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Saturday • 12noon - 4pm
Sunday • Interest Groups
2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the month • 6pm-9pm.

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From the President

February 2019

Can you help research for ABC Radio Brisbane?

GSQ has been given the opportunity to trial its own dedicated, monthly show on ABC Radio Brisbane following the success of our appearances last year.

GSQ, will again be working with the superbly supportive 'Afternoons' presenter Kat Feeney, to jointly host the new "Sunshine Bloodlines" show which will be based on the hugely popular format of "Who Do You Think You Are".

Each month we will research a high-profile Queensland-born, or resident personality, and surprise them on-air with interesting stories about their family's history. The range of guests will hail from the media, sports, arts and political etc. spheres.

But here's the rub – the guest is going to be a secret until they appear on-air; so the ABC is also going to commit its significant marketing power to promoting the show through identity teasers and clues across their social and online platforms.

And given that we are a community-based organisation, Kat is very happy to use the show as a means of promoting GSQ and the things that we do – so I will leverage this as much as possible.

The first show is going to air on Friday 22 February at approximately 2.15pm – we have our first guest locked-and-loaded (but of course I can't tell you who it is in this newsletter unfortunately). And this is where you come in...

We need to arrange a team of researchers who can work collaboratively from home to undertake the ancestral research for the personalities. We want to find out about their forebears, where they lived, what they did and any interesting facts about them.

I was thinking the best way to do this is to have a closed Facebook group so that we can all chip-in with ideas, help break-down the brick walls and share discoveries, documents etc – but to be involved, you have to be sworn to secrecy! I'd also like to have someone volunteer as a team leader for each personality so that we all have a go-to person for each project.

But wait there's more... We also need your help in some other ways ...

Graphic Designer. Our graphic designer for "Generation" recently retired and we would like to offer the opportunity of designing the GSQ journal to one of our members. So if you have experience with Adobe InDesign and would like to put your creative stamp on our journal we'd be most grateful.

Website Coordinator. Our website is one of the most valuable assets of the Society and we'd like someone with Wordpress expertise to help manage it – is that you? Could you help us keep our website up to date?

Event Assistance. And lastly, do you have an hour or two to spare to help-out at some of our events? Sometimes we need people to set-up chairs, greet attendees, sell raffle tickets, pour cups of tea, clean the venue etc. As they say, many hands make light work, and, the more the merrier. Please let me know if you'd like to join the merry crew.

Please contact me if you can help out with any of these projects – we really need your help. My contact details are president@gsq.org.au or 0438 122 340.

Yours in relative flair,
Sally



DNA Discovery Day

16 February, 2019
Nazareth Lutheran Hall,
12 Hawthorne St, Woolloongabba
8.45am-5pm

\$75 GSQ/QFHS members
\$90 Non-Members
Includes lunch, morning & afternoon
teas

Discover your genetic genealogy in 2019 and grow your family tree!

A conference designed for all levels of experience and knowledge



BLAINE BETTINGER (DR) (USA) [recorded] – Blaine is a professional genealogist specialising in DNA evidence. He is the author of the long-running blog *The Genetic Genealogist* & the book *The Family Tree Guide to DNA Testing and Genetic Genealogy*.



HELEN SMITH (AU) - Helen is a speaker, researcher & author with a strong interest in medical & social history & has been researching family history since 1986. Her science background has made her a very popular speaker on DNA & its application in family history research.



LOUISE COAKLEY (AU) [recorded] - Louise Coakley convenes a DNA Interest Group & Drop-In DNA Clinic in Cairns, & provides genetic genealogy education through presentations, workshops, webinars & her website Genie1.com.au.



HUGH BREAKEY (DR) (AU) - Hugh is President of the Australian Association of Professional and Applied Ethics & is a Senior Research Fellow at Griffith University. His research explores the ethical challenges in such diverse fields as climate change, sustainable tourism, professional ethics & international law.



MAURICE GLEESON (DR) (UK) [recorded] – Maurice Gleeson is Education Ambassador for ISOGG (International Society of Genetic Genealogy), a member of the APG, and organiser of Genetic Genealogy Ireland (the annual national conference on DNA & genealogy). Maurice is currently a psychiatrist, a pharmaceutical physician & a genetic genealogist.



MATTHEW RIMMER (DR) (AU) - Matthew is a Professor in Intellectual Property & Innovation Law at the Queensland University of Technology (QUT). He has published widely on copyright law & information technology, patent law & biotechnology, intellectual property & climate change & Indigenous intellectual property.



MICHELLE PATIENT (NZ) - Michelle is a genealogist with qualifications in Chemistry & Geology, belongs to many genealogy societies and is particularly interested in adoptions, methodology & technology. DNA has become an additional, essential tool in her research.



LACHLAN DOUGLAS (AU) - Lachlan works in Support & Advocacy at Micah Projects, using DNA matches to help people with adoption questions trace & identify otherwise unknown ancestry.

For more information and to book online, go to:

<https://www.gsq.org.au/event/dna-discovery-day/> or you can email: education@gsq.org.au | Ph: 07 3349 6072

BRANCH NEWS

Beaudesert Branch

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

The next meeting is on **Wednesday 27 February**.

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 held on **Friday 1st February 2019**.

Redlands Branch

The first meeting of the Redland Genealogical Society for 2019 will be held in the Donald Simpson Centre, Bloomfield Street, Cleveland on **Wednesday, 13 February**, commencing at 12.15pm.

The Guest Speaker at this meeting will be Trish Johansen with a presentation titled "Save Your Photos". During her presentation Trish will outline the importance of preserving photos for future generations and will suggest practical ways of doing this.

\$2.00 admission with Lucky Door prize. All welcome.

Military Interest Group

The aim of the Military SIG is to assist members with their research into their military ancestry through discussion, guest speakers and acquisition of resources. The first meeting for 2019 was held on Australia Day, and after a very relaxed start we moved to general discussion, which centered mainly around books. One particularly interesting book was *The Battle of the Atlantic* (author Jonathan Dimbleby) about a long but vital WW2 campaign to protect Britain's supply route.

Our interests range across many eras and conflicts, some members having served personally, and we are always happy to share knowledge and help other GSQ members with their military research. The next meeting of the group is on **Saturday 23 March** from 10:30am-12:00pm.

All welcome & gold coin donation please.

INTEREST GROUPS

Scottish Interest Group

Our next meeting will be held on **Sunday 3rd March** from 9.30 am-2.30 pm. Following a short formal meeting at 10.00.am, Alistair Henderson will give a presentation on the County of Renfrew.

Members can then take the opportunity to further their research by accessing the many resources held in the library and by speaking with other members who have experience with research in Scotland.

All GSQ members are welcome. A gold coin donation is appreciated.

On **Sunday 17th March** 3.00pm- 4.15pm the Group will host a presentation by Graeme Mackenzie MA: *Tracing Your Ancestors in the Highlands of Scotland*. See details this edition eNews.

Legacy Users' Group

The next meeting is on **Sunday 10 March** 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. Rob Thompson will be telling about how to use the sources feature of Legacy.

Scandinavian Interest Group

The next meeting of the Scandinavian Group will be on **Sunday 10 March 2019** from 12.30 - 2.30pm.

Convict Connections Group

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

The meeting dates for Convict Connections as published in the December edition of *Generation* are incorrect. The correct dates for the year are:

10 February, 14 April, 9 June, 11 August, 13 October, 8 December

The correct dates are also on the GSQ Event calendar at:

<https://www.gsq.org.au/event/convict-connections-group-2/all/>

Family Tree Maker Users' Group

The FTM User Group will meet at 10.30am on **Sunday 10 March 2019**. The library will be open from approximately 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. We will look at the items removed from FTM by Mackiev in their latest version and decide whether it is still a viable programme for a family historian to use.

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.

DNA Interest Group

Our DNA SIG meeting was held last Sunday 20 January and once again it was well attended with 35 members including one from Mackay who happened to be in Brisbane at the time, and another who is joining GSQ. The next DNA SIG meeting is **Sunday 24 February** at 9:30am.

As Helen was in Salt Lake City doing an indepth DNA course, the meeting was run by Ailsa & Bobbie along with Joyce Matheson who has volunteered to set up a register of DNA SIG members' Needs or Skills.

This has come about because, with our numbers being consistently large, and new folk coming along at most meetings, we have lots of members with different levels of DNA education. There was a lively discussion with input from many and it was decided to use as a basis, Michelle Patient's suggested subject groupings for the questionnaire.

This has now been distributed to members of the SIG and Joyce will collate the replies. We envisage that each education segment's volunteer will work with maybe 3 or 4 members for part of each meeting and also be available to answer questions via email.

We're also actively encouraging our membership to enrol for our **DNA Discovery Day** coming up on **Saturday 16 February**.

Bring out your news!

Have some great genealogy tips or news to share? We would love to include it in eNews! Just email enews@gsq.org.au by the 24th of the month.

Monday Morning Natters

February Natters is on **Monday February 4** 10am -12 noon

Topic for February: Les McFadzen member of the Military Interest group, will be coming to tell us about the GSQ Military Interest Group.

Gold coin for morning tea please. All welcome.

Writing Group

The Writing Group's first meeting for 2019 is scheduled for **Sunday, 18 February**.

We have a guest speaker, Caylie Jeffery, who will talk about the Under the lino project. The book that emerged from the project details how the story of bank books and cash found under the lino during home renovations played out. The strength of the Under the Lino facebook community in unravelling the mystery of the owners of the bank books and cash provides a fascinating insight into collaborative research.

Doors open at 10am with the meeting starting at 10.30am. Caylie will give her presentation from 11.15am to 12.15pm. Any GSQ members who are not members of the Writing Group are welcome to attend Caylie's presentation – please advise convenor, Pauline on pstirland@hotmail.com if you would like to attend. Members are welcome to stay after the meeting for a chat, lunch and personal research until doors close at 2pm.

English/Irish Interest Group

The English/Irish Group will meet for the first time in 2019 on **Sunday 3rd February**, with further meetings during 2019 to be held on the first Sunday of even numbered months.

All members of GSQ are welcome to join us for lively discussions on all things English, Irish and Welsh. We will begin the year with a presentation on Irish records by Bobbie Edes, who is very knowledgeable about Irish research. If you have an Irish brick wall in your family tree, this is the session to attend.

As usual, doors to GSQ will open at 10 o'clock and the Resource Centre will remain open until 2.30pm for individual research. The meeting itself commences at 10.30am. Members are requested to make a gold coin contribution towards the purchase of suitable records for the group.

Hoping to see you there on **3rd February**.

German Interest Group

At our last meeting on 27th January, Peter Low gave a most interesting presentation "*Land of Our Fathers — Krisanski Land*". A detailed history of his family in Germany and at Laidley. He was very generous with his time in helping a number of our members.

Ann-Maree Byrne also gave an informative book review of the book called "*Deutsche Auswanderer: Hope and Reality: A history of 19th Century German Settlement of Mount Cotton*". I have had a number of positive emails from those that attended.

Plans for the group for 2019 are more guest speakers, a tour of points of interest in relation to German immigration which would include the Commissariat Store in Brisbane. A trip to Bethania at Beenleigh and our yearly visit to the German Club for Lunch.

Please watch the Enews for updates, those members who have been to our meeting and lodged their email address will receive information in the newsletter the *Die Zeitung*.

Next meeting **Sunday 31st March 2019**. All welcome.

COMING UP IN FEBRUARY

Feb 2	Planning Your Research for 2019
Feb 3	English/Irish SIG
Feb 4	Monday Morning Natters
Feb 10	Sonvict Connections SIG
Feb 16	DNA Discovery Day
Feb 17	Writing SIG
Feb 20	Webinar: Unlocking World War 1 repatriation and other records
Feb 20	Treasure Hunt in the GSQ Library
Feb 24	DNA SIG
Feb 27	Wednesday night @ GSQ: Thomas ** Prior – What's in a name?



Tracing Your Ancestors in the Highlands of Scotland

Sunday 17th March 3 pm - 4.15 pm

Hosted by the Scottish Interest Group of
the Genealogical Society of Qld



Presentation by Graeme Mackenzie MA
Chairman Highland Family History Society
2007-2013

Graeme will examine the sources for genealogical research in Scotland and show how they are used, with particular reference to families of Highland descent and Issues regarding the use of Gaelic names.

Cost: GSQ Members \$15 Non-Members \$20

Bookings are essential as a limited number of places are available.

Please book at GSQ website at:

<https://www.gsq.org.au/event/tracing-your-ancestors-in-the-scottish-highlands/>

Once you have entered your details, you can choose to pay in one of the following ways:

Credit Card: You can pay using your credit card online or at GSQ

Direct Bank Transfer: Transfer the funds to GSQ using GSQ's bank details provided at the time of booking. **Payment must be received at least 2 days prior to the event**

Cash: in person at GSQ, 25 Stackpole St Wishart

Cheque: By post or in person at GSQ. Once payment has been confirmed, a ticket will be emailed to you. If you do not have an email address, it can be posted or provided to you on the day of event. The cheque must be received by GSQ at least 5days prior to the event.

If you have any queries, please phone GSQ on 07 3349 6072



Intimate Stories, Challenging Histories

2019 Biennial Conference Of Oral History Australia in partnership with the State Library Queensland.

In our 40th anniversary year, *Oral History Queensland and Oral History Australia*, in partnership with State Library of Queensland, welcome proposals for our 2019 biennial conference in southern Queensland. Oral historians, in a variety of guises and combining age-old listening skills with dazzling new technologies, record intimate stories and create challenging histories. Our conference welcomes participants who use oral history in their work across the many fields and disciplines that contribute to community, professional and academic histories. We welcome presenters from across Australia, across the Tasman and around the world. We invite proposals for individual presentations, workshops, performances and thematic panels.

The main conference at State Library of Queensland will be on **Friday 11th and Saturday 12th October 2019**. Oral history training workshops will be held at a Brisbane venue on Thursday 10th October. Following the conference, on Sunday 13th October a selection of history walks and tours will introduce participants to the region's rich and diverse communities of memory.

In keeping with 2019 as the *Year of Indigenous Languages*, a Keynote plenary panel will focus on *Oral History, Oral Tradition and Indigenous History* (with invited speakers from Australia, New Zealand and Canada).

Further details at <https://www.oralhistoryaustralia.org.au/2019-conference.html>

Closing Date for Proposals: 1 March 2019

QFHS Seminar - *Taking your research further*

Presenter/s: *Shauna Hicks and Janice Cooper*

When: Saturday, 2 March 2019 - 9 am - 12.30 pm

Where: Queensland Baptists Conference Centre, 53 Prospect Road, Gaythorne

Cost: \$25.00 members (QFHS and GSQ) and \$40.00 non-members (includes morning tea)

Shauna Hicks

Session 1: What's in the archives for Australian family history that you don't know about?

Session 2: What other resources are you not using for your Australian family history research?

Janice Cooper

Session 3: How can you place your families in their local communities and historic times?

For more information and to book:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/taking-your-australian-research-further-tickets-49367768324>



GSQ in your local BCC library - Free But Booking Required

Library	Topic	When	Time	Phone #
Sandgate	<i>Finding Grandma</i>	Saturday February 23	11-1pm	3667 6022
Coopers Plains	<i>Exploring Ancestry.com.au</i>	Saturday March 23	10 - 12 noon	3403 1530



Webinar Wednesday: Unlocking World War 1 repatriation and other records

February 20 @ 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM AEST

Presenter: Bob McAllister

When the guns fell silent in November 1918, there were more than 170,000 Australian military personnel deployed across France, England, and the Middle East. Many were wounded, injured or ill as a result of their war service. The Repatriation Commission was the first of a series of agencies charged with responsibility for "bringing the boys home". The records they created in facing the mammoth task of getting the country "back to normal" can provide valuable insights into the post-war experiences of your families.

Click [HERE](#) to purchase tickets.



Treasure Hunt in the GSQ Library

February 20 @ 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Learn & Discover. Enjoy & Share. Find the treasures in GSQ's library. Enjoy a cuppa and bring along a plate to share.

Please RSVP for organisation purposes.

Email: secretary@gsq.org.au

Wednesday night @ GSQ

Thomas ** Prior – What's in a name?

February 27 @ 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Presenter: Andrew Darbyshire, Brisbane History Group



Three generations of Murray Priors were active in Queensland commerce and politics in the nineteenth century, their individual identity often mistakenly attributed in contemporary reporting (and subsequently). A not uncommon occurrence from the period when sons were named after their father, an ongoing challenge for researchers.

This presentation will be based on a project that started life as a simple enquiry, Who were the original purchasers of land in what is now St Lucia?

For members only with a gold coin contribution.

ONE-ON-ONE SESSION WITH HELEN SMITH

Have you had your DNA tested and need more intensive help with interpreting your results? Would you like some one-on-one guidance about your matches and how to find where they may be located on your family tree?

Help is available! You can have a 45 minute consultation with Helen Smith for \$25. What will be covered will depend on the problem being presented and it is preferable that you have had your DNA tested and received your results.

Bookings can be made via the GSQ Shop on the web site - go to GSQ Shop and then select Services. Once payment is confirmed, Helen will then contact you to arrange a mutually suitable time for the consultation.

This service is also available to non-members so if you have a friend or relative who is not a GSQ member, then they too can use this service. The link to the booking page is:

<https://www.gsq.org.au/gsq-shop/dna-consultations-one-on-one/>



Coming Up This March



Irish ancestry? Jump in now!

Saturday March 9 @ 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Presenter: Bobbie Edes

There's an air of mystery surrounding Irish research, but why not 'Jump in Now'?

In this presentation, Bobbie Edes will demonstrate the various online records now available as well as different ways to get around some of the issues of missing records.

Join Bobbie as she explains why you should Jump In Now and tackle that 'too hard' family line.

Following the talk, there will be a **hands-on session so numbers are strictly limited and pre-booking online is a must.**

Members are welcome to bring along their own laptops so they can bookmark some of the sites mentioned.



Save the date for these interesting March seminars - numbers are limited so make sure you reserve your place in plenty of time.

Don't miss out and be disappointed.



Identification, restoration and storage

- 1 Learn about types of photographs
- 2 Identify period details to help date photographs
- 3 Repair torn, damaged photos & paper memorabilia
- 4 Safely store photos and paper for future generations

WHERE: GSQ, 25 Stackpole St, Wishart
WHEN: 16 March, 9am-12 noon

Caring for old photographs

Saturday March 16 @ 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Presenter: Cathie Sherwood

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.** In this first part of the course, you will identify different the types of photographs and the clothing styles of various eras – from daguerreotypes to ambrotypes and tintypes, carte de viste, cabinet cards, through to early 20th century images.
- **Repair torn, damaged photos and paper memorabilia.** Are your family memories stuck in old "magnetic" albums or trapped in decaying black albums and scrapbook pages? Learn tips and tricks to rescue family photos, albums, and scrapbooks and preserve originals in your home archive, plus techniques for working with damaged and fragile items. Hands-on practice will give you confidence to apply these archival techniques at home.
- **Store photos and paper for future generations.** Find out the best ways to store your precious photographs and important family documents to ensure that they last for many more generations to come.

Remember!

You can download the GSQ full Calendar of Events for 2019 (not just the Education sessions) by clicking on this link:

[Download Calendar of Events 2019](#)

Alternatively, you can go to the Events page on the GSQ web site and select the download link there:

<https://www.gsq.org.au/gsq-events/>



Don't Miss

Saturday, 02 March
10am - 2 pm
All welcome

Open Day

Free access to Ancestry, Find My Past
and numerous other family history
resources

Plus raffles, food
& giveaways

AND
GENEALOGICAL
HELP

Save the
Date!

GSQ's first Open Day for 2019 is a wonderful
opportunity for you to see what the Society can offer
you to help with your family history journey.

There is free access to the Resource Centre for the day,
numerous special interest groups and local archive on display
plus experienced family historians to help you get started.

As usual, tea, coffee and yummy food
are available at a very low cost.

*We look forward to seeing
you there!*



FAMILY HISTORY NEWS



England & Wales BMD Certificates Price Hike

The prices of a birth, marriage and death certificates for England and Wales will increase on **16 February 2019** from £9.25 to £11.00. At the same time, the charge for the PDF version will rise from £6.00 to £7.00.

Therefore, now is the time to place any orders that you are planning to submit 'sometime'

A big thank you to Mavis Dimick for alerting us.



Exploring the Past

**35th Annual Conference of the
NSW & ACT Association of Family History Societies**

11-13 October 2019 - (Friday to Sunday)

**at Knox Grammar School, Pacific
Highway, Wahroonga**

Hosted by the Ku-ring-gai Historical Society

For more information on the conference, speakers, program etc.
click [HERE](#).



HOW TO MAXIMIZE ANCESTRY.COM

1 **Craft a Strong Search Plan**

Before you type in a single search query, create a search plan. *What is it that you want to know?* This is one of the most overlooked steps, in our hurry to discover new things, but if you can formulate your search into a question, you will be able to determine what records you need to find to answer that question, and you'll cut down on aimless searches that turn up nothing.

2 **Tweak Your Search**

If you're investing in an Ancestry subscription, you want to be able to turn up all the relevant records in the database, right? Ancestry has millions of records in over 37,700 collections, so if you're not getting the results you want when you search by name, try using Ancestry's filters to refine the search. You can also try reversing the first and last names.

3 **Research the Card Catalogue**

When you've created a plan and you have your question in mind, it pays to do some research on the records that may be available, first. The Card Catalog not only lets you search within a specific collection, you can also learn about the overall records so you know if it's likely to answer your question in the first place. Some even offer search tips inside the collection, so they can save you a lot of time and effort.

Unlock the Past DNA Downunder & Roadshow with Blaine Bettinger August 2019

A DNA themed roadshow to major Australian cities with an extended/in-depth 3-day conference in Sydney. Blaine Bettinger, leading international genetic genealogist, speaker and author, will be the principal speaker, with other Australian and international speakers also contributing.

Click [HERE](#) for further information.