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

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From the President

Welcome to 2019.

I'm going to keep it really simple for the start of this glorious new year – here are 19 reasons to put GSQ on your 2019 to do list:

1. GSQ is one of Australia's leading genealogical societies
2. Full subscriptions to *Ancestry*, *FindMyPast*, *Roots Ireland*, *The Genealogist* and special-access to Family Search amongst others
3. Friendly, helpful and skilful Library Assistants who can help you with your research
4. A power-packed education program with a vast array of topics
5. A computer lab boasting 14 machines
6. A library of approximately 15,000 books
7. Thousands upon thousands of records on microform
8. Hundreds of journals from all over the world
9. Several CDs containing specialised family history information and records
10. Dozens of maps of Queensland and beyond
11. Special collections of pedigree charts, family histories and BDM certificates
12. Scanning equipment so you can digitise your own records
13. Colour photocopying and printing (for a nominal fee)
14. A collegiate and social environment in which to chat, and learn, about genealogy
15. Let's face it, air-conditioning!
16. It's easy to get to with lots of carparking and a bus-stop just metres away
17. We have tea and coffee at the ready – and often the odd biscuit or two as well
18. Giving yourself some 'you' time in pursuing one of your hobbies
19. Your ancestors may come out of hiding!

So let's make this the year of Family History! I look forward to seeing you at GSQ soon.

Yours in relative flair,

Sally



Jan 6	Scottish SIG
Jan 7	Monday Morning Natters
Jan 13	Family Tree Maker Users' SIG
Jan 13	Legacy Users' SIG
Jan 19	Researching Scottish Ancestors
Jan 20	DNA SIG
Jan 20	Scandinavian SIG
Jan 23	Wednesday Night @ GSQ
Jan 26	Military SIG
Jan 27	German SIG
Jan 30	Webinar: Preparing for the Digital Dark Ages



January 2019



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

Monday Morning Natters

January Natters is on **Monday January 7** 10am -12 noon
(*Note before GSQ officially opens for 2019*)

Topic for January: Lee English, GSQ volunteer coordinator, will be coming to tell us about all the different aspects of volunteering done at GSQ. You will be amazed at the variety of jobs that volunteers do.

For members only and a gold coin contribution for morning tea is appreciated.

The **February Monday Morning Natters** is on February 4 and will be on focused on the Military Special Interest Group. Most of us know of an ancestor who served in the military in one capacity or another – whether it be in our own family or in others. Come along and share a cuppa with Les McFadzen to find out more find out more about the Military Special Interest Group. For members only and a gold coin contribution for morning tea is appreciated.

INTEREST GROUPS

Scottish Interest Group

Our first meeting for 2019 will be our traditional Scottish Hogmanay celebration. It will be held on **Sunday 6 January 2019** at GSQ Resource Centre.

Doors will open at 9.30 am and the meeting will commence at 10 am. Following the formal business, we will have our Hogmanay morning tea to welcome in the New Year. Please bring a small plate of food to share, preferably Scottish in recipe or origin. Members can stay on to make use of the library resources to further their research. The Resource Centre will close at 2.30 pm. New members are most welcome to attend.

Legacy Users' Group

The next meeting is on **Sunday January 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. Judy Lofthouse will be leading this meeting.

Scandinavian Interest Group

The next meeting of the Scandinavian Group will be on **Sunday 20 January 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 not meet again until 10.30am on **Sunday 13 January**, the first meeting date for 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

The DNA SIG was lucky enough to feature another interesting presentation by Michelle Patient at our December break up meeting. The subject this month was the new *Commemorating the Missing* Project. This idea was conceived mainly by Project Leaders Maurice Gleeson and Michelle Leonard of ISOGG-UKI (International Society of Genetic Genealogy - UK & Ireland branches) and aims to reach out to the community to help build family trees for the many missing soldiers of WW1. We can all help by choosing one of the listed missing and researching that persons family tree - more information can be found on their website: *Pick a Soldier, Plant a Tree - the genealogical memorial*.

These family trees will be of tremendous help to the staff of two at the Ministry of Defence who currently co-ordinate the identification of historic casualties and war dead remains. Any person can join this project so why not think about doing so yourself? The step by step process is shown on the website.

To save confusion, our meetings in 2019 will all begin at 9:30am, with the first one set for **Sunday 20 January** (9:30 - 12pm). Hope to see you there.

Military Interest Group

The next meeting of the group is on **Saturday 26 January** from 10:30am-12:00pm. The aim of the Military Special Interest Group is to assist members with their research into their military ancestry through discussion, guest speakers and acquisition of resources. The Resource Centre is open for research from 12 noon to 4:00 pm after the meeting.

German Interest Group

As we look back over this past year we have had some wonderful speakers and our annual lunch at the German Club which is always a lovely day.

We, unfortunately, had to cancel a couple of meetings which we very much regret and apologise to you all. Hopefully, we will have a better year ahead and a full schedule.

Our first meeting for 2019 will be on **Sunday 27 January**. Our speaker will be Peter Row who will present "*Land of our Fathers*" & "*Krisanski Land*"

Looking forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Writing Group

The Writing Group had an interesting meeting on 21 October discussing issues relating to Privacy and Ethics. Our next meeting is not until **February 2019**.

We will have a guest speaker, Caylie Jeffery, talking about her book *Under the lino*. This is how the story of bank books and cash found under the lino during renovations played out.

More information will be available in the New Year.

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.

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.



VALE MARY BERNADETTE MEGGITT

1931 – 2018



Bernadette Meggitt was born in Ipswich the eldest of 5 girls to Thomas Ward and Bridget Marion Clifford. She was very proud of her Ipswich heritage and that her great-grandparents were pioneers in the Ipswich area.

Bernadette’s family history quest started later in her life, but that did not dampen her enthusiasm or tenacity to search out elusive relatives on either side of the family.

She travelled to England in 2009 searching out her husband’s Doncaster ancestors, and her tenacity came through when she convinced the local newspaper to run a story about the Meggitt family hoping that some descendants were still living in the area.

No stone was left unturned in the hunt for answers. She once sat outside the Brisbane Births, Deaths, and Marriages office on their first day of opening in the new year to obtain a certificate that would help in the quest.

She travelled to Adelaide and Sydney regularly to haunt the archives and formed friendships with several archivists in those states. Amongst all the research she found time to enjoy her other pursuits gardening, listening to cricket and classical music. She visited Greece several times and formed a love of all things Greek.

Bernadette was a regular at GSQ on Tuesdays and always had a story and adventure to tell us.

Bernadette was visiting family in Melbourne when she was suddenly taken ill and unfortunately did not recover. A memorial service was held in Brisbane, and many enlightening and often amusing stories were told by her loving family. She was interred in Esk cemetery amongst her many ancestors.

She will be missed by all who loved her. Rest in Peace Bernadette.

Thanks to Christine Meehan for this memory of Bernadette.

Intimate Stories, Challenging Histories

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**

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





Researching Scottish ancestors online



Researching Scottish Ancestors Online
 Saturday January 19 @ 9.00am - 11.30am
 Hands on (computers)

Presenter: Cathie Sherwood

Scotlands People is the major site to use when searching for Scottish ancestors. It is a subscription site but unlike others offers credits so you pay only for the records you need. You will find original records for census, civil registration, parish records and wills as well as other records.

Scotlands Places is another site which provides access to place descriptions, tax rolls on horses, windows, watches etc as well as maps and associated images.

Find out what other online Scottish records are available, such as deeds, Kirk Sessions, tax and land details, and how you can access them.

Click [HERE](#) to book & for more information.

Wednesday night @ GSQ

Wednesday January 23, 2019 @ 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM



Topic: 126 years of the QLD Ambulance (QAS): Service to the community

Presenter: Dr Michael John (Mick) Davis

The presentation will cover highlights of 126 years of ambulance services in Queensland – especially in areas such as the origin of the service, the evolution of the pharmacology, clinical practices, education for paramedics, women in the service and various forms of ambulance transport over the years.

Click [HERE](#) for more information - no need to book.

Take the time to come along and hear wonderful speakers on Wednesday night - you won't be disappointed!



Webinar: Preparing for the Digital Dark Ages

Wednesday January 30, 2019 @ 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
 (Queensland time)

Presenter: Cathie Sherwood

What can you do when something goes seriously wrong with your computer and you lose years and years of your family history research material? How can you make sure that your digital documents will last as long as paper? Is using cloud storage the answer?

Learn how to be prepared for the unfortunate and unforeseen event such as fires, data corruption or just mistakes in overwriting files

Click [HERE](#) for more information.



Presenters: Christine Meehan & Cathie Sherwood

WHEN: February 2 @ 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM

WHERE: GSQ, 25 Stackpole St, Wishart

Start 2019 with a plan in hand for your family history research, one which can help you to tackle your tough problems. This very practical workshop will take you through the steps in your research planning eg defining your goals, setting tasks, identifying and analysing sources and repositories and documenting the process.

How will DNA results figure in your research plan?

What do you need to do to ensure that you have met the Genealogical Proof Standard?

This is not a computer course but if you have a laptop or tablet, please bring it along as it will be useful to record outcomes. Numbers are strictly limited.

For bookings, please go to:

<https://www.gsq.org.au/event/planning-your-research-for-2019/>

Available now in the GSQ SHOP

BUY a webinar season ticket now!



For a limited time only (until January 25) you can buy a webinar season ticket for the first 6 months of the year - there are 7 webinars in all. Buying a season ticket will save you \$21 - more than a couple of cups of coffee!!

All webinars are recorded so even if you can't be present on the day, all attendees receive a link to the recording which they can then watch at their leisure.

Webinars are a great way to learn and it can all be done in the comfort of your own home and even better, unlike a face-to-face presentation, it can be watched as many times as you wish. All you need is a computer and access to the internet - we do everything else for you. Once you have paid, and a few days out from the event, you will receive a link to the webinar. To see the list of webinars and to book your ticket, go to:

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

DNA consultations - One-on-one 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/>

Family History News




RootsTech is in London this year!

Have you always wanted to attend RootsTech but the timing wasn't right or you preferred to spend your time researching in the UK and Ireland?

Well now you can combine both as this year there are two RootsTech conferences - the usual one in Salt Lake City in the USA at the end of February and a new one planned for London from the 24-26 October. You can find out more about both of these events at this link <https://www.rootstech.org/>



In the week before Christmas, FamilySearch added 1.3 million indexed records. Over 700,000 of these records come from Peru; records also came from Colombia, French Polynesia, Germany, South Africa, and North Carolina, Ohio, and West Virginia in the United States.

To search these records, you need to have a free FamilySearch account. If some of the records you view are locked (that is, they have a key above the image), then they can be viewed at GSQ using your own account. GSQ is a Family Search affiliate and some records, that are not available to the general public, are viewable when researching at GSQ - another benefit of being a GSQ member!



I don't know about the rest of you but to me Guinness (the beer) is a bit of an acquired taste. However, that shouldn't stop you from researching the Guinness archives to see if one of your ancestors worked at the Brewery in Dublin. If you intend to be in Dublin at any time, then you can make an appointment to view your relative's file in person at the Archive.

You can search the Guinness Archives at: <https://www.guinness-storehouse.com/en/archives/archives-genealogy>.

Fermanagh Parish Registers Marriages

Explore thousands of parish marriages covering the parishes of Aghavea, Bellanaleck, Devenish, Inishmacsaint, and Mullaghduon parishes in County Fermanagh, Northern Ireland. The records span the years 1662 and 1949 will reveal the date and location of the marriage as well as the names of both the bride and groom.

Fermanagh Parish Registers Burials

Discover your ancestors who were buried in Fermanagh between 1662 and 1912. The collection contains over 7,000 records that may reveal when and where your relative was buried, their age, and possibly even their cause of death.

Donegal Cemetery Records

Discover your ancestors who were buried in Ballyshannon and Inishmacsaint, County Donegal, Ireland, between 1681 and 2015. This collection of more than 16,000 records may reveal when and where your relatives were buried. The memorial inscription may also reveal the age and occupation of the deceased, and details of other relatives who were buried in the same grave.

The record set comprises records from Finner Graveyard, Inishmacsaint and St Anne's Church of Ireland in Ballyshannon. The 'Notes' field provides information on the condition of the gravestone and any decoration, age of the deceased, occupation of deceased, names and ages of other family members who are buried in the same grave, details of the inscription on the headstone, and the erector's name.

Leitrim Cemetery Records

Discover your Irish ancestry with more than. You will be able to view an image of your ancestor's gravestone and learn more about your family tree. The records in this collection are from Rossinver parish from 1709 to 2015.

Each result will give you a transcript of the vital facts and an image of the original gravestone. The transcripts should include a combination your ancestor's full name (including maiden name), age at death, birth year, death year and parish. The records also contain at least one full-colour photograph of the gravestone. You may be able to see the exact location of the grave and the condition of the grave, as well as any inscriptions that are not included in the 'Notes' field of the transcript.