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GSQ e-NEWS

JUNE 2015

Hi everyone

Welcome to the June eNews. I am writing this having just returned from GSQ where the new **DNA Interest Group** met for the first time. I was not a participant but was at GSQ. There were a number of people at the group and there was a lot of laughter and I could hear plenty of questions. The Coordinator is Helen Smith who, as an experienced family historian and a health microbiologist in her day job, is well placed to lead the group. If you are interested in the group, the next meeting is on Sunday 23 August commencing at 10.30.

Also in late May, GSQ had a visit from the very active Caloundra Family History Research Inc who arrived by mini bus. When reporting on their activities at History Queensland's AGM in May, they mentioned that they have a periodic social event which involves hiring a film from the **National Film and Sound Archive**. Refreshments are served at the film screening and a small charge is made to cover costs. This is an innovative mixture of family history and social activity.

June's events include Janice Wellard presenting *Locating your ancestors in records from Victoria* on Saturday 6 June. **Book here.** This was deferred from February when cyclone Marcia brought very heavy rain to Brisbane. Janice is also presenting *Introduction to Family History* on 28 June. **Click here.** This is a great course if you are just starting your family history or if you want a refresher session. Finally for the usual third Saturday session Judy Lofthouse presents a session on using newspapers. This is titled *Did my ancestors wear pink dresses for afternoon tea.* Judy's sessions are very informative so **click here** to book.

I hope you are able to attend some of these events. Geoff and I are heading over to the UK for a few weeks, on a family history safari so to speak, but I will talk again in the July eNews.

Happy researching

Marg Doherty, President president@gsq.org.au

From Your Management Committee

Welcome to winter. I don't know about you but when the weather is cooler I feel motivated to do much more than in the heat of the Oueensland summer. Perhaps it's time to sort through your family history files. You know what I am talking about, the bundles of paper and numerous folders that we all have. The Hands-On Evernote for Family History at GSQ on Monday went well and participants requested a follow-up session in about three months when they have been putting it into practice. GSQ will also consider running a further Hands-On introduction course later this year. Let GSQ know if you are interested. On another note, GSQ needs volunteers. Perhaps you are not aware that everything that keeps GSQ running smoothly is undertaken by volunteers and as the old saying goes 'many hands make light work'. Maybe you have recently retired or changed circumstances? Maybe you would like to know more about being a researcher? Volunteering as a library assistant is a great way to learn about resources and research. Of course, you would be mentored by an experienced library assistant. There will be a letter from Marg Doherty and a form in the June edition of Generation, which will be out soon.

I am taking medical leave for a couple of months and Carole Williamson has kindly agreed to be Acting Secretary in my absence. Carole may be contacted on secretary@gsq.org.au.

- Take care
- Helen Connor
- Hon. Secretary

BRANCH NEWS

Redlands

The next meeting of the Redland Genealogical Society will be held on Wednesday, 10 June at the Donald Simpson Centre, Bloomfield Street, Cleveland, commencing at 12.15pm. The Guest Speaker at this meeting is local resident and author, Artie Rentoul, whose presentation will be based on his book about local World War I stories. Visitors very welcome. \$2.00 admission with Lucky Door Prize.

Southern Suburbs

Southern Suburbs Branch's June meeting will be held on Monday 15 followed by our guest speaker Dr. Kerry Raymond, who will be speaking on 'Burial in Queensland'. 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 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/

21 June, 27 June, 12 July, 25 July

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 5 June.

Because we had to cancel our May meeting due to the bad weather, our May Guest Speaker, Greg Hallam, will return at our July meeting on Friday 3 and speak on 150 years of Railway in Queensland. Visitors are welcome.

Bayside

Next meeting will be held at the home of Dave and Alice Rogers on 12 June at 10am. Members welcome.

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 Encrypted Google. This is a different way to use Google. No more info for you as you will have to come to find out what it is. Gold coin donation for morning tea appreciated.

GSQ in your local BCC library - Booking Required				
Date & time	Library	Presentation title		
Tuesday, 9 June 1:00-3:00pm	Chermside - 07 3403 7200	Using Newspapers for Family History in BCC libraries		
Monday, 29 June 9am-11:00am	Toowong - 07 3403 2590	Exploring Ancestry.com		



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 6 June • 9.30am - 11.30am

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 Victoria. **Book here**

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

Saturday 20 June • 9.30am - 11.30am

Did my ancestors wear pink dresses for afternoon tea - using newspapers for family history - Judy Lofthouse

Did your ancestor wear a pink dress or did she carry pink or white roses? Perhaps your ancestor did a misdemeanour and is mentioned in court cases or perhaps the inquest said Visitation of God. What will you find in the newspapers?

Book here

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

Sunday 28 June • 9.00am - 12.30pm

Introduction to Family History - Janice Wellard

Janice's passion is family history research. She has over 30 years' experience using records from Australia, England, Scotland, Ireland, Canada and the United States to discover family history, and enjoys sharing family history with others. This class will be offered three times during 2015. 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;
 Immigration;
- Help and guidance.

Janice will focus on research in Australia, England, Ireland and Scotland but is able to provide guidance on research in other regions. The cost includes morning tea.

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. **Book here**

Cost: \$35 for GSQ members and \$45 for non-members **Venue:** GSQ, 38 Fisher St, East Brisbane. **Bookings are essential.**

Saturday 18 July • 9.30am - 11.30am

Exploring your convict ancestry - Val Blomer, from the Convict & Colonial Connections

If you had an ancestor in Australia during the colonial period, the resources at GSQ may reveal that you have a convict in your family tree. You may have hit a 'brick wall' and not been able to trace an ancestor. Could covering up a convict past be the reason why? Your ancestor may have arrived as a free person, but was there a colonial conviction which may have resulted in incarceration? Find out what resources are available to locate and learn more about convict ancestors. **Book Here**

Cost: \$12 for GSQ members and \$17 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 by 31 March 2015.

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MINI SEMINAR Saturday 29 August 2015

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

Speakers: The best apps/blogs for Family history – Shauna Hicks,

respected family history presenter

YouTube: Education for genealogists, history for genealogists and

other interesting bits – **Judy Lofthouse**, GSQ

Using Family History in the Cloud – **Geoff Doherty**

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

6 INTEREST GROUPS

English/Irish Group

The next meeting of the English/Irish group will be held on Sunday 7 June starting at 10.30a.m.

This meeting will take the form of a session to help group members with their research brick walls.

All GSQ members are invited to come along with their research problems to see if the combined experience of group members can help further your research.

The doors of GSQ will open at 9.30a.m. and the library will remain open until 2.30p.m. for individual research.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Legacy Family Tree Users' Group

Next meeting will be Sunday July 12 This Group will be 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.

Military Interest Group

The next meeting of the Military Interest Group will be on Saturday 25 July commencing at 10am. New members are very welcome so if you are interested in military history or have a particular question you would like answered come along.

Writing Group

The next meeting will be held on Sunday 21 June. Doors open at 10am with the meeting from 10.30am to 12.30pm. Members are welcome to stay after the meeting for lunch and research until 2pm. More information from convenor Pauline at pstirland@hotmail.com

Scottish Interest Group

The next meeting of the Scottish Interest Group will take place at GSQ, on 5 July 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

Our next meeting will be on the 26 July. There will not be a speaker, but this is our day to spend time researching. It is good to be able to chill out and spend that elusive thing called TIME surrounded by resources at our finger tips and each other for help. Jim Hill has been a member of the German Group for 15 years, and is now the longest serving member. Congratulations and thank you Jim. We are looking forward to having Eric and Rosemary Kopittke for our meeting on the last Sunday in September.

Convict Connections Group

Come along to our next meeting on Sunday June 14, at 11:00am.

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 12 July 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

It was a fantastic inaugural meeting of the DNA SIG and our next meeting is on August 23.

The big news in the DNA arena is that Ancestry has started selling their autosomal DNA kits in Australia and New Zealand.

This kit helps you to find cousins rather than following just the male line or just the female line (see http://dna.ancestry. com.au/ for more information)

With the number of kits being sold in England and it now being available here, by the August meeting, there could well be a number of success stories to relate! Mark the date in your calendar now. August 23 Doors open at 10. Meeting starts at 10.30 Everybody is welcome!

Scandinavian Group

Next meeting will be Sunday 19 July. See July eNews for more information.

DATES TO REMEMBER

JUNE 2015

Monday 1 • 10.00am to 12.00md	Monday Morning Natters.
Monday 1 • 1.00pm to 3.00pm	Hands on Session-How to use Evernote for your family history - BOOKED OUT
Friday 5 • 9.00am to 11.00am	North Brisbane Branch Meeting
Saturday 6 • 9.30am to 11.30am	Locating your ancestors in records from Victoria - Janice Wellard - GSQ - \$12 (M); \$17 (NM)
Saturday 6 • 12.00pm to 4.00pm	GSQ Open
Sunday 7 • 10.00am to 2.30pm	English/Irish Group
Wednesday 10 • 12.15pm to 2.30pm	Redlands Branch Meeting
Wednesday 10 · 6.00pm to 9.00pm	GSQ Wednesday Night Opening
Friday 12 • 9.30am to 11.45am	Bayside Branch Meeting
Saturday 13 · 12.00pm to 4.00pm	GSQ Open
Sunday 14 • 9am for 11am to 3.00pm	Convict Connections
Monday 15 • 7.30pm to 9.30pm	Southern Suburbs Branch Meeting
Saturday 20 · 9.30am to 11.30pm	Did my ancestors wear pink dresses for afternoon tea? - Using newspapers for family history - Judy Lofthouse - GSQ - \$12 (M); \$17 (NM)
Saturday 13 · 12.00pm to 4.00pm	GSQ Open
Sunday 21 • 10.00am to 12.30pm	Writing Group
Wednesday 24 · 10.00am to 2.00pm	Beaudesert Branch Meeting
Wednesday 24 · 6.00pm to 9.00pm	GSQ Wednesday Night Opening
Sunday 28 • 9.00am to 12.30pm	Introduction to Family History - Janice Wellard - GSQ - \$35 (M); \$45 (NM)

JULY 2015

Friday 3 • 9.00am to 11.00am	North Brisbane Branch Meeting
Saturday 4 • 12.00pm to 4.00pm	GSQ Open
Sunday 5 • 10.00am to 2.30pm	Scottish Group
Monday 6 • 10.00am to 12.00md	Monday Morning Natters.
Wednesday 8 • 12.15pm to 3.00pm	Redlands Branch Meeting
Wednesday 8 • 6.00pm to 9.00pm	GSQ Wednesday Night Opening
Saturday 11 • 12.00pm to 4.00pm	GSQ Open
Sunday 12 • 10.30am to 12.00md	Family Tree Maker Users' Group
Sunday 12 • 1.00pm to 2.30pm	Legacy Family Tree Maker Users' Group
Saturday 18 • 9.30am to 11.30pm	Explore your convict ancestry - Val Blomer - GSQ - \$12 (M); \$17 (NM)
Saturday 18 • 12.00pm to 4.00pm	GSQ Open
Sunday 19 • 12:30 to 2:30pm	Scandinavian 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
Saturday 25 • 10.00am to 12.00md	Military Interest Group
Saturday 25 • 12.00pm to 4.00pm	GSQ Open
Sunday 26 • 10.30am to 2.15pm	German Interest Group

