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Saturday	12noon - 4pm
Sunday	Interest Groups

\* (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wed of month)

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### From the President

It is the end of an era! Microfilm/fiche is dead! The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (the Mormons) says so!

This week Family Search announced that as of 01 September this year, they are no longer going to provide microfilms/fiche for distribution to customers worldwide. They have been making such progress with their digitisation project – which they think will now finish in 2020 – that they are ceasing distribution of microfilm a full 3 years before then! That seems nonsensical to me. What do people do for the next three years, if the particular records they wish to view have not been scanned yet? What do you think? If you were considering, lately, ordering a film to prove that thing with Great-great-Aunt Esmay back in the 1860's – then you had better get organised and get that film ordered before the end of August, or you won't be finding out anything till 2020 or after, it seems!

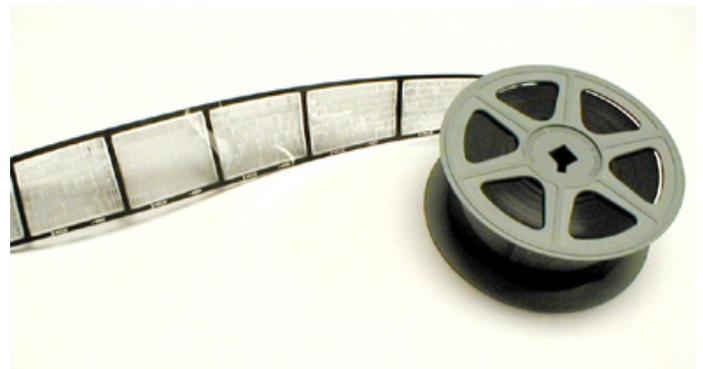
Unless you visit the library at Salt Lake City perhaps? Hah! I have said previously that their digitisation project has killed off one of the great family history pilgrimages – why go to Salt Lake City when everything they have is available online, or soon will be. Well, it seems it won't be between 2017 and 2020, at least. So, you now have a last window of opportunity here also, to go to Salt Lake City and see records that you can't yet see at home on your computer. Until 2020. Okay, I admit to being a bit tongue in cheek there, but it really will be interesting to see what the Mormon's library attendance figures are after this huge digitisation project is completed. Will there be a large drop-off? Time will tell.

This begs the question about what GSQ should do with its holdings of microfilm and fiche – because these records are very much underutilised. Should GSQ take a leaf from the Family Search book and try to convert them to digital records. It would likely be a time consuming and costly exercise.

We really do live in interesting times, eh?

Geoff Doherty

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## Meetings of Branches and Interest Groups

### 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 July 7.

Visitors are welcome at our meetings.

### Redlands Branch

The next meeting of the Redland Genealogical Society will be held on Wednesday, 12 July at the Donald Simpson Centre, Bloomfield Street, Cleveland, commencing at 12.15pm.

This will be the Society's Annual General Meeting, to be followed by the monthly meeting for July. Because of the AGM, no Guest Speaker has been engaged.

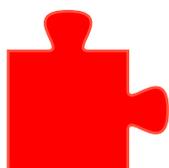
All welcome to attend. \$2.00 entry with Lucky Door prize.

### Beaudesert Branch

Meetings are held in our rooms at 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 26 July 2017.



### English/Irish Group

The English/Irish group will meet again on the first Sunday in August. All members of GSQ are welcome to join us for interesting discussions about research into English, Irish and Welsh records. The doors to GSQ open at 10 o'clock on meeting mornings with the GSQ library available for individual research both before and after the meeting, which starts at 10.30a.m.

Generally at each meeting two group members present information about research in various counties of interest, with this information also retained as an ongoing resource folder.

We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting – Sunday 6th August.

### Scottish Group

The next meeting of the Scottish Interest Group due to take place at GSQ is on Sunday 2nd July when the library will open at 0900 am. Our normal meeting beginning at 1000 will include a help session for those with research problems. A computer & projector will be available to catch upon the latest changes to the scotlandspeople website.

One of our members will give a talk on their county of choice. 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.

### Writing Group

The Writing Group next meets on 20 August. For more information, contact Pauline Williams on [pstirland@hotmail.com](mailto:pstirland@hotmail.com).

## Meetings of Branches and Interest Groups

### Family Tree Maker Users

The FTM User Group will meet at 1030 am on the 9th July, although the library will be open from 0900. 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 ordered their Mackiev 2017 upgrade, or at least joined the test group. We will look at the differences between the new FTM 2017 version and the FTM 2014.1 version. The GSQ library has Wi-Fi access but it is not suitable for downloading the new Mackiev upgrade.

People with laptops should bring them along so the participants can help solve your particular problem(s). GSQ members and researchers contemplating purchasing a family history programme, are welcome to attend our meeting. Advance notice to the convenor on [mcfadzen@bigpond.net.au](mailto: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.

### Legacy FT Users Group

If you already use Legacy Family Tree software or are looking for the right program for you, then you are welcome at the next meeting of the group at 1:00 pm on Sunday 9 July.

Although we have a nominal topic for each meeting (in July, it will be *Searching*), we specialise in responding to the issues facing members. So bring your laptop and current problem and see what we can make of it together. If you don't have a problem this month, then bring your expertise to share with others. You may be surprised at just how much you learn.

### German Group

The next meeting will be on the 30th July.

Doors open 10am followed by a brief business meeting 10.15am and then we have David Barnes giving us a talk on *Succession Planning* (what will happen to your research). This is something all of us will have to give a lot of thought to. Looking forward to seeing you - visitors are very welcome.

Morning tea provided.

### Military Interest Group

On Saturday 22 July, Military Group we will have two special presentations by members.

Donna Morgan will present on the story of *Egersland Harbour* in Norway during the Second World War. Elaine Lucas will also present on the same day on the *19th Century British Army*. This is a very broad topic with Elaine having researched various periods during her research.

The doors of GSQ open at 10am on meeting days and the meeting will commence at 10.30am. Everyone is welcome so come along and join us for morning tea and discussions on military matters.

### Scandinavian Group

At the next Scandinavian group meeting at 12:30 on 16 July, our guest speaker will be the Danish historian Robert Jensen.

He will be showing photos of the migrant ships that came from Hamburg to Queensland in the 1800s.

## Informal members' gatherings

### Monday Morning Natters

Is your idea of the best setting for doing family history to be relaxed in good company with a cuppa, and a choc biccie or a slice of apple tea cake? Then you are looking for Monday Morning Natters.

On the first Monday of each month, we meet at Stackpole Street at around 10 for 2 hours of low-key learning about the theme for the month and a chance to chat.

There is no need to book; just roll up with a gold coin contribution for the morning tea jar. You will be most welcome.

On 3 July, our topic will be *Getting your Irish research underway* and the conversation will be led by Helen Connor who last year enjoyed (too short a) time in Ballykelly, Co Derry at the end of her stay in Ireland. Helen may even be prevailed upon to tell a travel story or two.

The Events page of the GSQ website includes advance notice of the dates and topics for future Natters, which are subject to change. To celebrate National Family History Month, the advertised theme for August has been altered to "Bring along an item that has helped you in your family research eg photo, trophy, letter, diary or any other item. Be prepared to tell us the significance of the item and how it helped."

Family history research can be interesting and valuable without being rigidly formal.

Come along a have a natter about it.



### Wednesdays@GSQ

Our headquarters at Stackpole Street are open two evenings per month (2nd and 4th Wednesdays) from 6:00-9:00 pm particularly for those unable to research during working hours.

On the fourth Wednesday, from approximately 7:00 pm there will be a speaker who will address a topic that is a little different to our main educational opportunities. These sessions are open to all members for a gold coin contribution with no need to book.

At 7:00pm on 26 July, Geoff Doherty will launch a new GSQ database *Queensland Bushmen Soldiers in the Boer War*.

Despite the name, this resource includes men who went to South Africa from a range of places (not just Queensland) so who knows what you may find when you look through some of the features that Geoff will reveal.



In the following month (23 August) Sharyn Merkley and Janice Wellard will look at *Using maps to tell your family's story*. How can your family story be enriched by drawing your own maps to present information visually.

The forward schedule includes

27 September Bob McAllister reflects on the Centenary of Passchendaele, the Thirrd Battle of Ypres.

25 October Judy Lofthouse takes us back to life in the Workhouse for our less fortunate ancestors.

22 November Sharyn Merkley returns to examine the December 1864 fire that destroyed an entire block of the Brisbane CBD

## Education Opportunities

## Hands-on Workshops

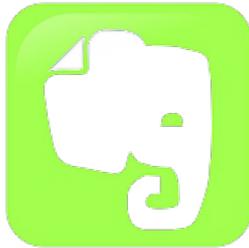
There are two events scheduled in the Hands-on Series during July. The first on a Monday afternoon and the other on Saturday morning.

Numbers are limited for these sessions to ensure that every participant receives individual attention as they actually use the tool being explained. Bookings are essential (see the Events page of the website) and the cost is \$25 for members and \$35 for non-members.

**Monday 3 July 1.30pm-4.00pm**

*How to use Evernote to organise your research and boost your genealogy productivity*

Have you installed Evernote and been interested by its power, but wondered how it can be applied to your family history research. Bob McAllister and Cathie Sherwood will explore some of the software's most useful features in the context of typical genealogy tasks.

**Saturday 15 July 9am to 11.30 am**

*Google is my (family history) friend*




Google Search

I'm Feeling Lucky

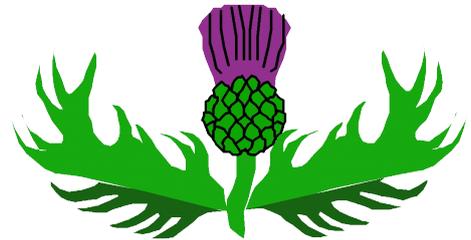
Look behind the front page of Google with Judy Lofthouse and discover the wonders for family history hidden behind that white page.

## Seminars

By the time many of you read this issue of eNews, the seminar on Evidence and Citation: proving your research may be over. But if it is not yet 9:00am on Saturday 1 July and you can get to the Queen Alexandra Conference, then go immediately to the GSQ Events page and make your booking. Cost to members is just \$25 (non-members \$35).

If you did attend the July mini-seminar, then you will know that the major annual event is already scheduled.

On October 28, the program will run from 8:30 am to 3:15 pm with a focus on Scotland and the Scots in Australia. Watch the events page for more details and to make your booking (\$50 for members; \$60 non-members).



The Federation of Family History Societies has requested that we publicise a competition they are running to encourage interest in family history among 5 to 16 year olds.

Sadly, those of us "overseas" are not eligible to enter, but members who are trying to lure grandchildren into our hobby may be interested in the offer of a free book. Details are at

<http://www.ffhs.org.uk/ezone/competition-2017.php>



## Education Opportunities

**Friday 14 July 2017 10:30 am – 11:30 am**

*Policing a Colonial Metropolis: from Moreton Bay to Brisbane*

Queensland State Archives 435 Compton Road, Runcorn, QLD 4113

Hear Griffith University Visiting Fellow, Dr Anastasia Dukova, illuminate the key aspects of town life and policing of today's Brisbane in its transition years, from the arrival of the first immigrant ships in Moreton Bay settlement in the 1840s, to the establishment of Brisbane as a colonial capital in 1859. Book through Eventbrite or for more information email [info@archives.qld.gov.au](mailto:info@archives.qld.gov.au).

**Saturday, 22 July 2017, 2 – 3pm**

*Building bridges connects Brisbane*

Indooroopilly Library, Level 4, 322 Moggill Road, Indooroopilly

Julie Hornibrook, grand-daughter of Queensland construction giant Sir Manuel Hornibrook, will share insights into her research and stories of the construction of the William Jolly Bridge, Hornibrook Highway and the Story Bridge. Bookings required. Phone Indooroopilly Library on 07 3407 0009 to reserve your place.

**Wednesday July 12th 2017, 12:30 - 1:30PM**

*RHSQ Wednesday Talk: Justice Stephen*

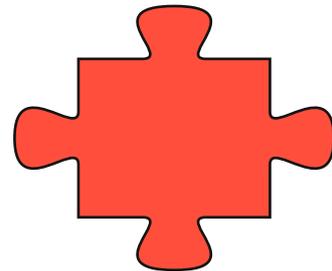
Commissariat Store 115 William Street Brisbane, QLD 4000

Sir Alfred Stephen was the third chief justice of NSW and the first chief justice to ever preside over a trial in Moreton Bay nine years before Queensland became a separate colony.

Stephen Sheaffe will give an outline of the Judge's background and how he came to be appointed to the court. He will examine some of the trials held during these two-week sittings. The sentences imposed, the facts of each case, and the relevant charges all make interesting reading.

For more details see

<http://www.queenslandhistory.org/events/>



### GSQ presentations at BCC Libraries

Library	Topic	When	Time	For bookings
Sunnybank Hills	<i>Exploring Findmypast</i>	Saturday 15 July 2017	1:30pm-3:30pm	34070571
Garden City	<i>How did they get here? Immigration in Australia from 1788</i>	Thursday 20 July 2017	10:00am-12noon	34037745
Hamilton	<i>How did they get here? Immigration in Australia from 1788</i>	Wednesday 2 August 2017	10:30am-12:30pm	34031050
Mt Ommaney	<i>Choosing a Family Tree</i>	Saturday 5 August 2017	9:00am-11:00am	34077010
Stones Corner	<i>Queensland Family History online</i>	Saturday 9 September 2017	10:30am-12:30pm	34071870
Ashgrove	<i>Family History in Action</i>	Saturday 23 September 2017	11:00am-1:00pm	34071940

## Of general genealogical interest



GSQ is holding its annual marquee event in August which is Family History Month across Australia. Hundreds of organisations conduct events with a focus on genealogy, family history, heraldry and related subjects and GSQ will be no exception.

The Family History Fair and Open Day is a wonderful opportunity to investigate your ancestors, listen to expert speakers on a range of topics and browse the many stalls selling

everything from antiques and collectibles to home-baked cakes and soups (and second hand books, of course).

Stall holders on the day will include the State Library of Queensland and the National Archives of Australia. There will be scrapbooking experts on hand to show you how to make the most of your photos and stories, a travel agent to help you plan your next holiday, special interest groups like Convict Connections and the Scottish group and many more. The official opening of the event will be performed by Sallyanne Atkinson, former Lord Mayor of Brisbane and then Australia's Senior Trade Commissioner to France.

So, make sure that you put the 5th August in your diary and come along on the day. Bring your family, friends and neighbours too to see what family history has to offer.

### From the Management Committee

The installation of the new computers is proceeding apace at GSQ. There will be an increase from 12, to 14, member machines. All the new machines will be the same type, providing uniformity of experience to members, and they will be running the same operating system – the dreaded Windows 10. Which is actually not a bad system, it is just a bit different – and we can all manage change, can't we? Well, we must when that system is the only one on offer from the supplier.

Another change members will notice with the new machines is that you won't be able to save anything to the Desktop. Well, you could, but it will disappear overnight. A uniform Desktop policy has been instituted, to save the clutter of

small files that now clog many of the screens at GSQ. Instead, members will need to save files to their usb stick, or to email them home.

The final change is that the Windows 10 system is 64-bit, which probably means little to most people, but means that it is a more robust system than the 32-bit Windows 7 that GSQ previously used. Unfortunately, not all the old programs that were installed on the previous machines will run on the new ones. Therefore, GSQ is keeping some of the old computers to use as legacy machines running the old tried and true programs we all know.

Which means that there will be 16 member machines, not 14, and up from 12 previously. Everybody wins! Hooray!

