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Family history research service launch

Hello subscribers,

To commemorate Queensland Day and the 5th anniversary of our historical records being made available to search and purchase online, we are launching our new Family history research service! This new search engine will go live at 8.30am on Wednesday 6 June 2018.

Our new service is person centric, meaning you only need to do one search to get birth, death and marriage results of a person. And we're very excited to finally be able to offer the purchase of source documents! As you may be aware, we have had the source documents digitised for some time, however the search engine was unable to be altered to offer the additional product. They are now available at the same price as historical images (\$21.40).

Products available

-  Historical image for \$21.40 (online PDF)
-  Historical source image for \$21.40 (online PDF)
-  Historical certificate for \$30.00 (standard postage included)

Above: List of products available on new family history research service

What are source documents?

Search by the name of a person

For a marriage search, enter the name(s) of one of the parties

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(optional year)

Filter your search results to

- ☐ Births between 1829 and 1918
- ☐ Marriages between 1829 and 1943
- ☐ Deaths between 1829 and 1988

Filtered search results are sorted by closest match to the person's name and then by parents' names (for births and deaths) or by other party's name (for marriages).

Source documents are the actual document recording the details of the event and feature original signatures of all parties. For example, if you were to search for John Rowswell Arnold, you would see the first two results are his birth and death records, and you would see that there is a source image available for his birth record. In this instance, the source image is the Baptismal Certificate. Please note, not all records will have a source document available.

Found 433366 results in the Queensland historical records	
John Rowsell Arnold Event date: 29/10/1892 Event type: Birth registration Registration details: 1892/B/51399	Products available:  Mother: Esther Arnold
John Rowsell Event date: 24/10/1962 Event type: Death registration Registration details: 1962/B/54815	Products available:  Mother: Esther Arnold Father/parent: -

The service is also integrated with the Queensland Government's QGov account which enables you to login so that you can download your previous purchases at a later date. To enable this, you need to sign-up or login to your QGov account before you complete your transaction.

Above: Search results for John Rowsell Arnold showing birth and death records

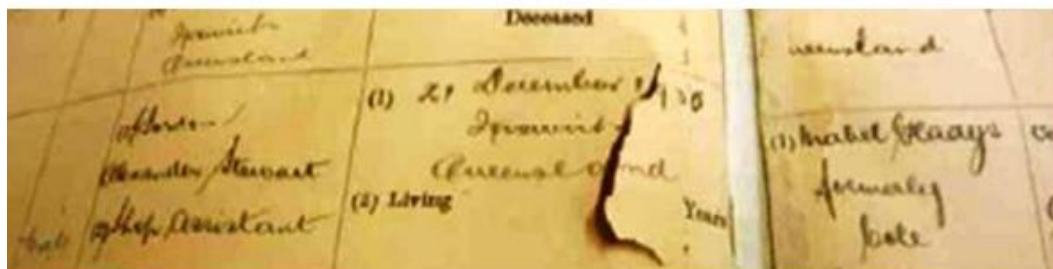
Over the past 6 weeks we have been gathering feedback from 100 randomly selected subscribers who have been trialling the new service to gather insight into any major usability issues. We would like to take this opportunity to thank those who participated in the trial and provided their valuable feedback.

We will be running the new service alongside the old service for a little while to give everyone the opportunity to get comfortable with the new service. You can access the old search engine from the left-hand menu on the new service page.

In the coming weeks we will be collating feedback we receive and compiling new tips and hints content. You will see the [Searching our historical records-hints and tips](#) page gradually change as we learn more about how you are using the site and what help is needed.

Please feel free to provide any feedback regarding the service to bdm.webteam@justice.qld.gov.au. We look forward to receiving your feedback.

Happy searching!



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