



The Wilkinson Family Beach House Tugun, Qld - the 1920s



Mary Wilkinson and daughter Josie on the veranda at Oconnor Street, Tugun, Queensland.

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- **Easter:** Friday 15 April to Monday 18 April 2022
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Saturday 10.00am - 4.30pm

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Nerang, Qld 4211

RESEARCH AVAILABLE

Limited research can be carried out by members who have difficulty visiting the Society Rooms. Non-members are required to make a donation of \$10 per enquiry. Please send your enquiry to goldcoastfamilyhistorysociety@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP

The joining fee for all new members is \$10.00 plus \$45.00 Single Membership per year \$60.00 Family Membership per year
Family membership must have only one email and postal address.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Renewal Fees are due on the 1st July each year.
Single membership \$45.00 Family Membership \$60.00

PAYMENT DETAILS:

Account Name: Gold Coast Family History Society Inc.
BSB: 638 070 Account No: 112 994 28
Bank: Heritage Bank

Life Membership: Single \$450.00 Family \$600.00
Available to all members after two years of continuous membership.



Welcome to our New Members

The Society would like to extend a warm welcome to all its new members. Please feel free to ask for assistance regarding your research. Our Room Assistants are there to help and teach you.

3688	Valeera Grant, Isle of Capri	3693	Roslyn Rogers, Broadbeach
3689	Megan Gray, Robina	3694	Heather Barclay, Surfers Paradise
3690	June Cantrell, Pacific Pines	3695	William Wood, Runaway Bay
3691	Elaine Sawkins, Robina	3696	Marilyn Sharland, Runaway Bay
3692	Edwin Rogers, Broadbeach	3697	Austin Fripp, Runaway Bay

Our Library: View recently added additions to our rooms on the 'New Acquisitions' page 10.

Did you know that you can borrow books, DVDs, and magazines for up to two weeks at a time from the Society? Included are Journals from other Societies around Australia and other countries.

Saplings E-Newsletter: Stay up to date with Society news each month. If you haven't received your copy, please check your Spam folder/box: it may be there.

The *Roots* Journal is named in honour of Thelma & Thomas *Roots*

Cover Photo: The house owner is one Mrs Mary Harriet Wilkinson nee Neyland (1873-1949), an earlier resident of Tugun, having moved there from Brisbane in the early 1920s. It is thought that Mary used an inheritance from her mother Esther to buy the land and build the house. Esther Neyland nee Sherlock (Kyle) (1828-1917) was herself an early pioneering resident of the Tweed Valley. In 1934 Mary gifted the land that the current surf club now sits on to the City Council. She was also a club patron for many years and a stained-glass window is dedicated to her memory in the local church. The lane that ran down the side of the clubhouse to the beach was known as Wilkinson's Way. Mary was born in Tumbulgum, Tweed River, NSW and attended the local school. She married Patrick Wilkinson (1870-1955) on 2 March 1897 in St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, and died on 9 November 1949 at her home in Tugun. It is believed that family members still reside and own the original block of land today. (more research needed) Sue McKenzie, Great Grand Daughter.

Special Interest Groups

Several Special Interest Groups are held regularly where like-minded members have the opportunity to meet and develop a more in-depth approach to their research in a specific area.

The format varies with each group. Members are encouraged to share experiences with research, information, and ideas.

If you are a GCFHS member and would like to attend a Special Interest Group, please check the calendar and simply arrive. All groups cost \$1.00, which includes a cuppa and a biscuit.



COMPUTER GROUP

TBA Feb, 16 Mar, 20 Apr,
18 May, 15 Jun, 20 Jul, 17 Aug,
21 Sep, 19 Oct, 16 Nov 2022

3rd Wednesday of each month from 7.00 pm-9.00 pm

This very popular group covers a wide variety of topics, and any suggestions you have regarding subjects are very welcome.

Each month, full details of our meetings will be provided via our e-newsletter, Saplings, and our website. For more info contact: Ann Metcher, goldcoastfamilyhistorysociety@gmail.com



SCOTTISH SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

20 Feb, 15 May, 14 Aug, 20 Nov 2022

Meetings are held on Sundays from 1 pm to 4 pm

If you have Scottish research, then this is the group for you. Feel free to bring along your questions and research work to discuss with the coordinators on a one to one basis.

Both ladies are incredibly knowledgeable and enthusiastic about helping fellow members. Contact: Margaret C. on 5593 1773 or email mjc7mjc@bigpond.com or Margaret S. on 5538 1423 or email rinnes@onthenet.com.au

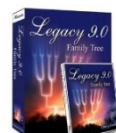


DNA GROUP

27 Feb, 24 Apr, 26 Jun, 28 Aug 2022

Bi-monthly on the 4th Sunday from 1 pm to 4 pm

This is a discussion and self-help group with Fay Carbis on fay@winshop.com.au



LEGACY FAMILY TREE MEETINGS

13 Feb, 3 Apr, 5 Jun, 7 Aug, 2 Oct,
4 Dec 2022

Meetings are held on Sundays from 1 pm to 3.30 pm

Are you thinking of using software program to record your family history? Then this group may help, even if you are already using Legacy and would like to learn more or have a problem. Come along and bring your queries.

This group is all about learning and helping each other solve problems and answer questions.

Coordinator, Sue McKenzie, is well versed in how to use the software. For more info contact: Carol Browne, cbrowne@onthenet.com.au

INTRODUCTION TO FAMILY HISTORY CLASSES

18 March 2022 - Friday 9.00 - 11.00 am

Free to members

This class is suitable for beginners and intermediate researchers. Be inspired and motivated to continue your family history quest.

Learn how to compile a family tree and set out your information. Discover just how many ways you can track down your family. Find out which resources are freely available to help you in your search and how to determine which branch of the tree is yours.

Non Members Welcome: \$10.00 (is refundable if joining on the day,) bookings are essential.

To make a booking, please contact: Pam Oldham on 0447 715 593 or email pamllew3@gmail.com

MINI SEMINAR

TBA - Saturday 1.00 to 4.00 pm

Costs: Members \$15.00 | Non Members \$20.00



Committee News

February 2022 - President - Fay Carbis

GCFHS & COVID19 - Notice 2022

Following the Qld State law, proof of vaccination, or Medical Exemption is now required before entering our premises. Face masks are now required to be worn indoors at all times unless seated at the lunch table. Social distancing must be observed.

Have Your Say - Survey Results

Many thanks to all those members who took the time to participate in the "Have Your Say" survey. In total, 36% of the membership responded. The Editorial team have now calculated the numbers, which can be viewed via the link below. The overall response was very positive, and your comments and feedback have been passed on to the committee.

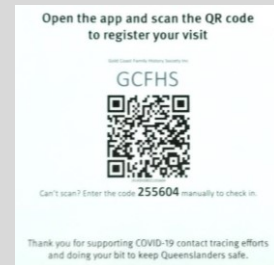
<http://www.goldcoastfhs.org.au/survey-results.html>

The questions regarding the exchange journals revealed that only half of those who responded had used them, while others were not aware that they existed. The latest exchange journals are on display in the wall case between the scanning equipment and the microfiche. Past editions are located in the backroom library. Feel please to ask your room assistant for help regarding these journals.

Queensland Government QR Code Checking

Is Mandatory

Do not forget to scan in when
you arrive



You must also sign in using our
own sign-in sheet



1921 England & Wales Census

Now Available on FindMyPast at a Cost

On January 6, FindMyPast made the 1921 English Census available online via their website at a cost to subscribers. Searching the census records is free.

The 1921 Census is a detailed snapshot of over 38 million lives. It was the first census to recognise divorce and capture people's employment details.

The release of the 1921 Census is vital to researchers as it covers the interwar years. It will also be the last census for decades given that the 1931 Census was destroyed in a fire. Also, the 1941 Census was cancelled due to the Second World War. This only leaves the 1951 census, which is not due for release until the census has expired in 2052.

Why is there a cost? The cost covers the digitising and transcribing of the 18,235,242 images created from the records supplied exclusively to FMP by The National Archives. In time, it will mean that these precious records are accessible and commitment-free, for everyone. Transcript \$4.80, Original image \$6.60. Those with a paid subscription are not exempt from these charges. This includes our Society.

You will be able to Search the 1921 Census free, but viewing any images or transcriptions will only be available via pay-per-view access for the initial period. This will NOT be permitted in the rooms.

FMP is free to join/signup and now uses a system called Micropayments, which has replaced the Credit system. This allows you to access everything on the site on a pay-per-view basis without a subscription. To learn more about Micropayments, click on the link – [FMP Payments](#) or visit FMP Website and click on Help & More > FAQ > Subscriptions and payments > PayAsYouGo

Microfiche

Are Not Outdated

by Beverley Dwyer

All records are on the internet, aren't they? No, they are not and some never will be.

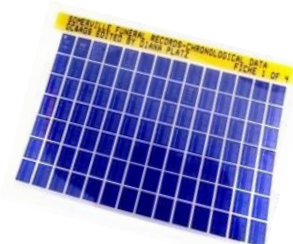
Our Society has a massive collection of parish records on microfiche, and to illustrate how beneficial they can be might just change your mind about checking them out. The following example is how they can benefit research.

One of our members was looking for a missing ancestor in Oxfordshire but could not find her in any of our subscription sites such as Ancestry etc. I suggested that she look at the Oxfordshire parish records that we have on microfiche. Many years ago, a past member, Anne Hrabanek, donated these records, which consist of nearly every parish in that County. So she did, and a short time later, there was a shout of delight – she had found the missing ancestor.

I donated several parish records for Essex. Essex is not an easy County to research, so I had purchased them. These records as well as those from the County Record Office are still not readily available on the internet.

Our New Zealand Births, Deaths and Marriages are on microfiche and go further than those on the New Zealand website. They are up to 1990, and while you may not be able to buy the certificates because of privacy laws, perhaps just finding the entry may be of assistance.

We have the electoral rolls for the whole of Australia for 1993. They are done state by state and are in alphabetical order so you do not have to know exactly where the person might have been living at the time.



If you are a relatively new researcher, perhaps you have never used microfiche. Don't worry, it is an easy resource to use and a room assistant will be able to guide you. You might be pleasantly surprised at what you can find.

Why don't you have a browse next time you are in the rooms or alternatively check out our catalogue which you can do at home by going into our web site: www.goldcoastfhs.org.au

Open Letter to the Membership

Dear Members,

Since publishing of the October journal there have been no contributions by members in the way of stories for this Journal so it will be shorter and comprise 12 pages.

In the recent survey conducted by the Society most of those who responded mentioned that they enjoyed the stories of how members did their research and how the information was uncovered. More stories of this nature were requested.

If the Society members do not provide contributions, then sadly, there will be no new stories. Articles and stories from past journals may be used.

If you have a story and would like to submit it to the team we are willing to help you with layout, grammar and images if required.

The Morning Post – London 1814

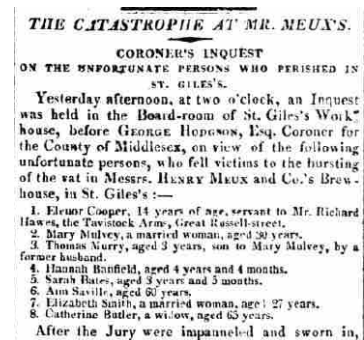
Newspapers from around the world are excellent sources of information about the times and places our ancestor's lived. However, they can also be a fantastic resource, as the article below shows when only parish records were available; this report, while 'catastrophe' gives us lots of information. The following report appeared in the Morning Post (London) on Thursday 20 October 1814:

The Catastrophe at Mr Meux's

CORONER'S INQUEST ON THE UNFORTUNATE PERSONS WHO PERISHED AT ST GILE'S

Yesterday afternoon, at two o'clock, an inquest was held in the Board-room of St Giles's Workhouse, before George Hodgson, Esq. Coroner for the County of Middlesex, on view of the following unfortunate persons, who fell victims to the bursting of the vat in Messrs. Henry Meux and Co.'s Brewhouse, in St Giles's:-

1. Elenor Cooper, 14 years of age, servant to Mr. Richard Hawes, the Tavistock Arms, Great Russell-street.
2. Mary Mulvey, a married woman aged 30 years.
3. Thomas Murry, aged 3 years, son to Mary Mulvey by a former husband.
4. Hannah Banfield, aged 4 years and 4 months. (Another report states that Hannah was having tea with her mother and that they both died).
5. Sarah Bates, aged 3 years and 5 months.
6. Ann Saville, aged 60 years.
7. Elizabeth Smith, a married woman, aged 27 years.
8. Catherine Butler, a widow, aged 65 years.



After the Jury were impaneled and sworn in they proceeded to the dead-house to take a view of five of the bodies that were deposited there; they then went to take a view of the place where the accident happened, and of the other three bodies that were taken home by their friends.

Notes: On the afternoon of 17 October, 1814 one of the iron rings around the tank snapped. About an hour later, the whole tank ruptured, releasing the hot fermenting ale with such force that the back wall of the brewery collapsed.

The force also blasted open several more vats, adding their contents to the flood which now burst forth onto the street. More than 320,000 gallons of beer were released into the area.

Stories later arose of hundreds of people collecting the beer, mass drunkenness and a death from alcohol poisoning a few days later.



The Meux Brewery

Typically English, there is now a brew available known as The Disaster at Meux.

Article courtesy of Beverley Dwyer



With ANZAC Day only a couple of months away why not search for your veteran. Most families have been affected by military conflict. The DVA is currently updating their information.

As for who is included on a Nominal Roll, the criteria for the WWII Nominal Roll include all those who enlisted during a defined period. For other conflicts, the veteran must have been allotted for service and served within the defined operational area for that conflict. <https://nominal-rolls.dva.gov.au/home>

Find A Grave is World Wide <https://www.findagrave.com/>

Find a Grave is FREE to search and use; you will find details about cemeteries and individual memorials for many people buried in the cemeteries. The memorials generally include birth, death, and burial information, including pictures, biographies, and family information. Starting in 1995, this site has grown hugely with thousands of contributors submitting new listings, updates and corrections every day.

The 1939 England & Wales Register

What are these records?

The 1939 Register was taken on 29 September 1939 and is similar to, but not the same as, the census. The register provides a snapshot of the civilian population of England and Wales just after the outbreak of the Second World War. The information was used to produce identity cards and, in January 1940, the issuing of ration books. The Register provides the complete survey of the population of England and Wales between 1921 and 1951, making it an invaluable resource for family, social and local historians.

While searching, you will note that some results of the Register will have some blanked outlines, indicating that the record is closed because the individual may still be alive. Also, some entries show the married names of women who did not marry until long after 1939. This is because the Register was continually updated while National Registration was in force; it was a legal requirement to notify the authorities of any change of name or address. This ended in 1952, but since 1948 the Register was also used by the National Health Service, who continued updating the records until 1991.

The National Archives – the United Kingdom has a wonderful page outlining the below.

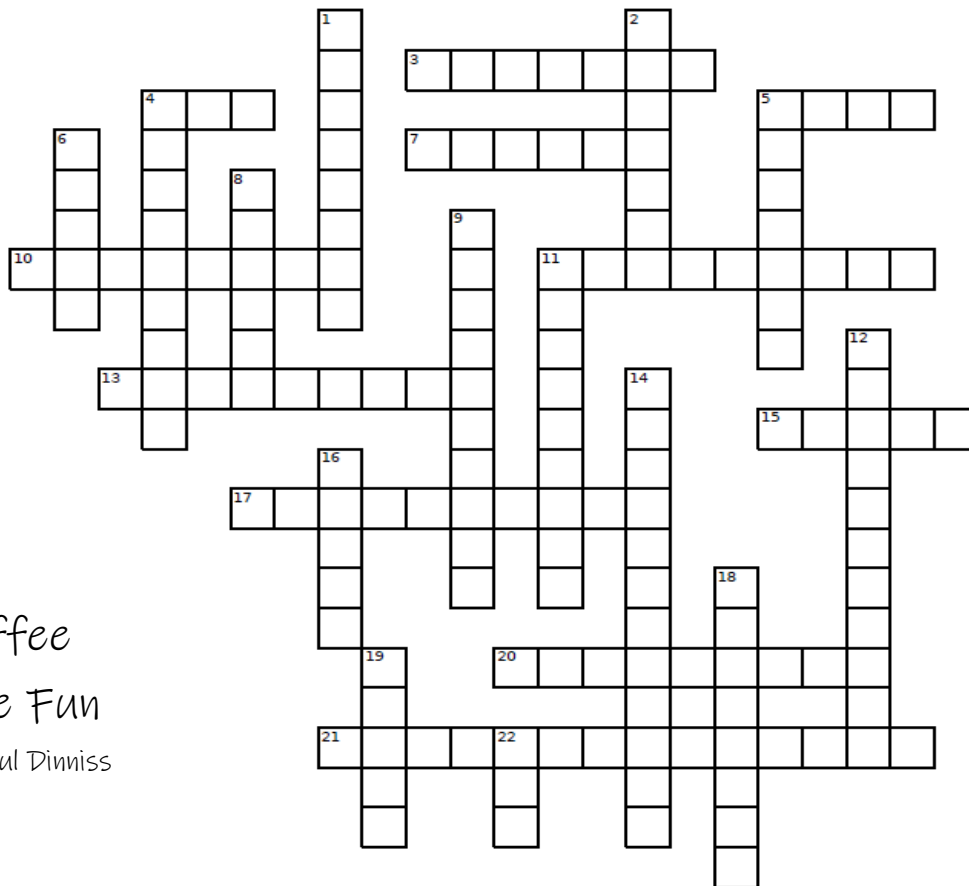
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- What and who the Register records
- The information recorded for each individual
- How the Register was compiled and arranged
- Why can't I find the person I am looking for?
- Living individuals and closed records
- Can I open a record of an individual I know to be deceased?
- Learn more by watching the webinar, [Using the 1939 Register](#)

Lookup the 1939 Register on either Ancestry or FindMyPast for free to all our members – remember to book your computer in the rooms before you arrive.

(The TNA website provided the above information)

FAMILY HISTORY – CROSSWORD NO. 5



Coffee
Time Fun
with Paul Dinniss

ACROSS

3. Individuals who cannot support themselves financially and thus depend on public or church
4. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
5. What membership can \$450 provide at the GCFHS (2021-22) ?
7. A jurisdictional unit that governs a church's local affairs
10. An individual from whom one is descended
11. A female executor
12. Document recording agreement between a master & an apprentice (or legal guardian)
15. An approximate date
17. Process of leaving one country to live in another
20. Reference for items in our library
21. Wonderful people in our rooms that guide us with our researching 4,10

DOWN

1. An article announcing a person's death. It might give an account of the person's life
2. A place where governments, businesses and churches keep their records.

DOWN

4. A group of Protestant churches basing their doctrine on the Bible & the teachings of Martin Luther
5. A person named in a will to receive a bequest
6. In genealogy, a birth, marriage or death is known as an
8. A person associated with a place by birth
9. A general term referring to churches that deny the universal authority of the Roman Catholic Church
11. Off with his head!
12. Place of safekeeping for church records in 18th & 19th centuries & earlier 6,5
14. A person from Denmark, Greenland, Norway, Sweden, Finland or Iceland
16. What was the war in England 1642-1649 - The English....War
18. Someone from Scotland. Also the Gaelic language of Scotland
19. Information resource available in our rooms often not found elsewhere by "normal" research methods
22. A Bill which has passed legislative process and become Law



Open what's New in the Rooms / Acquisitions

Sept - Dec 2021

Shelf No	Title	Country	Source
320/MAC	Lachlan Macquarie Governor of New South Wales Journals of his tours NSW & Van Diemen's Land 1810-22	Australia	Anon
BEG/400	Finding ancestors in church records a brief guide to resources	World Wide	Diane Steedman
C500/700	The Garden of New South Wales A History of Illawarra & Shoalhaven	Australia	David Mackay
C533/700	Blue Haven History of Kiama Municipality New South Wales	Australia	David Mackay
C560/580	Young Men for the cause, impact of Gallipoli and the first World War on the Campbelltown District	Australia	Anon
E350/700	Pubs, Ploughs & Peculiar People Towns, Farms Social Life (The Darling Downs Frontier 2)	Australia	David Mackay
E350/700	A Pastoral Romance The Tribulation and Triumph of Squatterdom (The Darling Downs Frontier 2)	Australia	David Mackay
E415/700	The Camp at Dogwood Crossing Miles 1878 - 1978 (History of Miles in the Murilla Shire Qld)	Australia	David Mackay
E416/700	Conflict on the Condamine Aborigines and the European invasion (The Darling Downs Frontier 1)	Australia	David Mackay
E418/210	Guluguba Pioneers. Stories from a Queensland Rural Community`	Australia	David Mackay
E43/710	Wambo Shire Centenary 1879 - 1979	Australia	David Mackay
H181/710	Early Prahran 1834 1918 Part one	Australia	Alexanderson
H181/710	Early Prahran 1850 - 1863 (third edition)	Australia	Maree Alexanderson
H350/586	History and Heritage 1893 - 1993 St Patrick's Collee Ballarat	Australia	Maree Alexanderson
N598	English Country Pubs	England	Anon
NLIN/700	A History of Lincolnshire	England	David Mackay
NLIN/700	History of Long Sutton& District	England	David Mackay
P210	Scotland's First Settlers (Historic Scotland)	Scotland	David Mackay
P210	Picts, Gaels and Scots (Historic Scotland)	Scotland	David Mackay
P700	The Borders (Loan copy)	Scotland	David Mackay
P750	History of the Highland Clearances	Scotland	David Mackay
R700	The Story of the Irish. The Plantation of Ulster heritage map & pocket history	Ireland	Ulster Hist Foundation
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Library Collection

The Library holds over 18,000 items for members to access.



LIBRARY ONLINE CATALOGUE

The GCFHS Library Catalogue is not only available to look up in the rooms. It is also available to view online from home, making it the perfect tool to utilise before venturing out to the rooms. Find the downloadable PDF version of the Catalogue under the **Resources Tab > Library Collection**.

<http://www.goldcoastfhs.org.au/library-collection.html>

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Acknowledgements - Many thanks to the members who have provided content and assistance with this Journal. If your contribution did not make it into this issue, be assured it will be used where possible in the next edition.

STYLE GUIDE

All contributions are to be in some form of a word document. Please **no** PDF documents. If you are submitting a website link or a snippet of info, sending via email is fine.

When submitting your Story, Article, Snippet of info or favourite website, please use the following guidelines.

Format: Text is to be 11 pt., Font - Arial, with a single space after full stops.

Name Format: e.g., great-great-grandfather Stephen Prosser BRETT.

Day/Date Style: e.g., 14 March 1950, Monday 14 March 1950 (no comma)

Titles: use minimal capital, except for titles of journals, magazines & newspapers.

Quoted Material: should be reproduced precisely.

Italics: are to be used for names of houses, stations, hotels, properties, ships, foreign words and phrases.

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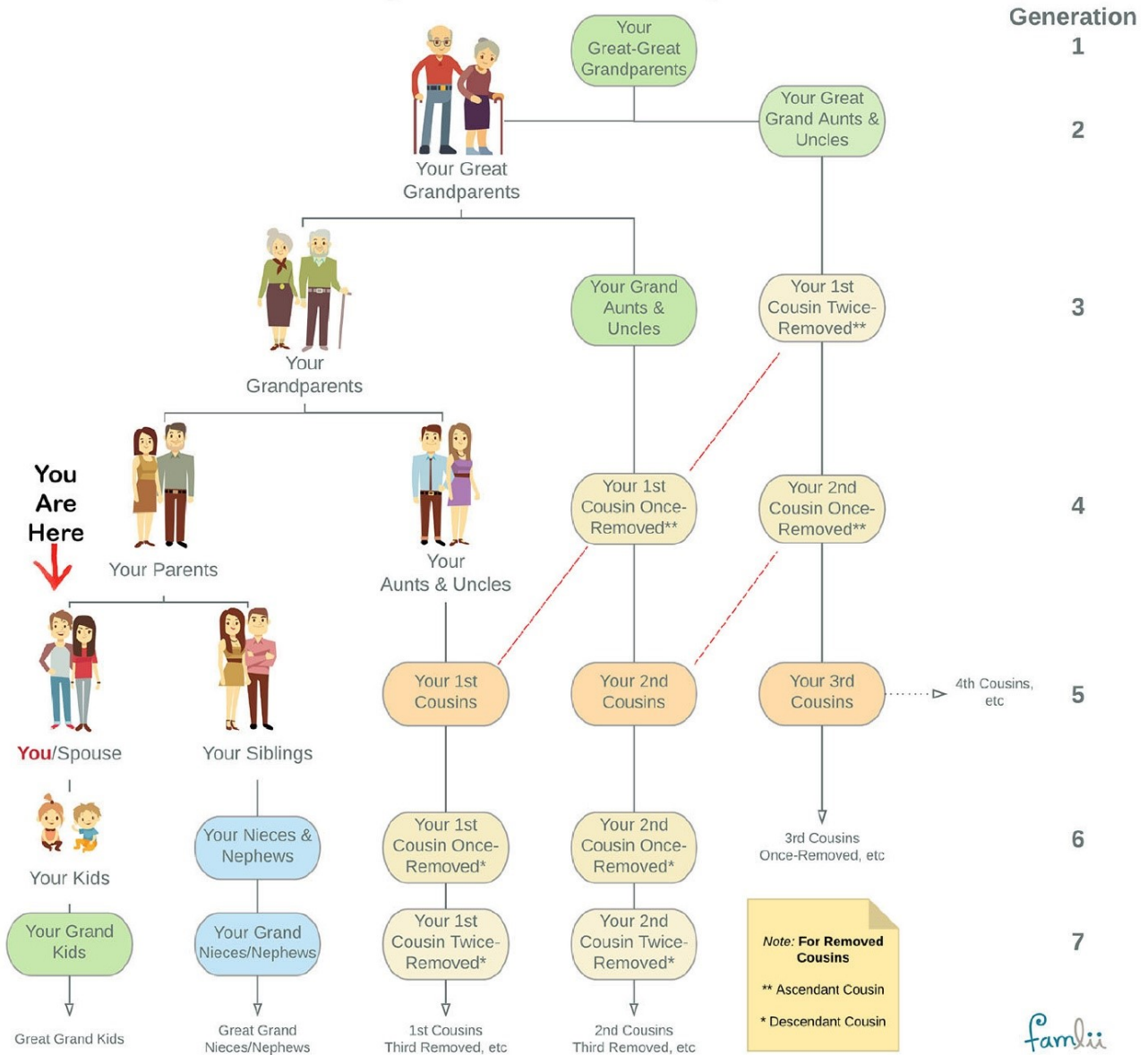
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EXTRA! EXTRA!

Family Chart

Over the years, I have seen many of these types of charts, but this is the clearest one I've seen so far in helping you understand who's who in your family.

Family Relationship Chart



Tips for Understanding the Family Relationship Chart:

COUSINS are all shown in orange.

First Cousins: Share the same grandparents

Second Cousins: Share the same great-grandparents

Third Cousins: Share the same great-great-grandparents

First Cousins Once Removed: Separated by one generation from a first cousin

First Cousins Twice Removed: Separated by two generations from a first cousin

NON-REMOVED cousins are all on the same generational level

The above information and chart comes from famlii. <https://www.famlii.com/simple-family-relationship-chart/>