Secondary sources on the activities of Australian women protesters during this era were limited, difficult to locate, and focused on women's activities in the southern States. Seventeen women were interviewed for the project. The themes emerging from these interviews formed the framework for the thesis and were supported as the women told their stories. These women played a central role in Queensland's political activism. They introduced new forms of politics and self-expression by initiating and undertaking their own forms of protest that would confront inequality and improve the status of women in the State of Queensland.

AUGUST 16 (7.30 pm)

Presenting...Finding your Norwegian ancestors in digital archives and library collections.

Dr Hilda Maclean will continue her presentation of last February with more Norwegian research tips. If you have traced your Norwegian ancestors to a particular county, you will be able to unlock a wealth of digital material for free. Learn how to access unindexed records and books from the Digitalarkivet and exploit the National Library of Norway without the need to be fluent in Norwegian.

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