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1. More names from mental asylum records.

My index to Public Curator insanity files (mental asylum patients) now includes surnames beginning with A to Q. See www.judywebster.com.au/insanity.html.

2. More information re fathers of illegitimate children.

More names of illegitimate children or their mothers (from sources that name the child's father) have been added to www.judywebster.com.au/illegit.html.

3. Qld State Archives 'new records'.

www.archives.qld.gov.au/research/new_records.asp lists records that have recently been received by Qld State Archives. You should also subscribe (via the Archives Web site) to QSA-Bulletin, a monthly e-flyer with news for researchers.

4. Australian newspapers digitised and searchable on-line.

The National Library of Australia's newspaper digitisation project at <http://www.trove.nla.gov.au> is a superb searchable resource. I found relatives mentioned in birth death and marriage notices, Court reports, advertisements and obscure news items. Country news was often published in city newspapers, and a search for 'Webster Cunnamulla' led to an item (in the *Brisbane Courier*) about my relatives attending a party in Cunnamulla.

5. Court of Petty Sessions bench record and summons books.

Qld State Archives hold Court of Petty Sessions bench record and summons books for many districts. They usually give the date; complainant; defendant; offence, breach of duty or cause of action; plea if any; and adjudication. For example, a 1914 register for Brisbane lists offences such as bastardy; application for a Prohibition Order; application to send defendant to an Inebriates Home; obscene language; assault; suffering from (and likely to convey to others) venereal disease; leaving a wife, child or illegitimate child without support; failing to keep covered fish that was for sale; unpaid union dues (especially Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners); leaving railway carriage while train in motion; absenting himself from service during apprenticeship; and failing to submit an income tax return.

6. Who else is researching your family?

Two sites via which I have found 'new relatives' are LostCousins www.lostcousins.com and CuriousFox www.curiousfox.com. CuriousFox now covers towns/villages in both the UK and Ireland, and a 'USA' service is being tested. With LostCousins, you need to log in occasionally and click 'Search' on your 'My Ancestors' page to find more relatives.

If you use GenesReunited www.genesreunited.co.uk, be aware of privacy/copyright issues. For each name you list there, I advise you to enter only year/place of birth. If you want to upload a GEDCOM file with additional details, I think it is better to do so at Rootsweb's Worldconnect, <http://wc.rootsweb.ancestry.com>.

7. Web sites worth a mention (Queensland / elsewhere).

- Immigrants/nominators: www.archives.qld.gov.au/research/index/imm1864_1878.asp
- VIC wills: www.wiki.prov.vic.gov.au/index.php (see 'New Features')
- NZ BDMs: <http://bdmhistoricalrecords.identityservices.govt.nz/Home/>
- Irish BDMs: <http://pilot.familysearch.org/recordsearch/start.html>
- Online genealogy classes: www.genclass.com

8. Published guides and free advice for Queensland.

Before asking me questions about Queensland research, please check whether the answer is here (but note that my Web site will move to www.judywebster.com.au later this year):

- www.judywebster.com.au/tips-qld.html
- book '*Tips for Qld Research*' (latest edition, described on www.judywebster.com.au/publicat.html)
- www.judywebster.com.au/index.html
- www.archives.qld.gov.au/research/briefguides.asp
- www.slq.qld.gov.au/info/fh
- www.naa.gov.au/about-us/publications/fact-sheets/index.aspx
- www.judywebster.com.au/prof.html