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Hi everyone

Happy New Year to everyone. I hope you and your family had a happy and safe festive season and you are now bounding with enthusiasm to start your family history New Year resolutions. Mine is to enter some of the evidence I have collected over the last few months in my Family Tree Maker program. Hopefully I won't get distracted!

For those of us interested in history, 2015 is an important year as it is the Centenary of the landing at Gallipoli. Maybe someone in your family was an original ANZAC or perhaps your family lost a young member at Gallipoli. With Australia's commemoration of the First World War highlighting the centenary of ANZAC you may find that missing piece of information in 2015. The Queensland State Archives and the State Library of Queensland are just two of the institutions which have a First World War blog. The State Library's blog can be accessed at <http://blogs.slq.qld.gov.au/ww1/> with the State Archives at <http://blogs.archives.qld.gov.au/category/first-world-war/> If your family came from another state or country have a look to see what they have on related subjects. Alternatively check out other blogs and features as you never know what you might find.

Speaking of blogs, don't forget the GSQ blog. Our guest blogger for the fifth Monday in December was Jill Ball so check out your GSQ blog at: <http://gsqld.blogspot.com.au/> GSQ officially opens for 2015 on Tuesday 13 January, however, volunteers will open the Society library on Wednesday 7 January between 10am and 3pm and Saturday 10 January between midday and 4pm. So come along and spend some of your holidays doing your research at GSQ.

The education program for GSQ for the year commences on Saturday 17 January with Geoff Doherty presenting "*Give me land, lots of land...*" Navigating Queensland land records. Come along and hear how to find land records in Queensland and what you can find in them.

You will be pleased to know that the postponed talk *Ancestors in Asylums: Why You Should Look!* By Shauna Hicks has been rescheduled for May 16 2015.

I think that is all for the New Year but GSQ has an exciting year planned for its members so I hope you will be involved.

Happy researching

Marg Doherty, President
president@gsq.org.au



From Your Management Committee

Website update. GSQ is well on the way to completing the new site. We plan for it to go live in early February. There will be enhanced features: easy login to MyGSQ, searching the library catalogue from the home page, events calendar from the home page and more. The current site is fairly complicated and hopefully the new site will be easier to navigate.

One of the main changes is the use of Eventbrite to register for education events. Eventbrite is a simple method of registering and paying for events. You may have used it before if you have registered for any event at the State Library. Currently only the Special Interest Group meetings for next year are up on Eventbrite. Try it out on <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/> then search for Genealogical Society and see what comes up. You will be able to add the event to your calendar – Google, Outlook, iCal, Yahoo – very handy, or save the event, email to friends and more. Using Eventbrite simplifies the registration process – easier for you – and also streamlines the “back of house” functions for GSQ. Until the launch of the new website, register for events on the current site.

The theme for the March edition of Generation is Gallipoli as the 100th anniversary occurs in April. Perhaps you have stories about family members on Gallipoli, what happened at home, what was the aftermath of Gallipoli. We welcome your stories – they need to be with us by Monday 19 January. Please email editor@gsq.org.au with your story or if you need assistance.

I wish all GSQ members a Happy New Year and hope to see you in - at Fisher Street to continue your research, you never know what you may find.

Take care

Helen Connor

Hon. Secretary

Redlands

The first meeting of the Redland Genealogical Society for 2015 will be held on Wednesday, 11 February, at the Donald Simpson Centre, Bloomfield Street, Cleveland, commencing at 12.15pm. Visitors very welcome. \$2.00 admission. Our Library will re-open on Tuesday, 6 January following a break for the festive season

Southern Suburbs

Southern Suburbs Branch's first general meeting in 2015 is on Monday 19 January and our guest speaker is Annabel Lloyd, from Brisbane City Council Archives whose topic will be '**Researching your Family Home**'. 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 or contact Noele Alexander on 3208 2518. Visitors are always very welcome.



Monday Morning Natters

We will be having a break in January but will be back bright eyed and bushy tailed for Monday February 2 at 10am. As a good start to the year bring along your brickwalls (no trucks allowed) and see what help everyone can provide.

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.

As there will be no meeting in January, the next meeting of the Branch will be on Friday 6 February 2015 at 9.00am. Visitors are welcome.

Bayside

The Bayside Branch will be closed until February 2015. Any enquiries please phone 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.

Gabba Event Days

Remember that on Gabba event days parking around GSQ in non-signed areas is 15 minutes. Take a note of these days. Public transport is the best way to reach the GSQ. From the city, catch buses 184, 185, 210 or 212 and alight at the Rosslyn Street stop 11/15 and walk down Fisher Street. Check at <http://translink.com.au/>

28 December & 4, 11, 15, 20 January



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 info@gsq.org.au or phone 3891 5085 for further information.

Saturday 17 January • 9.30am - 11.45am

"Give me land, lots of land..." Navigating Queensland land records to find the interesting stuff - Geoff Doherty, historian

Geoff Doherty will help you understand Queensland's maze of land records with this informative overview to what is available.

Cost: \$12 for GSQ members and \$17 for non-members **Venue:** GSQ, 38 Fisher St, East Brisbane. **Bookings are essential.**

Saturday 21 February • 9.30am - 11.45am

Locating your ancestors in records from Victoria - Janice Wellard

Experienced family historian Janice Wellard will provide information on where to look for your ancestors who settled or lived in the state of Victoria.

Cost: \$12 for GSQ members and \$17 for non-members **Venue:** GSQ, 38 Fisher St, East Brisbane. **Bookings are essential.**

Wednesday 25 February • 6.30pm - 8.30pm

Gallipoli Health - Helen Smith, President, Southern Suburbs

In this commemorative year of the ANZAC landing: What was life like for our soldiers at Gallipoli? How did they live? What happened when they were wounded? What medical care was available? What diseases were prevalent? Come explore life at Gallipoli.

Cost: \$12 for GSQ members and \$17 for non-members **Venue:** GSQ, 38 Fisher St, East Brisbane. **Bookings are essential.**

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday 18 April 2015

FORENSIC GENEALOGY



with Colleen Fitzpatrick in Brisbane

Forensic science *is fascinating*, Genealogy *is fun*,
Forensic genealogy *is fascinating fun*

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.

More details to follow; mark the date in your diary now.

Presented by:



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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.



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



Click on the links in this document to go straight to the article.

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<http://britishgenes.blogspot.com.au/2014/12/new-zealand-cemetery-records-1800-2007.html>
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<http://britishgenes.blogspot.com.au/2014/12/scottish-poll-tax-records-from-1690s-go.html>
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2. Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter <http://www.eogn.com>

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<https://familysearch.org/blog/en/familysearch-adds-1254-million-indexed-records-images-united-states/>
<https://familysearch.org/blog/en/familysearch-research-wiki-reaches-80000-articles/>

4. FindmyPast <http://www.findmypast.com.au/>

<http://blog.findmypast.co.uk/2014/britain-trade-union-membership-registers/>
<http://blog.findmypast.co.uk/2014/ireland-dog-licence-registers/>
<http://blog.findmypast.com.au/2014/irish-petty-sessions-court-registers-the-collection-is-now-complete/>

5. Other Interesting blogs

More links have added to the Wikipedia newspaper archives page.
<http://ancestraldiscoveries.blogspot.com/2014/12/newspaper-links.html>
Learn more about DNA testing and read a most interesting blog
<http://roots4u.blogspot.com.au/2014/02/beginnings.html>

6. On a lighter note

http://geneapalooza.blogspot.com.au/2014/12/blog-post_15.html

6. Irish Family History Foundation <http://www.irish-roots.ie/> <http://www.rootsireland.ie/>

Roman Catholic parish of Loughmore-Castleiney from 1798-1899 www.tipperarynorth.rootsireland.ie
More items added to the Derry site. www.derry.rootsireland.ie
Rootsireland.ie is delighted to announce the availability of new baptism and marriage records from North Mayo Family History Research Centre

GSQ in your local BCC library - Booking Required

Date & time	Library	Presentation title
Saturday, 17 Jan 2015 11-1pm	New Farm Library Ph 07 3403 1062	Convict ancestry

QUEENSLAND STATE ARCHIVES SEMINARS

For What's on at the archives check <http://www.archives.qld.gov.au/Whatson/Pages/Seminars.aspx>
Queensland State Archives will be closed for the Christmas–New Year break from Thursday 25 December 2014 and will reopen on Monday 5 January 2015. They will be open to the public on Wednesday 24 December 2014.



INTERESTS GROUPS

English/Irish Group

At the December meeting, after listening to presentations about the county of Lancashire and Debtor's Prisons by group members, the direction that the group will take in 2015 was discussed. A number of suggestions were made of topics for discussion next year.

The first meeting of the English/Irish group in 2015 will be held on Sunday 1 February. One of the group members will present on the topic "How to get into Irish research".

All GSQ members are welcome to join us for interesting presentations and discussions about research in England, Ireland and Wales, on the first Sundays of even-numbered months. The doors of GSQ will open at 9.30am and members are encouraged to come along, share problems and solutions and pursue their own research interests. The library will remain open until 2.30pm on these first Sundays. See you there!

Military Interest Group

The first meeting for the Military Group is on Saturday morning 24 January commencing at 10am. During the meeting there will be a short presentation by member Geoff Doherty on Private James McGhie, Australia's first recorded deserter – during the Boer War 1899-1902. Not all soldiers were heroes. Some were just foolish.

Everyone welcome

Scandinavian Group

Scandinavian Group had their last function for the year with sampling some Scandinavian food at Ikea.

We cover all five Nordic countries (Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Finland and Iceland), and also the Schleswig-Holstein area of Germany when that belonged to Denmark.

At our next meeting at 12:30pm on 18 January we will see the latest news from the Scandinavian genealogy sites on internet. Hope to see any members of GSQ at the meeting.

Scottish Interest Group

The next meeting of the Scottish Interest Group will be the Hogmanay meeting and will take place at 10.00am at GSQ, on 4 Jan 2015. Members attending should bring a 'plate' appropriate for a Hogmanay gathering.

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 Your Family History Group

The Writing Group next meets in February 2015. Program details and dates will be published in eNews. More details from convenor, Pauline Williams on pstirland@hotmail.com

German Interest Group

Well! 2015 is here and away we go again, hoping that each of us make some progress with our search for German Ancestors that decided to forge a better life in far off distant lands. The hardest ones I feel, came via other countries and then on to us and so send us off in several directions. This year in March we will celebrate 25 years of the German group "Die Zietung" Newsletter and so we will have to find an appropriate way to make that month special.

Our first meeting for the year is on the 25 January 10am - 2.30pm and we will devote that day to scouring the library for information that may just have a clue that may lead us onto finding even ONE small snippet of information or at least a direction to go in. Finding the time for research is a very difficult for most of us as the fast pace of life these days robs us of precious time. That is why it is just so good to have a day where we can just get on with it without the interruptions that home and family demand. Many hands make light work!

Legacy Family Tree Users' Group

Next meeting will be Sunday January 10 from 1pm to 2:30pm

Bring along your laptops so we can help you with your problems. Let's start the New Year with good resolutions to tidy up our family trees. What will yours be?

Don't forget to watch the webinars that Legacy provides. Checkout <http://www.legacyfamilytree.com/webinars.asp#archives> There are 58 planned for next year.

Note from www.legacyfamilytree.com : Legacy Family Tree software is USD \$10 off until December 31, 2014.

Family Tree Maker Users' Group

The FTM User's Group meets at the GSQ Library on Sunday 11 January 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 and those contemplating purchasing a family history programme, are welcome.

Convict Connections Group

Next meeting will be February 8. Have a happy New Year.



JANUARY 2015

Saturday 3 • 12.00md to 4.00pm	GSQ Open
Sunday 4 • 10.00am to 2.30pm	Scottish Group
Wednesday 7 • 10am to 3.00pm	GSQ Open
Saturday 10 • 12.00pm to 4.00pm	GSQ Open
Sunday 11 • 10.30am to 12.00md	Family Tree Maker Users' Group
Sunday 11 • 1.00pm to 2.30pm	Legacy Family Tree Maker Users' Group
Tuesday 13 • 10am to 3.00pm	GSQ normal opening hours
Wednesday 14 • 6.00pm to 9.00pm	GSQ Wednesday Night Opening
Saturday 17 • 9.30am to 11.30am	<i>"Give me land, lots of land " Navigating Qld Land Records with Geoff Doherty - GSQ - \$12 (M); \$17 (NM)</i>
Saturday 17 • 12.00md to 4.00pm	GSQ Open
Sunday 18 • 12:30 to 2:30pm	Scandinavian Group
Monday 19 • 7.30pm to 9.30pm	Southern Suburbs Branch Meeting
Saturday 24 • 10.00am to 12.00md	Military Interest Group
Saturday 24 • 12.00md to 4.00pm	GSQ Open
Sunday 25 • 10.00am to 2.30pm	German Interest Group
Wednesday 28 • 10.00am to 2.00pm	Beaudesert Branch Meeting
Wednesday 28 • 6.00pm to 9.00pm	GSQ Wednesday Night Opening
Saturday 31 • 12.00md to 4.00pm	GSQ Open

FEBRUARY 2015

Sunday 1 • 10.30am to 2.30pm	English/Irish Group
Monday 2 • 10.00am to 12.00md	Monday Morning Natters.
Friday 6 • 9.00am to 11.00am	North Brisbane Branch Meeting
Saturday 7 • 12.00pm to 4.00pm	GSQ Open
Sunday 8 • 9am for 10am to 3.00pm	Convict Connections
Wednesday 11 • 12.15pm to 3.00pm	Redlands Branch Meeting
Wednesday 11 • 6.00pm to 9.00pm	GSQ Wednesday Night Opening
Friday 13 • 9.30am to 11.45am	Bayside Branch Meeting
Saturday 14 • 12.00pm to 4.00pm	GSQ Open
Sunday 15 • 10.00am to 2.30pm	Writing Group
Monday 16 • 7.30pm to 9.30pm	Southern Suburbs Branch Meeting
Saturday 21 • 12.00pm to 4.00pm	GSQ Open
Wednesday 25 • 6.00pm to 9.00pm	GSQ Wednesday Night Opening
Saturday 28 • 12.00pm to 4.00pm	GSQ Open

