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- Monday • Closed
- Tuesday • 10am - 3pm
- Wednesday • 10am - 3pm
- Thursday • 10am - 3pm
- Friday • 10am - 3pm
- Saturday • 12noon - 4pm
- Sunday • Interest Groups

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From the President, December 2015

Hello Everyone,

I hope you are all having a very enjoyable Christmas and New Year period? One in which you have been able to finally get some time to yourself to follow up on all that family history research you intended to do during the previous year? Yeah, right. I haven't either.

Partly this is because Helen Connor, GSQ's Secretary, was hospitalised for about two weeks before Christmas – and I had to help out with Library duty at the Resource Centre to help cover for the days she was due to be there. And collect the GSQ mail and enter it in the correspondence register, and to fix a couple of computers that were playing up. Oh, and look into replacements for the urn and the membership officer's computer, both of which were casualties of one of the storms that we had before Christmas. I have been a busy fellow.

Actually, if anyone has a desktop computer running Windows 7 that is surplus to your household's requirements – and still works, of course – and you would like to donate it to a new home, please let GSQ know.

Being on library duty – for the first time ever, I might add – was an interesting experience. How, you might well ask, if I am the President, did I ever not do any library duty in the past? Well, I always preferred being in the background, fiddling with the computers and things that made the researching possible. Some of you may recall seeing me at Fisher Street in the past, doing odd jobs and repairs. I left library duty to others. But, you know, when put on the spot, when you have to step up and help out because there is no-one else, you do what needs to be done. Sounds good, doesn't it?

I have to admit that I enjoyed doing library duty, when I had time to think about it after the fact – because I always seemed to be doing something at the time, and had no chance to think about it then. I was able to show people around the new Resource Centre, which was also good for me – because everything is changed around. You have to come in and see for yourselves. I was able to help some people with their research questions and strategies. I also got to talk on the phone with some members who were worried about what programme to use in replacement for Family Tree Maker. Wasn't that a nice Christmas bombshell, errr, I mean present, from Ancestry? No-one saw that coming. I met members I hadn't met before. Some were regular attendees, but many were people who were coming for the first time in a long time. This second group of people were attracted by the fact that GSQ has moved to Wishart and wanted to check out the new place and see if it was any better than the old. All were impressed with the new layout, the lightness and the airy feel to the place, and the ease of car parking. I really feel that GSQ has achieved something special here.

My rambling effort above, describing my few days as a stand-in library assistant, is my way of getting round to mentioning that GSQ really does need more library assistants. The temporary loss of just one person for two weeks should not have had GSQ scraping the barrel bottom looking for replacements – but it did – and yes, I am the bottom of the barrel. If you can volunteer for a few hours, on just one day a week in a month, please consider contacting the GSQ Volunteer Co-ordinator, Lorraine Digney via volunteer@gsq.org.au. You will be trained, and I can attest that the work is not demanding, and gives you a sense of achievement. It did for me.

You all know that GSQ opened at Wishart on 1 December 2015. Well, now we are going to have an Official Opening, along with a Family History Fair, on Saturday 6 February 2016. Clear your calendars for this event. Starting at 10:00am, there will be a few necessary short speeches, morning tea, stalls from the GSQ Interest groups and Branches, a used bookstall where you might pick up an interesting bargain or two, and tours of the research centre. After midday, you will be able to research as usual till 4:00pm. (cont'd overleaf)



From the President (cont'd)

With this new location, 2016 is going to be an exciting year for GSQ. We have a new way of delivering our education classes – via regular mini-seminars held at Queen Alexandra Community Centre at Coorparoo, where you will get 3-4 presentations for your attendance fee. The first of these is on Saturday 30 January 2016 and is titled "Putting Your Ancestors in Context". Bookings will be essential for this interesting event.

As usual, if you have any comments or suggestions, please contact me via president@gsq.org.au

Cheers,
Geoff Doherty

President,
Genealogical Society of Queensland, Inc.



The Management Team would like to wish all GSQ members a Happy New Year for 2016.

What are your family history goals for 2016? Come along to our new Wishart Resource Centre and search our extensive resources. There may well be some that you didn't know we had. Our friendly library assistants are available to guide you on your way.

GSQ re-opens for research on Tuesday 5 January, see you there in 2016.

Redlands

The first meeting of the Redland Genealogical Society for 2016 will be held on Wednesday, 10 February, at the Donald Simpson Centre, Bloomfield Street, Cleveland, commencing at 12.15pm.

Visitors very welcome. \$2.00 admission with Lucky Door Prize.

Our Library will re-open on Tuesday, 19 January. As always, keys to the facility are available for members from the Cleveland Library's Help Desk at any time the Cleveland Library is open.

Southern Suburbs

Southern Suburbs Branch will not be holding a general meeting in January because of work being done to the branch premises.

Our first meeting in 2016 will be on Monday night 15th February when our guest speaker will be Greg Cope from National Archives and his presentation will be on 'An untapped Resource: Looking at Post Office and Mail Service Files in Queensland..

Monday Morning Natters

Join us for Natters on Monday 4 January 2016 10:00 - 12 noon.

Have an orientation tour of the new premises. Learn where the books, the microfiche and the microfilms are now located.

Gold coin donation for morning tea.

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 St 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.

Meetings resume on Friday 5th February 2016.

Bayside

The Bayside Branch will have their next meeting on Friday 12 February..

For further details ring Elma on 3893 1841

Happy New Year to all. .

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 27 January 2016.



GSQ in your local BCC library - Booking Required

Library	Course	Date	Time	Library Contact
The Grange	Enhancing your family tree with Google	Saturday 16 January	10am -12noon	07 3407 2523
Toowong	Queensland Family History Online	Monday 18 January	11am -1pm	07 34032590
Wynnum	Introduction to Family History research	Monday 1 February	1:30pm -3:30pm	07 3403 2199
Mt Ommaney	Choosing a family tree program	Friday 5 February	10am -12noon	07 3407 7010

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.

Saturday 30 January • 9.00am - 12.30pm

The first education event for GSQ in 2016 is **Putting your ancestors in context** on Saturday 30 January. It will be held at Queen Alexandra Conference Centre, 347 Old Cleveland Road, Coorparoo from 9:00am - 12:30pm.

Placing your family tree within its forest – Pauleen Cass, blogger and genealogist.

Moving beyond the genealogical data of our family trees, it's time to consider the broader picture. How were their lives affected by the place where they lived and the community within which they lived? Exploring these factors can add richness to our family stories and perhaps help us to understand why they chose certain actions.

Moments in time: British ancestors in history - Pauline Williams, experienced English researcher and former editor of GSQ's journal, *Generation*.

Knowledge of British history often focusses on the rich and important people, but they were just a small proportion of the population. This presentation explores the impact that some significant events had on our ancestors' lives and where you may find records.

Mapping your ancestors – Helen Smith, respected researcher and presenter.

Understanding the area your ancestors lived is necessary for understanding your ancestors' lives. This presentation will illustrate how to use information on maps to understand more about your ancestors' lives.

Cost: \$25 for members. \$40 for non-members.

March Generation

Will be about where you located your ancestors in unusual records. Were you able to break down a 'brick wall' by searching in such record sets as occupations (farm workers, teachers and other occupations, non-conformist bmds, deaths at sea, deaths in shipwrecks, on prison hulks, deaths in asylums) and so on.

Please tell us your ancestor's story (in about 1000-1200 words) and forward this to editor@gsq.org.au no later than 14th February 2016.



Do you want to get your genealogy organised in 2016? ANNOUNCING: FINALLY Get Organised! 2016 Weekly Checklists from Dear Myrtle. Check out this post from Myrtle at <http://blog.dearmyrtle.com/2015/12/announcing-finally-get-organized-2016.html>

Ancestry.com has a Learning Centre - did you know? You can find tips and tricks, short how-to videos here + Ancestry Academy with free courses as well as some via subscription. Check them out at <http://www.ancestry.com/cs/learning/ancestry-academy-classes>

**OPEN DAY
and
FAMILY HISTORY FAIR**

Saturday 6th February 2016
GSQ Resource Centre,
25 Stackpole Street, Wishart 4122
10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Official Opening at 10:30am

- Advice from friendly, knowledgeable family historians
- See what GSQ can offer
- Two free introductory talks
- Information tables
- Browse the Society's bookshop
- Secondhand books for sale
- Raffle prizes
- Sausage sizzle
- Cold drinks
- Free tea and coffee available

BRING A FRIEND



English/Irish Group

The English/Irish Group will hold their first meeting for 2016 on Sunday 7th February. Two of our members will each do a small presentation on researching in two Irish counties. Come along and learn how to begin your research in these counties.

All members of GSQ are welcome to attend and the doors of GSQ open at 9.30am, with the meeting beginning at 10.30.

The resources of GSQ are available for the use of attendees before and after the meeting (until 2.30pm). Hope to see you there.

Family Tree Maker Users' Group

Our next meeting will be 10th January 2016 at our new premises at 25 Stackpole Street, Wishart. GSQ is located on the corner of Mt Gravatt-Capalaba Road and Stackpole Street. This group is a networking group that can help beginners and assist more experienced members overcome any FTM problems they may face.

Our main point of discussion will be the future of the FTM programme, and the Group, after Ancestry's recent announcement.

Members 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 Version. Those with the Mac version are also welcome.

Convict Connections Group

The first meeting for 2016 of the Convict Connections group will be on Sunday 14 February. Doors open at 9:00am with the meeting at 10:00am.

All welcome, gold coin donation for morning tea.

Scottish Interest Group

The next meeting of the Scottish Interest Group due to take place at GSQ in our new premises at 25 Stackpole Street, Wishart. GSQ is located on the corner of Mt Gravatt-Capalaba Road and Stackpole Street.

The meeting will be the Hogmanay meeting scheduled for 3rd January.

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, and kilts are not essential.

DNA Interest Group

The first meeting of the DNA group for 2016 will be on Sunday 17th January commencing at 10am and talk at 10.30am

The topic is "I've Tested my DNA. Now What?"

All welcome, gold coin donation.

Legacy Family Tree Users' Group

Time for New Year resolutions. What are you going to do to clean up your Legacy file, perhaps you need to do file maintenance or check your locations list. Join us to learn more about Legacy Family Tree software. Bring along your laptop so we can help you.

For Family Tree Maker users we will have a video from Legacy Family Tree on how to transfer your files to Legacy.

Join us on 10 January 2016 to learn more about Legacy Family Tree software.



German Interest Group

The first meeting of 2016 will be on Sunday 31 January at 10:15am.

We are starting the year off with a talk by Eric Koppitke who will be giving a presentation on reading the old script followed by an exercise in deciphering some records?

It will be followed by one of our lovely morning teas. We are exceptional at that, and you have a chance to sit around the table and have a chat with our guest. So come along and enjoy our special hospitality. All welcome whether a member or not.

Scandinavian Group

At our next meeting on the 17th January we hope to have a guest speaker talking about Norwegian settlement in Australia.

All members are welcome.
Hilsen (regards) Steinar.

Writing Group

The Writing Group will not meet again until 21 February 2016. Meeting dates will be circulated once these are finalised.

Please email Convenor, Pauline Williams, on pstirland@hotmail.com if you would like to be kept informed of the Group's activities.

Military Interest Group

The first meeting of the Military Interest Group will be on Saturday 23 January commencing at 10am at the new GSQ Research Centre at Wishart.

The discussion topic will be the Light Horse. Everyone with an interest in the Light Horse or military history generally is welcome.

In particular, new attendees are very welcome. Light refreshments will be available.

