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NEWS ITEMS

GENERAL MEETING GUEST SPEAKERS

March:

Thu 20th
CFHRI Members

April:

Thu 17th
WWII You Tube Films
Colin Wagener
Jim Cullen

May:

Dr Jon Prangnell
"North Brisbane Burial
Ground-Solving a Mystery"

GENERAL MEETINGS and GROUP MEETINGS

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Hello members,

This months journal is a bit thin.

Whether because of a post Christmas malaise or the fear of Alfred I don't know but there has been an overwhelming lack of contributions.

So for future editions, please, please, PLEASE put your writing abilities into action and submit some articles for future editions.

In saying that there are a couple of interesting articles on AI in Genealogy, the burning topic of the day.

— Dave Hamilton, Editor



The President's Pen

– Roz Kuss

We had celebrated our Christmas lunch late in November and a number of lovely photos were included in the December Clipper Issue

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There was little activity in early December before we closed for our Dec/Jan annual break. Opening on 16 January, Members Meeting day, our first guest speaker for 2025 was CFHRI member and much sought after professional genealogist Shauna Hicks. Shauna gave us many hints and pointed us in the right direction on "Looking for Scottish Ancestors". Continuing with the Scottish theme, Sue Brownjohn updated members on the advantages of joining in to the Scotland Interest Group. Colleen Jones rounded out the meeting with a short talk on her life prior to joining our group.

On February 3 Ralph Gray facilitated an educational morning on Intermediate Zoom use for Committee members, Interest Group Co-ordinators and other presenters. During the afternoon Training Officer Trisha Hyde presented an Introduction to Microsoft Word for members and on 24 February she conducted a full day training course on Introduction to Microsoft PowerPoint and how to prepare a slide show. Another member and professional speaker, Pauleen Cass, took us on a "Blogging your Family History" journey at the February General Meeting.

Our long time member John Cavell, does an amazing amount of work for our group, indexing the Queensland section of our library books. John's wife Lyn was also a volunteer with Meals on Wheels and after 58 years of marriage she passed away in February. My sincere condolences to John.

Treasurer Sue Schott and Assistant Librarian Loris Gray were 'spreading the word' about our group as guests of the Kawana Waters View Club and were warmly received.

Interest Groups are all now back in full swing, as is the War Histories of our Soldiers Project. Check the website regularly for additional events and upcoming free Training courses etc. March guest speakers are members with a variety of interesting short talk topics; April as always has a Military Theme and a couple of short films by WWII Veterans will be shown. At our 32nd Birthday members meeting in May long time favourite Associate Professor Jon Prangnell will reprise his Keynote presentation from the "Waves in Time" Conference – "North Brisbane Burial Ground-Solving a Mystery".

Special thanks to all members who have been a great help to me over the last few months.



Dear Diary

Please check the website for any changes

HEALTH POLICY ADOPTED 4 JULY 2024

Until further notice, it is the policy of CFHRI to protect the health and safety of our members. To minimise the risk of infection and transmission of any virus, this policy will be reviewed regularly to ensure we keep up-to-date with all Government directives.

1. If you are unwell, please do not come to the rooms.
2. It will be up to the individual member's discretion on the wearing of masks.
3. To avoid the spread of disease, hand sanitation will be available in all work spaces.

MARCH 2025

*****Please check the website regularly for any changes*****

Sat 1	Research Morning: In Rooms 9:30am-12:30pm
Mon 3	Training: Introduction to Zoom: Hybrid 8:45am-12:00noon Training: Advanced Word: In Rooms 12:45pm-3:30pm
Tue 5	Family Tree Maker Interest Group: Zoom only 2:00pm-4:00pm
Wed 6	RACE DAY CLOSURE - NO ROOM ACCESS
Thu 6	Research Day: In Rooms 9:30am-4:00pm Germany Interest Group: Hybrid 1:00pm-3:00pm
Sat 8	Research Morning: In Rooms 9:30am-12:30pm
Mon 10	War Histories of our Soldiers Project: In Rooms 9:00am-11:00am DNA Interest Group: Zoom Only 7:00pm-8:30pm
Thu 13	Research Day: In Rooms 9:30am-4:00pm Committee Meeting: Zoom only 9:00am – 12:00noon Scotland Interest Group: Hybrid 12:00pm–2:00pm Ireland Interest Group: Hybrid 2:00pm-4:00pm
Sat 15	Research Morning: In Rooms 9:30am-12:30pm
Mon 18	Family Search: Hybrid 10.00am-12.00pm
Thu 20	Research Day: In Rooms 9:30am-4:00pm Writers Interest Group: In Rooms 9:30am-11:30am Members Meeting: Hybrid 1:30pm-4:30pm Guest Speakers CFHRI Members & Topics Ralph Gray–“A Strange Story of Genealogy & Inheritance How a simple enquiry uncovered a complex family web” Vic Friar–“Military at Kings Beach” Jan Friar–“Finding My Father” Loris Gray–“Hillbilly Poem” Fran Kitto–“Living in Spain” Show, Share & Tell: Fran Kitto Resources
Sat 22	Research Morning: In Rooms 9:30am-12:30pm

Mon 25	Resources Interest Group: Zoom 7:00pm-8:00pm
Thu 27	Research Day: In Rooms 9:30am-4:00pm
	England & Wales Interest Group: Hybrid 1.00pm-3:00pm
Fri 28	CLOSE OFF DATE for Training Introduction to Microsoft Excel & Advanced Microsoft Excel in rooms Mon 31 March
Sat 29	Research Morning: In Rooms 9:30am-12:30pm
Mon 31	Training: Introduction to Excel: Hybrid 8:45am-12:00noon Training: Advanced Excel: Hybrid 12:45pm-3:30pm ***Please check the website regularly for any changes***
APRIL 2025	
Tue 1	Family Tree Maker Interest Group: Zoom only 2:00pm-4:00pm
Thu 3	Research Day: In Rooms 9:30am-4:00pm
	Germany Interest Group: Hybrid 1:00pm-3:00pm
Sat 5	Research Morning: In Rooms 9:30am-12:30pm
Thu 10	Research Day: In Rooms 9:30am-4:00pm
	Scotland Interest Group: Hybrid 12:00pm-2:00pm
	Ireland Interest Group: Hybrid 2:00pm-4:00pm
Sat 12	Research Morning: In Rooms 9:30am-12:30pm
Mon 14	War Histories of our Soldiers Project: In Rooms 9:00am-11:00am
	DNA Interest Group: Zoom Only 7:00pm-8:30pm
Thu 17	Research Day: In Rooms 9:30am-4:00pm
	Writers Interest Group: In Rooms 9:30am-11:30am
	Members Meeting: Hybrid 1.30pm-4:00pm
	Topic: WWII You Tube Films
	Guest Speaker: Colin Wagener "A Game Changing Account of the Japanese Surrender in Borneo"
	Guest Speaker: Jim Cullen "Survival in New Guinea"
	AED/CPR Presentation
	Show, Share & Tell: Kate Bowman Library
Fri 18	GOOD FRIDAY
Sat 19	EASTER SATURDAY – No research
Sun 20	EASTER SUNDAY
Mon 21	EASTER SUNDAY – No Family Search Interest Group
	Resources Interest Group: Zoom 7:00pm-8:00pm
Thu 24	Research Day: In Rooms 9:30am-4:00pm
	England & Wales Interest Group: Hybrid 1.00pm-3:00pm
Fri 25	ANZAC DAY
	CLOSE OFF DATE Introduction to Family History + CLOSE OFF DATE QFHS visit Wed 30 April
Sat 26	Research Morning: In Rooms 9:30am-12:30pm
Mon 28	Training: Introduction to Family History: Hybrid 8:30am-12:30pm
	Resources Interest Group: Zoom 7:00pm-8:00pm

Wed 30	Carpool to QFHS, 46 Delaware St, Chermshire. Depart rooms 8.30am, BYO lunch, \$1 for morning tea, small change for photocopying, \$10 per passenger to driver. ***Please check the website regularly for any changes***
MAY 2025	
Thu 1	Committee Meeting: Zoom only 9:00am-11:00am Research Day: In Rooms 9:30am-4:00pm Germany Interest Group: Hybrid 1:00pm-3:00pm
Sat 3	RACE DAY CLOSURE - NO ROOM ACCESS
Mon 5	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Tue 6	Family Tree Maker Interest Group: Zoom only 2:00pm-4:00pm
Thu 8	Research Day: In Rooms 9:30am-4:00pm Scotland Interest Group: Hybrid 12:00pm-2:00pm Ireland Interest Group: Hybrid 2:00pm-4:00pm
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Library Opening Hours

THURSDAYS 9.30am — 4pm SATURDAYS 9.30am — 12.30pm
except

3rd THURSDAY 9.30am—noon

The library volunteer roster can be found on the CFH website
Please arrive at least 20 minutes before starting your shift

AI and Genealogy: Trouble Ahead?

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While AI (artificial intelligence) might be the current “hot” buzz word, the fact is that many genealogy vendors and even genealogists have already been using this technology for years. The AI industry is at a crossroads and within the next five years, it will permeate almost every aspect of business and society. Learn how AI is currently being used to improve the genealogy experience, and whether you should seek out other uses of artificial intelligence for your own genealogy research.

What is Artificial Intelligence and Why Should I Be Concerned?

AI stands for Artificial Intelligence and represents computer-based systems that can “mimic” human intelligence. The goal is to have these systems perform human tasks.

A task could be as simple as entering a customer service-related question on a company’s website and having AI generate a response. It might appear simple - a looks up of a response posted to the chat panel. However, AI-based systems might prompt you with more questions to generate the most helpful answer. The system could capture your questions and “learn” more about the way you use the product to better respond in the future.

Another example: you could ask **ChatGPT** - one of the more popular AI platforms - to compose a poem about genealogy. And taking it one step further, you could add “in the style of” Shakespeare, Keats, Robert Frost, Maya Angelou, etc.

The most discussed features of artificial intelligence are “deep learning” and “generative AI.” Deep learning mimics the human brain in that it looks for patterns using vast amounts of information to interpret photos, audio, and text. Generative AI actually “generates” new photos, audio, and text, based on information provided by the user, and again, uses its own database of “training data” to understand patterns and generate output that matches the user’s query.

AI Platforms

While genealogy vendors such as MyHeritage are incorporating artificial intelligence into the features they provide to users, there are some popular AI platforms open to the public that you might want to consider using.

ChatGPT: Meaning “Chat Generative Pre-trained Transformer,” ChatGPT (<https://chat.openai.com/>) is the most popular publicly-accessible artificial intelligence platform.

Gemini: Developed by Google, **Gemini** (<https://gemini.google.com/>) formerly known as Bard, describes itself as “a family of AI models developed by Google’s AI research labs DeepMind and Google Research. Gemini is Google’s largest and most flexible AI model, able to run on data centres and mobile devices.”

Perplexity: A relative newcomer in the world of AI platforms, Perplexity (<https://www.perplexity.ai/>) presents a curated list of sources when answering user queries.

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Current uses of AI by Genealogy Vendors and others

Believe it or not, genealogists have already benefited from artificial intelligence whether it is just spelling and grammar check in Microsoft Word when writing a family story or genealogical report ... to ... searching for family in the 1950 United States Census which was indexed using artificial intelligence's ability to decipher handwriting.

Family photos: MyHeritage has been offering a variety of photo enhancement tools over the past three years including ways to colorize images and make them clearer. In addition, there are tools that can "animate" an ancestor based on a photo and even help determine the date of an image based on characteristics such as fashion styles, hair styles, and more. The new Reimagine tool announced recently offers all these tools in an easy-to-use app.

Transcription: The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) in conjunction with Ancestry and FamilySearch used artificial intelligence to index the 1950 US Census population schedules released in April 2022. Entries made by enumerators were scanned and transcribed then released for use at a much faster rate than what was accomplished with manual indexing performed for the 1940 US Census release in 2012. For the 1950 US Census, users were encouraged to review the transcriptions and submit corrections as part of a community effort by genealogists and other researchers.

Suggesting records: Ancestry and other genealogy platforms have been listing "related" or "suggested" records in the sidebar of the webpage when a user is viewing a record as part of a search. In addition, "hints" will often pop up suggesting records and family trees that a researcher might want to review due to similarities in data.

DNA matches: With over 30 million people having used personal DNA testing kits, 23andMe, AncestryDNA, FamilyTreeDNA, and MyHeritage all leverage AI to find connections between testers based on shared DNA data. Given the sheer amount of information involved, these match results are only possible with artificial intelligence.

Examples

Here are a few examples of how you can use the major AI platforms when searching for ancestors.

Social history

Hugo Freer, my 9th great-grandfather, settled in New Paltz, New York along with other Huguenot settlers about 1675. His house - the Freer-Low House - built in 1699 is still standing. Wanting to know more about how Freer lived, I used this query at ChatGPT: **What was life like in New Paltz, New York in 1699?**

The results:

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what was life like in New Paltz, New York in 1699?



Life in New Paltz, New York, in 1699 was vastly different from what it is today. In the late 17th century, the area was inhabited by the indigenous Esopus Munsee people before European settlers arrived. The Huguenots, a group of French Protestants, established the town of New Paltz in 1678. By 1699, the community was still relatively small and consisted mainly of farming families.

Here are some aspects of life in New Paltz in 1699:

****1. ** Agriculture:**

Farming was the primary occupation. The settlers cultivated crops such as wheat, corn, and barley. Livestock like cattle and sheep were also raised for food and other necessities.

Regenerate

Source: "What was life like in New Paltz, New York in 1699?" prompt. ChatGPT, ChatGPT 3.5 version, OpenAI, 1 October 2023, <https://chat.openai.com/>.

The information provided is extensive but also rather generic for any location on the East Coast of the United States. In addition, the section on housing states the use of wooden buildings with thatched roofs, when in fact New Paltz was known for its early homes built using stones excavated from the fields.

Record sets

My 3rd great-grandfather Gustave Henneberg arrived in New York from Germany about 1881. I posed the following query at Perplexity to determine which records I should use for research purposes: **What records can I use to locate an ancestor who arrived in New York City in 1881?**

The results:

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Source: "What records can I use to locate an ancestor who arrived in New York City in 1881?" prompt. Perplexity, version 1.0.21, Perplexity, 13 October 2023, <https://www.perplexity.ai>.

Perplexity bills itself as different from ChatGPT and Gemini in that it curates sources which are presented at the top of the generated content.

Transcription

Robert Austin was the brother of my great-grandfather John Ralph Austin (1896-1976). Robert drowned in 1924 at Long Beach, New York while trying to rescue a child. I uploaded a newspaper article about the incident to Gemini and in the query prompt entered: **Transcribe**

The results:

Gemini Advanced



transcribe verbatim

DROWNED AT LONG BEACH

Robert Austin, Formerly of Lowville,
Loses Life on Labor Day

While Bathing:
Robert Austin, son of Mr. and Mrs. William D. Austin, formerly of Lowville, was drowned at Long Beach, L. I., Monday, but no particulars of the accident are at hand. The Austin family removed from this village to New York several years ago. Robert Austin was born here October 12, 1896. At the time of his death he held the responsible position of office manager for the Dr. W. Griffith Medical Products Corporation being in charge of the New York office. He was married about two years ago. Besides his wife and parents he leaves four brothers, Maurice, Harry, Ralph and Lawton, all of New York city.

Show drafts



Sure, here is the verbatim transcription of the newspaper article in the image:

DROWNED AT LONG BEACH

Robert Austin, Formerly of Lowville,

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Source: Uploaded article "Drowned at Long Beach" with the query "Transcribe verbatim". Gemini, Gemini Advanced version, Google, 8 Feb 2024, <https://gemini.google.com/>.

Gemini Advanced did a great job despite the article image having some clarity issues!

Relationships

During my genealogy research, I've located a person to whom I'm related via a maternal great-grandmother. The document I am using for research states that the person was my great-grandmother's niece. Using Gemini Advanced, I want to determine how I am related to this person.

How am I related to my great-grandmother's niece?

The results:

Gemini Advanced ▾



how am I related to my great-grandmother's niece?

Show drafts ▾



Your great-grandmother's niece is your first cousin, twice removed. Here's the breakdown:

- **Your great-grandmother's niece:** This person shares your great-grandparents as their grandparents.
- **First cousin:** This indicates you are in the same generation, descended from the same great-grandparents.
- **Twice removed:** This means there are two generations of difference between you. You are descended from your great-grandparents, while your great-grandmother's niece is descended from their sibling.

Source: "How am I related to my great-grandmother's niece?". Gemini, Gemini Advanced version, Google, 8 February 2024, <https://gemini.google.com/>.

Copyright and AI

There are several issues involving artificial intelligence and intellectual property that should concern you. Some of these issues have already been discussed and decided by agencies and courts. Many of them, however, have not been resolved.

The two main issues are:

AI-generated content: Can content that is created by artificial intelligence based on your query be copyrighted? What if you ask Gemini to generate an image of what your 5th

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great-grandfather who fought in the Revolutionary War might look like? And the query was based on your research information as to his physical description taken from letters or diaries? Who owns the resulting image? Currently, lower courts have stated that AI-generated content cannot be copyrighted since there is no human author. Much like the case of the “Macaque monkey selfie” where a monkey took a selfie photograph using equipment set up by a British photographer, there is no “consent” involved. Animals cannot give consent or enter into a legal agreement, so it was determined that the resulting image was copyright free. The courts are using the same method to determine who owns that ancestor photo you generated using artificial intelligence.

Source or reference content: Which leads to the next copyright issue of how AI platforms are gathering their reference information used to generate content. When asking ChatGPT to generate a sonnet about genealogy in the style of Shakespeare, the algorithm must have Shakespeare’s sonnets to understand his writing style and create the genealogy sonnet. In this case, all of Shakespeare’s works are in the public domain according to United States copyright laws. But what about an author such as Tom Clancy or Stephen King whose works are still under copyright? And what about AI-generated images or even recordings based on a celebrity’s image and voice? Most platforms are not transparent as to what reference content is being used and how it was acquired. This becomes an ethical issue and only furthers general fears about artificial intelligence.

AI and Source Citations

Those new to genealogy and family history soon learn the importance of source citations in proving relationships as well as facts about an ancestor. Usually, source citations document how we find and use records such as census population schedules, death certificates, and even letters or diaries.

For the most part, you won’t find records when making queries on an AI platform. But you may find information that serves as a clue for further research or, more likely, as social history about how an ancestor lived. In these situations, a method of citing AI-generated content is needed.

Citing sources need not be intimidating or time consuming. Stick to the basics: the information found, how it was found, information about where it was found, and locator data so another researcher can find the information.

For artificial intelligence content, here’s the formula you might consider using as proposed by the Modern Language Association of America (MLA):

“[QUERY]” prompt. [NAME OF AI PLATFORM], [DATE OR VERSION OF PLATFORM], [NAME OF AI COMPANY], [DATE OF QUERY], [PLATFORM URL]

So, if I asked ChatGPT to determine the value of my great-grandfather’s home in the 1930 US

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Census listed as \$80,000 in 2024 dollars, here is the source citation I would use:

"Value of home in the 1930 US Census listed as \$80,000 in 2024 dollars" prompt. ChatGPT, ChatGPT 3.5 version, OpenAI, 1 October 2023, <https://chat.openai.com/>.

Future Uses of AI for Genealogy

The concern over artificial intelligence in general, and specifically in family history research, is like the concern over social media almost 15 years ago. Remember when genealogists were worried about Facebook and X (formerly known as Twitter)?

We are experiencing the "First Phase" of using artificial intelligence when it comes to genealogy and family history research. Five years from now we should be in "Second Phase" mode. What does this mean?

Remember when Netscape was THE BROWSER everyone used when the Internet became popular in the early 1990s? And MYSPACE was THE SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORM? Well, the second phase apps - Google and Facebook respectively - are now the most popular. The second phase of a new technology usually brings vast improvements in terms of functionality, ease-of-use, and value.

Here's a short list of what you can expect to see in the next five years:

- DNA triangulation tools that will quickly determine relationships on family trees.

- Conversion of handwriting into searchable text including older forms of English and German handwriting.

- Creation of source citations for a variety of records using specific formats such as MLA, Evidence Explained, and AP style.

- Discovering connections between F.A.N. club members using digitized historical newspapers content and other records.

- Identification of ancestors in old family photos based on "traits" such as facial features including connecting family members based on similar traits.

- Suggesting records for expanding genealogical searches including those records not yet digitized.

AI: The Good and the Bad

With all the "hype" about artificial intelligence, it can be difficult to figure out not only what is true about this technology, but also the benefits and drawbacks. Here is an explanation of the elements of AI that have impacted or will impact how we search for ancestors.

The Good

There seem to be endless possibilities for using artificial intelligence when searching for ancestors.

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This makes for an exciting time to be doing genealogy.

Analyzing vast amounts of data: Yes, there is a lot of information available online for genealogy research, but humans cannot possibly analyze that information as quickly as artificial intelligence. This allows for discovering new connections between data points and better understanding migration patterns and motivations, F.A.N. club relationships, the impact of social history on our ancestors, and more. What is not obvious immediately to our human minds can be quickly determined by using artificial intelligence.

Block chaining: I've long been an advocate of using block chaining for genealogy data, especially DNA data. Block chaining involves tagging data with specific information including ownership and tracking its use by others. The chain of use is kept in a public "ledger" and the owner can better understand who is using that data and why.

Translation and transcription: As already demonstrated with the release of the 1950 US Census images, AI promises to make the transcription and translation of record images faster and easier. I recently uploaded a newspaper clipping from a historical newspaper that has not yet been digitized, and the AI platform did an amazing job in transcribing the content.

Timelines and mapping: For those genealogists who want to fill in the "dash" between an ancestor's birth date and death date, artificial intelligence can help build complex timelines as well as "map" event dates to locations for a better understanding of how our ancestors lived.

The Bad

While many see artificial intelligence as a panacea that can cure many problems that come with genealogical research, AI can also be a Pandora's box filled with its own set of problems.

Lack of transparency: One of the biggest issues for users of AI is the inability of the user to determine the source of the reference material used when generating content. Another issue: recognizing AI-generated content. Most users are not adding source citations to AI-generated content or watermarks to AI-generated images.

Bias: Studies have proven that many AI platforms can be biased, especially since content used as reference material is supplied by humans. The same biases we see in terms of race, gender, and age are easily replicated by artificial intelligence. Recent examples have included a bias towards generating white or Caucasian faces rather than people of color when asked to create certain types of images.

Copyright: Many copyright and intellectual property issues related to AI have popped up in the past year. US courts have ruled that content created by artificial intelligence cannot be copyrighted. In addition, several content creators including authors and performers have sued major AI platforms such as ChatGPT and Gemini for scraping copyright protected

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content from the internet to help create AI-generated content.

False information: As platforms using AI gather information, who or what is determining what is true and what is false? A recent example of a law firm submitting a legal filing created by artificial intelligence - resulting in a list of fictitious court cases to support legal arguments - demonstrates the problem. This is another reason that “human review” is often required before relying upon AI-generated content.

Privacy violations: Artificial intelligence can quickly collect data entered at genealogy platforms when performing research and creating family trees. In addition, users are tracked as to searches performed and this data is analyzed to create new features and products. More importantly, DNA data is captured and despite privacy policies that ensure the use of only metadata, recent computer hacks at vendors such as 23andMe have caused a steep decline in the number of people using personal DNA test kits.

High costs: While not often discussed, deploying artificial intelligence can be expensive for vendors, resulting in higher prices for the genealogy consumer. The machines and servers used for AI processes require more powerful chips as well as simply just more power to run. Besides an increase in costs, there are environmental and climate impact costs through the need for more energy to power AI computers.

Conclusion

Artificial intelligence is seen as powerful but also as something to be feared. It isn't much different than how our earliest ancestors reacted to the discovery of fire. That new technology had great benefits and advanced progress in many areas of human life. But fire also brought new dangers and uses that might not have been anticipated.

The best way to cut through the current hype and misinformation around AI is to stay informed. Learn from other genealogists how they are using artificial intelligence to improve their genealogy research.

Whether you decide to take a full plunge or just dip your toe in the AI pond, you'll discover amazing possibilities and ways to take your search for your roots to the next level.

Resources

AI & Genealogy: Harnessing the Power of Artificial Intelligence for Family History

Research - MyHeritage Knowledgebase

<https://education.myheritage.com/article/ai-genealogy-harnessing-the-power-of-artificial-intelligence-for-family-history-research/?lcpt=article>

BanyanDNA

<https://www.banyandna.com>

ChatGPT

<https://chat.openai.com/>

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Gemini

<https://gemini.google.com/>

Genealogy and Artificial Intelligence (AI) - Facebook group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1255245945084761>

Genealogy Eyes - ChatGPT

<https://chat.openai.com/g/g-mIAAn5mh6-genealogy-eyes>

How do I cite generative AI in MLA style? - Modern Language Association of America

<https://style.mla.org/citing-generative-ai/>

Perplexity

<https://www.perplexity.ai/>

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Training Officer Report

Three training sessions are scheduled for 31 March, *Introduction to Excel* and *Advanced Excel* and on 28 April, *Introduction to Family History*. The booking forms for these training sessions on the Website.

On Thursday, 17 April, I will be running a *Writing Skills Training Session* in lieu of the Writers' Interest Group. The booking form for this training session will be available shortly.

This session will introduce you to ideas that may assist you in writing stories about your family history. One of these stories may inspire you to enter the Hazel Rose Seto Novice Writers' Award (with a prize of \$50) or Lorrie Barzdo Advanced Writers' Award (with a prize of \$100). Winners are announced at the Annual General Meeting in August. Further information on these awards is available on [Writing Family History Awards - Caloundra Family History Research Inc.](#)

Coming Soon:

CFHRI Resource Training in June and November

Overview of Ancestry.com in July

Researching Convicts in August

Objects and Places in September

Looking forward to seeing you at a training session soon. Remember our in-house training sessions are free and provided as part of your membership.

The Soldier's Project is progressing. We look forward to publishing our stories in time for Remembrance Day this year.

Please contact Trisha Hyde by email on training@caloundrafamilyhistory.org.au if you have any questions about the above information.

Guiding Principles for Responsible AI in Genealogy

The following is from a handout presented at a session at this year's RootsTech on AI in Genealogy attended by Fran Kitto, our WebMaster. Acknowledgement for use of the material is accorded to Elder James Tanner of the BYU Library Family History Center with links as follows:

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The use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in genealogy has inspired the creation of the Coalition for Responsible AI in Genealogy and the development of essential Guiding Principles to navigate these changes responsibly.

Recent advances in AI have been extraordinary. Since the introduction of Transformer architecture in 2017, groundbreaking tools like GPT-3 and DALL-E have reshaped what's possible. By late 2022, AI became accessible and widely adopted, profoundly impacting fields like genealogy. While these tools open up new avenues for research and discovery, they also introduce ethical questions and risks we must address.

Guiding Principles for Responsible AI in Genealogy continued

Following the rapid expansion of generative AI, discussions at the 2024 RootsTech ethics panel emphasized the urgent need for a framework. Our coalition engaged in a collaborative effort throughout 2024, refining the principles through thoughtful deliberation and extensive community input.

These Guiding Principles ensure responsible AI use in genealogy, addressing essential areas such as accuracy, disclosure, privacy, education, and compliance. For a full description of these principles, please visit <https://craigen.org>.

Responsible AI use builds public trust and maintains the integrity of genealogical research. As AI technology continues to evolve, these principles offer a solid foundation for ethical innovation within our community.

Guiding Principles for Responsible AI in Genealogy

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is transforming genealogy by offering powerful capabilities alongside new challenges and risks. These principles aim to guide the responsible use of AI within the genealogical community—including casual and professional researchers, societies, and supporting companies. The responsible use of AI will maximize its benefits while mitigating risks to the quality and trustworthiness of the work it generates.

Accuracy

AI can generate false, biased, or incorrect content. Therefore, members of the genealogical community verify the accuracy of the information with other records and acknowledge credible sources of content generated by AI.

Disclosure

Acknowledging the use of AI enhances trust. Therefore, members of the genealogical community disclose, as context requires, when AI materially influences the creation or modification of content.

Privacy

AI usage can lead to unintended data exposure, putting private information at risk of being publicly disclosed. Therefore, members of the genealogical community take reasonable measures to safeguard private information when using AI.

Education

The use of AI creates new opportunities and risks. Therefore, members of the genealogical community educate themselves about AI to maximize its benefits and minimize its risks to their work.

*Guiding Principles for Responsible AI in Genealogy continued***Compliance**

Adherence to legal and contractual obligations is essential for the ethical use of AI. Therefore, members of the genealogical community comply with contracts, terms of service, intellectual property laws, and data privacy regulations when using or creating AI tools

In addition there are several recorded sessions on AI which can be found at <http://rootstech.org>. You can search **AI** to find these. These cover many aspects of AI including topics like "[Write Powerful AI Prompts to Unlock Your Family History](#)", "[AI-Powered Transcription of Handwritten Documents: Tools and Techniques](#)", "[Learning to Use AI Tools: Taking Your Prompting Skills to the Next Level](#)" and loads more.

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2024 Writer's Awards

Two more stories, one each from the Lorrie Barzdo Award for advanced writers and the Hazel Rose Seto Award for novice writers. Enjoy!

EVERY FAMILY HAS A BLACK SHEEP.

Peter Hovey #857

I was using Trove to find newspaper stories about ancestors when I came across some 'interesting' reports on one particular person. Searching in Trove and other Genealogy sites enabled me to put together some of the life story of [a distant cousin George William Hovey](#) (we share 4xGreat grandparents). This is the first time I have concentrated on finding as much as I could about 1 person. It has been intriguing to discover this black sheep with paternity claims, desertion of his spouse, war service, gaol time and more. Read on to enjoy his story?

Early Days

Born 19 May 1882 in Brisbane, George's father, Ernest, was the son of the first Hovey family to emigrate from Germany to Australia in 1863. Ernest married Eliza Piggott in 1875, an English immigrant from Kent. Ernest died in 1907 and Eliza married again, but that is another story.

As one of 14 children George grew up in the Albion & Ascot area of Brisbane and enrolled in Breakfast Creek State School on 28 August 1893 at age 10. I could not find anything further about his childhood but did find some military records and a photo of his time in the Boer War.

He enlisted in the 6th Queensland Imperial Bushmen contingent age 19 departing on 18 August 1901 with the 1st reinforcement draft (Fig 1). Records show this group returned less than 12 months later on June 17 1902.

What did George get up to after his return from the Boer War?

The Truth newspaper in Brisbane on 1 April 1906 had this headline on page 8: "JOYFUL GEORGE PULLED FOR PATERNITY".

With this wonderful drawing (Fig 2) of *Curly-headed George*, reporting on a court case where Agnes was seeking maintenance and confinement costs for a baby boy born on 7 March 1906. The Truth newspaper goes into details about how they met, their romance, and promises to pay her maintenance for the baby. He accepted the paternity of the baby. The Police Magistrate took a *sensible view of the case and ordered him to pay 5s. every week, the first payment to be made on April 6. No costs were allowed, neither were the expenses of the complainant's confinement.* The baby was named George Hovey Lauchlan by his mother Agnes Mary Lauchlan, once again this is



Figure 1 GW Hovey Boer



Figure 2 Curly-Headed George 1906

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another story.

Marriage and Desertion

George does not waste any time, especially when it comes to romance, he married Alice Irons (born in 1887 in Brentford, Middlesex England) on 29 June 1907. Were they happily married? Eight children were born between 1907 and 1922 but all may not have been rosy in the George & Alice household.

The Brisbane Telegraph reported on Tuesday 21 March 1911, page 6 –

Alice Hovey proceeded against her husband George William Hovey, for having left her without means of support. He was ordered to pay £1 per week to the clerk of petty sessions with £2 2s. professional costs and 4s. 6d. costs of court.

Was this when George went missing, because in the *Queensland, Police Gazette Index, 1881-1945* 1910 – 1919 George W Hovey is shown in the missing friend's index. Where did he go? Read on.....

George shows up in Darlinghurst Gaol, NSW in 1912. *A Gaol Description and Entrance Book on 14 May 1912, the NSW Police Gazette of Wednesday 17 April 1912 and the Grafton Circuit Court conviction sheet of 24 April 1912,* tell us the story with a photo (Fig 3).

George William Hovey alias Geo Wm Smith was charged with:

Fraudulently taking away a female under the age of 21 years to wit 16 years and 9 months with intent to carnally know.

Detaining of female under the age of 21 years

He was sentenced to 2 years hard labour on each charge, concurrent. He was 30 and the girl 16. Did he use the alias of George William Smith to get out of paying the maintenance to Alice and his illegitimate son when he went missing?

After spending 2 years in gaol, he returned to Queensland and Alice his wife as they had 3 more children from 1914 -1922.

In January 1915 there is another report in the *Brisbane Truth* of a romance gone wrong with a claim for maintenance. This time it wasn't George involved but his sister Helen Ruth Hovey. George was there to help defend her as a witness, stating the defendant promised to marry his sister. The defendant didn't show up and was ordered to pay £8 confinement expenses, 7s 6d per week maintenance and 10s witness expenses. George got 10s for his help. *Factory Flapper's Failing - Truth, Sunday 31 January 1915, page 5*

War Service

George enlisted in WW 1 on 25 April 1917, age 35 years 10 months. Considered fit for active service and posted to the Engineers as a private, he was discharged medically unfit due to misconduct on 25 September 1917 (5 Months). No details of misconduct given. On 30 May 1917 he asked the Paymaster for 4s per day to be paid from his wages to Alice Hovey. Also declaring that he had six children, under the age of 16, dependent on him. At last, was he providing for his family?



Figure 3 George William Hovey Conviction sheet 1912

Every Family Has a Black Sheep continued**Traffic Fines – No Lights**

All seems to be quiet for the next few years with only a couple of traffic prosecutions to make the newspapers as follows:

In the traffic Court on Monday, (Tuesday 19 February 1924) before Mr PM Hishon, PM (Police Magistrate), the following fines were inflicted, in connection with the various offences enumerated, together with 3s. 6d. costs of court: George William Hovey, Tower Street, Ascot, 5s., driving a buggy at night time without lighted lamps attached. *Telegraph*, Tuesday 19 February 1924, page 12.

In the summons court yesterday, (Tuesday 27 January 1925) Mr JS Stewart Berge, PM dealt with a number of offenders against the traffic by-laws. Senior Sergeant Blackmore prosecuted. George Hovey of Albion, was fined 15s. with 3s 6d. costs for failing to have a light on his bicycle. *Daily Mail*, Brisbane, Wednesday 28 January 1925, page 8.

Electoral Rolls, Marriage & Divorce

I followed some of George's movements via Queensland Electoral Rolls from **1919 – 1943** where George is shown living with his wife Alice at various addresses but after 1921, at different addresses.

George got together with Margaret Eileen Tengdahl/Walsh, whom he married on 7 October 1944. Margaret, born on 23 July 1891 had previously married Ulric Ferdinand Tengdahl on 17 Apr 1922. A divorce action in April 1944 named George with Margaret Tengdahl as respondents and Ulric Tengdahl as the petitioner. Reported in the *Courier-Mail* Wednesday 21 November 1945, page 4. It appears he never divorced Alice, who died, age 57, of pneumonia on 23 June 1944, just in time for him to marry Margaret.

Bankruptcy

Ulric Tengdahl sued George for bankruptcy as he must have paid for the divorce as reported in the *Telegraph*, Tuesday 20 November 1945, page 3 headline, **Too Old to Pay Says Bankrupt**. (George was now age 63)

He was too old to go running around working himself into his grave to pay a debt of £79/16/4 said George William Hovey, contractor, Vailima Flats, St Paul's Terrace, in the Bankruptcy Court today.

Some of the information in the newspaper article was:

- Undefended divorce was of the Tengdahls
- Creditor was [Ulric Ferdinand Tengdahl](#) (the former husband of Margaret Eileen Tengdahl nee Walsh) to whom George owed the costs of the divorce.
- George earnt £678/19/7 in 1943-44 & £891 in 1944-45.
- That marriage came to an end on 13 January 1947 when George, age 65, died in a motor vehicle accident.

The Coroner's Court inquest, reported in *Courier-Mail*, Wednesday 26 March 1947, page 6, with the headline: **"Fatal Ending to Potato Search"**.

It tells the story that George and a woman (Mabel Moore 57, widow) were meeting a man who was to give them a bag of potatoes when he lost control of the car he was driving and was killed.

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Mabel Moore survived. Mabel said she had been introduced to George before Christmas (1946) but Margaret Eileen Hovey, George's wife, at the inquest, said she did not know Mabel. Was this another dalliance?

The funeral notice of 15 January 1947 gives George's address as 17 Cameron St West End. There is also a notice from the RAOBGAB Lodge, New Guinea 210 and the South African War Veterans Association. He was a member of both those organisations, perhaps something more to follow up? George's death certificate states 3 causes of death, asphyxia, injury to chest and acute alcoholism. He must have had a drinking problem as well as a matrimonial problem.

I think you will agree that George had a colourful life over almost 65 years living through wars, depression and his own issues. What started as a quick look in Trove ended with a story of an ancestor who was certainly a black sheep. I hope you enjoyed his tale?

Arrival at the Starting Line.

Chas Godbold #837

The first unique event in a person's existence is the moment of conception, but this is not generally recorded or even observed. The time and place of our birth is generally our first recorded statistic. But we are getting a bit ahead of ourselves.

Back in the Old Dart, the 1871 England Census recorded an 'Agricultural Labourer' **Samuel Godbold (1842-1904)**, his wife **Susan Elizabeth (Button) (1842-1880)** and five living children all under the age of nine. Samuel was born in Saxtead, Suffolk, son of agricultural worker **William Godbold (1814-1897)** and **Mary (Potkin) (1812-1892)**. Samuel and Susan were married in Saxtead in 1860 and they had twelve children, of whom three died in childhood and one in her teens. The family moved to Framlingham, Suffolk, where Susan died of pulmonary tuberculosis in 1880. A year later Samuel married Ellen Last (1857-1944) and in 1882 they had a son who died soon after birth. Samuel's first two children stayed in England; the other six surviving children from the first marriage, their father and new stepmother embarked on the ship *SS Silhet*, arriving at Bundaberg in September 1883.

George Herbert Godbold (1866-1946) was the oldest son of Samuel to immigrate. **Sarah Stratton (1861-1936)**, sixth child of iron miner George Stratton and Christina Ostle from Cumberland, embarked as an Unassisted Immigrant passenger on *SS Yeoman*, arriving in Sydney in 1883. George Herbert and Sarah met in Bundaberg and were married in 1887: he operated a carrying business around Bundaberg until about 1910, when they moved to Sunshine Valley Farm at Muan near Degilbo. The first of nine children for George Herbert and Sarah was **Samuel Godbold (1888-1952)**, born in Bundaberg. While his family moved to Degilbo Samuel moved to Ipswich where he gained employment as an 'Electrical Assistant' in the Railway Workshops. In March 1912, he married **Julia Jane Arkell (1888-1941)**, the second of five children of William Arkell (3rd) (1863-1941) and Alice Bertha (Cardinal) (1865-1956). William (3rd) was born in Brisbane while Alice Bertha was born in Kent and migrated in 1869. Initially working as a bricklayer, William (3rd) subsequently became a fruit and vegetable merchant in the Roma

Arrival at the Starting Line continued

Street Markets in Brisbane. Both William (3rd) and Alice Bertha were very active in the operation of their business and multiple community and church organisations around Brisbane.

Samuel and Julia Jane, with a daughter Bertha Stratton (1913-1984) moved to Gayndah where Samuel and one of his brothers started a fruit shop. Their second child, **William George Lewis Godbold** was born in Gayndah on 13 September 1921. After a fire in the shop the family moved, first to Brisbane, then to Kingaroy where Samuel opened his own fruit shop. William finished his school education in Kingaroy in 1936 before commencing an apprenticeship in joinery, wood-machining and glazing which he completed in March 1941.

To be continued....

Earlier, back in continental Europe, **Christian Gotfried Ebbesen** was born in 1828 in Aarstrup, Denmark and in October 1852 he married **Maren Jensen** (b. 1823) in Ringkobing, Denmark. Christian and Maren were farmers and lived on their farm 'Lilleland' where the house was u-shaped, with the family living in one wing of the 'u' and their animals occupying the other. Their son **Neils Henrick Christiansen (1859-1939)** was born in the town of Viltjberg, county Viborg, Denmark. Neils and an older brother Jens embarked in Hamburg on *SS Fritz Reuter* as assisted Queensland immigrants and arrived in Brisbane in February 1879, whence they proceeded to Laidley Creek where many Danish families had settled, and they began farming.

Maren Christine Hansen (1866-1934) was born in Frederitia, Denmark as the daughter of a ship's captain, and migrated to Australia in 1885, arriving in Adelaide, where she stayed with cousins for a while before sailing to Brisbane and moving to Laidley Creek. Neils Henrick and Maren Christine were married in Laidley in June 1886 and farmed there until just after the turn of the century. During this time Neils became a delegate for Lockyer at the second Labor in Politics Convention. In 1901 they moved to the South Burnett area and drew a new block of land at Wooroolin, near Kingaroy. They called it 'Stanhope', and it became the spiritual home of the extended family for more than half a century.

Around 1910 more land was selected and their second son **Wilfred Victor Christiansen (1892-1951)**, with twin brothers Herbert and Norman (aged sixteen) were sent to pioneer this property at Goomeri. **Marie Bertha Rackemann (1898-1989)** was born at Cordalba, near Bundaberg, the eighth of eleven children of farmer Friedrich Christian Heinrich Rackemann and his wife Ida Caroline (Stollznow). Friedrich Christian and his brother Heinrich Ludwig migrated from their homeland Hanover to Australia in 1882. They were the vanguard of a larger migration including their parents and other members of their family still disenchanted after the 1866 annexation of Hanover by Prussia and the consolidation of the German Empire.

Wilfred Victor and Marie Bertha were married in Bundaberg in October 1917 and set up home on the dairy farm, called 'Jutland Farm', at Goomeri – the twin brothers were then able to return to 'Stanhope'. They had six children; first were three girls, then three boys. Their third daughter was **Joan Ida Christiansen** who was born on 21 December 1920. The parents were very active in the district community, with Wilfred serving on the Hospital Board, Show Society and School committees; and the first Lutheran Church services in the area were conducted at their home. A 1938 Supreme Court defamation case against Wilfred was successful and the judgment was

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subsequently upheld on appeal. This bankrupted him and they lost the farm. The two oldest girls were by then married to farmers and their first son left home seeking work elsewhere when Wilfred and Marie, Joan Ida and the younger sons moved to Kingaroy in 1940.

And so, we continue...

William George Lewis (Bill) Godbold (1921-2008) and **Joan Ida Christiansen (1920-2011)** met in Kingaroy and were married at her older sister's farm at Mondure, near Murgon, on Boxing Day 1941. They started married life living with Bill's father who had been widowed in October that year. Bill and Joan's first child, **Charles William Godbold (Chas)** was born in Kingaroy on 21 July 1942, at much the same time as hostile Imperial Japanese forces were landing on the north-east coast of Papua New Guinea, intent on moving south along the Kokoda Track towards Port Moresby and presumably Australia. When Bill enlisted in the army in September 1942 he was posted to 2nd AIF Royal Australian Engineers as a Sapper. He served until the end of the war, the last five months at Morotai, Borneo.

So, Charles's first recorded statistic was his birth in St Aubyns Hospital, Kingaroy on 21 July 1942. Wittingly or otherwise, each of the people mentioned played a part in getting him to the starting line for life as a third-generation latter day immigrant Australian of English/ Danish/ German extraction, with a diverse rural, commercial and social background.

The timing of his birth established him as a latter member of the Silent Generation (1925 – 1945), also called the Builders. His generation bears the collective scars of some defining times; the rebuilding of societies and economies in the wake of the 'war to end all wars' through to the upheaval of the next one which was even worse, with a global pandemic and economic depression in between.

As they say, "thanks for coming!"



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1975	2025
Long hair	Longing for hair
8 Tracks	Cataracts
KEGS	EKGs
Streaking	Leaking
Acid Rock	Acid Reflux
Seeds and stems	Fibre
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Hoping for a BMW	Hoping for a BM
Going to a new, hip joint	Getting a new hip joint
Rolling Stones	Kidney Stones
Bell bottoms	Big bottoms
Disco	Costco
Whatever	Depends
Rock n' Roll all night	Sleep through the night
Think you know everything	Think you know your name



Picture Gallery



Pauline Cass with her Certificate of Appreciation presented by Valerie Thornton.

Rooms Upgrade

A small committee has been set up to assist Kate Bowman and her husband to organise the upgrade and refurbish our meeting rooms.

Basically, the current computer room will become the library and the library will become the computer room. Sketch plans of the new arrangements are displayed on the notice board in the current library.

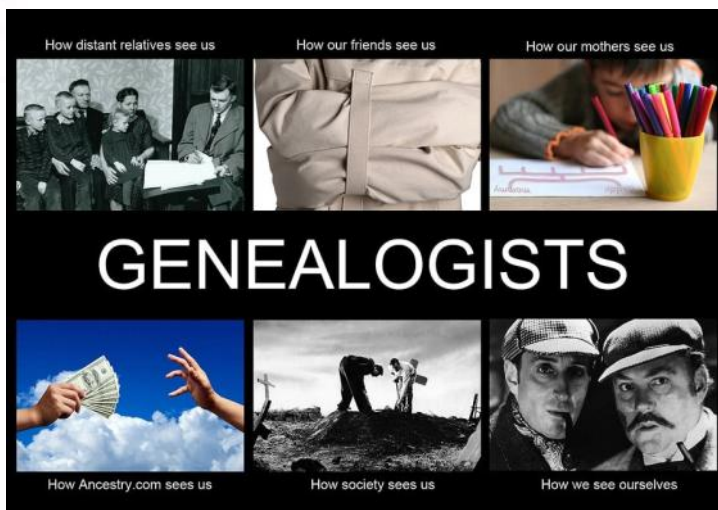
The original quotes are in the process of being confirmed and the current schedule is aimed at having the whole thing completed by the end of July. During the period of actual upgrade the rooms will be closed. Notice to all members will be given as to the actual dates closer to the time.

Please note, there is no intention at the moment to upgrade the meeting room or kitchen area. So . . . Watch this space.

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Family History Handbook 2025: Tracing your roots – a guide to starting Family Tree research abroad; 12 step Family History plan; What can each DNA company's test do for you; Lots of different web addresses.

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The Genealogist Summer 24: The Printer's Devil in the 1880's; Letter from England; An Engineers story; Ancestry, FndMyPast, new features & tips.

Ancestor Dec: Speak Now or forever hold your peace (Sue Reid's winning entry); Patrick McAlister – wheat farmer to wheat grower; The search for Richard Wise; Trades of the past; Getting started in researching Canadian ancestors; Blogging with Meg.

Traces Ed 29: Customs House Brisbane; Face value – the physiognomy fad; Australia Del Espiritu Santo; Ruling the Waves; The Life & Times of an early Melbourne detective; Starting out in Family History

Irish Roots 4th Qtr: Visiting the Military Archives; What's been happening at Ancestry DNA; Local resources for Family History Research – County Armagh; Land war to Civil war 1900 – 1924 Donoughmore to Cork & beyond; what's new? Review; Search the Treasury; Australian Irish Connections – Surveyors of Irish origins.

Links 'n' Chains Feb: The Way it Was – from the 1st Fleet to the 21st Century Part 1; Convict case study; Beginners Corner; Computer tips.

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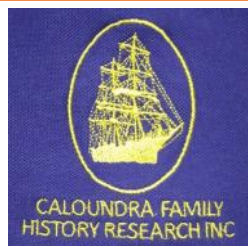
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1st Thursday of month

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2nd Thursday of month

Contact - Sue Brownjohn



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3rd Monday of month

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3rd Monday of month

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