

# GSQ e-NEWS

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## OPEN

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 Vice-President

April 2019

Having decided to indulge in a day of research at GSQ today, it was such a pleasure to walk into the resource centre to find a hive of activity with every computer in use, and the tables at the other end occupied by members engaged in other forms of research. With questions being asked about the computer-based research and assistance being expertly provided, you could feel, and hear, the anticipation, the "thrill of the chase", and the satisfaction in discovering yet another piece of the puzzle.

Meanwhile, the "quiet" research at the other end of the room was occasionally interrupted by various comments, and, goodness me, bursts of laughter. While the family history research is the "name of the game", the social interaction is just as important, contributing significantly to the enrichment of the family history research journey at GSQ.

For me, I was treating myself to a session with all the cemetery records – yes, books. How old-fashioned to be using the printed material? But, oh no, I had a highly successful time, finding a number of folks who had been eluding me online. So, my message is – please don't forget the printed material at GSQ and please don't forget the microform. Not everything has been digitised – and sometimes it's useful to doublecheck transcriptions.

Having got that message off my chest, I'll now move on to the ongoing discussions between GSQ and QFHS about possible amalgamation - and the commencement of consultation with all members of both GSQ and QFHS. In undertaking to write and distribute regular Communiques and to establish space on both websites for further information, the over-riding intention has been to establish the wherewithal for an ongoing "conversation" about the pros and cons of possible amalgamation, about the process of amalgamating two incorporated associations, and about all of the issues which would need to be addressed should members decide to proceed further.

With the consultation process now underway, I would encourage everyone to become involved, to ask questions, and to provide comments. As a member-based organisation, it is crucial that members be involved in the "amalgamation conversation", and provide their opinions – and I thank all those who have provided comments in this first round, and look forward to even more participating in subsequent rounds.

Lastly, but certainly not least, I wish to advise that the Management Committee has decided to bring the AGM forward this year – to **Saturday 17 August 2019**. This is to enable the earlier election of members of the incoming Management Committee. So, my invitation to you is to start thinking about nominating for a position on the Management Committee.

But wait, there's more. As you will be aware, the position of President is currently vacant. As I will be out of the country for an extended period of time in the next few months, I feel it inappropriate that I become the acting or interim President until the AGM. Although the constitution, somewhat bizarrely, allows GSQ to operate without a President, I hereby extend another invitation - to consider stepping forward to act as President until the August AGM.

Happy researching, Jan Bimrose

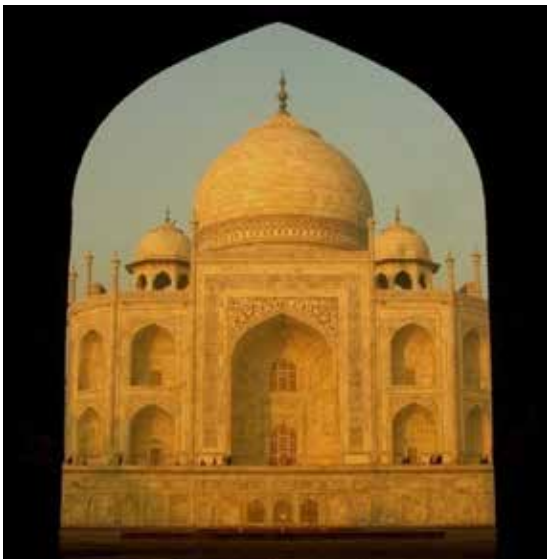




### **Exploring the Past**

**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](#).



### **GSQ members are welcome to join the QFHS Colonial India and the Far East special interest group**

India, Ceylon (Sri Lanka), the Nicobar and Andaman Islands, Assam, Burma (Myanmar), East Pakistan (Bangladesh), Kashmir, Persian Gulf Residency

Meets at QFHS (Gaythorne) at 10:30 am second Sunday of even-numbered months, dates for 2019:

10 Feb 14 Apr 9 Jun 11 Aug 13 Oct 8 Dec

Enquiries: [IndiaFE@qfhs.org.au](mailto:IndiaFE@qfhs.org.au)



### **Unlock the Past DNA Downunder & Roadshow with Blaine Bettinger 1 day Brisbane 14 August 2019 3 day Sydney 29 - 31 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.



FAMILY & LOCAL HISTORY CONFERENCE & FAIR  
24 - 26 May 2019

Hosted by Caloundra Family History

How quickly time is flying – the conference is now only nine and a bit weeks away!

**Early Bird Registrations closed on 31 March  
and all registrations close on 12 April.**

**Register Now**

The Waves in Time long weekend begins when the doors open on ... Friday 24 May.

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

## 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 24th April**.

### 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 8.45am.

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 5th April 2019**.

### Redlands Branch

The next meeting of the Redland Genealogical Society will be held on **Wednesday, 10 April** commencing at 12.15pm at the Donald Simpson Centre, Bloomfield Street, Cleveland.

The Guest Speaker at this meeting will be Paul Oates with an intriguing address titled "*A Surprise Cornish Connection*".

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

Members of the Society will be hosting a table of interested people to participate in a Champagne High Tea being organised by the Redland Branch of the National Trust at Ormiston House on Saturday, 27 April (1.30pm for 2.00pm start). Cost of the High Tea is \$35.00 with all proceeds going to Ormiston House.

Phone Helen Veivers (3820 2609) no later than **5 April** if interested in joining the group.

### Military Interest Group

The next meeting of the Military Group is **Saturday 25th May** from 10.30am to 12 noon. The Resource Centre is open from 12 noon until 4:00pm for further research.

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## INTEREST GROUPS

### Scottish Interest Group

Due to the resignation of the current editor of "*The Thistle Times*" the decision was made at our March meeting to cease producing our newsletter as we could not fill the position of editor. After the meeting Alistair Henderson gave an informative talk on Renfrewshire.

On 17th March we hosted an interesting presentation by Graeme Mackenzie MA, a well known Scottish researcher and historian.

Several of our members have recently checked the Scottish Collection against the Catalogue and shelved the books in their correct order.

Our next meeting will be held on **Sunday 5th May**.

Russell Fraser will speak on *Clackmannanshire research*.

### Legacy Users' Group

The next meeting is on **Sunday May 12 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 lead the discussion about using tags in Legacy. Want to split of a part of your tree for another member of the family then tags make it easy.

### Convict Connections Group

The Convict Connection Special interest group is looking forward to welcoming YOU at their next meeting on **Sunday 14th April 2019**. The doors open at 9:00am and an informal meeting is held at 11:00am, followed by a Talk. The topic this month is "*The Norfolk Island Rebellions of 1834 & 1846*".

The Resource centre remains open until 03:00pm so that there is ample time for personal research and to seek help from our members.

The Group covers the Early Colonial period of Australia and everyone is welcome whether you have found a convict or not. Learn a little about the early settlement in a friendly, welcoming environment.

For more information contact Lyn Caldwell at [convictconnections@yahoo.com.au](mailto:convictconnections@yahoo.com.au)

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## Family Tree Maker Users' Group

The FTM User Group will meet on **Sunday the 12th May 2019** at 10.00 am. The library will be open from approximately 9.00 am.

This group is a networking group that can help beginners and assist both Mac & Windows users and hopefully overcome any FTM problems they may face. We will also look at the reports and charts in more detail as there a number of new reports available.

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](mailto:mcfadzen@bigpond.net.au) of your problem(s) will assist in setting the meeting Agenda.

## DNA Interest Group

The last meeting of our DNA group was held on 17 March when we had 32 members present. As there had been many changes to Ancestry and other DNA providers since our last meeting, Helen's presentation on 'What's New in DNA Land' for that month was very comprehensive. We then enjoyed a presentation by Megan Prance titled 'Introduction to Roots Finder'. This is a program she uses not only for managing her genealogy tree but finds very useful in linking up her DNA matches as well.

Next meeting of our group will be on **Sunday 28 April from 9:30am until noon**. Although this is usually our long meeting, we have agreed that the Writing Group can take over the afternoon session as their usual date fell on Easter Sunday when many members would have been away.

Helen will be doing a presentation on y-DNA and how it can be useful followed by Bobbie Edes' talk on that same subject, titled 'A final link'.

## Scandinavian Interest Group

The next meeting of the Scandinavian Group will be on **Sunday 19th May**, 12.30 - 2.30pm.

### 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](mailto:enews@gsq.org.au) by the 24th of the month.

## Monday Morning Natters

April Natters is on **Monday 1st April 10am -12noon**

**Topic for April:** *The English Irish Special Interest group.*

This group was the reason Judy Lofthouse joined GSQ so do come along to hear how it can help you with your research. Gold coin donastion fopr morning tea please.

## Writing Group

Please note the change of date and time for the next meeting of the Writing Group to avoid the Easter weekend.

We meet on **Sunday 28 April**, commencing at 12.30pm, following the DNA group.

We will finish up no later than 4pm. The meeting will focus on how the meeting format to best meet the needs of members. Further information from Pauline Williams at [pstirland@hotmail.com](mailto:pstirland@hotmail.com).

## English/Irish Interest Group

The English/Irish SIG meets on the first Sunday of even numbered months. The next meeting will be on **Sunday 7th April** at the GSQ Resource Centre as usual.

Come along to further your knowledge about all things English and Irish.

## German Interest Group

Because of the Waves conference the German Group has **cancelled their May meeting** because of Waves as they decided that some people may want to go to the Waves Conference.

**The next German Group meeting will be on Sunday 28th July.**



**Please Note:**

**GSQ will be closed for Easter & Anzac Day.**

**This means the Library will be CLOSED on Friday 19th, Saturday 20th April & Thursday 25th April.**

**GSQ wishes everyone a Happy Easter & lots of time to do family history.**



- Apr 1 Monday Morning Natters
- Apr 7 English/Irish SIG
- Apr 8 Webinar - getting ready for your archive visit
- Apr 14 Convict Connections SIG
- Apr 19 GSQ closed
- Apr 20 GSQ closed
- Apr 24 Webinar - using the Chelsea & Kilmainham pensioner records
- Apr 24 DNA drop in clinic
- Apr 25 GSQ closed
- Apr 27 Photo editing & retouching - BOOKED OUT
- Apr 28 DNA SIG
- April 28 Writing Group



## **YOUR SOCIETY NEEDS YOU! GSQ is looking for volunteers to staff a table at the following events:**

### **Ormiston House Open Day**

**Saturday 27 April 2-5pm**

All you would need to do is sit at a lap top with internet access and answer queries from people about their genealogy and of course tell them about the many benefits of joining GSQ.

(Depending on the number of volunteers, it is anticipated that you would be required for 1.5 hours.)

### **Waves in Time**

**3rd Queensland State Conference**

**Bokarina Sunshine Coast**

**24 -26 May**

(Anyone can volunteer but this may better suit those attending the Conference.)

All you would need to do is staff the GSQ table, answer any queries about GSQ, promote the society and sell publications from the GSQ bookshop.

**A roster of volunteers and times will be provided closer to the dates.**

If you are able to help at either of these venues, please contact the Volunteer Coordinator at [volunteer@gsq.org.au](mailto:volunteer@gsq.org.au)

## **The Issue of Genealogical Standardisation of Place Names**

James Tanner of Genealogy's Star fame writes an interesting blog post about the standardisation of place names - looking at the United Kingdom & USA. Read his post [HERE](#).

## FREE Family History Webinars from Legacy Family Tree

**What is the cost:** There is no charge to register and view the live webinar. **BUT**, the recording available to view for the next 7 days - for **free!** Watch it as many times as you would like, pausing and taking notes, during the free viewing period.

If you cannot make the live event, downloads of the recording are just \$9.95 each or yearly memberships give you access to everything.

Some April offerings:

April 2

- One Touch Genealogy Research: How to Handle a Record Just Once by Thomas MacEntee.

April 3:

- An Introduction to DNA Painter by Jonny Perl.

There are more coming up in April & the rest of the year to view the PDF flyer of all webinars click [HERE](#). The Legacy Webinar website with more information is available [HERE](#).



### Unusual Sources for Finding Female Ancestors

Finding female ancestors often requires looking at sources with a discerning eye, and then piecing the clues together.

This week on the podcast and blog, AMY JOHNSON CROW interviews Jane Wilcox, an expert in researching females and in New York research (two tough topics!).

Jane shows how even the mundane “everyday” records created in a woman’s lifetime can yield a treasure of information... if you know how to look at them.

Click [HERE](#) to read or listen to Unusual Sources for Finding Female Ancestors.

## 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 [HERE](#).

### 3 Dos and Don'ts in your Genealogy Research

**Do use the DNA you didn't inherit** - Since you only inherit about half of each of your parents' DNA, there is a lot of DNA that doesn't get passed down to you. It's not lost though, as your siblings, cousins, aunts and uncles may have the DNA you didn't. You can get access to that DNA if they test.

**Don't underestimate city directories** - City directories can fill in a lot of gaps between census records. But if you're just looking at the page your ancestors' names are on, you're missing out on a lot of potential missing information. Many directories have valuable information in the front and back, including the names of businesses and churches, and other clues to the world in which your ancestor lived.

**Do verify your sources** - Some sources are better than others, and you can learn to identify the better source when you have two or more that conflict. But don't dismiss even a “bad” source completely - it might be a clue to something else.

## GSQ in your local BCC library - Free But Booking Required

Library	Topic	When	Time	Phone #
Brisbane Square	<i>Brisbane Burns: How the great fires of 1864 shaped a city and its people</i>	Sunday April 14	10 - 12 noon	3403 9470
Annerley	<i>Australian Military Records</i>	Saturday April 27	10 - 12 noon	3403 1735
Everton Park	Choosing a family tree program	Saturday May 18	1pm to 3pm	3403 7400



## **Webinar: Getting ready for your archive visit**

**April 8 @ 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM**

**Presenter: Bobbie Edes**

If you have never visited an archives/records office before or have only been to your local one, then this webinar is a must-view. As someone who has researched extensively overseas for many years, Bobbie is going to take you on a step by step journey from the time you make the decision to travel overseas through to what planning to do for after your archives visit.

A trip like this takes a lot of planning so you need to do your homework to be prepared, so that you get the most out of your visit and your \$\$\$s. There will be tips on prioritising your needs, different types of accommodation, how to divide your time between your research and a local visit as well as notating those all important finds. Additionally there will be information on how to broaden your search beyond the parish registers if you have time to do so.

Bobbie will help answer these questions and more using examples of commonly visited archives in the United Kingdom.

## **Webinar Wednesday: Using the Chelsea & Kilmainham pensioner records**

**April 24 @ 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM**

**Presenter: Helen Smith**

The Royal Hospital in Chelsea was founded in 1692 to look after wounded and disabled soldiers. While there were some resident pensioners in their red tunics, the majority were out-pensioners although the pensions were administered from the Hospital. The Royal Hospital Kilmainham was established even earlier in 1681 and has records of 20 000 men from 1771-1821 (only ~60% were born in Ireland). Soldiers were eligible for a pension after 12 years of service.

Join this webinar to find out more about the pensioner records and how you might locate your ancestor.



## **Photo editing and retouching - BOOKED OUT**

**April 27 @ 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM**

**Presenter: Cathie Sherwood**

This practical, hands on course will take you through a number of freely available software tools to help with editing and retouching your precious family photos.

You will learn how to restore photos by removing scratches, creases and stains and rejuvenate them through colour modifications.

## **Wednesday night @ GSQ**

### **Wednesday night @ GSQ: DNA drop in clinic**

**April 24 @ 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM**

Interested in DNA testing and want to know more about it before taking the plunge? Have you already done a DNA test and are unsure of what the results mean? Have a DNA problem? Come along to this DNA clinic session and let members of the DNA SIG help you with your questions.

For members only with a gold coin contribution

## **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/>

## COMING UP - SAVE THE DATE

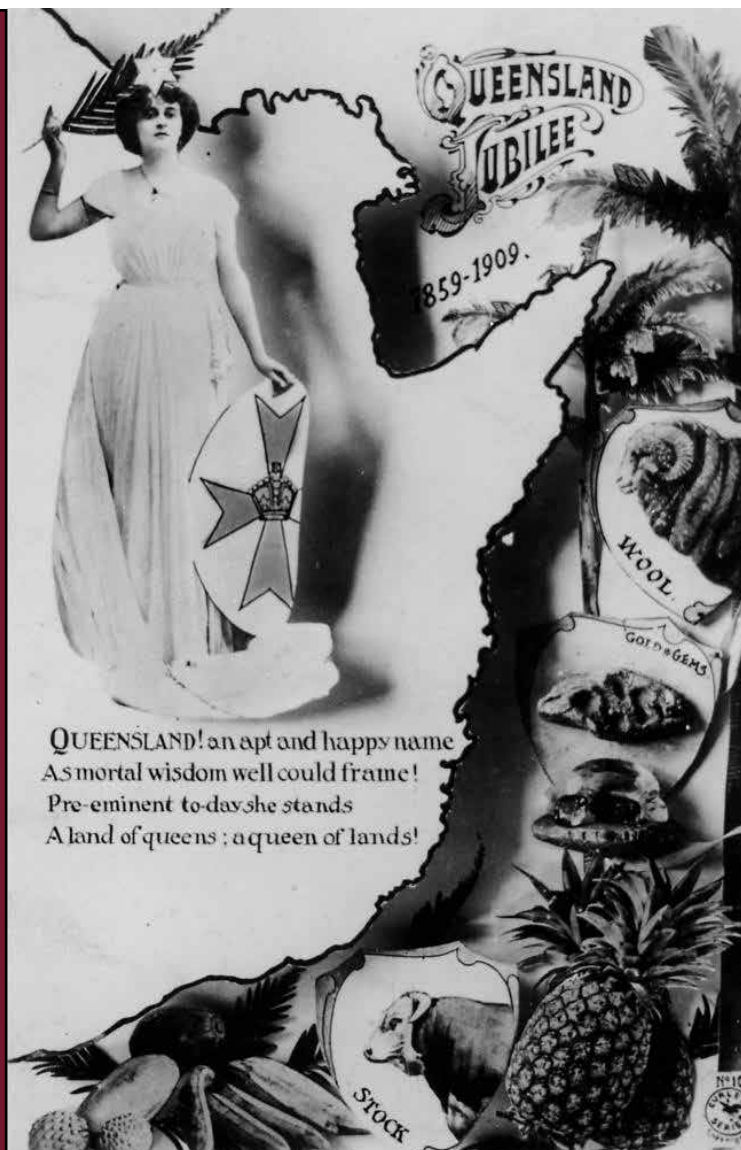
# The power of the past:

160 years of OLD  
records, research &

stories

**22 June, 2019**

Nazareth Lutheran Centre  
Woolloongabba  
8.45am - 3.45pm



## About the conference

Queensland has certainly come a long way since 6 June 1859 when Queen Victoria signed the Letters Patent which declared Queensland to be a separate colony from New South Wales. The first Governor was Sir George Ferguson Bowen and Government documents show the new colony started with nine pence in its Treasury! Things have certainly changed over the last 160 years.

This one-day conference offers a unique opportunity to put flesh on the bones of your Queensland ancestors – to take you beyond the documentary evidence and explore the social, political and economic contexts which shaped their lives. Find out how you can unearth evidence in maps and oral histories as well as the more traditional record sources. Listen to stories about houses, colonial borders, fires, pioneers, Chinese marriages and the pre-separation years and discover record sets and sources which may have been previously unknown to you.

Book your spot now as seats are limited!

There will be a lucky door prize and fabulous raffles.

## Speakers

[In alphabetical order]

**Dr Thom Blake** *The house that Mary built - the pise house of Bedourie*

**Dr Jennifer Harrison** *On this day.... Where was your family?*

**Joan Kelly** *Oral histories*

**Bill Kitson** *Cane toads or cockroaches*

**Bob McAllister** *Miegunyah - a house full of history*

**Sharyn Merkley** *Brisbane burns: How the great fires of 1864 shaped a city and its people*

**Sandi Robb** *Chinese marriage and families 1850 - 1920*

**Stephanie Ryan** *Pre-1860 Moreton Bay records: Queenslanders' heritage*

For more information and to book, go to:

<https://www.gsq.org.au/event/the-power-of-the-past-qlds-160-years-in-focus/>

**COST:** \$60 for GSQ/QFHS members

\$75 for non-members

Morning tea and lunch are included.

If you have any queries, please email the  
GSQ Education Coordinator at:

[education@gsq.org.au](mailto:education@gsq.org.au)







Don't Miss

Saturday, 18 May  
10am - 2pm  
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!