



For anyone tracing their family history,
from absolute beginner to long-term enthusiast,
in Queensland and throughout the world

Join us

- Discover and explore family history records.
- Meet with like-minded people.
- Be part of a welcoming community and share the fun of family history.
- Have online access to Queensland's largest collection of family history records, presentations and news and journals.
- Access extensive family history resources and subscription databases.
- Attend Society talks, classes and workshops online or in person.
- Become a better researcher.
- Get discounts to paid education events, bookshop products, and research service.
- Participate in family history projects.
- Receive the Society's journal *Queensland Family Historian*.
- Receive *Snippets*, the monthly eNewsletter with local and world-wide family history news.

Hours

Always open

www.qfhs.org.au

Research Centre

Tuesday-Thursday
Saturday

10am-3pm
midday-3pm

Resources

Explore our online resources at <https://www.qfhs.org.au/online-access/>

And our catalogue at www.qfhs.org.au/resources/catalogue-search/

Research Centre Resources

QFHS has a substantial collection of reference books, a lending library, microfiche, microfilms, databases and electronically searchable documents, maps, cemetery records, and a comprehensive list of genealogical journals from both Australia and overseas.

Events

QFHS provides a variety of talks, workshops, gatherings and educational programs to stimulate and enhance knowledge and expertise in family history and related subjects. These feature expert local, national, and international speakers and may be presented online or in-person.

Interest Groups

Interest groups meet regularly: details at <https://www.qfhs.org.au/groups/>

Central European	DNA
Colonial India and the Far East	Family History Writing
English West Country	Family Historian Software Users
Irish	Family Tree Maker Users
Scottish	The Master Genealogist Users
Welsh	Queensland Pre-Separation **

** descendants of those who lived what is now Queensland, prior to separation from New South Wales on 10 December 1859

Contact us

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Some major holdings

Explore our catalogue at

www.qfhs.org.au/resources/catalogue-search/

Subscription Websites

Free member access *from home*:

- MyHeritage
- The Genealogist

At the Research Centre:

- Ancestry
- The Genealogist
- Emerald Ancestors (Northern Ireland)
- Findmypast
- Biographical Database of Australia
- Irish Ancestors (Ireland)
- MyHeritage
- British Newspaper Archive

FamilySearch affiliate library: enabling access to digital records not generally available online

QFHS online information – at www.qfhs.org.au

Those marked * are also available to non-members

Cemeteries

- George Bond Photographic Collection index
- Queensland Cemetery Collection Index
- Queensland Cemeteries Monumental Inscriptions for Goomeri, Mundubbera, Ravenswood, Sherwood Anglican, South Brisbane, Toowong

Early Queensland and Moreton Bay

- Miscellaneous Records of the Moreton Bay Region 1855-1859
- Queensland Land Records 1856-1859
- Moreton Bay Supreme Court Records 1857-1859
- *Queensland Women's Suffrage Petitions - 1894 and 1897
- Queensland Early Pioneers Index 1824-1859

Electoral Rolls

- Commonwealth Electoral Roll (Queensland) 1969
- Early Queensland Electoral Rolls 1860-1884 and 1889
- Commonwealth Electoral Roll (Queensland): Covering years 1903, 1906, 1913, 1922, 1934, 1941, 1949, 1959, 1969
- Commonwealth Electoral Roll (Tasmania) 1916

Government Gazettes

- Consolidated Index to the Queensland Government Gazette 1859-1919
- *Police Gazette Inquests 1875-1885
- Queensland Horse and Cattle Brands 1872-1899
- Queensland Intestacy Returns Index 1896-1916
- Queensland Miners' Rights and Business Licences 1870-1884
- Queensland Miscellaneous Licences 1860-1899
- Queensland Police Gazette Index 1864-1884
- Queensland Sheep Brands 1877-1900
- Queensland Timber Licences 1860-1901
- Queensland Unclaimed Letters Index 1860-1874
- Queensland, Intestacies, Insolvencies and Wills 1859-1900

Military

- Australasian Volunteers in the American Civil War
- Queensland Defence Force General Orders 1885-1902
- The Army Index 1787
- *QFHS Battalions Name Index
- Roll of Honour Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders in the Australian Armed Forces

Miscellaneous

- Queensland Family Historian name index 1979-2024
- Les Moreland Scrapbook Index
- *Orphanage Admissions-1865-1909
- Hughenden Collection
- Queensland Baptist Office Bearers 1907-1969
- Queensland Passports Index 1915-1925
- *QFHS Books: Name Accumulation Index
- Loyal Orange Institution of Queensland Registers
- *Persons called before Queensland Government committees 1860-1920
- Springsure Collection
- Queensland Brands Directory 1949-1952
- Supreme Court - Brisbane Originating Summonses 1901-1906

Occupations

- Queensland Police officers appointed or sworn between 1 January 1864 and 31 December 1974
- Queensland Railway Appointments and Removals 1890
- Queensland Railway Dismissals 1879
- *Railways Appointments and Dismissals 1890-1915
- Queensland Public Service Index 1864-1948
- Locomotive Enginemen, Firemen, and Cleaners 1912
- Queensland Railway Employees 1889-1940

Newspapers

- Queensland Country Life 1981-83
- Personal Notices in the Brisbane Courier Mail and Toowoomba Chronicle between 1982 and 1985
- Queenslander News-Budget Deutsche Beilage

Schools

- Enrolments Muttaborra (Queensland) State School 1891-2006
- Queensland School Pupils Indexes. Parts 1-6 Combined
- Queensland Schools Past and Present
- Queensland Teachers Index 1907-1920
- Orphans attending Townsville Central School 1880 to 1936
- Queensland School Pupils Indexes. Part 7
- Queensland State School Committee Members 1876-1899

Shipping and Migration

- *Assisted immigration 1848 to 1912
- Queensland Customs House Shipping 1852-1899: Passengers and Crew
- Emigrants from Hamburg 1850-1879
- *Fifty Years In Queensland : Living Pioneer Colonists (1909)

Learning and presentations

- Presentations at QFHS
- QFHS YouTube channel
- Special Interest Group presentations

Searchable documents

- Queensland Family Historian, QFHS's quarterly journal
- Snippets, QFHS's monthly newsletter
- Journals from many family history societies around the world
- Books, biographies, family histories and award winners
- Queensland cemetery monumental inscription transcripts
- Papua New Guinea records 1888-1975

Electronic resources at the Research Centre

Electoral rolls, voters lists – Australia

- Queensland State electoral rolls from 1870 to 1914
- Queensland Commonwealth electoral rolls: 1903, 1913, 1922, 1934, 1941, 1949, 1959 (other years on microfiche)
- New South Wales
- Northern Territory
- South Australia
- Tasmania
- Victoria
- Western Australia

Electoral rolls, poll books, and voters lists – Other Countries

- England
- Ireland
- Scotland
- New Zealand

Gazettes, almanacs, and directories – Queensland

Searchable globally via keyword

- Government Gazettes 1859-1910
- Police Gazettes 1864-1943
- Education Gazettes 1899-1959

Australian and worldwide gazettes, almanacs, and directories including

- Post Office
- District
- Brands
- Bankrupt
- Medical
- Ecclesiastical
- Telephone
- Members' Interests

Other electronic resources - Australia and worldwide

2600+ items available via computer network menu including

- Queensland school pupils index
- Early pioneers
- Emigrants from Hamburg
- Qld. intestacies and wills
- Qld. gazetted licences
- Australians and other expatriates in PNG
- Census records
- National burial index (UK)
- Vital records
- Griffith valuations
- Military records
- International Genealogical Index

Birth, death and marriage records

Queensland

Birth, marriage and deaths indexes on microform or CD, showing full date of the event

- births to 1919 (fiche)
- marriages to 1939 (fiche)
- deaths to 1964 (fiche)
- births, marriages, deaths to 1914 (CD)

Other Australian states

Available via the Internet and at QFHS

- New South Wales
- South Australia
- Western Australia

Available at QFHS via microform or CD

- Victoria
- Tasmania
- Northern Territory

Other countries

- England
- Ireland
- Scotland
- Wales
- Germany
- United States of America
- New Zealand

Cemetery records

Photographs

George Bond collection of headstone photographs, mainly Queensland

48,000+ photographs; computer indexed, copies available

Other records

Cemetery records, monumental inscriptions, burial and undertakers' records; card indexed and computer indexed for countries including:

- Australia (all states), England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland, New Zealand, Jamaica, Bermuda, India, Pakistan

Books and Journals

Australia and worldwide

7,000+ books and 200+ journal titles held at the Research Centre

Searchable online via the QFHS Books: Name Accumulation Index and the catalogue

Maps

Australian and worldwide

Parish, general, and family history maps

Computer indexed, 1500+ maps

Where to find us

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The steps to family history research

A brief overview that does not cover everything!

Research question

- ◆ What am I stuck with?
- ◆ Am I focused on the right thing?
- ◆ Do I have to do something else first?
- ◆ Focus tightly
- ◆ Ten words or less

What do I know?

- ◆ Do I already have what I need?
- ◆ Where is it?
- ◆ Gather all relevant information, online or paper
- ◆ Organise it

Evaluate and analyse

- ◆ The most important step
- ◆ Did I get everything from the record?
- ◆ Would a timeline help me understand what this means?
- ◆ Says who? Evaluate the person who provided the information
- ◆ Identify the nuggets – what applies to my research question
- ◆ Many forms of analysis depending on the complexity of the research and the information

Do I have enough to answer my question?

- ◆ Yes – go to record and explain
- ◆ No – go to planning

Plan my search

- ◆ What records exist to answer my question?
- ◆ Where will I find them?
- ◆ Plan out my steps to gather information

Search and gather information

- ◆ Use different search terms
- ◆ Put my search terms together differently
- ◆ Transcribe the records I find to make sure I capture everything
- ◆ Take screenshots, annotate my copies to highlight important clues

Evaluate and analyse (again)

- ◆ The most important step!

Record and explain

- ◆ Capture the answer to my question in writing
- ◆ In my family history software, or my journal, or my paper tree, or a formal research report, or my blog, or on facebook, or however I want to make sure this one small piece of evidence is recorded.
- ◆ Explain any inconsistencies with other information I have regarding the same question. Eg a different date or place or name.

