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Learn how to use the electronic catalogue, ArchivesSearch, effectively. In conjunction with [Family History Week](#), Queensland State Archives is holding an [ArchivesSearch seminar](#) on Tuesday 5 August.

New index available

The [Index for wills in the Southern District](#) for the period 1911-1915 is now available on our website. It should be noted that this index covers Ecclesiastical files only. Further information may also be obtained from the Intestacy (Public Curator) files.

New names added to ArchivesSearch

Researchers will now find it easier to search for immigrants from the first half of the twentieth century using the online database.

All names listed in [Series 13120: Files re Immigrants Who Arrived in Other States But Transferred to Queensland 1921-1942 \(341 names\)](#) and [Series 13090: Dossiers on Assisted Immigrants 1909-1941 \(15,164 names\)](#) have now been added to ArchivesSearch.

Series of interest

[QSA Series ID 15553 Supreme Court Brisbane Insanity files, c1885-1901](#)

This series contains a small number of records related to the estates of individuals admitted to asylums in the period c1885-1901. The records may include a 'judge's order' stating that there is monetary credit due to the individual upon their release from the asylum.

A 'curator's report' which states that payment has been made to the individual may also be available in the series. The curator's report includes details of the asylum where the individual was admitted (eg: Goodna) and the admission and discharge dates for the individual. These records are open and may assist with locating references for persons admitted to asylums. This series is particularly useful for locating Goodna Asylum patients as the records created by the asylum are generally restricted. The files may include additional correspondence and documents related to the estate of the individual as filed by the Supreme Court, Southern District, Brisbane.

Images on ArchivesSearch

Images from [QSA Series 183 Photographic Negatives \(B1 Series\)](#) have been added to ArchivesSearch. These were taken by the Survey Office between 1890 and 1953 and include images of Queensland's early development (including land clearing and [cultivation](#), livestock farming, road construction and mining), public works (including hospitals, schools, housing estates and

government offices), visiting dignitaries, country townships, Brisbane scenes and other attractions, including the [Torres Strait Islands](#) .

Call for volunteers

Queensland State Archives is looking to expand its volunteer program. The bulk of voluntary work involves indexing original records to ensure that researchers have access to more information. If you are interested in helping out please contact Elizabeth Hawkins on 07 3131 7763.