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## OPEN

Monday • Closed

Tuesday • 10am - 3pm

Wednesday • 10am - 3pm

Thursday • 10am - 3pm

Friday • 10am - 3pm

Saturday • 12noon - 4pm

2nd & 4th Wednesdays of  
the month • 6pm-9pm.

Hi everyone

I picked up a copy of Kate Grenville's book *Searching for the Secret River* at the library the other day. It is Kate's story of researching her family history which eventually led to her well-known book *The Secret River*. She was in London and began looking in the National Archives at Kew, the Guildhall and the Society of Genealogists and she writes about being overwhelmed with what she had to do, and how to do it. If you are a new member to GSQ, and unsure where to start like Kate was, or how best to use your membership, GSQ is having a New Members' Morning on Saturday 5 April at the research centre at 38 Fisher St commencing at 10.30am. At this meeting we will be highlighting some of our holdings, both electronic and paper, answering new members' queries and having some light refreshments. So if you have joined this year, we hope to see you on the 5 April at the session. Please email us [secretary@gsq.org.au](mailto:secretary@gsq.org.au) if you are attending.

Also new at GSQ is a subscription to The National Archives at Kew. There are two benefits to this site. The first is you can log in from home through MyGSQ and search online. With GSQ having subscribed you can then download any documents for free. Using MyGSQ site won't be charged the usual £3.36. I hope members find this service useful. We would love to know your views.

GSQ will be closed on Saturday 12 April to install the new microfiche cabinets which we obtained through the Gambling Community Benefit Fund. We will be replacing the old wooden drawers and cabinets. Hopefully this will give a more modern look to the research centre. We are incrementally updating the rooms as additional funds become available.

Our education events for April start with Lisa Jones, Curator of the Queensland Police Museum who will present *150 years of Policing in Queensland*. This is a must for those of you with a police ancestor. This session is on Wednesday night 2 April at 7pm. Later in April Helen Smith will present *Using Timelines in Your Research* on Saturday 26 April at 9.30am. Again this will be a great session as Helen will take the audience through using the essential research tool of timeline. Finally, don't forget the Annual Seminar, *Hidden Treasures: Secrets from the Records* on Sunday 25 May. Book early to hear the great speakers.

That's all for this month. Please contact me at [president@gsq.org.au](mailto:president@gsq.org.au) as I love to hear from our members.

Happy researching and have a Happy Easter. Please note that GSQ will not be open over Easter.

**Marg Doherty, President**  
[president@gsq.org.au](mailto:president@gsq.org.au)

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## From Your Management Committee

The Remote Film Viewing is now ready to go. I will be putting instructions on the MyGSQ section of the website over the weekend. With this service, the only such service for Genealogical Societies in Australia by the way, members will be able to book a two hour period to view a microfilm from home. Films available are GSQ's microfilm holdings and any LDS film you may have ordered. This is in response to your requests for more off-site access to record sets. The viewing time will need to be when the library is open, check MyGSQ for further details. Another great initiative is that the indexes to funeral directors and cemeteries that GSQ has provided to FindMyPast will be soon added to MyGSQ. One of our "tech" experts is working on a database and search form at the moment and this should be available in the near future. There are over 279,000 records in this database.

Take care

Helen Connor  
Hon. Secretary

## Monday Morning Natters

April Meeting on Monday April 7, 2014 at 10:00am.

Topic will be 'Gadgets - Scanners and voice recorders' and will be hands on, so bring along a photo to scan and a USB if you would like to take the image home.



## Branch News

### Redlands

The next meeting of the Redland Genealogical Society will be held at the Donald Simpson Centre, Bloomfield Street, Cleveland, on Wednesday 9 April at 12.15pm. Guest Speaker will be Col Sutcliffe with the very topical subject of "Locating War Graves on the Western Front". Visitors very welcome to attend. \$2.00 admission.

An interesting afternoon was spent recently with Dr Christina Henri, founder of "Roses from the Heart" - through this project people are invited to make a cloth bonnet in memory of the life of one of the 25,566 convict women sentenced to transportation to Australia between 1788 and 1853. If interested in the project you could email Christina on [cjhenri@gmail.com](mailto:cjhenri@gmail.com) or connect with her online through Facebook: [www.facebook.com/ChristinaHenriRosesfromtheHeart](http://www.facebook.com/ChristinaHenriRosesfromtheHeart) or Blog: <http://rosesfromtheheart.tumblr.com/>

### Southern Suburbs

Southern Suburbs Branch's April meeting will be held on Monday 21 followed by our guest speaker Brian Rough whose topic will be 'Colonial Defence Forces'. 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 information please email [southernsuburbs@optusnet.com.au](mailto:southernsuburbs@optusnet.com.au) or contact Robyn Simpson on Phone No. 3349 5095. Visitors are always very 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 the 4 April at 9.00 am.

Visitors are welcome.

### Bayside

The next meeting for the Bayside Branch of GSQ is on 11 April at the home of Alice and Dave Rogers. All welcome please phone 3893 1841 for any further details.

### 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.

**The Inside History Magazine is available for purchase at GSQ!**





## Net Nibbles

### 1. From Chris Paton at BritishGENES (Genealogy News and Events) [http:// britishgenes.blogspot.com](http://britishgenes.blogspot.com)

<http://britishgenes.blogspot.com.au/2014/03/kent-messenger-1852-1912-free-access.html>  
<http://britishgenes.blogspot.com.au/2014/03/ancestry-releases-three-19th-century.html> (*Argentina*)  
<http://britishgenes.blogspot.com.au/2014/03/new-cornwall-and-kent-records-added-to.html>  
<http://britishgenes.blogspot.com.au/2014/03/smrg-outpost-newsletter-available.html> (*Scottish Military History Group-SMRG*)  
<http://britishgenes.blogspot.com.au/2014/03/irish-lives-remembered-free-march-2014.html>  
<http://britishgenes.blogspot.com.au/2014/03/1864-dromore-presbyterian-church-census.html>  
<http://britishgenes.blogspot.com.au/2014/03/co-clare-baptism-records-added-to.html>  
<http://britishgenes.blogspot.com.au/2014/03/os-six-inch-maps-for-england-and-wales.html>  
<http://britishgenes.blogspot.com.au/2014/03/scotlandsplaces-new-records-update.html>  
<http://britishgenes.blogspot.com.au/2014/03/proni-guide-to-northern-irish-school.html>  
<http://britishgenes.blogspot.com.au/2014/03/familysearchs-irish-page.html>  
<http://britishgenes.blogspot.com.au/2014/03/fermanagh-herald-on-irish-newspaper.html>  
<http://britishgenes.blogspot.com.au/2014/03/gloucestershire-wills-on-ancestry.html>

### 2. From Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter

The following articles are from Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter and is copyright by Richard W. Eastman. It is re-published here with the permission of the author. Information about the newsletter is available at <http://www.eogn.com>

[http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans\\_online\\_genealogy/2014/03/you-can-download-83947-genealogy-books-free-of-charge.html](http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans_online_genealogy/2014/03/you-can-download-83947-genealogy-books-free-of-charge.html)  
[http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans\\_online\\_genealogy/2014/03/the-most-common-surnames-in-europe-by-country.html](http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans_online_genealogy/2014/03/the-most-common-surnames-in-europe-by-country.html)

### 3. Queensland Register of Births Deaths and Marriages

More digitised records available. Click on the link. <http://www.vision6.com.au/em/message/email/view?a=33521&id=1092090>

### 4. FamilySearch.org <https://familysearch.org/blog/en/>

<https://familysearch.org/blog/en/policy-change-patrons-requesting-photocopies-family-history-library-salt-lake-city-utah/>

### 5. The Genealogist.co.uk

For the latest news see [http://www.genealogysupplies.com/email\\_news.htm?&s=tg](http://www.genealogysupplies.com/email_news.htm?&s=tg)

### 6. From Jill Ball <http://geniaus.blogspot.com.au>

<http://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/learn/history/search-our-collections/sands-directory>  
<http://www.sandgatecemetery.org.au/index.php/search-our-virtual-records/undertake-a-search> (*Sandgate NSW*)

### 7. Ancestry.com

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E9iHc4r7-Vs&sf2145471=1> (Finding Irish Ancestors video)  
<http://blogs.ancestry.com/ancestry/2014/03/06/got-five-minutes-let-us-teach-you-something-new?sf2059780=1>  
<http://ancstry.me/1LDdeis> Helps with searching  
Join our expert Anne Gillespie Mitchell in a 5-minute Find featuring our new search sliders to help you narrow down your results!  
Learn more here: <http://ancstry.me/NbbEFA>



## Net Nibbles Continued

### 8. Other interesting blogs

<http://genealogysstar.blogspot.com.au/2014/03/my-top-ten-useful-programs-for.html>  
<http://genealogysstar.blogspot.com.au/2014/03/do-we-need-our-own-desktop-program-for.html>  
<http://genealogysstar.blogspot.com.au/2014/03/first-handwritten-transcribed-database.html>  
<http://genealogysstar.blogspot.com.au/2014/03/familysearch-records-begin-appearing.html>  
<http://genealogysstar.blogspot.com.au/2014/03/why-dont-genealogical-search-engines.html>  
<http://rejoiceandbeexceedingglad.blogspot.com.au/2014/03/the-familysearchorg-learning-center.html>  
<http://blog.mocavo.com/2014/03/new-mocavo-features-coming-soon>  
<http://www.sheffield.ac.uk/news/nr/british-australian-convicts-ahrc-award-1.310935>  
<http://diaryofanaustraliangenealogist.blogspot.com.au/2014/03/genealogy-notes-12-18-mar-2014.html>

## Events

**Bookings are essential for all GSQ education sessions and courses.**

You can book online at <http://www.gsq.org.au/index.php/events> Alternatively send a cheque to GSQ at PO Box 8423, Woolloongabba, Q 4102 or call in at Fisher Street. Email [gsq1@optusnet.com.au](mailto:gsq1@optusnet.com.au) or phone 3891 5085 for further information.

**Wednesday 2 April • 7.00pm - 9.00pm**

### 150 years of policing in Queensland - Lisa Jones, Curator, Qld Police Museum

Lisa will discuss the Queensland Police Service over the last 150 years and give you clues on researching your police ancestors

**Cost:** \$10 for GSQ members and \$15 for non-members **Venue:** GSQ, 38 Fisher St, East Brisbane **Bookings are essential.**

**Saturday 26 April • 9.30am - 11.45am**

### Using Timelines in Your Research - Helen Smith

Timelines are a fantastic research tool for family history to document what you know, what information you are missing and, also, what is occurring in the world which affects your ancestors' lives.

**Cost:** \$10 for GSQ members and \$15 for non-members **Venue:** GSQ, 38 Fisher St, East Brisbane **Bookings are essential.**

**Saturday 17 May • 9.30am - 11.45am**

### Migration: A chance for a better life - Pauline Williams

The UK has been a hub for migration with significant movements of population into, out of, and around the country. This session looks at some of the main population movements and where to look for records of your migrating ancestors.

**Cost:** \$10 for GSQ members and \$15 for non-members **Venue:** GSQ, 38 Fisher St, East Brisbane **Bookings are essential.**

## Annual Seminar

**Sunday 25 May 2014**

### Hidden Treasures – Secrets from Documents

with Dr Jennifer Harrison, Shauna Hicks, Jane Wassell (QSA), Helen Smith, Stephanie Ryan (SLQ)

Education records, World War One, Australian Joint Copying Project, Colonial Secretary's correspondence, convict pardons and Court of Petty Session records. Resources in digital and other mediums will be discussed.

Morning Session 9:00am - 12:10pm - Afternoon Session 1:00pm - 4:00pm

Queen Alexandra Community Centre, 347 Old Cleveland Road, Coorparoo 4151 (parking on-site)

Costs: Full Day (including morning tea, lunch & afternoon tea) \$50 members \$60 dollars non-members



## Queensland State Archives

**For What's on at the Archives check**  
<http://www.archives.qld.gov.au/Whatson/Pages/Seminars.aspx>

### Find your First World War soldier

• 4 November 2014 2 pm - 4 pm

Join us for a workshop which may help you locate records on the life of your First World War soldier. Bring your wireless device – laptop or tablet – to join in research exercises presented during the workshop.

Bookings essential as sessions hold a maximum of 15 attendees.

**Entry is free. Bookings essential due to limited places for a maximum of eight attendees.**

**To book, please call 07 3131 7777 or email [info@archives.qld.gov.au](mailto:info@archives.qld.gov.au)**

## GSQ in your local BCC library

**If you missed any of these at GSQ they are now being presented at your local library. Please make bookings on 3403 8888**

**Toowong:** Enhancing your family tree with Google, Tuesday 1 April, 10:30am-12:30pm

**Wynnum:** Finding Grandma, Monday 7 April, 1:30-3:30pm

**Bracken Ridge:** Australia & World War 1, Wednesday April 16, 10:30am -12:30pm

**Sandgate:** Exploring Find My Past UK, Ireland and Australia, Wednesday 16 April, 10:30am -12:30pm

**Everton Park:** Australia & World War 1, Tuesday 22 April, 11-1pm

## Caloundra Family History Research Inc

is conducting a Handwriting Seminar on Thursday 10th April 2014 from 10am to 3:30pm, at its research facility in Pierce Avenue, Little Mountain. The speakers, from Queensland State Archives, are Saadia Thomson-Dwyer, and Niles Elvery. Other topics include Getting Started and Working for Queensland: Professions, Trades & Jobs. Visitors are welcome, and the attendance fee of \$15.00pp includes morning and afternoon teas, as well as a light lunch. A map to the facility is on the group's website at [www.caloundrafamilyhistory.org.au](http://www.caloundrafamilyhistory.org.au)

Please register before 3rd April 2014 by phoning Roz on 07 5493 1197 or emailing to [caloundrafamilyres@y7mail.com](mailto:caloundrafamilyres@y7mail.com)

## WW1 PROJECT

Help is needed in researching the WW1 soldiers (and others) on many of the Honour Boards etc we have recorded. An electronic file is provided in which to collate the information.

Sometimes the difficulty is in identifying the individual but for basic information the online military records are the starting point.

If you can spare some time helping then please contact Lyn Caldwell, the WW1 GSQ project co-ordinator at [lyn.ww1@gmail.com](mailto:lyn.ww1@gmail.com)

## Willis Family Celebration

**5 & 6 July 2014, Parramatta, NSW**

Gathering, Dinner, Tall Ships Cruise for Descendants of Joseph Willis (arrived 1814) & Rosetta Willis (nee Murphy)

Family names include: Willis, Whalan, Cook, English, Neale, O'Neill, Tolhurst, Gillis, Worthington etc.

Further information: [www.williscelebration.com](http://www.williscelebration.com) or [willis1814@gmail.com](mailto:willis1814@gmail.com)



## Interest Groups

### English Irish Group

The English/Irish group meets on the first Sunday of even numbered months and our next meeting is on Sunday 6 April. At this meeting, one of our group will talk about the sources available for the county of Wiltshire in England and the County of Roscommon in Ireland. Doors open at 10.00am, and the meeting starts at 10.30. The library will be open until 2.30pm for research after the meeting. All are welcome to attend, so come along and share your challenges and successes exploring your English and Irish roots.

### Scandinavian Group

The next meeting of the Scandinavian Interest Group will be held on Sunday 11 May 2014 at 12:30pm.

### Writing Your Family History Group

The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday 27 April. This is later than usual, but is timed to avoid Easter. Doors open at 10am, with the meeting scheduled from 10.30am-12.30pm. Convenor, Pauline Williams, is overseas until early April and she will finalise details of the program on her return and contact members of the group. If you wish to be included on the mailing list, please email her at pstirland@hotmail.com

### Convict Connections Group

Next meeting will be on Sunday April 13, 2014. Resource centre open at 9:00am. Presentation topic : 'Absconders'  
Thanks to those who have offered their help and taken up roles in 2014.

### German Interest Group

The German Interest Group will meet on Sunday 25 May from 10am to 2.30pm.

### First World War/Military Interest Group

**NEW**

After a successful first meeting, the next meeting is on Saturday 3 May at 10am. Members are asked to bring their favourite WW1 or military book to discuss. If you don't want to bring a book, come anyway and see what other members bring along. You may find something new to read.

### Scottish Interest Group

Our next meeting will be at 10.00 am on Sunday 4 May, everyone welcome.

### Family Tree Maker Users' Group

The FTM Users Group meets at the GSQ Library on Sunday 18 May from 10.30am until midday. This is a networking group (not a class) that can help beginners and assist more experienced members overcome any FTM problems they may face.

### Legacy Family Tree Users' Group

Next meeting will be Sunday May 18, from 1pm to 2:30pm  
Let's talk about the new feature of shared events.  
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 then please email GSQ and we will try to answer your questions.

All Interest Groups meet at GSQ, 38 Fisher St, East Brisbane unless otherwise stated

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## APRIL Dates to Remember

<b>Wednesday 2</b> • 7.00pm to 9.00pm	<i>150 years of policing in Queensland</i> with Lisa Jones, Curator, Qld Police Museum - GSQ - \$10 (M); \$15 (NM)
<b>Friday 4</b> • 9.00am to 11.00am	North Brisbane Branch Meeting
<b>Saturday 5</b> • 10.30am	New Member's Morning
<b>Saturday 5</b> • 12md to 4.00pm	GSQ Open
<b>Sunday 6</b> • 10.00am to 2.30pm	English/Irish Group
<b>Monday 7</b> • 10.00am to 12.00md	Monday Morning Natters. GSQ - Gold Coin Donation
<b>Wednesday 9</b> • 12.15pm to 3.00pm	Redlands Branch Meeting
<b>Wednesday 9</b> • 6.00pm to 9.00pm	GSQ Wednesday Night Opening
<b>Friday 11</b> • 9.30am to 11.45am	Bayside Branch Meeting
<b>Saturday 12</b> • 12md to 4.00pm	GSQ CLOSED
<b>Sunday 13</b> • 9am for 10am to 3.00pm	Convict Connections
<b>Monday 21</b> • 7.30pm to 9.30pm	Southern Suburbs Branch Meeting
<b>Wednesday 23</b> • 10.00am to 2.00pm	Beaudesert Branch Meeting
<b>Wednesday 23</b> • 6.00pm to 9.00pm	GSQ Wednesday Night Opening
<b>Saturday 26</b> • 9.30am to 11.45am	<i>Using Timelines in Your Research</i> with Helen Smith - GSQ - \$10 (M); \$15 (NM)
<b>Saturday 26</b> • 12md to 4.00pm	GSQ Open
<b>Sunday 27</b> • 10.00am to 2.30pm	Writing Group

**GSQ  
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over  
Easter**

## MAY Dates to Remember

<b>Friday 2</b> • 9.00am to 11.00am	North Brisbane Branch Meeting
<b>Saturday 3</b> • 10.00am to 2.00pm	First World War/Military Group
<b>Saturday 3</b> • 12.00md to 4.00pm	GSQ Open
<b>Sunday 4</b> • 10.00am to 2.30pm	Scottish Group
<b>Monday 5</b> • 10.00am to 12.00md	Monday Morning Natters. GSQ - Gold Coin Donation
<b>Friday 9</b> • 9.30am to 11.45am	Bayside Branch Meeting
<b>Saturday 10</b> • 12.00md to 4.00pm	GSQ Open
<b>Sunday 11</b> • 12.30pm to 2.30pm	Scandinavian Group
<b>Wednesday 14</b> • 12.15pm to 3.00pm	Redlands Branch Meeting
<b>Wednesday 14</b> • 6.00pm to 9.00pm	GSQ Wednesday Night Opening
<b>Saturday 17</b> • 9.30am to 11.45am	<i>Migration: A chance for a better life</i> with Pauline Williams - GSQ - \$10 (M); \$15 (NM)
<b>Saturday 17</b> • 12.00md to 4.00pm	GSQ Open
<b>Sunday 18</b> • 10.30am to 12.00md	Family Tree Maker Users' Group
<b>Sunday 18</b> • 1.00pm to 2.30pm	Legacy Family Tree Maker Users' Group
<b>Monday 19</b> • 7.30pm to 9.30pm	Southern Suburbs Branch Meeting
<b>Wednesday 21</b> • 10.00am to 2.00pm	Beaudesert Branch Meeting
<b>Saturday 24</b> • 12.00md to 4.00pm	GSQ Open
<b>Sunday 25</b> • 9.00am to 4.00pm	<b>ANNUAL SEMINAR -Hidden Treasures - Secrets from Documents</b> SLQ \$50 (M); \$60 (NM)
<b>Sunday 25</b> • 10.00am to 2.30pm	German Interest Group
<b>Wednesday 28</b> • 6.00pm to 9.00pm	GSQ Wednesday Night Opening
<b>Saturday 31</b> • 12.00md to 4.00pm	GSQ Open