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



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COVER PHOTOGRAPH

Mary street, Gympie, 1867.

*Heinrich Müller Photographic Artist, State Library of Queensland Collections, JOL;
<https://collections.slg.qld.gov.au/viewer/IE4327217>, Accession no. 29467.*

Photograph provided by David Huggonson. See story on p.124.

THE LIFE AND TIMES OF HEINRICH (HENRY) MÜLLER, PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTIST (1830-1910)

By David Huggonson

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Frederick Charles Heinrich Müller arrived in Melbourne in 1853 from Hamburg, on board *Wilhemsberg*. He was born in Plön in the Duchies of Schleswig-Holstien and possibly left after Prussia invaded in 1850.

He married a German immigrant in Sydney, named **Wilhelmine Henrietta Tiedemann**. Wilhelmine had migrated alone as a single woman on the Danish barque, *PC Kinch*, which arrived in Melbourne on 7 November 1859. The ship's captain was fined in the Williamstown Police Court for having 32 passengers in excess of the number allowed under passenger regulations. Wilhelmine was from the German port of Cuxhaven on the North Sea Coast located above Bremerhaven. She had family in Melbourne but they moved to Sydney, where she met her future husband.

The Müllers moved to Yass in 1860 and later to Forbes and the upper Hunter Valley.

In 1866, the family moved to Toowoomba, where Heinrich anglicised his name to **Henry Muller**. He operated a photographic studio in Ruthven Street (opposite the School of Arts). The only known surviving photograph taken by Henry Muller in Toowoomba is an unidentified studio portrait of a young woman. The Art Gallery of NSW purchased the carte-de-visite image in 2014. The back of the photograph contains Henry Muller's business details.



Untitled, Henry Müller, 1868. [ACC 418.2014](#), [Art Gallery New South Wales open in new](#).

Robert Leck introduced the carte-de-visite technique to Sydney in 1859, and **William Blackwell** brought it to Brisbane in 1862. Cartes from the 1860s had square corners and are thinner than those made after 1870. Vignetted portraits indicate an 1870s date, and the diamond cameo, in which four photographs appear on the one carte, is almost certainly 1865-66. Most cartes are found in albums specially designed to house them.

The State Library of Queensland holds a small leather-bound album of 10 photographs that Muller took in the early days of the Gympie Goldfield. The album is entitled *Gympie Goldfields Album 1867-1868*. Henry Muller also made photographic trips to Mt Morgan and later to Cooktown, but no images of these trips have been located.

The State Library of Queensland also holds an album of his photographs entitled *The Davenport Album*, which was originally presented to the Downs Club in Toowoomba by G H Davenport on his departure for England in 1877. A number of images can be credited to Henry Muller.

While living in Toowoomba the Mullers had four sons and a daughter. **Charles Albert Muller** became a doctor in Sydney. *The Sydney Morning Herald* reported his death on 24 September 1932. He was aged 66 years. **Percy Muller** also became a doctor and practiced in Lismore for 25 years before taking up sheep breeding in the Orange district. He had three sons; **Raymond** and **Harold**, who became doctors and **Alwyn** who was a dental surgeon. Lismore's *Northern Star* newspaper reported on Percy's death on 6 October 1948, page 4.

The Muller family moved to Brisbane in 1874. According to Mrs Muller's obituary located via NLA Trove website the couple lost one son, **Ernest Augustus** who was born in 1867 but died aged 27 years in 1894. He is commemorated along with his father on a plaque on his mother's grave at Brisbane's Toowong Cemetery.

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The *Queenslander* of 12 November 1910, reported Henry Muller's death in Sydney's St Vincent Hospital. He was aged 80 years and had lived for a number of years at 'Leichhardt House' in Peel Street, South Brisbane.

At the time of Wilhelmine's death in 1915 her daughter, **Elizabeth** was married to **Walter Jackson**. They lived on a property at King's Creek located near Toowoomba.

The author would be grateful for details of any other photographs taken by Henry Muller during his career or any additional information about him or his family.

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Obituary, Mrs Henry Muller, 2 July 1915, *The Week, Brisbane*, p.28.

Marriage notice Jackson-Muller which appeared in *Family notices*, *Brisbane Courier*, 27 August 1897, p.4.

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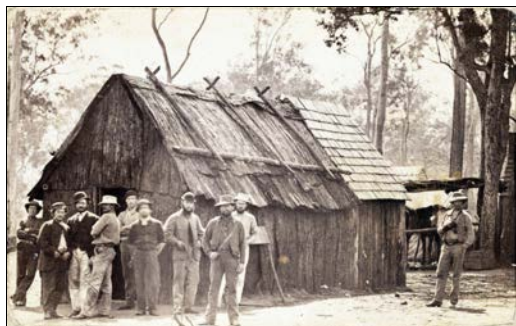
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Heinrich Muller Photographic Artist
State Library of Queensland Collections, JOL

Author/Creator : [Müller, Heinrich](#)

- [Gympie Goldfield Album 1867-1868](#)
- [Davenport Album 1877](#)

Toowoomba Ruthven Street Photographic Studio



Miners hut, Gympie Goldfield 1868
courtesy SLQ

(Photographs provided by the author)

Toowoomba Photographic and Portrait Gallery,

Nearly Opposite the School of Arts,
RUTHVEN STREET.

H. MULLER

BEGS respectfully to intimate to the inhabitants of Toowoomba and surrounding districts, that he will shortly open the above Establishment in which he will carry on the Photographic Business in all its branches. Parties intending to have their Carte de Visites taken would do well to wait and give him a call, when they shall have a first-class Likeness at a Reasonable Price.

In addition to the above, he intends opening the finest assortment of the best Tobacco, Cigars, Pipes, and a variety of other things too numerous to mention, which he will sell at a shade over cost price.

1866 'Advertising', *The Darling Downs Gazette and General Advertiser*
(Toowoomba, Qld: 1858 - 1880), 31 March, p.1,
<http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article75516892>

Portraits! Portraits!!

H. MULLER, PHOTOGRAPHER, has returned to Toowoomba for a short time.
PHOTOGRAPHS taken at **REDUCED PRICES**.
VIEWS of **TOOWOOMBA** and **ABORIGINAL PHOTOGRAPHS FOR SALE**.

RUTHVEN-STREET.

1869 'Advertising', *The Darling Downs Gazette and General Advertiser*
(Toowoomba, Qld: 1858 - 1880), 15 May, p.2,
<http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article75458891>



Shop of Freeston & Kidgell Drapers and Outfitters, Gympie Town 1868, courtesy SLQ



Nash's Gully, Gympie Goldfields 1868,
courtesy SLQ ■

FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

2024-2025 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

A Management Committee of 10 members was elected at the Annual General Meeting held in hybrid fashion on 19 June 2024. For a variety of personal reasons, five key members of the retiring committee did not stand for re-election. We are grateful that they are continuing their active involvement in operational areas of their choosing. Continuing committee members Carmel Bell, Lyndal Cosgrove, Clem Ditton and Charlotte Sale have been joined by Greg Crawford, Dette Glendale, John Haberecht and Lyn Hooper who can ably represent particular activities within the Society. Our new Treasurer Graeme Drew is displaying the breadth of financial and committee experience.

Unfortunately, no one was nominated for the essential position of Secretary. At a Special Management Committee meeting held on 30 June Lyndal Cosgrove accepted appointment as Secretary in an acting capacity whilst we continue to appeal for someone else with administrative skills and experience to offer their services. We continue to trust that amongst our members a kind soul will seek to find satisfaction of volunteering in this role. The position is currently ably supported by Susie der Kinderen as Assistant Secretary – Correspondence and Barbara Richardson as Minutes Secretary.

At the Management Committee meeting of 8 August I was appointed President leaving the Vice-President position, to which I was elected, vacant. That the Society is well governed is vital, and whilst it continues to be well governed some complacency amongst members is understandable. However, our Society is not immune from misfortune or worse if members show little concern in its management. A broadly representative Management Committee with members willing to fill key positions is in member's best interests.

RESEARCH CENTRE DELAWARE STREET, CHERMSIDE

The securing of the four-year lease from 6 March 2024 has already been widely celebrated. However, at the time of writing

the lease has only recently reached the Titles Office for registration. That final step has slowed down our dealings with Brisbane City Council. Reinstallation of the air conditioning units in a secure location remains our highest priority. Other improvements to the premises which were outlined in the 2023-2024 Annual Report will follow as soon as possible.

NEW CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Member input on the draft Constitution through written comment and at the Member Consultation meeting held over two nights 28 August and 4 September was much appreciated by the Constitution Review Subcommittee. Consideration is being given to some of the more contentious issues. The intention is that a final draft will be prepared to put to a Special General Meeting before the end of the year. The date is yet to be set.

WEBSITE AND IT UPDATE.

A comprehensive update of the Society's website by the Technical Advisory Group is proceeding well. The changes will incorporate new functionality to allow the implementation of better security and pathways for growth. The first steps will see the implementation of a membership management component, and an updated shop function on a Wordpress platform. Following that is a Calendar and Events management solution that is expected to lead to some cost savings. The final piece to move will probably be Datasearch. Also underway is the plan to migrate our Library catalogue system V-Library to a managed version of the open-source product known as Koha.

The Local Area Network is ageing, and new technology is forcing us to move to new hardware as the old hardware is wearing out, and it is increasingly difficult to replace like for like. Therefore, upgrades are planned. The in-house menu system is being redeveloped because it is currently based on software products that are no longer supported and to ensure that it can run on new versions of the operating systems that are likely to be acquired.

Kevin Haley president@qfhs.org.au ■

HARD WORK, CONFUSION AND SMILES

By Syd Ryder

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Rather than reflect on those who served, I thought I would share these two humorous events.

My aunt and uncle operated a laundry which was in Lancaster Road opposite the entrance to the Ascot racecourse; this later was renamed Eagle Farm.

The Ascot and Doomben racecourses became army camps for US troops from 1941 until 1945; they were known as Camp Ascot and Camp Doomben.

With the establishment of these camps came the opportunity for my aunt and uncle to create a laundry business. The actual timing of this is unclear.

It was hard work seven days a week with long hours as troops rotated through the camp.

The work had become overwhelming, and it was decided to take a break and have a week off.

A common feature with buildings at the time was a French Window above a door and this presented an opportunity for it to be used as a drop off chute when the laundry was closed.

A sign was attached to the door to the effect of "Laundry can be put through the window, see you later" and off they went for some R&R.

They expected a few items for laundry may have been dropped off. However, to their shock and horror the laundry dropped off had piled up from the floor and was hanging out of the window.

The hard work now really began as they had a week's laundry with more coming in to be completed.

Confusion was about to start. A common army saying "No names No pack drill" was about to kick in as items dropped off were not recorded so owners were not identified. With constant troop movements there was an urgency for soldiers to have their pack ready to move at all times.

With soldiers shipping out and desperate to get their uniforms the confusion was significant.

Desperate soldiers took any item displaying their unit insignias and worried about sizes later.

My aunt and uncle often smiled when they described the sights of men, some with shirts too big while others were too small.

ooOoo

My mother-in-law worked in the ammunition factory of Metal Products which was in Sandgate Road, Breakfast Creek.

Workers were supplied with a uniform blazoned with the company initials MP.

She would often give a grin when she spoke about the number of occasions military personnel of all persuasions confused the workers MP uniform as being the Military Police, resulting in pleasantries and special attention on transport and service given.

Both experiences displayed hard work, confusion, and many smiles. ■

Public Notice Database (Search for a Notice)

The Public Notice Database contains a record of notices of intention to apply for a grant of probate or letters of administration, in relation to deceased estates, lodged in the Supreme Court of Queensland, published in the *Queensland Law Reporter* ("QLR") since 1 January 2012. For notices published prior to 1 January 2012, the [Supreme Court Library Queensland](#) has physical copies of the QLR dating back to 1908, which can be accessed by members of the public any time between 8:30 am to 4:30 pm on Mondays to Fridays.

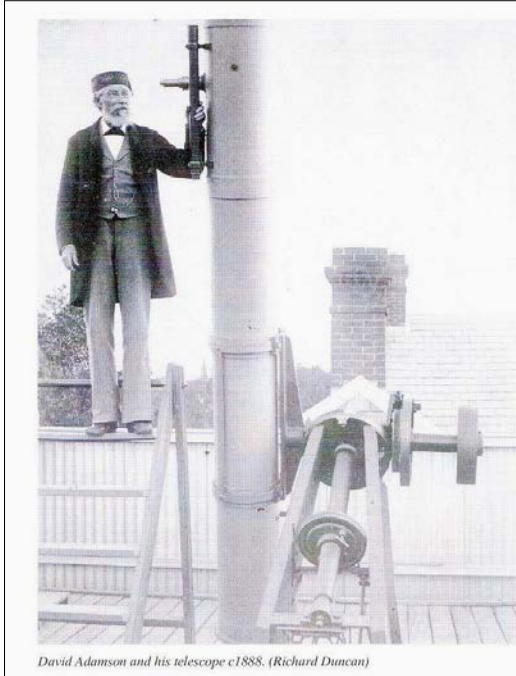
Search the list from 1 January 2012 at <https://www.queenslandreports.com.au/qlr/public-notice-database> where you can search by name.

THIS ANCESTOR HAD A LARGE FAMILY

By Robert Adamson

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Among his many attributes, my great-great-uncle **David Beveridge Adamson** was a whizz at building precision scientific instruments.



David Adamson and his telescope c1888. (Richard Duncan)

In 1847, at 24 years old, and just eight years after arriving in Adelaide with his parents from Scotland, it was reported:

‘A young citizen, named David Adamson, residing in Hanson-street, has just completed a seraphine [a reed instrument like a harmonium] of excellent tone and construction.

The seraphine was exhibited later that year at the opening of the State Library.’

And later:

‘David Adamson built his first telescope of significant size (a Gregorian telescope) some time in the early 1860s. It was displayed at a ‘Bazaar and Polytechnic’ for the North Adelaide Congregational Church in 1866. [He even ground the lenses].’

So, who was this technical whizz with a large family?

Two years after this first exhibition, in November 1849, David married **Emma Golding La Vence**. He was 26 and she 18. (She appears to have put up her age to 20 for her marriage certificate). Granddaughter **Myrtle Robinson** recalls her mother saying that David first saw Emma standing at the ‘station’ - perhaps the coaching station - and read her name on her luggage. He was intrigued with her name and determined to get to know her. Romance followed.

The La Vence family had come to South Australia from Kent in the same year as the Adamsons. They arrived on the ship *Hooghly* from London in June 1839 as assisted emigrants.

David and Emma had a large family, even by the customs of the day. They had fifteen children during the period 1851 to 1876 (two died as infants.) They lived in Angas Street, central Adelaide; their house was just around the corner from the family agricultural implement business in Hanson Street. David’s brother Adam lived next door.

All but one of their children married and had families of their own. Imagine keeping track of 44 grandchildren, in families ranging from two to ten! Little is known about Emma’s life, it’s all David.

Emma died in February 1880. Long-term family friend, **Rev. F.W. Cox** noted the sad occasion in his diary:

‘Adamson Mrs D.B. This morning **Rachel** brought in the paper with an exclamation ‘O, Pa, Mrs Adamson died this morning of heart disease.’

David Adamson surprised his family and friends by remarrying - to a very much younger woman. He wed **Mary Ann Humphris** in December 1882, in Stow Memorial Congregational Church. He was 59; she gave her age as 33, but this appears to have been put up from her true age of 26. Perhaps this was out of deference to her new

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step-children - no doubt she wished to appear older than **James**, the eldest.

They had one child who died in infancy.

In June 1891, David developed heart trouble. Rev. Cox's diary again:

'Adamson D.B. Heard that his illness was very grave... He was quite conscious but unable to speak much. The family consider the case hopeless. ... He is 69 years old.'

David rallied for a few days but died on 23 June 1891. His lengthy obituary appeared in the *Observer* (of which this is part):

'THE LATE MR D.B. ADAMSON - The announcement of the death of this well-known citizen and old colonist will be received with great regret by the very large circle of friends amidst which he has moved for so many years, as he was regarded as one of the most straight-forward, useful and practical men of business in the community, and a scientific as well as mechanical genius. Mr Adamson was born in 1823 in Hawick, Scotland, and came out here with his father and brothers [and sisters!] on the ship *Recovery* in September 1839.

His father established the business in Hanson-street, which was after conducted by the Adamson Brothers with so much success that the agricultural machinery that they manufactured acquired a high reputation throughout the colony, so much so that it became a saying that 'Adamson's machines never gave the country blacksmith a living for repairs' they were so well and strongly constructed. Mr D.B. Adamson remained in business with his brother Adam for some 25 years

The deceased gentleman studied science and mechanics for the love of knowledge; he showed peculiar gifts, immovable patience, inexhaustible energy and took great enthusiasm in whatever he undertook. In the course of his long and useful career he formed a valuable collection of scientific instruments, mechanical appliances and curious toys, designed and made by himself, and his friends have always accounted it a great privilege to visit his museum. His faculty for scientific research was of no ordinary kind; it was inventive and creative to a high degree.



Emma Adamson c1850. Artist unknown but probably James H. Adamson. (Tom Hall)



David Adamson c1850. Artist unknown but probably James H. Adamson. (Tom Hall)

THIS ANCESTOR HAD A LARGE FAMILY (Cont.)

Some years ago he made a very fine Gregorian telescope and also a Newtonian one... He took an active interest in philosophical and kindred institutions and was for twenty years a valuable member of the organization which is now known as the Royal Society of South Australia. [This organization still exists]. On many occasions he read instructive papers, delivered speeches upon subjects connected with the sciences he studied, but he never went outside this particular circle to enter public life, being content to devote himself to his cherished pursuits.'

I like the Victorian reporter's style!

A most interesting, prolific branch on the family tree.

(photographs provided by the author) ■



David Adamson's restored telescope, displayed at Adelaide Museum 2012

IS VOLUNTEERING AT QFHS FOR YOU?

If you've thought about volunteering and never done it, **what's stopping you?**

No time? This is a problem for many of us but it is possible to suit tasks to your availability or to break tasks down to share. We value our volunteers' time and want the experience to be enjoyable, not stressful. As well as the time estimates provided in individual role descriptions on our website: <https://www.qfhs.org.au/join-us/volunteers/>.

Do I have the right skills? There is a great variety of tasks and roles within the society. The role and team descriptions on <https://www.qfhs.org.au/join-us/volunteers/> describe the skills and qualities we need. Perhaps you could transfer experience from your working life or expand your skills by working with a team that could train you. Or, you could start in one role and move to another as you gain confidence. By the way, we also support training that helps with your role.

What's the environment like? You can be sure that other volunteers you encounter share your interest in family history which is a great basis for building friendships and sharing tasks in a team reinforces this. Having recently secured a lease with the BCC we are adding to our renovated premises with further projects to improve member comfort. There are also regular social events.

What about safety? QFHS takes the safety of its volunteers seriously. We hold regular training sessions covering fire safety, cyber security and other related matters. We hold volunteers' insurance and public liability and have a program that ensures the building and equipment used is properly maintained.

What if it doesn't suit me? We try to understand volunteers' interests and abilities and match them with suitable roles/tasks. However, if things aren't working out as you'd hoped, please don't hesitate to contact Caroline Brudell, the Volunteer Coordinator, at volunteering@qfhs.org.au for a confidential chat. ■

A HOME-GROWN MONARCH OF THE QUEEN'S STATE

By Dornell Wylie

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Hoop Pine Discovery Day 21 September 1824

Tuesday September 21, 1824:

Oxley: 'We penetrated through a very thick brush abounding with stately and magnificent pines, which towered far above the other timber of the hill. Mr C(unningham) procured a couple of young cones, which satisfactorily demonstrated that the tree which had excited so much admiration was an entirely new species of the genus *Auricularis* (*Araucaria*). To this stately tree Mr C gave the name of the Brisbane pine.'

Cunningham: 'Hitherto in our examination of this River, we have been only gratified with a distant view of the Pine; immediately we approached one of magnificent stature, **the Monarch of these woods**. It was a healthy well-grown Tree, exceeding 120 feet in height with a trunk 3'6" diam. It was totally impossible not to halt a few moments to admire this noble tree.'

Son of a logger, from his early teens Gary Bacon went out to help as a 'bluetonguer', (doer of tough jobs). He says a tree is his favourite biota and took us on a virtual tour of Australia to see where different species were found. He points out the benefits of trees in social, environmental and economic terms. Surprisingly, Russia has the largest expanse (25%) of the world's forests. Gary described with passion the different species, pointing out that because of the measured benefits of green growth, there are now moves to recreate forests on high-rise buildings.

Gary elaborated on the botanical exploration of Joseph Banks, (who accompanied Cook in 1770), Robert Brown (who circumnavigated Australia with Flinders), and Allan Cunningham. (who came to Brisbane with Oxley in 1824). Gary's enthusiasm was evident in every word and movement (he stood to illustrate size and detail). He showed an illustration of Australia's first prefabricated building at Redcliffe to which were added blue gum weather boards and rafters; of Cunningham's group meeting a

friendly Aboriginal spear fishing in the river before they climbed Pine Mountain and found the tree that bears Cunningham's name (*Araucaria cunninghamii*).

The hoop pine got its name from the round hoop left when a downed tree was eaten out. With the establishment of Queensland's timber industry, founded on this tree, bullock teams carried felled trunks to timber mills. Within 20 years the old forests were gone, but hoop pines began to be replanted, following the advice of Edward Swain.

Jewel Tree

Proud head, erect, strategic, recognised.
Dominant over a closed, green canopy.
Renowned for vigour, strength, persistence.
Pedigree traced to a great south land.
Hoop pine: gift of god, man named,
Araucaria: chilly provenance,
Cunninghamii: peerless leader.

Aged with algal allergies, mossy masks.
Providing unsurpassed skyline silhouettes.
Configurations of double inverted pyramids.
Testament to a winning rainforest emergent.

Gary Bacon AM

Saturday 21 September 2024:

Greetings

Today siting within my planted copse with two Araucarian cousins to focus the mind, thoughts coalesced to that discovery day two centuries back on the banks of the Brisbane River.

The peerless King's Botanist, a man of reserved character, could barely contain his enthusiasm. His journal words travel the time line and elate us today.

Hoop Pine (*Araucaria cunninghamii*) became the foundation of the Queensland Forest Products Industry for the next 100+ years and the foundation of the Queensland Forestry Plantation enterprise. Today there are 47,000 ha of planted hoop pine on State Forests of Queensland.

Regards
Gary ■

INTRODUCING OUR SIGs AND THEIR CONVENORS

Colonial India and the Far East Special Interest Group (SIG)



Convenors: Dette Glenday and Wendy Angliss

Dette and Wendy have been members of QFHS for many years, but it wasn't until 2017 that, prompted by the ever-enthusiastic Charlotte Sale, they formed this group. Charlotte is currently the Welsh SIG convenor. In line with the QFHS mission, this SIG is non-discriminatory and embraces all. Dette is also the Library Roster Coordinator, and Wendy the Assistant Treasurer.

Both Dette and Wendy have extensive family connections with India. Dette's grandmother had 21 children. Her husband Mark is Anglo-Indian. His parents were born in Calcutta and both of their families migrated to England after the Partition in India, as they felt there was a better future for them there. In the 1980s Mark and his brother came to Australia with their parents for the same reasons. Since they married in 1999, Dette has been tracing his family through four generations in and around Calcutta.

Wendy wanted to help her father trace his Indian connection. His grandfather Claude Hampton Chubb had been a railway engineer in the colony, and they discovered he had many other forebears in India. Wendy's mother was born in Nasik near Bombay, where her father became the Conservator of Forests and later lectured at the Forest Research Institute in Dehra Dun.

The Colonial India and the Far East SIG is passionate about exploring the geography and history of the areas which had a profound impact on its people, and welcomes

those of all cultural backgrounds and experience. They have uncovered fascinating details. Did you know that Australia's convicts were to be useful provisioning passing ships and as agricultural labour for Norfolk Island flax and pine intended for masts and sails for ships plying India and the Far East in search of silks and spices; that Caroline Chisholm came to Australia with her husband, who was on R & R from India, and that many words from the IndiaFE area were spread by Shakespeare whose theatre was located near the London docks?

The Colonial India and Far East SIG has two ways of regular communication. On the second Sunday of even months, (February, April, June, August, October, December), an online meeting is held from 10.30am-12pm. Members of the enthusiastic and growing group who attend catch up on research stories, chat about finds and issues, and enjoy a short presentation to add context to the people and places in their research. In the odd months an eNewsletter is released to members and can be accessed on the SIG page on the QFHS website. Each edition has a special theme such as Blue (ed18), Communication (ed20), and America, European powers and the IndiaFE Region - Global trade, politics and opportunism (ed23), each designed to broaden the group's collective knowledge and access to resources. Wendy says, 'We help each other locate specific records of family details through web and physical resources and our extended network'.

New members are always welcome. If you have an interest in this group, make contact via the QFHS website. The library has some relevant books and are looking to add to the supply, so if you have a suggestion, please let them know. A list of key recommended online resources is being compiled for members and the leaders are looking for volunteers to assist in making them more easily available. You do not need to be a tech expert, so if you have a little time available, help would be appreciated.

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Central European Special Interest Group



Eric Kopittke is the convener of the Central European Special Interest Group of the Queensland Family History Society Inc. (QFHS). Eric received the QFHS

Award for services to Family History in 1990 for the series he and his wife compiled - *Emigrants from Hamburg to Australasia: 1850-1879*. Eric was made a Fellow of the QFHS in 2000, and was awarded the Australasian Federation of Family History Organisations Award in 2006. He is both approachable and knowledgeable, welcoming and supportive.

The German Group, later the European Group, and currently the Central European Group, began in 1984 with interested people undertaking their own research. Eric says their aim still is to assist members to find family details from relevant European countries. They have been instrumental in gathering for the library maps, atlases, gazetteers and other resources. This is enormously beneficial, because of the challenge of dealing with records not in English.

Eric and Rosemary Kopittke joined QFHS in early 1985 to research their own families. He joined the German group, as six of his great-grandparents had been born in the second German Empire.

It was when he commented at a meeting that he had been unable to find the immigration of two of his great-grandparents in the card index at the Queensland State Archives, that another member suggested that, because some lists of passengers arriving in Brisbane had been destroyed in the 1893 floods, he might look through the microfilm copies of lists of emigrants leaving Hamburg. She had ordered two such microfilms at the LDS church at Kangaroo Point. Consequently, Eric found his missing great-grandparents along with several other relatives.

Realising that he would not be the only person whose ancestors could be found in the emigrant lists from Hamburg but not in Australian immigrant lists, Rosemary and Eric gradually transcribed and indexed those Hamburg emigrant lists for vessels departing from Hamburg for Australian and New Zealand ports in the years 1850-1879. They have been pleased to find that they helped many researchers find missing immigrant ancestors. I, myself, was unaware of their involvement when I discovered my own family's migration records from Hamburg on several different ships.

Eric and the Central European Special Interest Group are always happy to learn about successes and help with frustrations in your family history research on your Central European families. You are welcome to join their regular meetings, share your family news and seek advice.



Neuschwanstein Castle



Brandenburg Gate, Berlin

Dornell Wylie ■

OBITUARY – DOROTHY ROMAH JEFFREY née SIMMICH 28.7.1935 – 29.9.2024

It is with deep sadness that we advise members of the death of one of our most loved members, Dorothy Jeffrey, who passed away on Sunday 29 September at St. Vincent's Private Hospital, Kangaroo Point. She leaves behind three siblings, two daughters, two sons-in-law, two grandchildren and one great granddaughter.



She was born in the country town of Cooroy where her parents, Arthur and Gwendoline Simmich, owned a dairy farm of around 200 acres – 40 cows, one bull, pigs, chooks and cattle dogs. She was one of eight children: four boys and four girls.

Her education commenced at the one teacher school at Ridgewood in 1941. During the war she went to live with her grandmother and aunt Romah at Boonah where she enrolled in 1944 at the Boonah school. By July 1947, she was at Cooroy school as the family now had a farm there. That property was eventually sold and another dairy purchased in Tinbeerwah so Dorothy started at the one teacher school in 1948. It was there she did her scholarship exam – just three students in Grade 7. She clearly was successful and the next year was admitted to the secondary department of the Pomona school.

Attending so many different schools was probably the reason Dorothy had such an affinity with our school project – her work ethic probably started here as well since she and her siblings were required to do the chores around the farm before and after school. Her obsession with school indexing saw her through her illness and she was still indexing a week before she passed away. In all Dorothy contributed 1.52 million entries to the indexing projects of the society.

When her family moved to Brisbane in the early 1950s, they settled at Blackwood Road,

Mitchelton. At that time Dorothy worked in a dressmaking factory at Petrie Bight. On 19 December 1953, at age 18, she married Charles Notman Jeffrey at the Ann Street Presbyterian Church. They had three children – two daughters and a son Robert, who died in infancy.

After marriage Dorothy moved around quite a bit – Deception Bay,

Northgate, Annerley, Alderley, and finally back to Mitchelton. She decided, with the initial help of her mother-in-law, to go into retail selling. After the first shop at Mitchelton, a milk bar/general store, she purchased a number of shops and ran them with the assistance of her daughters. Life wasn't all work though – at the weekends she played tennis and basketball.

Dorothy's husband, Charles, sadly died on 24 March 1982 aged just 49 years.

Dorothy joined QFHS on 13 March 1990 and immediately began volunteering for the Society. She always seemed to know what had to be done, and without fanfare she would do it. One of her main achievements for us was securing the Gaythorne premises while she was President from 2004 to 2007.

She won many awards for her services to family and local history including: our Award for Services to Family History in 2003,¹ the Senior Volunteer Award (Order of Australia Association) in 2013,² was elected a Fellow of QFHS in 2016,³ and received the Centenary Medal from the Royal Historical Society of Queensland in 2020.⁴

A very outgoing person, Dorothy was well known to many organisations and societies including the State Library, the State Archives, and the schools to which she devoted much time assisting with their

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celebrations. She also played an active part in the local National Servicemen's Association branch, the Enoggera & Districts Historical Society, and the Friends of Toowong Cemetery.

Dorothy certainly lived a long and productive life – a life well spent has ended. Thank you for all you have done for the Society and for its members.

Lyn Hooper and Rosemary Kopitke

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INTRODUCING OUR SIGs AND THEIR CONVENORS (Cont.)

Jenny Davidson and the English West Country SIG

Jenny Davidson is a volunteer with several roles.

The English West Country SIG began in 1991 and has 43 members, researching in Cornwall, Devon, Dorset, and Somerset.

Jenny has been in this group for 18 years, and convenor for eight. Members meet informally via Zoom every two months to share recent breakthroughs, difficulties, interesting websites or books, and research techniques. Our ancestors had careers in mining, construction, the clergy & maritime industries including Merchant & Royal Navies. As convenor, Jenny sets up the Zoom meetings, emails members before and after (with notes), and runs the meeting. You can email englishwestcountry@qfhs.org.au to join the group. Maps, books, and hard copy journals are available at our Resource Centre.

Another role Jenny fulfills is to support Presenting... sessions via Eventbrite and Zoom. This takes a few hours every couple of weeks. Jenny finds organizing the Zoom sessions easy but Eventbrite is more challenging.

Jenny joined QFHS about 2006 because it was situated close to family. Her areas of interest include Germanic countries, DNA, Scotland, and England. Jenny loves learning the history of the early days of what is now



south-east Queensland. An interesting snippet is that Jenny's mother's paternal grandfather was known only as John Johnson, but he was supposedly Dutch, possibly from what's now Germany, hence her interest in DNA.

One of Jenny's great-grandfathers came to Brisbane in the late 1850s with his siblings and parents and she is a certificated member of our Queensland Pre-Separation Group. Membership is open to those who have at least one ancestor who lived in Queensland pre-separation (i.e. before 10 December 1859).

The day I joined the SIG meeting, there were six attendees and a few apologies. The lack of numbers was immaterial, because enthusiasm and sharing of information flowed. I was able to talk about my Williams and Buncombe family connections with Fowey, in Cornwall.

Jenny has ancestors from all four counties covered by this SIG, and loves discussing her research with others. She showed us photos from her travels in the English West Country.

She explained she had found records for her second cousin three times removed **Isaac Hawker** born in 1835 in Devon, from when in the 1860s he paid poor rates. She also found him in water rental books.

Jenny is another enthusiastic and active QFHS volunteer. She also loves cooking, and I wonder if she has recipes from each of her family interest counties.

Dornell Wylie ■

NON-ENGLISH NEWSPAPERS FOR FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH

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In 2021, approximately 52% of Australians claimed British ancestry (England, Ireland, Scotland).¹ As respondents could nominate up to two self-assessed ancestries, these results are subjective. (Thirty per cent of respondents said they had Australian ancestry.) We know that many Australians have ancestors from diverse countries and cultures. Family historians also know that newspapers are indispensable for adding detail to our family history. So, if we have some or all our ancestral heritage from non-English speaking areas, how can we find and decipher online newspapers from those regions?

Locating non-English language newspapers.

An excellent place to begin is our beloved Trove Digitised Newspapers and Gazettes.² The titles collection on this site contains at least 52 newspapers in languages other than English. Most of these are in German, Italian, and Chinese. Less common languages are Yiddish, Dutch, Polish, and Maltese.

For example, *The Australian Jewish News*, printed in Melbourne, is available on Trove, 1935-1999.³ *The Australian Jewish News*, in later years, was printed entirely in English, but until mid-1959, it had a supplement printed in Yiddish. Regular users of Trove Digitised Newspapers and Gazettes would be familiar with the article text—a computer-generated transcript of the article—on the left-hand side of the screen. Note that the article text for non-English-language newspapers is in the language and alphabetic characters of the publication, in this case, Yiddish.

Another example is the *Dutch Australian Weekly*, also available on Trove, 1951-1993, printed entirely in Dutch.⁴ Later, this became the *Dutch Weekly*, 1993-2004.⁵ You can find a list of non-English titles included in Trove Digitised Newspapers and Gazettes on the website, 'List of Trove newspapers in languages other than English.'⁶

PapersPast, from New Zealand, allows users to search for articles in Māori only. If you find an article of interest, the article text, found under the 'Text' tab, will also be in Māori.⁷

The National Library of Wales hosts the Welsh Newspapers site. Users can search for Welsh articles only, English articles only, or articles in either language.⁸

Wikipedia has a helpful list of historic newspapers available online (not necessarily all free). The 'list of online newspaper archives' provides a link to the newspaper, grouped by country and then may be sub-grouped by state, county, province, major city or historical event.⁹ Belgium has sub-groups National, Regional and Local, and First and Second World War. Scroll to the bottom of the website page for more valuable links.

Larger libraries provide eResources, enabling Library members to have remote access. All Australian residents qualify for membership of the National Library of Australia. Once you have completed the membership requirements, you can find many newspaper titles on the eResources page. Select 'Browse eResources', then 'Newspapers & Media' from the 'Browse by Category' section.¹⁰ For example, you can access 'Old HK (Hong Kong) newspapers' with titles in English and Chinese. State Libraries offer remote access to state residents and similarly provide access to online newspaper resources. The State Library of Queensland currently gives Queensland residents access to thirteen 'enewspapers'.¹¹ These include some sites, such as Trove, which are freely available to everyone.

Cyndi's List, a comprehensive, categorised, and cross-referenced worldwide list of genealogical links, provides a category headed 'Newspapers'.¹² Alternatively, you can select a country or region (for example, Spain or Quebec) and see what is available.¹³ Again, these may be free or require a subscription.

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The FamilySearch Wiki lists online newspapers, including some non-English titles. An example is 'Svenska dagstidningar/Swedish Newspapers'.¹⁴

The Europeana website lets users discover Europe's digital cultural heritage, including newspapers from about twenty-five European countries. Create a free account, then select 'Newspapers' from the 'Collections' tab.¹⁵ On the 'Newspapers' page, scroll down to the 'Search with the Newspapers theme'.¹⁶ You can find the list of countries by selecting the 'Show Additional Filters' button.

A simple Google search for *free <country> historical newspapers* can also prove helpful. The search string, *Free French historical newspapers*, results in several Research Guides, such as that from Emory University in Georgia, USA.¹⁷ As a bonus, this webpage details other free online sources for historical newspapers.

Deciphering the results of your search

Once you have found an article of interest, what help is available for you to translate the article other than prevailing upon a generous friend familiar with the language? The good news is that help is available, even without transcribed article text.

Some newspaper sites, like Trove, PapersPast, or Welsh Newspapers, provide an OCR (Optical Character Recognition) version of the newspaper article. OCR is the process that converts the image of the newspaper article into a machine-readable text format, ultimately allowing us to read the article.

For example, searching the *Dutch Australian Weekly* for the family name 'Claasen' results in a story concerning Gerardus Henricus Cornelius Claasen, who was unfortunately injured in a work accident.

Home / Newspapers & Gazettes / Browse / Dutch Australian Weekly (Sydney, NSW : 1951 - 1993) / Fri 4 Sep 1964 / Pa

Match text

Jongeman gewond onder zware lader

ADELAIDE, SA — 'De 25-jarige Gerardus Henricus Cornelius Claasen uit de Merdeith Street te Parafield Gardens liep een schok op en werd gewond aan zijn vingers, toen hij onder een 5 ton zware machine terecht kwam.

Het duurde 15 minuten, voordat mede arbeiders hem met houwelen en schoppen hadden berijd uit zijn benarde positie onder de lader.

Gerard Claasen reed nee op de lader in de Anderson Avenue te Mitcham, toen het voeruiug van de weg ge raakte en omsloeg.

altijd de caravan op slot had.

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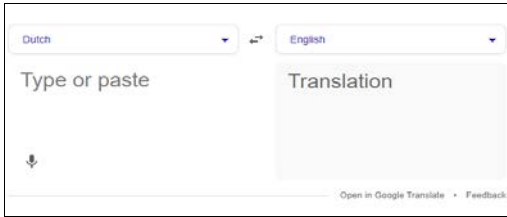
Gerard Claasen reed mee op de lader in de Anderson Avenue te Mitcham, toen het voeruiug van de weg ge raakte en omsloeg.

"Heilige oo

On the left is the OCR text of the article; On the right is the article itself

NON-ENGLISH NEWSPAPERS FOR FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH (Cont.)

Copy the OCR text, search Google for 'Google Translate', select Dutch to English, and paste your copied text in the left-hand box.



The resulting translation will not be perfect, but it will provide enough information to give you the gist of the incident. Remember that word order in non-English languages may differ from word order in English. Here, the verbs (e.g. 'came') are located at the end of the sentence. Also, the process of OCR may give rise to errors; the OCR has resulted in 'reed mee' in line 6 in the second paragraph being rendered as 'reed nvee'. 'Reed mee' translates to 'rode along'.

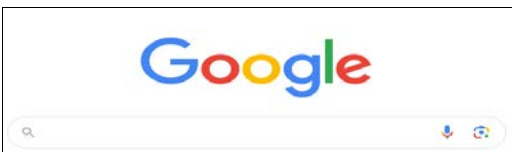
Young man injured under heavy load

ADELAIDE, SA — 'The 25 year old Gerardus Henricus Cornelius Claasen from the Merdeith Street in Parafield Gardens suffered a shock and was injured fingers, when he was under one 5 ton heavy machine came.

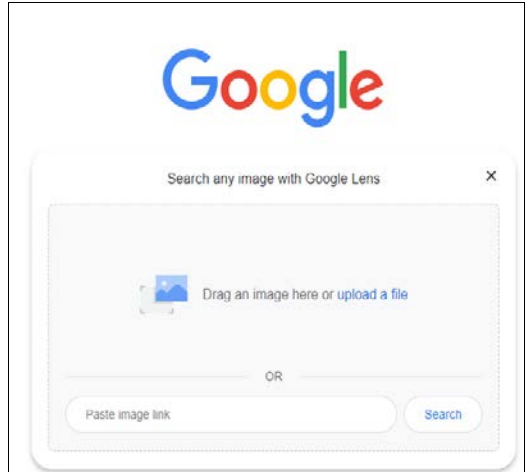
It took 15 minutes, before fellow workers him with picks and shovels had ridden from his berth awkward position under the charger. Gerard Claasen rode nvee on the charger in the Anderson Avenue in Mitcham, then the vehicle off the road hit and overturned.

If there is no OCR text, or if we want to try for a more accurate translation, Google offers another tool: Google Lens.

First, clip the image of the article and save it. Open Google Chrome. In the search box on the right are two icons; one is a microphone, and beside it is Google Lens.



Select Google Lens and follow the prompts. Drag your clipped file or upload it into Google Lens.

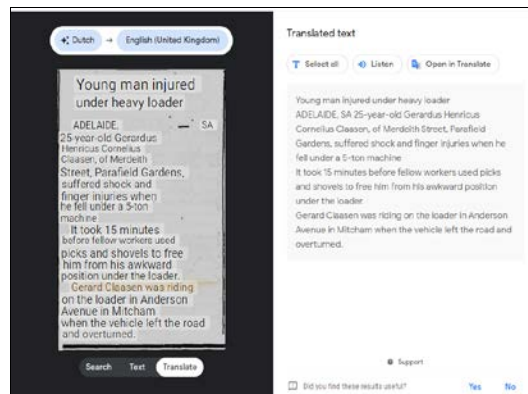


Select 'Translate' to get a transcript of the article text in English or any other supported language. After a few seconds, the translated text will overlay the original text in the clipped file.

You can also use the Google app on your mobile phone. Tapping the Google Lens icon will open a viewer which can be held over the text you wish to translate. Then tap the button to translate the article.

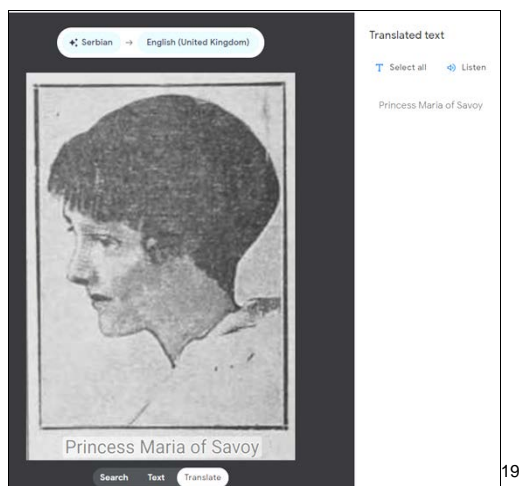
Google lens has many applications to family history. For example you can use Google Lens to provide a transcription of written text—a headstone or a probate calendar entry.

(Use Google Lens to translate printed material when you travel overseas.)



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The good news is that Google Lens will also manage other scripts, such as Cyrillic.



If you require further help deciphering foreign newspaper articles, the FamilySearch Wiki provides a collection of Genealogical Word Lists.²⁰ Armed with these tools, go ahead and enjoy non-English newspapers.

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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 <https://www.qfhs.org.au/resources/catalogue-search>. You can also click on the link for the book which will take you directly to that information in V-library.

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HEARTBREAK AFTER HEARTBREAK

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By studying the past, I have come to realise how fortunate we are today with the advancements in medicine and medical research.



Albertus and Froukina

My great uncle **Albertus**¹ (my maternal grandfather's brother) and his wife, **Froukina**, had seventeen children, out of which eleven died. It must have been heart-wrenching for them. They lived in Groningen, a city in the north of the Netherlands, and got married in 1902. Subsequently, they had a child almost every year. However, after the first four babies, they lost baby after baby, and most of them died before the age of two. Only six of the seventeen survived to a reasonable age, four girls and two boys. Six girls, four boys, and one stillborn with an unrecorded gender died.

Initially, I thought the reason for their tragic loss might be venereal disease, but this was unlikely, as it usually strikes the first children and then fades away. Perhaps Albertus

infected his wife later in their marriage by being promiscuous. Another possibility was that he brought home some dread diseases from his job working in a warehouse. Warehouses were notorious for being dirty places then, harbouring rodents of every kind.

To gain more insight, I delved deeper into the city's condition and culture. I discovered that the family lived in deep poverty in very poor housing, so living conditions and hygiene would have played a significant role. At the turn of the century (1900s), epidemics such as cholera and typhoid were rampant in the Netherlands.

Groningen is a city surrounded by farming and grazing land. Many women took in wool spinning and looming to supplement their menfolk's meagre wages. The humble housing was mainly used for working the spinning wheels and looms in the small space downstairs, and the top-floor room, minus windows, was for sleeping. It would have been pitch black in there. There were no toilets or bathrooms. Toilets were a communal cesspit somewhere in the street, and people went to the communal bathhouse for bathing.

Children were expected to contribute to wool spinning, which was a form of child labour. Besides helping with the carding, the little ones were given a jar of glue that they put their fingers in and then spent hours walking back and forth to tighten the loom threads, sometimes to the point of their fingers bleeding.

By the end of the first decade of the 1900s, the workspace had disappeared. There was no longer a loom or a spinning wheel. People no longer worked at home, with women and children moving into the factories. Tired workers tended to neglect home life. There were now toilets, but often in the backyard. Bathing was still done at the local bathhouse.

However, what now escalated was infant mortality. Infant mortality was very high around 1910. Why did so many babies die?

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Babies of working women were no longer being fed at the breast as before, but with unpasteurised milk in a glass bottle attached to a rubber tube and a rubber teat on the end to the crib. The tube could not be adequately cleaned, and people called these bottles “The Snakes” (the Dutch word for *a snake* is the same for *a rubber hose/tubing*). These were the culprits behind the high infant mortality rate. Around this time, people did not yet know how to clean the bottles correctly, so many babies died. The more affluent, who could not breastfeed their little ones, employed wet nurses, so these babies had a better chance.

Another possible cause was that the Catholic Church, at that time, discouraged breastfeeding, as an exposed breast was associated with sexuality. So, bottle feeding was the only alternative. Albertus and Froukina were staunch Catholics, and one of their girls, **Maria Elizabeth**, became a nun called Sister Benvenuta. The replacement bottle feeding was the major risk factor for this couple’s babies.

I am not sure whether only some or all of these factors played a part in their sad loss, but my research into their lives certainly gave me a glimpse into the past. We now take many things for granted that were not available in the past.



L to R – the four sisters, Francina, Maria, Sr Benvenuta, Cornelia and their two sisters-in-law



L to R – The two brothers-in-law, Sr Benvenuta and the two brothers Casparus and Roelof.

References:

¹ See page 144 for the family names and genealogy report.



Around 1910, many babies died because the tubes of the bottle were not cleaned properly.

HEARTBREAK AFTER HEARTBREAK (Cont.)**Descendants of Albertus Antonius Fredericus Kok****Generation 1**

1. **ALBERTUSANTONIUS FREDERICUS¹ KOK** was born on 23 Oct 1876 in Veendam, Groningen, Netherlands. He died on 26 May 1950 in Groningen, Netherlands. (Y). He married Froukina Maria Leuver, daughter of Roelf Leuver and Francina Frederika Minet, on 03 Jul 1902 in Groningen, Groningen, Netherlands.. She was born on 06 May 1880 in Groningen, Groningen, Netherlands.. She died on 11 Mar 1966 in Groningen, Netherlands. (Y).
Albertus Antonius Fredericus Kok and Froukina Maria Leuver had the following children:
 - i. **CASPARUSANTONIUS² KOK** was born on 15 Oct 1902 in Groningen, Groningen, Netherlands.. He died on 14 Mar 1973 in Groningen, Netherlands. (Y). He married Alberdina de Vries on 14 Jun 1928 in Groningen, Groningen, Netherlands.. She was born on 15 Nov 1902 in Groningen, Groningen, Netherlands.. She died on 14 Dec 1983 in Groningen, Netherlands. (Y).
 - ii. **FRANCINA FREDERIKA STEPHANIA KOK** was born on 26 Dec 1903 in Groningen, Groningen, Netherlands. (at 11 am.). She died on 17 Mar 1991 in Groningen, Netherlands. (Y).
 - iii. **MARIA GEZINA ANTONIA KOK** was born on 15 May 1905 in Groningen, Groningen, Netherlands.. She died on 18 Jan 1978 in Groningen, Netherlands. (Y). She married Nicolaas Mathias Hubertus Schumacher, son of Engelbertus Willem Hubertus Schumacher and Joanna Hubertina Spie, on 17 Apr 1944 in Groningen, Netherlands.. He was born on 13 Mar 1911.
 - iv. **ROELOF ALBERTUS MARIA KOK** was born on 04 Sep 1906 in Groningen, Groningen, Netherlands.. He died on 08 Nov 1960 in Groningen, Netherlands. (Y). He married Antonia Johanna Maria Eggink, daughter of Bernardus Franciscus Eggink and Johanna Theodora Frazen, about 1938 in Groningen, Groningen, Netherlands.. She was born on 03 Jun 1907 in Veendam, Netherlands.. She died on 15 Jul 2001 in Groningen, Netherlands. (Y).
 - v. **ANNA MARIA ANTONIA KOK** was born on 28 Sep 1907 in Groningen, Groningen, Netherlands.. She died on 14 Mar 1909 in Groningen, Netherlands. (13.00 hrs.).
 - vi. **MARIA ELISABETH KOK** was born on 19 Dec 1908 in Groningen, Groningen, Netherlands.. She died in Klooster Neerbosch, Nijmegen, Netherlands. (Y).
 - vii. **ANTONIA MARGARETHA KOK** was born in Feb 1910 in Groningen, Groningen, Netherlands.. She died on 14 Jun 1910 in Groningen, Netherlands. (9.00 hrs).
 - viii. **ELISABETH BRIGITTA BARBARA KOK** was born on 30 Dec 1910 in Groningen, Groningen, Netherlands.. She died on 22 Aug 1911 in Groningen, Netherlands. (9.00 hrs).
 - ix. **ANTONIUS BERNADUS KOK** was born on 24 Dec 1911 in Groningen, Groningen, Netherlands.. He died on 11 Aug 1913 in Groningen, Netherlands. (20.00 hrs).
 - x. **PAULUS KOK** was born on 20 Sep 1912 in Groningen, Groningen, Netherlands.. He died on 21 Sep 1912 in Groningen, Netherlands. (Y).
 - xi. **FROUKINA MARIA KOK** was born on 15 Aug 1913 in Groningen, Groningen, Netherlands.. She died on 16 Aug 1913 in Groningen, Netherlands. (6.00 hrs).
 - xii. **ALBERTUS ANTONIUS KOK** was born on 24 Apr 1914 in Groningen, Groningen, Netherlands.. He died on 25 Apr 1914 in Groningen, Netherlands. (23.30 hrs).
 - xiii. **MARIA KOK** was born on 23 Nov 1914 in Groningen, Groningen, Netherlands.. She died on 24 Nov 1914 in Groningen, Netherlands. (Y).
 - xiv. **ANTONIA MARIE KOK** was born in Nov 1917 in Groningen, Groningen, Netherlands.. She died on 22 Feb 1918 in Groningen, Netherlands. (Y).
 - xv. **CORNELIA HELENA KOK** was born on 27 Oct 1918 in Groningen, Groningen, Netherlands.. She died on 20 Oct 2004 in Groningen, Netherlands. (Y). She married Gerbrand Meijer, son of Niklaas Meijer and Willemetje Luiken, on 04 Sep 1950 in Groningen, Groningen, Netherlands.. He was born on 20 Jun 1909 in Rottum, gem. Kantens, Netherlands.. He died on 01 Sep 1973 in Groningen, Groningen, Netherlands. (Y).
 - xvi. **ALBERTUS ANTONIUS FREDERIKUS KOK** was born on 24 Mar 1920 in Groningen, Groningen, Netherlands.. He died on 26 Mar 1920 in Groningen, Netherlands. (5.00 hrs).
 - xvii. **NN KOK** was born on 11 Mar 1921 in Groningen, Netherlands.. She died on 11 Mar 1921 in Groningen, Groningen, Netherlands. (14.00 hrs stillborn.).

BOOK REVIEW – What’s in a name and where did we come from? The LOUIS family from 1778, by Sylvia Bannah

When Sylvia was growing up in Gordonvale in North Queensland, she was told that her maiden surname had French origins and particularly from the Alsace-Lorraine region. As with many family stories, this one did not quite hold up when subjected to rigorous research. All of her initial inquiries were pointing to Germany. In retirement Sylvia got serious with her family history quest and engaged a professional researcher in Europe. He helped to uncover an extensive Germanic heritage. No French connection as yet, but it may be there beyond the records found to date.

In the nineteenth century, the Prussian empire stretched eastward to the port of Königsberg, which was home to some of her ancestors. After WWII that territory was claimed as a Russian enclave and renamed Kalingrad. Other ancestral localities include the Duchies of Schleswig and Holstein. Some of her ancestors participated in the armed conflicts that the Prussians pursued against neighbours.

Sylvia’s takes the reader on a journey of her ancestors’ lives and the state of affairs in those localities. Sylvia visited the ancestral locations uncovered in her research and those travels enhanced her understanding and her story telling.

Things were changing in the Germanic states in the 1860s and many citizens were looking for other options. The colony of Queensland was actively recruiting Germanic people as they had a reputation for being industrious and reliable. Sylvia’s Louis ancestors set sail from Hamburg in 1865. The voyage of the *Peter Godeffroy* was to be particularly gruelling with a heavy loss of life from disease.

Sylvia then takes up the story of how the family fared in their new home. She charts the labours, the tragedies, the ventures, the failures and the occasional triumph. The Queensland journey begins with constructing the train line to Toowoomba. Sylvia reflects on how Germans fitted into the social

structure. Despite Queen Victoria’s and her husband’s status at the top of the pile, people who shared their heritage, in this British colony, were not treated quite so well. As a result, they tended to stick together. There were ventures in agriculture on Mt Cotton and on the banks of the Albert River near Nerang. The legacy of the failures at this latter location seem to include a female ghost who laments her desperate plight. An impulsive visit to the present-day farm led to the discovery of this tale, which again underscores the value of visiting ancestral locations.

Sylvia then charts the family’s activities in the multicultural North Queensland such as Innisfail (née Geraldton) and Gordonvale. The family had an even greater connection with the sugar industry than she was initially aware of.

She doesn’t just give us the sanitised version. She shares some stories of brushes with the law and of colourful rogues such as the serial insurance fraudster.

The book has over 130 images consisting of photos, illustrations and maps. There are ample relationship charts to help keep track of the relatives being discussed, and there is an index to assist the reader.

Sylvia’s tale is well written and engaging. She takes us along her research journey which means we can appreciate her delight in discovering new connections and get some clues as to what strategies we might use to tease out some additional anecdotes in the stories of our own heritage.

Sylvia’s book won the Queensland Family History Society’s annual Book Award in 2024. The book can be found in our Book Award shelves under Call number, **H6 LOU 1**. An electronic copy of the book can be accessed on the QFHS website (with a login) at: <https://www.qfhs.org.au/online-access/searchable-collections/qfhs-book-award/>.

Clem Ditton ■

WEB LINKS

IRISH REGISTRY OF DEEDS INDEX PROJECT UPDATE

The Irish Registry of Deeds Index Project has been updated and the main Index now holds 595,067 index records from 61,422 memorials of deeds, freely searchable. These images are unlikely to be available elsewhere, and are free to view at the FamilySearch site, allowing volunteers to index memorials from their own device in their own home, rather than having to visit the Dublin repository. You can read more at <https://www.irishgenealogynews.com/2024/07/irish-registry-of-deeds-index-project.html>.

MYHERITAGE ADDS 308 MILLION HISTORICAL RECORDS

MyHeritage recently published 308 million historical records from 30 collections from the US, Canada, Austria, Croatia, Czechia, England, France, Germany, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway and Spain. They include birth records, marriage and divorce records, death and burial records, census records, obituary records, parish baptisms and marriages, probate registrations, prisoner albums, immigration records, and more. Some of the collections also include images. More details about each of the collections may be found in a list of newly-added records in the MyHeritage Blog at <https://blog.myheritage.com/2024/08/myheritage-adds-308-million-historical-records-in-june-and-july-2024/>.

RESEARCHING IRISH PASSENGER LISTS

Many Irish family histories start with the arrival of an immigrant on foreign soil in the 19th century. In the 1800s travellers were more likely to be recorded at their port of entry rather than their port of departure, and although the information gathered may have been limited, passenger list archives can give vital clues as to where the people hailed from in Ireland, and also about who they were travelling with, or who they were travelling to. Official departure passenger lists exist from 1890 onwards. Learn more at <https://www.irelandxo.com/ireland-xo/news/researching-irish-passenger-list-immigrant-ships>.

GOOGLE TRANSLATE IS GETTING SUPPORT FOR MORE THAN 110 NEW LANGUAGES

[Google Translate](#) breaks down language barriers to help people connect and better understand the world around them. In 2022, 24 new languages were added, and in 2024 Google is using AI to expand the variety of languages supported by adding 110 new languages to Google Translate. From Cantonese to Q'eqchi', these new languages represent more than 614 million speakers; <https://blog.google/products/translate/google-translate-new-languages-2024/>.

BIBLES KEPT IN RUTHIN THAT SAVED WELSH LANGUAGE WILL BE PROTECTED BY ARCHIVE

A collection of Welsh-language Bibles, the William Morgan Bibles collection, currently stored in Ruthin Gaol, will be saved for future generations thanks to a multi-million-pound investment in a new archive. It was feared that the collection could deteriorate to the point of destruction if urgent action wasn't taken to keep the precious texts safe from damage. See more at <https://www.denbighshirefreepress.co.uk/news/24448852.bibles-kept-ruthin-saved-welsh-language-protected-archive/> and a podcast at <https://www.denbighshirefreepress.co.uk/news/24254226.north-east-wales-archives-launch-new-digital-content/>.

FINDMYPAST ADD CATHOLIC RECORDS

Findmypast added church records from Ireland, England and Scotland recently to their Catholic Heritage Archive (<https://www.findmypast.com/page/catholic-records>). Covering intermittent years between 1914 and 1974, these unique new additions will enable you to unlock the stories of your Roman Catholic ancestors in more detail than ever. [England Roman Catholic records](#): 22,586 English Catholic birth, marriage and death records were added, all from 1914, covering *Birmingham, London, Northampton and Nottingham*. [Scotland Roman Catholic records](#): 1,829 birth, marriage and death records from 1934, 1949 and 1974. were added.

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QSA HAVE DIGITISED THESE RECORDS

- Land Purchase and Town Lot Registers: [Land purchase A registers](#) and [Town lot B registers](#) featuring the original Deeds of Grant documenting the initial allocation of land or town lots. They provide details such as the lot number, county, parish and town location, as well as the purchaser and a description of the land. These can be helpful for family history and local area research and provide an insight into some of the first families being established in certain locations and towns. These registers are large and consist of hundreds of pages each, listing land purchases chronologically. Reading through the registers can be difficult but QSA do have a [research guide available](#) (PDF) with a section on indexes to land purchases (page 11).
- School Inspectors' Reports: This series, dated from 1874 to 1991, includes 11 newly digitised reports written by regional inspectors assessing schools including teaching standards, class sizes and conditions. The series contains over 13,000 records and you can now download digitised copies of Petrie State School ([1980](#)), Gordonvale State School ([1973](#), [1980](#) and [1982](#)), Slade Point State School ([1973](#) and [1979](#)) as well as Nanango State School ([1972](#), [1975](#), [1977](#), [1980](#) and [1983](#)). These records could be useful to anyone looking for insight into the evolution of education, community development, and historical educational practices.
- Historical records relating to early Queensland: Several records created by the Department of Justice detailing early Queensland have been digitised. The records date from 1860 to 1880 and include a [draft contract for the first railway](#) and the [challenges faced by regional Queenslanders attending court hearings as witnesses](#). These records provide a fascinating glimpse into the region's development, legal history and everyday life during this formative period. They could be valuable to historians. Access these, and over 150,000 other digitised items from the QSA collection through their catalogue, [ArchivesSearch](#). View all digitised records at [Search records \(archivessearch.qld.gov.au\)](#).

DIG INTO YOUR ROOTS ON FINDMYPAST

New collections recently added:

- *Women's Land Army Service Cards, 1939-1950* - 36,438 Women's Land Army service cards have recently been added. These images and transcriptions may reveal new information about your wartime ancestors, <https://search.findmypast.com/search-world-records/england-and-wales-womens-land-army-service-cards-1939-1950>.
- *New York Roman Catholic Parish Baptisms and Marriages* - 170,637 baptisms and 125,977 marriages from the city's Roman Catholic parishes have been added. See <https://www.findmypast.com/sign-in?iss=https%3A%2F%2Fauth.findmypast.com%2F>.
- new English newspapers have been added to the newspaper archive, and a further existing 20 publications have been updated, taking their total pages to over 80 million at <https://www.findmypast.co.uk/newspapers>, and <https://www.findmypast.com/blog/search?tag=historical%20newspapers>.
- More additions stretch as far back as 1750 and include parishes in *Barking, Lambeth, Camden and Bermondsey*.
- <https://search.findmypast.com/search-world-records/surrey-baptisms> - 12,190 new additions covering from 1785 to 1865.
- <https://search.findmypast.com/search-world-records/middlesex-baptisms> - over 12,000 baptisms have been added.
- <https://search.findmypast.com/search-world-records/greater-london-marriage-index> - 2,494 transcriptions (spanning 1785 to 1815) added to the Greater London Marriage Index.

OVER 9 MILLION NEW AUSTRALIAN PASSENGER LISTS ONLINE

Did your ancestors travel to, from or around Australia? Findmypast now have over 26 million Australian passenger list entries in their collection. Refer to <https://search.findmypast.com.au/search-world-records/australia-inward-outward-and-coastal-passenger-lists-1826-1972>.

Subscribe to the newsletter of Ireland Reaching Out at <https://irelandxo.com/>. ■

QFHS NOTICES

BEREAVEMENT NOTICES



We extend our deepest sympathy on the following bereavements:

Jenny Hacker, member #3350A, late of Kenmore Hills, who passed away on 17 July 2024, aged 83 years.

Dorothy Jeffrey, Past President and member #1398, late of Gaythorne, who passed away on 29 September, aged 89 years.

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

Finding your family: the fundamentals of research



A six week course

Commences: Monday 10 February 2025

Time: 7.30 - 9.00 pm

Location: Online event

Cost: Members \$60, non-members \$90
Only 10 people per course

Content: Sources, methodology, organisation, repositories, DNA and much more.

Register at:

<https://www.qfhs.org.au/events/learn-qfhs/finding-your-family-the-fundamentals-of-research/>

EDUCATION@QFHS

Further courses will be held as follows:

Topic: **Talking About – Ambulance Services**
Date: WED 27 November 2024 (free)
Time: 10.00 am to noon (online)
Facilitator: Nancy Edwards
(Limit 25 people)

Topic: **Talking About – Listening to the Wireless**
Date: WED 29 January 2025 (free)
Time: 10.00 am to noon (online)
Facilitator: Nancy Edwards
(Limit 25 people)

Topic: **Learn@ - YouTube for Family Historians**
Date: FRI 21 February 2025
Time: 10.00 am to 11.30 am (online)
Presenter: Carmel Galvin
(Limit 50 people)

Topic: **Talking About – Ferries: The crossing places and the boats**
Date: WED 26 March 2025 (free)
Time: 10.00 am to noon (online)
Facilitator: Nancy Edwards
(Limit 25 people)

“Follow” QFHS and be advised as soon as new events are listed with www.eventbrite.com.au/e/queensland-family-history-society-inc

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/.

JOURNAL ARTICLE OF THE YEAR: Members' Choice Award 2024

We will be asking you to vote for your favourite journal article of 2024 after the publication of this November issue.

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

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GSQ EDUCATION SESSIONS

Topic: **Walls come tumbling down!**

Date: TUES 5 November 2024

Time: 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm (online)

Presenter: Dave Annal

Cost: \$21

Topic: **Delving into The National Archives (Kew, England) and its Records**

Date: SAT 16 November 2024

Time: 9.00 am to 11.00 am (online)

Presenter: Helen V Smith

Cost: \$31

Topic: **Hardscrabble lives: Stealing Arms and Illegal Oaths - Transportation of Irish Protestors, 1821-1824**

Date: SAT 30 November 2024

Time: 9.00 am to 11.00 am (online)

Presenter: Dr Jennifer Harrison

Cost: \$31

Topic: **Organizing, researching, and sharing with Legacy Family Tree 10 software**

Date: SAT 14 December 2024

Time: 9.00 am to 11.00 am (online)

Presenter: Geoff Rasmussen

Cost: Free

Our society and the Genealogical Society of Queensland (GSQ) have a reciprocal arrangement re Education events. Each society makes their own member pricing for Education events available to members of the other society. QFHS members will need to input their member number when booking to obtain the discounted member pricing from GSQ.

Register at <https://www.gsq.org.au/gsq-events/>. You can find the GSQ discount code on the QFHS Members Portal at <https://www.qfhs.org.au/members-portal/gsq-code/>. The code does not change for different events and generally provides a \$10 discount.



GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF QUEENSLAND Inc.
Enriching family history

Irish Research Day



Researching Irish ancestors?

The next Irish Research Day is

Thursday, 14 November 2024

10.00 am to 3.00 pm

at

QFHS Family History Research Centre,
46 Delaware Street, Chermside.
(opposite Waring St)

A great opportunity to spend the day on your Irish family history research. Come and work alongside others and help each other as required. Bring your lunch or food to share.

To get the most out of your time, we recommend you prepare by:

- Reviewing your current research and bringing what you need with you
- Try to specify clear research questions or goals to focus your work

There will be friendly, helpful and experienced people available to assist each other.

Please register early as places are limited.

Contact Dale Fogarty, Irish Research Group at irish@qfhs.org.au with your QFHS membership number.

QFHS NOTICES (Cont.)

QFHS INC. FAMILY HISTORY BOOK AWARD 2025

The Society invites entries for this Award which will be presented at a special function in late 2025 to the person or persons producing the best history of a Queensland family published in book form within the past five years.

The closing dates and presentation dates will be extended in 2025 for the 2026 Award.

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

Clem Ditton
Email:
QFHS.MC10@qfhs.org.au

Entries close **30 November 2024**.

The Award is open to members of the Society and to the general public. For further information email fhaward@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 VOLUNTEERS' THANK YOU MORNING TEA

**Monday 9 December 2024
10.00 am – 12.00 noon**



**Level 2 Suite
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 2024**

and

**Announcement of the
Journal Article of the Year
2024 Award**



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18TH CRUISE – SOUTHERN AUSTRALIA<https://www.gould.com.au/18th-cruise-southern-australia/>**1-10 December 2024**

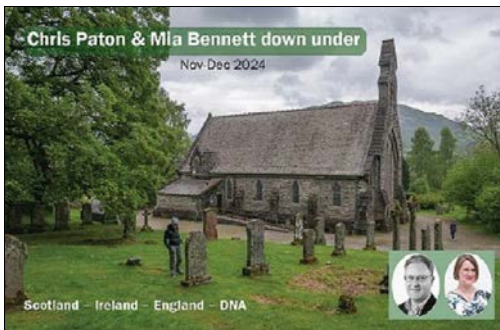
Southern Australia on *Celebrity Edge*. Prices from AU\$2,145 p.p. (at 11 June 2024)

Sydney – Hobart – Kangaroo Island –

Adelaide – Melbourne - Sydney.



Speakers: Chris Paton, Mia Bennett, Hilary Blanford, Maggie Gaffney, Shauna Hicks, Eric Kopittke, Rosemary Kopittke, Michelle Patient, and Helen Smith.

CHRIS PATON & MIA BENNETT DOWN UNDER<https://www.gould.com.au/chris-paton-mia-bennett-down-under/>**Scotland, Ireland, England & DNA**

If you can't make the cruise, take your research further with leading experts Chris Paton and Mia Bennett, featured speakers on the 18th Unlock the Past cruise (Southern Australia) in December 2024. Three land seminars are planned with them in the following cities:

- **Sydney** – 2 days **Thu 28-Fri 29 Nov 2024** – [Sydney details and booking](#) at [Ryde-Eastwood Leagues Club](#), 117 Ryedale Road, West Ryde, NSW
- **Adelaide** – 1 day **Fri 6 Dec 2024** – [Adelaide details and booking](#) at [Hisense Stadium](#) (West Adelaide Football Club), 57 Milner Road, Richmond, SA
- **Brisbane** – 2 days **Thu 12-Fri 13 Dec 2024** – [Brisbane details and booking](#) at [Geebung RSL Club](#), Corner Newman Road & Collings Street, Geebung, Qld. >>

19TH CRUISE LOWER MURRAY (MANNUM)<https://www.gould.com.au/19th-cruise-lower-murray-mannum/>**21-29 August 2025**

Murray Princess, from Mannum, Lower Murray River, SA

Provisional 9 day conference/cruise/tour package

This is the proposed provisional schedule they are working to:

- **Adelaide** - 2 day conference – Thu 21 and Fri 22 Aug 2025
- 1 day bus transfer via North East Hills to Mannum (with tourist stops) – Sat 23 Aug 2025
- **Mannum** - 2 day conference and tour activities – Sat afternoon 24 Aug – early Mon afternoon 25 Aug 2025
- 4 night Murray River Outback Heritage Cruise – Mon afternoon 25 Aug to Fri morning 29 Aug 2025 – for details refer to <https://www.murrayprincess.com.au/cruises-murray-river/4-night-murray-river-cruise/>
- 1 day bus transfer via South East Freeway to Adelaide (with tourist stops) – Fri 29 Aug 2025
- **OPTIONAL** - 2 day add on tour of Kangaroo Island – Sat 30 and Sun 31 Aug 2025

Register your interest – some activities will have a numbers limit, so this will help them with planning.

QFHS SPONSORS LAND SEMINAR**BRISBANE COMPONENT AT GEEBUNG RSL CLUB****THU 12 AND FRI 13 DECEMBER 2024****9.30 AM TO 5.00 PM EACH DAY**

The chance to hear international speakers Mia Bennett and Chris Paton when they come to Brisbane after the Unlock the Past cruise is too good to pass up.

Venue: Geebung RSL.

Bookings will be taken up to 5 December.

QFHS NOTICES (Cont.)

TIP: CALENDAR ON OUR HOME PAGE

If you want to see what events are on for the rest of the year, go to the top left on the QFHS Home Page and find the little calendar icon. Hover your mouse over the name of the month at the top of the calendar. You will notice that a little pointing finger appears indicating there is a link there. Click there and the list of the of activities scheduled for the rest of the year will drop down.

If you click on one it will take you to more information about that one. If you then go back, the whole list is still there waiting for you to check out another. For those organising activities it is a great help.

For those who haven't discovered this great tool, be Wow-ed. I love it.

**Anne Mackay,
Calendar - Communications Team**

**LIBRARY ASSISTANTS AND VOLUNTEERS
CONSULTATION AND TRAINING SESSION**

**Thursday 9 January 2025
10.00 am – 12.00 noon**

**Family History Research
Centre, Chermside/Online**

To be held as a hybrid meeting, using our state-of-the-art Meeting Owl.

This is an opportunity for Library Assistants and all Volunteers to keep up to date with all the latest developments at QFHS's Family History Research Centre, contribute to the strategic plan for our service in the future, as well as learning about operational updates and opportunities for upskilling.



Come along to a general get-together/update kind of day.

Come early for a cuppa before we start.

All volunteers, recent and experienced, are very welcome.

AUSTRALASIAN CONFERENCE 2025

An exciting line-up of local, national and international speakers addressing a wide range of history and genealogy topics has been secured for the conference next March. The program is now online at <https://www.connections2025.org.au/conference-program>.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER

You are invited to contribute to the Christmas Hamper which will be placed in the Reception Area of our Research Centre and at our Volunteers' Morning Tea.



During the Christmas break, the hamper will be delivered to the Salvation Army for distribution. Any non-perishable goods, soft toys, etc, will be very welcome.

Thank you, we very much appreciate your generosity.

**THE TWELVE DAYS OF A
GENEALOGY CHRISTMAS**

On the Twelfth day of Christmas, 🎵🎵

My true love gave to me,
Twelve Deeds and Titles,

Eleven Probate problems,

Ten lost relations,

Nine Legal Letters,

Eight Memorial records,

Seven census searches,

Six GEDCOM's downloaded,

🎵🎵 Five old wills, 🎵🎵

Four christening cards

Three French connections,

Two CD Titles,

And one fully completed Family Tree.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE ■

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SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

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 November 2024 18 January 2025

If you are interested in joining us, please email fhwriters@qfhs.org.au.

Sue Reid
(Convenor)

IRISH RESEARCH GROUP



The Irish Research 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:

14 December 2024 8 February 2025

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 November 2024 23 January 2025

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

Jenny Davidson
(Convenor)

SCOTTISH INTEREST GROUP



This group meets online via Zoom and in our 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 November 2024 8 March 2025

If you are interested in joining this group, please email Chris on scottish@qfhs.org.au.

Chris Schuetz
(Convenor)

WELSH INTEREST GROUP



The Welsh Interest Group meets online via Zoom on the **third Sunday** of **odd-numbered** months from **10.00 am until noon**. The next meeting dates are:

NOTE CHANGE OF DATE TO DECEMBER

1 December 2024 19 January 2025

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 and in our Family History Research Centre (hybrid) on the **first Saturday** of **even-numbered** months from **10.00 am to noon**. The next meeting dates are:

7 December 2024 1 February 2025

A \$2 donation goes towards purchasing relevant records.

For further information email Eric at kopittke@tpg.com.au.

Eric Kopittke & Noel Bergman
(Convenors)

FAMILY TREE MAKER USER GROUP

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

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

Sat 2 November 2024
Fri 6 December 2024
Fri 7 February 2025
Sat 1 March 2025



For further information, please contact Geoff Morgan on 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 **fourth Saturday** of **each** month (except December) online via Zoom and in our Family History Research Centre (hybrid) at **10.00 am** to **noon**. The next meeting dates are:

23 November 2024 **Beginners**
25 January 2025 **Beginners**
22 February 2025 **Experienced**
22 March 2025 **Beginners**

For further information contact Chris Schuetz or Ann Swain on 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:

8 December 2024 **9 February 2025**

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 online on the **first Sunday** of **each** month at

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

3 November 2024
1 December 2024
5 January 2025
2 February 2025

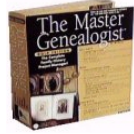
For further information please email familyhistorian@qfhs.org.au.

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 each month, (except December) at **7.00 pm**. The next meeting dates are:

21 November 2024
16 January 2025
20 February 2025
20 March 2025



For further information contact Kevin Haley or Peter Frederick at tmg@qfhs.org.au.

Kevin Haley & Peter Frederick
(Convenors)

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

Tues 10 December 2024
Sat 8 March 2025

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

Ann Swain & Jenny Davidson
(Convenors) ■

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DATES TO REMEMBER, INCLUDING MEMBERS LOUNGE

DATE	ACTIVITY	VENUE	TIME
NOVEMBER 2024			
Saturday	2 Family Tree Maker User Group (<i>See p.154</i>)	Hybrid	10.00 - 11.30 am
Sunday	3 Family Historian Software User Group (<i>See p.155</i>)	Online	1.00 – 3.00 pm
Saturday	9 Scottish Interest Group (<i>See p.154</i>)	Hybrid	10.00 – noon
Thursday	14 IRISH RESEARCH DAY (<i>See p.149</i>)	Research Centre	10.00 – 3.00 pm
Saturday	16 Family History Writing Group (<i>See p.154</i>)	Online	9.00 - noon
Presenting...Civilising Brisbane			
Wednesday	20 Speaker: Duncan Richardson <i>Christmas meeting – please bring a plate to celebrate</i>	Hybrid	1.00 - 3.00 pm
Thursday	21 The Master Genealogist (TMG) User Group (<i>See p.155</i>)	Online	7.00 - 8.30 pm
Saturday	23 DNA Interest Group (<i>See p.155</i>) <i>Beginners</i>	Hybrid	10.00 - noon
Sunday	24 New Members' Welcome & Orientation Session (<i>See p.158</i>)	Research Centre	9.30 – 12.30 pm
Wednesday	27 Talking About - <i>Ambulance Services</i> (<i>See p.148</i>)	Online	10.00 – noon
Thursday	28 English West Country Group (<i>See p.154</i>)	Online	noon - 2.00 pm
Saturday	30 CLOSING DATE QFHS Family History Book Award 2025		
DECEMBER 2024			
Sunday	1 Welsh Interest Group (<i>See p.154</i>) CHANGED DATE	Hybrid	10.00 – noon
Sunday	1 Family Historian Software User Group (<i>See p.155</i>)	Online	1.00 – 3.00 pm
Friday	6 Family Tree Maker User Group (<i>See p.154</i>)	Online	10.00 - 11.30 am
Saturday	7 Central European Group (<i>See p.154</i>)	Hybrid	10.00 – noon
Sunday	8 Colonial India and The Far East Group (<i>See p.155</i>)	Online	10.30 – noon
Monday	9 QFHS Volunteers Thank You Morning Tea, Presentation of QFHS Inc Award for Services for Family History and announcement of the Journal Article of the Year award (<i>See p.150</i>)	Kedron Wavell Services Club, Chermside	10.00 - noon
Tuesday	10 Pre-Separation Group (<i>See p.155</i>)	Online	1.30 – 3.30 pm
Thu-Fri	12-13 Chris Paton & Mia Bennett Down Under Seminar (<i>See p.151</i>)	Geebung RSL Club, Geebung	9.30 - 5.00 pm
Saturday	14 Irish Research Group (<i>See p.154</i>)	Online	10.30 - 12.30 pm
Saturday	14 RESEARCH CENTRE CLOSURES FOR CHRISTMAS BREAK		4.00 pm
JANUARY 2025			
Sunday	5 Family Historian Software User Group (<i>See p.155</i>)	Online	1.00 – 3.00 pm
Thursday	9 LA / VOLUNTEERS TRAINING SESSION (<i>See p.152</i>)	Hybrid	10.00 - noon
Tuesday	14 RESEARCH CENTRE RE-OPENS	Research Centre	10.00 - 3.00 pm
Thursday	16 The Master Genealogist (TMG) User Group (<i>See p.155</i>)	Online	7.00 - 8.30 pm
Saturday	18 Family History Writing Group (<i>See p.154</i>)	Online	9.00 - 11.30 am
Sunday	19 Welsh Interest Group (<i>See p.154</i>)	Online	10.00 - noon
Thursday	23 English West Country Group (<i>See p.154</i>)	Online	noon - 2.00 pm
Saturday	25 DNA Interest Group (<i>See p.155</i>) <i>Beginners</i>	Hybrid	10.00 - noon
Sunday	26 New Members' Welcome & Orientation Session (<i>See p.158</i>)	Research Centre	9.30 – 12.30 pm
Sunday	26 AUSTRALIA DAY – RESEARCH CENTRE CLOSED		
Monday	27 AUSTRALIA DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY - RESEARCH CENTRE CLOSED		
Wednesday	29 Talking About – <i>Listening to the Wireless</i> (<i>See p.148</i>)	Online	10.00 – noon
FEBRUARY 2025			
Saturday	1 Central European Group (<i>See p.154</i>)	Hybrid	10.00 – noon

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Sunday	2 Family Historian Software User Group (See p.155)	Online	1.00 - 3.00 pm
Friday	7 Family Tree Maker User Group (See p.154)	Online	10.00 - 11.30 am
Saturday	8 Irish Research Group (See p.154)	Online	10.30 - 12.30 pm
Sunday	9 Colonial India and The Far East Group (See p.155)	Online	10.30 – noon
Monday	10 Finding Your Family course Week 1 (See p.148)	Online	7.30 - 9.00 pm
Sunday	15 New Members' Welcome & Orientation Session (See p.158)	Research Centre	9.30 – 12.30 pm
Wednesday	Presenting... <i>Let's play – No more dull boys named Jack: Social life in pre-separation Queensland</i> Speaker: Dr Jennifer Harrison (postponed from October)	Hybrid	1.00 - 3.00 pm
Thursday	20 The Master Genealogist (TMG) User Group (See p.155)	Online	7.00 - 8.30 pm
Friday	21 Learn@QFHS: <i>YouTube for Family Historians</i> (See p.148)	Online	10.00 – 11.30 am
Saturday	22 DNA Interest Group (See p.155) <i>Experienced</i>	Hybrid	10.00 am - noon
Monday	24 Members Lounge – Book Club	Hybrid	10.00 - 11.30 am
MARCH 2025			
Saturday	1 Family Tree Maker User Group (See p.154)	Hybrid	10.00 - 11.30 am
Sunday	2 Family Historian Software User Group (See p.155)	Online	1.00 - 3.00 pm
Saturday	8 Scottish Interest Group (See p.154)	Hybrid	10.00 – noon
Saturday	8 Pre-Separation Group (See p.115)	Online	1.30 – 3.30 pm
Thursday	13 IRISH RESEARCH DAY (See p.)	Research Centre	10.00 - 3.00 pm
Saturday	15 Family History Writing Group (See p.154)	Online	9.00 - noon
Sunday	16 Welsh Interest Group (See p.154)	Hybrid	10.00 - noon
Wednesday	Presenting... <i>Moments in migration: exploring the immigrant experience in images</i> Speaker: Eve Terry of NAA	Hybrid	1.00 - 3.00 pm
Thursday	20 The Master Genealogist (TMG) User Group (See p.155)	Online	7.00 - 8.30 pm
Fri-Mon	The Australasian Conference - Connections 2025 - 21- combining the 17th Australian Conference on Genealogy 24 and Heraldry and 5th History Queensland State Conference (See p.153)	Brisbane Technology Park Conf & Exhibition Centre, 1 Clunies Ross Court, Eight Mile Plains, Qld	
Saturday	22 DNA Interest Group (See p.157) <i>Beginners</i>	Hybrid	10.00 - noon
Sunday	23 New Members' Welcome & Orientation Session (See p.158)	Online	9.30 – 12.30 pm
Tuesday	25 Bi-annual General Meeting	Online	7.30 – 9.00 pm
Wednesday	26 Talking About – Ferries: The crossing places and the boats (See p.148)	Online	10.00 am – noon
Thursday	27 English West Country Group (See p.154)	Online	noon - 2.00 pm
Monday	31 Members Lounge - Visit to Queensland Muslim Museum	309 Nursery Rd, Holland Pk	10.00 - noon

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

Dates and participation methods are correct at the time of printing. Always check the QFHS calendar.



Book Club

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



Talking About...

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



Presenting...

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



Socials

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WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS of QFHS INC.

Membership numbers 6740 – 6761 including members who joined up to 30/9/24:

BEAN Diane, Marsden, Qld
 CONDON Helen, Atherton, Nth Qld
 CONOMOS Judy, Kingaroy, Qld
 CZABANSKI Wojciech, Clayfield, Qld
 FOSTER Brian, Beerwah, Qld
 FOSTER Jessica, Kealy, WA
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 LONGWORTH John, Toowong, Qld
 MONRO Karen, Mackay, Qld
 REBGETZ Dale, Belgrave South, Vic
 SUTHERLAND Louise, Ferny Grove, Qld
 SYKES Beverley, Kenmore, Qld
 TAYLOR Ian, Red Hill, Qld
 TAYLOR Michael, Cooroy, Qld
 TODD Belinda, Grange, Qld
 TONKS Allan, Taringa, Qld
 WEBB Grant, New Farm, Qld
 WILSON Ruth, Highfields, Qld
 WINCHESTER Nerida, Lota, Qld
 YOUNG Rebecca, Corindi Beach, NSW

Welcome back to the following member who is rejoining:

KETELS Coralie, Newmarket, Qld ■

NEW MEMBERS' WELCOME & ORIENTATION SESSIONS

New Members' Welcome and Orientation Sessions are to be held on the **third Saturday** of **even-numbered** months and **fourth Sunday** of **odd-numbered** months, all from **9.30 am – 12.30 pm** (not December). The next meeting dates will be:

2024

Sun 24 November at Research Centre

2025

Sun 26 January at Research Centre

Sat 15 February at Research Centre

Sun 23 March Online

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.

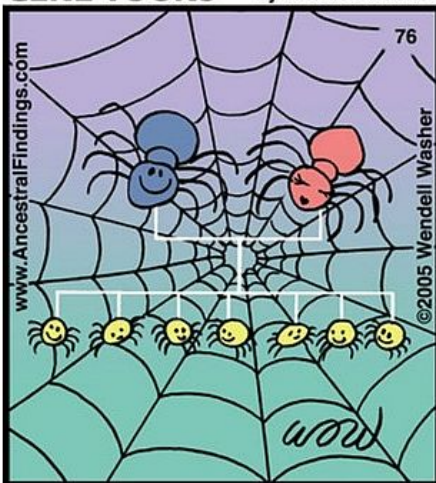
BOOKINGS: *Essential*

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.

Ann Swain & Anne Long
Convenors

welcome@qfhs.org.au. ■

GENE TOONS by Wendell Washer



Genealogy on the web.

<http://www.jgstb.org/pictures/genealogy-cartoons-good-for-a-laugh-2213993>

QUEENSLAND PRE-SEPARATION GROUP APPROVAL

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

#355 Gregory Weir (QFHS Member 111) is descended from **George Bagnell** and his wife **Elizabeth Bagnell (née Ryland)** who arrived in Moreton Bay on the *Caroline* on 17/11/1853 and their daughter **Ann Bagnell**, aged 10 when arriving in Moreton Bay, who married in Brisbane on 16/8/1861 **Robert Bryans** who arrived in Moreton Bay on 19/9/1858 on the *Alfred*. ■

ABOUT THE SOCIETY

Please refer to our website for the most current information.

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

Members may:

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

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(incl. postage; no GST payable)	

(effective from 1 May 2024).

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

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

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RESEARCH CENTRE HOURS (ALL AEST)

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

The Research Centre is **closed on Mondays and 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** at 1.00 pm to allow as many members and visitors as possible to attend, either in person at the Family History Research Centre, 46 Delaware St, Chermside, or via Zoom. Those unable to attend in person but unfamiliar with Zoom may contact the Secretary at secretary@qfhs.org.au 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.154 or *Dates to Remember* on p.156 of this issue.

Presenting...MONTHLY GUEST SPEAKERS

2024

NOVEMBER 20 (1.00 pm)

Presenting...*Civilising Brisbane*

Back by popular demand, Duncan Richardson will provide details from his book *Civilising Brisbane* of how three Colonial Women changed the face of a city. In the second half of the 19th century, Lady Diamantina Bowen, Sister Ellen Whitty and Eliza O'Connell battled indifference and prejudice to improve health care, the arts and education in Brisbane. Crossing the sectarian divide, they often worked together and their letters and diaries reveal a fascinating story of struggle to improve lives in a rapidly growing town.

DECEMBER 9 (10.00 am)

QFHS VOLUNTEERS' THANK YOU MORNING TEA,

**Presentation of QFHS INC. AWARD FOR SERVICES TO FAMILY HISTORY, and
ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE JOURNAL ARTICLE OF THE YEAR AWARDS 2024**

2025

FEBRUARY 19 (1.00 pm)

Presenting... *Let's Play - No More Dull Boys Named Jack: Social Life In Pre-Separation Queensland* (Postponed from October 2024)

Back by popular demand, Dr Jennifer Harrison talks about the years between February 1842 and December 1859, when the thousands who pioneered the newly opened acres of north-eastern New South Wales embraced opportunities to off-set hard work with stimulating activities to fill their leisure hours. Those who elected to put down roots obviously decided to follow the mantra: "I choose to make the rest of my life the best of my life", rather than "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy". This presentation is intended to complement her last contribution which examined their continued communication with the rest of the world. Now we will investigate and identify who instituted social pursuits and how they achieved their aims.

MARCH 19 (1.00 pm)

Presenting...*Moments in migration: exploring the immigrant experience in images*

Eve Terry of the National Archives of Australia will provide a fascinating insight into records held by the NAA, highlighting a rich photographic collection documenting the migrant experience - from the often long and tiring journey to Australian shores, to settling into life in their adopted communities. This presentation will chart the migrant story through images of life in migrant accommodations camps, migrants' contributions to the workforce and participation in cultural life in Australia.

APRIL 16 (1.00 pm)

Presenting...*Brisbane @ War - Military Locations in Brisbane during WWII*

Peter Dunn OAM is the webmaster of the popular "Australia @ War" web site at www.ozatwar.com which contains everything you would want to know about military activities in Australia during WWII. Peter's research has made him realise that very few authors and historians have covered much detail about events that occurred on the home front during WWII. Peter has published seven E-books on WWII in Australia. He will share details and photos of numerous military camps and depots located around Brisbane during WWII.

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

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