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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 President

June 2019

GETTING ALONG

As I drove past a school this morning, I noticed a sign which read – “*Task This Week: Getting Along*”. I know exactly what it means in a school context – the Principal and staff will be encouraging the students to treat each other respectfully, to play happily together, to be friends etc. The sign certainly made me think of something occurring in another entirely different context at this very moment – the possible amalgamation of the Genealogical Society of Queensland and Queensland Family History Society. Several amalgamation meetings have already been held. All members of both Societies are being kept informed of progress and decisions through communiques. The subcommittee is delighted with the feedback being received from members of both societies and this is definitely informing any decisions that will be made. I encourage all GSQ members to provide feedback when given the opportunity to do so.

Having recently read George Randall's *A Diary of a Voyage – London to Brisbane 1868* my “*Getting Along*” thoughts wandered to passengers on sailing ships travelling to Australia in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. If they were to survive the voyage and be able to prosper in the new land, surely they'd have to “*get along*” – in his diary entry for the fourth day of the journey from London on *The Planet* George wrote “*Today, we seemed to be getting more at home – began to arrange some of our things. The week's allowance of various articles was issued to us. It was arranged that we should join in and form one “mess” with seven young men who composed the rest of the intermediate passengers. Naomi made a pudding for us which was very much liked...*” So it seems at a very early stage in the journey George and his wife were willing to “*get along*” with their fellow passengers. Eventually, George and Naomi left the ship in Brisbane and settled (and prospered) in Queensland – as so many others did.

Do you have ancestors who, like George and Naomi, made Queensland their home? Many of us do. If so, don't miss the conference “***The power of the past: 160 years of Queensland records, research and stories***” being organised by GSQ on **22 June 2019** at the Nazareth Lutheran Centre, Wooloongabba (8.45am – 3.45pm). The cost is \$60 for GSQ/QFHS members and \$75 for non-members. Morning tea and lunch are included. This conference will take you beyond the documentary evidence we all have and enable you to understand the day to day lives of our ancestors. Book your spot now as seats are limited! Hope to see you there!

Yours in Genealogy

Helen Veivers, President



***The Power of the Past Seminar
Saturday 22 June***

See flyer on the following page.

Limited places available, book now at:

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

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



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 26th June**.

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.

There will be **no meeting on June 7** as our members are going on an excursion.

Redlands Branch

The next meeting of the Redland Genealogical Society will be held on **Wednesday, 12 June** at the Donald Simpson Centre, Bloomfield Street, Cleveland, commencing at 12.15pm.

In place of a guest speaker some of our researchers will demonstrate how they've gone about trying to solve brick walls provided by members.

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

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 2019** 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.

SIGs

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 July 14** 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

The Convict Connections Group was pleased to welcome two new members, Trish and Kim, at the April meeting and look forward to their continued attendance. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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 9th June, 2019**.

A short meeting will be held at 11:00am followed by a brief talk on the topic - "*The Fell Tyrant*" - *does this record reflect accurately the Governorship of Captain Logan at the Moreton Bay Penal Settlement*.

Look forward to seeing you at the June meeting.

Only a genealogist views a step backwards as progress.

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 SIG Coordinator Helen Smith, has confirmed the course dates and participants for 'Genetic Genealogy in Practice' (course book by Blaine T Bettinger & Debbie Parker-Wayne). The course will begin on Tuesday 11 June and run through to 23 July. Each session begins at 6:30pm and continues until 9pm at the GSQ Resource Centre. The course is fully booked.

At the DNA Drop In Clinic on Wednesday night 24 April, after a slow start with problems within the Ancestry website, members of the DNA SIG helped several visitors. The group also had representatives Helen & Ailsa staffing the DNA information desk during Open Day at GSQ. The group's May meeting was held the following day, 19 May, with three presentations - one by Michelle Patient, our special guest speaker for the month, one by Ailsa Corlett, DNA SIG member and another by Helen Smith, group convenor.

New members are always welcome at our group meetings which begin at 9:30am each month. Dates are published on the GSQ website Events calendar or see the flyer at the front desk.

Scandinavian Interest Group

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

Monday Morning Natters

June Natters is on **Monday June 3** 10am -12 noon.

DNA is proving to be a hit with family historians because of the potential to break down brick walls. Bobbie Edes from the DNA special interest group will explain what the group does and how it can help with your research.

Gold coin donation for morning tea please.. All welcome.

Writing Group

The Writing Group next meets on **Sunday 16 June**.

Details will be provided in the July eNews. For more information contact Pauline Williams on pstirland@hotmail.com.

English/Irish Interest Group

The English/Irish Special Interest Group meets on the first Sundays of February, April, June, August, October and December. The next meeting will be on **Sunday 2nd June**.

As usual, the GSQ library will be open for research from 10 o'clock until 2.30pm that day, with the meeting commencing at 10.30am. At this meeting we will continue our ongoing discussions of research in various English, Welsh and Irish counties.

All members of GSQ are invited to join us for interesting discussions about all things English and Irish (and beyond) for the cost of a gold coin contribution. We look forward to seeing you there.

German Interest Group

Mr Ian Stehbens gave a most interesting and informative talk at our meeting in March . He impressed on us the importance of speaking to and recording oral stories from our relatives and any neighbours of our relatives and also recording the source and the date. He also encouraged us not to give up in our search for our ancestors.

The German group next meeting will be on **Sunday 28 July 2019**.



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:

9 Jun 11 Aug 13 Oct 8 Dec

Enquiries: 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.



**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 May offerings:

June 4:

- *They really didn't swim! Finding your ancestors in New South Wales colonial shipping records* by Carol Baxter.

June 12:

- *Tracking your digital breadcrumbs: Bookmarks, toolbars, notes, and other applications* by Cyndi Ingle.

June 25:

- *Hidden content treasures you might have missed at MyHeritage* by Mike Mansfield.

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

**Tracing Back in Time – a Family History Symposium
Logan River & District Family History Society Inc**

Tracing Back in Time – a Family History Symposium will take place on **Saturday 15th June 2019** from 8:30am – 3:30pm at Bethania Community Centre, 88-118 Station Road, Bethania 4205.

Cost: \$40

Speakers:

Eric Kopittke, family historian; Stephanie Ryan, SLQ; Cara Downes, National Archives Australia (Q); Ann Swain, family historian

Bookings are preferred but on the day attendance will be accepted. Please note that no EFTPOS facilities are available and payment may be made by cheque, bank transfer or cash. Further details can be obtained by phoning Esma on 07 3807 6450 and bookings made.

Morning tea and a light lunch is included in the admittance price for all attendees.

GSQ in your local BCC library - Free But Booking Required

Library	Topic	When	Time	Phone #
Indooroopilly	Dating old photos and caring for them	Saturday 15 June 2019	11am to 1pm	3407 0009
Carina	Immigration from 1788	Tuesday 30 July 2019	10:30am to 12:30pm	3407 1873

What's coming up in the next few weeks?

**DNA: Interpreting your results****June 8 @ 9:00am - 11:30am****Presenter: Helen Smith**

What are the best software tools to use to help you interpret your results and how do they work?

This two hour hands on session is a follow up from the earlier webinar and you will learn more about using DNAPainter, the Shared cM Project and What are the Odds?.

To take this course you must have done a DNA test and have your results. Some pre-session homework is required.

To book and for more information click [HERE](#).

**Webinar Wednesday: Registry of deeds – Ireland****June 19 @ 10:00am - 11:00am AEST****Presenter: Jenny Joyce**

Looking for more advanced research into Irish records? Then this is the webinar for you. The Registry of Deeds is a little-known repository of records dating from 1709. While the original purpose of the Registry of Deeds was to enforce rules limiting the land transactions of Catholics, even before the removal of these rules in 1782, many Catholics of modest means and representatives of Catholic families appear in the memorials. You might also find marriage settlements, leases, mortgages, and wills. The books into which the deeds were copied are available online for free at FamilySearch, as well as the Grantors index and a land index. You will learn how to navigate through these, and also find out all about the wonderful Registry of Deeds Index Project web site. To book click [HERE](#).

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](#)

Wednesday night @ GSQ**Wednesday night @ GSQ: QLD Police Museum****June 26 @ 7:00pm - 8:00pm****Presenter: Lisa Jones***Police scour Brisbane for clues of Ether Man*

The signature of a predator, the dedication of police officers and the lucky break leading to the capture of the Ether Man will all be revealed in this presentation.

For members only with a gold coin contribution.

For more information click [HERE](#) - no need to book.

July events

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

10 July DNA Drop In Clinic

Need help with interpreting your DNA results? Then come along on this Wednesday night and ask your questions.

13 July Irish land records - Bobbie Edes

This hands on session will concentrate on Griffith's Valuation of Ireland and the following Valuation Revision lists. You may even discover the exact location of your ancestral home!

17 July Webinar Wednesday: Interpreting old handwriting - 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.

20 July Brick wall workshop - Christine Meehan, Cathie Sherwood, Janice Wellard

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.

All past webinars are available for purchase from the [GSQ Shop](#). Check them out today!



**John Grenham – Irish Roots
Irish genealogy and heritage**

John's latest post is an interesting and informative one on early Irish newspapers.

Early Irish newspapers are a much under-appreciated source, at least for that small minority to whom they are relevant. That minority was literate (in English), almost all belonged to the Church of Ireland and they were geographically concentrated enough to provide sufficient readers. So the main areas of publication were Dublin (from about 1720), Belfast (1737), Cork (1750), Limerick and Clare (1750), Carlow/Kilkenny (1768) and Waterford (1770).

Click [HERE](#) to go to John Grenham's blog site - there are lots of interesting posts about Irish genealogy there.

Genealogy's Star Blog - James Tanner

James is doing a series of posts about *Getting the Rest of the Gold out of the Google Goldmine for Genealogists*.

There are still more apps from Google that turn out to be tremendously helpful to genealogists and practically everyone else. One important area that I did not mention in the first video is the entire world of Chrome and Chrome extensions. So here is the new list:

- Google Help
- Google Search
- Google Newspapers Archive
- Google Drive
- Google Docs including Sheets, Slides, Forms, Draw and more
- Google Keep
- Google Trips
- Chrome Web Store
- Chrome Extensions

One thing you do need to know about Google is the G Suite, the paywall version of the Google apps for businesses. Many of the advanced Google apps and features are only available for this version. There is a free version for non-profit corporations, but otherwise, the features are available on a fee per user basis.

This is Part One to a series on each of these apps. By the way, there are hundreds of Chrome extensions and I will only highlight a very few.

[HERE](#) is the link to James' YouTube channel.

Family Reunion

**For all descendants of Johann Mathias Reimers
29th June 2019**

**Starting at 9am – Official Welcome at 11.00am
Cabarlah Hall (just east of Toowoomba)**

Come along and meet lots of Family Members. Lots of new historical documents to share.

Get more details and send updates to:
reimersfamilytree@gmail.com



**Illustrated by Symbols: Masonic
heraldry in the Public Register of All
Arms and Bearings in Scotland**

to be delivered by:

Dr Joseph Morrow, Lord Lyon King of Arms

Tuesday 4 June 2019 at 6:45pm

(doors open at 6:20pm)

at:

The Masonic Memorial Centre

311 Ann St

BRISBANE

Entry is by donation (\$5 is suggested). There will also be a raffle. Please RSVP by Friday 31st May 2019.

For bookings and inquiries please contact the Secretary, Stephen Szabo, by telephone call (leave voice mail) or text message on 0431 701 055 (if you wish to speak with someone then please telephone between 5pm and 9pm) or by email on:

secretary@heraldryaustralia.org.