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

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From the President

This past month has been a bit topsy-turvy, or so it seems to me, with a few ups and downs along the way that niggle away at the enjoyment that doing family history should be giving us. Maybe that is because, from my perspective as the President, being able to do your own family history whenever you feel like it doesn't seem to be part of the job description.

I finally did get to do some family history that interests me – though not directly my own – one weekend in mid-June. There I was searching happily through some Mexican records on Family Search. This is what I wanted to do. Then I found a potential death record in 1907 for someone who had only arrived there 6 years earlier in their mid-30's. Bummer! I was hoping that they may have returned to Australia, now that seems not to be likely. Still, I have to fully prove this event, as the names quoted are a bit different, but the reality is that it is not looking good. This put a damper on my whole research session, but it proves the adage that you should always come back to look at various sites to see what new records might be available from the last time you had looked. Because the record I found was not there the last time I looked a few months ago.

So I ordered the LDS film that the transcript was taken from – and found that the LDS still thinks that GSQ is located at East Brisbane! Even though we have sent them numerous emails and have had several telephone conversations with them since we moved, they still think, as at late June 2016, that East Brisbane is home for GSQ. It just goes to show that when you are dealing with a monumental bureaucracy like the LDS, it takes monumental patience and persistence to change the smallest detail. Double bummer! GSQ was hoping to cancel the mail forwarding from Woolloongabba Post Office soon, but it looks as though it is going to be in place for a while longer. The LDS is not the only culprit either. Many of the societies that GSQ exchanges journals with are also a problem in regard to informing them of our new address. We get a journal, we tell them our new address, and the next quarter we get the same journal sent to the same old address! Frustrating. But I should not really complain about other volunteer run societies, because, if I hold up a mirror to GSQ, I see another volunteer run society looking back at me.

On other matters entirely, GSQ interest group Convict Connections celebrated their 21st birthday in mid-June. Congratulations to them. There was a party, presentation – and cake! Everyone had a good time, and I was there as representative of GSQ. A week earlier I attended the final meeting of the Bayside Branch of GSQ. Due to falling and aging membership, and not having been able to secure a dedicated meeting space anywhere within their locality, the remaining members took the hard decision to wind up the branch. Mind you, there was morning tea, and cake and everyone had an enjoyable meeting, even though it was a (sad) historic event. So again, good times balanced by sad times.

Another personal event for myself and Marg involves DNA testing. We recently took the plunge and tested my mother (88), my paternal uncle (90) and Marg's paternal aunt (96). Of the three tests, we have had full success with only my mum's kit. We now know that she has some second and third cousins in the US that we knew nothing about and now need to track further. My uncle's kit failed to produce any testable DNA, so they sent a replacement – which is now lost in the mail. A second replacement has been sent. But he is 90, so the clock is ticking. Sadly, Marg's aunt passed away this week, just a fortnight after the test was done. If there is a problem with her test, such as for my uncle's kit, then we have no comeback now. The moral being – test your older relatives as early as you can! That's enough of me for this month.

Geoff Doherty – president@gsq.org.au



Convict Connections Group

In June the Group celebrated its 21st year. I hope everyone enjoyed the day. A big thanks to all who joined us at the celebration.

Jennifer Harrison provided a 'trip trip down memory lane' with the early days and activities of the Group under the enthusiastic and energetic chairmanship of the late Jennifer Chandler.

Of course, other long time members, both past and present were remembered. Not of course forgetting those who unfortunately had other commitments on the day.

Our other long time convenor, Val Blomer, stepped up and gave a presentation titled *Moreton Bay – Penal Settlement to Brisbane Town*. As usual with Val's presentations, it was interesting, informative and most enjoyable.

There were displays of the original minutes, pictures from then and now, and of course all the merchandise that the Group uses to generate funds, including numerous booklets which Val has spent much time compiling.

In all a worthy tribute to a Special Interest Group of GSQ.

My thanks also, to those who helped with food, set-up and other duties during the afternoon. Your help was most appreciated.

The next meeting is on Sunday 14, August, 2016. Everyone is welcome to come. The doors of the resource centre are open 9:00am – 3:00pm.

The formal part of the day, the meeting, is held at 11:00am

Look forward to seeing YOU there.

Lyn Caldwell
Hon.Sec

Redlands

The Redland Branch's Annual General Meeting is planned for Wednesday, 13 July, commencing at 12.15pm in the Donald Simpson Centre, Cleveland.

The AGM will be followed by the July monthly meeting. No Guest Speaker has been engaged for this meeting. \$2.00 admission with Lucky Door prize. All welcome.

The Society, in conjunction with U3A, is organising Genealogy Classes commencing Wednesday 13 July 9.00am – 11.00am in the Redland RSL Community Centre, for further information see the Did You Know? section of eNews.

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 27th July 2016.

Monday Morning Natters

July Natters is on Monday July 4 10am -12 noon. Do you sometimes find you are doing your research twice because you haven't recorded your results of your searches? If so, come along to learn about using a research log

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

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 1st July at 9.00 am. The Guest Speaker will be Lyn Caldwell who will speak on Convict Research.

Visitors are welcome.

Southern Suburbs

Southern Suburbs Branch's July meeting will be held on Monday 18th followed by our guest speaker Helen Smith, who will be speaking on 'Using DNA to unlock Genealogical Puzzles.'

The meeting commences at 7.30pm at the Upper Mt. Gravatt Scout Den, down Carson Lane which runs off Logan Road between the UpperMt. Gravatt State School and the Progress Hall, Upper Mt. Gravatt.

For further information please email southernsuburbs@optusnet.com.au or contact Noele Alexander on Phone 3208 2518. Visitors are very welcome.



GSQ in your local BCC library - Free But Booking Required

Library	Course	Date	Time	Contact
Grange	Immigration	Saturday 9 July	10:00am - 12 noon	07 3407 2523
Wynnum	Exploring FindMyPast	Monday 11 July	1:30pm - 3:00pm	07 3403 2199



Win a DNA Family Finder Kit at GSQ. GSQ's new ongoing \$2 raffle has a limit of 80 tickets and will be drawn at the DNA Group meeting on 17 July. Tickets available at GSQ.

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



The editors of *Generation* are looking for stories for the September issue of *Generation*. The theme is: **Tell us about your favourite ancestor and why you chose him/her.** We need the story by Monday 1 August. The story, with photos if you have them, may be emailed to editor@gsq.org.au



The University of Strathclyde (Glasgow) has a **FREE** online course entitled *Genealogy: Researching Your Family Tree*. This is a 6 week course commencing on the 18th July.

Previous courses have received positive feedback from fellow family historians. You can find out more and enrol [HERE](#).

Welcome to Queensland Places This is a website containing all the places in Queensland, including cities, suburbs, towns and villages, that have now or once had a population over 500. You can find out more [HERE](#)

So, you're adopted and you want to create a family tree. You're probably wondering whether you should research your adoptive family, or your birth family. While some researchers think that family history and genealogy searches should be restricted to genetic ties only, adoptees know that bonds and love shared between adoptive parents and their children are equally important. Click [HERE](#) to read more.

What's in a name? The challenges we face with family or pet nicknames. Names are important in genealogy research. But names can be confusing and can add challenges for the genealogist. Click [HERE](#) to find out more.

10 Tips for planning a trip to the archives.

Preparing for your first visit to an archive or record centre can be a daunting experience. But if you want to minimise frustrations and maximise research results, preparation is paramount. And this applies even to experienced archive researchers—different repositories have different systems, opening times alter, and digitisation of records can affect access to original documents. Click [HERE](#) to read

Redland Genealogical Society's next 10 week genealogy course begins Wednesday 13th July from 9.00 to 11.00 am at the Cleveland RSL Community Centre. See <http://www.rgs.net.au/> for details.



English/Irish Group

The English/Irish Group will meet again at the beginning of August.

At the next meeting we will continue investigating how to do research in a couple of different counties, as we have been doing at recent meetings.

All members of GSQ are welcome to join us on the first Sunday in August (7th). Doors of GSQ open at 10a.m. with the meeting commencing at 10.30.

After the meeting the facilities of GSQ will be available for research until 2.30p.m.

We look forward to seeing you then.

Scottish Interest Group

The next meeting of the Scottish Interest Group will take place at GSQ on Sunday 3rd July 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.



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](#).

Family Tree Maker Users' Group

The FTM User Group will meet as usual at the GSQ Library on Sunday 10th July 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. Members will be brought up to date on the MacKiev.com changes and any updates. 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

Legacy Family Tree Group will be on Sunday, July 10 at 1pm. We will continue to explore how to customise the My toolbar tool to match your preferred style. In addition *"What should you do when a newly-discovered cousin shares with you a segment of your extended family tree of which you were previously unaware? Can you safely combine her legacy file with yours?"* Contact Bob by email at fortiter@live.com.au if you want to add a topic to the agenda.

Scandinavian Group

At our meeting on 17 July at 12:30 guest speaker historian Robert Ørsted Jensen will be talking about Scandinavians in Queensland from a Danish perspective.

Hope to see you there.
Regards, Steinar

German Interest Group

On 31st July we have Robin Kleinschmidt giving us a talk on the Lutheran Churches in Brisbane, with references to those beyond as necessary.

The talk will not start till 12.00 mid-day this time, but the centre will be open from 10.30am - 2.30pm, for those that want to do some research of their own, and time for a brief meeting prior to the talk.

Looking forward to seeing you all. Visitors welcome.

Writing Group

The next meeting of the Writing Group is on 21 August. Details of the program will be provided in the August e-News. For more information contact Pauline on pstirland@hotmail.com

Military Interest Group

The holdings of the Australian War Memorial and the National Archives of Australia and how to access and use them will be the topic for discussion on Saturday 23 July commencing at 10am.

There will be a short presentation on Coastal Defence in Australia during the Second World War.

Morning tea will be provided. Everyone welcome.

DNA Interest Group

The DNA SIG has now been active for one year. With the increasing numbers of people testing, especially in the UK it is an exciting time for genealogists.

Our next meeting is on the 17th July at 9.30 where we will continue our discussion on 3rd party Tools to analyse DNA data. All welcome.

