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2nd & 4th Wednesdays of
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Hi everyone

I am writing my column from the Unlock the Past conference aboard Celebrity Eclipse, which is now sailing from Copenhagen back to Southampton with about a hundred genealogists on board including a large number of GSQ members. Cyndi Engle from **Cyndi's List** is one of about eight lecturers on the trip. Cyndi is a dynamic and energetic person, as she would need to be to maintain her list by herself, as she does. If you haven't ever looked at Cyndi's List, or have not done so recently, I recommend that you take a look.

We return to Brisbane very late on 1 August (midnight!) just in time for **National Family History Month** (NFHM) which is being coordinated again nationally by Shauna Hicks. Visit the National Family History website at www.familyhistorymonth.org.au There are prizes for societies and individuals available so you may win an individual prize. Do have a look.

GSQ has a number of events on for NFHM including an **Open Day** on 1 August. GSQ also has its usual presentation on the third Saturday of the month, 15 August, with Pauline Williams. This month the topic is **Mining the earth's riches: Digging into the records. BOOK HERE** On Monday 17 August is **Oral History: A vital tool for family historians BOOK HERE** with presenter, Jan Partridge of the Oral History Society. These two events are at Fisher Street however; on Saturday 29 August, there is a mini seminar at the Queen Alexandra Conference Centre on Old Cleveland Road, Coorparoo. The seminar is about technology and is titled **It Doesn't Rain in the Cloud (Technology and Genealogy). BOOK HERE** The presenters are Shauna Hicks, Judy Lofthouse and Geoff Doherty. At the end of the seminar Shauna will draw the NFHM prizes so come along and find out if you are a successful entrant. You can book for all our events at <http://www.eventbrite.com.au> I hope to see you there.

I am now off to finish cruising!

Happy researching

Marg Doherty, President
president@gsq.org.au



From Your Management Committee

The Management Committee met recently and discussed a range of issues pertaining to the Society.

One of the major decisions was not to open the Society's Resource Centre on the second and fourth Wednesday evenings of each month until further notice. The opening hours are listed on the GSQ website (www.gsq.org.au) so if you are unsure of when we are open you can check opening days and times there.

August will be a busy time for the Society. It is National History Month, and GSQ has a number of events to coincide with this special month for all family historians. We start off with an **Open Day** at our Centre for those new to family history. If you have any friends interested in looking into their ancestors, please encourage them to come along between 10.00am-2.00pm and our friendly volunteers will show them what resources we have and how we can assist them. There is no charge to attend this event.

In addition, for both members and non-members, there will be a talk on the 15 August about **Mining the earth's riches: Digging into the records** by Pauline Williams, and on the 17 August a talk on **Oral History: A vital tool for family historians** by Jan Partridge, Oral History of Society (Qld), and lastly but not least, our **Mini-Seminar** on 29 August at the Queen Alexandra Centre, Coorparoo, titled **It Doesn't Rain in the Cloud! (Technology and Genealogy)**.

You can get further details and easily book to attend any of these on the GSQ website using Eventbrite.

Also don't forget to start emailing (editor@gsq.org.au) your stories for the September edition of Generation about the children in your ancestral families. What sort of lives did they lead before they immigrated to Australia, how did they travel and at what age, what did they wear as children and what toys did they play with, did they go out to work at an early age or did they die at an early age from one of the many childhood diseases prevalent in the 19-20th Centuries, etc. We hope to see you at Fisher Street in the near future, not only to attend one of our education sessions, but so that we can assist you with your research.

Carole Williamson

Redlands

The next monthly meeting of the Redland Genealogical Society will be held on Wednesday, 12 August at the Donald Simpson Centre, Bloomfield Street, Cleveland, commencing at 12.15pm. The Guest Speaker at this meeting will be Helen Smith with a topic that sometimes frustrates family historians - *"They Came to Australia and Now Can't Be Found"*. Visitors very welcome. \$2.00 admission with Lucky Door Prize.

During Seniors Week (17 - 21 August) society members will be manning a display at the Victoria Point Shopping Centre (9.00am - 3.00pm each day) cultivating the increasing interest in genealogy in the Redlands.

Southern Suburbs

Southern Suburbs Annual General Meeting is on Monday August 17 followed by the General meeting. Helen Smith is our guest speaker and her topic is *"Really?? They died of That??"* 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 3208 2518. Visitors are always welcome.

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/> Next Events Days are August 8 and August 15.

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 7 August.

There will be no guest speaker in August because we will be holding our Annual General Meeting. The Guest Speaker in September will be Judy Lofthouse. Visitors are welcome.

Bayside

The Bayside Branch of GSQ will hold their next meeting at the home of Elma O'Toole at 10am on August 14 2015. 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

Come to enjoy a cuppa and learn about projects that GSQ is working on. Maybe you've wanted to help but don't know what indexing is all about then come along and find out. Gold coin donation for morning tea appreciated. Hope to see you on Monday August 3 at 10am.

GSQ in your local BCC library - Booking Required

Date, time & Presentation	Library
Sat 22 Aug 10:00-12:00pm Using Newspapers for Family History	Stones Corner - 07 340 32170
Sat 5 Sept 10:00-12:00pm Exploring Ancestry.com	The Grange - 07 3407 2523

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 15 August • 9.30am - 11.45am

Mining the earth's riches: Digging into the records
- Pauline Williams.

From coal to tin to gold to other minerals - the earth has a vast range of riches. This course will explore the lives of those who often risked life and limb to extract these riches and examine the records available. The focus is on Australia and the UK. This will be a hands on computer session showing how to maximize your searches in Ancestry.com (Institution version). Therefore there will only be 10 member participants. Bookings essential. **BOOK HERE**

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

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

Monday 17 August • 10.00am - 12.00md

Oral History: A vital tool for family historians
- Jan Partridge, Oral History of Society (Qld)

Family stories can be intergenerational or the reminiscences of an older person living through interesting times. These stories can open the door to other directions for research. Come and hear from the Oral History Society of Queensland as they provide expert advice and tips on using oral history in your family history.

BOOK HERE

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

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

Saturday 19 September • 9.30am - 11.45am

Trades and Professions in the Archives
- Representative, 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. **Book Here**

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

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

MINI SEMINAR Sat 29 August

It Doesn't Rain in the Cloud!

(Technology and Genealogy)

Queen Alexandra Community Centre,

347 Old Cleveland Road, Coorparoo 4151 (parking on-site)

Morning Session 9:00am – 12.30pm

Costs: (including morning tea) \$20 members, \$30 non-members

Book Here

OPEN DAY

We have a large family history library
...come and see what resources are available to
research your family tree!

Saturday 1 August 10:00am—2:00pm

- Free tours of the Library and Resource Centre every half-hour
- Enjoy a cuppa and chat to our knowledgeable volunteers
- Discover something new about your family
- Displays by GSQ Interest Groups



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 by 31 March 2015.



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A special few words from Thomas.

"Recently, a very wise (and well-known) genealogist told me this: "The search for your family history is a marathon, not a sprint." I've been reflecting on those words all this week, and here's what they mean to me:

I need to prepare myself for a long, worthwhile journey as I research and discover new finds.

I need to "stay in shape" as a researcher and make sure I am consuming the best websites, resources and tools.

I am making an investment in my family history, with every dollar and every hour I spend researching.

I need to have a positive, winning attitude.

Are you in it to win?

After years of being a technical trainer, working with mostly older adults, I know that "attitude" trumps "aptitude" when it comes to winning. I always told my students that I'd rather work with someone who had a good attitude towards learning and trying new things yet knew little or nothing of the subject matter. Every once in a while I'd get stuck with a "know it all" who supposedly knew everything and was just a Negative Nellie. They dragged down the entire class and sucked all the enjoyment out of learning.

My belief when it comes to doing genealogy: You've got to be in it for the long haul, you've got to have a positive attitude, you've got to know your resources and options, and you've got to be in it to win. Otherwise, why bother?"



English/Irish Group

The English/Irish Interest Group will meet again on Sunday 2 August.

At this meeting we will look at maps, which can help locate our ancestors in place. Bring along addresses (e.g. from census records) and we can look at finding where your people were when a census was taken. GSQ has wireless internet connection available for members so you are welcome to bring along your own laptop or other device.

If there is time we also look at a recent release of Irish Catholic parish registers

The doors will open at 9.30am and the formal part of our meeting will start at 10.30am After the meeting, the library will remain open until 2.30pm for those who want to share family history successes and challenges. Bring along your lunch and chat, or explore the GSQ resources which are available for use. Everyone is welcome to join us for the English/Irish group meeting. See you on Sunday 2 August.

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.

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 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 August 9, 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.

Writing Group

The next meeting of the Writing Group is scheduled for 16 August. More information from convenor Pauline at pstirland@hotmail.com

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 Sunday August 23. Doors open 10am and the meeting starts at 10.30am finishing around 1pm.

Scandinavian Group

The next meeting for the Scandinavian Group will be 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.



DATES TO REMEMBER

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Saturday 1 • 10.00pm to 2.00pm	GSQ OPEN DAY
Sunday 2 • 9.30am to 2.30pm	English/Irish Group
Monday 3 • 10.00am to 12.00md	Monday Morning Natters
Friday 7 • 9.00am to 11.00am	North Brisbane Branch Meeting (AGM)
Saturday 8 • 12.00pm to 4.00pm	GSQ Open
Sunday 9 • 10.00am to 3.00pm	Convict Connections
Wednesday 12 • 12.15pm to 2.30pm	Redlands Branch Meeting
Friday 14 • 10.00am to 11.45am	Bayside Branch Meeting
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Saturday 22 • 12.00pm to 4.00pm	GSQ Open
Sunday 23 • 10.00am to 1.00pm	DNA Interest Group
Wednesday 26 • 10.00am to 2.00pm	Beaudesert Branch Meeting
Saturday 29 • 9.00pm to 12.30pm	Mini Seminar-It Doesn't Rain in the Cloud! (Technology and Genealogy)- GSQ - \$20 (M); \$30 (NM)
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SEPTEMBER 2015

Friday 4 • 9.00am to 11.00am	North Brisbane Branch Meeting (AGM)
Saturday 5 • 10.00am to 12.00md	New Member's Meeting
Saturday 5 • 12.00pm to 4.00pm	GSQ Open
Sunday 6 • 10.00am to 2.30pm	Scottish Group
Monday 7 • 10.00am to 12.00md	Monday Morning Natters
Wednesday 9 • 12.15pm to 2.30pm	Redlands Branch Meeting
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