



### FamilySearch News:

Members **can now access digital images** of LDS films at the GSQ Research Centre. To do this **you** need to create an account with FamilySearch. It may be easier to do this at home as the LDS will send you a confirmation code via either email or mobile phone. Once the account is created you just need to remember your LDS user-name and password to access the images - which is done by searching in their Catalogue. You **cannot** view images at home.

### MyHeritage News:

A trial of **home access** to **MyHeritage** for GSQ members will shortly be conducted. Stay tuned for further news on when this trial begins. The results (member usage) will determine if GSQ signs up for full time access.

### Christmas at GSQ:

It is that time of year once again. GSQ will close from 17 December and reopen on 08 January 2018. In that time, though, volunteers will open GSQ on set days for those who work and have time off over the holidays to do their own research (& those who just want to research). See the GSQ Calendar. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all e-News readers. See you all again in 2018.

## From the President

Welcome to the new-look e-News. This may well be an evolving format, as I learn how to do things within this template. Yes, I am the new e-News Editor, for the time-being at least. To any member who can do this better than I - please contact me. I am happy to give it up. 😊

### *GSQ needs your help!*

As a result of the AGM GSQ is in a bit of a pickle. Several members of the previous Management Committee chose not to continue this year. Unfortunately, those who left were responsible for running several of GSQ's vital functions. GSQ is now looking for assistance from its members. You do not need to be on the Management Committee to do the work.

The positions required are: **Project Manager** (coordinating Indexing and Scanning work); **Research Manager** (coordinating family history research requests and assigning same to volunteer researchers); **Generation Editor** (compiling submitted stories and other content for the journal and liaising with GSQ's Graphic Design person); **Webmaster** (maintaining GSQ's website - which was created in Wordpress); **TAG Group** members (the Technical Advisory Group maintains GSQ's computers and advises the MC on all things technical. If you like keeping computers up to date and/or doing a bit of coding, we would like to hear from you); **Blog Manager** (coordinating the GSQ Blog and its writers). As well as these positions, GSQ is looking for more **Library Assistants**, to help with the running of the Research Centre.

It is quite a list - if you are able to help with any of the above please contact the Volunteer Coordinator via [volunteer@gsq.org.au](mailto:volunteer@gsq.org.au). If these places are not filled quickly a drop-off in GSQ performance and quality will follow. A few people can't be expected to do all the work - many hands make light work as the saying goes. Please help **your** society.

Geoff Doherty

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## Open Hours

Monday	Closed
Tuesday	10am - 3pm
Wednesday	10am - 3pm
Wednesday	6pm - 9pm
(2nd & 4th nights <b>only</b> each month)	
Thursday	10am - 3pm
Friday	10am - 3pm
Saturday	12noon - 4pm
Sunday	Interest Groups only

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### Grace period reduced to 30 days.

Members in their renewal grace period will now have just 30 days before a renewal will be counted as a new membership and charged the Administration fee applicable at the time. While within the grace period members cannot access MyGSQ, Generation or e-NEWS.

## Important GSQ Price rises in 2018

In 2018, GSQ will increase the price of some education courses and for a printed and posted copy of *Generation*, the journal. The decision to increase prices was not taken lightly. GSQ is committed to providing the best value it can for its membership. However, as a non-profit organisation run by volunteers, GSQ must ensure that all prices charged help to cover increasing outgoing costs. It is a balancing act.

### **Generation, the GSQ journal**

From 2018, all new and renewed subscriptions for a printed and posted copy of *Generation* will increase in price. At present, members are charged \$25 a year for the printed and posted version, equating to \$6.25 per edition. However, printing costs this year have been approximately \$9 per edition before postage.

The electronic version will continue to be free for all members and pricing remains unchanged for non-members.

For those who prefer the hard copy version, the price increase to cover the costs for 2018 will be as follows:

### **Generation printed and posted – 4 editions:**

Within Australia	International
Members \$45	Members \$65
Non-Members \$55	Non-Members \$75

### **Education Courses:**

Course	Members	Non-members
Small course/workshop (2 hours)	\$25	\$40
Medium (3-4 hours)	\$35	\$50
Mini-seminar (1/2 day)	\$30	\$45
Seminar (whole day)	\$60	\$75



## Branch News and Meetings

### North Brisbane Branch

North Brisbane 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** will be on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December and it will be the Branch's Christmas break up. There will be no meeting in January 2018.

### Beaudesert Branch

Meetings are held in our rooms at 15A William Street, Beaudesert, on 4th Wednesday of each month, starting at 10am.

The library is open on Wednesdays from 10am to 2pm.

No meeting is set for December.

**Next meeting** will be on 24 January 2018.

### Redlands Branch

The final meeting of the Redland Genealogical Society for 2017 will be held on Wednesday, 13 December, commencing at 12.15pm at the Donald Simpson Centre, Bloomfield Street, Cleveland.

All attending are invited to bring a small wrapped gift for the Lucky Door draw. The meeting will commence with a Christmas Lunch for which a pre-payment of \$12.00 must be made to Treasurer, Irene Salvatierra, prior to the day of the meeting.

Following Lunch the December meeting is to be conducted, with the meeting concluding with the multi Lucky Door draw and the drawing of the Christmas Raffle. No Guest Speaker has been engaged for this meeting. Admission to the meeting is \$2.00.

## 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; thereby growing GSQ membership. One of these activities is to give talks in Brisbane City Council Libraries.

GSQ members are most welcome to attend any of the sessions listed below, which are 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.**

There is only one talk listed for December - due to the season, no doubt, so a talk for January has been included - which just happens to be a repeat of the December talk in a different library. You have no excuse to miss it!

**Sandgate Library**    How did they get here?    Sat, 15 Dec 2017 12.30-2.30pm    Phn: 3667 6022

**Kenmore Library**    How did they get here?    Sat, 20 Jan 2018 10am-12pm.    Phn: 3407 0258



## GSQ Interest Group News

### Writing Group

There is no meeting in December. The group is in recess until February - which gives everyone time to write up their research, doesn't it? Topics for 2018 and meeting dates will be confirmed in due course. Please email Pauline Williams at [pstirland@hotmail.com](mailto:pstirland@hotmail.com) if you have any enquiries.

### Legacy Family Tree Group

There is no meeting in December. The group will meet again on 14 January 2018 from 1-2.30pm.

Even though there is a new version available, it does not matter which version of Legacy you use to enjoy interacting with your fellow enthusiasts.

Your "problem" may be someone else's "clever hint" - you will never know if you don't go.

### 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 about 2:30pm. The meetings usually commence at 12:30pm and take the form of discussions amongst the group, or a talk from a guest speaker about Scandinavian research, migration or customs.

The next meeting will be 21 January 2018. All members are welcome to attend.

### Scottish Interest Group

The next meeting of the Scottish Interest Group due to take place at GSQ on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January, will be our Hogmanay meeting, 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 up on the latest changes to the ScotlandsPeople website. On completion of the meeting the library will remain open for research.

If possible, please 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.

### Family Tree Maker Group

The FTM User Group will next meet at 10:30am on the 14<sup>th</sup> January, although the library will be open from 09:00.

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 and received their backup DVD or USB stick. We will explore 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). GSQ members and researchers contemplating purchasing a family history programme, are welcome to attend our meeting. The GSQ library has Wi-Fi access but it is not suitable for downloading the new Mackiev upgrade. [This is under investigation, so bring your laptops anyway. Ed.] Advising 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.



## DNA Group

The DNA SIG has had a successful year with much interest among members in using DNA in their genealogical research. The seven week Intermediate DNA course started on the 7th November. The final meeting for the year is on December 16th (9am start): *Visualising Ancestry DNA Matches*.

In 2018 the DNA SIG will be meeting monthly on the following dates:

21 January	
25 February	
18 March	
22 April	New members are
20 May	welcome to attend.
24 June	
15 July	
26 August	
16 September	
28 October	
18 November	

The move to monthly meetings is an attempt to keep abreast of the rapid developments in the DNA world. There is always a lot to cover.

## German Interest Group

It has been a good year and I thank all the members of the German Group for making it a fruitful year. **We are adding 10 Volumes of the Guide to Parish Records to the library that are on their way.** The International - GAGHA- Group are starting to prepare for Australia's 1st German/Australian Conference in Adelaide Aug. 17-19-2018. The first meeting of the New Year will be on 28th Jan 2018. Eric Kopittke will talk on how to use the "Parish Record Volumes" - I am looking forward to seeing you all there. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy and safe New Year.

## Military Interest Group

Do you have a military person in your family? Are you interested in a particular era, conflict, campaign or battle?

Come along to the Military Interest Group at GSQ. The group is not limited to just the First World War as some may think.

The Military Group will meet for the first time in 2018 on Saturday 27 January. Doors will open at 10am and the meeting will commence at 10.30. Bring along your stories to share with members or come along to listen to other members.

All welcome. Light refreshments served.

## English/Irish Group

The English/Irish group will meet for the last time in 2017 on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. The GSQ resource centre will be open on that day from 10 o'clock until 3 p.m., with the meeting starting at 10.30 a.m.

Three of the group members will do small presentations on information relevant to English, Irish and Wales research. As this is the last meeting of the year attendees are asked to bring a small plate of food to share for morning tea/lunch. All members of GSQ are invited to attend and entrance is by gold coin donation. We look forward to seeing you there and sharing our enthusiasm and interest in three of the four countries of the United Kingdom.

Meetings in 2018 will be held as usual on the first Sundays

## Monday Morning Natters

Next meeting is Monday 4 Dec 2017 from 10am to 12 noon. Christmas is nearly here - have you recorded how you celebrated Christmas as a child? Think about it and use it for your New Year's resolution.

In the meantime let's have a treasure hunt at GSQ again to see what treasures are hidden on the shelves and in the cabinets of the Resource Centre.

All welcome for a chat and a brew. Gold coin donation.



## Education Opportunities

The final education session for the year is on this Saturday, 2 December 2017 from 9:00 to 11:30am. Come along and hear Pauline Williams speak on *My Ancestor was in Wales*. If you have Welsh family connections - as I do - then come along and learn the ins and outs of Welsh family history research.



### Date claimers for topics coming up in early 2018

Saturday 20 January 2018

#### **Making progress with German and Central European research:**

For many people, researching family from European areas outside of Britain may seem to be an impossible task. However, some examples from Germany will show how considerable progress can be made once initial difficulties are overcome. A brief historical overview of the central and eastern European area will assist those with ancestors from these regions.

#### **Limited to 20 attendees**

Speaker: Eric Kopittke

GSQ, Stackpole St, Wishart

9am - 11am

\$25 members; non-members \$40

Wednesday 24 January 2018

#### **Wednesday Night @ GSQ: When Spanish Flu came to Queensland:**

After the traumas of World War One, next was the threat of Spanish Flu, the pandemic that killed 50 million plus around the world. How did Queensland prepare and cope when it arrived?

Speaker: Helen Smith

GSQ, Stackpole St, Wishart

7pm - 8pm.

Gold coin donation for members.

Wednesday 31 January 2018

#### **Aussie Research-athon:**

Spend the evening from 8pm until midnight doing the Australian family history research that you have always meant to do at GSQ. Bring your notepad and/or computer, your notes, your comfortable clothes and spend some relaxed time doing research or come along for a social evening. Light refreshments provided. If you want to bring some extra goodies to eat please feel free. This will be fun!

Members only

GSQ, Stackpole St, Wishart

7 pm - 11 pm

Gold coin donation for members.



## More Information on accessing digitised images from the LDS.

GSQ patrons will have **increased** access to **most** of the FamilySearch images previously limited to viewing only in family history centres. By contract with some of our information providers, FamilySearch does not have rights to share all images with our affiliate libraries.

Note: At this time, affiliate libraries do not have access to restricted images in the Books section of FamilySearch.org.

**The extension of this service to GSQ's library will add exclusive access to approximately 25 percent of the 1.5+ million rolls of microfilms already converted to digital images.** [So, not all. Some will be disappointed. Ed.]

Some digitised microfilms have further restrictions, and patrons are not able to view them at the library.

Some of the digitised books on FamilySearch.org have viewing restrictions. If a digitised item comes with "ExLibris Rosetta" in the top left corner and an error message in the centre of the screen, the content is from a digitised book with restrictions that do not allow viewing by public patrons in an affiliate library.

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On that note, please realize the LDS are not giving *carte blanche* access to everything they have.

I hope your searches are successful. [Ed.]

**Thinking of buying a DNA kit or two?** Don't be put off by the cost. Think of it not as buying "just" a DNA kit, but as **buying connections to cousins** - that puts a whole other perspective on the transaction and makes it much more attractive. You are making an investment.

## It's Christmas time! GSQ has just the gift for the genealogist in your life.



That might even be you! You can buy for friends or family or you can ask them to buy for you.

Click on the link below (or copy into your browser) and be transported to a family historians gift box of delights.

<https://www.gsq.org.au/gsq-gifts-genealogist-life/>

**GSQ wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous and Successful research year in 2018.**

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## A new online genealogy and family history journal launches.

The Journal of Genealogy and Family History (JGFH) will address the current need for a high quality, peer reviewed publication, covering broad scholarly research in genealogy and family history in a 21st century online format. The journal will be offered to readers and contributors for free, on an open-access, non-commercial basis, with content available under a Creative Commons Attribution License. The scope of the journal will include any field or academic discipline associated with genealogy or family history research such as heraldry, demography, education and record conservation.

Articles will offer the reader insights into current thinking and practice and provide an outlet for theoretical and speculative ideas within in genealogy and family history.

See: [www.qualifiedgenealogists.org](http://www.qualifiedgenealogists.org)

This may not be for everyone, but it does look interesting.