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

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From the President

April 2017

Hello Everyone,

It has been a busy time here at GSQ of late. There has been painting, fridge moving, sawing up of bookshelf supports – and that's just the stuff I have done. But who wants to hear about all that!

The really important work in March was the stocktake of the library carried out by the many members who answered the call for assistance. The Management Committee was amazed by the response. Well done to all those people who gave up time to assist with a necessary project. Your assistance was greatly appreciated.

I think it was because of the set time-frame that we received the response we did. Now that the precedent has been set, the MC may now find more projects, targeted to a specific time-frame, that members can assist with. Thinking caps on.

Speaking of thinking caps – have you considered entering GSQ's Joan Reese Memorial Short Story Competition for this year? The topic is "*The ancestor I'd most like to meet and why*". It is free for any member to enter, and non-members can do so for just \$10.00. You can write up to 2,500 words. Go to www.gsq.org.au/gsqevents/writing-competition/ for more details. The winning and finalist stories will be published in Generation in future issues.

Still on things Generation – the journal editors are looking for more stories in general. Even if you do not enter the short story competition, please consider writing a story for the journal. The journal is yours, and it is your stories that others find interesting to read. A story can be on anything to do with family history – a particular family of course, or problems you have or had and how they were solved, a research trip you have made, or a holiday made on the excuse of research (I do that a lot). We all have had interesting and varied experiences in the undertaking of our family history, made many friends and had strange coincidences along the way. These can all be shared with your fellow members. You just need to write.

Have you ever paid for a certificate, only to find that it is not the right one? Don't be embarrassed, it happens to us all. So much so that GSQ has its very own Unrelated Certificates file, as do many societies. It is an unsung resource for researchers – who knows what might be found in there – and the certificates are already paid for! GSQ is currently in the process of digitising its certificate collection. There is already an index online in the MyGSQ area, but soon there will be images of the certificates to go with it.

But we want more! If you have some unrelated certificates in your research, please consider donating them to GSQ – you just might help a fellow researcher find their missing link. If you have paper copies you can drop them off at GSQ (25 Stackpole St., Wishart) or they can be mailed to the Secretary, PO Box 1467, Carindale 4152, or if they are electronic format, please email them to secretary@gsq.org.au - thanks for helping other members.

That's all for this month.

Geoff Doherty 0439 507 218

BRANCH & INTEREST GROUP NEWS

North Brisbane Branch

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 Street Alderley. Doors open at 8.45 am.

North Brisbane Members are able to borrow from our extensive library of books, magazines, fiche and CDs.

The next meeting for 2017 will be held on Friday 7th April.

Visitors are welcome at our meetings.

Scottish Interest Group

The next meeting of the Scottish Interest Group is due to take place at GSQ on Sunday 7th May when the library will open at 9:00 am.

Our normal meeting beginning at 10:00 am will include a help session for those with research problems. A computer & projector will be available to catch up on the latest changes to the scotlandspeople website.

On completion of the meeting the library will remain open for research.

If possible advise the Group Secretary or President in advance of any research problems you have as it will assist in setting the agenda. Visitors are welcome.

Redlands Branch

The next meeting of the Redland Genealogical Society will be held on Wednesday, 12th April, commencing at 12:15pm at the Donald Simpson Centre, Bloomfield Street, Cleveland.

Guest Speaker at this meeting will be Stephanie Ryan, Senior Librarian Family History, State Library of Queensland. Stephanie's topic is the *1939 Register and new GRO information*.

All welcome. \$2.00 admission with Lucky Door Prize.

The Society has organised a number of displays recently at which our new display boards have proved to be very useful. The next display will be conducted at Cleveland Gardens EXPO, Freeth Street, Ormiston on Tuesday, 4th April (10:00am – 12 noon).

Family Tree Maker Users' Group

The Family Tree Maker User's Group will begin at 10:30 am on 14th May, although the library will be open from 9:00am.

This group is a networking group that can help beginners and assist both Mac & Windows users overcome any FTM problems they may face.

All members should have received their Mackiev 2017 upgrade by then.

People with laptops should bring them along so the participants can help solve your particular problem(s). The GSQ library has Wi-Fi access but it is not suitable for downloading the new Mackiev upgrade.

Advance notice to the convenor on mcfadzen@bigpond.net.au of your problem(s) will assist in setting the meeting agenda.

Any GSQ members and researchers contemplating purchasing a family history programme, are welcome to attend our meeting.

Beaudesert Branch

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.

The next meeting is 26th April 2017

Visitors are very welcome.

German Interest Group

The next meeting is on Sunday May 28th at GSQ. Our guest speaker will be Bob McAllister on "*How did Caroline Kuhn arrive in Brisbane?*" Lesley has had the pleasure of hearing him speak and highly recommends you all come along and enjoy it as much as she did.

The usual times will apply - doors opening at 10am, then a brief meeting at 10:15am and our speaker at 10:30am. Doors close at 2:15pm. In the time left after the speaker and our customary cuppa and eats you are free to do your own research till closing.

Looking forward to seeing you then. Marg.

Writing Interest Group

The Writing Group's next meeting is scheduled for Sunday 23rd April from 10:00am - 2:00pm.

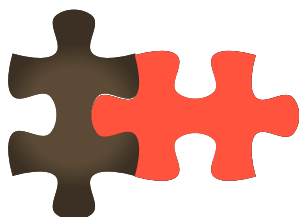
An agenda will be circulated to those on the Group mailing list. Please contact Pauline for more information on pstirland@hotmail.com.

DNA Interest Group

Another successful DNA Special Interest Group meeting was held in March. Due to a date clash in May the next DNA SIG meeting will be 9:30am on the 30th April at GSQ.

Topic will be Gedmatch and its wonderful tools for autosomal DNA analysis.

Everybody is welcome.



Convict Connections Group

Convict and Colonial Connections next meeting is on Sunday the 10th April.

Everyone is welcome as no doubt we are all interested in our early Colonial history.

The Group meets on the second Sunday of the 'even' months with minimal formality.

Doors open at 9:00am. Meeting will be held at 11:00am. Hope to see you there.

Legacy Family Tree Users' Group

The Legacy Family Tree Users' Group next meets on 14th May 2017. Doors open early Sunday for a meeting of another group and we convene formally at 1:00 pm.

Anyone using (or planning to use) Legacy to organise and store your family history records will be made welcome.

More details of the topics to be considered will be published in the May eNews. To be added to the mailing list, contact Bob at fortiter@live.com.au

A Complete Beginner's Guide to Findmypast's Irish Records

Findmypast has the largest collection of Irish family history records anywhere online. So where do you start with this goldmine of information on your Irish ancestors?

Like all of our record collections, Findmypast's Irish records are divided into nine broad categories.

[CLICK HERE](#) to access a summary of what you can expect to find in each and how they'll help your family research. Remember you can access Findmypast at GSQ.

INTEREST GROUPS & NEWS

English/Irish Interest Group

The English/Irish Special Interest Group will meet again on Sunday 2nd April.

The GSQ library will be open from 10:00am until 2:30pm, with the formal part of the day starting at 10:30am.

All GSQ members are invited to join the group and learn more about researching their English and Irish ancestors.

Topics for discussion at the April meeting are research in the counties of Londonderry (Ireland) and Somerset (England). We will also learn more about researching the occupations of our ancestors.

The GSQ library will be available for individual research outside the meeting. Hope to see you there.

Military Interest Group

The next military group is on Saturday 27th May with doors opening at 9:30am and the meeting commencing at 10:30am.

This month there will be a special presentation titled *Q ANZAC 100* with Niles Elvery, Regional Coordinator from the State Library of Queensland. Niles will provide an update on the Q ANZAC 100 project which is the 5 year legacy project being run by State Library of Queensland during the 2014 to 2018 commemorative period.

There is a charge of \$5 which can be booked on the GSQ website.

In July, Donna Morgan will present on the story of Egersland Harbour in Norway during the Second World War.

Monday Morning Natters

Monday 3rd April from 10:00am to 12 noon.

Do you know where your ancestors lived? Have you found it on a map at GSQ? Well, come along to Monday Morning Natters to see what maps GSQ has. Before coming, check out what maps are on the GSQ catalogue.

All welcome, gold coin donation for morning tea please.

Joan Reese Memorial Writing Competition

The topic for 2017 is a short story from your family history research titled "*The ancestor I'd most like to meet and why*". You may supplement your story with a photo, and any other relevant material.

The prize is a one-year single membership subscription to GSQ

Closing date for entries: **Monday 15th May 2017**. No entries will be received after this date.

Enquiries may be directed to GSQ Writing Group Convenor, Pauline Williams, on pstirland@hotmail.com.

Scandinavian Interest Group

The Scandinavian Group will have the next meeting on Sunday 21st May at 12:30pm. No Guest speaker this time.

For our July meeting, we hope to have the Danish Historian Robert Jensen as our guest speaker.

GSQ in your local BCC library - Free But Booking Required

Library	Course	Date	Time	Contact
Corinda	Queensland Family History online	Thursday, 27th April	2:00pm to 4:00pm	3407 7701
Garden City	Exploring Ancestry.com	Saturday, 6th May	10:00am -12 noon	3403
Nundah	Family History in Action: Tracing John Petrie the first mayor of Brisbane	Saturday, 13th May	1:00pm to 3:00pm	3407 8701
Toowong	Choosing a family tree program	Friday, 26th May	12:30pm -2:30pm	3403 2590

EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES @ GSQ



Did you know? GSQ now has informative talks on the 4th Wednesday night of the month, gold coin donation for members. Watch this space.

Wednesday 26 April • 7:00 - 8:00pm



Four Lives Shaped by War: Starting at World War 1

At GSQ, 25 Stackpole St, Wishart
Presenter: Bob McAllister

The four lives are:

- The man who found his niche;
- The man who did not go;
- The boy who did not return;
- The man who came home broken.

The aim is to use the documents in the service records of four particular individuals as the jumping off point to describe very different WW1 (and post-war) experiences.

Gold coin donation for members.

Saturday 27 May • 10:30 - 11:45 am

Old State Library's Q ANZAC 100 Project

At GSQ, 25 Stackpole St, Wishart
Presenter: Niles Elvery, Regional Coordinator

Niles will outline a number of the activities undertaken through this project which includes the following: the digitisation, description and transcription of many collections of documents, letters, diaries and photographs of Queensland service personnel; and the creation of the State of War website.

Niles will discuss regional activities such as White Gloves Experience, travelling across the State and educational programs of Heritage Leaders and symposiums and Fellowships.

Cost: Member \$5 Non-members \$10

A light morning tea will be served.

Bookings are essential for all GSQ education sessions and courses.

Use the website, www.gsq.org.au and click on the Events button on the menu bar Alternatively send a cheque to GSQ at PO Box 1467, Carindale, Q 4152 or call in at Stackpole Street.

Email info@gsq.org.au or phone 3349 6072 for further information.

Note: There is onsite parking available at the venue.

Saturday 29 April • 8:30 - 11:45 am



Advanced Excel Formulas

At GSQ, 25 Stackpole St, Wishart
Presenter: Joyce Matheson

This session is all about Excel formulas where you'll learn how to create simple formulas such as basic maths, counting, concatenate function and text formulas plus sub totals and dates. Participants to arrive by 8:30am and bring their laptops with Excel 2013 installed. Numbers limited to 6.

Cost: Member \$25 Non-member \$35
(includes morning tea)

Monday 1 May • 1:30 - 4:00 pm



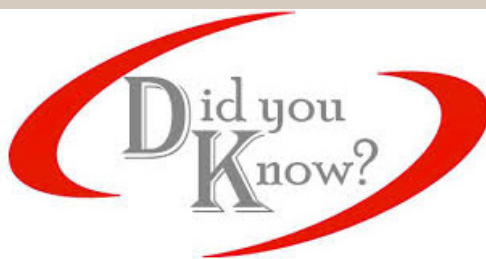
Creating your family history blog

At GSQ, 25 Stackpole St, Wishart
Presenter: Cathie Sherwood

This course will take you through the steps of setting up your own family history blog using the free program, Blogger. Limited to 10 attendees

Cost: Member \$25 Non-member \$35
(includes afternoon tea)

INTERESTING LINKS AND INFO



Let Your Computer Do What It Does Best - A Cautionary Tale for Genealogists

In a fight between you and your computer, your computer will always win. You cannot treat a computer like a spoiled or wilful child, it is a machine and it will always react consistently with its programming.

[CLICK HERE](#) to read this post from James Tanner.

We Need You!



The Society's journal *Generation* needs you. It may sound simplistic but without articles and stories there is no journal.

The Management Committee along with the editors have decided that there will no longer be a theme for each issue. This is in direct response to feedback the editors have received.

Do you have some interesting tips you have uncovered in your research? What about how you found that elusive ancestor, or what you have tried trying to find them. Other family historians find such stories interesting.

Copy needs to be sent to editor@gsq.org.au by the first of the month before each edition is published: 1st February; 1st May; 1st August; 1st November.

Copy for the June edition needs to be in the hands of the editors by 1st May 2017.

The editors are happy to assist with any issues or concerns you may have with articles or stories, such as length or appropriateness and may be contacted at editor@gsq.org.au.

Ulster Historical Foundation — Irish Workshop 27th May 2017 at Nambour

The Irish guest speakers will be Fintan Mullan, Executive Director, and Gillian Hunt, Research Officer from the Ulster Historical Foundation in Ireland who between conducting a lecture in USA and attending a Genealogy Conference in New Zealand , are stopping off in Australia for a limited time.

[CLICK HERE](#) for further information about the workshop.

Registrations on the day will begin at 8:00am but it is advisable to book early before the date by phoning 07 5441 4266 or emailing genealogysc@gmail.com .

Cloud Storage and Backing Up Your Data

Ever since the jargon term "the cloud" became a popular substitute for references to the internet, there has been a push to use "cloud storage" to backup your data. Digital data is "permanent" only if the programs and electronic devices that can access the data are functional and still available when you need to retrieve the stored data. The idea of a backup is that you make extra copies of digital files and store them on different devices such as external hard drives, flash drives and ultimately on someone else's hard drive online.

[CLICK HERE](#) to read more.

Emigration from England to South Australia in the 1800s

In South Australian history the *Buffalo* was one of a fleet of ships to arrive in the colony at the end of 1836. Once it arrived at Glenelg, Governor John Hindmarsh who was on board, proclaimed the establishment of government in South Australia as a British province.

[CLICK HERE](#) to read Alona Tester's informative article on emigration.