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Tuesday	10am - 3pm
Wednesday	10am - 3pm
Wednesday*	6pm - 9pm
Thursday	10am - 3pm
Friday	10am - 3pm
Saturday	12noon - 4pm
Sunday	Interest Groups

* (2nd & 4th Wed of month)

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From the President

This month's column is going to be all about technology, I think. Diverse varieties of tech.

Firstly – the air conditioning is now installed, and working! The job was completed last Friday. I am sure everyone is as pleased as I am about this. We will not melt this coming summer, and on the remaining cold days of the current winter, we now have the ability to take the chill off! Ahhhhhh! Unfortunately, I won't get to enjoy it for long, as Marg and I are heading overseas on holiday for a couple of months on 9th August.

Also, on Friday last week, GSQ received a call from Telstra regarding NBN Co. Apparently the NBN cable roll-out has gone past the premises, and a breathlessly eager young man named Rory was on the phone to tell us that the cable had become active "just today" and he would like to organise a package for GSQ. He was a bit disappointed, I think, when I did not jump on the band wagon and sign up right away. I explained to him that any change would have to go through the GSQ committee. He then told me it would take some 6-8 weeks from signing up for the changeover to be made. A typical case of "hurry up ... and wait!" if ever there was one.

However, I think that signing up early, rather than waiting the full 18 months we are allowed before we would be forcibly moved across to the NBN, would be beneficial to GSQ. This is because GSQ does not usually operate in normal hours of "peak" activity, when everyone is home from school and work – which is what is getting all the bad press at the moment due to slow download speeds. GSQ is open from 10am-3pm weekdays, so speeds should be good. They couldn't be any worse than what we get on our ADSL2+ connection at the moment, anyway. We will see what the management committee decides.

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Are YOU who you think you are?
Come along to the Family History Fair and find the roots, leaves and branches of your family tree!

Family History Fair

- Expert Speakers
- Sausage Sizzle
- Stalls, Raffles
- and much more

Saturday 5 August 10am - 3pm

Activities on tree branches: Raffles, Scrapbooking, Stalls, FREE access to find My Past & Ancestry, Cakes & Sips, Second Hand Books.

Genealogical Society of QLD
25 Stackpole Street, Wishart

Don't forget that the Fair is on the 5th August. Invite your friends and neighbours to help make this a special event.

Check out What's on at the Fair on the website and remember that member discounts are on offer ONLY for the day, but can be claimed by renewing in advance.

more from the President

Is there any interest in setting up a Roots Magic user group at GSQ? In several conversations I have had with members over the past few months, they have mentioned that they use the Roots Magic programme for recording their family history. I just wonder if there is a sufficient number of members who may be interested in coming together once every two months (the usual meeting cycle for Special Interest Groups) to discuss all things RM? If you are interested in being part of such a group, please contact me via the email address below.

Last Wednesday night at GSQ I launched a Boer War database that will be appearing shortly on MyGSQ. It contains information from the medical examination forms of the men who served in the Queensland Bushman Contingents – about 1800 men in all. To be added to that database is the information of the men who were rejected for failing the medical – because the information recorded on their forms is just the same as for those who were accepted, and is of interest to family historians.

Also, the installation of the new computers at GSQ is just about complete – only two or three to go now. When it is completed GSQ will have a fleet of machines that are all the same type and running exactly the same operating system and programmes. One thing that users will need to be aware of is that with the new machines nothing will be able to be saved to the desktop. Well, it will, but it will be removed automatically at the end of the day. If you currently save items to the desktop, expecting them to be there the next time you are at GSQ – you won't be able to very soon now. You will have to either save items to a usb stick – either bring your own, or buy one at GSQ – or email your items home.

That's it for this month

Geoff Doherty, President. Email: president@gsq.org.au

GSQ presentations at BCC Libraries

Although most activities run by GSQ are principally for the benefit of members, we do engage in activities intended to encourage more people to take up family history as an activity; and thereby grow our membership.

GSQ members are most welcome to attend any of these sessions conducted for the general public in Brisbane City Council Libraries. There is no charge but you must book a place in advance through the relevant phone number listed below.

Library	Topic	When	Time	Phone number for booking
Hamilton	How did they get here? Immigration in Australia from 1788	Wednesday 2 August 2017	10:30am-12:30pm	34031050
Mt Ommaney	Choosing a Family Tree	Saturday 5 August 2017	9:00-11:00am	34077010
Stones Corner	Queensland Family History online	Saturday 9 September 2017	10:30am -12:30pm	34071870
Ashgrove	Family History in Action	Saturday 23 September 2017	11am -1pm	34071940

Meetings of Branches and Interest Groups

North Brisbane Branch

The Branch 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 Aug 4th. Member David Barnes will give a talk on Succession Planning for Researchers.

Visitors are welcome at our meetings.

Redlands Branch

The next meeting of the Redland Genealogical Society will be held on Wednesday, 9 August at the Donald Simpson Centre, Bloomfield Street, Cleveland, commencing at 12.15pm. The Guest Speakers at this meeting will be Noel and Del Bergman with a presentation about research of the 1865 Voyage of the Susanne Godeffroy. All welcome to attend. \$2.00 admission with Lucky Door Prize.

The Redland Branch will celebrate National Family History month by organising a week-long manned display at the Stockland Shopping Centre, Middle Street, Cleveland, during the week 21 – 25 August.

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 23 August 2017.

Meeting this month

6 August	English/Irish Group
13 August	Convict Connections
20 August	Writing Group

English/Irish Group

The English/Irish group meets again on the first Sunday in August – 6th August.

The GSQ library will open as usual at 10 o'clock and the meeting itself will start at 10.30a.m. and the library will be available for individual research after the meeting until 1p.m. (an earlier close than usual).

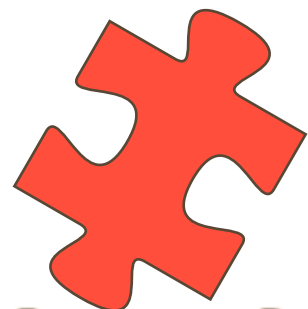
During the meeting we will continue our investigation of resources in various English, Irish and Welsh counties. Attendees help each other in their pursuit of information about ancestors in these three countries.

All GSQ members are invited to attend the meeting. We look forward to seeing you there.

Convict Connections

Convict and Colonial Connections next meeting is on Sunday the 13 August. 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.



Meetings of Branches and Interest Groups

Writing Group

The next meeting is on 20 August. This will be convened by Janice Cooper.

As usual, doors will open at 10am and close at 2pm. The meeting will be held from 10.30am to 12.30pm and will focus on the use of sensory language when describing our ancestors' lives. Members will also be involved in a short writing activity as a regular part of the two-monthly gatherings.

German Group

Thanks to David Barnes for his talk on "Succession Planning " on 30 July.

Our next meeting on September 24 will be concentrating on Brick walls. We all have them. Doors open at 10am and at 10.15 we have a short business meeting/discussion before the main event.

Before that meeting, there are many activities to keep members busy. The GSQ Fair on 5th Aug, A lecture on "German Connections" at the SLQ on the 6th, and the day long German Seminar on the 9th August at the Kedron Wavell Services Club.

The Group will enjoy our Annual luncheon at the German Club on the 17th September. Contact



Military Interest Group

The Military Interest Group is meeting on Saturday 23 September at Stackpole Street with doors opening at 10am. Donna Morgan will explore two Australian Air Force missions in WWII from a personal basis - with the plane crashes of two family members. One relative was very lucky to walk away unscathed, the other died during the mission in Norway.

The meeting will commence at 10.30am and will end at midday so the library can open. Visitors are very welcome to join others interested in military matters including those of their family.

Legacy FT Users Group

The next meeting of this group will be at 1:00pm on Sunday on Sunday 10 September.

Members are encouraged to suggest topics of interest for coming meetings. We aim to respond to your needs.

Any GSQ member not yet on our Legact Group mailing list is invited to send their details to fortiter@live.com.au

Coming up in September

3 September	Scottish Group
10 September	Family tree Maker Users Legacy Family Tree Users
17 September	DNA Group Scandinavian Group
24 September	German Group

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 about whatever else may be puzzling or fascinating you in the world of genealogy.

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 7 August, our topic will be "Bring along an artefact (diary, photo, clothing, trophy etc) that has helped with your research and be prepared to tell how it helped you."



We then plan to cover:

September 4 – Bring along your most interesting ancestor

October 2 – Where was the most unusual place you found a clue about your ancestor?

November 6 – Dating photos

December 4 – Hunt for hidden treasures in the GSQ Library & then celebrate Xmas

Family history research can be interesting and valuable without being rigidly formal. Come along and 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 23 August, Sharyn Merkley and Janice Wellard will show how to use maps to tell your family's story.

Show where your family lived over time. Create and draw your own maps to tell a story.

The forward schedule for later Wednesdays@GSQ includes

27 September Bob McAllister reflects on the Centenary of Passchendaele, the Third 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

Hands-on Workshops are held at our Stackpole Street headquarters so participants have access to the computers and other resources.

Numbers are limited for these sessions to ensure that every attendee 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.



Saturday 19 August 2017 9am to 11.30
Immigration Records with Bob McAllister.

Most of our early migrant ancestors arrived by boat in one form or another. Later ones flew here. This course looks at where and how you can explore the records of their immigration.

Bookings essential through the website.
 Cost \$25 [Members] or \$35 [Non-Members]

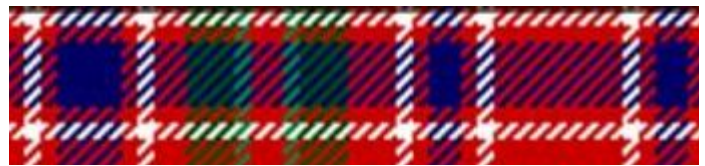
INWARD.						
A LIST of the Crew and Passengers arrived in the Ship <i>Palmerston</i> of <i>Palmerston</i> Port Master, Burthen, 1327 Tons, from the Port of <i>London</i> to <i>Spring</i> , New South Wales, <i>24 Aug</i> 1877						
Passenger's Name	Rank	Age	Of what Nation	Name of Passenger	Description	Remarks
<i>G. Jones</i>	<i>1 Mate</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>Abraham</i>	<i>A. Jennings</i>	<i>First</i>	<i>Abraham</i>
<i>J. M. Thomas</i>	<i>2 Mate</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>Abraham</i>	<i>John Egger</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>do</i>
<i>Wm. J. Thomas</i>	<i>3 Mate</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>Belfast</i>	<i>Henry Brown</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>do</i>
<i>Robt. Williamson</i>	<i>4 Mate</i>	<i>49</i>	<i>Abraham</i>	<i>Wm. A. Bannet</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>do</i>
<i>James Lewis</i>	<i>Boatman</i>	<i>39</i>	<i>London</i>	<i>Wm. H. King</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>do</i>
<i>John Campbell</i>	<i>Boatman</i>	<i>39</i>	<i>London</i>	<i>John King</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>do</i>
<i>James J. Wilson</i>	<i>Boatman</i>	<i>39</i>	<i>London</i>	<i>Wm. J. King</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>do</i>
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Seminars

Saturday 28 October 2017 Annual Seminar
 At Queen Alexandra Conference Centre
 347 Old Cleveland Rd, Coorparoo

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Scotland's Place in Family History



Speakers:

- Dr Jennifer Harrison *Scotland's People & Places: What's in a Name?*
- Pauleen Cass *Preparing for your family research trip in Scotland*
- Cathie Sherwood *Ulster Scots Research*
- Bob McAllister *Scotland's People*
- Alistair Henderson *The Inexhaustible Source: The Register of Deeds*
- Ken Nisbet *Scottish Military History*

Ken Nisbet, who is Secretary of the Scottish Association of Family History Societies will present live from Scotland via video link.

Register at 8.30am for 9am start.
 Finishes 3.15pm

Cost: Members \$50 and non-members \$60

Book through the GSQ website.

Of general genealogical interest

Blogging for GSQ

Do you go to the GSQ blog every Monday to read the latest post? Do you wonder how the regular authors got such a fabulous position -- sharing their research with hundreds (even thousands of readers) once a month?

Then this is your opportunity to join them. One of the regular contributors has expressed a wish to reduce her commitments and that creates a vacancy for a new author.

If you would like to be considered for this prestigious appointment, then send an email to Marg Doherty (at reneken105@hotmail.com) and she will discuss the role with you. But be quick, Marg is leaving the country in a week and would like to finalise this before she leaves.

St John's, Parramatta

St John's Cemetery, Parramatta, is the oldest European cemetery in mainland Australia. It features the country's oldest grave with headstone in situ and more than 50 First Fleeters are buried here in total. Learn more about this historic cemetery and an inspiring local project underway to help preserve it and share its fascinating stories in this post on Inside History (now an online only publication). [<http://www.insidehistory.com.au/2017/06/preserving-a-historic-australian-cemetery/>]

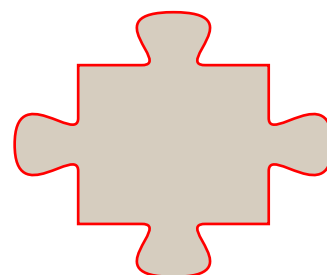
**Irish Famine Eviction Project**

If you've got 19th-century Irish ancestry, you should look into the Irish Famine Eviction Project [<https://irishfamineeviction.com/>] which aims to document evidence of eviction during the Great Irish Famine. The site aims to include the physical location of the eviction, the landlord's name, tenants' names and other details. So far over 400 eviction sites have been located and pinpointed on the website's Eviction Map.

Tithe maps of Wales

Places of Wales [<https://places.library.wales>] is a (beta) website created by the National Library of Wales to give free access to the maps, valuations and records of ownership and tenancy that were used to determine the tithes to be paid on land.

The extensive Help section looks to provide a very good basis for beginning to investigate what could prove to be a very valuable new resource.



Have you entered the National Family History Month 2017 Online Giveaway Prize Draw. Go to the Sponsors page of the NFHM website and read the Terms and Conditions to find out how to enter for a chance to win a great prize that could enhance your research.