

# Demolishing Brick Walls: Tips & Tricks

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# Introduction

- What are brick walls?
- Did you create the wall?
- Golden rules of genealogy
- Serendipity
- Online resources
- Keeping up with what's new
- More resources
- Last thoughts



# What Are Brick Walls?

- ▶ Where you simply cannot go back any further
- ▶ Information just not there – blank fields on certificates
- ▶ Missing information, missing records
- ▶ Someone disappears
- ▶ Someone just appears
- ▶ Too many suspects (common names)
- ▶ Anything that stops you progressing



# First Questions

- ▶ Did you build the brick wall yourself?
- ▶ Are you following the golden rules of genealogy?
- ▶ Are you just using indexes & transcripts?
- ▶ Need to look at certificates & original documents
- ▶ People make mistakes!



# Golden Rules No 1 & No 2

- ▶ 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?
- ▶ 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 – but not always!



## 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
<b>CHILD.</b>	
2 When and where born .. ..	10 July 1934 Lady Bowen Hospital
3 Name .. .. .	Mervyn John
4 Sex .. .. .	Male
<b>PARENTS.</b>	
<b>Father—</b>	
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
<b>Mother—</b>	
7 1. Name and maiden surname of mother .. ..	Kathleen May formerly Carnegie
2. Age. 3. Birthplace .. ..	23 years Brisbane Queensland
<b>INFORMANT.</b>	
8 Signature, description, and residence of informant .. ..	Certified in writing by K.M. Gunderson, Mother, 186 Juliette Street, Greenslopes
<b>WITNESSES.</b>	
9 1. Medical attendant .. ..	Nurse Brown
2. Nurse .. ..	
3. Other witness to birth .. ..	
<b>REGISTRAR.</b>	
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 ..	<b>Bridegroom</b> James CARNEGIE	<b>Bride</b> 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
<b>Parents—</b>		
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

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# Golden Rules No 3 & No 4

- ▶ Never completely trust the spelling of surnames, place names etc
- ▶ Always check given name and surname variants when researching
- ▶ Possibly the most common reason why ancestors cannot be found



# Name Variations

- ▶ Both given names and surnames
- ▶ Abbreviations – Wm, Thos, Margt etc etc
- ▶ Nicknames – my Pearl turned out to be Maria!
- ▶ Aliases and de facto relationships
- ▶ Maiden names for children's birth entries





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**Variants:** This study is registered for the variants Peplar, Peplow, Peploe, Peppler and Peplo. I also consider Pepelowe, Pepplow, Peplor, Peplowe, and anything that has 2 P's separated by a vowel and followed by an L. I do rule out those names that end in 'ski' and Peplaus are on the fence. Because there is such a variation even in the life events of a single individual, I have a tendency to refer to the name as Peplx. I am always surprised by the suffix .



**Distribution:** Peplx are everywhere but usually in small numbers. There appear to be both Peplows and Peplers from the beginning of surnames in both the British Isles and Germanic regions. Groups migrated from both countries to the Americas and Australia. One Germanic Pepler wandered down to South Africa very early and nearly all of that name there can be traced back to him. The large question unanswered is if there is a connection between the British and Germanic families. The earliest Peplers in Britain are around Wiltshire and London, the earliest Peplo??s around Shropshire and London. In Germany, Peplo??s are in Pommern near Ruegan and Peplers are more in the Baden area.



# Anglicised & Foreign Names

- ▶ Both given names and surnames
- ▶ Non English speaking cultures – Europe, China etc
- ▶ Chinese look under A for Ah – but also check under the other initial – not consistent
- ▶ My Norwegian Aose died as Mary and Andreas as Andrew



# Spelling Variations

- ▶ People were illiterate, difficulties with accents (Union turned out to be Onion)
- ▶ Indexing errors
  - Poor handwriting
  - Old styles of writing
  - Judy Webster – *Using and Compiling Indexes*
- ▶ Remember to use wildcards







# Finding local, interstate and overseas folk mentioned in Queensland's historical records

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## Using and Compiling Indexes

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"Judy Webster, a keen family historian, has compiled and published many indexes. She has also been employed by Qld State Archives to help with guidelines and data entry/checking for their indexing projects. On this page she shares practical tips based on her own experience."

- How to avoid the [traps involved in using indexes](#).
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### Traps involved in using indexes

These **rules for using indexes** have been selected from a list reported to be from the 'Genealogy Week' section of *Antique Week* and attributed to James L. Hansen of the State Hist. Soc. of WI, USA.

- An index is only an index. It is not a substitute for the record being indexed.
- It doesn't matter how you spell the name, it only matters how the indexer spelled it.
- In a given record, any vowel may at any point be substituted for any other vowel or consonant.
- If you haven't found it in the index, you can only conclude that you haven't found it in the index. You cannot conclude that it's not in the record.
- Sometimes it is best to ignore the index altogether.

To that list I would add:

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So if you enter Sm?th\* you can match Smith, Smyth, Smithe and Smythe

Ann\* will match Ann, Anne, Anna, and Annabelle

My maiden name is Gillespie, and it is very often spelled: Gillaspie, Gillispie or Gillespie or even Gillespy.

I can use wildcards to match a variety of combinations.

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## 1910 United States Federal Census

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gill?sp\*

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# Golden Rule Nos 5 & 6

- ▶ Always have at least two separate sources of proof for each event
- ▶ Don't blindly trust other people's research – always check it yourself
- ▶ 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 you and others can also find it, either now or in the future
- ▶ You will not remember where in a few years/decades time





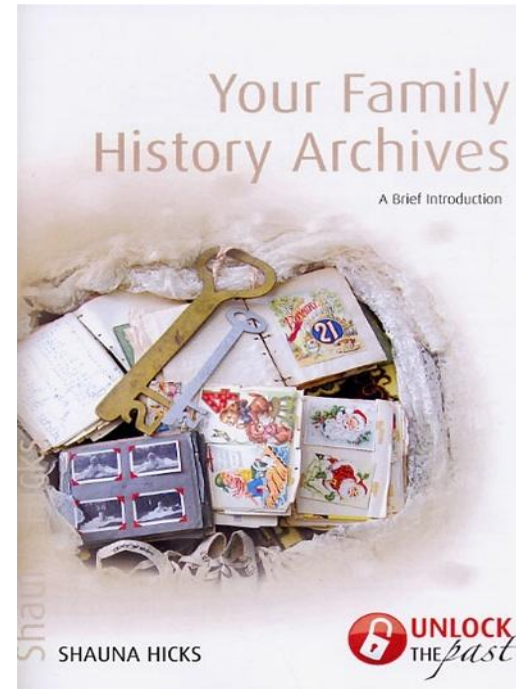
# Golden Rule No 7 & No 8

- ▶ Always photocopy or digitise certificates and important documents and leave the originals in a safe place – multiple copies means greater safety for your research. Backup, backup, backup!
- ▶ If a document exists, read it!
- ▶ So obvious, yet people miss vital clues eg informants, witnesses, addresses, significance of dates etc
- ▶ Re read later as it may mean more when you know more



# Backup Your Family History

- ▶ Paper
- ▶ Photographs
- ▶ Memorabilia
- ▶ Digital



# 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
  - Members only services
  - Access to a library/ subscription databases
  - Knowledgeable volunteers/ members
  - Regular meetings, guest speakers
  - Seminars, workshops, conferences
  - Newsletter/journal
  - Website



# 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?



# Common Search Mistakes

- ▶ Start with yourself and work back, step by step, certificate by certificate
- ▶ Otherwise you may end up tracing the wrong person
- ▶ My great grandmother was Elizabeth Judge, she married under that name but it was not the name she was born with!

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# Someone Disappears

- ▶ 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)



# Someone Appears

- ▶ Probably skeletons again
- ▶ Hiding a convict background
- ▶ Hiding an illegitimate birth
- ▶ Fostering or adoption
- ▶ Deserted a wife and family someplace else





# 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



# Online Resources

- ▶ Ancestry.com Australia
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First name

Last name

When optional

Born

YYYY

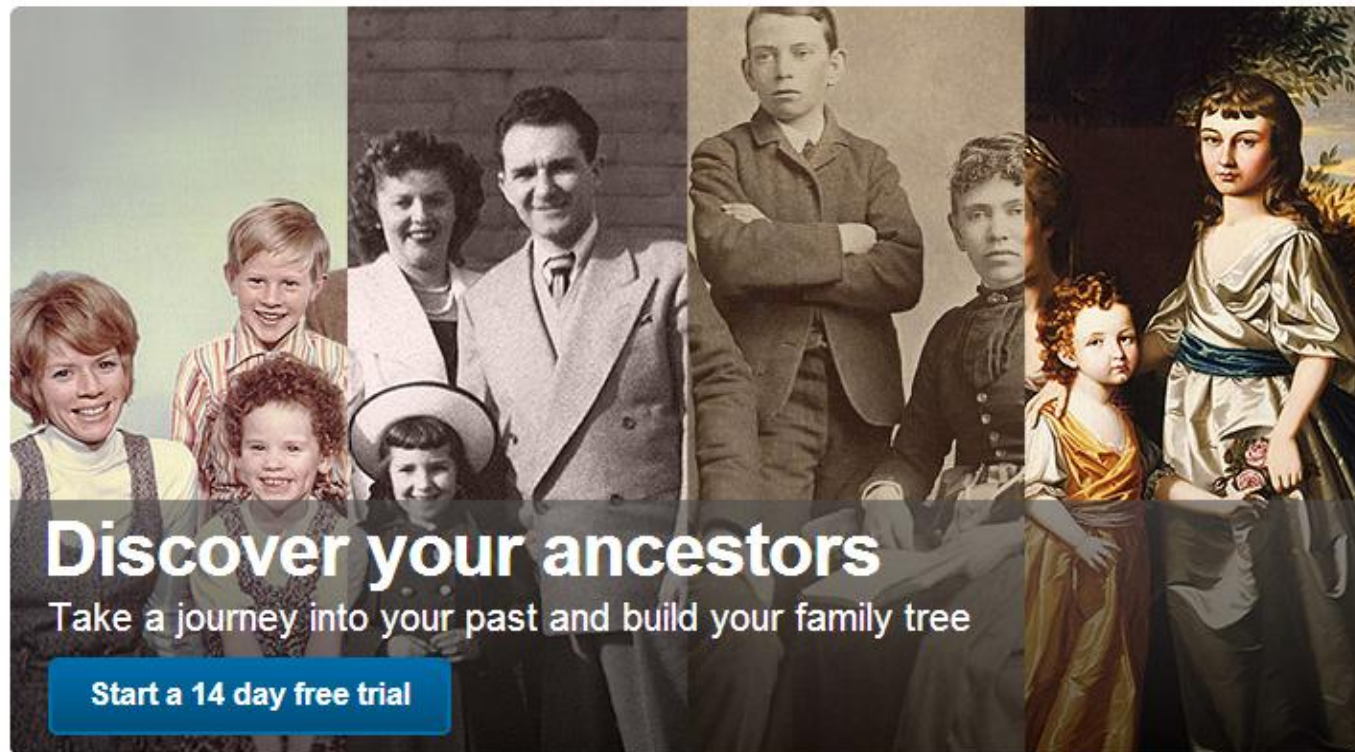
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- ☐ Argentina (22)
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Foxs History of Queensland

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Country

Australia

Year

1919

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ranging over a wide field of modern works. He was married in 1897 to Helena Agnes, third daughter of the late William Grieve, grazier, of New South Wales and Queensland, and has a family of four sons. Alderman THOMAS STEPHEN **BURSTOW**, J.P., is a son

**Alfred Ernest Burstow**

Queensland funeral records

Collections from

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State

Queensland

Age

64

View:



Country

Australia

Year

1960

**Phyllis Jean Burstow**

Collections from

State

Age

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09 Mar 2012

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160,949

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161,139

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3,418

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*Western Argus (Kalgoorlie, WA : 1916 - 1938) Tuesday 13 March 1923 p 9 Article*

... *James Henry Trevaskis*, which occurred on the Golden ... 1303 words

### WINE FATALITY INQUEST DEATH OF J. H. TREVASKIS.

*Kalgoorlie Miner (WA : 1895 - 1950) Saturday 10 March 1923 p 4 Article*

... surrounding the death of *James Henry Trevaskis*, which occurred on the Golden Horseshoe mine on ... 1332 words

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### MINE FOREMAN KILLED.

*The Register (Adelaide, SA : 1901 - 1929) Friday 9 March 1923 p 10 Article*

MINE FOREMAN KILLED. PERTH, March 8. *James Henry Trevaskis*, timber foreman on

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Matching pages:

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... Family Member Details Surname: TREVASKIS Given Name(s): james henry Birth Details Birth County, Region...

Website: **Diary of an Australian Genealogist**  
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... Still Looking for James Henry Trevaskis (1839-?) WALKER – New South Wales and Middlesex, England...

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JONES, lorraine margaret

TREVASKIS, HENRY

TREVASKIS, james henry

TREVASKIS, JAMES HENRY

TREVASKIS, Susan Anne

FF First Family Name

D Name found in descendants

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## First Family Member Details

Surname: WHITE  
Given Name(s): HERBERT WILLIAM  
Occupation(s): MINER

Surname: TREVASKIS  
Given Name(s): DORCAS

## Birth Details

Birth Town: FARLEY  
Birth County, Region, Province: WILTSHIRE  
Birth Country: ENGLAND  
Birth Date: 1864

## Birth Details

Birth Town: MOONTA  
Birth County, Region, Province: SOUTH AUSTRALIA  
Birth Country: AUSTRALIA  
Birth Date: 1866

## Death Details

Death Town: RICHMOND  
Death State/Territory: QUEENSLAND  
Death Country: AUSTRALIA  
Death Date: 1924

## Death Details

Death Town: BRISBANE  
Death State/Territory: QUEENSLAND  
Death Country: AUSTRALIA  
Death Date: 1835

## Immigration Details

Year Arrived: 1886

## Descendants

# Keeping Up With What's New

- ▶ Social media – Facebook, Twitter, Google +
- ▶ Listservs, forums, blogs
- ▶ Webinars, podcasts
- ▶ Family history/genealogy societies journals and newsletters



# Case Study – Helen Carnegie

- ▶ The whole story is in a number of blogs recording my search over 32 years
- ▶ The breakthrough was in the *Queensland Police Gazettes* on Findmypast
- ▶ The final 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.
											Hair.	Eyes.	On Admission.	At time of sending in this return.		
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.
Thomas Rees ...	Longreach ...	13 ,, ...	Indecent exposure ...	14 June	2 months' hard labour or £4 1s. 11d. fine and costs	Queensland	36	5 6½	ditto ...	ditto	Dark	Grey	10 2	10 5	15	Left arm broken and deformed—two fingers; two scars left at scar on top of left hip; another arm; slight blue scar right eye
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

- Searched for death of Helen Chick in QLD BDMs online and purchased death certificate
- Gave reference to second husband Charles Wademoore Chick
- His unusual names led me to think about WorldConnect



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Database

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<http://wc.rootsweb.ancestry.com>



# RootsWeb's WorldConnect Project Global Search

Names: 688,225,774 Surnames: 5,821,133 Databases: 437,399

Results 1-1 of 1

Name	Birth/Christening		Death/Burial		Database	Order record?	Other Matches
	Date	Place	Date	Place			
<a href="#">CARNEGIE, Helen</a>	1862		23 DEC 1946	Brisbane, Qld - Reg. - 1946/BOO9756	<a href="#">kenalice3</a>		<a href="#">Census</a> <a href="#">Newspapers</a> <a href="#">Histories</a>
   Father: <a href="#">John CARNEGIE</a> Mother: <a href="#">Helen STRATTON</a> Spouses: <a href="#">Charles Wadmore CHICK</a> , <a href="#">Alexander Miller FERGUSON</a>							



Surname	<input type="text" value="carnegie"/>	Exact <input type="button" value="v"/>	Father	<input type="text" value="john carnegie"/>
Given Name	<input type="text" value="helen"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> omit living	Mother	<input type="text" value="helen stratton"/>
Birth Place	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> omit blanks	Spouse	<input type="text"/>
Birth Year	<input type="text"/>	Exact <input type="button" value="v"/>	Skip Database	<input type="text"/>
Death Place	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> omit blanks	Updated Within	Forever <input type="button" value="v"/>
Death Year	<input type="text"/>	Exact <input type="button" value="v"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Has Descendants	
Marriage Place	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> omit blanks	<input type="checkbox"/> Has Notes	
Marriage Year	<input type="text"/>	Exact <input type="button" value="v"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Has Sources	
Fuzzy Search <input type="checkbox"/> (uses soundex) <input type="button" value="Search"/> <input type="button" value="Reset"/>				



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# More Resources

- ▶ CoraWeb *Helping You Trace Your Family History in Australia and Elsewhere*
- ▶ Cyndi's List *Genealogy Sites on the Internet*
- ▶ Google





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By Kimberly Powell

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## Review What You Already Have

I know. It seems basic. But I can't stress enough how many brick walls are breached with information that the researcher already had tucked away in files, boxes or computer disks.

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## Go Back to the Original Source

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# Last Tips

- ▶ Advertise your brick wall
  - Family history newsletter, journal
  - Listservs, forums
  - Websites, blogs
  - YouTube, Flickr, Pinterest
  - Talk to others
- ▶ Explore collateral lines
- ▶ Do a one name study!







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# Conclusion

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

