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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

Hi everyone

I hope you all had an exciting National Family History Month in August and you did some family history and / or attended an event. It was very busy at GSQ and September finds us busy again with some exciting news.

The eNews from this month is being prepared by Carole Williamson and Helen Connor. A big thank you to Judy Lofthouse who has decided that she has managed the eNews for long enough. I know that Helen and Carole are going to develop a new look eNews so stay tuned.

As we enter September it is only three months until GSQ's current lease expires on 1 December this year and the Management Committee has been looking at other sites for many months. While we have an option of a further five years, the Management Committee believes that the current Fisher Street address has significant disadvantages in being located in the Gabba Parking Precinct which is a problem for many members, particularly on football or cricket days. There is also a lot of noise from the dance studio above and the ongoing water problem, either with flooding or water seepage during heavy rain.

For the above reasons, the Management Committee has made an offer on a lease at premises on the corner of Stackpole Street and Mt Gravatt-Capalaba Road, Wishart. While we are still in negotiations we hope to provide you with further news soon.

The winner of the Joan Reese Memorial Short Story Competition 2015 was announced at the mini seminar on technology and the prize presented by our Patron, Dr Jennifer Harrison. The winner was Lyn Irvine who is a member of the Writing Group at GSQ. Congratulations to Lyn and all the entrants in this year's competition. The entries were of a very high standard. Thanks also to Pauline Williams, Writing Group Coordinator and to Stephanie Ryan from the State Library of Queensland who were my fellow judges.

The education session at GSQ this month is Trades and Professions in the Archives with Joanne Seccombe from the Queensland State Archives. This is on 19 September at GSQ. The presentation will discuss occupational records at the archives which include nursing, teaching, railway and pharmacy records so I hope to see you there.

If you are a new member of GSQ, the next New Members' Meeting is on Saturday 5 September at 38 Fisher Street, East Brisbane commencing at 10am. If you are new to GSQ please come along.

Finally, a quick reminder that the AGM will be on Saturday 10 October at 10am. Please come along and see what is happening at GSQ. If you are interested in nominating for the management committee details will be included in September's Generation.

That is all for now.

Happy researching

Marg Doherty, President
president@gsq.org.au



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2015

The 2015 Annual General Meeting of the Genealogical Society of Queensland Inc will be held at 38 Fisher street, East Brisbane on saturday 10 October commencing at 10:00 am sharp.

Nominations for positions on the Management Committee close on Friday 25 September at 5:00 pm.

Nomination forms may be obtained at the Resource Centre from Thursday 3 September or may be downloaded from the web.

You are required to be a financial member to nominate for the Management Committee or vote at the Annual General Meeting.

If you would like further information about the Annual General Meeting, nominating for the Management Committee or other details please contact the Secretary, Helen Connor, via email at secretary@gsq.org.au or the President, Marg Doherty, via email at president@gsq.org.au.

Remember GSQ is your Society, please consider joining the Management Committee in 2015.

Can You Help?

Help is needed to translate/read some letters. Do you understand Russian or Ukranian? If you can help or know someone who can please contact GSQ via email at secretary@gsq.org.au

Gabba Event Days

Remember that parking around GSQ in non-signed areas is 15 minutes. Public transport is the best option. From the city catch buses 184, 185, 210 or 212 and alight at the Rosslyn Street stop 11/15 and walk down Fisher Street. See <http://translink.com.au/> The next Gabba Event is on Saturday 5 September.

Redlands

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

The Guest Speaker at this meeting will be Greg Cope, representing the National Archives of Australia. Greg's presentation is titled "Serving Country - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Diggers".

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

Southern Suburbs

Southern Suburbs Branch's September meeting will be held on Monday 21st followed by our guest speaker Helen Smith, who will be speaking on '*Digitising and organising your family history*'.

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

For further details contact Noele Alexander on Phone No. 3208 2518.

Visitors are always welcome.

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.

The next meeting of the Branch will be on Friday 4th September and the Guest Speaker will be Judy Lofthouse. Visitors are welcome.

Bayside

The Bayside Branch will hold their next meeting at the home of Noel & Dawn Logue on Friday 11 September at 10am. For further details please phone Elma on 3893 1841

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.

No meeting in December.

NEW UNRELATED CERTIFICATES

Do you know that GSQ has a collection of donated unrelated certificates? These are certificates that GSQ members have obtained and find that they are of no use to them. So in a spirit of generosity they have donated them to GSQ. Elma tells me that 120 new certificates were added just last week so next time you are in at GSQ, have a look, you may be lucky and find a family member.

GSQ in your local BCC library - Booking Required

Date, time & Presentation

Sat 5 Sept 10:00 -12:00pm
Exploring Ancestry.com

Fri 23 Oct 10:00-12:00pm
Exploring FindMyPast

Library

The Grange
- 07 3407 2523

Mt Gravatt
- 07 3403 7775

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 8423, Woolloongabba, Q 4102 or call in at Fisher Street. Email info@gsq.org.au or phone 3891 5085 for further information.

Saturday 19 September • 9.30am - 11.45am

Trades and Professions in the Archives

- Joanne Seccombe, Qld State Archives (QSA)

The QSA has a range of records relating to occupations including nursing, teaching, pharmacy, railway employees and more. These records can add an extra dimension to your family tree. Come along and hear more about what trade and professional records are available..

Cost: \$12 for GSQ members and \$17 for non-members

Venue: GSQ, 38 Fisher St, East Brisbane. **Bookings are essential.**

Saturday 17 October • 9.30am - 11.45am

My Ancestors in the Honourable East India Company

- Dr Leonie Ryder

This presentation will provide a general introduction to the Honourable East India Company (HEIC). Using a case history it will explore the roles and areas in which ancestors served. The case study will examine two generations of a family serving in the HEIC: including chaplains in India and Burma and ancestors in the home office. This will be a useful presentation to those with ancestors in the HEIC or those interested in the HEIC as it was an important part of the British empire.

Cost: \$12 for GSQ members and \$17 for non-members

Venue: GSQ, 38 Fisher St, East Brisbane. **Bookings are**

Sunday 25 October • 9.00am - 12.30pm

Introduction to Family History

with Janice Wellard (GSQ)

GSQ's flagship course—Introduction to Family History—is a half day course that provides participants with the foundations for undertaking their own research into their family history. Topics to be covered include:

- Introduction to genealogy/family history/GSQ;
- Civil registration (births, marriages and deaths);
- Census records;
- Parish registers;
- Immigration;
- Help and guidance.

Participants need to bring their own lunch and a notebook and pencil as the library will remain open from 1:00pm – 3:00pm for you to do some of your own research with help from Janice.

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

Venue: GSQ, 38 Fisher St, East Brisbane.

Bookings are essential.



Queensland State Conference 3 - 4 October 2015

Riverglenn, 70 Kate St, Indooroopilly, Brisbane.

Co-organised by History Queensland Inc, Genealogical Society of Queensland Inc and Queensland Family History Society Inc.

For local historians; for family historians.

Come to hear prominent speakers drawing connections between family and local history

Affordable accommodation is available at Riverglenn, the site for our conference. However, they will only hold a block booking of a minimum 15 rooms for 'In Time and Place' registrants.

Therefore we are seeking expressions of interest from anyone who is thinking of attending the Conference and considering convenient and affordable accommodation. The extent of interest will determine whether we can make a block booking.

Accommodation options at Riverglenn

**Bed and continental breakfast –
single beds at \$65 per person**

**Bed and continental breakfast –
double bed at \$95 per person (limited number)**

*Your expression of interest will not be
considered as a firm booking.*

If you are interested in this accommodation option for the Conference weekend of 3/4 October 2015, make contact through conference@historyqueensland.org.au or through History Queensland at PO Box 399, Mt Gravatt, Qld 4122



English/Irish Group

The next meeting of the English/Irish group will be held on the first Sunday in October, October 4th.

GSQ will be open from 9.30 a.m. until 2.30 p.m. on that day for research for those attending the English/Irish group meeting.

At the next meeting, members of the group will share their knowledge of two Irish Counties, and the resources that can be used to trace ancestors from the counties of Monahan and Offaly, which is also known as King's County. The meeting itself will start at 10.30 a.m.

All members of GSQ are welcome to come along and join our interesting discussions, and further their research.

Bring along your lunch and make a day of it. We hope to see you there!

Legacy Family Tree Users' Group

Next meeting will be Sunday September 13 from 1pm to 2:30pm.

Bring along your laptops so we can help you with your problems.

Don't forget to watch the webinars that Legacy provides. Checkout <http://www.legacyfamilytree.com/webinars.asp#archives>

If you are having any family tree program problems before the next meeting please email GSQ and we will try to answer your questions.

Writing Group

The Writing Group will hold its final meeting for 2015 on 18 October. More details to be provided in October eNews.

Contact Convenor, Pauline, on pstirland@hotmail.com for further information

Monday Morning Natters

Come to enjoy a cuppa and learn about projects that GSQ is working on. Gold coin donation for morning tea appreciated. Hope to see you on Monday 7 September at 10am. when the topic will be **Electoral Rolls, P O Directories, Sands Directories and Gazetteers.**

Scottish Interest Group

The next meeting of the Scottish Interest Group will take place at GSQ, on Sunday 6 September 2015, at 10.00. Our normal meeting will include a help session for those with research problems. A computer & projector will be available to look at the Scotlandspeople web site.

On completion of the meeting the library will be open for research. If possible advise the Secretary or President in advance of any research problems you have as it will assist in setting the agenda. Visitors are welcome.

German Interest Group

Eric Kopittke will be our speaker at our next meeting on Sunday 27 Sept. at 10.30am at GSQ. He will be talking on "Baptisms, Marriages and Burials" in Church Records, which should take about an hour. His talk coincides with his latest book published on this subject, so the information is certainly up to date as usual.

We will have our usual yummy morning tea and share a chat with Eric and Rosemary afterwards. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Convict Connections Group

Come along to our next meeting on Sunday 11 October, 2015 at 10:00am.

This gives plenty of time for your own research and to get help with any problems you may be having regarding convict or early colonial history.

Remember that we also have a small lending library available to members of the Group to borrow. Take it home and read it at leisure. All GSQ members are welcome.

Family Tree Maker Users' Group

The FTM User's Group will meet as usual at the GSQ Library on Sunday 13 September from 10.30am until midday. This group is a networking group that can help beginners and assist more experienced members 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 Version. Those with the Mac version are also welcome.

Advance notice to the convenor on mcfadzen@bigpond.net.au of your problem(s) will assist in setting the Agenda. Visitors to GSQ and those members contemplating purchasing a family history programme, are welcome to attend our meeting.

DNA Interest Group

Don't forget the next meeting will be Saturday 24 October. Doors open 10am and the meeting starts at 10.30am finishing around 1pm.

Scandinavian Group

The next meeting for the Scandinavian Group will be Sunday 20 September 12:30pm to 2:30 pm. We hope to have Pia Blak as the guest speaker, talking about the history of The Scandinavian Association Heimdal, which started in Brisbane in 1874, and is now called The Danish Association Heimdal.

Military Interest Group

The next meeting of the Military Interest Group will be on Saturday 26 September with the doors opening at 10am. At this meeting, Chris Edes will discuss his experiences in both the Royal Navy and the Royal Australian Navy. A discussion will follow. Everyone is welcome so come along even if you haven't been previously.

