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Queensland Muster Roll 2009
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QUEENSLANDERS – Pioneer Families 1859-1901

A second part of GSQ's Queensland Muster Roll Project involves the publishing of a book briefly telling the stories of pioneer Queensland families who were in the colony between Separation in 1859 and Federation in 1901. The aim is to provide a very brief (200-400 words) 'word picture' of the lives of some of our ancestor families in the latter half of the 19th Century. The publication is expected to give a broad overview of Queensland life; through different locations in the colony, and varied occupations and activities.

The stories could include, for example:

- where the family came from and what they did in their homeland,
- why they chose to emigrate to Queensland and how they came here,
- where they settled in the colony and what they did to support themselves, and/or
- brief anecdotes of the family's life in Queensland.

The following paragraph (132 words) is an example of such a story:

Glasgow's cotton industry in the early 1860's was badly affected by supply shortages and John FRASER lost his job as a cotton spinner. John had been born in 1828 in Bridge of Weir, Renfrewshire and moved to Glasgow where he married Janet WESTWATER in 1850. Janet was born in Bannockburn, Stirling in 1826 and had some training as a nurse and midwife. They took advantage of a Queensland immigration scheme aimed at cotton operatives, and came to the colony with their six children in 1863 on the Beejapore*. They initially settled in Bowen, where three more sons were born. John briefly tried farming before moving to Townsville in the early 1870s, where he worked as a labourer. Both died in Townsville, Janet in 1902 and John in his 89th year in 1916.*

GSQ welcomes submissions telling the stories of your ancestors who came to Queensland and lived here during the period 1859-1901. We reserve the right to choose stories for publication which provide a balanced overview of the colony and to carry out minor editing to maintain the quality of the publication. Should the submission of stories prove popular, a second volume may be produced.

If you wish to submit the story of your ancestor family, please enter the draft below.

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