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From the President

Happy New Year everyone! I hope you have all had a great Christmas, New Year and holiday period up to this point in time, and are ready to make 2018 a great year for your family history research? GSQ is ready to assist you with that fine resolution, as we are again open at our normal research times from 09 January. We look forward to seeing you.

I do apologize for the unprepossessing look of this edition of eNews. I have not had a lot of time to devote to it this month. Remember, I did say that GSQ is suffering a lack of volunteers at present, and that services might inevitably suffer? Well, this is one of those moments – there is no dedicated eNews editor, and I can only work on it when I can find time, and I haven't yet found a Word template that I like, so it is plain old vanilla Word for this issue. We will see what next month brings.

Now, why haven't I found time for eNews this month? I didn't have much of a Christmas this year – no big celebration, and no family history researching either! But the reasons for that will certainly add to my family stories – the context side of the family history research we all do. Though this is all "right now" stuff, as opposed to what has happened in the past. I had a few "issues" in December, as you will see...

Firstly, my middle brother had an accident in his car. He ran into his garage! He isn't sure what happened, though from a standing start, idling just outside the garage, the car accelerated (with no input from my brother apparently) into it until it was stopped by the laundry tub, the washing machine, and then the back wall of the garage. He lives in a two-storey town house, and apart from totally destroying the 3 items above, he has done serious damage to other doors, walls, structural damage to joists, tiles, panelling etc. It is an insurance nightmare. And he has a bad back, so I have been helping him with sorting all that out. Anybody want an aluminium laundry tub bent in half?

In the first week of December Marg and I took my mum to Melbourne for four days for her 90th birthday, so she could catch up with her younger brothers. I also got to talk with Uncles, Aunts and Cousins about family history stuff. My mum had a great time and this little trip proved to be the high point of the month, but we didn't know it then.

On the Monday before Christmas, my mum had a fall at home – out of her lounge chair. Anyway, she appears to have fractured a bone in her hip then, but stubbornly walked around on it for the rest of the week until it became just too sore. The Friday before Christmas I took her to her doctor, who recommended a CT scan. Where do you get one of those two days before Christmas, eh? Luckily, her local Qld X-ray place was open on the Saturday, and actually had a CT tech working, so she was booked in for a 9am scan.

That Saturday I spent 9 hours driving my mum around between Qld X-ray, her doctor's surgery, to and from her house, then up to Greenslopes Hospital Emergency centre. Much of the time we spent sitting around waiting for the Scan report, to see her doctor (no appointment, see) then waiting in the Emergency

Centre while they did tests, looked at the scans and consulted the on-call orthopaedic surgeon who basically said, “The bone is fractured, admit her, I will operate tomorrow.” So, they did, and he did, and mum woke up on Christmas Eve with a re-worked hip, which she is recovering really well from.

Marg and I and the rest of the family spent Christmas Day visiting mum in hospital! No big lunch or dinner for us. I have been visiting her every day since, so not much GSQ stuff has occurred for the past few weeks. Still family comes first, and family history stuff a long way second. It all makes a great yarn though.

And now, to top everything off, her brother passed away in Melbourne on January 4th, so we are heading off down there for the funeral next week! More time spent running around on family stuff. How does one ever find time for the “History” side of family, I wonder?

I would like to thank Cathie Sherwood – GSQ Web-coordinator – who has provided most of the rest of the words you are about to read concerning what is coming to GSQ this year and how to use what we already have – the next 3 pages. I have just tacked on my bit here at the beginning and some other items at the end, after the “Correction” notice.

Geoff Doherty, President

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Website and Technical news update

1. New databases uploaded into MyGSQ

Thanks to the efforts of the wonderful indexing (and scanning) team of volunteers who worked tirelessly throughout 2017, GSQ members now have access to a number of unique and ever-growing sets of digital resources. The work of the volunteers in scanning thousands of certificates and funeral records in particular, and the indices attached to those databases, now means that it is easier and quicker to find information.

Why not think about expressing your thanks by giving back and becoming an indexing volunteer too? GSQ is always looking for people who have a keen eye for detail and can type information into the columns of a provided spreadsheet. You never know, you may find that elusive ancestor!

Please note that in order to search any of these databases you must be a GSQ financial member AND logged into MyGSQ.

The databases now available are:

Wheeler database

This index has almost 2800 names and contains information on soldiers, nurses and related personnel who served in WW1 and who came into contact with Mrs Annie Wheeler. Throughout 2017, this database had records added on a regular basis and now the last of them have been uploaded for searching. Where possible, photos have been added to each of the records.

Funeral Records

This is a new category of records for funeral directors and contains different content to the Funeral Director's Records Index (FDRI), though there may be some overlap in the indices.

The new Funeral Records currently contains links to the following funeral directors:

a. Le Grand funeral director's register

For many years, Le Grand's were undertakers and funeral directors in the Beaudesert region. This database has a searchable index with burials beginning from around 1900 up until 1983 when the company was closed. Digital images of pages from the actual funeral records are also available.

b. Alex Gow Funeral Directors

This database contains indexed images for funerals taking place between 1989 and 1993.

NOTE: You can still order records (or view them on microfiche at GSQ) by searching the original Funeral Director's Records index, which includes information for Alex Gow Funeral Directors and Le Grand (as well as others). This index is being reviewed, edited and digitised as an ongoing project. **Eventually, these two sets of records (that is, the new Funeral Records and Funeral Director's Records Index) will be merged.** All the Le Grand records are now available in the new Funeral Records database and will eventually be removed from the Funeral Director's Records Index.

In the interim – look in both record sets, just to be sure you haven't missed someone!

Unrelated certificates

Over many years, GSQ members have contributed thousands of birth, death and marriage certificates (or copies) which are kept in folders at GSQ. These unrelated certificates were indexed some time ago and are available on MyGSQ but it meant that, in order to see all information contained on each certificate, members had to note the reference number and travel to GSQ to view it.

However, in 2017, the index was reviewed with numerous additions made and transcription errors corrected. Most importantly, digital images are now available for each entry in the index which contains over 9000 names.

Catholic records index

These marriage records are (currently) for St Joseph's Church at Kangaroo Point and range from 1915-1930. There are a very small number of records from other churches which have been included in the Register, namely, St Benedict's Church, East Brisbane; St Monica's Church, Oakey; Sts Peter and Paul, Bulimba and the Church of Our Lady of the Annunciation at Peranga.

Images for Catholic records cannot be included in the online database. **Members** may request a free digital copy of the image by emailing the [GSQ Research Officer](#). Please cite the image name as the reference. You may also obtain a free copy at GSQ by requesting a library volunteer to copy the image to your memory stick.

A printed copy of the register entry will incur a \$10 fee and if this is required, please order via the [GSQ Shop](#).

Coming Soon in 2018

Keep checking the web site and eNews for the release of new databases in 2018. Coming soon will be (with more to follow):

- **QLD Methodist Times:** Contains indexed clippings between 1965-1969
- **Alex Gow** – Records from 1993 onwards
- **Waterloo Records:** Index and information on veterans of the Battle of Waterloo who settled in Australia.
- **South Brisbane Cemetery Demolitions:** This is an index to the dangerous graves/headstones demolished in 1975.
- **Volunteers for Qld Bushmen Contingents in Boer War, 1899-1902:** This is an index and information on approx. 1,300 men who applied and were accepted for service in four contingents.

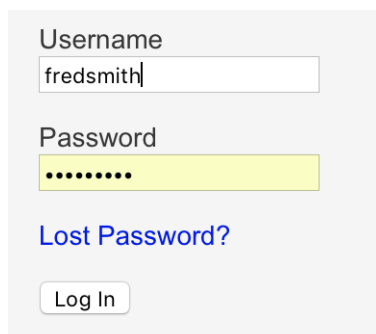
Those who find a connection will be able to ask for a digital image copy of the Medical Attestation Form the data came from. Those men who were rejected are also being added to the index – as their details are valid family history information also.

2. Membership renewals & grace period

Members are reminded that ALL renewals are done via the GSQ web site. Renewal is a very easy process and payment can be made in a number of ways - online, at GSQ, by direct bank transfer or by cheque.

If you are unsure of the process and/or require assistance, please call the Membership Officer on 0409 642 499 or GSQ on 07 3349 6072.

1. Select GSQ Login/logout in the black menu bar near the top of the page.
2. On the Login/Logout page, enter your username and password. Your user name and password will be ones you have selected if you joined GSQ in the last 12 months. If you joined prior to 2017, your user name is your first and last name joined together (in most instances) and the password will be one that has either been given to you or one you have modified.

A screenshot of the GSQ login interface. It features a light gray background. At the top, the label 'Username' is in blue. Below it is a white text input field containing the text 'fredsmith'. Underneath the username field is the label 'Password' in blue. Below the password label is a yellow rectangular field filled with black dots. To the left of the password field is a blue link that says 'Lost Password?'. At the bottom of the form is a white button with the text 'Log In' in black.

If you do not remember your user name or password, please contact Cathie Sherwood, the Membership Officer on membership@gsq.org.au.

3. Once logged in, select Renew Membership from the Membership menu. The price for renewal will appear and you can select the duration and type of membership. PLEASE NOTE: If you are a direct member and wish to become a branch member or vice versa, please contact the Membership Officer.
4. Select Submit which then takes you to the payment page. Select your choice of payment.

For online payments via the Westpac Payway secure gateway, you **MUST** select the button once you have entered your credit card details.

Submit Payment

Confirm this payment choice

For ALL other payment options, you **MUST** select the button. If paying by direct bank transfer, please ensure that you make note of GSQ's bank details BEFORE confirming your payment choice.

3. Electronic sign in at GSQ

In 2018, anyone who visits the GSQ Resource Centre (member, visitor, tradesperson etc) will now sign in using an iPad instead of the previous paper sheet method. The sign in process is almost the same – you will still enter your member number and the reason you are visiting GSQ (chosen from a pick-list). You will also be required to enter your post code, but will not enter the time as this is done automatically.

This change from paper to digital brings a number of benefits:

- No paper needed – good for GSQ's bottom line and the planet too!

- Statistics can be easily generated eg number of attendees from particular post codes, which days/times are most popular.
- You can see who the library assistants are for the day.
- You will be sure to remember your membership number!

4. Webinar season ticket (February – June)

As a special offer to celebrate the launch of the education webinars, GSQ is offering a limited time opportunity to purchase a season ticket. If you purchase a season ticket **BEFORE** the **17 February**, you will receive access to the 5 webinars offered between February and June (inclusive). Each webinar normally costs \$15 each but the season ticket reduces the cost to \$12 – for an overall cost of only \$60 (5 webinars for the price of 4). This is great value so get in fast to secure your place.

Correction

In the December edition of eNews, it was stated that members in their grace period could not access eNews. This is of course incorrect as eNews is freely available to all who sign up to receive it (*Oops – mea culpa, I got a bit carried away there – President*). However, please note that if you ARE in your 30-day grace period, you cannot receive *Generation*, access MyGSQ and will have to pay the \$20 daily fee to access the GSQ Centre. If you renew your membership after the expiry of your 30-day grace period, you will be charged the additional \$15 administration fee.

Branch & Special Interest Group News

Beaudesert Branch

Beaudesert Branch will reopen 24th January after a well-earned break.

We are participating in preparations with Beaudesert RSL Sub-Branch and most organisations in the area “Saluting a Centenary of Service” of the Beaudesert RSL which will take place 20th October 2018.

October will be a very busy month in Beaudesert with other conferences being held.

Our rooms open each Wednesday from 10am to 2pm for research and our general meeting is held on the 4th Wednesday of the month commencing at 10am. Rooms will open at other times by appointment only.

We are a small group but remain enthusiastic about helping others wherever possible.

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 can borrow from our extensive library of books, magazines, fiche and CDs. The next meeting will be on Friday 2nd February 2018. There is no meeting in January 2018.

Scandinavian Interest Group

The Scandinavian Group will have the first meeting for the year at GSQ on Sunday 21 January at 12:30pm. There may be a Swedish historian as a guest speaker, but it is not confirmed yet. There is an email list for the Group, where members will be informed of the details one week before the meeting. If you are not on the list, but would like to be, please send an email to steinarau@gmail.com

Military Interest Group

The Military Interest Group will be meeting on Saturday 27 January. All members are welcome so come along if you have an interest in any war or conflict or want to discuss someone in your tree who was in the military. The discussions are no longer limited to the First World War as was the case in the early days of the group. We would love to see new members attend. The doors will open at 10am and the meeting will commence at 10.30. I hope we will see you on 27th January.

English/Irish Interest Group

The English/Irish Special Interest Group will meet again on the first Sunday in February. Members are invited to come along and join us at GSQ for an interesting morning of short presentations and discussions on things English, Irish, Welsh and generally genealogical. The GSQ Research Centre will open at 10 o'clock, with the meeting scheduled to start at 10.30a.m. The Resource Centre is available for individual research before and after the meeting. Bring your lunch along and enjoy a day with fellow gene enthusiasts. GSQ will close at 2.30p.m. We hope to see you on Sunday 4th February.

Scottish Interest Group

The next meeting of the Scottish Interest Group due to take place at GSQ on Sunday 7th January. 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. As it is the Hogmanay meeting it is usual procedure to 'bring a plate'. 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.

German Interest Group

The first meeting of the New Year will be on 28th January. Eric Kopittke will be our speaker – and he will show us how to use "The Guide to Parish Records". I have ordered 10 more volumes that I hope will be here by then - but if not, we have a few volumes already in the library available to work from. Fingers crossed for the others. Doors open 10am. The talk will be at 10.30am, after which we have morning tea. There will be time afterwards for research if desired until doors close at 2.30pm. Looking forward to seeing you all.

Legacy Family Tree Interest Group

As you are no doubt aware Bob McAlister is no longer available to lead the group. The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday January 14 at 1:00pm.

Come along with your questions on Legacy. Have a think about what you want from the group and we will have a chat about where we go from here.

Family Tree Maker User Group

The FTM User Group will begin at 1030 am on the 14th January, 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 be using their Mackiev 2017 upgrade by now and received their backup DVD or USB stick. Members are now beginning to find faults with the programme as they become more familiar with it. We will explore further the FTM 2017 version and its 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). Advance notice to the convenor via 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.

Monday Morning Natters

Happy New Year. Monday Morning Natters will be restarting for the year on 5th February, from 10am to 12noon. Bring along stories about your ancestor/s that had a brush with the law, for sharing and discussion.

GSQ in your local BCC library

GSQ provides free talks in BCC libraries, aimed at the general public, but members are welcome to attend.

BCC Library	Topic	When	Time	Phone number for booking
Kenmore	How did they get here? Immigration in Australia from 1788	Saturday, 20 January 2018	10am -12noon	34070258
Annerley	Enhancing your family tree with Google	Saturday, 3 February 2018	10am -12noon	3403 1735
Mt Gravatt	Family History in Action	Friday 9 February 2018	10:30am to 12:30pm	3403 7775

Bits & pieces from the World Wide Family History Web

At last! Queensland State Archives have listened to users and are providing a Pre-Arrival ordering system for records. Well, sort of – it's not quite an "online ordering system". Read on ...



Happy New Year!

From January 2018 Queensland State Archives is trialling a pre-ordering service for three months that will enable you to pre-order your records before you visit. The records will be delivered to the Public Search Room once you arrive.

How it works

You can pre-order records by using our online form at:

<https://www.qld.gov.au/dsiti/qa/request-form>

Select "General enquiries or needing help" and then "Other". You will need to include the following details with your order:

First name

Last name

Email address

Telephone number

Date of visit

Researcher ID number (if you are not registered yet, you can still pre-order but you will need to complete our paper work on arrival at QSA, including showing ID).

You can order up to 1 week before your visit, but pre-orders must be received by 12:00pm the day before.

When you get here, mention to our staff that you have pre-ordered records and they will have the records brought out for you.

Happy pre-ordering and good luck with your research!

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The screenshot shows the homepage of the digital panopticon website. The browser address bar displays 'https://www.digitalpanopticon.org/'. The website has a green navigation bar with links: 'digital panopticon', 'Search', 'Records', 'Convict lives', 'Historical background', 'Research and teaching', and 'The project'. Below the navigation bar is a large banner featuring three historical portraits of convicts and the 'digital panopticon' logo. A search bar is located below the banner, with the placeholder text 'Search for names, offences, places, Record ID or Life Archive ID' and a 'Search' button. The main heading on the page is 'Tracing London Convicts in Britain & Australia, 1780-1925'. Below this heading is a paragraph: 'This website allows you to search millions of records from around fifty datasets, relating to the lives of 90,000 convicts from the Old Bailey. Use our site to search individual convict life archives, explore and visualise data, and to learn more about crime and criminal justice in the past.'

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This site is named after a theoretical prison system where all the inmates could be watched by a single guard! Ambitious, eh? But here you can begin your search for **London** folk you suspect might have been caught up in the British court and legal system between 1780 and 1925. You will be returned some basic information, and often a link to a pay site. But it is a good place to start, rather than hunting through numerous other separate sites. www.digitalpanopticon.org

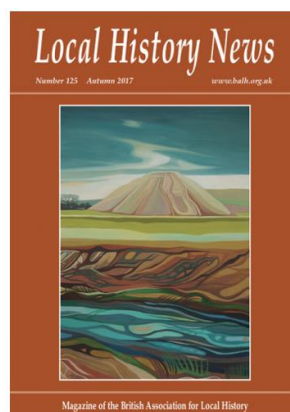
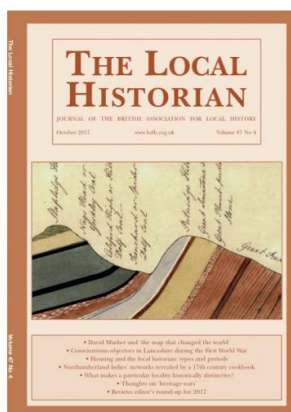
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Canadian Census

The whole of the 1921 Canadian census is now available for free at:

www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/census/1921

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Access to the journals as a non-member

Both the current edition and back issues of **Local History News** are available as a download from the [Local History News](http://www.balh.org.uk/publications/local-history-news) page.

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Recent editions of **The Local Historian**, under three years old, are available to purchase, while stocks last. Editions published over three years ago are available to download. See [The Local Historian](http://www.balh.org.uk/publications/local-historian) page for details.

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This society is offering some excellent free reading for those who have the time and penchant to go searching.

Press Ctrl button and Click on either of the images above to go to the relevant archive pages mentioned in the blurb above. If that doesn't work, here are the addresses below, just paste them into the address bar of your browser:

<http://www.balh.org.uk/publications/local-historian>

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And that is your lot for this month!