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From the President

Hello Everyone, welcome to the February issue of the GSQ eNews. Yes, 2018 is into February already! I am sure time is speeding up these days. This edition is probably going to be at least a day or two later than planned in hitting your inboxes, I think. I had everything worked out in my head as to when I was going to prepare this edition – Tuesday 30th January was the day I had selected and put aside for the work to be done, with no other distractions contemplated. Unfortunately, my dear 90-year old mum, Rae, didn't get the memo.

Sometime in the early hours of Tuesday, she lost control of her wheelie-walker in going from bed to toilet and had a fall. She is staying with Marg and I post her femur fracture operation, but our house is not really set up for the care and monitoring of elderly relatives. Her bedroom is downstairs at one end of the house, and our bedroom is upstairs at the other end and we couldn't hear her. We will have to invest in something like a baby monitor for her I think – how the world turns, eh? So, it was off to Greenslopes hospital for her once again, for a check-over as she was worried about further damaging her hip, and I went along also. Luckily, she had done no damage except for some bruises and a scrape on the back of her hand – but I lost the whole morning and half the afternoon. So much for plans.

There is a maxim that goes along the lines of “don't put off till tomorrow what can be done today.” I could have easily done this work on Monday, as I had the time available, then I would have had Tuesday free for parent problems as they presented themselves. But I wasn't to know, and I had it all planned for Tuesday. Leaving things to the last minute has its hazards, as I have now learned.

Another thing I have learnt from this incident is that I should not put off any further interviewing her for the family history knowledge locked in her head. I have had ample examples of this knowledge provided to me recently when we were twice down in Melbourne visiting relatives in the past two months, and Rae had a great time chatting with the other folk of her generation, reminiscing about the past. I must get the information she holds down on paper. So must you folk, if you have access to older relatives that you have not yet interviewed for their family history knowledge and you may be thinking that you have plenty of time in hand. You don't. Do it now! Waste no time! Here I am, with my own mother living under my roof, a captive interviewee so to speak, and I haven't done so – yet. This is very definitely a case of “Do as I say, not as I do”. I am not a good example, but I hope to improve.

Of course, once you have recorded your relatives' reminiscences and answers to your questions, you need to transfer the data to your family history programme of choice, and to verify it. This process may answer some questions that have been nagging at you for ages, and it may even open up new avenues of enquiry. You will never know until you get it done. Happy researching.

Website and Technical news update

New record sets in MyGSQ

QLD Methodist Times is now available!

Births, deaths, marriages and obituaries from the Queensland Methodist Times (1965-1969) have now been added to MyGSQ. You can search for a name and then select [Image](#) to view the relevant clipping.

Reciprocal Journals

Each year, GSQ receives electronic newsletters and journals from genealogy/family history societies and other similar groups around the globe. These publications are now being added to MyGSQ on a regular basis and are shared with members on the understanding that they cannot be passed on to a non-member or copied in their entirety.

To access these new record sets, click on the link below, enter your username and password, then click on **MyGSQ** in the black box over on the right-hand side of the page.

<https://mygsq.gsq.org.au/>

GSQ has a new photocopier – a very snazzy looking Canon. It even has a slot in its side into which you can slip those several pieces of paper you have just printed off and it will staple them for you. No buttons to press, it just senses the paper and sticks them together! How convenient is that?

Branch & Special Interest Group News

Beaudesert Branch

Beaudesert Branch held the first meeting for the year on Wednesday. We were fortunate enough to be given a new computer by the Scenic Rim Regional Council. This was installed on Wednesday and will be a great help with our research. Members took time after the meeting to discuss success and failures with their own research and sharing ideas for other areas for future research.

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.

Redlands Branch

The first meeting for 2018 for the Redland Genealogical Society will be held on Wednesday, 14 February commencing at 12.15pm at the Donald Simpson Centre, Bloomfield Street, Cleveland. The Guest Speaker at this meeting will be Les McFadzen who will talk about and demonstrate discovering the information in War Diaries. Les is an excellent military researcher and will be able to provide those present with practical search strategies. All welcome. \$2.00 admission with Lucky Door prize.

In addition, Les McFadzen is conducting a Genealogy Course, consisting of 9 weekly classes of approximately two hours each, followed by a help and consolidation session. Classes will be held on Wednesday mornings, 9.00am – 11.00am in the Vietnam Veterans Centre on the corner of Passage and Middle Streets, Cleveland, with the first class commencing on Wednesday, 7 February. The cost is \$5.00 per lesson. If interested in joining the Course, please contact Les by phoning 3824 0825 or by emailing him at mcfadzen@bigpond.net.au

Military Interest Group

The Military Interest Group will next be meeting on Saturday 31 March. All GSQ 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. We would love to have new members attend. The doors will open at 10am and the meeting will commence at 10.30. Light refreshments will be served. I hope we will see you on the 31 March 2018.

English/Irish Interest Group

The English/Irish Special Interest Group will meet for the first time in 2018 on Sunday 4th February. At this meeting there will be a presentation on the English county of Hertfordshire and about research at PRONI in Northern Ireland. There will also be interesting discussions about English, Irish and Welsh research and genealogy in general.

As usual, the GSQ Research Centre will open at 10 o'clock, with the meeting itself starting at 10.30a.m. The library will remain open until 2.30p.m. for individual research following the meeting. All members of GSQ are invited to join us for the morning – bring along your lunch if you like.

A gold coin donation is requested, with funds used to buy resources to promote English and Irish research.

Scottish Interest Group

The next meeting of the Scottish Interest Group due to take place at GSQ on Sunday 4th March. The library will open at 0900 am.

Our AGM will replace the normal meeting beginning at 1000. It will be followed by 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, 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 first meeting of the Writing Group for 2018 is scheduled for 18 February. Our program includes: developing a 'classification web' to help manage significant amounts of material; a discussion on copyright for those unable to attend Greg Cope's presentation; "show and tell" - our achievements in 2017 and aspirations for 2018.

We also have a story written by one of our members to review.

Doors open at 10am, with the meeting from 10.30am to 12.30pm. The Library will remain open for those who wish to lunch, chat, or research until 2pm. An agenda will be distributed in early February. For more information contact convenor, Pauline Williams, on pstirland@hotmail.com

German Interest Group

Members will all be pleased to know that the 10 Volumes of German resources arrived from the USA in time for our first meeting on the 28th Jan. They will be of great assistance to you all.

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, March 25th, and our guest speaker will be Keith Treschmann - showing us how he found his 9 generations in unexpected places. Doors will open 10am and the talk will start at 10.30am. There will be a morning tea and time to do some research until doors close at 2.30pm. Looking forward to seeing you all.

Legacy Family Tree Interest Group

The group meeting in January was very successful with everybody helping one another. We are going to have a different person leading the group each month.

For next month's meeting on March 11 a few of us will be away so Trish Sampson will be leading the group. Meeting will be 1pm-2:30pm. Bring along questions and if you have a laptop, bring it along.

Family Tree Maker User Group

The FTM User Group will begin at 1030 am on the 11th March, 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 received their backup DVD or USB stick and those who ordered a copy of the FTM 2017 Companion Guide for Windows should have received their copy from Mackiev. Members are now beginning to find faults with the new 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). 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 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 Interest Group

The DNA SIG now has a Facebook group. It is a closed group only open to GSQ members. Search for GSQDNASIG in Facebook, then you will need to answer two questions before being approved: one is your GSQ membership number and the other is whether you have taken a DNA test. Membership number is required but it is not required that you have already taken a test. The group is designed as a place where members can discuss DNA testing results, questions etc in a positive friendly supportive environment.

The DNA SIG will be meeting monthly in 2018:

Odd months: Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, Nov third Sunday 9.30-12

Even months: Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, Dec fourth Sunday 9.00am-2.00pm.

Even months will have an introductory topic from 9am, then a second topic.

February: Using DNA for Genealogical Research and Using Excel to Organise Your DNA Matches

Monday Morning Natters

Monday 5th February, 10am to 12noon.

Come along with stories about your ancestor that had a brush with the law. Gold coin for morning tea please.

GSQ in your local BCC library

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

Library	Topic	When	Time	Phone number for booking
Annerley	Enhancing your family tree with Google	Saturday, 17 February 2018	10am -12noon	3403 1735
Mt Gravatt	Family History in Action	Friday 9 February 2018	10:30am to 12:30pm	3403 7775

Some Interesting Bits & Pieces from the World Wide [Family History] Web

TheGenealogist begins release of the 1910 'Domesday' Survey

This is one of the biggest data sets, to date, to go fully online! The Valuation Office Survey, as it is officially known, was initiated in 1909 and was intended to value all property and land over 1 acre across the entire UK as of 30 April 1909. It took 5 years to complete.

This new release links individual properties to detailed (5 feet to the inch) Ordnance Survey maps, making it possible to locate addresses found in censuses or directories – down to a specific house.

The online records are searchable by name, county, parish and street and the maps can be zoomed to show individual properties. Complementing the maps are the accompanying Field Books which provide researchers with information on the valuation of each property including assessment number, map reference, owner, occupier, description and extent. There are over 94,500 Field Books, each of which runs to hundreds of pages. This will be a massive family history resource.

The initial release covers the City of London and Paddington.

The really good news is that GSQ subscribes to TheGenealogist, so come on in and start searching.

A century of seamen's hospital records now available online

Records held by the National Maritime Museum covering more than 100 years (1826-1930) of admissions to the *Dreadnought Seamen's Hospital* have been made available on **Ancestry**. Some 220,000 digital records cover Indian and Asian seamen as well as British.

Information available includes patient's admittance and discharge dates, vessel last served on, the floor of the hospital they stayed on, the nature of the medical complaint, as well as where they discharged to, the condition they were discharged in and the length of their hospital stay.

If you have sick sailors in your family tree, this could be a worthwhile resource for investigation.

Society of Australian Genealogists MIDAS Collection (Manuscript, Image and Digital Archive System)

Something from closer to home here. SAG, located in Sydney, has been building this database since 1963 and it now contains more than 55,000 files which include family papers, pedigrees, photographs, research notes and certificates.

You need to be a member of the society to gain the most out of it, but you can search as "Public" to at least see if there is anything there that might be of use to your research, before shelling out for a membership. The URL for MIDAS is: <http://midas.sag.org.au>

An Apt App

Adobe Scan, available for both iPhone and Android users for free from the appropriate online store, is now available to turn your ubiquitous smart phone into a scanner. Who would have thought it could do that!

Once downloaded and installed the app uses the phone's camera as a scanner to produce images that are saved to Adobe Document Cloud – so you don't have to fiddle with tricky phone settings to get your images from the device to your computer. It just does it for you. You only need to register for a free Adobe account. The one caveat is that the app's OCR (Optical Character Recognition) facility works better with typed text rather than scrawled handwriting. Here is the link to the relevant page describing the app on the Adobe site:

<https://acrobat.adobe.com/au/en/acrobat/mobile-app/scan-documents.html>

And this is the login page to Adobe Document Cloud: <https://documents.adobe.com>

The page will ask you for an email address and password. If you don't have an account already there is a link to create one. That is all there is to it.

FamilySearch free webinars for February

The following may be useful for the insomniacs amongst us ...

FamilySearch has announced its free family history classes and webinars for February 2018. Participants can attend in person or online.

Webinar attendees need to click the link next to the class title [use Ctrl + Click] at the scheduled date and time to attend the class online. Those attending in person simply go to the room noted. Invite your family and friends. **All times are in US Mountain Standard Time (MST).**

DATE / TIME	CLASS (SKILL LEVEL)	WEBINAR/ROOM
Monday, 5 February, 10:00 a.m. MST	Using the FamilySearch Catalog Effectively (Beginner)	Webinar MF Lab
Tuesday, 6 February, 11:00 a.m. MST	Starting Family Tree: Research Help and Searching Records (Beginner)	Webinar MF Lab
Thursday, 8 February, 1:00 p.m. MST	The Research Process (Beginner)	Webinar MF Lab
Thursday, 8 February, 3:00 p.m. MST	African American Miniseries: Finding Helpful Resources, Post 1865 (20 mins.) (Beginner)	Webinar MF B
Monday, 12 February, 10:00 a.m. MST	Using the FamilySearch Catalog Effectively (Beginner)	Webinar MF Lab
Thursday, 15 February, 3:00 p.m. MST	African American Miniseries: How FamilySearch Tools Can Help with Post 1865 Resources (Beginner) (20 mins)	Webinar MF B
Tuesday, 20 February, 1:00 p.m. MST	Your British and Irish Research Questions Answered (Beginner)	Webinar MF Lab
Wednesday, 21 February, 6:00 p.m. MST	Web Indexing and Training Review Event (1 and 1/2 hours) (Beginner)	Webinar MF Lab
Thursday, 22 February, 1:00 p.m. MST	Exploring Census Records Using the Digital Archives of Norway (Beginner)	Webinar MF Lab
Thursday, 22 February, 3:00 p.m. MST	African American Miniseries: Unique African American Records, Post 1865 (20 mins) (Beginner)	Webinar MF B
Monday, 26 February, 10:00 a.m. MST	Using the FamilySearch Catalog Effectively (Beginner)	Webinar MF Lab
Tuesday, 27 February, 11:00 a.m. MST	Starting Family Tree: Preserving Memories Using Photos and Documents (Beginner)	Webinar MF Lab

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And that is your lot for this month!