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Tuesday • 10am - 3pm
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Friday • 10am - 3pm
Saturday • 12noon - 4pm
Sunday • Interest Groups
2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the month • 6pm-9pm.

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From the President

July 2019

Putting Your Hand Up

There are times when we all need to consider doing this very thing. I read with interest an article in the Courier Mail's Q Weekend Magazine (June 22-23, 2019) about two Griffith University lecturers who have done just that – with few resources, they're setting up training schedules for basic paramedic skills in Mongolia! No mean feat in temperatures of -40C!! Without the very practical assistance of these two Aussies, patients in need of paramedic care and transport would, at the very least, arrive at treatment centres in less than satisfactory condition.

No, I'm not asking you to travel to Mongolia, rather I'm asking you to consider nominating for a position on GSQ's Management Committee. This is your chance to make a difference, just as the two Australian lecturers are doing. It's an opportunity to influence what happens at GSQ, rather than just talking about or thinking about what should happen. What would your commitment be? You would be required to attend Management Committee meetings which are held on a monthly basis. Currently, the meetings are conducted on Monday mornings and usually last around 3 hours. Our current Vice President, Jan Bimrose, Secretary, Claire Rodwell, Treasurer, Cath Maris and I have all indicated a willingness to remain as members of the Management Committee, if elected at the AGM, so all positions which some may consider onerous will have virtually been filled. (Of course, if one of the positions mentioned is the very one you'd like to take on, I encourage you to nominate for your preferred position.) Please think about putting your name forward. Nomination Forms will be available at GSQ, with the Annual General Meeting (AGM) to be conducted on Saturday, 17 August, 2019.

Cathie Sherwood will not be continuing in her current roles of Education Coordinator and Web Coordinator after the Annual General Meeting in August. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Cathie for the enormous amount of work she has done in these two roles over the years. What it means is that the Management Committee is seeking people to take on these important roles, particularly the role of Web Coordinator. If you have expertise in this field, or know of somebody with expertise in this field, please contact me at president@gsq.org.au.

Discussion with representatives of QFHS about the possible amalgamation of the two societies are continuing. Meetings are occurring on a regular basis. Communique 3 is currently being drafted and may even reach you prior to receipt of this edition of eNews. The Committee needs the opinions of members, if the decisions made are to reflect what members of both societies would really like to happen. So, once again, I urge you to "get involved" and respond as requested.

Helen Veivers

President, Genealogical Society of Queensland.



***Notice of Annual General Meeting
Saturday 17 August 2019
Full details on page 5***

***Open Day
Saturday 3 August 2019
Details on page 9***

BRANCH NEWS

SIGs

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 2pm.

The next meeting is on **Wednesday 17th July**.

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 on **Friday 5th July**. The Guest Speaker will be Mrs Dianna Hacker.

Redlands Branch

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

There will not be a Guest Speaker at this meeting.

The regular July monthly meeting will be preceded by the Annual General Meeting.

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

Military Interest Group

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.

The next meeting of the Military Group is on **Saturday 27th July** from 10.30 to 12.

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.

Scottish Interest Group

Our next meeting will be held on **Sunday 7th July 2019**. After a short meeting Ian Hay will speak on research in Banffshire.

All GSQ members are welcome to attend Interest Group meetings. Is there is a particular Scottish record you would like to see in our Library? To contact us, you can leave a message for us at GSQ or come along to the meeting in July.

Legacy User's Group

The next meeting is on **Sunday 14th July** 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 available for discussions about *My Heritage* hints. If you would like some other topic please email info@gsq.org.au.

Convict Connections Group

On Convict Connections Group meeting days the Resource Centre is open at 9:00am and closes at 3:00pm. This gives members additional time to ask questions or do further personal research.

The next meeting for the Group is **Sunday 11th August, 2019**.

A short meeting will be held at 11:00am followed by a brief talk on the topic - more detail on the topic will be in August eNews.

Look forward to seeing you at the August meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Did you know?

FamilySearch celebrates 20 years online.

Twenty years ago, on 24 May, 1999, global nonprofit FamilySearch launched an innovative new website, a free internet genealogy service.

During that time, FamilySearch has expanded and evolved its free mix of online offerings, holding true to its purpose to provide economical access to the world's genealogical records and create fun family history discoveries for everyone.

Family Tree Maker Users' Group

The FTM User Group will meet on **Sunday 14th July 2019** at 10.00am. 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 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 of your problem(s) will assist in setting the meeting Agenda.

DNA Interest Group

The DNA group had their meeting on Sunday 23 June and it proved to be a great one. We initially welcomed a new member, Ally, and Helen arranged to give her some individual help later in the meeting. After the normal housekeeping notices we had our monthly 'What's new in DNA Land' presentation by Helen, which led into the morning tea break.

The theme for this month's meeting was 'How I manage multiple DNA kits' with short presentations by David Barnes, Bobbie Edes, Cheryl Devenish and finally Helen Smith. Other members from our number also added their hints with what works best for them, so all in all, that was a really useful theme.

Mentoring Group sessions were then organised with a mentor or two leading each of the smaller groups within different areas of our GSQ room. Unfortunately by the time this began some members had to leave, but we had 6 groups in all with numbers of 2 to 5 in each group, with most agreeing it was a great idea. The groups ran smoothly but ran out of time as 2pm appeared 'Quick as a wink!' Because of this, we intend scheduling the July Mentoring groups earlier in the program and for an hour period.

The next *DNA Drop In Clinic* is being held on Wednesday night 10 July from 7pm - 8:30pm. For a gold coin donation, any person, GSQ member or not, is welcome to come to this evening and seek help with their DNA problem. It is hoped this evening may entice new folk to realise the many benefits of joining GSQ.

Next meeting of the DNA group will be held on **Sunday 21st July from 9:30am until noon**, so if you're thinking of doing a test, or have done one and wish to learn more - then this is a date to mark in your calendar.

Monday Morning Natters

June Natters is on **Monday 1st July** 10am -12 noon.

July topic: Family Tree Maker SIG.

Come along and find out more about Family Tree Maker – a software program you can use to document your family tree. Les McFadzen will discuss the role of the FTM SIG. A gold coin contribution for morning tea is appreciated.

Writing Group

The Writing Group had another interesting meeting on 16 June, discussing issues to consider when publishing a family history.

Our next meeting is scheduled for **Sunday 18th August** and guest convenors, Sharyn Merkle and Lorri Digney, will provide more information in the August eNews.

For general queries regarding the Writing Group contact Pauline on pstirland@hotmail.com.

English/Irish Interest Group

The next meeting of the English/Irish SIG is not until the first Sunday in August – **Sunday 4th August**.

All members of GSQ with an interest in English, Welsh or Irish research are invited to attend this SIG. Come and learn more about some of your UK heritage – all for the low cost of a gold coin contribution.

We have lots of interesting conversations at our meetings, with attendees sharing their wealth of knowledge about all things English, Welsh, Irish and beyond.

Scandinavian Interest Group

The next meeting of the Scandinavian Group will be on **Sunday 21st July** from 12.30 - 2.30pm.

If you were given 5 minutes with an ancestor, who would it be and what would you talk about?



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](#).



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.

German Interest Group

The next meeting for the German group is on **Sunday 28th July 2019** and everybody is looking forward to the Visit of the Redland Museum.

Three members from the Redland Museum will be attending and Ross will talk on the German items in the museum and Betty is talking about the resources in the library. Sandra will doing a presentation in relation to German Settlers in the Redlands by telling the story in detail of HOLZAPFEL, BENFER, ENGELMANN, HEINEMANN, KRUGER and BUHMANN. They are in the order in which they arrived in Queensland and touching on another 14 settlers.

Some of the German Group members are attending the following **Commissariat Store Tour with the RHSQ on the 21st August 2019 starting at 10.00 a.m. to 11-30 am**. This is a free event you just need to book. Perhaps you are also interested.

[Click on the link](#) for further information and to book.

Proposed Bus trip to Toowoomba – Tuesday, 8 October

QFHS is organising a bus trip to Toowoomba for both GSQ and QFHS members on Tuesday, 8 October. The cost for the day will be \$50.00 and will include morning tea and lunch, together with an informative talk to be given at the historic railway station by a member of the Toowoomba and Darling Downs Family History Society.

For further information or to book, please phone QFHS on 3355 3369.



**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 July offerings:

July 12:

- *DNA, Genealogy, and Privacy: Handling the Double-Edged Sword* by Thomas MacEntee.

July 24:

- *Should You Take the Hint? Automatic Record Hinting on the Giant Genealogy* by Sunny Morton.

July 31:

- *Google Photos: one photo app to rule them all* by Devin Ashby.

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



Notice of Annual General Meeting 17 August 2019

Notice is hereby given that the **Annual General Meeting of the Genealogical Society of Queensland Inc. will be held on Saturday, 17 August, 2019 10:00am sharp at 25 Stackpole Street, Qld 4122.**

All financial members are asked to consider nominating for a Management Committee position as some current members are not planning to renominate this year.

Positions are:

- President
- Vice-President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- General committee member (7 positions)

Nominations close fourteen days before the AGM. Nomination Forms must be returned to the Secretary, either by post to PO Box 1467 Carindale QLD 4152 or at the registered office, 25 Stackpole St, Wishart QLD 4122, **by the close of business 5:00 PM, Friday 2 August 2019.**

Proxies

A member who is entitled to attend and vote at the general meeting, may appoint a person to attend and vote at the meeting as the member's proxy.

A proxy may be appointed by returning a completed Proxy Form to the Secretary at the Society's registered office, 24 hours prior

to the commencement of the meeting, i.e. **by 10:00 am Friday 16 August 2019.**

Inquiries

All inquiries should be directed to the Hon. Secretary, Ms Claire Rodwell, Genealogical Society of Queensland Inc., either by post to PO Box 1467 Carindale QLD 4152 OR, 25 Stackpole St, Wishart QLD 4122.

Phone: 07 3349 6072

Email: secretary@gsq.org.au

Claire Rodwell, Secretary

[by authority of the GSQ Management Committee]

Additional information

A number of other positions are available which do not require membership of the Management Committee. Why not take up the challenge and put your name forward for one of these positions?

- Education Coordinator
- Web Coordinator
- Volunteer Coordinator
- Events Organiser
- Projects Officer
- Technical Advisory Group (TAG) Coordinator



Layers of London New Map

A new map has been added to Layers of London. The iconic Charles Booth poverty maps are now available to explore and compare with other historic maps of London.

This has been made possible due to help from the library at the London School of Economics. To find out more about the maps please visit their site, [HERE](#).

Layers of London is a unique, free, historical and geographical resource for Londoners. Anyone can explore our map layers that have been stretched and manipulated to fit over the contemporary map of London; meaning you can focus on a street, building or area and see how it has changed over time! See London maps [HERE](#).

GSQ in your local BCC library - Free But Booking Required

Library	Topic	When	Time	Phone #
Carina	Immigration from 1788	Tuesday 30 July 2019	10:30am to 12:30pm	3407 1873
Carindale	Beginners Guide to DNA for Genealogy	Saturday 10 Aug 2019	2:00pm to 3:00pm	3407 1490



What's coming up in the next few weeks?

Wednesday night @ GSQ



DNA drop in clinic

July 10 @ 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.



Irish land records

July 13 @ 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Presenter: Bobbie Edes

Bobbie will cover Irish land records concentrating on Griffith's Valuation of Ireland and the following Valuation Revision lists in depth with a hands on approach during this session. After the talk, there will be step-by-step instructions to take each member through to the location of one of their farming ancestors at the time of Griffith's valuation.



All past webinars are available for purchase from the [GSQ Shop](#).

Check them out today!



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Webinar Wednesday: Interpreting old handwriting

July 17 @ 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Presenter: Cathie Sherwood

Explore resources that can help you learn how to read and properly understand handwritten documents, such as wills and deeds, encountered while researching your ancestors.



Breaking down your brick walls workshop

July 20 @ 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Presenters: Christine Meehan, Cathie Sherwood, Sharyn Merkley

This very practical, problem solving workshop will be of value to people who have tried – they believe – all possible avenues of research and have come up with a blank.

August events

Go to the [Events Calendar](#) for more information & bookings.

3 August - Open Day.

7 August - Webinar Wednesday: Exploring our ancestor's occupations.

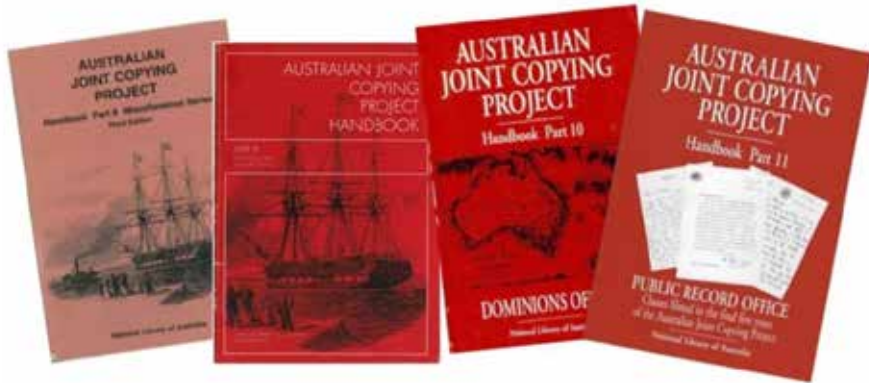
17 August - Annual General Meeting.

21 August - Webinar Wednesday: What's in a name - the origin of surnames.

24 August - Exploring GENUKI.

28 August - Wednesday night @ GSQ.

FAMILY HISTORY NEWS



THE AUSTRALIAN JOINT COPYING PROJECT GOES ONLINE

One of Australia’s most valuable record collections for local and family historians is the Australian Joint Copying Project (better known as the AJCP), and it’s about to get a whole lot easier to access.

The collection contains 7.5 million records, and is held on 10,419 microfilm reels ... so that kind of speaks for itself doesn’t it! And that’s apart from having to visit one of the few libraries around the country that holds these films to view them.

But that’s all about to change, as thanks to the National Library of Australia the Australian Joint Copying Project is being digitised and is going online.

But first ... WHAT IS THE AJCP? This is a project began back in 1945 as a collaborative project to copy historical records that relate to Australia and the Pacific, that were held in archives in the United Kingdom and Ireland. Microfilming started in 1948 and continued through until 1993. The records contained on the microfilms date from 1560 to 1984.

With details on politicians, explorers, scientists, religious and missionary societies, convicts and businesses held by private organisations as well as individuals, the records filmed by the AJCP are diverse, and are divided into two main sections: the PRO (Public Record Office) Series, and the M (Miscellaneous) Series.

THE RECORDS

The PRO Series includes the following:

Colonial Office – There house the bulk of British colonial administrative records, and included the governor’s reports or dispatches collected comprehensively with enclosures and minutes, departmental registers and indexes.

Admiralty Office – This Department was responsible for Shipping and the command of the Royal Navy. The records include masters logbooks and surgeon’s journals for ships on voyages to Australia, ships musters, correspondence of the Admiralty and Medical Departments, and records of the Australia, China and Pacific Stations. Many of these records relate to the exploration of Australia and the Pacific by European explorers including William Bligh and Matthew Flinders.

Home Office – The Home Office Department was responsible for administration of convicts, so this will be a popular one. It includes the records of convict trials, imprisonment and transportation registers as well as convict musters and censuses in New South Wales and other convict colonies.

War Office – This Department administered British regiments who were serving in Australia and New Zealand for most of the colonial period. The records include Muster Books and Pay Lists for British Regiments 1789-1977; Monthly returns; Military Pensions; and Description and Succession Books relating to the New South Wales Corps and arranged alphabetically, containing such information as each man’s description, age, rank, date of enlistment, service, and trade.

Other departments that have been the focus of AJCP filming include: Air Ministry, Audit Office, Board of Trade, Cabinet Office, Dominions Office, Foreign Office, Meteorological Office, Ministry of Transport, Prison Commission, Privy Council and the Treasury.

The records in the Miscellaneous (M) Series come from the following repositories:

- National Libraries;
- University Libraries;
- Public Libraries;
- Museums;
- City and County Record Offices;
- Religious Archives;
- Business Archives; and
- Collections in private hands.

DIGITISATION

The project to digitise the content of the AJCP has already begun, and the National Library of Australia have announced that it will be completed by 30 June 2020. But you don’t have to wait until then to check it out, as they are releasing updates every month! You can head over to the NLA website to search what’s already there <https://www.nla.gov.au/content/australian-joint-copying-project>.

Thanks to Alona from Gould Genealogy for this exciting update.

MORE IRISH BIRTH, DEATH AND MARRIAGE RECORDS ONLINE AND FREE!

When Married	Name and Surname	Age	Qualities	Rank or Profession	Residence at the Time of Marriage	Officer's Name and Surname	Rank or Profession
April 25 1928	Mary O'Connell	46y	Single	None	None	John Walsh, CC	None
	John O'Connell	46y	Single	None	None	John Walsh, CC	None

Witnessed by the Roman Catholic Priest, *John Walsh, CC* according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Roman Catholic Church by us.

This Marriage was solemnized before us in the Parish of *St. Nicholas* in the County of *Kerry* by us, *John Walsh, CC* in the Presence of *John O'Connell* and *Agnes Kennedy*.

The big news to hit the genealogy world this week, is that IrishGenealogy.ie has just announced that they've added extra years to their Irish Birth, Death and Marriage (BDM) records collection. These records which include index entries as well as the images, are now available online and free to view.

The full range of records now available online are:

- Birth records from 1864 to 1918
- Marriage records from 1864 to 1943
- Death records from 1878 to 1968

This digitisation process is part of a joint initiative by the Departments of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht and the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection. The records were prepared and uploaded by the Civil Registration Service and officials from the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.

And if you need more good news, the General Register Office is currently working on adding further records of marriages dating back to 1845 and deaths back to 1864. They state that these will be included in future updates to the records available on the website, but no date has been given for that as yet.

So for everyone with Irish ancestors, head on over to Irish Genealogy, and check out their records. Thanks to Alona from Gould Genealogy for the update. www.irishgenealogy.ie

ANCESTRYDNA: 15 MILLION AND COUNTING!

While it's not surprising that Ancestry continues to lead the industry with world's largest consumer DNA network, what is news is that they have just passed the 15 million mark.

That's right 15-M-I-L-L-I-O-N people have tested with AncestryDNA. That's a lot of potential cousins.

Have you done a DNA test? If not it's an exciting time to consider doing one and while you are at it, it's a great idea to do some family members.



How To Find & Use Google Books For Genealogy Research

What is Google Books?

Google Books is a service of Google. It is essentially a very large digital public library of books, magazines, and newspapers. Just image browsing the bookshelves of your favorite genealogy library – only digitally. Best of all, you as a genealogy researcher can potentially find thousands of family histories and other genealogy related books to read for free. (Who doesn't like free?!)

Types of Genealogy Books on Google Books

The genealogy researcher will find a variety of genealogy and history books to use in the search for the ancestors. Here a just a few types you as a genealogy researcher will want to explore.

Family Histories are some of the most common books genealogy researchers search for on Google Books. Genealogy Tip: From experience, not all of the family histories you find will be well sourced. Use those as clues to direct your research and confirm the information.

County Histories are invaluable to the researcher! Find many great county histories to learn about the area and the people of the county where your ancestors lived.

City Directories are another valuable genealogical resource found on Google Books. Learn how to use directories in your research here.

Church Histories are another important resource found on Google Books. If your ancestors were members or participated in a faith based community, check for a church history and/or directory.

Statute Books will help you understand the law for a place and specific time where your ancestor lived. Admittedly, statutes can be intimidating to read, but also, critical in your interpretation of the legal documents our ancestors created.

Vintage Cookbooks can also be found. Wondering how a cookbook can help you find your ancestors? Have a look on Google Books to see what you can find.

So, go to the Google Books Homepage. Type in your search terms such as: *Smithson family history* and see what you may find.



Don't Miss

Saturday, 3rd August
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



GSQ's second 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 archives 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!*

