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Monday • Closed

Tuesday • 10am - 3pm

Wednesday • 10am - 3pm

Thursday • 10am - 3pm

Friday • 10am - 3pm

Saturday • 12noon - 4pm

Sunday • Interest Groups

2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the month • 6pm-9pm.

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From the President

May 2018

It's May 2018 which means it's a very special month at GSQ for two reasons - and we'd like you to help us to celebrate both!



Firstly, it's our 40th birthday. That's right, GSQ turns 40 this month.

I know, and we don't look a day older than 30 do we!

At this very time back in 1978, a group of genealogy enthusiasts established the Genealogical Society of Queensland and you and I, and countless others, have been benefitting ever since, as have our family trees.

The other reason we need to celebrate, is to recognise and rejoice in the work of our volunteers because May 21st - 27th represents National Volunteer Week 2018.

Our volunteers have been the heartbeat of GSQ for each and every one of its 40 years. From selecting resources for the library, to printing name tags, to organising insurance, to finding speakers – volunteers do it all!

So we'd like to invite you to our 40th Birthday & Volunteer Party. We've got a couple of special guests coming along, so we'd really like to see you there and share this auspicious occasion with you.

The details are:

Date: Saturday 26th May 2018 at GSQ, 25 Stackpole St, Wishart

Time: 1.30 pm – 3.30pm

Bring: A plate to share

RSVP: Wednesday 23rd May

WE LOVE
OUR VOLUNTEERS

BRANCH NEWS**INTEREST GROUPS****Beaudesert Branch**

To ensure better communication and sharing of historical information, Beaudesert Branch has initiated a program of providing information for the local newsletter of the Beaudesert Historical society. We see a strong tie between genealogy, family history and local history. To this end we will in future ensure that each volume of this newsletter, Smoke Signal, will include at least one article from our archives. These will include information of interest to the community, the histories of local families, and excerpts from our holdings.

On the 10th June we will be participating in the annual community Fun Day in Jubilee Park. This event is sponsored by Scenic Rim Regional Council in collaboration with Beaudesert Rotary. We are hoping for a fine day as rain caused the cancellation of the event last year.

Our Branch meets on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 10am and our library is open for research each Wednesday between 10am and 2pm. Next meeting is **Wednesday, May 23.**

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 are able to borrow from our extensive library of books, magazines, fiche and CDs. The next meeting will be on **Friday 1st June 2018.**

Redlands Branch

The next meeting of the Redland Genealogical Society will be held on **Wednesday 9 May** at the Donald Simpson Centre, Bloomfield Street, Cleveland, commencing at 12.15pm. Guest Speaker at this meeting is Les McFadzen who will outline the usefulness of War Diaries for family historians and how to access these documents. All welcome. \$2.00 admission with Lucky Door Prize.

Monday Morning Natters**Monday June 4 Topic:**

Find an interesting blog to share - even better if it has a story or two about your ancestor.

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

Scottish Interest Group

At our last meeting one of our group members, Ian Hay, gave a talk on North East Scotland. Ian's forefathers were fishermen from the Fraserburgh area. He told us about the hardy life they led at sea and how their women folk played a vital role on shore preparing the fish for sale and managing the home during their absence. The Group very much enjoyed Ian's presentation.

The next meeting of the Scottish Interest Group is to take place at GSQ on **Sunday, 1st July 2018.** Please bring along a photograph or item of your first Scottish ancestor to arrive in Australia as we will have a round table discussion. The meeting will commence at 10 am. The library will remain open until 2 pm for those Group members wishing to undertake research. Anyone with Scottish ancestry or with an interest in Scotland is welcome to attend.

Legacy Family Tree Users' Group

The next meeting is on **Sunday May 13 at 1pm.**

Do come along with your questions and the group will try to answer them for you. If you have a laptop then bring it along as it is easier to solve the problem if you have it with you.

Scandinavian Interest Group

Please note that the Scandinavian Group will have a new time for the May meetings. For May only, we will start at 2:30pm instead of 12:30pm. That is because the May meeting always coincides with the Norwegian Club's celebration lunch for Norway's National Day. The new time will apply to every May meeting. The other meetings will be at 12:30pm as usual. The next meeting will be held on **Sunday, May 20.**

English/Irish Interest Group

The next meeting of the English/Irish group will be on the first **Sunday of June - 3rd June.**

Doors to GSQ open at 10 o'clock and the meeting starts at 10.30am. We will continue discussions on research in various counties throughout England, Ireland and Wales. All members of GSQ are welcome to attend for a gold coin donation, which is put toward the purchase of suitable resources to further members' research in England, Ireland and Wales.

Family Tree Maker Users' Group

The FTM User Group will begin at 10.30 am on **Sunday 13 May**, although the library will be open from 09.00 am. 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 USB stick and those who ordered a copy of the FTM 2017 Companion Guide for Windows should have received their copy from Mackiev.com or VicGUM. 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 next DNA meeting will be held on **May 20** from 9am-12pm. The GSQ DNA group has its own Facebook page which is where you can ask questions in a friendly environment and keep up with DNA news. It is a closed group restricted to GSQ members. You can find it on Facebook by searching for GSQDNASIG and then you need to answer the questions asked which include your GSQ membership number.

Military Interest Group

The Military Interest Group will next meet on **Saturday 26 May** from 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM.

If you are interested in the Military Special Interest Group, please email info@gsq.org.au to express your interest.

BLOG

Do you know that GSQ has a blog? You can access the blog from the GSQ Home page or at <https://gsq-blog.gsq.org.au/>

German Interest Group

Our next meeting will be on the **29th July 2018**. We will have a speaker - Ian Stehbens will be giving us a talk on the History of Maryborough and the German migrants that settled there. He is a very interesting speaker and the author of *From the Edge of Oblivion* so come and join us. The doors open at 10am and the talk will start at 10.30am followed by morning tea and then you are free to research until 2.30pm when the Library will close.

Looking forward to seeing you.

Writing Group

The Writing Group will next meet on **Sunday 17 June**.

Doors open at 10am with the meeting lasting from 10.30am to 12.30pm. Members are welcome to stay until 2pm for informal discussions, lunch and private research. Gold coin donation appreciated.

More information from Pauline on pstirland@hotmail.com.

Convict Connections Group

Convict and Colonial Connections meets on the second Sunday of the 'even' months with minimal formality.

Doors open at 9:00 am. Meeting will be held at 11:00 am. Hope to see you at our next meeting on **Sunday, June 10**.

Happening This Month

May 12	Management Committee meeting
May 13	Family Tree Maker Group
May 13	Legacy Group
May 19	<i>Family history using educational records</i>
May 20	DNA Interest Group
May 20	Scandinavian Interest Group
May 21	British India & SE Asia Interest Group
May 23	Early Brisbane settlement - the Petries
May 26	Military Group
May 26	40th birthday party & Volunteers afternoon tea
May 27	German Group
May 28	<i>Webinar: DNA for beginners</i>
May 30	QLD Researchathon

EVENTS

Booking Events

Always check the [Events Calendar](#) for the most up-to-date information on upcoming GSQ events.

A reminder too that that ALL events need to be booked on line via the GSQ web site. No login or password is required to book a course. If you need help with booking, just ring GSQ on 07 3349 6072 and one of the wonderful library staff will be able to assist you and even book the event on your behalf!

Payment must be made prior to the event, preferably not on the day, to assist with catering numbers and time constraints on the morning of the event. Your early payment secures your place in the event - very important if the course is a popular one!

Payments may be made online by credit card or by direct bank transfer. Payments may also be made at GSQ (or by phone) - by cash, cheque or credit card.



Family history using educational records

May 19 @ 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Cost: \$25 Members & \$40 Non-members

Presenter: Dr Geoff Morgan

This talk will consider records and publications that present information to reveal facts about an ancestor, whether as a child or as an adult associated with education. The focus will primarily be on Queensland 19th and 20th Century (to 1960s/1970s) records, with some reference to other states.

Early Brisbane Settlement – the Petries

May 23 @ 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Cost: Members only - Gold coin donation

Presenter: Beryl Roberts

This is a view of the Moreton Bay penal settlement through the eyes of John Petrie who was about 15 years old when his father, Andrew Petrie, took up the job of Foreman of Works in 1837. John helps his parents to settle into the convict outpost. He meets Aborigines, soldiers and convicts in the basic settlement that is now Brisbane.



DNA for beginners

May 28 @ 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Cost: \$15 Members & \$20 Non-members

Presenter: Helen Smith

Wanting to do a DNA test? Not sure what it will tell you? Learn about the tests available and how genealogists can use them in their research.

Can't attend on the day - we have that covered too! You can book a webinar and then will be sent the link to watch it whenever you have some time.

Queensland Researchathon: May 30, 6-11pm @GSQ



Following the first very successful Researchathon in January, GSQ will hold another at the end of May, this one with a Queensland theme, because of its proximity to Queensland Day.

The GSQ library will be open for 5 hours, from 6pm until 11pm on the evening of Wednesday 30th May, and your research is not limited to Queensland.

This evening is for GSQ members only, with a gold coin donation on entry.

Come along and enjoy an evening of companionable "gene" research and conversations. Dress code is strictly very casual – come in your tracksuit and slippers if you like. Light eats and hot drinks will be provided, but you are welcome to bring along some nibbles to share.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Bring out your news!

Have some great genealogy tips or news to share? Perhaps your Branch or Special Interest Group is holding a special event or have recently had your regular meeting. Whatever the occasion, we would love to include it in eNews! Just email enews@gsq.org.au by the 24th of the month.

GENEALOGY COMMUNITY NEWS

John Grenham – Irish Roots

What do you know about the Irish surnames in your family? Are they of Norman or Viking origin or perhaps even Spanish? John Grenham has written blog posts about surnames and dispels some of the myths surrounding them.



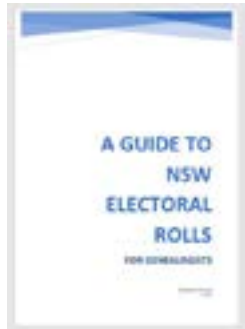
[Viking surnames](#)

There is no such thing as a Viking surname.



[Norman surnames](#)

[The Normans] out-Irished the Irish when it came to fissiparous surname adoption.



Genealogy Boomerangs

Need some help finding someone in the NSW electoral rolls? Then this is the site for you as Barbara Kernos has written a very comprehensive guide and is sharing it with you. Click the image to go to Barbara's blog



You can now search by address on all of Findmypast's UK census records. For more info, head to the [FMP Blog](#).

Ancestry DNA sale \$99 (Australian)

Holiday destinations with a genealogy theme

Do you pick your holiday destinations to suit where you want to research your family history? Are you interested in attending as many conferences and get-togethers as you can, just to build up your network of like-minded people (and learn new things too of course)? Then the following may help you choose.

Looking for a place to holiday in June? Why not head across the ditch to New Zealand and beautiful Christchurch for the [2018 Echoes of Our Past Conference](#), hosted by the New Zealand Society of Genealogists?

Perhaps you are more interested in cruising? [Unlock the Past](#) has one just for you. Head to Alaska in September, see the sights and listen to the international speakers covering a range of genealogy topics.

GSQ in your local BCC library - Free but booking required

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
Mt Ommaney	<i>How did they get here?</i> <i>Immigration in Australia from 1788</i>	Friday 25 May	1-3pm	3667 6021

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE NEWS

General meeting for all members

June 2, 9.30-11am @ GSQ

All GSQ members, but particularly those who have joined in 2018, are invited by the GSQ President, Sally Romano, to a general meeting at which she will outline the activities being undertaken by GSQ and ideas for the future direction of the Society.



The GSQ library resources will be showcased and the databases available to members in MyGSQ will be demonstrated. Find out about the other benefits available to members. Come along and meet the Management Committee and take the opportunity to ask questions about YOUR Society.

Past events

April was a busy month for education events and all proved to be extremely popular. The webinar series continued with a session on using *Discovery*, the catalogue for The National Archives (TNA).

Did you know that past webinars can be purchased from the GSQ Shop? If you would like to learn more about Immigration, QLD BDMs or the UK National Archives, then head to the GSQ web site and select GSQ Events and the webinar you wish to purchase. Remember too that you can also purchase a season ticket for the second half of the year – a very cost effective way of viewing the webinars.

If you purchase a webinar and cannot attend on the day, you can still view it at a time that suits you via the emailed link for the downloadable video.

Attendees at the **Referencing Your Stories workshop** gave very positive feedback about the attention to detail and help they received from the three presenters. A number of participants mentioned how much more confident they felt now about citing their sources in their family stories. Many of those attendees also



booked in for the Writing Your Family History mini-seminar.

There was a full house for the **Irish Land Records course**.

The comprehensive handout provided by Bobbie Edes, the presenter, helped attendees to find their way around Griffith's Valuation and other land records across the whole of Ireland. As Brian commented, "A most informative meeting...".



Mini-seminar Writing your family history

Almost 30 attendees came along to the mini-seminar held at Holland Park Library. Pauleen Cass was to be the first speaker but arrived back in Australia on Thursday morning from Venice with bronchitis so on Friday afternoon, Fran Kitto graciously agreed to take Pauleen's place. GSQ is very appreciative that she took the time to drive down from the north coast and present at such short notice. The general consensus was that she did a wonderful job with her presentation focused on writing for blogs and social media.



Fran was followed by Sharyn Merkley who passed out sticky notes and asked the audience questions about what they wanted to achieve from their writing. She then spoke about the writing process and the different ways that family histories could be documented. Sharyn entertained the audience with her comments on her own writing styles and processes.

Last, but not least, was Dr Janet Few who presented via web cast from Devon, England. Janet gave her insights into the kinds of context to consider when writing the family story – some of which were quite unusual. Any presentation which requires the alignment of a number of technologies will have some small glitches and, in this case, there were audio fluctuations. However, all attendees have received a copy of the webinar and can adjust volume etc to suit their home environment.

The final session of the afternoon was an informal question and answer where Pauline Williams joined the presenters to answer questions about blogs, topics, processes and getting started.

Introduction to family history

Janice Wellard took 10 attendees, some of whom were not GSQ members, through the processes, tips and tricks of getting started with family history. All participants were engaged from start to finish, asking questions and sharing their stories, and most then stayed on to do their own family research putting into practice what they had just learnt. The two non-members were so impressed that they joined GSQ — a wonderful outcome.





GSQ NEWS



British India and South-East Asia Special Interest Group

This newly formed Special Interest Group is designed for GSQ members who are researching their family history in British India between the time of the Royal Charter granted to the East India Company on the 31 December 1600 and Indian Independence in 1947. It will also include other British colonies and protectorates in South East Asia around the same period of time eg Singapore, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Burma (Myanmar), Ceylon (Sri Lanka) and Persia (Iran).

Come along and share your stories about your family members and their lives in this unique part of the world. Discover the records that will reveal their lives.

The first discussion on the 21 May will be open to GSQ members and non-members.

Subsequent meetings will be for GSQ members only with guest speakers at most meetings. Members may research in the Resource Centre until 2pm.

If you are interested in attending the May meeting, can you please advise the Convenor, Cathie Sherwood, on:

webcoordinator@gsq.org.au for catering purposes.

Dates for 2018 are:

Monday 21 May 9:30am-11.30am Open to the public

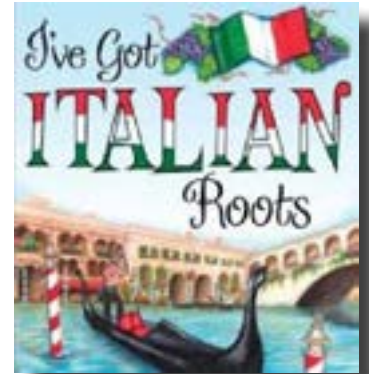
Monday 16 July 9:30am-11.30am

Monday 17 September 9:30am-11.30am

Monday 19 November 9:30am-11.30am



Buongiorno!
Come stai?



We have had some interest in starting an Italian SIG for those of us who have some *sangue italiano* in our family trees.

I'm sure you could use a little help because Italian records can be difficult to navigate; not least because they're in Latin, Italian or a dialect, but also because Births (Nati), Marriages (Matrimoni) and Deaths (Morti) are kept in the local registrar's office in each town or city.

So if you would like some assistance with Italian forebears, or can offer some insights to others, please let me know.

Grazie.

Sally Romano, president@gsq.org.au

Changes to Australian copyright laws

Did you know that on the 1st January 2019, changes to Australia's copyright duration laws will come into effect? These changes will affect government (Crown) copyright, new copyright material created from 1 January 2019 and existing copyright material that is not published or otherwise made public before 1 January 2019. For more information, go to:

[Australian Government site](#)

