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Thursday	10am - 3pm
Friday	10am - 3pm
Saturday	12noon - 4pm
Sunday	Interest Groups

* (2nd & 4th Wed of month)

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From the President

You have all no doubt heard the expression “Barking up the wrong tree”, meaning that a person is looking in the wrong direction or place. Because of the inherent vagueness and unavailability of records, the farther back we go in our family history research, the more likely that this saying applies to our work. And it has happened to me, as I recently discovered.

When I first started my family history research 25 years ago, I reconstructed a lot of my Scottish family tree from the old IGI (International Genealogical Index) because it was all that was available or accessible then. I knew, even then, that it was not the most reliable source under the sun – but we work with what we have at the time.

Nowadays, what is accessible is ScotlandsPeople – a much more reliable source than the IGI ever was because you work with images of the original records. While SP is better, it is not free. One way of researching on SP is to save up your money, put a block of dedicated time aside, and then “binge research” until your time and credits are gone.

A more expensive version of this is to go on holiday to Scotland and use the ScotlandsPeople centres in Glasgow and Inverness. For £15, you can binge research for a whole day. This is what Marg and I have done. But there are drawbacks to using the ScotlandsPeople centres in Scotland rather than your own online account. In a day you can look at many more records than the 30 credits online will allow – but you cannot save any of your searches, or the records you look at. You can only print records (at 50 pence each). You also cannot photograph, or crop a screen. Pen and paper is the only way of recording your findings. SP gives, and takes away at the same time.

By chance, we both decided to review research we had considered to be fairly complete – and both found that we very likely had the wrong people in place and were barking up the wrong tree(s). Is family history the only hobby in which finding an error in your work can be considered a good thing?

In my case, I think it can. Using images of the original records I have been able to progress my tree another 100 years into the late 1690s. I am now surer that I am following the correct line, than with the IGI – but not completely so. The early marriage records in the Old Parochial Registers do not name the parents – so there is no cross referencing in that way. You can work out likely matches based on ages between events and look for possibilities. In my case I think I have been lucky, because every time I looked for a birth or marriage, there was only one realistic possibility in each case.

So, I feel that I am on the right track at last. Now, to brush off the Scottish Naming Tradition and compare the new names I have in my tree to see what matches. I may well still be barking up the wrong tree. But I am having fun!

Geoff Doherty

Meetings of Branches

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 September 1st.

Visitors are welcome at our meetings.

Redlands Branch

The next meeting of the Redland Genealogical Society will be held on Wednesday, 13 September in the Donald Simpson Centre, Bloomfield Street, Cleveland, commencing at 12.15pm.

Guest Speakers at this meeting will be Lorraine Digney and Kay Aberdeen with a presentation focused on Making Family History Books.

All welcome. \$2.00 admission 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 27 September 2017.



Date Claimer

The **Annual General Meeting** of the Society will be held from 10 am to 12 noon on Saturday 4 November at our headquarters in Stackpole Street. Watch for more information including the call for nominations for Management Committee positions.

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
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
Garden City	Choosing a family tree program	Monday, 30 October 2017	10am -12 noon	34037745

Meetings of Interest Groups

Meeting this month

03 Sep	Scottish Group
10 Sep	Family Tree Maker Group(am) Legacy Family Tree Group (pm)
17 Sep	DNA Group (am) Scandinavian Group (pm)
23 Sep	Military Interest Group

Scottish Group

The next meeting of the Scottish Interest Group due to take place at GSQ is on Sunday 3rd September when the library will open at 0900 am. Our normal meeting beginning at 1000 will include a help session for those with research problems.

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 in advance of any research problems you have to assist in setting the agenda. Visitors are welcome.

Family Tree Maker Users

The FTM User Group will begin at 1030 am on the 10th September, 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 be using their Mackiev 2017 upgrade by now, or at least have ordered it. The new FTM 2017 version links to both Ancestry and the LDS Family Search.

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.

Legacy FT Users Group

Immediately after the FTM meeting on Sunday 10 September, the Legacy users will assemble to begin their meeting at 1:00pm.

We will probably have a number of new or less-experienced users bring along their systems for advice and assistance on setting up. So the contributions of the old-hands will be very valuable. Remember that there is almost always more than one way to complete any task in Legacy and helping a beginner can be a great way to clarify just why we prefer to do some things in "our way".

Is there any member who has found a consistent process for handling the orange dot hints now offered in Version 9? When you open up the new window and decide the information is worthwhile, what do you do with it? How do you bring all (or a selection) of the new data back into your Legacy family file? Let's share our experiences.

Anyone interested in participating in the group but not yet on the email list, should contact Bob on fortiter@live.com.au



Meetings of Interest Groups

Scandinavian Group

The Scandinavian Interest Group aims to provide assistance to members researching their Swedish, Danish, Norwegian, Finnish or Icelandic ancestors. The Resource Centre opens at 12.30pm and closes at 2.30pm. The meetings usually commence at 12.30pm and take the form of discussions or guest speakers about Scandinavian research, migration or customs. The next meeting will be on 17 September.

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.

German Group

Our next meeting is on Sunday 24 September. We will spend the day working on brick walls. Doors open 10am. At 10.15am is a short meeting/discussion and then we will tackle as "walls" many as we can. Have with you where you have searched so far to eliminate double checking.

Don't forget the lunch at the German Club on the 17th Ring Margaret (438901672) to confirm by the 15th please.

Coming up in October

01 October English-Irish Group
08 October Convict Connections
15 October Writing Group

English/Irish Group

The English/Irish Group will meet again on the first Sunday in October – Sunday 1st October.

The GSQ library will be open from 10a.m. until 2.30p.m. on that day with the meeting of the group starting at 10.30a.m. We will continue our presentations on research leads in the various counties of England, Ireland and Wales.

We invite all GSQ members to join us for wide-ranging discussions about all things English and Irish. Come along and learn more about research in these countries and share your research successes and challenges.

Convict Connections

Convict and Colonial Connections 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 on October 8.

Writing Group

The final meeting of the Writing Group for 2017 will be held on 15 October. More details will be provided in the October eNews.

For more information, contact Pauline on pstirland@hotmail.com.

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.

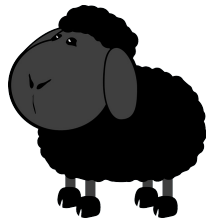
On the first Monday of each month, we meet at Stackpole Street at around 10 for 2 hours of low-key learning about the theme for the month and a chance to chat about whatever else may be puzzling or fascinating you in the world of genealogy.

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

**Monday September 4 10am -12 noon**

I'm sure everyone has at least one very interesting ancestor.

Did the ancestor travel the world or practise a different hobby?



What made the ancestor interesting for you?

So come along and tell about your ancestor.

We then plan to cover:

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 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.

**The Centenary of Passchendaele**

What do we remember of this landmark conflict after 100 years?

On 27 September, Bob McAllister will explore some of the iconic representations of the Passchendaele campaign in the century since it ended and reflects on what "message" it may carry for future generations.

The forward schedule for later Wednesdays@GSQ includes:

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

Practical Family History

Repairing, preserving and protecting photographs

Saturday 16/09/2017 9:00 am - 11:30 am

Do you have old family photographs and/or precious family papers which have been torn or damaged? Would you like to be able to identify your old photos? Then come along to this course and find out how you can:

- Identify and date 19th and early 20th century photos
- Repair torn, damaged photos and paper memorabilia
- Store photos and paper for future generations.

Presented by Cathie Sherwood

Bookings are essential (see the Events page of the website) and the cost is \$25 for members and \$35 for non-members.

Hands-on Workshops

Exploring Trove

Monday 02/10/2017 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Trove is a national resource discovery service hosted by the National Library of Australia. One of the most popular (and very addictive) of Trove's resources are the Digitised Newspapers. This course will look at all that Trove has to offer – digitised newspapers, books, microfilms and more.

Presented by Judy Lofthouse

Bookings are essential (see the Events page of the website) and the cost is \$25 for members and \$35 for non-members.

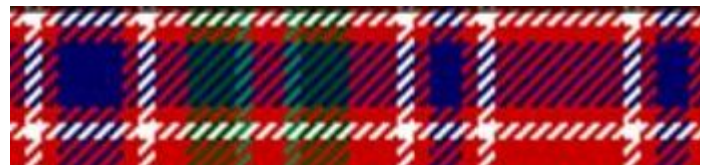
Seminars

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.

Society News



TAG Talk

The Technology Advisory Group not only offers advice on the use of technology within the Society but also implements any decisions on new or enhanced technology. While all serious genealogy researchers know that "it is not all online", it does seem that any problem with the computers attracts a lot of concern.

That is why TAG has been busy upgrading the hardware and the operating system of the work stations arrayed down the centre of the room. When we link them to enhanced access to the internet through the NBN (soon), all members should benefit from significantly improved performance. The 12 new(ish) workstations, labelled A to N, have more memory, are faster and more secure than the boxes they have replaced.

Of course with those benefits come trade-offs. Family historians were among the early creators of computer databases and some of our old favourites are now more than 30 years old. The hardware for which they were written is simply no longer available and the security built-in to modern operating systems no longer allows us to run many of those programs. The next phase of our upgrade project will be to refurbish the best of the old machines as a way to keep running the ancient programs for a little longer. Look out for the veterans to be installed along the western wall.

As our President mentioned in a previous eNews, we plan to automate a number of maintenance functions on the Windows 10 machines. This will include wiping the desktop and downloads folder each night to ensure that the system runs as smoothly and quickly as possible. That means that each user must remove to move any files saved during the day onto a USB stick and take them home with you. They will not still be there when you next come in.

Family History Fair

It is difficult to believe that it is almost a month since our very successful Family History Fair. But for some lucky members (and visitors) the excitement is about to be revisited.

The lucky winners of the wonderful prizes are:

Convict Connections gift basket

Elma O'Toole

Legacy Family Tree Deluxe software and 1 year's subscription to webinars

Muriel Skillen

Children's book pack (donated by Ross Vasta MP)

Dian Power

and for our giant raffle

1st Prize – a year's subscription to the world version of Find My Past

Helen Veivers

2nd Prize – a \$100 Memento voucher

Hilda Maclean

3rd prize – a framed cover of the Queenslander (donated by SLQ)

Maureen Hanson

Members' Interest Areas

Are you getting the best value from your GSQ membership? Have you considered the possibility that you have a cousin in the Society researching the same ancestors?

The Members Interest page within MyGSQ is the place to find them. Filter and sort the table to locate just the right person and then email.

Of course, the value of this depends upon each member submitting a list of ancestral names, dates and places. You have done yours, haven't you?

Of general genealogical interest

Missing WDYTYA?

Did you know that you can find many of the episodes of the UK *Who Do You think You Are* on YouTube?

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL0pVfQfO9CMI8-8y6Q01hjipdAYI2Ysbx>

That can be good to catch up an old favourite or to hunt down recent BBC episodes that don't seem to be coming here free-to-air.

Thanks to Judy of the Toowoomba and Darling Downs Family History Society for the tip.

Event at QSA

Queensland State Archives has a great presentation with Professor Mark Finnane of the Prosecution Project coming up on 6 September 2017. You can find background at <https://prosecutionproject.griffith.edu.au/>

The Prosecution Project: Queensland sources and Queensland stories

6 September 2017

10.30 am – 11.30 am

Tickets (free!) through Eventbrite:
<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/the-prosecution-project-queensland-sources-and-queensland-stories-tickets-36737574073>

**A new look for FreeCEN**

Have you used FreeCen to access (free) UK Census records but secretly wished that the interface looked a little more exciting. Did you wonder why FreeCen looked (well) dowdy beside its hip sister site FreeReg?

It's time to look again. A new website, FreeCEN2 <https://freecen2.freecen.org.uk/>, contains all of the records that the current website holds, but with a fresh new look and feel in-line with Free UK Genealogy and FreeREG.

FreeCEN2 is a work-in-progress and the project team want genealogists and family history researchers to try it out and let them know what you think. They believe that Open Data and Open Source are key to making and keeping public records accessible to all.

Dublin Directory Database

The Irish Ancestors website has made available a database containing the content of a Dublin Directory of 1775.

Everyone has free access the database, which includes each resident's surname, occupation and address. However, only subscriber members of the IGRS can see first names.

More details are available in this news item as published on the Society's website:
<http://www.irishancestors.ie/9321-2/>

Or you can go directly to the search page:
<http://www.irishancestors.ie/resources/unique-resources/the-dublin-directory-1775/>

STOP PRESS



Close To My Heart consultants, Ruth and Lesley, are offering hands-on workshops to show you how to organise and display your treasured family photos and documents in photo safe scrapbook albums.

For those who attended the Family History Fair & Open Day, I'm sure you would have been impressed with the albums on display at the Close to My Heart booth.

Preserving life's moments is so much more than adding photos to a page. It's about the magic of storytelling. When you embark on the adventure of being a memory keeper, you become the creator of an experience to be relived time and time again. To do so, you just need the right photos, stories and paper. All three, joined with your hands, can work together to bring your stories to life for generations to come.

The first workshop will be held on the 18th September at GSQ from 9am-11.30am and, depending on the level of interest, others are scheduled for the 16th October and the 20th November.

The workshop cost is \$25 with a discount of \$10 for participants who attend subsequent workshops.

To make it super easy for you (no experience needed) a family "heritage kit" has been put together for you to complete 32 12x12 album pages.

Your kit includes pre-cut papers and easy to follow layout guides so that you can create beautiful layouts for your precious photos, memorabilia and stories. The full kit price is \$125 (with a FREE embellishment kit) so you will need to pre-order to have your kit on the day.

You do not have to purchase a kit to attend the workshop.

In the first session, you will be learning about sorting your photos and stories, how to do journalling and different options for layouts of photos and memorabilia. You can also start assembling your kit pages.

It is optional to bring your photos on the day.

The 2nd and 3rd workshops will be hands on, creating your keepsake album with professional help.

The workshops are designed to present ideas on how to display your heritage photos but there will also be many options available to help you see the importance of getting your everyday photos off the devices and into your life - baby, school, wedding, travel, family, family reunions etc.

If you have any questions about the workshop or would like to pre-order your heritage kit,

contact Ruth 0431 411 690 or by email: ruthburgess2@optusnet.com.au

You can also view some of the layouts on Ruth's business Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/heart2heartconnectionsCTMH/>

Bookings are essential and can be made via the GSQ Shop at:

<https://www.gsq.org.au/gsq-shop/create-family-keepsake-album/>