



Tween-meeting News

Monday 3 January 2022

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Coming Events

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- 8 Jan (8 pm) TNA webinar 1921 England & Wales Census
- 17 Jan (4 pm) SLQ webinar Family History Indexes
- 7 Feb (9:30 am) [Dating historical photographs](#) (Albany Creek)

Already!

Regular readers of the Tween-meeting News will know that each issue arrives mid-way "between meetings" which normally means that the next meeting will happen in the coming week. This issue is a little different; it falls at the midpoint of our long summer break between the last meeting of 2021 and the first of the New Year. So you can relax, circle Tuesday 8 February on your new calendar, and return to holiday mode. Of course, if you are looking for some prompts to draw you back into family history activity early, you might find something of interest in the following.

Some light reading

The next Irish Lives Remembered (Issue 55, Winter 2021) has been released and can be read online or downloaded (as a pdf) from <https://bit.ly/3pPeYfD>. As always, there is something for everyone in this issue. Dr Maurice Gleeson looks at Forensic DNA Testing vs Commercial DNA Testing – What's the Difference? which is a question most of us have asked but few are as qualified as Maurice to answer. Anything labelled as A "How To" Guide for Genealogists must be useful; so even if you don't have any Ulster ancestry, Brian Mitchell's piece on Tracing the Scots-Irish Ancestry of Abraham Hillhouse is definitely worth reading.

Preparing a conference presentation

So what if you have never thought of speaking at a conference before. There has never been the opportunity of a significant conference in our own neighbourhood before! But [Sands of Time](#) will be organised by History Redcliffe and conducted at Dolphins on 21-23 October 2022. What could be more appropriate than that a couple of local researchers have the opportunity to tell their family story there. Why should it be you? Apart from the great experience and plaudits of the audience, speakers receive FREE registration to the full program. So go to the Speakers page of their website and find out how to submit your proposal.

Access to subscription websites

As we all know, the golden coaches of at-home access to Ancestry and Find My Past turned back into pumpkins as the clock struck midnight last Friday. All good things must come to an end and our sincere thanks go to Local History staff members who arranged the extra service during 2020-21. We have now reverted to pre-Covid arrangements under which you can access the library editions of the big two repositories free while logged into one of the computers in the Family History Room at Strathpine. So find that old notebook labelled "Things to look up next time I am at the Library" and let's get back to normal (whatever that might now be).

We meet at Strathpine Library from 9:00 to 11:00 on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month.

Explore our website at <https://familyst.weebly.com>; no login needed.

A full calendar of meeting topics can be viewed at <https://familyst.weebly.com/calendar.html>



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You can contribute to the conversation about anything in this newsletter by sending an email to familyst@lists.slq.qld.gov.au

1921 Census

One reason that you might want to travel to the Library to continue to use FMP will be the release (on January 6) of the Census of England and Wales <https://bit.ly/32DQGMv>. We know that this will be a pay-(extra)-per-view system for subscribers, so it remains to be seen just how much you can search on the Library edition.

The TNA has organised an online event (free but bookings required at <https://bit.ly/3JsHLY9> for January 8 (starting at 8 pm Queensland time, I hope) that could provide more detail.

Using FH indexes at SLQ

Although the new, improved website makes them not quite so obvious as before, the SLQ does have a wide collection of online indexes of interest and value to family historians. (Follow the menu items **Research & Collections >> Family History >> Family history eresources and indexes** or just jump directly to <https://bit.ly/3pGjAVb>). If you are interested in learning more about how to use these indexes, there will be a (free) webinar with SLQ staff late in the afternoon of 17 January. Find details and make a booking at <https://bit.ly/3mLzCv4>

Free Book

A pdf copy of Peter Cox's book *Growing Up In London 1930-1960* can be downloaded free from the Peter's Tips page on the Lost Cousin's site. A reviewer wrote "Whether or not you grew up in London, if you were born between 1920 and 1960 this book will bring back memories!" The catch is that you must log into your Lost Cousins account to be able to see this offer. If you do not already have a free account, have a look at these notes from a 2019 meeting, <https://bit.ly/3zqNPCV>, to be reminded of why you should.

LFT Webinars

There are 119 new webinars scheduled in 2022 to add to the 1663 previous recordings already stored at <https://familytreewebinars.com/>. You need to have a subscription (approx \$US50 per year) to view those recordings (at any time as often as you like); but there are two ways to access all the new topics FREE. You can book to attend a presentation live by going to the website (but be aware that many are scheduled conveniently for US viewers and so are very early morning sessions for Queenslanders). Or, you can take advantage of the 1 week period after each live presentation when the file is publicly available.

You can see the full list of all the scheduled webinars at the website and (at least on my browser) the live start time is automatically adjusted to show Australian Eastern Standard Time. If you want to experience a "live" webinar at a convenient time, think about the Down Under series which happens at midday (Sydney time) on the first Wednesday of each month beginning in February. The full list of dates, topics and speakers is included as part of [the calendar on our website](#).

Entry to the Library

It is just a little risky trying to write about the impact of Health Directives more than 10 minutes in the future, but changes since we last met will affect coming to the Library. Double vaccination is not required to enter libraries but you do need to use the Check in Qld app to record your details on entry. Local History rooms are available during library opening hours and, although masks [were then] not strictly required, it seems a sensible and polite thing to have one with you and put it on if anyone else is also working in that (smallish) room. Since we can almost guarantee that something will change, do check at <https://www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/libraries/News/Latest-News/Coronavirus> for the very latest instructions.



Bring back the cuppa

The 17 December version of the page linked above says Kitchen facilities are now available, however, you will need to bring your own utensils and catering supplies, including tea, coffee etc.

Just exactly how that can be made to work for our meetings still needs clarification, but locate your favourite environmentally-responsible drinking vessel (and perhaps a spoon), pop them in a bag, and watch for more details on how we will enjoy a social and socially-distanced morning tea break on 8 February.

