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

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From the President

Hello Everyone,

This month's effort is going to be a bit of a mish-mash. This is because Marg and I are on a 7-day cruise that started in Sydney and which ends there on 31 October. Knowing we would be on this cruise when copy for this column would be due, I had started writing it well before we left home. It was more than half finished and I thought I would only have to do a bit of tidying up while enjoying the cruise to Melbourne and Hobart and back to Sydney and would be able to submit it easily by deadline time. That was until I realised that the half-finished document was on my other laptop – at home! Bother!

However, my little problem does have a silver lining, of sorts. It gives me the perfect opportunity to remind you all that you should all be practicing either a backup policy for your important family history data files and documents, or at least storing copies in a cloud repository and syncing them with the copies on your desktop and/or laptop. I have these solutions in place – but do I make use of them rigorously? No. Therein lies my problem. If I had saved my original copy to my free Microsoft One Drive account, which is a cloud storage solution that uses someone else's servers elsewhere in the world to store my stuff, I would have had access to it on the laptop I am using now by simply logging into that account, whenever my mobile phone had signal access and I could use its internet hot-spot function.

Technology, in all its various forms, can be a wonderful tool – but we must be rigorous in using it. Always back up data and documents, and always to at least two different locations, one of which should be in the cloud, which would give you access to it from almost anywhere. If only I had practiced what I preach now. I do this for our 5000+ book collection as a matter of course – yes, books are as much an obsession for us as is family history. So why don't I do this for other, just as important data and documents? I don't know really, and can't give a good answer. Perhaps it was the "It can't happen to me" syndrome. Well, it can and it did! So, please don't do what I didn't do.

Whatever solution you choose need not cost you anything – other than the time it takes to set up and the commitment involved in carrying it out. If you avoid just one little problem like my current difficulty with this document's predecessor, you have reaped your reward. You are going to do it, aren't you??

Speaking of technology, the GSQ website has two current issues of its own, one of which is ongoing and one that is fixed.

The ongoing issue is the GSQ online shop. It is not working correctly as far as payment acceptance details go – the most important part, of course - and the reason for this is currently being looked into. The current work around for this is that if you look at the shop and find something of interest, phone GSQ on 3349 6072 and order and pay that way. GSQ hopes to have this problem fixed shortly.

The fixed issue is to do with access to MyGSQ. If you are having any problems logging into MyGSQ on the GSQ website, please contact me via email at president@gsq.org.au and I will rectify it for you.

That's all for this month, and I will save the mostly written piece on my other laptop for next month, perhaps.

Geoff Doherty



GSQ Management Committee 2016—17

GSQ has a new Management Committee following the October AGM. Members of the 2016—17 Management Committee are as follows:

- President Geoff Doherty
- Vice-president Margaret Coleman
- Treasurer Hugh Smith
- Secretary Claire Rodwell
- Ordinary Members:
 - Lorri Digney
 - Marg Doherty
 - Joyce Matheson
 - Lorraine McMahon
 - Sharyn Merkley
 - Cathie Sherwood
 - Janice Wellard

We wish all members of the Management Committee well and hope that they enjoy their time of the committee.

DNA Interest Group

The next DNA SIG meeting will be held on the 20th November (3rd Sunday) at 9.30am. Since our beginning in May 2015 we have covered a range of DNA topics and this meeting will be showing some examples of how DNA testing has solved problems for our members and also looking at ways of organising all those results. This will be our last meeting for the year. Everybody is welcome.

In 2017 as well as the regular Sunday SIG meetings I am looking at holding some extra classes working through the new "Genetic Genealogy in Practice" workbook by Blaine Bettinger and Debbie Parker Wayne. It will be a requirement that you have a copy of the book. Please let me know if you are interested in attending.

Redlands

The next meeting of the Redland Genealogical Society will be held on Wednesday, 9 November at the Donald Simpson Centre, Bloomfield Street, Cleveland, commencing at 12.15pm.

Guest Speaker at this meeting is to be Greg Cope from the National Archives of Australia's Brisbane office with a presentation titled "*Remembrance Day: What Does it Signify*".

Visitors welcome. \$2.00 admission with Lucky Door prize.

Twenty members from the Society spent an enjoyable morning at the Victoria Barracks on 26 October, enjoying a guided tour of the Barracks and a delicious silver service Devonshire Tea. This tour is to be recommended."

Monday Morning Natters

What is DNA testing all about? There will be a short talk on DNA testing. Then our usual chat over morning tea. Gold coin donation for morning tea please.

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.

There will be no meeting on Friday 4th November as our members are going to visit the library at GSQ.

Visitors are welcome at our meetings.

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 23rd November 2016.



The GSQ Management Committee is keen to establish a Fund-raising committee. If you have any past experience in this area, or would just like to be involved, please email GSQ on info@gsq.org.au

GSQ in your local BCC library - Free But Booking Required

Library	Course	Date	Time	Contact
Kenmore	Exploring Ancestry.com	Thursday 2 November 2016	6pm-8pm	07 3407 0258
Fairfield	Exploring Ancestry.com	Saturday, 26 November 2016	10:30am-12:30pm	07 3403 8615

EVENTS



There are no more education events planned for 2016 but do not despair as there is an exciting and informative program in the final stages of planning for 2017.

Writing Group

The Writing Group has held its last meeting for 2016 and will meet again in early February 2017. Dates for the 2017 Special Interest Group Meetings will be published in December.

10 tips for Wills, Intestacies & Probate from Judy Webster

Probate records, wills, intestacies, administrations and related documents are vitally important for family history. They provide clues for further research, and they 'put flesh on the bones' as we research our ancestors. They often have relationship details that prove whether we are researching the correct person or someone else with the same name. Read more [HERE](#).

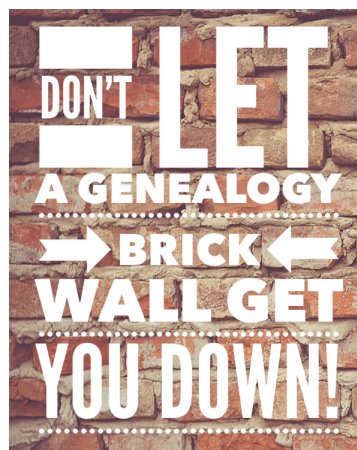


The editors of *Generation* are looking for stories for the December issue of *Generation*. The theme is: **where did my family or ancestors travel to for their holidays; how did they travel there, and what did they do whilst on holiday?** We need the story by Sunday 13 November. The story, with photos if you have them, may be emailed to editor@gsq.org.au



How to Find Your Ancestor by Researching Other People

Most of us don't have unlimited time to spend researching our ancestors. It's natural to want to spend our research time focused on our ancestors. But when we aren't finding the answers we're looking for, it can be well worth our time to start researching other people — people who may not even be related to us. Read more [HERE](#).



10 Ways to Jumpstart Your Genealogy When it Stalls

That's when you need to jumpstart your genealogy research. You need fresh ideas, fresh eyes and you need to be rejuvenated.

[HERE](#) are 10 Ways to Jumpstart Your Genealogy:

Tell Us Where You Got the Information

It looks like it is time to get going about genealogical sources again. Here is my definition of a genealogical source. The place or person from whence the information was obtained. Read more [HERE](#)



English/Irish Group

The English/Irish group will meet for the last time in 2016 on Sunday 4th December. The focus of this meeting will be on Irish records with Helen presenting on what she learnt from her recent trip to Ireland. This will be a great follow up to GSQ's recent very successful seminar on Ireland.

The doors of GSQ will be open from 10 o'clock until 2.30p.m., with the meeting starting at 10.30a.m. Attendees are welcome to stay after the meeting for individual research. Group members are happy to help others with their research. Bring along a small plate to share for morning tea.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Scottish Interest Group

The next meeting of the Scottish Interest Group will take place at GSQ on Sunday 6th November when the library will open at 0930 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 catch upon the changes to the scotlandspople website. On completion of the meeting the library will remain 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 group will be on Sunday 11th December. This will be our Christmas meeting so bring along some seasonal food to share.

The doors will be open at 9:30 am with the meeting at 11:00 am.

All GSQ members are welcome.

Family Tree Maker Users' Group

The FTM User Group will meet on Sunday 13 November at 10.30 am until 12.30 pm, although the library will be open from 0900. 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

On the afternoon of Sunday 13 November, the Legacy Users Group will share their experiences of crafting evidence citations for each claim within their Family File. There are (almost) as many techniques for this as there are users of the software, so come along and refine your method while assisting others with the things you do really well. We all benefit when expertise is shared.

More details will be sent to those on the mailing list in a direct email. If you are not yet part of the group, a message to fortiter@live.com.au will get you on that list.

German Interest Group

Our last meeting for the year will be on Sunday 27th Nov. We will be having Stella Brosing giving us a talk on the German Christmas and traditions and food etc. She will also be bringing along some German Recipes.

We are all asked to bring a little plate of food - if possible German (ALDI) have lots to choose from if you are stuck for ideas, but any favourite of your own will be great as well. Doors open at 10am and we finish at 2.15pm. Looking forward to a lovely end to the year. All welcome.

I finish on a sad note to say that our lovely Jean Erskine 92 (and Mascot) from our group passed away on Sat. 22nd Oct. We will miss her dearly."

Scandinavian Group

The Scandinavian group will be celebrating the last meeting of the year with Scandinavian food at a Scandinavian Café in West End on Sunday 20 November at 12:30. If you would like to join us, please contact Steinar on 0421 383 171. One or two of our guest speakers may also attend the lunch.

Military Interest Group

The final meeting of the Military Interest Group is Saturday 26 November commencing at 10am.

The discussion will be around Australian military terminology including a discussion on what is meant by battalions and regiment etc. Les McFadzen will be the presenter.

We hope to see you there as all GSQ members are welcome. The doors will open at 9.30am and morning tea will be provided.

Please come along.

