



# Family history Bulletin



## Welcome to National Family History Month

Face to face events may be limited this year, but interest in family history is at an all-time high.

The Registry for Births, Deaths and Marriages received a record number of orders for historical images during April, May and June, with over 10,000 historical images downloaded from our [family history research service](#).

Clearly, lockdown gave people the perfect opportunity to delve deeper into their family history.

Thankfully, researching ancestry online is easier than ever. If you haven't used our [family history research service](#) yet, what are you waiting for?

It's **free** to search historical births, deaths and marriages that took place in Queensland from 1829 to present day.

Digital registration and source images can be purchased for \$22.90.

### What's a source image?

Since 2018, historical source images have been available through the [family history research service](#) as well as registration images.

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### Hints and Tips



#### Registration numbers

Search results include a **registration number**, which can tell you when and where an event took place.

For example, the registration number **1901/B2376** indicates that the event:

- was registered in **1901**
- occurred in **Brisbane**
- was the **2,376th** registration recorded in Brisbane that year.

While a registration image shows the record listed in our registers, source images include **scans of original registration forms** collected from the marriage or death informant, or a child's parents in the event of a birth.

Not all records have additional source images. However, those that do may contain additional information to support your research. For example, some of the images include pencilled notations written by RBDM staff of the day.

### **Purchased images**

Did you know, when you purchase an image or images (if you're lucky enough to find a record with a source image), it is stored in your [QGov account](#) permanently?

To access your images, you just need to go to "Download previous purchases" and login or create your QGov account.

If you need to create a new [QGov account](#), make sure you use the same email address you used to buy the images, so they can be linked to your account.

We're listening and we're here to help you. If you have any feedback or can't find an event in the family history research service send us an email at [bdm.webteam@justice.qld.gov.au](mailto:bdm.webteam@justice.qld.gov.au)

Happy Searching!

**The Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages**

### **COMING SOON! New 'How To' videos**

We're currently putting the finishing touches to our new range of **'How To'** videos for our [family history research service](#).

The videos will contain lots of hints and tips and show you how to get the most out of your searches.

**Keep an eye on your inbox** as we'll be getting in touch as soon as we release them!

### What's on



Not to be deterred, a number of societies are hosting online events to celebrate **National Family History Month**.

Take a look at the [National Family History Month Australasia](#) website to see what's on.

**George Hodges**, my 2g-grandfather, was said in my mother's family to have been a 'railway man'.

George's father, Samuel Hodges, was indeed a railway man (engine driver) in south-west England. George's claim may be true but is yet unproven; even if it was not true, he certainly [contributed to the first railway line in Queensland laid between Ipswich and Toowoomba.](#)



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## Missing Link



In the last bulletin, we asked you to contact us with ancestry questions you can't fathom - your missing link. This bulletin we have received a submission. Take a look to see if you can offer any assistance.

**Got your own missing link?** [Contact us](#) and we'll endeavour to include it in the next issue of this bulletin.

[Read more](#)

## Strange death - Immersion in icy water

Did you know if you dive into icy water the chances are that you might die?

Our records show that a man named **Jack Dudley Moore** died in 1945 age 48 years due to 'Shock (Cardiac inhibition) from immersion in icy water and apprehension'.





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