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Friday • 10am - 3pm
Saturday • 12noon - 4pm
Sunday • Interest Groups
2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the month • 6pm-9pm.

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From the President

For some reason July seemed a pretty quiet month for GSQ this year. Nothing much appears to have happened. Which can be a good thing, in itself. Having a period of time where you can just sit back and relax and reflect – instead of having to react to some new situation every few days, is, well, just nice.

All the new chairs GSQ gained through the Gambling Fund grant have now arrived. They look – and feel – terrific. Not only are they comfortable, they are all the same style and pattern. Except some are computer chairs and some are stackable. That is the only difference. Which makes a difference from how the old chairs looked with their various sizes and shapes. The old chairs took their final trip to the recycling centre (a.k.a. – the dump!) about two weeks ago, by the time you read this. They were all stacked out under one of the seating areas in the car park for days prior to be taken away, and I fully expected a few of them to disappear. But none did. I even put out an ad via email, but only one or two left us after that. Sometimes you can't even give things away.

Thanks to all those who replied to the website survey. There were some very good comments amongst the replies. All the replies will be collated and will help towards development of the website.

During July, GSQ's Bayside Branch was wound up after many years of family history research. The main reason being that the Branch could not secure a proper place to store their equipment and resources. Nor were new members particularly forthcoming in recent years, and the people who were members were all aging. Those that are able to are welcome to use the resources of GSQ at Wishart. The branch's remaining funds are being returned to GSQ and are to go towards a new digital camera for digitising records. To all the members of Bayside Branch, past and present, I would like to thank you for being part of the GSQ family.

If July was a quiet month for GSQ, then August looks to be the complete opposite. Because August is also National Family History Month here in Australia. I have just learnt that GSQ has qualified to be able to give away a Gift Certificate from the National Institute for Genealogical Studies (US based) to the value of USD\$89.00 (About \$120.00 Australian). This will entitle the winner to sign up for one of their – many – courses, which usually run for about 8 weeks. There is plenty of choice.

To be in the running for this great prize, you will have to attend one of GSQ's events in August. These include the mini-seminar on 20 August titled "Will the Real John Smith please stand up". This is all about proving the person you have found is actually the ancestor you have been looking for all this time. You could also help out at the GSQ Open Day on 27 August 2016. Or you could attend one of the GSQ Interest Group meetings held during the month of August. See the calendar on the website for options.

At the DNA Interest Group meeting in July, the GSQ DNA raffle was drawn, and the lucky winner of an FTDNA Family Finder kit was Ellen Matsen. Ellen was very pleased to learn that she was the winner. GSQ hopes that she is successful in finding cousins she wasn't aware of. That is the fascinating – and dangerous – thing about DNA testing. With the family finder kit, it is fascinating because you do not necessarily know who you are going to find matches with. With all the DNA test kits, it can be "dangerous" because you may turn up examples of "Not the Parent Expected Event", whereby a child's father, or mother, is not what the paper certificates, or family lore, tells us. If you are not prepared to face these sorts of revelations – and DNA does not lie – then don't dabble with DNA. If you are okay with whatever the results may reveal, then DNA testing is a really useful, though expensive, tool for family historians. It worked for me, solving my brick wall.

Till next month... Geoff Doherty president@gsq.org.au





What got you started? This is a question I have heard a lot, and it's also one that I have asked many people. And I still find it interesting to hear the varying answers. [CLICK HERE](#) to read more from Alona Tester.

We all know TROVE but do you know about Elephind? Elephind is a great service that searches online digital newspaper collections. Best of all, it is available free of charge. [CLICK HERE](#) to find out more.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics is implementing a significant change for the 2016 Census, due to be conducted on 9th August. [CLICK HERE](#) for more info.

Do you need a replacement copy for FTM? For any users needing a replacement for FTM 2014 or Mac 3, there is a completely automated online Replacement Center. [CLICK HERE](#) to find out how.

With the Centenary of the Somme The National Archives, Kew, has added and updated the World War I portal. [CLICK HERE](#) to find out more.

To mark 100 years since the start of the Battle of the Somme, WDYTYA magazine is making their First World War Army research guide available to download completely free of charge. [CLICK HERE](#) to go to the download page.

Redlands

The next meeting of the Redland Genealogical Society will be held on Wednesday, 10 August at the Donald Simpson Centre, Bloomfield Street, Cleveland, commencing at 12.15pm. The Guest Speaker at this meeting will be Helen Smith with a presentation titled "Using Social Media for Genealogy – Facebook, Twitter, G+". Visitors very welcome. \$2.00 admission with Lucky Door prize.

The Society is organising two displays during August, both during Senior's Week to raise the profile of genealogy in the community – one is a week long manned display at the Victoria Point Shopping Centre (15 – 19 August) and the other is at the Redlands Wellness and Reablement Expo at the Donald Simpson Centre in Cleveland on 18 August (9.00am – 2.00pm).

Marriage records seem pretty basic. A bride and groom, a date, and a place. (If you're lucky, there's a form that they filled out that includes some biographical details.) There are a couple of details that you might be missing on even the basic marriage records [CLICK HERE](#) to read Amy Johnson Crow's blog post..

To get the most out of any Google search for your ancestors, it is necessary to understand how Google works. An important consideration is to realize that Google runs different search engines in different parts of the world, there are close to 200 different Google search engines. [CLICK HERE](#) to find out more from GenealogyInTime.

North Brisbane

The North Brisbane Branch of GSQ holds its meetings on the first Friday morning of each month (except January) at the Brisbane North Area Scouting Centre at 23 Sicklefield Street Alderley. Doors open at 8.45 am.

North Brisbane Members are able to borrow from our extensive library of books, magazines, fiche and CDs for a small fee.

The next meeting will be held on Friday 5th August at 9.00 am. There will be no Guest Speaker as it is the Branch Annual General Meeting.

Visitors are welcome.

Beaudesert

Meetings are held at our rooms 15A William Street, Beaudesert, on 4th Wednesday of each month, commencing at 10.00am.

The library is open each Wednesday from 10.00am to 2.00pm.

The next meeting is 24th August 2016.

Monday Morning Natters

August Natters is on Monday August 1 from 10am -12 noon. Bring along your brick walls. Often having someone else looking at your brick wall can help you break it down.

All welcome, come along and share a cuppa and a chat with fellow family historians. Gold coin donation for morning tea please.

GSQ in your local BCC library - Free But Booking Required

Lady Teviot is visiting Australia again in August. She has been involved with family history research for over 43 years. Don't miss this rare opportunity to hear from Lady Teviot about English genealogy. Happening at libraries across Brisbane from Thursday 11 - Sunday 21 August in National Family History Month. [CLICK HERE](#) to see where and when you can hear Lady Teviot at a BCC library near you.

EVENTS

Bookings are essential for all GSQ education sessions and courses.

Use the Calendar of Events on the home page of www.gsq.org.au Alternatively send a cheque to GSQ at PO Box 1467, Carindale, Q 4152 or call in at Stackpole Street. Email info@gsq.org.au or phone 3349 6072 for further information.

Note: There is onsite parking available at the venue.

Saturday 20 August • 9.00am - 12.30 pm

Will the real John Smith stand up: picking your ancestor out from the crowd? (Sources/Proof)

Venue: Queen Alexandra Community Centre
340 Old Cleveland Road, Coorparoo 4151

Making tracks on our research trail - using citations to guide our search – Janice Cooper, family historian, author and local historian.

Are you searching the right John Williams? - How to identify the correct John Williams when there are duplicated surnames - Jennifer Harrison, historian and genealogist.

Fact or fiction: weighing the evidence – Pauline Williams, experienced English researcher and former editor of GSQ's journal, Generation

Morning tea is provided.

Cost \$20 members \$30 non-members

BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL

Sunday 23 October • 9.00am - 12.30 pm

Introduction to Family History

Venue: GSQ Resource Centre
25 Stackpole Street, Wishart 4122

The presenter, Janice Wellard, has over 30 years' experience using records from Australia, England, Scotland, Ireland, Canada and the United States. This course will cover using all the main genealogy records such as BDMs, Census, immigration, Parish registers, and so on. This course is suitable for both new and inexperienced researchers.

Participants need to bring their own lunch, a notebook and a USB stick if they wish to stay and do further research using GSQ's resources including subscription databases & Janice will be available to assist participants with their individual research.

Cost: \$35 for members and \$45 for non-members

BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL

Saturday 15 October • 9.00am - 3.30pm

Save the Date!

Ireland: Church, Famine and Immigration – a day to assist researching your Irish Ancestors

Venue: Queen Alexandra Community Centre
340 Old Cleveland Road, Coorparoo 4151

The day will include presentations on:

- Irish Immigration
- Great Irish Famine
- Online Sites for Irish Genealogy
- Land
- Catholic church in Queensland
- Social Media Sites for Irish Family History
- Q & A session so bring your Irish Family History questions along.

Morning tea & lunch will be provided.

Cost \$50 members \$60 non-member

BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL



The lucky winner of an FTDNA Family Finder kit was Ellen Matsen - congratulations Ellen.



August is National Family History Month (NFHM) in Australia. NFHM is an initiative of the Australian Federation of Family History Organisation (AFFHO) of which GSQ is a member.

GSQ has two events in August, a Mini Seminar on sources/proof on Saturday 20 August and an Open Day on Saturday 27 August at Wishart.

You can see what other events are on [HERE](#).



English/Irish Group

The next meeting of the English/Irish Group will be held on the first Sunday in August (7th). The doors of GSQ will open at 9.30a.m. with the meeting itself to commence at 10.30a.m. At this meeting we will continue our journey around the counties of England, Wales and Ireland. Two of our members will present on furthering research in an English county (Northumberland) and an Irish one (Antrim).

Following the meeting the doors of GSQ will remain open for research until 2.30p.m. Bring along your lunch and enjoy learning more about research in parts of England and Ireland. I look forward to seeing you there.

Janice

Scottish Interest Group

The next meeting of the Scottish Interest Group will take place at GSQ on Sunday 4th September commencing at 10 am. Our normal meeting beginning at 10.30 will include a help session for those with research problems.

A computer & projector will be available to look at the *scotlandspeople* website. On completion of the meeting the library will be open for research. If possible advise the Group Secretary or President in advance of any research problems you have as it will assist in setting the agenda.

Visitors are welcome.

Convict Connections Group

The next meeting of the Convict Connections group will be on Sunday 14 August. Doors open at 9:00am with the meeting at 10:00am.

All welcome, gold coin donation for morning tea please.

Family Tree Maker Users' Group

The FTM User Group will meet as usual at the GSQ Library on Sunday 11th September 2016 at 10.30 am until 12.30 pm. This group is a networking group that can help beginners and assist both Mac & Windows users overcome any FTM problems they may face. People with laptops should bring them along so the participants can help solve your particular problem(s). We provide support for earlier FTM versions as well as the current 2014.0 & 2014.1 versions. Advance notice to the convenor on mcfadzen@bigpond.net.au of your problem(s) will assist in setting the Agenda.

GSQ members and researchers contemplating purchasing a family history programme, are welcome to attend our meeting

Legacy Family Tree Users' Group

Our next meeting will be on the afternoon of Sunday, September 11. One of the key roles of our family history software is to share information with family members. At the meeting, we will compare the various tools in Legacy Family Tree for electronic publishing and how they can be tweaked to achieve the result you want. You do not need to be an expert computer user to take part, just bring your laptop, your enthusiasm and a willingness to learn.

There will be more details in the next eNews. To join the group email list, contact Bob at fortiter@live.com.au

Scandinavian Group

The next meeting of the Scandinavian Group will be on 18 September at 12:30 with Odd Steinar as our guest speaker, talking about *Scandinavians in Australia*. All welcome.

German Interest Group

The next meeting of the German Group will be on the 25th Sept. Our speakers that day will be Noel and Dell Bergmann.

Our speaker on the 31st July is Robin Kleinschmidt talking on the *Lutheran Churches in the 19th Century in Brisbane* at 12md.

Looking forward to seeing you all.

Writing Group

The next meeting of the Writing Group is on 21st August. For more information contact Pauline on pstirland@hotmail.com

Military Interest Group

The next meeting will be on **24 September** not 10 September as was advertised. Sorry for any confusion.

Member, Chris Edes will present on the navy in the First World War with an emphasis on the Royal Navy. You can also bring any military questions you have and the members will do their best to solve them.

Please come along. Morning tea will be provided. Everyone is welcome.

DNA Interest Group

DNA testing is reaching an exciting phase. See more information in the Septmeber issue of *Generation*.

The next meeting will be 9.30am 18th September where we will be talking about X DNA

All welcome.

