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



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2 (bottom right) First store in Eidsvold (Mercantile Co, Mr Hill, manager)

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7 (bottom left) Volcanic bombs on Eidsvold goldfields.

(Photograph provided by David Huggonson). See story on p.84.

SIDNEY EDWARD HILL, PROFESSIONAL GOLDFIELDS PHOTOGRAPHER

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Portrait of Sidney Edward Hill,
goldfields photographer

Sidney Edward and **Mary Grace Hill**, with their two children, **Sidney (junior)** and **William**, had arrived in Maryborough on board the *Earl Granville* on 18 April 1883. Sidney was born on 18 April 1858 in the City of London. Mary Grace Hill née **Buckley** was two years older than Sidney. They had married on 27 December 1877 at St Marylebone Parish Church, Middlesex, and had sailed from Plymouth on 6 January 1883. The family lived at Mt. Perry mineral field before moving to the newly proclaimed goldfield of Eidsvold in 1888. The couple had a daughter, **Florence Violet Maud (Violet)** (b. 9.11.1883) while living at Mt Perry.

Sidney Hill was a professional photographer and he photographed the early mining operations at Eidsvold.¹ He had established one of the first businesses in Eidsvold, as a drawing published in the *Australian Town and Country Journal* of 12 May 1888 shows. Sidney and Mary were blessed with four more children while living in Eidsvold, **Francis Alexander (Frank)** (b.22.7.1886), **Zella Grace Louise (Tella)** (b.13.11.1889), **Arthur Roland** (b.9.8.1892) and **Ivy Mary** (b.24.8.1898). Eidsvold State School records show that

they all attended school in the town. Sidney was pupil number 15, William number 14 and Violet number 162. The first three children were enrolled in 1889. The other four children were enrolled as they turned five years of age.²



Eidsvold School 1897
John Oxley Library, SLQ Neg.No. 186347

Sidney Hill also photographed mining operations at Mt. Alice and had a photographic studio located in Gill Street, Charters Towers from 1893 to 1895.



Surviving portrait photograph of unknown female subject by Sidney E Hill of Elite Photo Company, Charters Towers³

continued

He moved his business to Charlotte Street, Cooktown in 1896-97.⁴ When gold was discovered in New Guinea he sold up his business and travelled there, only to contract a bad dose of malaria. Returning south he thought of buying a photographic business at Ipswich but lost his capital and equipment when the steamer *Fitzroy* was wrecked on 16 December 1897.⁵

Travelling back to Eidsvold from Brisbane by bicycle he broke his leg when the front wheel collapsed whilst descending a two-mile range. After convalescing in Bundaberg Hospital, he managed to borrow sufficient money to move with his fourteen-year-old daughter, Violet, to Warwick and to establish another photographic business.

Sidney had a good tenor voice as well as being an excellent musician. He took part in nearly all social and public concerts and amateur plays. The *Warwick Examiner and Times* reported on 14 October 1899, that Hill unsuccessfully sued **Daniel McLoughlin**, a hotelkeeper, for the destruction of his violin while returning from a music engagement at his Sandy Creek Hotel. The horse-drawn cab, driven by an employee of McLoughlin, overturned and members of Hill's band and their instruments were thrown out.

Hill was also a member of the Cycle Club and the Warwick Volunteer Rifles. During the later part of 1899 when war threatened in South Africa, Sidney Hill was one of the first to volunteer for overseas service. He was 39 years at the time and sailed with the first Queensland Mounted Contingent from Pinkenba on 3 November 1899.⁶



1st Queensland Mounted Infantry, South Africa



*Sidney Edward Hill, Service No. 158,
Enlisted at Warwick,*

Unit: 1st Queensland Mounted Contingent

He took a number of photographs in South Africa and his letter about the Sunnydale engagement on 1 January 1900 was later published in a Queensland newspaper. He was invalided to England on 23 May 1900 with enteric fever. After his recovery, Sidney Hill was returned to Australia in March 1901.⁷

Baker and Rouse of Queen Street, Brisbane were Kodak photographic agents and retailers of photographic supplies; they most likely furnished the start-up equipment and supplies when Hill started his business in Warwick. When invalided home from the Boer War he gave his address as care of Baker and Rouse's store, so he obviously had a long-standing business relationship with the firm. He most likely used a folding pocket Kodak camera while on active service. Many British officers and press photographers used this camera to record the campaigns in South Africa.⁸

Mary Grace Hill died on 27 December 1907 and Sydney returned to live in England. He died on 22 May 1913 at Oxfordshire and is buried in an unmarked grave at the Rose Hill Cemetery, Section 11 Grave 72. Perhaps, this article is a more fitting memorial to this pioneering photographer of Queensland goldfields before Federation.

SIDNEY EDWARD HILL, PROFESSIONAL GOLDFIELDS PHOTOGRAPHER (Cont.)

Endnotes:

¹ Copies of Sidney E Hill's photographs of mining operations on the Eidsvold Goldfields are held by the John Oxley Library, South Brisbane, and Alan Davies and Peter Stanbury's book *Mechanical Eye in Australia* (photography 1841-1900), p.178, contains details of Sidney Hill's career in Australia. He operated in Eidsvold from 1888-93.

² School enrolment information supplied by Eidsvold and District Historical Society.

³ Surviving Portrait Photograph of unknown female subject by Sidney E Hill of Elite Photo Company, Charters Towers supplied by Lynn Wells of Charters Towers Historical Society.

⁴ Rate Book entries supplied by Marge Scully of

Cooktown Historic Centre showing location of Hill's studio.

⁵ The Daily Telegraph, Sydney, p.5, Friday 17 December 1897.

⁶ New Beat Article, Warwick Daily News, 12 December 1979 furnished by Warwick and District Historical Society, which contains details from three letters written by Sidney Hill to the husband of a newly married niece from London in 1900.

⁷ Photographs and information supplied by David Siddle (descendent of S E Hill) of Highgate Hill, Queensland.

⁸ See Emanol Lee's book, *To the Bitter End: a photographic history of the Boer War 1899-1902*, Penguin Books, 1986.



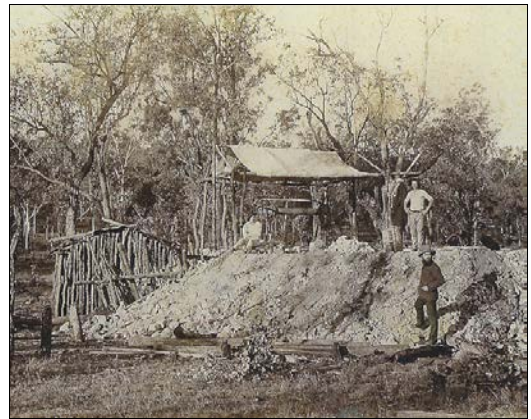
*Mt Rose Extended mine, photo by S E Hill 1888
(Courtesy of John Oxley Library)*



*Mt Craven Protective Claim 1888,
photo by S E Hill (Courtesy of JOL)*



*Mt Rose Protective Claim 1888,
photo by S E Hill (courtesy of JOL)*



*Policeman Protective Claim 1888, Eidsvold
photo by S E Hill (Courtesy of JOL)*

(photographs not acknowledged otherwise are courtesy of David Siddle, and provided by the author, photos enhanced using photoshop by Brian Blackmore.) ■

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

ANNUAL REPORT 2023

The complete Annual Report including financial statements is available on the Society website at

<https://www.qfhs.org.au/events/general-meetings/documents/>.

The President's and the Treasurer's Reports included in this issue are but a small component of the Annual Report, so I recommend all members and friends of the Society peruse the report and marvel at the services and programs delivered to members during the last 12 months.

Wherever the eye falls, member value is delivered in spades by our team of engaged and passionate volunteers. Bravo, one and all.

FAMILY TREE MAKER AT QFHS TURNS 25

Our hearty congratulations are extended to the FTM Interest Group, led through the years by **Garth Elvery, Stan Clark, Joe Greaves, Kerri Kleidon and Geoff Morgan**, as the group marks 25 years of supporting and assisting members get the most from the FTM software. Well done team!

IRISH INTEREST GROUP 20TH ANNIVERSARY

Twenty years of educating, supporting, and collaborating with members is certainly cause for celebration. To mark the occasion, a June Saturday started with 60 or so invited guests enjoying a Morning Tea and Tribute with past and present Convenors of the Irish Interest Group sharing their heart-warming recollections, stories and poetry. Thank you to **Mary King, Saadia Thomson Dwyer, Tess Elliott and Dale Fogarty**, with additional observations from foundation Irish member, **Trish Hickey**.

The Queensland Irish Association (QIA) Pipe Band heralded the end of formalities inside and the beginning of an 'All Things Irish' outdoor event with some rousing Irish tunes. Is there anything more magnificent than a pipe band in both full voice and full regalia?

The celebration was a massive undertaking designed, as it was, to achieve three aims: to pay tribute to those who had led the Irish Interest Group for 20 years, create a fun event for the Society and our community, and take the opportunity to introduce QFHS to the many who came to enjoy the event.

The organising team of **Alex Daw and Caroline Brudell** from the Management Committee and Irish Interest Group Convenor **Dale Fogarty** and the Irish support team - **John Young, Amanda Gothard, Ruth Linde, Denniston Furey and Lesley Boshammer** – did a fantastic job: invitations and promotional flyers were designed and delivered, food trucks tracked down and booked, terrific raffle prizes solicited, children's activities devised and materials gathered, six marquees sourced and borrowed from local politicians, performers (QIA Pipe Band, QIA Dancers, the Coolybar Music lads & their friend Christina from Limerick playing flute and tin whistle) engaged, and so much more. Refer to page 106 for photographs of the day.

Guided tours of our new facility were conducted for 50 interested visitors and the day immediately achieved several new members for QFHS. I have no doubt they were impressed by our band of happy and willing volunteers, many of whom had started their day at 7am erecting and decorating marquees, hanging bunting, preparing morning tea, marshalling traffic, meeting and greeting all our visitors, and recording the day's activities.

It was a great day, thanks to all those who volunteered for tasks, large and small.

We're grateful for all you do.

Best wishes,

Allana O'Kane
president@qfhs.org.au

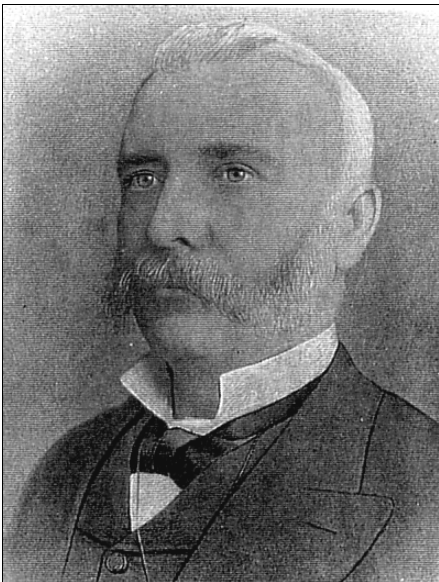


THE STORY BEHIND A SILVER CUP ROBERT MUIR 1827 - 1887

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Presented to
ROBERT MUIR ESQ
by the
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Queensland
for the BEST SUGAR exhibited at the
BEENLEIGH SHOW
1874



Robert Muir, my great-great-great-uncle, was a successful sugar cane planter and miller at Benowa, near Southport, for at least twenty years until his death in the 1887 floods.

He was born in 1827 at Stair, Ayrshire, Scotland, the eighth of the thirteen children of **David and Christina (née Paterson) Muir**. I am descended from his sister **Marion (McFarlane)**. Marion came to South Australia in 1839 in the *Fairfield* with her uncle **William Rankine**.

After completing his apprenticeship to a firm of engineers, Robert went to Louisiana U.S.A., where he gained a detailed knowledge of cane growing and sugar manufacture. He later worked as an engineer at sugar mills in Trinidad and Jamaica, West Indies. This must have been during his late teens/early twenties.

Robert must have returned to Scotland since he sailed on the *Malabar*, 1175 tons, from Greenock on 29 October 1852 with three of his brothers, **William, David and Alexander**, and also **James Stirling**. They arrived at Port Phillip, Victoria, on 7 March 1853 and took lodgings at 86 Collins Street, Melbourne. A fifth Muir brother, **Matthew**, was either already in Victoria or came soon after.

From c1854, Robert Muir was involved with his brothers in the firm of Muir Brothers & Co., General Merchants, in Ballarat, with drapery and clothing shops on Bakery Hill [Muir's Exhibition Mart] and then in Main Road, and in Lydiard St where they expanded into other areas of business. Supplying the gold miners was more lucrative in many ways than mining, unless you were lucky. For a time after his arrival, William Muir was in partnership with James Stirling in Melbourne, in the firm of Muir and Stirling. After Stirling left, the Melbourne business became "Muir Brothers". William lived in Melbourne where he ran the firm's importing and warehouse operations. Matthew was William's partner and the senior member of the four Muirs in Ballarat.

Robert Muir was elected to the first municipal council there. However, it was reported "their commercial transactions proved unfortunate" and the firm apparently suspended payment at the time of the great financial crisis of the late 1850s. Robert Muir left the partnership in August 1857 and the firm was bankrupt by April 1860. William Muir later became General Manager of the Land Mortgage Bank of Victoria until his sudden death.

Robert Muir visited his South Australian relatives (Muir, McFarlane, Rankine, Sloan), at Strathalbyn in October 1857, where he is recorded as staying at "Glenbarr", residence of his aunt Mrs **William (Paterson) Rankine**. In the early 1860s he went to Grafton, NSW and thence to southern Queensland and by the mid-1860s he had built a crude sugar cane crusher. "This

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consisted of two short blocks of wood, one placed on top of the other, and then under one is a tub to collect the juice. The cane is placed between the blocks and the upper one is brought down over the other by a very powerful lever. The juice is conveyed to a series of pots and the boiling process is effected”.

In 1866 he acquired 500 ha. of land in partnership with his brothers Matthew and David, at Benowa on the banks of the Nerang River, inland from the Gold Coast. There he planted 45 ha. of sugar cane.



*Robert Muir's Benowa plantation
William Boag photograph.*

However, perhaps for financial reasons, he went to Ormiston (Cleveland) and built the sugar mill for Hon. **Louis Hope**, and managed it for several years. During this time he left his brothers Matthew and David Muir in charge of the Benowa plantation.

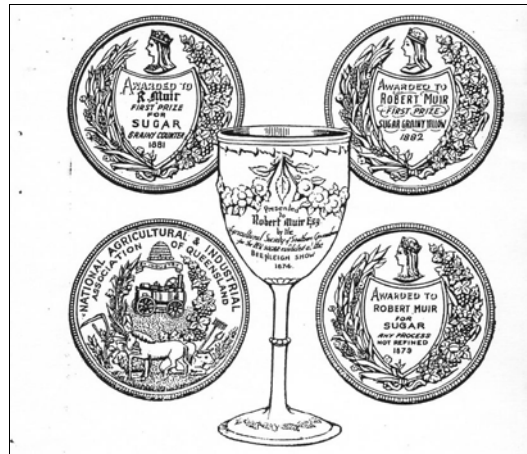
On his return from Ormiston, he built his own sugar mill at Benowa, and at that stage employed ten white men and seven kanakas. It was said he was averse to black labour, but was forced to employ them as it was almost impossible to obtain white labour. He attempted to produce a frost-resistant type of cane. However his best results came from the Meera variety and from the common ribbon cane.

Robert Muir used horse power at first to work his sugar mill but this was slow and cumbersome. He installed an eight horsepower steam engine from Cameron & Co., Brisbane, said to be the first use of steam power in a sugar mill. In the early days of the

mill the juice was drained and cleared by gravity, running down the hollowed out trunk of a huge tree with divisions across it in several places. When steam power became available he introduced a centrifuge. He later patented “Muir's Self-Acting Battery”, a machine to improve the refining of sugar.

In 1876 after the railway was opened from Brisbane to Ipswich, Robert Muir bought the redundant double-ended paddle steamer, *Ipswich* and had it cut in half. The fore section he had rebuilt as the screw steamer *Benowa* and the remainder as a lighter, *Scottish Prince*.

For many years he exhibited at the various Agricultural shows around Queensland and was awarded numerous medals and awards, some of which are pictured here.



Robert Muir built the Labrador Hotel at Southport, and was renowned as a property owner and speculator in the Benowa and Coombabah areas. In the mid-1880s his Coombabah estate alone, in what is now the Gold Coast, comprised 1800 ha., including 135 allotments in the best part of central Southport, many with seaside frontages at Labrador. Muir had realized that urban land would appreciate with the coming of the railway to Southport in 1889. His Benowa estate between Nerang and Southport had become a famous plantation with a long frontage to the Nerang river. By this time the estate employed about 200 men, mostly time-expired Kanakas, and two steamers per week went to Brisbane.

THE STORY BEHIND A SILVER CUP (Cont.)

In the early 1880s Robert Muir bought 900 ha. of land on the southern end of Mt Tamborine, inland from the Gold Coast. He cleared a large area with kanaka labour and planted a frost-resistant sugar cane he had developed. This was processed in a sugar mill he also built there. His mill manager's house became the original building of St Bernard's Hotel, being moved to its current site after his death. The Muir family also built a holiday home, "Cedar Cottage", a Mt Tamborine landmark for many years. It was constructed from timber milled from a single cedar tree on the property.

In late 1885 Robert Muir placed his properties on the market. The sale details give a picture of the planter as a wealthy aristocrat who wished to leave for Europe. In the sale, the Benowa estate was to be subdivided into 92 allotments of land for small farmers. His steamer *Benowa*, 80 tonnes, was also offered for sale.

Michael Jones in *Country of Five Rivers – History of Albert Shire* noted that the sale of the estate seemed to have been hasty for such an established man in the area. However, sugar prices were low, and Muir could see the end of cheap labour from Kanakas. Most of his estate did not sell, and Robert Muir remained in the area till his death two years later. He was drowned near Yatala with one of his sons, Alexander, (known as Peter), in the floods of January 1887. He died intestate and left no Life Insurance for his family. Sugar growing was abandoned on the Benowa estate following Robert's death. (Following Robert Muir's death the Mt Tamborine land was bought by Parbury Lamb and Co, who subsequently tried to form the Village Settlement Scheme. The sugar cane was abandoned).

Michael Jones continues:

"There seemed surprisingly little sympathy for Muir. He was a local planter, a member of the local aristocracy, and annoyed locals by his domineering nature. He had shown a lack of sportsmanship in the ploughing match at his Benowa plantation in April 1876. The judges gave him only second prize, which annoyed him intensely. Muir

demanded fresh judges, claiming that one had placed bets on the outcome and had no real knowledge of ploughing. A major row erupted. The day ended with no decision on the winner".

Apart from his business interests, Robert Muir had been a Magistrate; it is said he declined several offers to stand for State Parliament. His obituary ended: "He rose to a position of considerable property, although his recent speculations involved the loss of much of his means".

I think **Alex McRobbie's** comment sums him up: "Robert Muir could fairly be described as the original *Mr Surfers Paradise*. His pioneer achievements dwarf those of most entrepreneurs who followed him."

Re his family: Robert Muir first married **Jane (Jean) Meston** at Grafton in 1863. She died c1866 after having two children, **Robert** (who died in infancy) and **Matthew**. Robert later married Jane's younger sister **Elizabeth (Bess)**. Elizabeth was 22 years younger than her husband; she died in Sydney in 1937. They had to go to South Australia to marry since it was illegal in the eastern states at that time for a man to marry his deceased wife's sister. They had to reside in South Australia for three weeks prior to the marriage; during this time Elizabeth stayed with Robert's sister Mrs Marion McFarlane at Strathalbyn. Robert and Elizabeth's children were **Alice, Robert, Harold, Alexander, Jenny** (died young) and **Helen**.

Jane and Elizabeth were elder sisters of **Archibald Meston**, a well-known Queensland explorer and journalist. The Meston family came from Towie, River Don, Aberdeenshire, Scotland; they arrived in Sydney in 1859 and settled on the Clarence River (Northern NSW).

MARRIAGE.

MUIR—MESTON—On the 15th ultimo, at North Terrace, Adelaide, by the Rev. J. W. COX, ROBERT MUIR, of Nerang, Queensland, to ELIZABETH, daughter of ALEXANDER MESTON, ESQ., of Grafton.

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advertisement received too late for insertion in its proper place.

NOTICES.

DOBBIN—On the 2nd March, at her residence, Woodbridge, Lawrence, the wife of C. B. DOBBIN, of a daughter.

HEWITT—On the 6th instant, at her residence, Woolley Cottage, Pound Street, Grafton, Mrs. T. HEWITT, Jun., of a son.

MARRIAGE.

MUIR—MESTON—On the 15th ultimo, at North Terrace, Adelaide, by the Rev. J. W. Cox, Rector Muir, of Kang, Queensland, to ELIZABETH, daughter of ALEXANDER MESTON, Esq., of Grafton.

DEATHS.

LAWRIE—On the 10th February, at her residence, Glen Rose, near Claremont, after a lingering illness, LILLIAS, relict of the late THOMAS LAWRIE, aged 67 years, much and deeply regretted by a large circle of friends.

Clarence and Richmond

Clarence And Richmond Examiner And New England Advertiser (Grafton, NSW: 1859-1889) Tuesday 12 March 1872

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(photograph and illustrations provided by the author) ■

MARRIAGE WITH A DECEASED WIFE'S SISTER.

We are informed by the Under-Secretary that a despatch has been received from Lord Kimberley announcing that the Queen had been advised to assent to the Bill which had been sent home from this colony for legalising marriage with the sister of a deceased wife, and that Her Majesty had been pleased to assent to the same, in consideration of the strong feeling in the colony indicated in favor of the measure. The colonists may be congratulated upon obtaining at last this concession, which has been applied for with so much importunity these years past.

The South Australian Advertiser (Adelaide, SA: 1858-1889) 6 June, 1871, p.2.

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WRITING THE FAMILY STORY: HOW DO I START MY STORY?

At the March 2023 meeting of the QFHS Writing Group, the members discussed starting the writing process: how to stop procrastinating and start writing, and how to engage the reader from the first page.

Our writers suggest that you should start by writing something—anything. Do not concern yourself with the quality of the work initially but begin with the notion that you will revise and revise again. The quality of your work will come with time.

You may have a favourite writing location where everything you need is at hand, say a couch or a desk, and do not forget to include a cup of tea or coffee. As the first step, you could write one or more draft paragraphs. Put your work aside; return later or the next day and review what you have done. You may not use what you first write, but at least you have made a start. A tip is to number the paragraphs you have written and rearrange them more logically. Then, give the work to someone you trust to provide helpful feedback.

You could start by writing smaller articles about family members, incidents, or themes. Some find it helpful to focus on a particular locality and submit their work for publication to a family history group in that area. Some writers begin by joining writing groups focussing on memoirs or personal stories; others have used a creative non-fiction approach. Writing in either genre provided a worthwhile entry into writing family history, but the thought that memoir or creative non-fiction did not require a great deal of research was soon proved wrong.

Think about what is motivating you to write your family stories. Of course, the best motivation is external: a looming special family event or the need to produce a family story for a particular generation while there is still time. Some found the COVID lockdown a great motivator, but let us hope we do not go through that again. Internal motivation includes getting your story in print and having something to leave on the (virtual or physical) shelf once you have gone.

Do not postpone the writing because you believe your research is insufficient. Once

you begin writing, you will identify the gaps in your information. You can then undertake the necessary research to complete your story. You do not know what you do not know until you begin. On the other hand, you may not be successful in finding everything you would like, and have to make assumptions about some circumstances.

You may like to compile a factsheet or timeline to aid your writing and organise your facts, but reciting basic facts does not make for good writing. Instead, make your facts more incidental to your family story and use them as the opportunity to talk about the locality, customs, and social and political history of the times. Start to write and build your story as you go; the flow will come once you start.

Make your writing readable by using transitions between sentences, and do not make your work daunting by being too dense, both conceptually and in the layout of the text. Use all the shorter stories you have written and weave them together coherently.

You will want to hook your reader right from the start. You may consider starting with a particular story or an arresting moment to set the scene for your work. Think about what this first story-in-a-story might say about your work. Another suggestion is to think ahead to the end of your story. How do you want it to conclude? What should the reader know when they get to the last sentence of your work?

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



QUEENSLAND FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY INC.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR

1 APRIL 2022 TO 31 MARCH 2023

A HOME FOR QFHS

After years of searching for an alternative premises to call home, it befell this Management Committee to deal with the escalating realities of a new landlord at the Gaythorne premises – firstly a significant increase in rent (from \$35,000 pa to in excess of \$72,000 pa), secondly notice to vacate the storage shed in the adjacent industrial estate and home to a mix of important archives as well as obsolete equipment and materials, followed within two months by a notice to vacate the Gaythorne premises in its entirety.

Fortunately, the years of searching and refinement of applications bore fruit, and BCC offered the Society one of their community facilities in leafy 7th Brigade Park, Chermside. We made formal application for the premises and were granted a Permit to Occupy in early September.

THE RELOCATION

One member's summary captures the immediacy and immensity of the task:

Talk about a baptism of fire! Working bees were arranged to conduct an audit of the shed's contents, arrange disposal or storage according to the Collection Policy. Specialist collection managers and curators were contacted to assess the collections in light of the fact that we were relocating to a space 25% smaller than the one we were occupying. Two teams were quickly formed – a New Premises team and a Relocation team. Suddenly we were two branches – Gaythorne and Chermside.

Management Committee meetings were held more frequently, often on a fortnightly or weekly basis to expedite decision-making in a fast-moving environment.

Charlotte Sale put together a Communications Plan for the closure. This included consultation with the broader membership through meetings, newsletters

and a special page on the website to provide updates and a contact point for suggestions re design of the new space.

John Young constructed a relocation plan encompassing tasks, accountabilities and timing including communication, collections, furniture and equipment, fixtures, IT equipment, services and suppliers, administration e.g., post box and insurance, closure, disposal of items, relocation of assets to new premises, and handover of old premises.

Chris Gibbs drafted at least a dozen floor plans in consultation with stakeholders.

Allana O'Kane, Caroline Brudell and Alex Daw gathered quotes from insurance companies, library suppliers, furniture, kitchen and carpet suppliers, removalists and the like, whilst hosting meetings, designing presentations and preparing for Community Outreach activities.

Bev Young and Alison Gardiner meticulously itemised every piece of furniture in Gaythorne and wrangled the taxing demands of Facebook marketplace and final Garage Sale with aplomb.

Lyndal and Richard Cosgrove worked with Chris Gibbs, Clem Ditton, Greg Crawford and others to make sure the new premises was fit for our arrival – weeks of measuring, sawing, hammering, affixing, scaping, and painting – such that they almost became fixtures themselves at the new premises.

We managed, with little choice and by dint of huge input from many of our volunteers, to depart Gaythorne by 7 November 2022 with many items in storage until the Chermside building was sufficiently ready for all our goods and chattels.

Finalisation of the lease process is taking longer than expected – hardly surprising as Brisbane City Council processes are meticulous. An official Opening Ceremony will be held when the lease is signed and

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important requirements such as signage are complete. These are currently subject to a signed lease and Brisbane City Council approvals.

NEW PREMISES – NEW SERVICES AND PROGRAMS

We opened the new premises in mid-January and, until we could assess our new neighbourhood at night, decided not to open on Monday nights as we had done in Gaythorne. This decision will be reassessed after the winter months have passed and we have surveyed our members on their preferred days and times of visiting the Research Centre.

Having invested a significant amount of the Society's funds accumulated for the purpose of moving into new premises, we decided the result should be as rejuvenating and invigorating as possible: the relocation should be used as a springboard to launch new services and programs.

Mindful of the fact that the bulk of our attendees at education events and meetings is still online but that there is a significant proportion of members who still wish to meet in person, the MC explored new technology options to enhance the experience of participants. We invested in a clever piece of kit – the Meeting Owl Conference which incorporates a 360-degree camera, a microphone and a speaker. At the time of the relocation, we were offered two second-hand 86-inch commercial video panels, still in excellent condition, as well as a suite of associated gear (column speakers, an amp including FM Tuner and MP3 playback, NUC PC, set-top box and server cabinet) – the package at a very attractive price.

The combination of Owl and video panels in permanent arrangement allows us to deliver better quality hybrid meetings (i.e. those with participants joining both online from home and in-person at Chermside). Whilst hybrid meetings are difficult to produce even for professionals, we believe this technology has improved audio quality and has certainly improved the ability for speakers and participants to see each other in real time. The screens will also be useful for promoting

our events to visitors to the Research Centre and also for special event days.

Additionally, we developed a new program called The Members' Lounge to capitalise on the considerable investment in resources at the new premises and encourage increased usage of the premises and its collections.

The Members' Lounge has been designed to provide:

- added value to membership;
- exclusivity, providing members-only benefits;
- a relaxed adjunct to the 'work' of research;
- increased interaction between members.

Four new programs were devised: What's New?, Book Club, Family History Toolkit and a program of regular social events, for example a walking group, going to the movies or a museum excursion.

Three existing programs – our monthly guest speakers, the biannual Trout Game and Talking About were incorporated into the Members' Lounge to create a comprehensive suite of interactive events. The new open plan layout also generates a productive and happy buzz.

OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS DURING THE YEAR

Open Day 2022

This was originally scheduled for 6 August but we made the decision to cancel two weeks prior due to the predicted peak of the COVID Omicron wave and our concern not to jeopardise the health of volunteers and visitors. Instead, we created a suite of videos for our YouTube Channel which became our contribution to National Family History Month, as well.

Nevertheless, the cancellation of Open Day was a double disappointment. Not only had both Governor Jeannette Young and our Patron, Professor Graeme Nimmo, accepted our invitation to attend but we lost our major membership recruitment event for the year.

Awards

Family History Book Award – *Shaking the Mulga: an Australian family history,*

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authored by QFHS member, Clem Ditton, was the worthy recipient of the Family History Book Award 2022. The book is highly recommended reading and accessible to all members as it is both available for loan from the Lending Library and on the website. *Shaking the Mulga* is one of many commendable family histories in the Lending Library.

Award for Services to Family History – Dr Kerry Raymond received this important award in 2022 for her significant contributions to the Society over many years. The citation for this award was published in *Queensland Family Historian Vol.44 No. 1 February 2023* and is well worth re-reading to appreciate the extent of Kerry's contribution.

Journal Article of the Year: Members' Choice Award – Lyndal Cosgrove received the honours in 2022 for her amusing and informative article on the WWI service horse, known for his feats of strength and endurance, and for being quite the contrarian – affectionately (or perhaps respectfully) known as Bill The Bastard.

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

Early in 2023, the Management Committee undertook to review the Society's Strategic Plan 2015-2020 and the Strategic Plan Update 2018-2020.

As a result, Management Committee identified a number of main priorities to provide direction to our activities during the 2023-2026 period. The articulated Strategic Priorities are designed to achieve:

- An interested and engaged membership. The depth and breadth of our volunteer labour force is one indicator of this, as is the participation rate in our programs and services.
- Clear identification of, articulation of, and delivery of all the elements of the Society that provide value to our members.
- An upgrade to IT infrastructure with an immediate emphasis on a membership management system and a new website.

- Well-governed budgetary processes and broad and sustainable income streams.
- Consolidation of the reputation of QFHS in the family history community.

Commitment to these Strategic Priorities directs that they be the lens through which we view all that we do over the four-year period and, consequently, they provide the framework for this Annual Report.

WORKLOAD

An inevitable reflection on the last year must be to acknowledge the impact of workload.

Reliant as we are on 100% volunteer effort and with little option as to either the timing and magnitude of the relocation to new premises, or of the importance of developing and articulating guiding principles to give direction to the Society, the workload for Management Committee has been considerable. In addition, the loss or significant reduction of availability of several of those in Executive positions has had an impact.

This is the nature of volunteer organisations – we wax and wane on the availability of our volunteers. Nevertheless, it's fair to say the Management Committee 2022-2023 has experienced a 'perfect storm' – the combination of several events, any one of which would be a challenge.

The year illustrates both our strength and our weakness. Our strength: relocation managed superbly, future-gazing both practical and adroit, innovation encouraged, steady hands on the underpinning services and programs reliable and appreciated. Our weakness: when 'life' happens to our volunteer workforce, their priorities understandably change and we lose their valued inputs – time, enthusiasm and experience.

In the absence of volunteer time and/or required expertise from among our members, the reality is that time and/or expertise must be purchased, or vital tasks are not appropriately addressed and the Society languishes.

The role of Secretary is a case in point. Not only is the position the only one required by

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statute, it is a practical position that assists the smooth functioning of the Society and maintains connection with a number of important affiliations. This year, the role was shared by three members – each of whom needed to successively withdraw from the role. The previous year also required a team of two to deliver the required outcomes, so our reliance on the Secretary and their diverse workload is not a new phenomenon. In the absence of a team of volunteers, we suggest serious consideration be given to the part-time employment of an individual with the skills and attributes necessary to deliver an enhanced role of Secretary that provides good value to the Society.

Finally, in reflecting upon the year, we express tremendous gratitude and admiration for all that has been achieved by each and every volunteer. In the tradition of volunteer organisations, we have each contributed as and when we could. We have grown within ourselves and we have helped and supported each other. We have wrought change where it was needed and we have maintained solid traditions that support our Society into the future.

We thank you all.

Allana O'Kane and Alex Daw
President and Vice President, QFHS Inc.
14 June 2023 ■

QUEENSLAND FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY INC. TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1 APRIL 2022 TO 31 MARCH 2023

It is with pleasure that I present the financial statements for QFHS for the year ended March 2023. It has been a year of major change and effort by many members.

The most significant activity impacting on the Society's financial position during the past year was the relocation of our physical presence from Gaythorne to Delaware St, Chermside. Our strong level of reserves at the beginning of the year has meant that we were able to undertake that move with confidence and with the aim of improving facilities and capabilities for members as we transitioned to the new premises.

In this past financial year, relocation expenses have totalled \$143,931.72. Of this amount, around \$37,200 was for building modifications and improvements, \$53,500 for new library shelving and compactus storage, \$7,600 for new display and meeting technology, and \$4,600 for furniture. In relation to the shelving and storage, the new items addressed a longstanding need to improve the care of our valuable print and journal resources, while also addressing safety issues with respect to shelf height and accessibility of library items. There are remaining

committed or projected expenditures associated with the relocation of around \$51,000 for the current financial year.

In undertaking the move, the Society prepared a relocation budget that identified what was financially within our means at this time. Additional financial decisions were taken to protect the continued financial viability of the Society in future years: to stipulate an amount for the upgrade of our digital technologies, and to maintain a reserve of at least two years of projected expenses to cover any significant change to our circumstances.

In the past year, membership subscriptions have reduced by \$4,461 (-7.4%) and education income by \$2,159 (-39.5%). It is believed that both income streams were adversely impacted by the Research Centre being necessarily closed for a considerable period of the last financial year while we prepared to vacate our previous premises at short notice, and then as we renovated and moved into the new building. A substantial source of income during the year was a financial arrangement with Ancestry based on finalisation of a two-way data agreement.

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With respect to expenses, rent paid for the year reduced by \$8,176 (-27.3%) and ongoing reduced rent will be one of the major benefits of the new location. Insurance expenses increased by \$1,498 (+25.9%) due partly to insurance at two locations for a short period and the cost of insurance for the relocation of items between premises.

I would particularly like to acknowledge the significant contributions of our Assistant Treasurer, Wendy Angliss, for her ongoing efforts in managing our financial transactions and the upkeep of financial data and reporting through our financial

systems software. We were also pleased to welcome Pat Gardner onto the finance team looking after the Bookshop, which allowed Leanne Donovan to focus on membership activities. We thank them both for their contributions.

It is satisfying to report that the Society has transitioned through a major period of change but that we remain in a strong financial position to move forward.

Judy Cronin
Treasurer, QFHS Inc.
14 June 2023

(See next page for financial statements.) ■

25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FAMILY TREE MAKER USER GROUP

The formation of the User Group was the initiative of its first convenor, the late **Garth Elvery**. The Group's first meeting was held on Anzac Day 1998, assisted by **Stan Clark**, and later **Joe Greaves**, both of whom remain members of the User Group.

Kerri Kleidon and Joe took over running the group early in 2009 following Garth's relinquishing his role. **Geoff Morgan** and Joe have been co-convenors since Feb 2016.

The collegiality of the group is a key factor in its continued vitality, which has assisted its members to navigate the many new and powerful features of the program.

Since the first meeting in April 1998 there have been 19 new principal versions of *Family Tree Maker* for Windows computers, as well as four versions for Mac users since 2010.

The User Group looks forward to a further 25 years of supporting QFHS members who use *Family Tree Maker*. ■

DON'T BE FOOLED

We all need to prove identity in many of our interactions in modern life. Think of the Taxation Office or CentreLink or our subscriptions to our Medical Benefits schemes. In all cases they ask us for our Date of Birth. Never, never do they ask us for our age. When we do our research, we find our ancestors identified themselves by saying how old they were. Did you ever see a Census record asking for date of birth?

Is it any wonder I despair that all of the websites believe that we cannot do the simple arithmetic and work out the possible/probable year of birth? If the person we are tracing has deliberately made an error, or if the enumerator has made the error in filling out his form, I find it unhelpful when those same websites presume to invent that probable year of birth. Fake history is so easy to create. In only one website have I ever seen an explanation of how that year was arrived at. If it's not a field in the original, then it shouldn't be invented and presented as if it were part of the original document.

Bev Bonning ■

To the Editor:

When reading the May 2023 *Historian* I noticed that two photos (cover and page 52) included women wearing ties. Both photos are dated 1910s. Does anyone have any information on this fashion?

Nancy Edwards ■

TREASURER'S REPORT (Cont.)
QFHS INC. – PROFIT & LOSS – PREVIOUS YEAR COMPARISON

	<u>Apr 22 to Mar 23</u>	<u>Apr 21 to Mar 22</u>
	\$	\$
Income		
Bookshop/Publication Sales	1,317	1,735
Donations	556	1,042
Interest received	1,930	3,015
Membership Subscriptions	55,621	60,082
Royalties	64,518	16,312
Seminars, Workshops, and Courses	3,956	5,459
Other Income	4,058	1,651
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Total Income	131,956	89,296
Less Cost of Sales		
Cost of Bookshop Sales	-4,593	645
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Gross Profit	127,363	88,651
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Expenses		
Accounting	477	497
Advertising and promotion	740	-
Audit fees	2,300	1,673
Bank Charges	1,463	1,256
Cleaning	1,726	1,745
Computer expenses	3,702	2,894
Depreciation	11,303	4,670
Electricity	1,882	2,446
Insurance	7,279	5,781
Journal	7,525	10,888
Legal fees	-	2,000
Member events and sponsorships	4,033	-
Paypal fees	1,169	1,308
Postage	1,009	1,277
Relocation costs	19,231	-
Rent on premises	21,824	30,000
Repairs & Maintenance	3,532	639
Security	1,195	-
Seminar Costs	1,591	2,316
Stationery & photocopying	796	716
Subscriptions Data & Other Societies	4,829	9,626
Sundry Expenses	1,885	2,439
Telephone & Internet	2,311	1,907
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Total Expenses	101,802	84,078
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NET PROFIT	25,561	4,573
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QFHS INC. – BALANCE SHEET – PREVIOUS YEAR COMPARISON

	<u>31 Mar 2023</u>	<u>31 Mar 2022</u>
	\$	\$
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash and Cash equivalents	300,119	397,244
Inventories	3,065	6,282
Other assets	9,246	5,476
Trade and other receivables	15,948	2,356
Total Current Assets	328,378	411,358
Non-Current Assets		
Property, plant & equipment	395,312	282,663
Total Non-Current Assets	395,312	282,663
Total Assets	723,690	694,021
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities		
Trade and other payables	4,515	406
Total Liabilities	4,515	406
NET ASSETS	719,175	693,615
EQUITY		
Opening Balance Equity	693,615	689,042
Current Year Earnings	25,561	4,573
TOTAL EQUITY	719,176	693,615

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

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

To find a particular book or journal, please check the *Library Catalogue (v-library)* either in the QFHS library, or from any computer via the internet, then search by various fields, e.g. Keyword/Title/Call Number, etc. at www.qfhs.org.au/resources/catalogue-search.

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

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

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

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ELISE EVANS: WOMAN WITH A VISION

By Dornell Wylie

e: dornelleunice@me.com

I am unaware of anyone in my family tree who would be considered a 'black sheep'. One great-great-grandfather went to trial for threatened assassination of the Premier but, in true **John Newman** style, was found not guilty. So, failing to find a true black sheep, I am left with a story of deception and subterfuge which leaves me feeling both humble and proud. It is the story of my great-grandmother and how she engaged her daughter and son-in-law to help pregnant unwed mothers just before and into the twentieth century.

Elise Möller had always been feisty. She emigrated from Schleswig-Holstein in 1874 at the age of 16. In 1888 her husband **Detlef Meier** disappeared, and she came to Brisbane with her four living children aged 10, 8, 3 and 18 months and pregnant with my gran. There is some question surrounding this pregnancy. Perhaps **Dora's** biological father was really Elise's second husband, **Thomas Morgan Evans**, a Welshman she married on 16 November 1889, seven months after the birth.

In May 1890 Elise sold her share of the North Cross Prospect Claim and was thereby independently wealthy.

I have not figured out how the family members managed to help the women. My family was associated with a few organisations in Brisbane: The United Brothers Lodge; Windsor Road Baptist Church and their Temperance League; St Paul's Presbyterian Church; Ithaca Branch of the Women's Christian Temperance Union which was active in Women's Health Problems; the Fever Hospital in Albert Park near the Diamantina Orphanage; Bible Christian Church at the Oval; Petrie Terrace Baptist Church, and they also helped at the Brisbane Jail library.

Perhaps the strongest clue is Elise's involvement with the Female Refuge and Infants' Home (1870-1919).

Whatever the avenue, we became aware of their involvement when a Victorian woman contacted the family and claimed to be the

descendant of my grandfather. Her family had letters from my grandmother addressing their predecessors as niece and nephew, and we had a photo of the twins' mother with our family name. I recall asking my mother who it was, and her telling me it was the same name but no relation. We also had a photo of their lovely home in Victoria and my mum had visited them for a holiday on more than one occasion. The plot thickened.

Despite such compelling evidence, a DNA test revealed there was, however, no biological connection. It seems that Elise, with the full agreement of my grandparents, had given an unwed pregnant woman a story to restore 'respectability' and allow her to keep the twins and return home. The lady was 'married' to a supposed relative and became pregnant. Then it appears, a dreadful fire had taken the life of the 'father' and destroyed all records.

The fascinating story which unfolded still has not been fully resolved, although to this day our families stay in touch: a fitting tribute to the genuine compassion of Elise and my grandparents.

Feisty Elise had struck again. Was she the black sheep in my family? I don't think so! ■

***Is your Dad interested in
family history?***



***Father's Day
Sunday 3 September
is the perfect opportunity to
give Dad a
QFHS Gift Membership
It's a gift that keeps on giving.***

QFHS INC. FAMILY HISTORY BOOK AWARD PRESENTATION 2023

This year we had six family histories for the judges' consideration, and it is very satisfying to report that each of this year's authors has achieved her aim to compile comprehensive information on her family's origins for the benefit of the wider family. I commend them for their excellent research and for their considerable effort in producing such valuable contributions to their families' histories.

To facilitate further research in the future, some of the technical requirements of the Award are essential – an index, a full citation of references, and a bibliography. To make the story intelligible for readers unfamiliar with the characters and family relationships, clear family tree diagrams are desirable, as well as maps, photographs and sometimes, a time line.

What makes a winner? Our judges look for a pre-immigration component and the historical setting. They look at sentence construction, the use of illustrations, and general readability. Most importantly, the format of the work is rated. The items here are considered critical: the title page and reverse, a table of contents, referencing, a bibliography, an index, and acknowledgements. This is the area where often an otherwise excellent work can lose out. Finally the overall impression of the book is considered.

I commend the Family History Writing Group to aspiring authors. This group can also offer advice on organising information prior to starting to write, ideas about 'where to begin' and for advice on the different aspects of publishing.

Once again, the variety of the authors' approaches captured the judges' interest. One of our entrants was inspired by the discovery of boxes of old family letters and papers, and an account book. The letters, written to, from or about Barncleuth, a farming property near Gayndah, span the years 1889 to the mid-1930s. Titled *Lives in Letters*, this book by Patsy Jones gives a

valuable insight into the history of the Cribb family, and to the history of Gayndah.

Pam Eaton chose *Building our Past* for the title of her book about the Robison, Paterson and Bright families. This is appropriate given that John Robison, the family member who emigrated to Australia, was a stonemason. It can sometimes be a challenge to coin a catchy and appropriate title.

In an Afterword to her book, *Together they came: Cork to Queensland*, Patricia Hickey states that her motivation for writing was to compile a 'coherent narrative' from forty years' worth of research and collecting narratives from family members, and she has been very successful in doing just that. Extensive research has revealed the Hickey family origins in County Cork, and questions about extended family links are explored.

Joanna Phillips was intrigued by the story of her great-grandmother, Julia Mansachs who left her home in Denmark in 1874 for life in Australia. The title of her book, *The Danish Girl*, is curiously evocative. Essentially a memoir, this book is attractively presented and very readable. It gives a valuable insight into early Queensland history, and in particular the conditions faced by women on the north Queensland goldfields, and deserves to be widely read.

Circumstance & Choice, compiled by Julie Boardman, is a wonderful collection of information which is without a doubt greatly appreciated by the families for whom it was written. Various family members have contributed memories, and Julie has included numerous photographs and newspaper extracts.

Linda Cartmill tells the story of the Cartmill family's journey from Armagh to Australia in her book, *From Green to Gold*. Her great-grandparents Thomas and Rose Anne Cartmill emigrated to Australia, arriving in Sydney in 1853; their son William brought his large family to Queensland, and it is the story of this branch of the family which comprises the major part of the book.

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I have great pleasure in announcing that Linda Cartmill has won the QFHS Book Award this year for her account of the Cartmill family, *From Green to Gold*. Linda scored well in all areas. Her story is well-constructed and her writing clear and descriptive. The use of a serif font would have added to the ease of reading, but headings and sub-headings are clear and logical. Congratulations Linda.

I would also like to thank our three judges most sincerely for their time and effort. Their assessments are always thoughtful and detailed, and it is instructive to listen to their discussion when the final decision is made. These books will be available to borrow, and I recommend them all to our members.



Linda Cartmill receiving her award from Gayle Thomsett

Gayle Thomsett (Convenor) ■

QLD PRE-SEP GROUP QUEENSLAND DAY EXCURSION TO TRADECOAST CENTRAL HERITAGE PARK, 6.6.2023

After a very interesting talk by Dean Prangley, former president of RHSQ, thirteen of us enjoyed displays inside the Interpretive Centre & then viewed the Women's Prison & Factory site and the Allison engine testing stands from the Centre's balcony. Listening to an audio tour & reading many display panels, we walked the trail through the Women's site before coming 100 years closer to now, and learning about the aircraft, pilots, engineers and support staff who worked here during WWII as we completed the circuit via engine testing stands.

Jenny Davidson & Ann Swain ■



20TH ANNIVERSARY IRISH CELEBRATION

The recent Irish day was a great success. The day started with a morning tea for invited guests and QFHS members, a long awaited chance to catch up again in person.

We were then joined by our online members to listen to Mary King, the inaugural convenor, sharing her reminiscences and insights into Irish research, and words from past convenor Saadia Thomson Dwyer. Tess Elliott delighted the audience with family stories illustrated with photos and accompanied by Irish poetry. Trish Hickey, a foundation member also shared her perspective.

Mary King observed that the Irish group has successfully continued to adapt and evolve to meet member's needs, particularly in recent times of significant change and challenge. Dale Fogarty attributed the success of the group to the active participation of its members and their willingness to share information and help each other.

The QIA Pipe Band, QIA Irish Dancers, and Coolybar with Christina (flute) provided entertainment, while food was provided by Baked Spuds and Ice Cream 4 Me. Children's activities included making leprechaun hat masks and Irish flags, and starting their family tree.

The Irish stand provided information about researching in Ireland. A surname lookup service with printed maps proved to be very popular with those curious to learn about their Irish surname. Enquirers were also advised of the Irish meetings and upcoming Irish Research Day to gain further assistance with their research.

The QFHS stand provided information about its resources, services and special interest groups as well as conducting regular tours of the new research centre.

The Irish Interest Group would like to thank the many volunteers who helped to make the event happen, and those who publicised the event, the Queensland Irish Association (QIA), 4EB Irish Program and ABC 612 Radio.

Finally, we would like to express our appreciation and thanks to the organisations who generously donated prizes for the raffles and gave special offers.

***Dale Fogarty & Amanda Gothard
Irish Interest Group***

Prize Winners:



MyHeritage (1-year Complete Plan)
Torqil McDonald



Irish Ancestors johnngrenham.com
(1-month subscriptions)
Trish Hickey, Lesley Boshammer, Suzanne Schultz



RootsIreland.ie (1-month subscriptions)
Ruth Linde, Anne Mackay



familytreewebinars.com
(1-year membership)
Annette Simpson



Legacy 9.0 software
Kate Peters

3 Irish Genealogy books (QFHS) & Gould voucher



Declan Grimes, Angela Ingram, A. Keating

Genealogy books (QFHS)



Jenni Doolan, Torqil McDonald, Stephanie Ryan

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Invited guests and members



Inaugural convenor Mary King and convenor Dale Fogarty



Suzanne Schultz



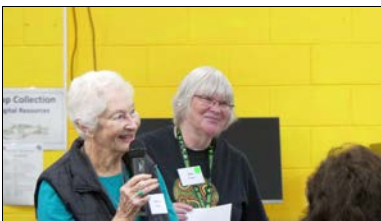
Queensland Irish Association Pipe Band



Past convenor Tess Elliott and Dale Fogarty



Queensland Irish Association Irish Dancers



Trish Hickey and Dale Fogarty



Irish dancers



Coolybar with Christina on flute



Carolyn guiding a tour group



Irish Research Stand ■

WEB LINKS

1871 UK CENSUS HOUSEHOLDS NOW PLOTTED ON MAP EXPLORER™ BY THEGENEALOGIST

The 1871 Census for England, Scotland and Wales has, for the first time, been georeferenced on [TheGenealogist](https://www.thegenealogist.com). Viewing a household record from the 1871 census on TheGenealogist will now show a map pinpointing its location. Clicking through from this preview map opens the powerful Map Explorer™ with its georeferenced modern and historical maps. This then enables subscribers to explore their ancestors' area in much greater detail than on other census sites. Refer for more detail to <https://eogn.com/page-18080/13126658>.

FIVE WELSH COUNTIES TITHE MAPS ARE NOW GEOREFERENCED TO MODERN AND HISTORIC MAPS

You can now explore Wales in the 1830s with the Welsh tithe maps in the Map Explorer™ tool. [TheGenealogist](https://www.thegenealogist.com) has linked the tithe maps for the Welsh counties of *Brecknockshire*, *Flintshire*, *Cardiganshire*, *Denbighshire* and *Monmouthshire* to the Map Explorer™. For the first time TheGenealogist's subscribers are now able to use these Welsh tithe maps, georeferenced to a variety of historic and modern maps. This will allow the researcher to see how the area has developed from Victorian times through to modern day. Refer to <https://eogn.com/page-18080/13146311>.

CORK, IRELAND MOTOR DEALERSHIP ARCHIVE TO BE DONATED TO CITY

The archive of Johnson & Perrott, one of Cork's great family-owned businesses which dates from 1861 when a city centre carriage-building business was acquired by James Johnson, includes company documents, contracts and advertisements, as well as 11 personal diaries and some 200 photographs, negatives and glass plates, providing a fascinating insight into the commercial and social life of the city as transport evolved from horse-drawn carriages to motor cars. Refer to <https://eogn.com/page-18080/13129293>.

UNIVERSITY OF LIMERICK AND GARDA SÍOCHÁNA LAUNCH NEW DIGITISED ARCHIVE

The Glucksman Library and its Special Collections and Archives has been working with An Garda Síochána to digitise the 10-year run of the Garda Review from 1923-1932, and make it accessible via the UL Digital Library. It offers a unique, digital, and fully searchable window into policing in Ireland from the Civil War through to the early Free State, see <https://eogn.com/page-18080/13127468>. Learn about the History of Family at the University of Limerick at <https://eogn.com/page-18080/13146929>.

A TREASURE OF UKRAINIAN CULTURE OPEN TO THE WORLD

Oseredok is digitizing its collection of artifacts, books, artwork and photographs, using the web to broaden its reach. Read an article in the Winnipeg (Canada) Free Press at <https://www.winnipegfreepress.com/arts-and-life/2023/03/06/a-treasure-of-ukrainian-culture-open-to-the-world>. See also [oseredok.ca](https://oseredok.com) under the Collections tab.

FOLD3 ANNOUNCES WAR OF 1812 (USA) PENSION FILES DIGITIZATION MOVES FORWARD!

Ancestry® and the National Genealogical Society® have recently finalized a contract with the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) to resume digitization of 7.2 million pages of the War of 1812 Pension Files. This ongoing project came to a halt during the closure of NARA due to COVID-19. Begun in 2010, so far 83% of these records are recorded. These digitized records are available to view for free on Fold3®. You can read more at <https://blog.fold3.com/war-of-1812-pension-files-digitization-moves-forward>

QUEEN VICTORIA'S FAMILY TREE

Topical now, this article gives information on Queen Victoria's descendants throughout Europe. You can see why she was known as the "Grandmother of Europe". Refer to <https://www.townandcountrymag.com/society/tradition/a43365889/queen-victoria-royal-family-tree/>.

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**1931 CENSUS OF CANADA
WAS RELEASED ON JUNE 1, 2023**

After the legislated 92 years in the vault, the highly anticipated 1931 Census of Canada is now available to the public. Collected during the Great Depression, the census provides a snapshot of the more than 10 million people living in Canada in 1931. You can browse the digitized census images by geographic district and sub-district on the Library and Archives Canada (LAC) website at <https://library-archives.canada.ca/eng>. Following the initial release, LAC will work to create an advanced searchable database for Canadians and those with Canadian heritage who wish to look for their ancestors. More information at <https://eogn.com/page-18080/13133726>.

**MORE THAN 355 SQUARE MILES OF ADDITIONAL
LLOYD GEORGE DOMESDAY RECORDS RELEASED ON
THEGENEALOGIST'S MAP EXPLORER™**

[TheGenealogist](https://www.thegenealogist.co.uk) has once again expanded its Landowner and Occupier Collection with the release of over 134,000 new Lloyd George Domesday land tax records. This latest addition covers more than 355 square miles of *Hertfordshire* and *Bedfordshire*, including areas around *Watford*, *St Albans*, and *Hemel Hempstead*, and extending up to *Luton*, *Dunstable*, and *Toddington*. The records provide a fascinating insight into the lives of our ancestors, enabling researchers to uncover the owners and occupiers of properties between 1910 and 1915, as well as details about the size, state of repair, and value of their homes. There is a list of many areas and a map on the main page. Check the main page to see if your area is listed at <https://eogn.com/page-18080/13109615>. If you are interested in golf read <https://www.thegenealogist.co.uk/featuredarticles/2023/the-seeds-of-the-ryder-cup-in-land-tax-records-for-hertfordshire-1668/>.

FREE IRISH WEBSITES TO HELP YOUR RESEARCH

To help you reconnect and discover more about your Irish family history, we bring you a selection of insights to cover your quest. Refer to https://www.irelandxo.com/ireland-xo/news/researching-your-irish-ancestry?utm_source=Ireland+Reaching+Out.

**EXPLORE STORIES OF MILITARY ANCESTORS,
AND MORE, WITH FINDMYPAST**

New sites and more records added recently: [British Army, Local Armed Forces' Enrolment Forms, Anglo-Boer War 1899-1902](#). [British Army, East Surrey Regiment 1899-1919](#). [British Army, Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment 1901-1918](#). [Military Historical Society Bulletins](#), 2016-2022, these 1,242 new records are PDFs of original bulletins. [Anglo-Boer War Records 1899-1902](#) - 19,117 records added. [Lincolnshire Baptisms](#) - 216,638 new records, covering 1754-1812 and 269 churches and chapels across the county. [Suffolk Marriage Index](#) - 52,387 records, covering 1813-1837 and over 500 churches. [National School Admissions Register](#) - 5,709 more records for *Halifax, Yorkshire*. [Lancashire, Barrow-in-Furness Shipbuilding & Engineering Employees](#) - 96,374 records [Lancashire, Oldham Cemetery Registers 1797-2004 Image Browse](#). [Greater Manchester Rate Books](#) 4.9m new records. [Greater Manchester Rate Books Browse](#) also 215,002 browse-only rate book images. [Oldham Inquisitions, 1905-1917](#) - 749 records. [Scotland, People of Nairnshire](#) - over 4,000 transcriptions from parishes of *Nairn*, *Auldearn*, *Ardclach*, *Cawdor* and *Croy & Dalcross* in the north east of Scotland. [Yorkshire Baptisms](#) - 23,338 new records from the *Sheffield parishes of All Saints and Brightside*.

**NEW RECORDS FOR GUILDS, SOCIETIES AND PEOPLE
OF NOTE RELEASED BY THEGENEALOGIST**

Use these records to reveal names, dates and information about ancestors who were *Freemen* of various towns and cities, *Liverymen*, *Aldermen*, members of the *Masons* and the *Oddfellows*, or who were *Worthies* in their circle. Gathered together under the *Guilds, Societies and People of Note* section of [TheGenealogist's Occupational Records](https://www.thegenealogist.co.uk), this diverse collection can reveal fascinating research clues to work with. Refer to <https://www.eogn.com/page-18080/13213121>.

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

QFHS NOTICES

BEREAVEMENT NOTICES



We extend our deepest sympathy on the following bereavements:

Lawrence Frederick Wolters, member #4849, late of Everton Park, who passed away on 6 March 2023, aged 90 years.

Michael James Hogan, member #3231B, late of Ferny Hills, who passed away on 5 April 2023, aged 83 years.

Les Revell, late of Taigum, husband of past member #2283 Desley Revell, who passed away on 8 May 2023.

Yvonne May Horton (née Nicholson), late of Norman Park, mother and mother-in-law of members #3103 David Horton and Kerry Raymond, who passed away on 19 May 2023.

Maureen Friend, late of Ferny Hills, wife of member #4222 Maurice Friend, who passed away on 27 May 2023.

Trevor Charles Thompson, member #4995, late of Currimundi, who passed away on 4 June, 2023, aged 76 years.

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



LIBRARY ASSISTANTS' TEAM MEETING

Saturday
30 September 2023
10.00 – 11.30 am
Family History Research Centre, Chermside

Come along and learn the latest about QFHS.

Pedestal for the Owl provided by members Alan Bourne and Clem Ditton, to a design by Clem Ditton.

LEARN@QFHS

Further courses will be held ONLINE on the following dates:

Topic: **Ancestors from China**
Date: FRI 11 August 2023
Time: 10.00 am to 11.30 am (online)
Presenter: Jon Kehrer
 (Limit 30 people)

Topic: **Talking About – The Baptists**
Date: WED 23 August 2023 (free)
Time: 10.00 am to 12 noon (online)
Presenter: Eric Kopittke and Rev Dr David Parker
 (Limit 25 people)

Topic: **You've got mail: Cobb & Co**
Date: FRI 8 September 2023
Time: 10.00 am to 11.30 am (online)
Presenter: Eve Terry, NAA
 (Limit 30 people)

Topic: **Talking About – Poetry**
Date: WED 27 September 2023 (free)
Time: 10.00 am to 12 noon (online)
Presenter: Nancy Edwards
 (Limit 25 people)

Topic: **Follow the Gold: Tracing Mining Ancestors in Australia**
Date: FRI 13 October 2023
Time: 10.00 am to 11.30 am (online)
Presenter: Shauna Hicks
 (Limit 40 people)

Topic: **Talking About – Why join a family history society?**
Date: WED 25 October 2023 (free)
Time: 10.00 am to 12 noon (online)
Presenter: Sue Reid
 (Limit 25 people)

Topic: **Who Rocked the Cradle? Women of the Diggings**
Date: FRI 10 November 2023
Time: 10.00 am to 11.30 am (online)
Presenter: Dr Dorothy Wickham
 (Limit 30 people)

Topic: **Talking About – postal and telecommunications**
Date: WED 22 November 2023 (free)
Time: 10.00 am to 12 noon (online)
Presenter: Nancy Edwards
 (Limit 25 people)

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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 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
P O 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.

Irish Research Day



Researching Irish ancestors?

The next Irish Research Day is
Thursday, 9 November 2023

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

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

Work alongside others and help each other as required.

Make a day of it - bring your lunch.

In preparation, we suggest you:

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

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

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

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

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.

QFHS NOTICES (Cont.)

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

Members are invited to submit nominations for the 2023 QFHS Award for Services to Family History. This award is for Queensland Family History Society members only. Usually, up to two awards are presented each year.

An awardee will have made a significant contribution to:

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

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

Nominations close **30 September 2023**. The Awards will be presented at a Volunteers' Thank You function on 4 December 2023.

You can download a nomination form at www.qfhs.org.au/about-us/awards/. Please email your completed nomination form to secretary@qfhs.org.au or send by mail to PO Box 78, Geebung, 4034 and allow seven(7) days for postage. Please include your contact details and membership number.

**JOURNAL ARTICLE OF THE YEAR:
Members' Choice Award
2023**

We will be asking you to vote for your favourite journal article of 2023 after the publication of the November issue.

Please take part and encourage our authors who write our journal stories.

One voter will win the lucky draw.

**QFHS VOLUNTEERS
THANK YOU MORNING TEA**

**MONDAY 4 DECEMBER 2023
10.00 am – 12.00 noon**



**KEDRON-WAVELL SERVICES CLUB,
21 KITTYHAWK DR, CHERMSIDE, Q**

**DO COME ALONG FOR A FRIENDLY
GET-TOGETHER AND MEET OTHER
VOLUNTEERS**

also

**PRESENTATION OF THE QFHS INC.
AWARD FOR SERVICES TO FAMILY
HISTORY 2023**

and

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE JOURNAL
ARTICLE OF THE YEAR 2023
AWARDS**

FHF REALLY USEFUL FAMILY HISTORY SHOW

**Online Event
Friday 17 November 2023 and
Saturday 18 November 2023**

ONLINE EVENT: Participate from Home - WORLDWIDE!

2023



Explore Your
Genealogy



**Friday 17th November 10 am - 10 pm GMT and
Saturday 18th November 10 am - 6 pm GMT**

Refer to <https://www.fhf-reallyuseful.com>.

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QFHS TROUT GAME

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



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

Date: Sunday 22 October 2023

Venue: 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.

NSW & ACT ASSOCIATION OF FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETIES CONFERENCE 2023

Join the Annual Association Conference in 2023 to be hosted by Wyong Family History Group Inc., a family history conference with 15 guest speakers.



Friday 8 September 2023 8:00 am - Sunday 10 September 2023 11:59 am

at the Toukley 50 Plus Leisure Centre, 1 Hargraves St, TOUKLEY NSW 2263.

Fri 8 Sept - The Family History Fair with guest speakers will be held.

Fri 8 Sept - Evening Meet'n'Greet will be held at The Ary, Toukley (RSL) from 5:30-8:30 pm.

Sat 9 Sept - Saturday evening Dinner will be held at The Ary, Toukley from 6:00-11:00 pm.

For more information refer to <https://unpublishedwater.weebly.com/>. ■

NOTE FROM A MEMBER

Marie McCulloch, QFHS member number 6, has corresponded with the Editor in relation to the footnote on page 47 of Vol. 44 No. 2 May 2023 regarding Danish Surnames as follows:

I thought a small note should go in the next journal regarding the fact that Denmark and Sweden were using fixed surnames as early as the 1200s.

In my own family the surname was in general use as early as 1650. In the 1500s Shakespeare used Danish surnames in his plays so there is ample evidence of the general trend. It was only in the 19th century that it was considered necessary for everyone to have a fixed surname. ■

VALE - TREVOR CHARLES THOMPSON

Trevor Charles Thompson, #4995, late of Currimundi, passed away on 4 June, 2023. He was a well-loved member of our English West Country SIG at QFHS. Whilst he hadn't partaken in Zoom meetings during the last 6 months, his work for the group in the previous 12 years was invaluable. He helped us put our members' research interests up on the QFHS website from 2017 onwards; he maintained the membership list for our group; he was willing to share research techniques; we enjoyed his photos from travels in North Queensland; he was a great help with Open Day displays; and his tireless search to finally successfully identify his ancestor **Jonathan Thompson** was an example to us all. We are so glad he finished his family history write-up. Trevor was such a nice person and we're all richer for having known him. He will be sorely missed.

Jenny Davidson
Convenor, English West Country SIG ■

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

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

FAMILY HISTORY WRITING GROUP



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

16 September 2023 18 November 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:

12 August 2023 14 October 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:

28 September 2023 23 November 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:

9 September 2023 11 November 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:

17 September 2023 19 November 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:

23 September 2023 25 November 2023

A \$2 donation goes towards purchasing relevant records.

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

Eric Kopitke & Noel Bergman
(Convenors)



FAMILY TREE MAKER USER GROUP

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

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

Fri 4 August 2023
Sat 2 September 2023
Fri 6 October 2023
Sat 4 November 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:

5 August 2023	Beginners
2 September 2023	Advanced
7 October 2023	Beginners
4 November 2023	Advanced

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

Chris Schuetz & Ann Swain
(Convenors)

COLONIAL INDIA AND THE FAR EAST GROUP

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

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

13 August 2023	8 October 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:

6 August 2023
3 September 2023
1 October 2023
5 November 2023

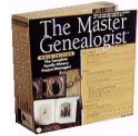
For further information please email familyhistorian@qfhs.org.au.

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:

17 August 2023
21 September 2023
19 October 2023
16 November 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:

Sat 9 September 2023

Fri 8 December 2023 Excursion, see below.

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

Ann Swain & Jenny Davidson
(Convenors)

PRE-SEPARATION GROUP TOUR OF COMMISSARIAT STORE 8 DECEMBER 2023

This guided tour, focusing on pre-separation times and the time of separation from NSW, will commence at 11:00 a.m. and take approximately 1½ hours. New exhibits will also be viewed. The cost will be \$10 adult, \$8 concession, or free for RHSQ members. Please pay at reception on arrival, at 10:45 a.m. (20 people maximum).

The Commissariat store, in William St, is the headquarters of the Royal Historical Society of Queensland. If interested in this tour please email presep@qfhs.org.au to register, so that the appropriate numbers of volunteer guides can be arranged by RHSQ.

Public transport is recommended.

DATES TO REMEMBER

DATE	ACTIVITY	VENUE	TIME
AUGUST 2023 – AFFHO National Family History Month			
Friday	4 Family Tree Maker User Group (<i>See p.114</i>)	Online	10.00 - 11.30 am
Saturday	5 DNA Interest Group (<i>See p.115</i>)	Check website	1.30 - 3.30 pm
Sunday	6 Family Historian Software User Group (<i>See p.115</i>)	Online	1.00 – 3.00 pm
Friday	11 Learn@QFHS: <i>Ancestors from China</i> (<i>See p.110</i>)	Online	10.00 - 11.30 am
Saturday	12 Irish Interest Group (<i>See p.114</i>)	Online	10.30 - 12.30 pm
Sunday	13 Colonial India and The Far East Group (<i>See p.115</i>)	Check website	10.30 – noon
Wednesday	16 BRISBANE EKKA HOLIDAY – RESEARCH CENTRE OPEN		
Thursday	17 The Master Genealogist (TMG) User Group (<i>See p.115</i>)	Online	7.00 - 8.30 pm
Saturday	19 New Members' Welcome & Orientation Session (<i>See p.118</i>)	Online	9.30 - 12.30 pm
SEPTEMBER 2023			
Saturday	2 Family Tree Maker User Group (<i>See p.114</i>)	Online	10.00 - 11.30 am
Saturday	2 DNA Interest Group (<i>See p.115</i>)	Check website	1.30 - 3.30 pm
Sunday	3 Family Historian Software User Group (<i>See p.115</i>)	Online	1.00 – 3.00 pm
Friday	8 Learn@QFHS: <i>You've got mail: Cobb & Co</i> (<i>See p.110</i>)	Online	10.00 - 11.30 am
Saturday	9 Scottish Interest Group (<i>See p.114</i>)	Check website	10.00 – noon
Saturday	9 Pre-Separation Group (<i>See p.115</i>)	Online	1.30 – 3.30 pm
Wed	13 Bi-annual General Meeting	Hybrid	7.30 – 9.00 pm
Friday	15 New Members' Welcome & Orientation Session (<i>See p.118</i>)	Online	10.00 - 1.00 pm
Saturday	16 Family History Writing Group (<i>See p.114</i>)	Online	9.00 - 11.30 am
Sunday	17 Welsh Interest Group (<i>See p.114</i>)	Check website	10.00 – noon
Thursday	21 The Master Genealogist (TMG) User Group (<i>See p.115</i>)	Online	7.00 - 8.30 pm
Saturday	23 Central European Group (<i>See p.114</i>)	Check website	10.00 – noon
Thursday	28 English West Country Group (<i>See p.114</i>)	Online	noon - 2.00 pm
Saturday	30 Library Assistants' team meeting (<i>See p.110</i>)	Check website	10.00 - 11.30 am
Saturday	30 CLOSING DATE QFHS Award for Services to Family History 2024 Nominations		
OCTOBER 2023			
Sunday	1 Family Historian Software User Group (<i>See p.115</i>)	Online	1.00 – 3.00 pm
Monday	2 KING'S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY – RESEARCH CENTRE CLOSED FOR RESEARCH		
Friday	6 Family Tree Maker User Group (<i>See p.114</i>)	Online	10.00 - 11.30 am
Saturday	7 DNA Interest Group (<i>See p.115</i>)	Check website	1.30 - 3.30 pm
Sunday	8 Colonial India and The Far East Group (<i>See p.115</i>)	Check website	10.30 – noon
Friday	13 Learn@QFHS: <i>Follow the Gold: Tracing Mining Ancestors in Australia</i> (<i>See p.110</i>)	Online	10.00 - 11.30 am
Saturday	14 Irish Interest Group (<i>See p.114</i>)	Online	10.30 - 12.30 pm
Thursday	19 The Master Genealogist (TMG) User Group (<i>See p.115</i>)	Online	7.00 - 8.30 pm
Saturday	21 New Members' Welcome & Orientation Session (<i>See p.118</i>)	Online	9.30 - 12.30 pm
NOVEMBER 2023			
Saturday	4 Family Tree Maker User Group (<i>See p.114</i>)	Online	10.00 - 11.30 am
Saturday	4 DNA Interest Group (<i>See p.115</i>)	Check website	1.30 - 3.30 pm
Thursday	9 IRISH RESEARCH DAY (<i>See p.111</i>)	Research Centre	10.00 – 3.00 pm
Friday	10 Learn@QFHS: <i>Who Rocked the Cradle? Women of the Diggings</i> (<i>See p.110</i>)	Online	10.00 - 11.30 am
Thursday	30 CLOSING DATE for QFHS Book Award 2024		

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.

MEMBERS' LOUNGE DATES

DATE	ACTIVITY	VENUE	TIME
AUGUST 2023 National Family History Month			
<i>Socials this month – Coffee and Sharing Stories – theme TBA</i>		<i>Check website</i>	
Thursday	10 What's New in Family History?	Hybrid	7.30 – 9.30 pm
Wednesday	16 Presenting... <i>Finding your Norwegian ancestors in digital archives and library collections.</i> <i>Speaker Dr Hilda Maclean (Evening)</i>	Hybrid	7.30 – 9.30 pm
Wednesday	23 Talking About – <i>The Baptists (See p.110)</i>	Online	10.00 – noon
Tuesday	29 Family History Toolkit	Hybrid	10.00 – 11.30 am
SEPTEMBER 2023			
<i>Socials this month – Let's go together to the State Library</i>		<i>Check website</i>	
Monday	4 What's New in Family History?	Hybrid	7.30 – 9.30 pm
Wed	13 Bi-annual General Meeting	Hybrid	7.30 – 9.00 pm
Wednesday	20 Presenting... <i>The wreck of the Charles Eaton in North Queensland (1834), and the tragic fate of the D'Oyly family.</i> <i>Speaker: Professor Gary Crew (Afternoon)</i>	Hybrid	1.00 – 3.00 pm
Tuesday	26 Book Club -Local Histories	Hybrid	10.00 – 11.30 am
Wednesday	27 Talking About – <i>Poetry (See p.110)</i>	Online	10.00 – noon
OCTOBER 2023			
<i>Socials this month – We're off to see a film – date TBA</i>		<i>Check website</i>	
Monday	2 What's New in Family History?	Hybrid	10.00 – 11.30 am
Wednesday	18 Presenting... <i>Hello World: Pre-separation – Queensland communicates.</i> <i>Speaker: Dr Jennifer Harrison (Evening)</i> And presentation of Pre-Separation Certificates	Hybrid	7.30 – 9.30 pm
Sunday	22 Trout Game (See p.113)	Research Centre	10.00 – 4.00 pm
Wednesday	25 Talking About – <i>Why join a family history society? (See p.110)</i>	Online	10.00 – noon
Tuesday	31 Family History Toolkit	Hybrid	7.30 – 9.30 pm
NOVEMBER 2023			
<i>Socials this month – what will it be?</i>		<i>Check website</i>	
Monday	6 What's New in Family History?	Hybrid	7.30 – 9.30 pm
Wednesday	15 Presenting... <i>The Biographical Database of Australia.</i> <i>Speaker: Ann Swain (Afternoon)</i> Christmas meeting – please bring a plate for afternoon tea	Hybrid	1.00 -3.00 pm
Wednesday	22 Talking About – <i>Postal and telecommunications (See p.110)</i>	Online	10.00 – noon
Tuesday	28 Book Club – Historical fiction	Hybrid	7.30 – 9.00 pm
DECEMBER 2023			
Monday	4 QFHS Volunteer's Thank you Morning Tea, and Presentation of QFHS Inc. Award for Services to Family History, and Announcement of the Journal Article of the Year Awards	Kedron-Wavell RSL	10.00 – noon

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

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS of QFHS INC.

Membership numbers 6584 – 6633 including members who joined up to 30/6/22:

ANDERSEN Rod, Wilston, QLD
 BERTHELSEN Kath, Claremont, TAS
 BEST Helen, Highgate Hill, QLD
 BOND Maureen, Dutton Park, QLD
 BORRELL Denise, Ascot, 4007
 BURCHARDT Alexandrina, Geebung, QLD
 BURNETT Lyn, Kippa-Ring, QLD
 CLARK-DICKSON Deborah, Clayfield, QLD
 DOOLAN Jenni, Burpengary, QLD
 EVANS Maree, Whittlesea, VIC
 FEAR Joanna, Coorparoo, QLD
 FOLEY Suzanne, Gordon Park, QLD
 FORSYTHE Kerry-Anne, Paddington, QLD
 FOSTER Michele, Paddington, QLD
 GEHRKE Peter, Pullenvale, QLD
 GOODMANSON Sue, Rothwell, QLD
 HALKET Deb, Buderim, QLD
 HARDCASTLE Lavinia, Nundah, QLD
 HARRIS Brian, Kangaroo Point, QLD
 HOLTHAM Julie, Humpty Doo, NT
 JOHNSTON Alan, St Lucia, QLD
 JOHNSTON Dianne, Narangba, QLD
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 KELLY Marilyn, Warwick, QLD
 MacTAGGART Terry, Aspley, QLD
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 MOLLENHAUER Leonie,
 Bridgeman Downs, QLD
 MOLONEY Pamela, Robertson, QLD
 MOORE Claire, New Farm, QLD
 MURCOTT Janette, Craiglie, NTH QLD
 O'CONNOR Caitlin, Clifford Gardens, QLD
 PETERSEN John, Macgregor, QLD
 POUND Genevieve, Frankston, VIC
 QUIRK Michael, Bundaberg, QLD
 ROMANO Sally, Paddington, QLD
 SMART Darlene, Sandgate, QLD
 SMITH Erica, Narangba, QLD
 STAGG Helen, Lockleys, SA
 STEFFENSEN Sandra, Kingaroy, QLD
 STEWART Rosalie, Tewantin, QLD
 TURK Nikki, Bomaderry, NSW
 WAGNER Raeleen & David, Strathpine, QLD
 WAKABAYASHI Judy, Fitzgibbon, QLD
 WEBSTER Anne, Zillmere, QLD
 WIENERT Jason, Oxley, QLD

WILLIAMS Wayne, Jamboree Heights, QLD
 WYLIE Dornell, Hendra, QLD
 YEO Mary-Anne, Marion, SA

Welcome back to the following members who are rejoining:

ASPINALL Benjamin, Grange, QLD
 CASS Pauleen, Buderim, QLD
 GATEHOUSE Wendy, Bald Hills, QLD
 GILES Beryl, Roma, QLD
 GRECO Vanessa, Stafford Heights, QLD
 HOLT Maureen, Ferny Grove, QLD
 HYSON Kym, Stafford, 4053
 McKAY Diane, Boondall, QLD
 SULLIVAN Maria, Brookfield, QLD
 VESEY Maureen, Geebung, 4034 ■

NEW MEMBERS' WELCOME & ORIENTATION SESSIONS

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

FRIDAY
 (At 10.00 am)

SATURDAY
 (At 9.30 am)

15 September 2023
17 November 2023

19 August 2023
21 October 2023
17 February 2024

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

BOOKINGS: *Essential*

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

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



TIME TO SMILE:

A cousin a day keeps the boredom away.

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ABOUT THE SOCIETY

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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/;
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Dual Membership (p.a.)	\$105
Associate Membership (p.a.)	\$105
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Dual members are two members with one registered address. Dual members receive one journal only, sent to the registered address, and have one vote only at General Meetings.

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

RESEARCH CENTRE HOURS (ALL AEST)

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays:	10 am – 3 pm
Saturdays:	10 am – 3 pm
Sundays	Closed

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

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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.114, or *Dates to Remember* on p.116 of this issue.

Presenting...MONTHLY GUEST SPEAKERS

2023

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.

SEPTEMBER 20 (1.00 pm)

Presenting...*The wreck of the Charles Eaton, North Queensland (1834) and the tragic fate of the D'Oyly family*

Gary Crew is Emeritus Professor of Creative Writing at the University of the Sunshine Coast. Internationally, he has published over 80 novels and illustrated books for mature readers, and has won the Children's Book Council of Australia's Book of the Year four times. The barque, *Charles Eaton*, bound for India, foundered off Northern Queensland in 1834. Passengers and crew escaped on two rafts, only to fall into the hands of Torres Strait Islanders. The D'Oyly family (Captain Thomas D'Oyly, his wife Charlotte and their two sons) were captured. The adults were beheaded, the boys sold, but successfully adopted into island families. Gary Crew has written several books on this fascinating though little mentioned narrative of colonial Queensland.

OCTOBER 18 (7.30 pm)

Presenting...*Hello World: Pre-separation – Queensland communicates*

And Presentation Of Pre-Separation Certificates

This time Jennifer Harrison's presentation will concentrate on how as part of New South Wales, this rapidly developing area kept in touch with the rest of the globe. Subjects considered will be newspapers, postal services, coastal shipping, the 1846 and 1851 census and electoral rolls. Come back to the pre-1859 years and reflect on the support systems to conquer lonely isolation available to the thousands of incomers, both from other colonies and overseas locations.

NOVEMBER 15 (1.00 pm)

Presenting...*The Biographical Database of Australia*

Christmas Meeting – Please bring a plate for Afternoon Tea

Ann Swain will show us The Biographical Database of Australia, a collection of references in biographical and other records to deceased Australians. It evolved from the Australian Biographical & Genealogical Record, the first volume of which was published in 1985. The BDA launched as an internet-based database in 2013 with approximately 500,000 records and now includes approximately 2,200,000 records. A key feature is the linking of multiple records for a person to form a referenced timeline (a Biographical Report) for the individual. This talk includes the background to the BDA; who the database covers; the sources of information; and the use and benefits of the database in family research, through examples.

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