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# GSQ e-News

## Diary Dates August:

- 3rd – 10-2.30pm English/Irish Group
- 5th – 6pm-9pm Management Committee meeting
- 6th – 12.30-1.30pm SLQ Seminar – Caring for your family history collections
- 9th – 10.30-12 noon - SLQ Seminar
- 10th – 10am-2.30pm Convict Connections Group
- 11th – North Brisbane Branch Monthly speaker – Paul Fenoglio – photo restoration
- 13th – Exhibition Holiday – closed during day
- 13th – 6-9pm Wednesday evening opening
- 14th -7.30-9.30pm Bayside Branch meeting
- 13th – 10am-2.30pm Computer Group
- 16th – 9am-4pm GSQ Annual Seminar
- 18th – 7.30-9pm Southern Suburbs Guest speaker
- 24th – 1.30-5pm Southern Suburbs Sunday opening
- 25th – 7.30-9pm. North Brisbane Branch meeting
- 27th – Beaudesert Branch monthly meeting
- 27th – 6-9pm – GSQ Wednesday night opening
- 25th – e-News deadline for June edition
- 31st – Huguenot Society – Toowong Library
- September 7th – Scottish Group

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## From the Editors

Hello and welcome to the August issue of GSQ's e-newsletter. July was a busy month and it looks like August is also going to be full on also. As always, contributions to this e-newsletter are welcome. Please send any items for the September and October issues to the Editorial Team c/- GSQ at [gsg1@optusnet.com.au](mailto:gsg1@optusnet.com.au). Deadline is 25<sup>th</sup> of each month.

## Queensland 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Project funded

### Queensland 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Project - Queensland Muster Roll 2009

GSQ's project to celebrate Queensland's 150th anniversary next year is underway. The project will produce a Muster Roll of people living in Queensland between Separation in 1859 and Federation in 1901, and will contain biographical data submitted by members and interested family historians. We will update the existing Roll created in 1988 and produce a database and website. Members can contribute in two ways: submitting data about their ancestors who lived in the Colony of Queensland between 1859 and 1901; and volunteering to help with data entry. We will need a large band of volunteers to do the data entry of biographical information, and this can be done at home with software we are developing. All our members are encouraged to give some time to this project, so contact Josephine Nolan at [josephine.nolan@bigpond.com](mailto:josephine.nolan@bigpond.com).

## GSQ celebrates its 30<sup>th</sup> birthday

Did you know that GSQ was originally established in 1978, so we turn 30 years old this year! We would like to hold a number of events towards the end of the year to celebrate this milestone – do you have any ideas? Please contact Josephine, Pauline, Marg or Paul at GSQ to discuss these further.

## Management Committee nominations

Nominations for GSQ Management Committee closed on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July at 3.00pm for publication in September's *Generation*. It is still possible, however, for you to nominate up to 2 weeks before the date of the AGM which is scheduled for Saturday 20th September or, if there are still vacancies, for you to be nominated from the floor. If you are interested but holding back because you feel you're not an expert, then be reassured that an interest in furthering the aims of the Society is just as important as your specific knowledge of family history/genealogy. It is an exciting time to be on the Committee as it moves into the next phase of its existence, so please contact Paul either at GSQ or on [ciscoshell@hotmail.com](mailto:ciscoshell@hotmail.com).

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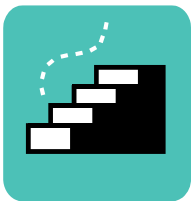


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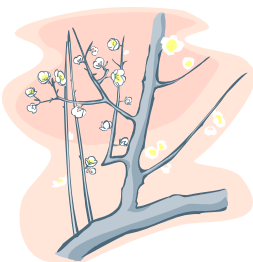
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*Only a Genealogist  
regards a step  
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*Branch News*








## Use of memory sticks in the Library

GSQ is coming to terms with members wanting to use new technology to do their research and is mindful of provisions in other libraries. Since acquiring the new computers a number of members have used memory sticks to download the results of their research rather than write the information down or take a copy. Some members want to save the results of their research directly to a laptop.

GSQ supports the legitimate use of technology for an individual's genealogical research. Our computers are guarded against viruses so we don't see problems in that regard and we have sufficient internet download capacity for most needs. However, the main issue relates to Copyright. It is the responsibility of every individual not to breach the Copyright Act – it is not possible for GSQ library volunteers to monitor this. In many cases, restrictions are placed on our ability to put resources on to the network. GSQ complies with Copyright provisions and we trust that our members will do the same. We hope you will not abuse the system.

## Annual Seminar – 16 August – Final reminder

Speakers are:

-  Stephanie Ryan (SLQ) – holdings of the State Library of Queensland
-  Elders Jim and Barbara Martin, Representatives of the LDS Church – the new Family Search website
-  Dr Helen Klaabe (QUT) – Digital memories and the Kelvin Grove Urban Renewal Project
-  Hilda Maclean (Friends of Toowong Cemetery) – Historic cemeteries of the UK and Scotland
-  Assoc. Professor Steve Craig-Smith (UQ) – Searching for John Smith – using land and other records in England and Australia to research an ancestor with a 'common name'.
-  Russell Fraser - Queensland Muster Roll - Q150 Project.
-  Gary Couchman – my Huguenot ancestors

We have some great raffle prizes that have been donated – see elsewhere in this e-News. We look forward to seeing you at the Seminar.

## Bayside Branch

**Bayside Branch** of GSQ meets on Thursday 14 August at 7.30 – 9pm in the Staff Room of the Wynnum Central State School at Florence Street, Wynnum Qld 4178. Further details are available from Elma O'Toole on [ashelm@bigpond.com](mailto:ashelm@bigpond.com).

## Southern Suburbs

The next meeting of the **Southern Suburbs Branch** of GSQ Inc is on Monday 18 August from 7:30pm to 9:00pm (doors open 6:45pm). The meeting is held at 7.30pm with the guest speaker at 8pm. Venue is Upper Mt Gravatt Scout Den, 1873 Logan Road, Upper Mt Gravatt (down Carson Lane between Upper Mt Gravatt State School and the Progress Hall). Monthly Sunday opening is on 24 August from 1.30-5pm,

## North Brisbane

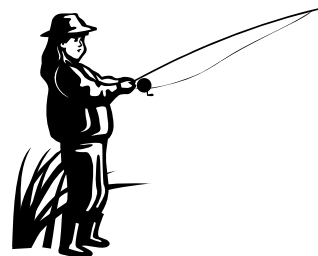
The next meeting for the **North Brisbane Branch** is on Monday, 11th August 7-9pm – Guest speaker is Peter Fenoglio giving a demonstration of photo restoration. The Branch meets at Fallon Cottage, Fallon Street, Everton Park 4053 (*behind the Everton Park Library*). More details from Margaret Holding at [holding@powerup.com.au](mailto:holding@powerup.com.au).

## Net Nibbles

England and Wales Census Indexes free at [FamilySearchlabs \(http://labs.familysearch.org\)](http://labs.familysearch.org). Indexes to the 1841 and 1861 England and Wales censuses are now searchable free at FamilySearch. These are the first indexes made available under an agreement with British companies [FindMyPast](#), the [Origins Network](#) and Intelligent Image Management. Digital images for the 1851, 1871 and 1881 censuses and enhanced 1871 Census index will follow. You can search on first and last names, age, sex, place of birth, and (for the 1861 census) relationship to head of household. In the future, you'll be able to search on additional fields of data. Full indexes and original images for free can be viewed at FamilySearch's [Family History Centres](#), or for fee at FindMyPast, a subscription and pay-per-view records site.

### US Censuses indexes free at Ancestry.com and FamilySearch

Under the agreement, enhanced census indexes will be free for a limited time on [Ancestry.com](#) and permanently on [FamilySearch](#). Record images will be available by subscription on Ancestry.com and free at FamilySearch's [Family History Centres](#). In return, FamilySearch is providing its better quality images to Ancestry.com. The partnership's first exchange is the 1900 census. The improved record images are on Ancestry.com now; the merged index will become available in August. Other censuses will be released over the next several years as the images and indexes are completed.




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*Fishing for ancestors?  
Maybe these net nibbles  
will help*

## New Resources available from GSQ

Two resources in new formats are available for sale at GSQ. The following set of Funeral Directors' indexes is available in a set of 6 CDs:

- 📀 \$55 Canon and Cripps Funeral Directors Index 1897-1967
- 📀 \$55 Alex Gow Funeral Directors Records Index 1913-1975.
- 📀 \$55 Metropolitan Funeral Directors Records Index Vol 1. 1938-1967.
- 📀 \$55 Metropolitan Funeral Directors Records Index Vol 2. 1967-1985.
- 📀 \$55 Metropolitan Funeral Directors Records Index Vol 3. 1985-1999.
- 📀 \$33 Funeral Directors Indexes (LeGrand-Beaudesert 1906-83, Lorisich - Beenleigh 1937-68, TT Cornes - Mt Morgan 1968-82, Tucker and Nankivell - Rockhampton 1924-89).

## Events

Future events include:

- 📅 **Annual General Meeting.** Our AGM is scheduled for 10:00am September 20<sup>th</sup>. Come along to have an opportunity to hear what's happening and have your say.

### Introductory Classes at GSQ

- 📅 The next courses will commence in October.
  - ❖ Tuesday evening 7-9pm – 14 October, 21 October, 4 November, 11 November, 18 November (no class on 28 October)
- 📅 Weekend – Saturday morning 9-11am 25 October and Sunday 9-4pm 26 October. More information is available from Pauline at [pstirland@hotmail.com](mailto:pstirland@hotmail.com) until 31 August 2008 and then Janice at [gjwellard@optusnet.com.au](mailto:gjwellard@optusnet.com.au) until classes commence.




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*Mark these dates in  
your diary so you don't  
miss out*

## Interest Groups Update

Interest Group meetings scheduled for August are: 3 August English/Irish Group; 10 August Convict Connections. These meetings are open to all members. A gold coin donation is appreciated. Doors open 10.00am to 2.30pm.

- 📅 English/Irish Group (3 August) – we will look at some of the new acquisitions available within the Library and on-line. Members not wishing to participate in the organised session are welcome to use the other library resources.

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GSQ's opening hours are:

Monday - closed

Tuesday - 10am - 3pm

Wednesday - 10am - 3pm

Thursday - 10am - 3pm

Friday - 10am - 3pm

Saturday - 12 noon - 4pm

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month - 6pm-9pm.

We're on the Web!

See us at:  
[www.gsq.org.au](http://www.gsq.org.au)

## Raffles

This month we are excited to announce news of two raffles, which we are currently running at GSQ and which we plan to draw at the Seminar on August 16. Both prizes have been generously donated to GSQ to assist in our fundraising. The first raffle is for a Canon Pixma MP 210 Colour Printer, donated by Officeworks, Woolloongabba, and the second is for a Platinum Version of The Family Tree Maker 17<sup>th</sup> Edition, donated by Elma O'Toole, one of our members.

Tickets for both raffles are just \$1 each and we encourage each of our members to support this fundraising effort. If you are unable to come to GSQ in person during the next month, then please send your money along and we will write out the tickets for you! Perhaps members of your family or some of your friends might be interested in these prizes! We welcome all buyers! As always, we thank all supporters of our fundraising, the proceeds of which benefit our Society and its members.

## What's in it for you ? Interim edition

A second addition to GSQ's publications list is a two volume interim edition of What's in it for you? The two volumes pull together the original WIIFY and all the updates that have appeared in *Generation* since the last edition was produced. They cover Australia and Asia and UK and Europe. We have purchased new catalogue software and once that's up and running we'll be able to produce a fully integrated edition. There are a small group of volunteers who are working on the new catalogue, so if anyone wishes to be involved, please contact Christine at GSQ.

## 1926 Irish Census

There is currently a **campaign to release the Irish 1926 Census** is currently being sponsored by the Council of Irish Genealogical Organisations. More details at [http://www.cigo.ie/campaigns\\_1926.html](http://www.cigo.ie/campaigns_1926.html).

## Volunteer Update

Once again we say a big "thank-you" to all our volunteers who are busy, both at GSQ and at home, doing great things for our Society. Already, we are calling for any member who can donate an hour or more of their time each week to do some data entry for the Q150 Muster Roll project. You will also read more about that in this and other news bulletins.

## Ancestry subscription at GSQ

As mentioned last month we have purchased a world wide subscription to Ancestry.com. Access is limited to computer 5 only and a booking system is available if required. The current subscription is only for three months so if you find it useful and would like it to continue please let us know.

## Deadline for copy

Copy for inclusion in the GSQ e-news should be sent by the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month to either:

[pstirland@hotmail.com](mailto:pstirland@hotmail.com) or

[gsq1@optusnet.com.au](mailto:gsq1@optusnet.com.au)