

Snippets 2024



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I am very pleased to tell you that this is my last Snippets as the sole new Snippets co-editor. Sheena will be back from overseas very soon. Thank you so much for dealing with my idiosyncrasies as I have come to terms with Mailchimp and family-history oriented material. It has been fun, but i will appreciate having Sheena around.

It has been intriguing to learn about the wide-ranging backgrounds of members whose family have come from so many parts of the world! So many Australian families seem to be a rich mix of Europeans, Asians, Africans, Americans and more. Which is partly why this Society exists, perhaps. People can search out interesting and at times unknown facts about their past, especially with the ever-growing availability of on-line databases.

While reading comments from some new members about what a wide range of resources they are able to gain access through QFHS, I have become aware of the extent of my own ignorance. Do you know how many datasets are available to you through the QFHS website, and often at minimal or no cost? Do take a few minutes to look through them! You might find material relevant to your family background of which you were unaware.

By the way, Sheena and I are planning to put out a very limited Snippets in December, just notifying you of early events next year and saying happy Christmas. It may go out a little

earlier than usual, so please let us know as soon as possible about anything you would like people reminded about, or any other items of interest.

Just in case you miss the next issue - happy Christmas!

Deborah Clark-Dickson
Snippets Co-editor

NEWS



Award for Services to Family History

The Award for Services to Family History is presented annually to QFHS members who have made a significant voluntary contribution to family history or to the Society. Multiple awards may be presented each year.

Nominations for 2024 closed on 30 September and **the award presentation will take place at the Volunteers Thank You Morning Tea on Tuesday 9 December 2024.**

Please keep in mind nominating someone for this annual award in 2025. Full details of the requirements for eligibility will return to Snippets in 2025.

New Queensland Family Historian is out!



The November issue of the Queensland Family Historian has just been issued. The Historian can be found on the QFHS website at 'Resources/Documents'. The latest edition is 'Queensland Family Historian Vol 45 No. 4 Nov 2024'..

Introducing ... Volunteer profile



Jenny Davidson: convenor of the English West Country SIG

Jenny Davidson is a QFHS volunteer with several roles.

The English West Country SIG began in 1991 and has 43 members, who research in Cornwall, Devon, Dorset, and Somerset family history. 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. The group's ancestors had careers in mining, construction, the clergy, and maritime industries including Merchant and 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 the QFHS Resource Centre.

Another role Jenny fulfills is supporting Presenting ... sessions via Eventbrite and Zoom. This takes a few hours every couple of weeks. Jenny finds organizing the Zoom

sessions okay, 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 Jenny joined the English West Country SIG meeting, there were six attendees and a few apologies. The lack of numbers was immaterial, because enthusiasm and sharing of information flowed. She 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 where in the 1860s he paid poor rates. She also found him in water rental books.

Jenny Davidson 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

Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

Next meetings:



Central European

Colonial India & the Far East:

DNA (beginners questions):

DNA (some experience):

English West Country:

Family History Writing:

Family History Software:

Family Tree Maker:

Irish Research Day:

QLD Pre-Separation:

Scottish:

The Master Genealogist:

Welsh:

Saturday 7 Dec 24 - 10am

Sunday 8 Dec 24 - 10.30am zoom

Saturday 23 Nov 24 - 10am

Saturday 22 February 25 - 10am

Thursday 28 Nov 24 - 12 noon

Saturday 18 Jan 25 - 9am

Sunday 1 Dec 24 - 1pm

Friday 6 Dec 24 - 10am

Saturday 14 Dec 24 - 10am

Thursday 20 Jan 25 - 7pm

Sunday 19 Jan 25 - 10am

Thursday 20 Jan 25 - 7pm

Sunday 19 January 25 - 10am

Meetings vary between online or in person at our Family History Research Centre, 46 Delaware Street, Chermside. Please check the [QFHS calendar on the website](#) or contact the group Convenor to confirm your meeting location.

Learning more about QFHS Special Interest Groups

Would you like to learn more about a particular interest group or perhaps join them for a meeting? Click [here](#) and select an interest group. You can contact the Convenor if you have any questions or would like to join a meeting.

Next Management Committee meeting

The next meeting of the Management Committee will be held ONLINE on:

Tues 10 Dec 2024 - 7:00-9.30pm QLD time, AEST:

QFHS members may submit items for the MC meeting via the Secretary at secretary@qfhs.org.au.

EVENTS

Volunteers Thank You Morning Tea DATE CLAIMER



We'd love to see you at our annual Thank You morning tea at **Kedron Wavell Services Club on Monday 9th December at 10am.**

It doesn't matter if you've been able to donate your time regularly, occasionally or for a one-off event we want to show our appreciation for your generosity. Come along, meet old friends and maybe make some new ones as you share your common interest. It's a rare chance to just relax with fellow members.

Please make some time to join us. We will be sending out a formal invitation shortly.

Caroline Brudell
Volunteer Coordinator



New Members Welcome and Orientation: Get ready to make the most of your membership

These orientation sessions will be **held either in person at the QFHS Family Research Centre, 46 Delaware St Chermside or online via Zoom**. It's your opportunity to learn more about our research resources, services and learning opportunities.

Not a new member but need an update on accessing resources at our Family History Research Centre? You're very welcome to join the sessions.

Session details:

Saturday 24 November 9:30am - 12noon (in person at the Research Centre)

Bookings are essential - please email welcome@qfhs.org.au

AND MORE: read this article to learn what one member gained from attending a previous **QFHS New Members' Welcome and Orientation**.

Facilitated by Ann Swain, Tony Swain and Anne Long

I attended this event at 9.30 on 17 August 2024 at the QFHS library at 46 Delaware St, Chermside. Along with Linda Cartmill and Paula Pyburne, I signed in. A chat over morning tea broke the ice before we sat together to begin the orientation.

All three leaders of the meeting were knowledgeable, committed and truly approachable, so asking questions was not a problem.

Ann and Tony Swain, joint Member Fives, have helped the Society be what it is today through their initiative, enthusiasm and, dare I say, their long commitment. Ann is also the DNA group convenor and Queensland Pre-Separation joint convenor, while Tony is the finance officer for Shop Support and USB production. Both are frequently onsite to welcome those who call in.

Anne Long is research coordinator.

I have been a member of QFHS for some years but had never done the orientation. We

each spoke about our family research interests. Linda will be known to you as the QFHS award-winning author of *From Green to Gold – The Cartmill Family Journey from Armagh to Australia*. It was Paula's first visit to the centre, and she was clearly excited by the comprehensive range of facilities and resources.

Anne Long gave us a guided tour of the centre's resources, pointing out microfiche, maps, journals, books for borrowing, library, and research folders along the way.

Tony then took us to the computers to show us how to conduct our own research both at the centre and remotely. He sent each of us to locate a book of individual relevance and we were shown how to insert the BOOK MARKER to relocate the spot later. I found an ancestor's name in the book I'd been sent to locate!

While we were there, a talented library helper arrived and sat at a particular computer to transfer to USB research material requested by members. It is astounding the amount of quality material that is available, so if you have not done this orientation session, I strongly recommend that you do.

I am so thankful I was there. Ann, ever the scientist, pointed out how the tree-filled location allowed members to breathe in endorphins and feel better.

Dornell Wylie



Members Lounge – Book Group

Commentary

Comments from member Dornell Wylie on discussion of *Killing for Country* by David Marr at a Book Group meeting held on 28 October.

Killing for Country is an important contribution to truth-telling, and David Marr relates, with unforgiving honesty, the part that two of his male ancestors played in the Frontier Wars. Both served with the Native Police. He does not include Indigenous voices because he believes that is not his place. Marr used AustLang database for names of Aboriginal peoples and the AIATSIS map of Indigenous Australia. The book was first published in 2023, with two reprints that same year.

Members present (via zoom) were thoughtful in their contributions about the selected book, which was considered rather challenging, both in material and style. Bettina joined

from the Blue Mountains and Chris joined from Rockhampton, so don't think you have to be local for this fascinating member activity. Alex pointed out that there is information about Rockhampton listed in the index to *Killing for Country*. That index covers 16 pages, so *Killing for Country* is a thoroughly researched account.

Some telling quotes: 'Neither man doubted the land was theirs for the taking'; 'When whites were out to kill, any black would do'. What is Marr telling us of the true nature of humans? Think about the story behind *Animal Farm* by George Orwell. Consider what is happening in the Middle East right now.

Useful URLs:

frontierconflict.org

<https://www.simonandschuster.com.au/books/Murder-at-Myall-Creek/Mark-Tedeschi/9781925533484>

Rachel Perkins: <https://www.sbs.com.au/ondemand/tv-series/the-australian-wars>
<https://www.abc.net.au/listen/programs/latenightlive/nigel-biggar-colonialism/104509220>

Other books discussed included:

Paddy's Road: Life Stories of Patrick Dodson by Kevin Keffe

The Dig Tree: The Story of Burke and Wills by Sarah Murgatroyd

The Colony: A History of Early Sydney and People of the River: Lost Worlds of Early Australia by Grace Karskens

Denny Day: The Life and Times of Australia's Greatest Lawman, The Forgotten Hero of the Myall Creek Massacre by Terry Smyth

The Discovery of Jeanne Baret: A Story of Science, the High Seas, and the First Woman to Circumnavigate the World by Glynis Ridley

That Bligh Girl and Elizabeth and Elizabeth (Macquarie and Macarthur) by Sue Williams
Nanberry: Black Brother White by Jackie French

Bennelong: The Coming in of the Eora, Sydney Cove 1788-1792 by Keith Vincent Smith

The Tyranny of Distance: How Distance Shaped Australia's History by Geoffrey Blainey

Members Lounge – Talking About ...

Ambulance Services

Facilitator: Nancy Edwards

When: 27 November 2024 at 10am
AEST

Where: QFHS Research Centre, 24



Delaware St,
Chermside

How have ambulance services touched your lives, and your ancestors' lives, both now and in the past?

First responders have a long history, be it with Queensland's Ambulance Transport Brigade, St John Ambulance Association, RFDS or Australian Field Ambulance military units, and be it by horse-drawn vehicle in the past or helicopter today.

Your or your ancestor's connection may be glancing - a mention in a newspaper of attendance at a broken arm or sitting on an advisory committee or fund-raising committee. Perhaps there was a life and death situation. Perhaps your ancestor was a trained professional - bearer, officer, superintendent, paramedic or doctor. What about the differences between rural and urban services?

If you would like to share your own experience, or your family history discovery, ask a question or simply catch up with other family historians for a chat, come along to this session.

We hope we never need an ambulance, but we are glad those services have been there for our families and our ancestors.

Please note. This event does not have a presenter. Social connection and learning will be promoted by a facilitator providing discussion opportunities for the participants, through prompts, conversation and chat messages.

The event will not be recorded.

NOTE: This session will have a limited number of tickets to ensure everyone gets their chance to participate in the discussion. Therefore, if you are booked and realise you are now unable to attend, please advise us so we can reallocate your ticket to someone on the waitlist.

[Register now](#)

Members Lounge - Presenting ...

2025 Speakers - a taste of what is to come

The following speakers have been organised for the first few months of 2025. Closer to the time, we will be providing more information, but this list might help you decide when you

need to keep some time free to attend one of more of the talks.

Please note that it is not yet possible to register for these 2025 events. Registration will commence early in the new year.



**Social Life in Pre-separation
Queensland**

19 February 2025, 1 pm

By zoom

Dr Jennifer Harrison will join us on zoom to talk about life outside work in the years before 1859. Jennifer will investigate and identify who instituted social pursuits and how they achieved their aims. She will introduce us to what pastimes became available and what was the role played by access to delights generated by community attractions as diverse as music, literature, entertainment, education, religion, sport, holidays, food, politics and pets

19 March 2025, 1 pm

Hybrid

Eve Terry has worked for the National Archives of Australia for ten years, and is currently acting in the role of Assistant Manager, Public Engagement for the Queensland office. She has worked mainly in the area of collection management. An important aspect of Eve's work with the collection included making World War I repatriation records available online, through her management of the Project Albany team in Brisbane.





Brisbane@War - Military Locations in Brisbane during WWII

16 April 2025, 1 pm

Hybrid - Peter in person at the QFHS Research Centre

Peter Dunn OAM will share details and photos of numerous military camps and depots located around Brisbane during WWII.

Queensland Rail

21 May 2025, 1 pm

Hybrid - Greg in person at the QFHS Research Centre

Greg Hallam has been with Queensland Rail since 2000 and has been historian for the organisation for nearly all the last 23 years. He is a third generation family member to work at Queensland Rail and has been active professionally in the community history and cultural heritage fields for nearly 30 years.



The QFHS Print Library SALE is still in progress!

Our Print Library team has been quietly upgrading our library shelves and sorting the donations that we have been receiving over the past two years.

A number of books have been identified as being surplus to requirements or no longer meet our collection criteria.

These books are available in our centre only, and are selling for \$2 each. You will find

them just outside the Administration Room. We will have them on permanent display, and they may be refreshed from time to time.

So why not call in and grab yourself a bargain for Xmas?

NEW RESOURCES

Our Research Kiosk



Recently, the Print Library team launched a new search tool: the Research Kiosk.

The Research Kiosk accesses almost 2 million pages of information including:

digitised print journals (journals with lots of names and photos have been prioritised for inclusion)

all e-journals (search the entire contents of our e-journal collection at once)

much of the contents of the QFHS CD collection (search the entire collection of 2201 PDFs created from the CDs at once).

Click on the link below to gain access to the Research Kiosk Look-up Request form and the Print Library team will email your search results within seven days.



FamilySearch International

FamilySearch International is the largest genealogy organisation in the world. Millions of people use FamilySearch records, resources, and services to learn more about their family history. To help in this great pursuit, FamilySearch and their predecessors have been actively gathering, preserving, and sharing genealogical records worldwide for over 100 years. Their services and resources can be accessed for free online at [FamilySearch.org](https://www.familysearch.org) or by visiting a FamilySearch Affiliate Library - QFHS is one but there are over 6000 world-wide.

Free webinars on this theme are available on demand

Over 2,000 webinars are available on demand: go to the FamilySearch Library to see what is available.

More FamilySearch resources:

- Explore 18 billion historical records and images at FamilySearch.
- Search historical record images using the powerful [Explore Historical Images](#) feature.
- Peruse over 1,500 free on-demand sessions from [RootsTech](#).
- Schedule a [free 20-minute consultation](#) with a FamilySearch Library research specialist. FamilySearch International is the largest genealogy organisation in the

world. Millions of people use FamilySearch records, resources, and services to learn more about their family history. To help in this great pursuit, FamilySearch and their predecessors have been actively gathering, preserving, and sharing genealogical records worldwide for over 100 years. Their services and resources can be accessed for free online at [FamilySearch.org](https://www.familysearch.org) or by visiting a FamilySearch Affiliate Library - QFHS is one but there are over 6000 world-wide.

Click on the button below to view the newsletter, which gives information about the latest events.

[Click here](#)

Assisted Immigration to Queensland 1848 to 1912

A new dataset with 262,900 entries has been added to the QFHS online research resources.

See <https://www.qfhs.org.au/online-access/assistedimmigration/> - and please read its associated [ABOUT](#) document for details of the data.

The project repurposes a long-standing open-sourced dataset from the Queensland State Archives. Our adaption was originally commenced in 2020 but set aside due to Covid, data quality issues, and work on other projects.

Journals: a rich resource



Make sure you include journals published by family history and genealogy societies in your research resources.

You never know what gems they may contain - why not take some time to browse through the various titles?

E-journals received from other family history and genealogy societies in the last month:

Australia

[SAG Descent 54 3 2024 09](#)

NSW

[Murrumbidgee Ancestor 143 2024 10](#)

[Lithgow Pioneer Press 39 2 2024 10](#)

[pfff-newsletter-60-2024_11.pdf](#)

[Wyong Tree Of Life 41 4 2024 11](#)

Queensland

[Cooroy Missing Link 55 2024 11](#)

[Gladstone Timeline 27 1 2024 08](#)

[GSQ Generation 48 1 2024 09](#)

[Narre Warren 142 2024 11](#)

[Redcliffe Newsletter 2024 11](#)

[RHSQ 901 2024 11](#)

[Toowoomba DDFHS Gazette 37 3 2024 11](#)

Victoria

[Narre Warren 142 2024 11](#)

[Peninsula Past Times 176 2024 11](#)

England

[Devon Historian 192 2024 11](#)

[Devon Historian 192 2024 11 Supplement](#)

[East Yorkshire Banyan Tree 180 2024 11](#)

[Isle Wight 155 2024 11](#)

[JGSGB 105 2024 04](#)

[JGSGB 107 2024 10](#)

[JGSGB Shemot 32 3 Pp 1 30 2024 12](#)

[JGSGB Shemot 32 3 Pp 31 50 2024 12](#)

[Northamptonshire Footprints 47 2 2024 11](#)

[Northamptonshire Footprints 47 2 2024 11](#)

[Northumberland Durham 49 1 2024](#)

[Northumberland Durham 49 2 2024](#)

[Northumberland Durham 49 3 2024](#)

[Ormskirk Family Historian 95 2024 10](#)

Scotland

[Aberdeen NES 172 2024 11](#)

[Caithness FHS Journal 77 2024 10](#)

[Dumfries Galloway NL110 2024 11](#)

NOTICEBOARD

A reminder: QFHS Subscriptions to International Databases

QFHS provides free access to an extensive range of information available through the library editions of the following websites (check the QFHS website for member login details)

From home

[MyHeritage](#)
[TheGenealogist \(United Kingdom\)](#)

From the Research Centre at Chermside

[Ancestry](#)
[Biographical Database of Australia](#)
[British Newspaper Archive](#)
[Emerald Ancestors \(Northern Ireland\)](#)
[Findmypast](#)
[Irish Ancestors \(Ireland\)](#)
[MyHeritage](#)
[TheGenealogist \(United Kingdom\)](#)



QFHS is a [FamilySearch](#) affiliate library.

You can reach limited-access FamilySearch databases and images on the QFHS computers.

Les Moreland Scrapbook Index

There are 6,984 entries in the Les Moreland Scrapbook index, many from German sources. These point into a collection of 2,284 PDF files (not images). Some of the PDFs are excellent but

other photocopies, done in the 1980s and 1990s, are not particularly clear. Nonetheless they can provide relevant information and may allow a better copy of the document to be located from current online sources.

This new and unique index has been added to Queensland Family History Society's valuable collection of searchable datasets. Our 62 searchable datasets provide access to information in electoral rolls, school admissions records, shipping and migration, occupations, cemeteries to name a few categories. While over half a million entries are available for online search by the general public, some 15 million more are reserved for QFHS members only.

[Read more about Les Moreland and his valuable collection of materials here.](#)

What is in the Les Moreland Scrapbook index

- Births, baptisms, marriages, banns, deaths, and burials
- Confirmations
- Naturalisations
- Impfung – vaccination (from Impfschein, vaccination certificate)
- Bürgerrechts-Verzichts – waiver of civil rights (in preparation for emigration)
- Reise Pass – permission to travel
- Auswandern Erlaubnis – permission to emigrate
- Entlassung – dismissal, usually from military service
- Gemeinderaths Protokoll (mention of emigrating families in municipal council minutes)
- Statutory Declaration
- Oaths of allegiance
- Passport applications
- Work contracts
- References – as provided for or by an employer
- Wills
- Volkszählung (census)
- Powers of attorney

[Check out the Les Moreland Scrapbook Index here](#)



British Newspaper Archive – new material

Canada's Anglo-Celtic Connections group provides an independent view of family history, resources and development. The group has been kind enough to advise organisations with similar interests about an extension of the material available free-to-view papers recently added to the British Newspaper Archive.

Over one million new pages were added recently, increasing the total of newspaper pages available to more than four million.

Follow the link to see what newspapers are available.

[Click here](#)



Ellis Rowan: Colonialism and Nature Painting Queensland Museum Cobb+Co, Toowoomba

Immerse yourself in Ellis Rowan's 28 original watercolour paintings depicting flowers and plants, paired with museum objects that explore how these plants were used by First Nations peoples.

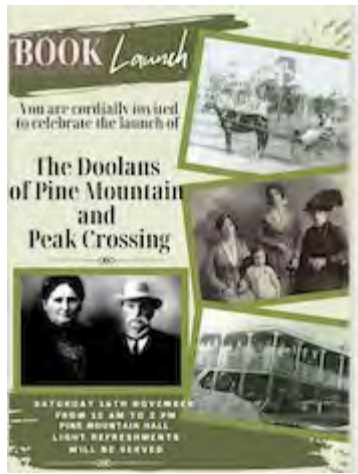
Open until 21 April 2025

Daily, 9am - 4pm

Free admission, no bookings required

For further information, click here:

[Ellis Rowan , Queensland Museum, Toowoomba](#)



The Doolans of Pine Mountain and Peak Crossing

by Mary Mahon

Recently, the book launch took place of *The Doolans of Pine Mountain and Peak Crossing*, written by Mary Mahon.

The Pine Mountain and Districts Historical Society hosted the launch of this captivating book, which explores the deep familial ties and remarkable journeys of two Doolan brothers, Michael and James and their sister Catherine. They emigrated from Ireland to Pine Mountain and Peak Crossing regions in southern Queensland in the 1860s.

This remarkable and meticulously researched work reveals their struggles and successes.

Michael was 24 years old when he arrived in South Queensland with his wife Susan, their infant son Patrick, and Michael's 9 year old sister Catherine. With hard work they cleared the land and established a successful farm at Pine Mountain, where Michael became a community leader.

James was 16 when he arrived in Australia, where in the first couple of years he worked in a variety of jobs across the country, from Tasmania to the unexplored wilds of far North Queensland.

These three Doolans became successful. They and their many descendants married into the Mahon, Smith, Sherlock, Culhane, McNally, McAvoy, Fitzgerald, and Dredge families, who also settled in the Pine Mountain and Peak Crossing regions.

The Pine Mountain and Districts Historical Society honours their stories. They shaped the community's heritage. This book offers invaluable insights into local history and ancestral roots.

Len Mahon

President

Pine Mountain and Districts Historical Society Inc.



How to seek a Coat of Arms

A public lecture by **Peter Huxley**

When: Sunday **24 November 2024 at 2pm**

Where: Toowong Library Meeting Room, Toowong Village

Gold coin entrance – all are welcome

For more information, email PeterSHuxley@outlook.com

About the speaker

Peter Huxley, like his parents, has had a life-long interest in family history. In his teens, he inherited a silver spoon with an engraved heraldic crest. This started his passion for heraldry.

Heraldry refers to all matters of the duties and responsibilities of the officers of arms. This term is frequently and incorrectly used as a synonym for Armory which is but one of the many duties of the heralds. Armoury is Peter's main interest this being the hereditary use of an arrangement of charges or devices centred on a shield, originating in the feudal society of Western Europe.

His father was granted a coat of arms from The College of Arms in London 1984. Peter acted as his father's agent. Through his Scottish ancestry, Peter has had his arms recognised by (matriculated) the Lord Lyon of Scotland.

Peter is a member of The Heraldry Society and The Australian Heraldry Society, a former Vice-President (Qld).

Now he is acting as agent for his English son-in-law in obtaining a grant of arms from The College of Arms, London. Peter is also assisting the Irish father of his other son-in-law in obtaining a grant of Arms but on this occasion from the Chief Herald of Ireland.

Peter is well qualified to discuss the subject of petitioning for a grant of arms.

Unlock the Past: a two-day seminar about researching your family's history



Gould Genealogy is a business that publishes Unlock The Past (UTP) titles and also conducts UTP Cruises. One such cruise is scheduled to take place later this year. Along the way they will also conduct several land-based seminars in Australia featuring their internationally recognised speakers Chris Paton & Mia Bennett.

QFHS & GSQ were consulted about the likely viability of a two-day event in Brisbane. We were given the option for an exhibition table at the event. The location is almost next door and the event provides an opportunity to position QFHS in front of family historians. Therefore, Management Committee agreed to sponsor the event.

QFHS is pleased to be associated with this exciting event and we will have a table there to publicise the society. We'll be looking for volunteers to promote the society so please look out for details in November's Snippets.

WHEN:

Thu 12 December 2024

Fri 13 December 2024

WHERE:

Geebung RSL Club,
Corner Newman Road & Collings Street, Geebung

COST – pre-book by 5 December 2024 to be in the draw for several hundred \$\$\$ in prizes.

- two days – \$150
- one day – \$95
- Included among the speakers will be Chris Paton and Mia Bennett.

Chris Paton is a Scottish based professional genealogist, originally from Northern Ireland, specialising in Scottish and Irish family history, and Scottish house history.

Editor of the Assoc. of Professional Genealogists eNews, Chris has lectured extensively in

Scotland, Ireland, England, Canada, USA, Australia, New Zealand, Portugal. He is the author of 22 published genealogy books in the UK and Australia.

Mia Bennett is an English professional genealogist specialising in DNA and genealogical methodology and sources. She is an Associate of the Association of Genealogists and Researchers in Archives (AGRA) and previous trustee of the Society of Genealogists. She is an alumna of the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy (SLIG) and the Genealogy Research Institute of Pittsburgh (GRIP).plate.

Unlock the past



Volunteers needed for Unlock the Past Seminar

The last big local genealogical event on the calendar is the 1 or 2 day seminar on **England, Ireland, Scotland and DNA** presented by **Gould Genealogy** with international experts **Mia Bennett and Chris Paton** on the **11th and 12th December at Geebung RSL**.

We need volunteers to staff the QFHS table for both days. There will be 2 hour slots from 9.30 – 4.00 pm

As QFHS has no registration or administrative duties for this seminar, we are only asking for friendly faces to represent the society and provide information to enquirers. You are sure to be speaking to fellow Family History enthusiasts.

If you already plan to attend the seminar, you may be able to include some volunteer time in your program.

Please email volunteering@qfhs.org.au if you are able to give some time; it would be much appreciated.

Caroline Brudell
Volunteer Coordinator



Harry Gentle Resource Centre Dictionary of Biography

The Harry Gentle Resource Centre (School of Humanities, Languages and Social Sciences, Griffith University) has announced the soft launch of the Centre's online Harry Gentle Resource Centre Dictionary of Biography.

This resource is designed to initially recognise those people who lived in the place now known as Queensland, prior to 1860. A unique feature of the dictionary is the inclusion of sources to enable further research into a specific individual.

QFHS members are invited to visit the Centre at this phase of the Dictionary's development, and provide feedback as they refine and enhance the platform.

For further information, click on the following link. The page 'Search Guide' will assist in navigating the dictionary.

[**Harry Gentle Resource Centre**](#)

Royal History Society of Queensland forthcoming events:

History of the South Brisbane Dry Dock



Keith Boulton will discuss the background and history of the South Brisbane Dry Dock.

The presentation will include an insight on the background of how the South Brisbane Dry Dock came to be, its small part in the young Queensland history and its working life to 1972. It covers the construction, site infrastructure and the vessels repaired, including its vital WW2 role.

As well, Keith will give an overview of the docks new role as part of the Queensland Maritime Museum. The presentation includes many rare and historic photos.

The program:

- **1859-1972** The History of the South Brisbane Dry Dock.
- **1972- 2022** The History of the Queensland Maritime Museum.
- An insight about QMM today.

Date: Wednesday, 12 February 2025

Time: 12:30pm

Where: The Commissariat Store Museum, 115 William St, Brisbane

Keith Boulton is Honorary Life Member and a volunteer of the Queensland Maritime Museum. He is one of the “Monday Crew” and is involved with Guiding, Events and Editor of the two QMM publications.

Keith is a retired Health and Safety and Quality Assurance Lead auditor. While initially starting his employment as a mechanic with Hornibrooks in Brisbane, his work experience has included the automotive, transport, mining, construction, marine and petrochemical industries.

From 1967 to 1970, his marine experience involved vessels at Heron Island and later on the Brisbane River and Moreton Bay with the sand and gravel industry at South Brisbane.

He spent 26 years in many roles in the lubricant business with Castrol and later BP. He has also worked overseas in Canada, England, the South Pacific, Vietnam and Thailand.

He is an avid amateur historian with a keen interest in all things marine.

[Register here](#)

We Remember Them: our family's wartime stories

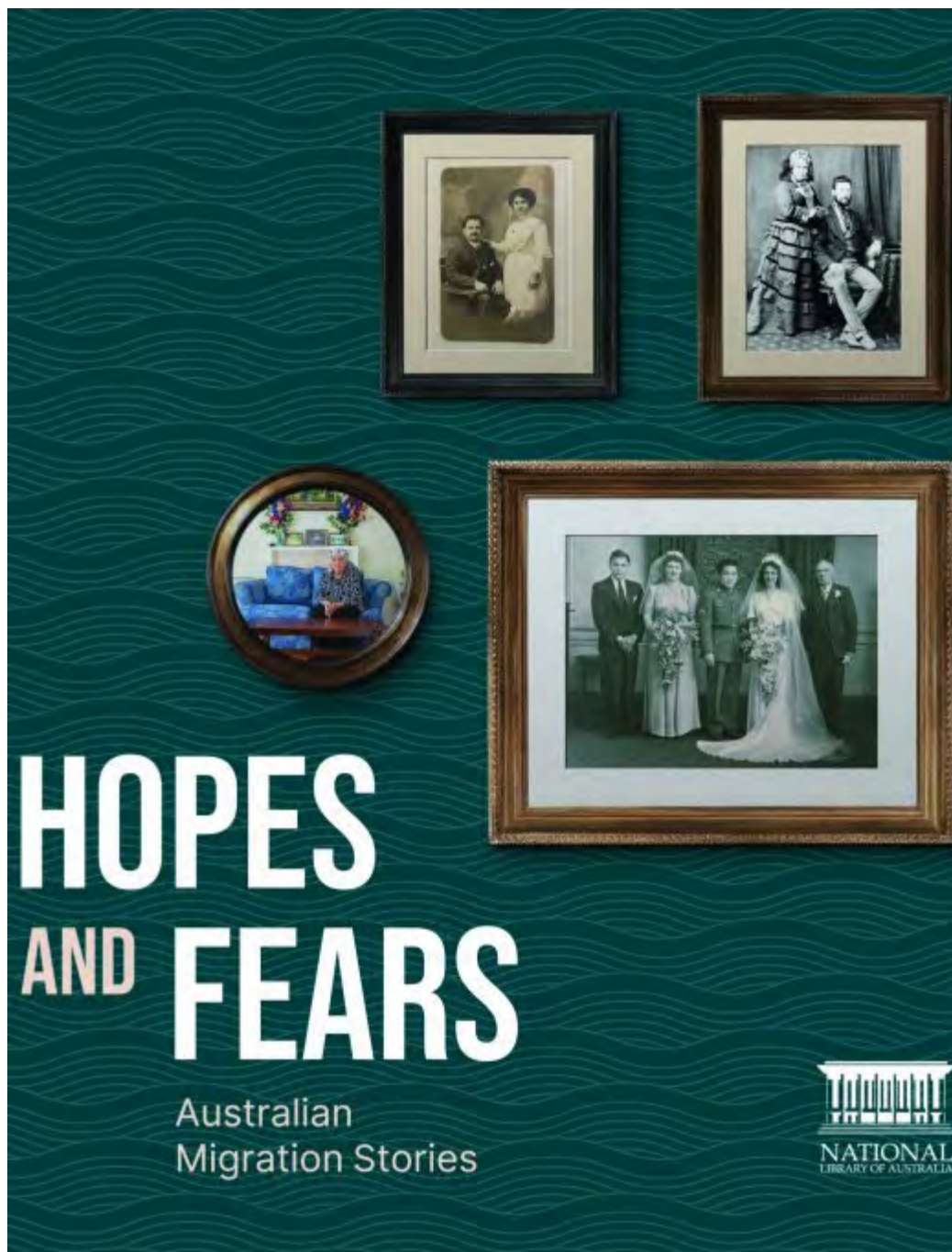
Thank you to those who've already contributed to our new project **We Remember Them: our family's wartime stories**. The project is off to a good start.

We'll be collecting your family's stories of their wartime experiences - whether in a theatre of war or on the Homefront anywhere in the world - during 2025 and will launch a virtual **We Remember Them** honour board on the website later in the year.

Submit your stories and an accompanying image via the [We Remember Them Project online form](#) in the Members Portal.



**Our ancestors live on
when we tell their stories.**



Hopes and Fears: Australian Migration Stories

A new free exhibition at the National Library - available online for those who cannot visit in person.

It showcases how migrants, who have come from all parts of the globe, have helped to make Australia one of the most diverse nations in the world.

The exhibition features letters to loved ones back home, music recorded by migrants, vintage advertising for boat voyages to Australia, and amazing stories like that of William 'Billy' Blue, an African American transported to Sydney in 1801 for stealing raw sugar and later appointed by Governor Lachlan Macquarie as a harbour watchman and constable.

Visitors will be able to see items such as a convict's uniform from Van Diemen's Land in the 1830s, photos and ephemera from the Snowy Hydro-electric Scheme that employed 60,000 migrants from more than 30 countries and archival photos of multicultural cafes and chefs that brought the taste of home to migrants in various Australian cities.

The exhibition is free and open until February 2025. No bookings required.

If you can't make it to the exhibition in-person, you can [explore online on our website](#), including our exhibition [soundtrack](#).



Upcoming Virtual Conference

SAG's final virtual conference for 2024 will be held on **Saturday 23 November** and is on the topic of wills, probates and related records.

We will be looking at how these records can enhance your family history research.

Join us for the afternoon or register to receive the recording pack in the following week.

Click on the following link to find out all about the program and to register.

[Click to register](#)



Connections will take place in Brisbane 21-24 March 2025

The Australasian Conference 2025 **Connections - Past, Present, Future** has been announced. This is Australasia's premier event for local and family historians, ancestry researchers and genealogists, and it will be held in Brisbane on 21-24 March 2025.

Hosted by the Genealogical Society of Queensland, the conference combines the 17th Australian Conference on Genealogy and Heraldry and 5th History Queensland State Conference.

Keynote speakers announced include Judy Russell (the Legal Genealogist), Dr. Nick Barrett, (well known for work on BBC's Who Do You Think Your Are?) and Hamish Maxwell-Stewart (CEO of Digital History Australia).

Earlybird registration is available until 30 November 2024.

[Register](#)

Connections Conference Lunches

Message from the GSQ Conference Convenor

gsqconferenceconvenor@gsq.org.au

Please be aware that the Early Bird pricing on Exhibitors Lunch packs will expire on 30 November 2024.

The position at the conference venue is:

There are a number of lunch cafes in the complex that are open on the Friday but you would not be able

to bring any food from them into the Conference Venue, due to the venue's licencing restrictions. These

cafes are not open on Saturday or Sunday.

Also, you cannot bring your own food into the venue, but it can be consumed outside

of the building

Please advise how many people you will require lunches for each day and if they have dietary requirements (the options are: vegetarian /vegan or celiac).

[Click here to see program](#)

Speaker Profile



Professor Hamish Maxwell-Stewart

After graduating with a PhD from the University of Edinburgh, Hamish Maxwell-Stewart worked for the Wellcome Unit for the History of Medicine, University of Glasgow until 1997 when he migrated to Australia.

As a Research Fellow at the University of Tasmania, he co-designed the highly successful Lottery of Life exhibition which ran at Port Arthur from 1999-2018.

In 2000 he was appointed to the teaching staff in the Department of History and Classics at the University of Tasmania where he worked until 2011, when he was appointed as a visiting fellow at the University of Texas.

The following year he took up the Keith Cameron Chair in Australian History at University College Dublin.

On his return to the University of Tasmania in 2013 he was appointed Associate Dean Research, for the Faculty of Arts, a position he held until 2016. During that time he established a highly successful diploma in Family History as well as teaching World History at first year level.

After a highly successful 23 years at the University of Tasmania he joined the History and Archaeology team at UNE in April 2021.

Hamish, now a professor of heritage and digital humanities at the University of New

England and the CEO of Digital History Tasmania, will discuss how data has the potential to place any individual life within the context of others in one of his two presentations at the conference.

His presentations on *How Technology is Changing Family History* is scheduled on Saturday, 22 March 2025 at 9.30am, and on *Non-European Convicts* is scheduled on Sunday 23 March 2025 at 12 noon

The Settlers' Muster Book 1800



On 23 October 2024, the NSW Parliamentary Library, in collaboration with Museums of History NSW, announced the launch of the digitised version of *The Settlers' Muster Book 1800*. The event was offered in partnership with Sydney Rare Book Week.

The Settler's Muster Book 1800 is a unique window into the early social history of the NSW colony.

Nominated for UNESCO Australia's – Memory of the World Register, it is the earliest NSW record of occupations, ship arrivals, the animals and land owned by people.

The Muster Book is actually two volumes, both held by The NSW Parliamentary Library, *The 1800 Settlers Muster Book* and *List of Convicts Allowed to Officers June 1st 1800 Statement of the Numbers Victualled at Parramatta and Toongabbee July 1800*.

The book can be accessed through the archives collection of NSW parliament at <https://images.parliament.nsw.gov.au/>.

The following link leads to information about the recent launch.

[Information about the recent launch](#)

100 years of Greater Brisbane

The organisers of **100 years of Greater Brisbane** has contacted QFHS about its shared calendar for all history and heritage organisations in Brisbane who want to join.

This is a project to commemorate the centenary of the Brisbane City Council—an amalgamation of Brisbane towns and shires in 1924/25 to work as one. This calendar is for heritage groups and history organisations who want to take part in celebrations throughout the year of 2025, sharing their events, coming to the collaborative conferences and open days, and learning from each other.

Please contact paddingtonthenandnow@gmail.com for further information.

More About Greater Brisbane Centenary

*QFHS has received another, later message from the organisers of **100 Years of Greater Brisbane**:*

Hello to all of Brisbane's history groups and heritage organisations, BCC Councillors and friends of heritage. The centenary of the amalgamation of the towns and councils of Greater Brisbane into what we now know as the Brisbane City Council is rapidly approaching, and we are ready for action.

Our social media platforms are open for followers.

Here is our LinkTree: <https://linktr.ee/GreaterBrisbaneCentenary>. This has links to all of our social media and website accounts so it's super easy just to share that around.

Please follow them all, and share this with your organisation's members, staff and volunteers, and ask them to follow.

The website is also done and is live: <https://www.greaterbrisbanecentenary.com.au/>

We have done one blog: <https://www.greaterbrisbanecentenary.com.au/blog> but there is space for loads of articles and we are asking for articles to be sent to us regarding your particular area of interest in the history of the town councils/shires before the amalgamation, and what happened after. Please submit essays about your area of interest to this address, e.g History of the Shire of Toombul; History of the Shire of Taringa; History of the Town of Ithaca etc for all of the areas we are representing. Feel free to get someone in your organisation to send us an article to upload. The more the better!

Now we also want you to send us your events. As soon as possible!

For example, this weekend, the first event we have on the calendar is the Brisbane History Group's Not Quite the

Centenary: <https://www.greaterbrisbanecentenary.com.au/events/notquitethecentenary>

The best thing about the website is that every time we upload an event, it automatically adds it into the calendar: <https://www.greaterbrisbanecentenary.com.au/calendar>

No more Google issues, so you can delete the Google calendar material we sent you earlier. You just have to email us your events to this address, and we will upload them onto the website, and then share on our social media channels: <https://www.greaterbrisbanecentenary.com.au/events>

Any questions? Contact us at 100yearsofgreaterbrisbane@gmail.com



RootsTech by Family Search has held an annual conference every year since 2011. It has grown and changed during the years it has been offered.

The RootsTech conference is offered both in-person and online. It runs Family History classes tailored to all interests and skill levels, and is available in over 40 languages and covers nearly every country. Each year, RootsTech partners with companies to showcase innovations and cutting-edge technology that can help make new family history connections.

The 2025 conference will be held on March 6-8 in Salt Lake City, USA. Online attendance is free and in-person costs are listed in the registration information.

Click on the link below to find out more and to register.

[Register here](#)



The Academy has released its **November** newsletter, which includes information about forthcoming skills building events and news of interest to family historians.

Read the November newsletter

at <https://preview.mailerlite.io/emails/webview/275057/136828750978352497>

and find out more about the Academy at their

website: <https://www.familyhistoryacademy.com.au/>.

MyHeritage has an important new French historical record collection



MyHeritage has just published an important new historical record collection: France,

Tables of Successions and Absences, 1890–1970. This valuable collection offers an index of deceased or officially missing people from various French departments, spanning 80 years of history. It includes 26 million records, with high quality scanned images.

Gain access to the collection here:

[Search France, Tables of Successions and Absences, 1890–1970](#)

This collection is particularly important for researchers of French heritage because it provides a valuable alternative to national death records for this period, which have not yet been digitized or made available online. MyHeritage is currently the only service that offers digitized, online access to this collection.

This release is part of MyHeritage's ongoing effort to build a robust collection of French records. Following the acquisition of Filae, and, more recently, [MesAieux.com](#), MyHeritage now serves as one of the best resources for researching French-speaking ancestors.



Invitation - First Fleet descendants to contribute to a unique recipe book

Are you a proud descendant of one of Australia's First Fleeters (convict and non-convict) who arrived at Sydney Cove in 1788?

Vicki Roberts has advised QFHS that she is developing a project to put together a unique recipe book that will honour the legacy of First Fleet descendants' ancestors. It will portray their history and tell their stories of resilience, courage, survival and adaptation, and share their treasured Family recipes from generations past.

If you are interested in participating or would just like further information, contact Vicki at 0477 322 837.



Public Record Office Victoria: Despatch

The Public Record Office of Victoria has released the November edition of its newsletter - Despatch. Click on the following link to gain access.

[Click here](#)

Source of our cover illustrations



For the past several years, we have chosen an illustrated cover from *The Queenslander* to add to the header for Snippets.

The Queenslander was launched by the Brisbane Newspaper Company in 1866 and discontinued in 1939. It was the weekly summary and literary edition of the *Brisbane Courier*, the leading journal in the colony - and, from 1859, the State of Queensland.

With weekly publication spanning 60+ years, there were many (out-of-copyright) images to consider as a header for Snippets.

Acknowledgements

We would like to thank all those who have taken time out to send items of interest to our Snippets mailbox at snippets@qfhs.org.au

The more we receive, the more interesting to members our newsletter will be. If your submission does not appear in this issue, we will try to include it in a future edition. Please note that reference to any product does not imply endorsement. Members are cautioned to evaluate products prior to purchase.

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*The Family History Research Centre is located on
the traditional lands of the Turrbal and Jagera peoples.*

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