

Diary Dates September:

- 2nd -7pm-8:30pm Dr Anthony Joseph – Jewish Genealogy presentation.
 - 6th -10:30am to 12:00noon - SLQ Seminar
 - 7th -10am to 2:30pm Scottish Interest Group
 - 8th -7pm-9pm North Brisbane Branch Monthly speaker – Joan McNair from the Latter Day Saints Enoggera Family History Centre.
 - 11th -7.30pm-9pm Bayside Monthly Meeting.
 - 14th -10am to 2:30pm Computer Interest Group – “Newspapers Online” & Q&A.
 - 15th -7:30pm-9pm Southern Suburbs Guest Speaker - Helen Smith - Using the internet effectively
 - 20th -10am Annual General Meeting - All welcome!
 - 21st -12:30pm-2:30pm Scandinavian Interest Group
 - 22nd -7:30pm to 9:00pm North Brisbane Branch monthly meeting.
 - 24th Beaudesert Branch Monthly meeting.
 - 28th -10.30am-2.30pm German Research Group
 - 30th -6pm to 7:30pm - SLQ Seminar –“David Hill: 1788”
- October
- 5th -10am-2.30pm – English/Irish Group – Guest Speaker Alison Williams - Using Ancestry.com to further your research.

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From the Editors

Hello and welcome to the September issue of GSQ's e-newsletter. The annual Seminar was the highlight for August, GSQ is preparing for the AGM in September and your September issue of *Generation* will soon be in your mailboxes. As always, contributions to this e-newsletter are welcome. Please send any items for the October issue to the Editorial Team c/- GSQ at gsg1@optusnet.com.au. Deadline is 25th of each month.

Annual Seminar

Around 50 people attended the highly successful Annual Seminar held on 16 August at the Queen Alexandra Home in Coorparoo. The presentations were diverse and much appreciated by all those who attended.

The morning session started with Stephanie Ryan of the State Library of Queensland who focussed on “Coming to Queensland” and highlighted the many strategies you can use to discover lost ancestors through immigration records; Jim and Barbara Martin of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints outlined the changes to the Family Search website and encouraged attendees to volunteer for indexing projects. Those present were enthralled by the digital stories of Kelvin Grove residents as they reminisced about the early days in this Brisbane suburb as part of Dr Helen Klæbe's project.

After an excellent lunch, Russell Fraser outlined GSQ's Muster Roll project for Q150 and how members can get involved, before Steve and Rosalind Craig-Smith did a joint presentation on the significant and extensive changes that need to be considered when researching your family history. Hilda Maclean offered a detailed slideshow of cemeteries in the UK and Scotland, clearly showing the problems with trying to find a grave. Our final speaker was Gary Couchman who talked about his Huguenot ancestors and the Huguenot Society of Australia.

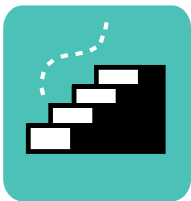
Details of winners of the raffles are listed elsewhere in this newsletter. We'd like to thank everyone for attending and making the day such a success.

GSQ's Annual General Meeting

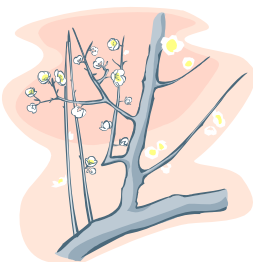
The Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Saturday 20 September at 10am. Nominations for the Management Committee can still be accepted up to 2 weeks prior to this date. If you are interested but holding back because you feel you're not an expert, then be reassured that an interest in furthering the 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.



*Thank you
Gambling Community
Benefit Fund!*



*Only a Genealogist
regards a step
backwards as
progress.*



Branch News

Sub-Committees and Working Groups

Not ready to nominate for the Management Committee? Maybe you'd like to be on one of GSQ's sub-committees or working groups. These have been set up to focus on specific areas of GSQ's activities and include Library Acquisitions; Grant applications; Events; Education; Projects, Generation and e-News and so on. Each sub-committee/working group is chaired by a Management Committee member and input is welcomed from other members. A full list of these groups, together with the terms of reference will be available at the AGM. Please contact the relevant Chair c/- of GSQ for more information.

Sub-Committee Reports

✚ Cemetery sub-committee

The Funeral Director Index CDs developed by Christine Smith and the Cemetery Group have started to sell. To get yours, please contact Christine c/- GSQ at gsg1@optusnet.com.au or (07) 3891 5085. Look for further details in the September Edition of Generation.

✚ Library sub-committee

The Library sub-committee is always looking to purchase new resources to meet the needs of members. If you spot something you think we should get then contact Russell c/- GSQ at gsg1@optusnet.com.au or (07) 3891 5085.

✚ Q150 Project Update

The Queensland Muster Roll, GSQ's project for celebrating Queensland's 150th anniversary, is underway. We are developing a software tool for data input from existing forms and new contributions from members. This tool will soon be ready and we will be seeking your assistance. If you have ancestors who were in Queensland from 1859 to 1901, or if you are interested in being involved in the project in any way, you can contact our Volunteer Co-ordinator, Josephine Nolan at josephine.nolan@bigpond.com

Bayside Branch

Bayside Branch of GSQ meets on Thursday 11 September from 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.

Southern Suburbs

The next meeting of the **Southern Suburbs Branch of GSQ Inc** is on Monday 15th September from 7:30pm to 9:00pm (doors open 6:45pm). The meeting is held at 7.30pm with the guest speaker (Helen Smith - Using the internet effectively) 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).

North Brisbane

The next meeting for the **North Brisbane Branch** is on Monday, 8th September, 7 – 9pm – Guest speaker is Joan McNair from the Latter Day Saints Enoggera Family History Centre. 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.

Net Nibbles

✚ Family Tree Maker 2009 should be released in early September. Full details are on their website at: [http://store.ancestry.com/ProductDetail.aspx?p=mfsku4644\(shops\)&PT=](http://store.ancestry.com/ProductDetail.aspx?p=mfsku4644(shops)&PT=). People who have registered their 2008 version can upgrade for free.

✚ FindMyPast has added 3.2 million marriage records for the UK to add to the existing burials - <http://www.findmypast.com>

✚ Ancestry.com has set up a YouTube channel – you can check it out at <http://www.youtube.com/AncestryCom>

✚ Cheshire Parish Register Project has been updated again <http://www.csc.liv.ac.uk/~cprdb/> The latest updates include Audlem, Alderley & Tilston. If you have ancestors in Cheshire it wouldn't hurt having a look.

✚ Irish Family History Foundation - <http://www.irish-roots.ie> - is in the process of adding 1901/11 census information to their sites. The cost is 5euros per record and you should get a transcript not a copy of the original record. The biggest problem with Irish records at the moment is working out which county your ancestors lived in and then locating the town/townland. Ideally when they are finished, which will probably be before the free <http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/> version of 1901/11 censuses is done, you will be able to pinpoint your ancestors relatively easily (unless their name is Patrick O'Reilly or something). Please be aware that the default amount that they suggest you buy is 40euros credit - just change it up or down depending on your finances.

✚ Old-English-L has a rather interesting site for those who are dealing with old handwriting - <http://homepages.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~oel/contents.html>. The most useful parts are probably the reference of the alphabet in different handwriting and the latinised given names. For the latter, most of the names are English which were 'latinised' when the parish registers were written in Latin. So have a look and impress your friends with your new knowledge - did you know Godefridus meant Godfrey?

✚ The Belgium-Roots Project includes another fun find which is at http://belgium.rootsweb.ancestry.com/sci/genealogy/occupations_00.html where some kind soul has transcribed occupations into French, Dutch, Latin, English and German. I particularly like kolenmijnwerker which makes coal mine worker sound so exotic.

Thanks Alison for these great suggestions

Events

Watch this space for dates for your diary. Future events include:

✚ A presentation on Jewish genealogy by renowned author, Dr Anthony Joseph, will be held at GSQ, 38 Fisher Street, East Brisbane at 7pm on Tuesday 2 September 2008, and conclude at 8.30 pm including 15 minutes for questions. Refreshments will be provided at the end of the presentation. Bookings essential, and entry is by gold coin donation.

✚ Annual General Meeting. Our AGM is scheduled for 10:00am September 20th. Come along to have an opportunity to hear what's happening and have your say.

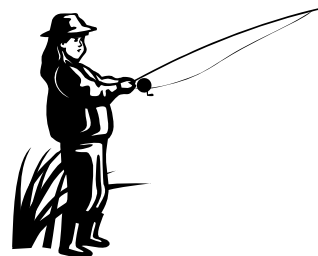
✚ Every Family Has A Story. The Kenmore Uniting Church, in association with GSQ, has organised a day of events to be held at the church on Saturday 13 September. Speakers in the morning are both from GSQ: Mavis Pearse and Les McFadzen. For more information see their website <http://www.kenmore.ucaweb.com.au/index.php?page=news50> Sessions are limited so book early to ensure your place.

Interest Group Meetings

Interest Group meetings scheduled for September are:

7th Scottish Group; 21st Scandinavian;
14th Computer Group; 28th German Research Group.

These meetings are open to all members. A gold coin donation is appreciated. Doors open 10.00am to 2.30pm, except for the Scandinavian Group, which commences 12.30pm.



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Maybe these net nibbles
will help*



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

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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

2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the month - 6pm-9pm.

We're on the Web!

See us at:
www.gsq.org.au

Raffles

Three raffles were drawn at the seminar, thanks to all our sponsors.

Congratulations to -

- ✚ **Raffle 1.** Canon Pixma MP 210 Colour Printer, donated by Officeworks, Woolloongabba and won by **Val Blomer.**
- ✚ **Raffle 2.** Platinum Version of The Family Tree Maker 17th Edition, donated by Elma O'Toole, and this was won by **Joan McGrath.**
- ✚ **Raffle 3.** A \$30 gift voucher donated by our seminar sponsor Gould Genealogy and won by **Kay Aberdeen.**

Interest Group Updates

This month the Computer Group will be looking at some interesting websites for accessing digital copies of old or new newspapers - including:

- ✚ Newsbank an archive of Queensland, Australian and International newspapers. Full text searching at: <http://www.slq.qld.gov.au/find/articles/offsite> free to members of council libraries
- ✚ The Australian Newspapers Digitisation Program is a project of the National Library of Australia and will cover the period from the 1800s to the 1950s. Over 1.2 million pages have been scanned and more that 70,000 (as at 25th July 2008) were online for free full text searching at: <http://ndpbeta.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/about>
- ✚ The Sydney Morning Herald Archives allows free searching of the SMH for the period 1955 to 1990 at: <http://archives.smh.com.au/index.php> However, a paid subscription is required to view images.

Queensland CDs from Gould on Sale at GSQ

Thanks to Gould Genealogy for their sponsorship of our recent seminar. They have loaned us a selection of their Queensland CDs to sell on consignment. Members can save themselves postage and earn GSQ money by purchasing the CDs from us. There is only one copy of each title available so if you are interested you need to get in quickly - offer closes on Sunday, 14th September. Further details are available by calling GSQ.

Classes at GSQ

Introductory classes - 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 Janice at cjwellard@optusnet.com.au.

Volunteer Update

Our continued thanks to all those members who volunteer in so many ways to help GSQ in its 'day-to-day' running! The big call for volunteers now is to assist with the Q150 Project. Please do consider giving some of your time to help with the collection of data for this important project

Deadline for copy

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

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