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The objects of the Association are to foster and promote the study, practice and preservation of family and local history and allied subjects.

Changing with the Times

Goodbye Brolga. The Committee of the Family History Association of North Queensland Inc. has recognised the Association must move with the times. It has come to our attention that although the Brolga is iconic to Townsville and Queensland. Although it has served the Association well it is very outdated.

The younger generation do not associate it with Family History. Nor do they understand the acronym FHANQ and what it means.



Hello Family Tree,

Hopefully the membership will

be happy with the new logo. You will have seen it appearing on your recent emails. By modernising our logo, we hope to make it more appealing to a broader audience. It is hoped this will help attract new members and the younger generation. Especially as our research resources cover all the World, not just Townsville.

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2023 Management Committee- Executive Positions

In compliance with Queensland Government legislation, Family History Association, has three elected Executive positions –

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2023 Management Committee- Additional Management Positions

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Member #2	Margie Blyth	ctwofhanq@gmail.com

2023 Voluntary Co-Ordination Positions - These positions report to the Management Committee

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Computer Support	Paul Brown	pjbb@exemail.com.au
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Library Officer		
Magazine Editor		
Membership	Wayneann Moody	moody76@bigpond.net.au
Secretary		

All positions are voluntary, the position holders freely donate time, expertise and resources for the benefit of our members. For this the Association is extremely grateful.

Life Members:

Donna Baldey, Paul Brown, Diane Cheetham, Lyall Frazer, Marilyn Grogan, Judi Hinspeter, Jan Kersnovske, Camille McEwen, Wayneann Moody, Lawrence Neilson, Barbara Price, Laura Scott, Marjorie Wall, John Weir.

Patron: Bruce Scott CSC, ADC.

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Editorial

Welcome to another edition of Relatively Speaking. This magazine has been created by the committee for this quarter.

We urgently need a Magazine Editor to put out our magazine every quarter. If creativity is your thing and you are passionate about sharing resources, websites and books, this may be the job for you.

Volunteers are in the library waiting to help members with their brick walls and research, come in for help or even just a chat and have a look around the library.

We will be looking for volunteers to keep the Library open, so we welcome any assistance you may be able to provide. We also would like to fill the vacant positions, so if you have some spare time or need a hobby to keep your mind busy, we would love to hear from you, send your interest to secretaryfhanq@gmail.com.

We are hoping to get more courses and workshops up and running for the year. Our Legacy meetings are the fourth Friday of the month, we now have a Beginner's Group and an Intermediate/Advanced Group. All members are still invited to attend both meeting groups. Watch for more information on courses and workshops via email or our Facebook page!

Each issue relies heavily on member contributions so please send in your articles, research tips, your brick walls that need knocking down, your favourite websites, no matter how small or large. This enables the magazine to be varied and interesting and assists others with their family journey.

We thank those who have contributed to the magazine and look forward to your support for future issues.

Soft copies of the magazine are available for collection from the library, please contact us if you prefer this option rather than a digital version.

Members are invited to make constructive suggestions to the Management Committee to assist in the future progress of our Family History Association.

Happy Reading Family History Association Committee

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Research is what I'm doing when I don't know what I'm doing – Wernher von Braun

Presidents Report

Hello, my name is Kim Larsen, I have been an adopted local to Townsville from Redcliffe and surrounding areas since 1995.

I am married to a local after having a partner for 22 years of which I was blessed with 2 children (one has passed) and now 2 grandchildren all in Townsville.

I only ever worked part time while my children were growing up. After working for Main Roads for just under 10 years, I resigned and started my own cleaning business while studying Interior Design, I then, went on to add my design work to my ABN. In conjunction with my design work, I also added KTL Data Services as well.

All of my businesses have been on hold while I recover from an illness.

I have always loved Family History and Stories, starting my family tree in 2000 and not enough time, so it was put on the back burner. This all changed a few years ago and my journey started, and I am hooked after joining the Association I was encouraged to complete an online short course through the University of Strathclyde in Scotland "Genealogy: Researching Your Family Tree".

What I have found since I joined Family History Association North Queensland Inc is there is always something else to learn about your family and your life.

About the 2023 committee, our goal to establish potential future income streams for the Association. We also are aiming to raising the profile of the Family History Association North Queensland Inc and would like to address our falling membership. As well as to foster and promote the study, practice and preservation of family and local history subjects. Including genealogy, heraldry, topography, history, biography, heredity and allied subjects.

Introducing our Committee Members for 2023

Peta Hearn - Secretary

Hi, I'm Peta and I am one of the younger members of the Association. I joined the Association in 2018 after moving to Townsville from Hughenden and reading a scrapbook that my mother created of our family's history.

My background is education and I have been teaching for the last 25 years in a variety of schools from primary to secondary from out in the west to up and down the coast and even overseas.

I have developed a passion for researching and discovering my family history but consider myself a beginner. But I am keen to help others where I can and if I don't know then I am happy to find out.

I look forward to the advice and the requests that members would like for the Association.

Tina Hickey – Committee Member One

My name is Christina Hickey but I am normally called Tina among other things. I was born in Holland and came to Australia in 1953with my parents and Brother. We settled in Adelaide as my Grandparents were already there having immigrated in 1952.

Left school after completing Intermediate (Year 10) My first job was working for the TAB in the newly established Telephone Betting, this was long before computers and everything was done with pencil and paper.

Travelled around Australia in my teens with friends finally marrying in my 20s to a Soldier we were posted to many places in Australia but on retirement settled in Townsville.

I have a range of very interesting jobs from Bar Person while travelling Jerkin Picking, Packing Prawns and Lollypop Lady. For 25 Years I worked as an Area Manager for the Endeavour Foundation Managing their Stores from Cairns to Mackay, it was a job I loved.

Finally, 8 years ago I retired, I now play Mahjong once a week and do Scrapbooking among other things. I joined Family History about 3 years ago which has become somewhat of an Obsession.

My role on the Committee is to promote our Organisation in the wider Community thus hopefully encourage new members.

NEW MEMBERS

We would like to welcome the following people to our Association.

Leigh ROWELL
Peter ROBERTS
Julie Louise WAGER
Julia Ann Louise
HURST
Racheal TAYLOR
Nerridah KHOORY
Elizabeth LYONS
Janine HANSEN
Mary CUNNINGHAM
Alvan SMITH

Life Membership Awards

A Life membership was conferred on one member, at the AGM, who has demonstrated their dedication to the association and has devoted their time and expertise over an extended period of time. They also have filled a number of positions on the committee board over the years as well. They continue to help, support, present workshops and encourage others with their family history. They meet the Family History Association's objective 'to foster and promote the study, practice and preservation of family and local history and allied subjects.'

Congratulations to

Marily Grogan who has been a member of our Association since 2008.

Loyalty Awards

At the February AGM these members received Loyalty Awards for their continuous membership and commitment to the Family History Association over the last 25 years.

Congratulations to

Janelle Fischer Sam and Kath Knight

Certificate of Appreciation

Rosemary Kavanagh was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation for her many years of service to the Association.

Rosemary has been the person responsible for creating, uploading and maintenance of the TinyCat. She was a major contributor and inspiration for our magazine Relatively Speaking. For volunteering twice, a month as a room monitor, where she covered books, scanned magazines, books and documents for the library and catalogues that are in the library for members to use.

Peter Simmonds was also awarded a Certificate of Appreciation for his service to the Association.

Peter has done a number of jobs around the library repairing equipment, scanning documents and books, checking books in the Tiny Cats and relabeling books and sorting the bookshelves.





Do you need a new car? This could be your next car!

The Townsville Rotary Car Raffle is on again. This is our major fundraiser for the year, please buy a ticket to support the Association.

TOWNSVILLE ROTARY CLUB.

COMMUNITY CHEST ART UNION

2023.

Tickets Only \$5.

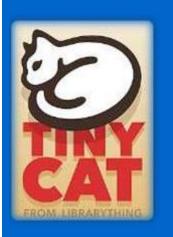
Contact the Association if you would like to buy tickets.





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Click the picture above to go to our Library Online Catalogue.

Library News

Our Volunteers have been busy in the library organizing and cataloguing our microfilms and microfiche. Our microfiche has Australian records as well as a variety of countries from around the world. Our volunteers are waiting to show you the wealth of knowledge that these records can contain for you.

The Association has also completed a number of Special Projects that are only available in the library as a databases and spreadsheets. Did you know that our library has journals, books, newspapers, a variety of indexes and records from Family History Associations world-wide. These resources are an invaluable source of information.

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All members may borrow these out for a period 7, 14 or 21 days, so next time you visit our Library in Baker Street, select a couple of items to take home with you. Our volunteers will check books in an out using our Tiny Cats system.

Not sure what we have that will help you? Check out what we have online at FHANQ Tiny Cat Catalogue.

Library Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday opens from 10:00 am – 2:00pm

Closed Fridays.

Special Interest Groups and Workshops will be published as and when they are scheduled. If you have a particular interest, please advise the Secretary.

Library Address Local Address: 5 Baker St, Hermit Park, Townsville,

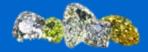
Queensland 4812.

Phone: 07 4728 2833 during open hours



Without Libraries what have we? We have no past And we have no Future

Ray Bradbury



Genealogy Gems:

FHANQ receives a number of publications from similar groups with a Family History focus. These are from around Australia and around the world. These are available on the computers in the library and provide an amazing resource. Here are just some of the genealogical gems we have found this month.

Lachlan Valley Gold – Forbes Family History Group Inc

The Koolah or Native Bear

One Hundred Years Ago – Water, Water, Everywhere and Wild Australia Memory of the Elephant

Newsletter of the Descendants of Convicts Group Inc.

The Wild Goose by Fenian Convicts Convicts Dance on Christmas Day 1799

GhostBuster - Campbelltown District Family History Society Inc

My unusual ancestors by Sharon Greene Unusual member in my family by a member

The Explorers' Tree – Blue Mountains Family History Society Inc.

A Nest of Martyns – Part 1 by Patricia Liddell

The Historian: What I know! Do I want to know? Things I don't want to know! Should I tell? By William Beck



Our Library is now an affiliate Library for Family Search, can't find that record you are looking for on your own device, pop into the library and access the record from there. If you aren't able to come in, send an email in for one of our volunteers to do the research for you.



- 15.6 million new records from Find-A-Grave-Index
- 1 Million new records from Find-A-Grave Index has been expanded
- Mexico, Michoacan, Catholic Church Records have been expanded to the free online archives
- New records from South Africa, Mexico, Brazil, Chile, Finland, Norway, Peru, Spain, Russia and USA have been added

We are also an affiliate Library for Ancestry, check out the new and update records below.

- Australia, Applications to Enlist in the AIF, 1915-18
- Australia and New Zealand, Newspapers.com Marriage Index
- Australia and New Zealand, Newspapers.com Obituary Index
- Australia and New Zealand Find a Grave Index 1800s-Current





Courses and Workshops for 2023



We anticipate being able to hold some courses during 2023. Courses will be \$5 for members and \$15 for non members payable on the day.

The committee is open to suggestions and ideas for workshops and courses that our members have interest in. Drop us a line!

Course dates in 2023 currently organized.

*Legacy Meetings

Friday 26th May 2023 - Beginners 9:30-10:30

Friday 26th May 2023 - Intermediate/Advance 10:30-12:00

Friday 23rd June 2023- Beginners 9:30-10:30

Friday 23rd June 2023- Intermediate/Advance 10:30-12:00

Other topics planned for workshops and courses

Saturday 20th May 2023 - Accessing Trove newspapers - Beginners

Accessing overseas newspapers (TBA)

Saturday 17th June 2023 - A-Z Trivia of Genealogy – Useful sites for Beginners starting out their research.

DNA for Beginners (TBA)

Dates and details are to be advised or as mentioned above.

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL

Email: secretaryfhanq@gmail.com

Please watch emails and Facebook for more information on these workshops and courses.

We would like to know if running these workshops on zoom or offering them in a digital form would be something our members would support and be interested in. Don't hesitate to reach out to any of our committee members with your feedback.

Fees for workshops and courses run by the library.

Activity	Member Fee	Non-member Fee
Special Interest Group	\$5.00	\$15.00
Workshops	\$5.00	\$15.00







Is Genealogy Dying?

By Peta Hearn

Is genealogy dying? When you talk to the Baby Boomer generation, they say yes, Generation X are more concerned with the DNA side and making sure that their family won't inherit any gene that may cause medical issues down the track. They are also the generation that is happy to just take the heirlooms and keepsakes and have a hard time saying no, but really don't know what they will do with them in the future. There are a small handful who are interested in finding out where their families are from, but most would work on being social butterflies.

Gen Y, the newly coined term Millennials, when it comes to family history, heirlooms and keepsakes, they need a 'reason'. You can't just pass off a heirloom and expect them to accept it, they need to know; Whose was it? What is that person's story? Why is that artefact special and how will it be special for them?

When it comes to family trees most want to create a family tree, but starting is just too hard. It also comes down to the wording of things, currently this generation only knows of Ancestry and My Heritage and these sites scare them and overwhelm them. They do not realize that there are associations and libraries that they can join for help and advice. If you call it research this generation will run in the opposite direction as school was a nightmare for most of them.

Gen Z have worked out from research that it takes 21 days to form a habit but being so young still rely on the older generations for guidance and support. They are keen and enthusiastic when they find out new information or a family connection, but being young, money is an issue. This group also likes to be a part of online forums and support groups based on their interests and find this the easiest way to join a group rather than physically come into an association.

So, Genealogy and family research may not be dying out. It means that the older generations need to relearn how to encourage and mentor the younger generations and change with the times to keep this interest alive.

As for the last Generation, Alpha, we all need to encourage this interest as soon as possible, taking them to cemeteries, giving them hints where to find the headstones, encourage them to ask questions and record them on their devices and spend time with the older before the knowledge and skills they have disappear.

WE DON'T OWN OUR FAMILY HISTORY
WE SIMPLY PRESERVE IT FOR THE NEXT
GENERATION

Rosemary Alva

WANT TO READ MORE?

READ THE FULL ARTICLE HERE!! CLICK ON THE WHITE WORDS TO ACCESS THE LINK



Why Local Libraries are Still Vital to your Research

By Patricia Hartley

Ever-growing access to online records means that many family history researchers aren't taking advantage of physical repositories like they used to. But, as we discuss in this article about the important of offline records, a great deal of what we need to really understand our ancestors still cannot be found digitally.

That's why taking advantage of libraries and record archives, in person, is still so critically important to building a successful family tree. And now that it is becoming safer and safer to travel in the covid era, most of these locations are again open to the public.

So, whether you're doing research in your own town, making a trip to the home of an ancestor for records you can't find (or order) online, or requesting a lookup and mailed copy of a record (this is a common service and usually not terribly expensive) make the most of the libraries and archives in the areas you are researching.

Verticle Files What are they?

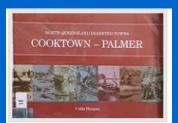
What is microfiche?



This guide shares five different ways **they can help you solve your family history mysteries**. And, when you're done reading, don't forget to find out how your local library can help you gain free access to genealogy resources online.

- 1. Dig into Vertical Files
- 2. Make the most of Microfilm and Microfiche
- 3. Search City Directories
- 4. Don't miss the family history books
- 5. Ask the Experts

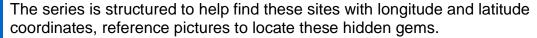




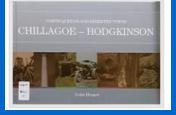


NORTH QUEENSLAND DESERTED TOWNS - COLIN HOOPER

This is a series of books. There are 10 books in the series that uncovers North Queensland districts, deserted towns and camps that have disappeared over time.



Each book is colour coded to represent the area on focus and inside has maps of the areas



Volume 1 discovers Cooktown-Palmer

Volume 2 focuses Torres Strait – Cape York

Volume 3 uncovers Chillagoe- Hodgkinson

Volume 4 reveals Herbert - Mt Garnet

Volume 5 discloses Gulf Railway – Croydon

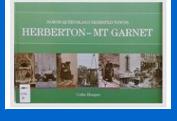
Volume 6 explores Etheridge – Woolgar

Volume 7 unearths Charters Towers – Ravenswood – Cape River

Volume 8 catches Cloncurry - Mt Isa - Gulf

Volume 9 brings to light Bowen – Mackay – Townsville

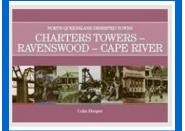
Volume 10 looks at Cardwell – Innisfail – Cairns – Mossman.



Blurb from Author Colin Hooper

The Constitution Bill of 1892 was passed proposing the state of North Queensland. The southern border was to be latitude 21 degrees 30'S. It was never enacted because of the impending Federation.

The series is structured to facilitate visiting the sites mentioned in them while feeling an affinity for them and those who have made such places home. To a large extent the land itself formed their character. To go out into this country alone as many did, to face the enormity of this land as an insignificant speck of humanity who, when night shrinks the horizons, is still overawed by the immensity of the stars, is to come face to face with yourself. It is a process by which even the proudest and most arrogant always returns humbled. But they also come back strong. It is a true initiation, an initiation not possible in an urban environment, surrounded by noise and people.





After attending a workshop "Exploring the Secrets in Maps" by Marilyn Grogan, it revealed how important it was to know counties, towns and places that your ancestors may have lived or passed through and how these places can disappear. This series helped me uncover a few hidden gems that helped further my discoveries in my journey to find the truth about my family.

These books are available in our Library to borrow, come in and look today to see what else we have.

Classifieds

HELP WANTED

Margaret Mary (Maggie) born 23.2.1869 in Rockhampton. Married James Henry Walcott(born 1862) had 2 children Alice & John.

Alice Mabel was my grandmother to Jane.

James died aged 29 in 1892 and Maggie married Henry George Hopes, they had 6 children one was Maude Clarice Lynda Hopes (Brisbane & Stanthorpe).

If you have any information on this family please contact the secretaryfhanq@gmail.com who will pass on the client's details.

BRETT 50+

Research Interest: Interested in North western properties, pubs and publicians, and cemeteries.

Family lineages of interest: Green and Corrigans of Hughenden

To contact this person please do not hesitate to send us an email, call our library, or pop into the library for a visit and a chat.

INFORMATION NEEDED

Wanting information on American Army in Charters Towers during WWII.

USAAF 3rd Bomb Group US 38th Bombardment Group 71st Squadron 'Wolf Pack' 405th Squadron 'Green Dragons'

Looking for John Joseph Sanders



Want to place an ad in our Classified section, send your ads into secretaryfhanq@gmail.com. Subject line: Classifieds



LEST WE FORGET

As this newsletter is being published after ANZAC Day, we would still like to pay tribute to this important day in our history. We would like to remember and thank all that have served and are currently serving for the sacrifice they perform for us all. Lest we Forget.

In Flanders Fields

by John McCrae, 1914

In Flanders fields the poppies blow Between the crosses, row on row, That mark our place; and in the sky The larks, still bravely singing, fly

Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.



Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae was a Canadian poet, physician, author, artist and solider during World War I. He was also a surgeon during the Second battle of Ypres, in Belgium.









Born 3rd December 1920, enlisted into the Australian Army at the age of 21 on 7th January 1942. He served overseas at New Britan leaving Australia on 29th November 1944. Norman served with the Australia Auxiliary Horse Transport Company then transferred to Australian Water Transport Operational Company, finally transferring to the 39th Australian Works

Company. On 16th December 1944 he disembarked his posting back to Australia and was discharged on 4th March 1946.

William Hearn



Born 15th January 1912, enlisted into the Australian Army at the age of on 26th November 1942. He served at home evacuating smaller war hospitals, moving them to bigger hospitals and built a number of Convalescent Depots for the Army. William Hearn was not able to serve overseas

enlistment he had a wife and five children. On the 23rd June 1943 he was declared medically unfit and was discharged from service on 17th July 1943.

Amelia Frances Field





Born 27th August 1914, enlisted into the Australian Army at the age 28 of on 16th October 1941. She served with the 106th Australia General Hospital in Melbourne before transferring to Bonegilla Army Camp where she was promoted to Sergent. In 1943 Amelia embarked on the HMAS Canberra to Townsville then onto Port Moresby with the 8th Australian Company. She returned back to Australia

on 27th March 1944 disembarking in Townsville and spending time at the barracks, before being shipped off to Morotai on a hospital ship in June of 1945. Amelia return to Sydney17th March 1946 and was discharged on 24th April 1946.

Our pride and admiration For all those who fought for us Shall never vanish.



Volunteers Required

Do you have a few spare hours? Do you like helping others?

We urgently need volunteers to help out in the Library on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays.

Contact Kim Larsen: fhanqpresident@gmail.com

Do you like talking to others? Do you have skills and knowledge to share?

We are looking for members who are keen to share their journey with others, present a course or workshop on topics that you are passionate about relating to genealogy and family history.

Memberships

Do we have your up-to-date contact details? If you have changed your address, phone number or email address please advise us at: secretaryfhanq@gmail.com

Thank you to everyone who has paid their membership fees for 2023, which fell due on 1st February 2023.

Anyone wishing to pay their membership may send a cheque to us at PO Box 3659, Hermit Park, 4812 or pop into the library in Baker Street, Hermit Park or pay the fees directly into our bank account, details are as follows:

Bank: Westpac Banking Corporation

BSB: 734-241

Account No: 070440

Account Name: Family History Association of North Queensland INC

(FHANQ)

(Please include your name if making a direct deposit to our account)

ANNUAL FEES

The Management Committee is currently reviewing the fees for the Association.







Advertising



The Reason?

We Need New Advertisers

Cost for half a page is only \$20 per issue.

Do you know of a suitable business that would appreciate being connected to all our members?

Our Magazine relies on providing some income to defray expenses, but we allocate only a certain amount of space for advertising.

Please contact <u>secretaryfhanq@gmail.com</u> if you can suggest someone the committee can approach.



Advertising Fees

A4 Page \$40 per issue Half A4 page \$20 per issue Quarter A4 page \$10 per issue

Please contact the Treasurer or email treasurer.fhanq@gmail.com if you would like to advertise in our next magazine.

LIST YOUR BUSINESS HERE

Next Issue

RELATIVELY SPEAKING MAGAZINE 3RD QUARTER ISSUE July 2023

We are looking for articles for the next issue.
The topic is "My Convict Ancestor(s)"

"My Townsville Connection"

Maximum 500 words. Plus a picture if you have one.

Extra items for the magazine: "Unidentified Photographs"

Submission Date by: Saturday 10th June 2023.

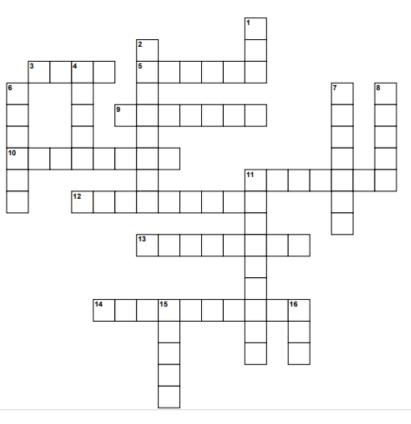
Remember if you are using your own personal photos that you have given us written permission to publish them.

All correspondence, membership enquiries, financial business and other matters related to Family History Association of North Queensland Inc should be directed to Family History Association of North Queensland Inc.



Take a Break

Genealogy



Across

- [3] Same location. identifies a document that has already been quoted
- [5] The total property held by an individual and available after death
- [9] Your brother or sister
- [10] Persons initiating or comprising a line of descent
- [11] Individual who sells or gives property to another person
- [12] Died without leaving a will
- [13] Person who has died
- [14] After death

Down

- [1] Identifies a woman's maiden name
- [2] The history of the family members in a person's past especially when it is good or impressive
- [4] Offspring
- [6] A person below the age designated as adulthood
- [7] Recipient of proper either through purchase, gift or request
- [8] Share of husband's real estate to which the widow is entitled
- [11] An account of the descent of a person, family, or group from an ancestor or from older forms
- [15] Guardian of underage person or minor
- [16] Shows that an incorrect fact has been copied faithfully

Solution will be published in next edition of the magazine.