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Welcome to this month's issue of our Snippets newsletter with titbits to whet your appetite for more information.

We have enjoyed a very warm autumn but it has become a lot cooler in the last couple of weeks as a precursor to winter's cold. The perfect time to stay indoors and do family research.

Our dedicated volunteers have organised quite a variety of interesting events for members over the next couple of months. Plus our Annual General Meeting is on 18th June where all our members are encouraged to participate in person or by proxy. All details can be found below in the Newsletter.

The Journal Article of the Year Members' Choice Award gives you the opportunity to vote for an article or articles which you particularly enjoyed reading in our Journal. It gives the authors a thrill to know that their endeavours are appreciated.

The National Library of Australia is seeking donations to make their Antarctic collections available on Trove.



A Reminder about TheGenealogist

During Covid TheGenealogist very kindly let family history societies use their subscription from members' homes, from many IP addresses.

However, our latest subscription has been changed back to our original subscription, using one IP only, and research can only be from one of the computers at our Research Centre. During the change-over, please contact the Research Centre on 07 3355 3369 before you travel to ensure that the program is working correctly.

Queensland Family Historian

The latest issue of the Society's quarterly journal *Queensland Family Historian* was emailed to all members on 24 April.

If you are still receiving a paper journal in addition to the electronic version, please consider cancelling the paper journal. The more members who choose the electronic version of the *Queensland Family Historian* results in more funds available for resources and equipment elsewhere. The benefits of the online copy include a journal in full colour, clickable links, and earlier arrival.

We urge members to access the online copy only and we encourage you to cancel your print copy by emailing membership@qfhs.org.au.

The **eHistorian** - which is how we refer to the electronic version - is available online for the years **2008-2025** and may be selected by year and then issue.

The chosen PDF document will appear either in new tabs, new windows, or as downloaded files depending on your browser, version, or settings.

You can search the **Queensland Family Historian Name Index 1979-2025** [here...](#)

Journal Article of the Year: Members Choice Award

Why participate?

The Members Choice Award for journal article of the year is not a competition judged against rigorously formed criteria. It is devised purely to draw attention to our marvellous article writers and provide you, our members, with the opportunity to share which, among

all the articles published in 2025, have most resonated with you.

Consequently, the Members Choice Award is highly subjective - perhaps a particular writing style will entertain you or perhaps the content will be of particular interest. Or perhaps an article and its various sources will prompt you to search for elusive information in a different way.

While there are any number of reasons why you could select a specific article, we applaud every author published in our journal and positive feedback is always appreciated. Please feel free to use the **Comments** section in the survey to elaborate on your personal choice or refer to other articles in the journal.

Participate here (May issue)

If you've been meaning to register your opinion about an article published in the February issue but haven't quite managed to it, you may do so by clicking on the **Participate here (February issue)** button below.

Participate here (February issue)

We look forward to your contribution to this celebration of our member authors.

Allana O'Kane & Lyndal Cosgrove

Treasurer is seeking assistance, please

If any member has insurance industry experience and is prepared to assist with QFHS insurance renewals during September to December annually, would you please contact the treasurer on treasurer@qfhs.org.au.

Insurance products used are public risk, association liability, building and contents, and volunteers' insurance.

Managing Eventbrite or Zoom

If you are booking in to access Eventbrite or Zoom to manage an event, you may be prompted to enter a code. This code is usually emailed to the Secretary.

As there is nothing in the code email to show who is trying to gain access, please email secretary@qfhs.org.au immediately so that she can forward the code to you. Please note this code is generated at the time of the request.



Brisbane 100 Volunteers Wanted

Brisbane 100 is an event taking place in October as part of the Greater Brisbane Centenary Celebrations. If anyone is interested in helping to organise this event please contact Reena Almeida on reena.almeida@outlook.com.

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 Jun 25 - 10am - in person at Nundah Historical Cemetery

Sunday 8 Jun 25 - 10.30am - online

Saturday 24 May 25 - 10am - hybrid

Saturday 23 August 25 - 10am - hybrid

Thursday 22 May 25 - 12 noon - online

Saturday 19 July 25 - 9am - online

Sunday 1 June 25 - 1pm - online

Saturday 6 June 25 - 10am - online

Tuesday 14 June 25 - 10am - online

Friday 6 Jun 25 - 1:30pm - excursion

Saturday 12 July 25 - 10am - hybrid

Thursday 20 June 25 - 7pm - online

Sunday 20 July 25 - 10am - hybrid

Meetings vary between: online; hybrid with some members online and some in person; 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.

Learn more about 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 on:

10 June 2025 at 7.00pm until 9.30pm by zoom

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

EVENTS



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.

The next session will be held on-line on Saturday, 21 June 2025 at 9.30am to 12.30pm.

Bookings are essential at welcome@qfhs.org.au

Members Lounge - Presenting ...



The Beginnings of Qld Railways

21 May 2025

1pm - 3pm - Hybrid meeting

Guest Speaker: Greg Hallam, Queensland Railways Historian. Greg will be attending at the Research Centre.

It will be 160 years in July 2025 since the first section of railway line opened in Queensland (31 July 1865). Greg Hallam, Queensland Railways historian, will once again tell us the history of Queensland Rail.

[Read more....](#)



The Misfortunes of Four Migrant Sisters

16 July 2025

1pm - 3pm Hybrid meeting

Guest Speaker : Alan Tonks

Alan Tonks will talk about the collective experience of four English sisters who each migrated to New Zealand at different times. The presentation will consider how stories of women tend to be overshadowed by the stories of our male pioneers. It will also consider the uncomfortable subject of illegitimate pregnancies and the dire consequences.

[Read more....](#)

Members Lounge - Social ...



Qld Muslim Museum

309 Nursery Road, Holland Park

26 May 2025
10am - 12:30pm

Housed in a hall adjacent to the historic Holland Park Mosque, the museum offers a fascinating glimpse into the history and contributions of Muslims in Queensland. Visitors can explore a variety of exhibits that highlight the significant role Muslims have played in the state's development, from the early Afghan cameleers to the diverse community of today.

To register and read [more](#)

Learn@QFHS ...

Please note that after many years of keeping the same price for these events, the MC has agreed that prices should now be increased a little, and fees now are:

Cost per presentation:

\$20 members (QFHS and GSQ) and

\$30 non-members

International speakers:

\$35 members (QFHS and GSQ) and

\$45 non-members

Please refer often to the website [\(here\)](#) to see what is available. Events are arranged every two months.



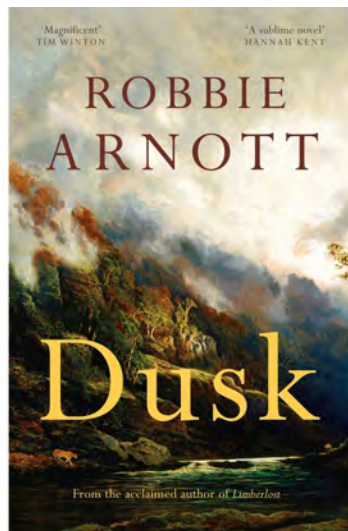
The Visitations Books in Genealogy

13 June 2025
10-11:30am online

Presenter: Patrice Connelly.

The Visitations Books were compiled in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries and are a unique genealogical resource. Compiled by the official Heralds, they are a fascinating source of information on the upper classes in England before the parish registers were established.

Register and [read more](#)



Book Club

30th June at 10am online

"Dusk"

by Robbie Arnott

A captivating adventure with the Australian myth of the predatory Big Cat.

[Read more...](#)

NOTICEBOARD



Queensland State Archives

Remembering the 1974 Floods

Thursday 22 May 2025

11am - 12pm

Join environmental historian Dr Margaret Cook as she revisits the 1974 floods, one of Queensland's most significant natural disasters.

The flood claimed lives, destroyed homes and left a lasting impact on South-East Queensland. More than 50 years later, its legacy still resonates as communities across the state face renewed flooding.

Dr Cook will explore how the disaster unfolded, what caused it and how it shaped the region.

Attendees can also view original records from the time.

[Read more...](#)

The State Library of Queensland is currently presenting 'The unbroken spirit of the Kalkadoons', an exhibition that is an excellent example of family history and oral history documentation. For further information, click on the following link.

[Click here](#)



The Penguin.

At the present time the museum is working on the restoration of the historic Penguin lugger to seaworthy condition as a proud symbol of Queensland and Torres Strait maritime heritage — ensuring its legacy endures. The goal is for the Penguin to sail again as a source of learning, connection, and pride — sharing maritime skills, celebrating multicultural heritage, strengthening community bonds, and bringing people together at the Queensland Maritime Museum and on the Brisbane River. Volunteers are welcome.

[Read more...](#)



Applications are now open for the **2025 Harry Gentle Visiting Fellowships**, offered through our long-term partners, the Harry Gentle Research Centre at Griffith University.

These fellowships invite innovative scholars and creatives to explore early Queensland with a focus on uncovering the lesser-known stories of the nineteenth century. From Indigenous diplomats, interpreters and guides to convicts, shipwreck survivors and settlers, the Centre seeks to bring forward the experiences of people and communities often left out of the historical record.

The Fellowships are open to researchers across disciplines including history, digital humanities and the creative arts. Fellows also contribute to the Centre's public programs and growing online collection.

Applications close 31 May 2025.

[Read more...](#)



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Ireland Online Part 2

**24 May 2025
9 - 11am online**

This zoom presentation will cover land records from Freeholders to Tithe Allotment to Griffiths Valuation to Valuation Revision in more detail. Why they are so important, how they can help you and what is available online today.

[Read more...](#)



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Digging Deeper – Session 1 - British Courts and Convicts
5 June 2025 by Zoom
10am - 12pm

Presenter : Jan Richardson

Processes and records of the English court system. Following conviction learn about convicts lives in records.

Digging Deeper – Session 2 - Immigration

**12 June 2025 by Zoom
10am - 12pm**

Presenter : Helen Connor

Learn about Australian colonial migration schemes and post 1924 migration along with different state immigration records and information on shipping.

Digging Deeper – Session 3 - Military

**19 June 2025 by Zoom
10am - 12pm**

Presenter : Sharyn Merkley

This military family history session covers records from Australia's colonial period through to WW2.

Digging Deeper – Session 4 - England/Wales, Scotland, Ireland

**26 June 2025 by Zoom
10am - 12pm**

Three experienced researchers will talk to you about the records that are available for you to search regarding England and Wales.

[Read more...](#)



Enoggera Memorial Hall Centenary Celebrations

**Sunday 20th July
2-4pm**

Displays of the 1920 & 1930s ; Enoggera State School Choir ; Stump Capping - Yarns from over the back fence.

Book launch "The Enoggera School of Arts and Memorial Hall".

Celebration afternoon tea & Raffle.

[Tickets and info...](#)

The Huguenot Society of Queensland

The Queensland branch is holding a meeting on Sunday 27th July at 2pm. This meeting will be held in the Toowong Library.

We are a small group who's background began in France. Our ancestors fled religious persecution during the era of Louis the 14th and spread to many different countries.

The Secretary of the Sydney Branch, Mr Robert Nash will be our Speaker at our mid year meeting. Robert is an expert in the knowledge of Huguenot history and has written many books and articles on the History of the Huguenots.



New Farm Walking Tour

Saturday 7th June 2025

8:30 - 10am

MEET US at the **bus stop** adjacent to the **To Be Thai restaurant, 92 Merthyr Rd**. This is the starting point for a 90-minute walk which will focus on Moray Street, and also take in Merthyr Rd and Bowen Tce in New Farm.

[To book and read more....](#)



14th to 28th June

The Servant of Two Masters is a comedy by the Italian playwright Carlo Goldoni written in 1746. Goldoni originally wrote the play at the request of actor Antonio Sacco, one of the great Harlequins in history. The play draws on the tradition of the earlier Italian commedia dell'arte.

[Book and read more...](#)



The E. M. Fletcher Writing Award is an annual short story writing competition on a family history/genealogy theme.

The 2025 competition opened on 15 February and closes on 15 July.

[Read more...](#)

RESOURCES - NEW AND ONGOING



BDA is pleased to announce an upload of 30 new datasets now online. With over 2.2 million records, BDA now includes a significant proportion of the settler population of Australian colonies to about 1840's and beyond, derived mainly from transcripts of original archival records by experienced researchers.

[Read more...](#)



The Public Record Office has recently received a range of records from Glenelg Shire Council spanning 1938 through to 2023, as well as Department of Education school council files, Ballarat Base Hospital board of management minutes and agendas, and Supreme Court Council of Judges minutes and papers. These records are all now available to order for viewing in the North Melbourne reading room and will be invaluable for local community historians. While Walhalla Cemetery Trust letter books and ledgers are now available to view online.

[Read more...](#)

1 Million New British Army Records Available at *The Genealogist*

Over 1 million previously unknown British army records have gone online at The

Genealogist.

Apparently, when British forces captured enemy property or territory, the spoils (or their monetary value) were pooled and allocated to the officers and men as "prize" rewards. These newly-published records describe their allocation, whether to the soldiers themselves or a relative.



The Family History Federation is based in the UK but it puts out a "Really Useful Bulletin" each month on its website that may be of interest to our members with UK backgrounds.

[Read more...](#)



Welsh Place-Name Society

"Our place-names face a serious and regular threat when they are changed, translated or ignored. Once lost an essential and substantial part of our heritage and links to our past will disappear. Unfortunately the legislation that protects other elements of our heritage such as buildings, animals and plants has been denied to place-names."

[Read more...](#)



The Queensland State Archives

If you have water-damaged papers, photos and records, you might find it useful to read the attached article and watch the video on how to salvage them..



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.

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.



Journals: a rich resource

NSW

[Botany Bay Endeavour 161 2024 12](#)

[Botany Bay Endeavour 162 2025 03](#)

[Patrick Plains Gazette 42 1 2025 04](#)

[Wyong Tree Of Life 42 2 2025 05](#)

[Young Lambing Flat 47 2 2025 05](#)

NT

[Gensoc NT Progenitor 44 1 2025 03](#)

Queensland

[Redland Researcher 155 2025 05](#)

[RHSQ 906 2025 05](#)

Victoria

[Peninsula Past Times 178 2025 05](#)

Great Britain

[JGSGB 108 2025 01](#)

[JGSGB 109 2025 04](#)

[JGSGB Shemot 33 1 2025 04](#)

England

[Bedfordshire 25 2 2025 06](#)

[Devon Historian 194 2025 05](#)

[Northamptonshire Footprints 47 4 2025 05](#)

NZ

[NZ Family Tree 2025 04](#)

Canada

[BCGS Cariboo Notes 42 2 2025](#)

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.

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

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). Some can be accessed from home, and others the Research Centre in Chermside.

QFHS is a **FamilySearch** affiliate library.

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

MyHeritage's French historical record collection



MyHeritage offers an important historical record collection: France, Tables of Successions and Absences, 1890–1970. This 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](#)

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 traditional lands of the Turrbal and Jagera peoples.*

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