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Tips & Tricks to Avoid Common Mistakes

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Introduction

- ◆ Understanding the golden rules
- ◆ Ignoring golden rules
- ◆ Creating brick walls
- ◆ Breaking down brick walls



Golden Rule No 1

- ◆ Always work backwards from the known (yourself) to the unknown (forebears)
- ◆ Do you really know your parents, grandparents, other relatives?
- ◆ Are there any surprises out there?



Golden Rule No 2

- ◆ Never believe everything on a birth, death or marriage certificate
- ◆ Information is only as good as informant's knowledge
- ◆ Birth & Marriage certificates perhaps more reliable than Death certificates



BIRTH

B 55253

MARRIAGE

A 49690

BIRTH in the District of **BRISBANE** in the State of Queensland,

1934 Registered by **George Porter** Registrar-General

Column 1 Number	43401
CHILD.	
2 When and where born	10 July 1934 Lady Bowen Hospital
3 Name	Mervyn John
4 Sex	Male
PARENTS.	
Father—	
5 1. Name and surname of father ..	John Martin GUNDERSON
2. Profession, trade or occupation	Labourer
3. Age. 4. Birthplace	25 years Brisbane Queensland
6 1. When and where married	3 February 1934 Brisbane Queensland
2. Issue—living and deceased ..	Living years Deceased
Mother—	
7 1. Name and maiden surname of mother	Kathleen May formerly Carnegie
2. Age. 3. Birthplace	23 years Brisbane Queensland
INFORMANT.	
8 Signature, description, and residence of informant	Certified in writing by K.M. Gunderson, Mother, 186 Juliette Street, Greenslopes
WITNESSES.	
9 1. Medical attendant	Nurse Brown
2. Nurse	
3. Other witness to birth	
REGISTRAR.	
10 1. Signature of Registrar	G. Porter
2. Date. 3. Place of registration ..	16 July 1934 Brisbane
11 Name, added after registration of birth	

I, **Harold William Tesch**, Registrar-General,

do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of an entry in a register of births kept in the General Registry Office, Brisbane, and I further certify that I am a person duly authorised by law to issue such certificate.

Extracted on 19 May 1977

Registrar-General.

MARRIAGE solemnised in the District of **BRISBANE** in the State of Queensland

19 06 Registered by **Thornhill Weedon** Registrar-General

Column 1 Number	4746	
2 When and where married	11 July 1906 Brisbane	
3 Name and surname ..	Bridegroom James CARNEGIE	Bride Mary FINN
4 Condition	Bachelor	Spinster
5 Birthplace	Brisbane Stanley Queensland	Nambour Canning Queensland
6 Profession, trade or occupation	Seaman	
7 Age	25 years	20 years
8 Usual place of residence	Brisbane	Bowen Terrace Brisbane
Parents—		
9 Father's name and surname. Mother's name and maiden surname	John Carnegie Ellen Stratton	John Finn Sarah Fegan
10 Father's rank or profession	Sailor	Laborer

Married at Dora, Gotha Street Brisbane

This marriage was solemnised between us

J. Carnegie
Mary Finn

according to the rites of the Roman Catholic Church

In the presence of us

Thos.M. Cronin
Rosie Finn

Date of registration 14 July 1906

By me **James B. Breen**
Officiating Minister or Registrar

SIGNATURE OF REGISTRAR

I, **Harold William Tesch**

Registrar-General, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of an entry in a Register of Marriages kept in the General Registry Office, Brisbane, and I further certify that I am a person duly authorised by law to issue such certificate.

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Exd. by

Harold William Tesch

Golden Rules No 3 & No 4

- ◆ Never completely trust the spelling of surnames, place names etc
- ◆ Always check surname variants when researching
- ◆ Possibly the most common reason why ancestors can't be found



Name Variations

- ◆ Both given and surnames
- ◆ Nicknames
- ◆ Unusual names
- ◆ Aliases
- ◆ Maiden names for children's birth entries



Spelling Variations

- ◆ People were illiterate
- ◆ Difficulties with accents
- ◆ Indexing errors
 - Poor handwriting
 - Old styles of writing
 - Judy Webster – *Using and Compiling Indexes*
 - www.judywebster.gil.com.au/methods.html



Anglicised & Foreign Names

- ◆ Both given and surnames
- ◆ Can be any non English speaking culture
 - European or Chinese common in Australia
- ◆ Chinese look under A for Ah – but also check under the other initial – not consistent



Golden Rule Nos 5 & 6

- ◆ Always have at least two separate sources of proof for each event
- ◆ Remember that everything is only speculation until verified



Citing Your Sources

- ◆ Record in detail where you find information – original records, published information & websites
- ◆ Cite it clearly so that others can also find it, either now or in the future
- ◆ You won't remember where in a few years/decades time



Golden Rule No 7

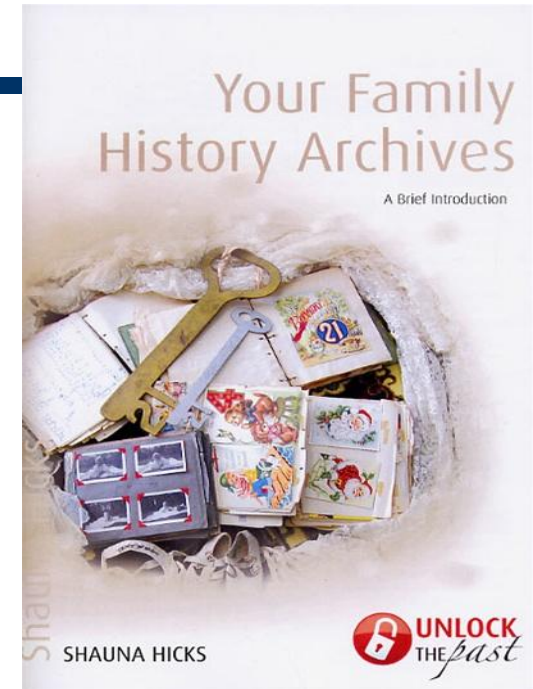
- ◆ Always photocopy or digitise certificates and important documents and leave the originals in a safe place
- ◆ Multiple copies means greater safety for your research



Back Up Your Family History

- ◆ Paper
- ◆ Photographs
- ◆ Memorabilia
- ◆ Digital
- ◆ Personal Continuity Planning

www.rimpa.com.au/assets/2011/01/Personal-Continuity-Plan.pdf



PERSONAL CONTINUITY PLAN

for Household/Personal Records

This document is intended as a guide for the maintenance and protection of personal records in the prevention of, or reduction in loss of important information should a disaster occur. It is intended for use by members of the general public regardless of record keeping experience.

There are many personal documents that can be considered important. A checklist has been provided for your convenience containing documents which are essential and documents which are important but not essential. Further to this are a number of suggestions for storing your personal records, these suggestions range in complexity and cost and it is up to the individual to choose the method which will best suit them and their personal situation, however in all cases some commitment is required to maintain the records to ensure you have current and complete documentation stored.

Personal Records Checklist

IDENTITY RECORDS

Copies (photocopy or scanned image) of these records will not be valid but will at least contain all of the necessary information to obtain replacements.

- ☐ Birth Certificates for each family member
- ☐ Marriage Certificate
- ☐ Certificate of Divorce
- ☐ Death Certificates
- ☐ Drivers Licences for each family member
- ☐ Passports for each family member

FAMILY RECORDS

Essential

- ☐ Insurance Policies
 - ☐ Vehicle/s – Cars, Boat, Caravan, etc
 - ☐ Personal liability
 - ☐ Property – House and House Contents
 - ☐ Specific Property eg Jewellery, Equipment
 - ☐ Life
 - ☐ Health
- ☐ Health Records or Physicians' names and addresses who have records of each family member.
- ☐ Licenses to practice
- ☐ Family Court documents eg custody arrangements, etc

PROPERTY RECORDS

Essential

- ☐ Contract or Lease for current Domicile (if renting)
- ☐ Titles for any property/ies owned
- ☐ Vehicle - Certificate of title and bills of sale, proof of registration

Non Essential

- ☐ Guarantees and warranties - Provides proof of date of purchase to determine service and parts guaranteed
- ☐ Household inventories - For insurable items, maintain an up-to-date list. Record item, cost and date of purchase or sale

Storage Suggestions for Safe Keeping of Family Information & Records

It is highly recommended that in every suggested scenario below a list of enclosed documents is included which specifies every document that should be in the box, folder, CD, etc. Particularly in the case of the archive box or concertina file should a document have been removed eg your son's birth certificate when he applied for his driver's license, and not replaced you will at least know that it is missing because a note was made of it on the list.

SCANNING

Essential records could be scanned and saved on a CD or DVD. With the exception of Identity Records in most cases an electronic copy is sufficient for proof. If you do not own a scanner there are companies who will scan your information for you for a reasonably low cost.

Make a couple of copies and keep them in separate locations for example keep one at home in a location that allows it to be grabbed quickly in an emergency and then another copy in one of the following:

1. Ask a trusted friend or relative to store one
2. Keep one in a safety deposit box
3. Keep a copy securely at work

SECURE BANK SERVICES

Essential records could be stored, for an annual fee, in a bank using a Safe Custody Service (packet storage) or in a Safe Deposit Box.

HARDCOPY RECORDS STORAGE

A simple and relatively inexpensive solution is to store your records at home in a safer way, such as:

- ☒ Keep important records together
- ☒ Store them in a custom polypropylene archive box (water resistant, mould retardant and being poly-propylene do not give off a toxic gas as the plastic breaks down which in turn damages the records)
- ☒ Store the archive box in a location which is within the main home, at least one metre (3 feet) off of the ground and can be easily accessed during an emergency evacuation of your home

Golden Rule No 8

- ◆ If a document exists, read it!
- ◆ So obvious, yet people miss vital clues eg witnesses, addresses
- ◆ Re read later as it may mean more when you know more



Golden Rule No 9

- ◆ Join at least one family history group, genealogical society or historical society
- ◆ Either near where you live or where your ancestors lived
- ◆ Why – many benefits of membership



Membership of Societies

- ◆ Many benefits
 - Access to a library/ subscription databases
 - Knowledgeable volunteers/ members
 - Regular meetings, guest speakers
 - Seminars, workshops, conferences
 - Newsletter/journal
 - Website





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Golden Rule No10

- ◆ Share your information and documentation (copies only) with other researchers
- ◆ Ensures your research is not lost or forgotten
- ◆ Who inherits your family history research?



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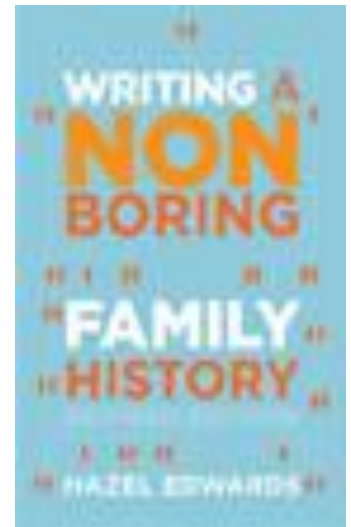
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Noeline Kyle



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[Researching Nurses, Midwives and Health Professionals in NSW Records](#)

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Noelene Kyle's
website

www.writingfamilyhistory.com.au

What Are Brick Walls?

- ◆ Where you can't proceed
- ◆ Missing the information
- ◆ Information isn't there
- ◆ Someone disappears
- ◆ Someone just appears
- ◆ Anything that stops you progressing



Skeletons in the Family

- ◆ Everyone has them
- ◆ Places to look
 - Court of Petty Session records
 - Gaols and prisons
 - Asylums and hospitals
 - Insolvency and bankruptcy
 - Inquests (suicides, murders)



Demolishing Brick Walls

- ◆ Advertise your brick wall
 - Family history newsletter, journal
 - Listserv, forums
 - Nings, websites, blogs
 - Talk to others
- ◆ Explore collateral lines
 - Photos and other family memorabilia



New Indexes, Databases

- ◆ How to find out and keep up with new info
- ◆ Social media – Facebook, Twitter
- ◆ Listservs, forums, blogs, RSS
- ◆ Family history/genealogy societies journals and newsletters
- ◆ Google



Online Australian Resources

- ◆ FindMyPast Australasia
 - <http://www.findmypast.com.au>
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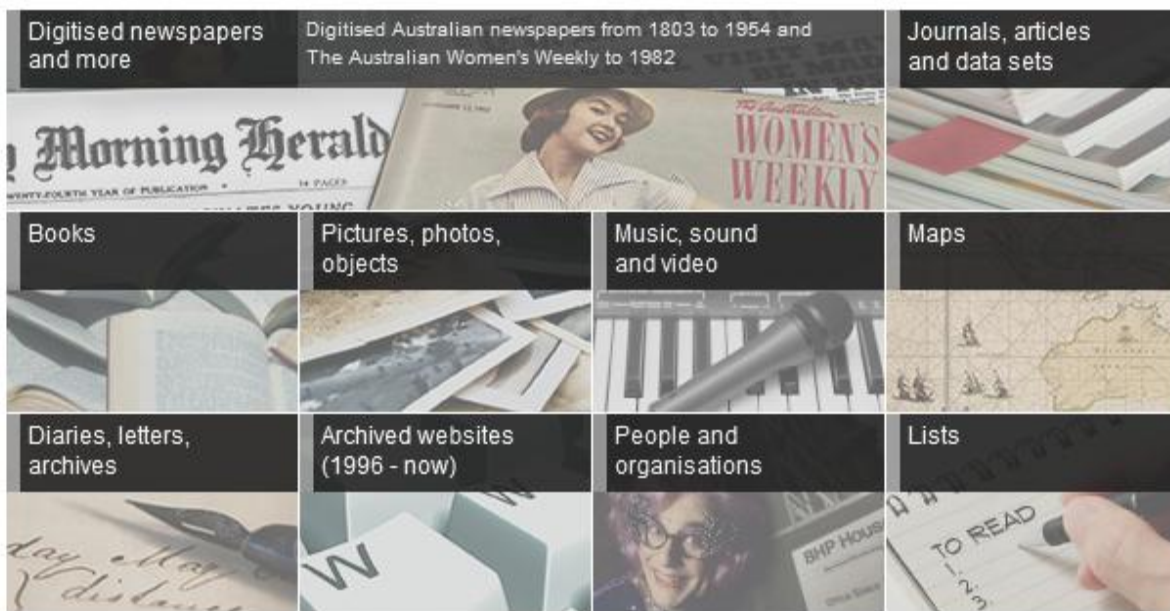
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— posted on: 22 May 2012

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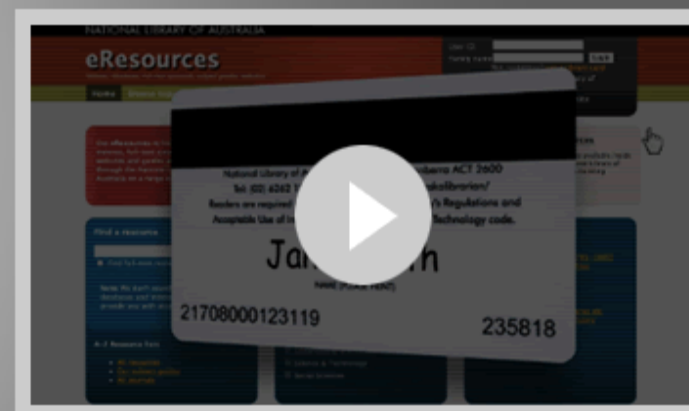
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2. [Free passengers to NSW 1826-1837](#)

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3. [Index to Colonial movements 1827-1853](#)

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["Australian family history and genealogy: selected websites"](#)

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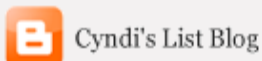


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By [Kimberly Powell](#), About.com Guide

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Review What You Already Have

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Brick Wall Solutions

SEARCH FOR HENRY SPENCER ENDS

Posted 7 Sep 2010

My partner Max's grandfather was a real mystery man. Unfortunately Max's father knew very little about his father so we only had vague family stories to follow.

What we did know was that Max's grandfather, Henry Spencer was from West Bromwich in Staffordshire and it was relatively easy to identify him and his parents and siblings in English census records and to trace them further back. Where we had a brick wall was how and when Henry came to Australia and where he died.

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STILL TRACKING HELEN CARNEGIE/FERGUSON/CHICK

Posted 9 Jul 2010

My two previous blogs on my gg grandmother Helen Carnegie were on 28 November 2009 and 28 January 2010. When we left



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Brick Walls



Comment by [Connie Underwood](#) on May 17, 2012 at 9:40pm
I have hit a brick wall on my husbands family. I am looking for death for Isaac Underwood b aprox 1851 in Ohio. Married Eli aprox 1860 IL. This children were born in Grizwald Iowa so I assume they were married there. I found them in the 1880 C and again in the 1885 Nebraska Census. I do know that at le children went onto Boulder County Colorado, then onto Wyo. Find a grave and other common sites and have yet to find where Elizabeth passed and are buried. Can anyone help find them



Comment by [Eileen Cogan](#) on March 18, 2012 at 5:17pm
George Henry Stiles was born on May 21, 1909 in Gloucester Jersey (Mantua Hts. as far as I know)



Comment by [Sharon Lee Johnson](#) on March 18, 2012 at 4:12pm
Hi, we are descended from gggrandparents who lived in NY, C Chicago. We have found some records but the stumbling blo marriage certificate. All we have is that they were believed to New York but evidence seems to point otherwise. We have s Ancestry records over a few years now, have no contacts in t this and don't know where to turn as we cannot physically vis other places. Can anyone tell us where we might begin to fin certificate? My gggrandfather had a business in Cincinnati, C and we don't believe he and our gggrandmother married until give me clues on where I might research Cincinnati marriages particularly? Also birth records though Ancestry has record where do I obtain full certificates?



Comment by [sharon emery](#) on March 17, 2012 at 4:39pm
Hi Eileen

Can you tell me which year your grandfather was born please? I can't guarantee anything but can take a look to see if anything comes up

kind regards



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who has pulled down a brick wall and how was this done/ Who has hit a brick wall?



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Research your White families, no matter the spelling variant. Post your questions or findings in teh group discussion forum. See the group topic...



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Serendipity

- ◆ According to the Oxford Dictionary, the definition of serendipity is ‘the occurrence and development of events by chance in a happy and beneficial way’.
- ◆ In other words, a fluke, luck
- ◆ Search every index/database – you just never know



Case Study – Helen Carnegie

- ◆ The whole story is in the Brick Wall Solutions blog – my search over 32 years
- ◆ The answer was in a 5 minute search of *World Connect*
- ◆ But how many people use it?



RETURN OF PRISONERS TO BE DISCHARGED FROM HIS MAJESTY'S PRISON, ROCKHAMPTON, DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST, 1904.

Name.	Where Tried.	Date of Discharge.	Offence.	Date of Sentence.	Sentence.	Native of	Age.	stature.	Make.	Complexion.	COLOUR OF		WEIGHT.		Previous Convictions.	Remarks.
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Charles Anderson ...	Rockhampton	1904. 1 Aug.	Breach of the Railway By-laws	1904. 2 July	1 month's imprisonment or £1 8s. 3d. fine and fare	America ...	35	5 6½	Slight ...	Black	Black	Black	9 6	10 5	...	Vaccination-mark right arm; Ame
Ellen Chick, alias Ferguson	Barcaldine...	6 ,, ...	Vagrancy ...	7 May	3 months' hard labour ...	Scotland ...	42	5 5	Stout ...	Fresh	Dark-brown	Brown	9 4	9 5½	...	Cataract on both eyes.
Catherine Kelly ...	Rockhampton	10 ,, ...	Drunkenness and obscene language	11 April	2 months' imprisonment or £2 fine on each charge (cumulative)	Ireland ...	37	5 0½	Medium	ditto	Auburn	Blue	9 0	8 8½	10	Scar left shin; tattooed ring on right hand.
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Eugene Forrest ...	Rockhampton	25 ,, ...	Stealing from the person ...	26 Feb.	6 months' hard labour ...	ditto ...	22	5 5½	ditto ...	ditto	Sandy	Hazel	9 1	10 3	...	Scar under right knee.
John Barber, alias John Edward Barber	ditto	26 ,, ...	Unlawful destruction of property	27 June	2 months' hard labour ...	Victoria ...	39	5 11½	ditto ...	ditto	Dark	Brown	10 12½	11 7½	15	Scar on back of head; scar over right mark on right temple.

QLD Police Gazette 1904

Now open and digitised but previously closed.

Looked for death of Helen Chick in the QLD BDMs online, found reference and purchased death certificate.

Gave reference to second husband Charles Wadmore Chick and it was him I was looking for when I searched WorldConnect – his unusual names.

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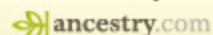
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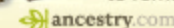
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CARNEGIE, Helen	1862		23 DEC 1946	Brisbane.Qld - Reg: - 1946/BOO9756	kenalice2		Census
 Father: John CARNEGIE Mother: Helen STRATTON Spouses: Charles Wadmore CHICK , Alexander Miller FERGUSON							Newspapers Histories

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Conclusion

- ◆ Follow the golden rules
- ◆ Brick walls can be demolished
- ◆ Need time, perseverance, luck
- ◆ Keep rechecking new sources
- ◆ Share your story
- ◆ Don't give up!

