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From the Editors

Can it really be May in another week? We have included here the latest news from GSQ, together with a diary of happenings for the coming month. As usual, we welcome any news items for the monthly edition of e-News. Closing date for the June edition will be May 26. Please send your items to eNews Editor at gsq1@optusnet.com.au

From the President

We are now well into 2009 and the year is going incredibly fast. If you have been into the Resource Centre lately you will notice a new look. The cabinets holding the microfilms have been moved into specially made cabinets donated by LDS. This has allowed us to move the tables and chairs, previously near the books, out into the area previously occupied by the films. The area now appears more open and increases the air flow through the area.

Our Treasurer, Russell Fraser, has arranged for the use of PayPal payments on the GSQ website. Members are able to pay their subscriptions through PayPal. We hope to eventually make PayPal available for other internet sales. Thanks also to Mary Brettell for assisting Russell to put this on the website and for all her other work on the GSQ Website.

I am happy to announce that Judy Lofthouse has agreed to take over as Convenor of the Computer Interest Group. Judy will take over from Paul Mann who, with increasing work commitments, has had to relinquish some of his GSQ responsibilities. Paul will convene the May meeting and then Judy will take on the responsibilities of Convenor. My thanks to Paul for his hard work to date on the Computer Interest Group. Paul will continue on the Management Committee and as Vice President and will continue his role with the eNews.

Bye for this month,

Marg Doherty

Membership Renewals

Please remember to check your Renewal Date - sometimes this can be overlooked in the rush of our daily lives.





Only a Genealogist regards a step backwards as progress.

From the Management Committee

The Management Committee has decided to charge for the use of memory sticks at the Resource Centre from May 2009. Please let the Library Assistant know on your arrival that you plan to use your memory stick. This is partially to offset the loss of photocopy revenue through the use of memory sticks. We have noticed the Society's income decreasing with the financial crisis, with some members not renewing. May and June is a peak time for renewals so I hope you find sufficient value in your membership to renew. Also from May we are asking people at the Resource Centre to sign out as well as sign in. The Management Committee has a duty of care and should an emergency arise, we need to know who should be in the Resource Centre. I hope you understand the Committee's decision and sign out every time you leave the rooms. The Committee is looking at having polo shirts with the GSQ logo on them available to our members. We are currently investigating the cost and want to keep the price as low as possible. Do you think this is a useful addition to the GSQ merchandise? As most members would know, the current home of the GSQ Library is in rented rooms at Fisher Street. Although there is still a reasonable period left on our lease a Premises Working Group has been charged with the task of identifying the sort of premises GSQ requires and the amount we could pay, and looking for an appropriate site so we have options available once renewal time comes around. If you would like to assist in this task please talk to any of the committee members or email GSQ.

That's all for this month.

Marg Doherty for the Management Committee

Bayside Branch

Bayside Branch of GSQ meets at Wynnum Central Primary School, Florence Street, Wynnum on the 2nd Thursday each month except during school holidays at 7-30pm.

On 14th May we are having Steinar Johansen as guest speaker. Our research room is at the Environmental Education Centre which is situated at 70 Charlotte Street, Wynnum. Any enquiries to Elma 3893 1841.

North Brisbane Branch

Our guest speaker for May 11 is Hilda McLean and her topic is "Where do you think it is?"

The next general meeting for the branch is on Monday ?. All meetings are held at Fallon Cottage, Fallon Street Everton Park. Doors open at 6.30 p.m. Details from Margaret Holding at holding@powerup.com.au

Beaudesert Branch

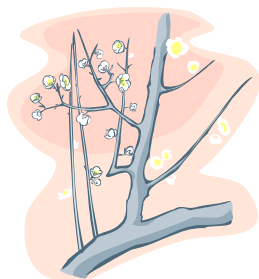
Our meetings are held the fourth Wednesday of each month.

Redlands Branch

Redlands Branch meets on the second Wednesday of each month (excluding January) at the Donald Simpson Leisure Centre, Bloomfield Street, Cleveland, commencing at 12.15pm. For further information please contact Helen Veivers at hveivers@aapt.net.au.

Southern Suburbs Branch

Southern Suburbs Branch will meet on Monday 18th May and their guest speaker will be Ann Swain speaking on 'Genetics and Family History'. The meeting commences at 7.30pm at the Upper Mt. Gravatt Scout Den, 1873 Logan Road, Upper Mt. Gravatt (down Carson Lane between Upper Mt. Gravatt State School and the Progress Hall). For further information please contact Noele Alexander at npalexander@optusnet.com.au or Ph. No. 3208 2518.



Branch News

Net Nibbles

The internet continues to bring us new or changed access to resources for our research.

Data available through The Irish Family History Foundation and their Irish Genealogical Online Record Search System (ORS) at <http://www.irish-roots.ie/> is growing. They have recently updated their site and it now has: 1901 census, birth/baptism, marriage and death/burial records for Co. Armagh available. The ORS includes records from selected Irish Counties from Birth, Marriage, Death and Census Records plus details from the Griffith's Valuations. Indexes can be searched for free but you will need to buy credits if you want to view further details from records found.

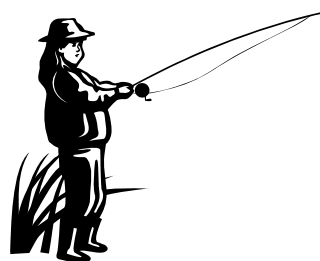
FamilySearch indexers have just transcribed their 250 millionth record.

For each record there is at least two people transcribing them to ensure accuracy. Completed record sets are uploaded to FamilySearch Labs <http://labs.familysearch.org/>. The following sites have been submitted by members for you to try. If you come across any new sites please let us know and we will list them in the next edition:

Find free database on ancestry.com at

<http://www.searchforancestors.com/ancestryfreebies.html>

- Brandenburg, Prussia Emigration Records
<http://www.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=4121>
- Wuerttemberg, Germany Emigration Index
<http://www.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=3141>
- Baden, Germany Emigration Index, 1866-1911
http://www.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=4610&cj=1&sid=pal&o_xid=0000703401&o_lid=0000703401
- Slave Registers of former British Colonial Dependencies, 1812-1834
<http://content.ancestry.co.uk/iexec/?htx=List&dbid=1129&offerid=0%3a7858%3a0>
- <http://www.adelaideco-op.familyhistorysa.info:80/>
- <http://freepages.history.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~qarter1/tobegin.htm>



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



Q150 Project Update

The data entry of information from the green forms from the 1988 Muster is progressing well. This week sees 10,500 forms sent out to our volunteers, with half of those already returned to GSQ – a wonderful effort! There is a total of over 20,000 forms to be completed so we need as much help as possible to complete this by July 31, which is the date that has been set for the completion of data entry of green forms, new submissions and biographical stories. Please let Josephine know if you can assist – josephine.nolan@bigpond.com

There are many new submissions being made. The Q150 Muster has been widely advertised in Queensland and also in the other Australian States, and we are receiving many requests for forms, from people wishing to add their ancestors' information. Positive comments are being received from submitters about the value of this Muster to the history of Queensland itself, as well as we genealogists and family historians. So, many, many thanks to all our generous volunteers from Queensland and Interstate for your time in helping with this project.

The third section of this project is the submission of biographical stories (maximum 400 words) on residents of our State in the period 1859 to 1901. Please contact GSQ on 3891 5085 if you would like to contribute to this section and we can send you the necessary details.

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- Monday - closed
- Tuesday - 10am - 3pm
- Wednesday - 10am - 3pm
- Thursday - 10am - 3pm
- Friday - 10am - 3pm
- Saturday - 12 noon - 4pm
- 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the month - 6pm-9pm.

We're on the Web!

See us at:
www.gsq.org.au

Raffles

Tickets are selling well in our March/April raffle, the prize being an Epson Copier, Scanner, Printer with a value of over \$60.00, with tickets still only \$1.00. This raffle will be drawn on 2 May, 2009. We will happily post tickets to country members - Stamps, Money Orders & Cheques accepted. The raffle of a Basket of Easter Eggs was drawn on April 6 and was won by Mavis Dimick. Thanks to all for your generosity in supporting this fund raising for GSQ.

Genealogy Class

Looking ahead, there is a class on 23 May on "Choosing a Family History

Program". Due to the pressure of other commitments, the "Presentation

Skills Workshop" scheduled for 30 May is cancelled. The session planned for 24 October will go ahead. Pauline Williams will be running an Introductory Workshop at Carindale Library from 9.30am-12.30pm on Friday 22 May. This will be repeated on Sunday 14 June with Paul Mann. Further details on this are available from the Library.

An Enrolment Form is available at: <http://www.gsq.org.au/services/GenealogyClassesEnrolmentForm29.pdf> or contact the library on 3891 5085 and leave your details; You can also email us on gsq1@optusnet.com.au.

Generation

Are you interested in assisting with the typing of articles for Generation? Please contact our Journal Editor on psstirland@hotmail.com for further information.

History in the Archives:

150 years of record keeping in Queensland

Joint Presentation of the Queensland State Archives, the National Archives of Australia, State Library of Queensland and the Brisbane City Council Archives. These four organisations join forces to present a seminar highlighting some of the significant and fascinating records illustrating the life and times of Queensland – then and now.

When: Wed 3 June, 9am-1pm
Where: SLQ Auditorium 2, level 2
FREE Bookings qtx 136 246

LDS Films

We have a large number of films in the drawer at GSQ - all ordered by our members to assist in their research. Although those members will always have prior claim on viewing their films, these can also be viewed by other members for the small fee of \$2. Check these films out next time you visit the rooms. There may be some there that will interest you.

Volunteers

Our daily/weekly/monthly volunteers are the mainstay of the Society and earn the gratitude of our Members who are able to visit rooms that are well stocked with films, fiche, books, computer records etc etc, to assist with our search for those (sometimes) elusive ancestors. Thank you!



Interest Groups are open to all GSQ Members.

Each group meet bi-monthly

Scottish:-

10:30am to 3:00pm
1st Sunday of
Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep & Nov

Computers:-

10:30am to 2:30pm
2nd Sunday of
Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep & Nov

Scandinavian:-

12:30 – 2:30pm
3rd Sunday of
Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep & Nov

German:-

10:15am to 2:30pm
Last Sunday of
Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep & Nov

English Irish:-

10:00am to 2:30pm
1st Sunday of
Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct & Dec

Convicts:-

10:00am to 2:30pm
2nd Sunday of Feb, Apr, Jun,
Aug, Oct & Dec



English/Irish Interest Group



The English/Irish Group has decided to publish a bi-monthly newsletter with information, tips and hints to help with your research in England, Ireland and Wales. The first edition of "The Shamrock and the Rose" will be published in May. Subsequent editions will be produced in the months when there isn't a group meeting. Copies of the newsletter will be available at GSQ; if you wish to have them emailed, then please contact Pauline.

The next meeting is Sunday 7 June. The topic for discussion will be announced in the next edition of e-News. Contact Pauline on psstirland@hotmail.com for further details.



Convict Connections Group

The next meeting of Convict Connections Group is on Sunday June 14th. We open up at 9.00am and have a short formal meeting at 11.00am, closing the Resource Centre at 3.00pm. This gives ample time for resesarch. All members with an interest in early colonial NSW are invited and welcomed. There is no need to have a convict in the family.

German Interest Group



No news this month.

Scottish Interest Group



No news this month.



Computer Interest Group

This group plans to meet on 10 May at 10.00 am to 2.30pm at the Resource Centre. Unfortunately this dates clashes with Mother's Day but we still hope to see our regular enthusiastic group. It will be the last session under the current convener Paul Mann, before he hands over to Judy Lofthouse. This meeting will start with a question and answer session and maybe discussion on current computer related topics. If you have any questions or issues for discussion, please email Paul on ciscoshell@hotmail.com.

Scandinavian Interest Group



The Scandinavian Group is having an excursion for their next meeting.

The 17th May is Norway's National Day, and the Group will go to QUT (George Street, Brisbane City) to see the celebration put on by the Norwegian Students. There will be a procession from QUT at 10:30, followed by stalls selling Scandinavian food and other items. Entertainment will be provided throughout the afternoon.

Our July meeting is back at GSQ.

Deadline for copy

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

gsq1@optusnet.com.au

Diary Dates

May

Sunday 3rd	10am to 2:30pm.	Scottish Interest Group
Saturday 9th	9am to 10:30am.	Management Committee meeting.
Saturday 9th	9am to 4:30pm	QLD State Archive Saturday Opening
Sunday 10th	10am to 2:30pm.	Computer Interest Group
Monday 11th	7pm to 9pm.	North Brisbane Branch Guest Speaker. Hilda McLean
Wednesday 13th	10am to 12noon	QLD State Archives -Heritage Week Seminar and Tour – 'Working for Queensland: professions, trades and jobs' Entry is free
Wednesday 13th	6pm to 9pm.	Wednesday Night Opening.
Thursday 14th	7:30pm to 9pm.	Bayside Branch Monthly Meeting Guest Speaker Steinar Johansen.
Friday 15th	10.30am –12noon	State Library of QLD Session “What’s New in Family History?” - SLQ Auditorium 2,Free - Bookings qtix or 136 246
Saturday 16th	9am to noon	Fisher Street Library – GSQ Open Day
Saturday 16th	10am to11am	National Archives of Australia Event “Border Protection (customs records)” Cannon Hill
Sunday 17th	12:30pm to 2:30pm	Scandinavian Interest Group Outing
Monday 18th	7:30pm to 9pm	Southern Suburbs Speaker Ann Swain.
Saturday 23rd	9am to 11am	GSQ Class "Choosing a Family History Program" Paul Mann - \$20.00
Monday 25th	7pm to 9pm.	North Brisbane Branch Meeting.
Wednesday 27th		Beaudesert Branch Meeting.
Wednesday 27th	6pm to 9pm.	Wednesday Night Opening.
Sunday 31st	10:00am to 2:30pm	German Interest Group



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

June

Wednesday 3rd	9am to 1pm	History in the archives – State Library of Queensland
Sunday 7th	10:00am to 2:30pm	English/Irish Interest Group

For more external events check out the following links:

<http://www.archives.qld.gov.au/events.asp#seminars>

<http://www.slq.qld.gov.au/whats-on>

http://www.naa.gov.au/Images/Whats-On-July-Sept2009_tcm2-25790.pdf