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Hi everyone

When you get the eNews a number of GSQ members will be arriving home from the 14th Australasian Congress on Genealogy and Heraldry 26-30 March 2015 Congress in Canberra. I am looking forward to the event as it is my first Congress. The Australasian Congress is held every three years with the next one in Sydney in 2018. Something to look forward to.

If you haven't made it to Congress then GSQ and QFHS are jointly bringing Congress speaker, Colleen Fitzpatrick, to Brisbane for a morning on her speciality subject Forensic Genealogy. This is on Saturday morning the 18 April at St Joseph's College, Gregory Terrace. The price is only \$30 for members and there have been plenty of bookings already. Book at Forensic Genealogy.

This event is after Easter. Please note that GSQ will not open over Easter or on Anzac Day except for the English/Irish Group. All the volunteers are going to have a break so settle back and do your family history on the holidays. This is a perfect time to do some data entry, write a story on your favourite ancestor, search MyGSQ, or organise your family history photos.

I was one of a group of family historians that met with David John, the Registrar General and other officers from the Registry of BDMs in Queensland in mid-March. It was a good meeting and they were interested in what family historians had to say about the Registry and the future for family history. We were interested to hear that the Registry had original signed births and marriage records that have not been digitised. The ones being digitised in the project being completed this month are in fact copies without signatures. We all expressed our desire to have these digitised and there was some discussion of a crowd sourcing project but nothing has been decided. My own opinion of the Queensland Registry is that they are open to ideas, innovative and providing leadership after many decades of the Queensland Registry lagging behind other states.

Finally, in April we have the English/Irish Interest Group on Sunday 5 April; Convict Connections on Sunday 12 April and the Writing Group on Sunday 19 April. There is plenty to keep you busy.

That's all for this month.

Happy researching

Marg Doherty, President
president@gsq.org.au



From Your Management Committee

Welcome to April and Easter.

GSQ will be closed over the Easter break including Easter Saturday.

There are some interesting new indexes on MyGSQ, these include that latest Cannon & Cripps, John Hislop & Funerals of Distinction Funeral Directors' Indexes. The microfiche of the record books is available at GSQ, this is an opportunity to search for the records before you come into GSQ. There is now a total of 633,429 entries in this index.

The full Biographical Database of Australia is also available at GSQ with 400,000 new records added. For this new release thousands of burial records have been linked to census, muster, shipping and convict records. BDA includes the full content of parish register entries, including names of marriage witnesses and many previously unindexed early Catholic and Protestant parish records. Well worth a look.

The last print version of Generation is due out in June and we need some articles on immigration, ships and related events. Please contact the editor@gsq.org.au if you require any further information. The close off date is now the 24th April, so how about using the Easter break to do some creative writing for Generation.

Take care

Helen Connor
Hon. Secretary



Redlands

The next meeting of the Redland Genealogical Society will be held on Wednesday 8 April, at the Donald Simpson Centre, Bloomfield Street, Cleveland, commencing at 12.15pm. The Guest Speaker at this meeting will be Les McFadzen with an apt presentation titled "Military Research for Family Historians". Les is a very experienced researcher in this area and leads GSQ's Military Group. Visitors very welcome. \$2.00 admission with Lucky Door Prize.

Southern Suburbs

Southern Suburbs Branch's April meeting will be held on Monday 20 followed by our guest speaker Ron Rees from the MacArthur Museum who will be speaking on 'MacArthur the Man'. The meeting commences at 7.30pm at the Upper Mt. Gravatt Scout Den, down Carson Lane which runs between the Upper Mt. Gravatt State School and the Progress Hall, Logan Road, Upper Mt. Gravatt. For further information please email southernsuburbs@optusnet.com.au or contact Noele Alexander on 3208 2518. Visitors are always very welcome.

Gabba Event Days

Remember that on Gabba event days, parking around GSQ in non-signed areas is 15 minutes. Take note of these event days, public transport is the way to go these days. 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/>

1 March, 4 April, 18 April

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.

There will be no meeting on Friday 3 April owing to the Good Friday holiday.

The next meeting of the Branch will be on Friday 1 May and the Guest Speaker will be Mr Greg Hallam who will speak on 150 years of Railway in Queensland. Visitors are welcome.

Bayside

The April meeting of the Bayside Branch will be held at the home of Vince and Nancy Jordan on 10 April 2015 at 9.30am. 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.

Monday Morning Natters

No meeting on Easter Monday. See you in May for Hugh Smith telling us about Maps.

GSQ in your local BCC library - Booking Required

Date & time	Library	Presentation title
Saturday, 18 April 1:30-3:00pm	Nundah - 07 3407 8701	Australians and WWI
Tuesday, 21 April 1:30-3:00pm	Bracken Ridge - 07 3667 6060	Women at War
Friday, 24 April 12:30-2:30pm	Indooroopilly - 07 3407 0010	Australians and WWI
Tuesday, 28 April 10am-12md	Inala - 07 3403 2205	Australians and WW1



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 16 May • 9.30am - 11.45am

Ancestors in Asylums: Why You Should Look!

- Shauna Hicks

Leading family historian Shauna Hicks will explain the roles of asylums and provide tips on finding ancestors in asylums.

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

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

**Monday Hands-On Sessions • Members Only
4 May • 1:00pm to 3:00pm**

Ancestry - Judy Lofthouse

Having trouble with Ancestry.com, getting too many hits to make sense of, then come to a hands on session at GSQ. Learn how to sort out the information Ancestry has. Learn to not only print your results but email them home for you to save on your computer at home. As it is a hands on session there will only be 10 participants. This will feature the Ancestry.com Institution version.

Cost: \$20 for GSQ 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, Queensland Family History Society Inc and The Royal Historical Society of Queensland.

For local historians; for family historians.

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

2015 Joan Reese Memorial Short Story Competition

The topic for 2015 is **Newspapers: a treasure trove of information about ancestors.** The prize of \$100 is to be redeemed for GSQ publications, membership or research, and maximum story length should be 2500 words.

Closing date for entries: 1 June 2015 (no entries will be accepted after this date).

The winner will be announced at the GSQ seminar in August 2015. We look forward to receiving your stories. Do read entries from previous years if you would like some inspiration.

GSQ and QFHS jointly present

FORENSIC GENEALOGY

**With Colleen Fitzpatrick
Saturday, 18 April 2015**



**9.00 am – 12.30 pm
St Joseph College
Gregory Terrace,
Spring Hill**

Colleen Fitzpatrick, PhD, is a Forensic Genealogist recognised for her work with the Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory on identifying the remains found in the Alaskan crash

of Northwest Flight 4422. She has consulted on high profile DNA identification efforts including the Unknown Child on the Titanic and the Amelia Earhart project. She is also the forensic genealogist on the Abraham Lincoln DNA project.

What is Forensic Genealogy? Forensic Genealogy emphasises the creative parts of a genealogical investigation over the mechanics of a search. Forensic scientists and genealogists share the same goal: to find out who was who, and who did what, and when. Forensic genealogy, however, includes the analysis of photographs, the mining of databases, and the analysis of DNA to reveal family history.

Join us to hear Colleen speak on:

- **Forensic genealogy: CSI meets Roots**
- **You will never look at your old photos the same way again**

Step into the 21st century with your photo identification. If you think you have squeezed every drop of information from your photos, think again.

- **The database detective**

Forensic Genealogy has used database mining to solve some of the most compelling mysteries of modern genealogy. It offers much insight on how to use materials you may take for granted.

Cost (includes morning tea): \$30 GSQ or QFHS Members

Book at

<http://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/forensic-genealogy-with-colleen-fitzpatrick-tickets-15029198738?aff=eac2>



GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF QUEENSLAND INC.



Southern Suburbs Seminar

Southern Suburbs Branch is holding a Seminar on **Sunday 3 May** at Upper Mt. Gravatt Scout Den, Logan road, Upper Mt. Gravatt.

Time: 10am - 3pm.

The theme is: Immigration - They came from afar

Guest Speakers:

Helen Smith - 'They came from afar - but did they stay?'

Shauna Hicks - 'What was the voyage like?'

Eric Kopittke - 'Hamburg Immigration Lists'

Rosemary Kopittke - 'Queensland Customs House Immigration Lists.'

Admission:

\$20 on registration in advance (can be paid at the door but must have confirmed email registration by 30th March) or **\$25** paid at the door on the day.

Cost includes morning tea

BYO lunch or purchase from nearby outlets.

Payment: Please contact The Secretary for details of Bank Account for Direct Deposit

Alternatively payment can be sent to:

Southern Suburbs Branch of GSQ Inc.

PO Box 844, Mt. Gravatt. 4122

Contact: Noele Alexander: 3208 2518

Email: southernsuburbs@otusnet.com.au

Web: www.southernsuburbs.net.au

SAVING MONEY WITH YOUR G.S.Q. SUBSCRIPTION

Those glossy genealogy magazines seen at the newsagency, priced between ten and twenty dollars, can be read free at the G.S.Q. Library. That alone pays for your annual subscription!

- Articles focus on the British Isles, but have at times covered the Caribbean, small islands of the empire, and continental Europe. They describe the records, archives and historical background of places where your ancestors lived.
- You may discover the availability of indexes, transcripts or lists, be they in books, microform, CD or be internet accessible. In short, you learn what records to look for, and whether they can be read in Australia, or must be deferred until the overseas trip.
- The latest issues of "Family Tree" and "Who Do You Think You are?", and others, first appear on the display shelving near the work tables, then are moved into the print library area. (Catalogue numbers WW425)
- Back issues of these informative magazines can usually be bought from the second hand bookstall at 20 cents per copy.

Older issues, unfortunately, have a bias towards English research, but most members do have at least one English line.

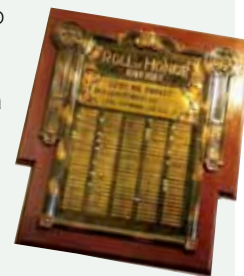
Lesley Percival

DID YOU KNOW?

GSQ is preparing an 'Index of names on Honour Boards located throughout Queensland.'

The reason for the index, being that this will provide a point for family historians to discover if their ancestor was listed on one of the many boards which have been long forgotten and lost, in this lead up to the Gallipoli Centenary. You can contact the Project Coordinator, Lyn Caldwell, via secretary@gsq.org.au

Stay tuned to discover more about this project.



ADOPT A DIGGER

The Adopt A Digger Project on the Sunshine Coast is holding a WWI Centenary Exhibition from the 23rd – 27th April at the Buderim Memorial Hall. More details at <https://www.facebook.com/adoptadiggerproject>

WWI - Photographs of Soldiers

<http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records/servicemen-images.aspx>

Click on above link - will give following page:

Click onto links marked with an arrow
The link "servicemen (word.40kb)" is a list of World War 1 soldiers whose photographs are on file.

Newly released records from the Red Cross

The following link may have photographs of your soldiers. However, even if there are no photographs there are other items which may be of interest.

<https://www.awm.gov.au/blog/2009/03/16/red-cross-records-from-the-first-world-war/>

The Wounded and Missing Enquiry Bureau files have been digitised and are available to view online.

Click onto "available to view online" on about the eight paragraph.

Contributed by Ian Beckett

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English/Irish Group

The next meeting of the English/Irish Group will be held on the first Sunday in April – 5 April, which is Easter Sunday. At this meeting one of the group will present of the Religious and Civil Structures and Boundaries in England.

All members of GSQ are welcome to join us for the get-togethers of the English/Irish Group. GSQ will open at 9.30 on the first Sundays of even numbered months, with the more formal part of the morning starting at 10.30am. The library will remain open until 2.30pm. for those wishing to pursue their own research. We look forward to sharing aspects of English, Welsh and Irish research with you.

Future topics for discussion this year include Immigration from Ireland to Australia (June Meeting) and Policing in England (date to be decided).

Legacy Family Tree Users' Group

Next meeting will be Sunday May 17 from 1pm to 2:30pm. Bring along your laptops so we can help you with your problems.

Bob McAllister has kindly taken on convenor role this month and will help you this month.

Don't forget to watch the webinars that Legacy provides. Checkout

<http://www.legacyfamilytree.com/webinars.asp#archives>

There are 58 planned for the year.

One available for a few days free on the Irish. http://news.legacyfamilytree.com/legacy_news/2015/03/irish-genealogical-records-in-the-17th-19th-centuries-free-webinar-by-judy-wight-now-online-for-limi.html?utm_source=Google%2B&utm_medium=LegacyPage&utm_content=postweb&utm_campaign=Webinar-20150318-Wight

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

Scottish Interest Group

The next meeting of the Scottish Interest Group will take place at 10.00 at GSQ, on 3 May 2015. Our normal General Meeting will include a help session for those with research problems. The computer & projector will be available to look at the Scotlandspeople web site. 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.

Writing Group

The next meeting of the Writing Group is on 19 April. We will have a guest speaker. More information will be available in the April eNews. Contact convenor, Pauline Williams, on pstirland@hotmail.com for more information.

German Interest Group

By the time this goes to print our Anniv. Celebrations will be over and we will be looking towards our next meeting on the 31 of May. Noel and Del Bergmann are going to join us as our guest speakers with the unique topic of "Our Immigrant Ancestors & Prussian Military Service". They will also delve into the "PRESENTATION OF MEDALS" which was reported in the *Brisbane Courier* Friday 14 July 1899 and *Queenslander* 26 August. Their list of names will be revealed, so slot that into your calendar.

We will also be delighted to have Eric and Rosemary Kopittke for our guest speakers at our meeting on the 27 Sept. I will give you further info regarding that topic in the next e-news, so we have much to look forward too. We like to keep our alternate meetings for purely research and helping each other, as we rummage through the assortment of info at the library and pool our knowledge over a cuppa. Feel free to join us.

Family Tree Maker Users' Group

The FTM User's Group will meet at the GSQ Library on Sunday 10 May from 10.30am until midday. This networking group 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 Group.

Military Interest Group

The next meeting of the Military Interest Group will be on Saturday 23 May commencing at 10am. There is usually a short presentation on the day along with a discussion on a particular topic. All GSQ members welcome.

Scandinavian Group

Our next meeting is 10 May. Hope to see you all then.

Convict Connections Group

A very successful meeting was held in February. Sorry to see that Val Blomer has retired as Convenor, but a very warm welcome to Sue Burgess who has taken on the role.

Val will continue as Newsletter editor and with Lyn, continue to represent the Group at various family history events.

Next meeting is Sunday April 12, 2015. Doors open at 9:00am and meeting at 11:00am.

We would love to see some new faces as well as our regular members, remember you do not have to 'have a convict', just an interest in early colonial history.

We look forward to welcoming YOU.



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Sunday 5 • 10.30am to 2.30pm	English/Irish Group
Wednesday 8 • 12.15pm to 3.00pm	Redlands Branch Meeting
Wednesday 8 • 6.00pm to 9.00pm	GSQ Wednesday Night Opening
Friday 10 • 9.30am to 11.45am	Bayside Branch Meeting
Saturday 11 • 12.00pm to 4.00pm	GSQ Open
Sunday 12 • 9am for 11am to 3.00pm	Convict Connections
Saturday 18 • 9.00am to 12.30pm	<i>Forensic Genealogy</i> - Colleen Fitzpatrick -St Joseph College, Gregory Tce, Spring Hill - \$30 (M)
Saturday 18 • 12.00pm to 4.00pm	GSQ Open
Sunday 19 • 10.00am to 2.30pm	Writing Group
Monday 20 • 7.30pm to 9.30pm	Southern Suburbs Branch Meeting
Wednesday 22 • 10.00am to 2.00pm	Beaudesert Branch Meeting
Wednesday 22 • 6.00pm to 9.00pm	GSQ Wednesday Night Opening

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Friday 1 • 9.00am to 11.00am	North Brisbane Branch Meeting
Saturday 2 • 10.00am to 12.00md	New Members' Meeting
Saturday 2 • 12.00pm to 4.00pm	GSQ Open
Sunday 3 • 10.00am to 2.30pm	Scottish Group
Sunday 3 • 10.00am to 3.00pm	Southern Suburbs Seminar-Immigration-They came from afar - Upper Mt. Gravatt- \$20 (M) for early payments
Monday 4 • 10.00am to 12.00md	Monday Morning Natters.
Monday 4 • 1.00pm to 3.00pm	<i>Hands on Session - Ancestry</i> - Judy Lofthouse- GSQ - \$12 (M); \$17 (NM)
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Wednesday 27 • 6.00pm to 9.00pm	GSQ Wednesday Night Opening
Sunday 31 • 12.00md	German Interest Group

