

# 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 President

August 2019

#### **AUGUST IS FAMILY HISTORY MONTH**

What a wonderful thing Family History and the related research is!! August is National Family History month –a golden opportunity for us all to promote our passion. As well as concentrating on your research, another way of celebrating is by being part of GSQ's Open Day on Saturday, 3 August, 10.00am – 2.00pm. Perhaps you have a friend/relative who has expressed an interest in learning more about genealogy. Why not invite them to come along to Open Day? Visitors will be able to research free of charge on that day.

With reference to the proposed amalgamation with QFHS, last month I indicated that Communique 3 and its Discussion Paper were to be published imminently. Unfortunately, their publication was delayed – please accept my apologies. Hopefully, by the time this edition of eNews reaches you Communique 3 will have arrived. I urge you to read and respond to the Communique to understand the very real progress that has been made to date. Members' feedback is vital in guiding the Amalgamation Committee's decisions.

GSQ's Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be conducted on Saturday, 17 August, starting at 10.00am sharp. Nominations are currently being taken for all positions on your Management Committee. Nomination Forms are available from Secretary, Claire Rodwell. Completed forms must be returned to Claire no later than **5.00pm on Friday, 2 August, 2019**.

Our website is top notch thanks to the great work done by Cathie Sherwood. Cathie is taking a much needed break from the job as from the AGM, so GSQ is actively seeking somebody to take on the role or part of the role. If you could help in any way or know of somebody who could assist, please contact me at [president@gsq.org.au](mailto:president@gsq.org.au).

Yours in Genealogy  
Helen Veivers, President



Thanks to all the hard workers that attended the Working Bee at GSQ, cleaning up the garden front and back, it's certainly made a big difference.

Photo of GSQ President, Helen Veivers, hard at work at GSQ's Working Bee. Certainly getting down and dirty with the garden clean-up, up on her trailer tramping down trying to make room for garden waste, it took two loads to the tip!



# GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF QUEENSLAND (GSQ)

invites you to

## OPEN DAY

Celebrating Family History Month

SATURDAY, 3 AUGUST

10.00am - 2.00pm

25 Stackpole Street, WISHART, 4122

**FREE**



Representatives from GSQ Special Interest Groups:

- Convict Connections
- DNA
- English/Irish
- Family Tree Maker
- German
- Legacy
- Scandinavian
- Scottish
- Writing

Representatives present from:

- Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages
- State Library of Queensland
- Queensland State Archives

**Let Us Help You Research Your Family History  
(Free On the Day)**

Tea, coffee and yummy food available at a very low cost

This Open Day is proudly supported by the Queensland Government



## 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 2 pm.

The next meeting is on **Wednesday 28th August**.

### 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.

There will be **no meeting on the 2nd August** because we are going on an excursion.

### Redlands Branch

The next meeting of the Redland Genealogical Society will be held on **Wednesday, 14 August** in the Donald Simpson Centre, Bloomfield Street, Cleveland, commencing at 12.15pm.

The Guest Speaker at this meeting is to be Steve Dowden with a presentation on *Photo Books*.

\$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 28th September** 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](mailto:enews@gsq.org.au) by the 24th of the month.

### Scottish Interest Group

The Scottish Interest Group's next meeting will be held on **Sunday 1st September**. After the meeting Les McFadzen will give a talk on the county of Wigtonshire.

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 September.

### Legacy User's Group

The next meeting is on **Sunday September 8** at 1pm

We will be looking at the features within Legacy that link to MyHeritage. 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.

### Convict Connections Group

Convict Connections Group invites you to our next meeting to be held on **Sunday 11th August, 2019**.

Doors are open from 9:00am until 3:00pm which allows time for some extra research.

The 'formal' meeting is held at 11:00am followed by a short talk.

Topic this month is *Governor Ralph Darling*.

There is a wealth of knowledge within the Group and we are more than happy to help.

Everyone is welcome, you don't have to have a convict in the family - maybe your family was one of the early free immigrants.

We look forward to your company.

### Scandinavian Interest Group

The next meeting of the Scandinavian Group will be on **Sunday 15th September** from 12.30 - 2.30pm.

"You live as long as you are remembered."

Russian proverb

## Family Tree Maker Users' Group

The FTM User Group will meet on **Sunday 8th September 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](mailto:mcfadzen@bigpond.net.au) of your problem(s) will assist in setting the meeting Agenda.

## DNA Interest Group

The DNA Drop In Clinic for members and non-members was held on Wednesday night 10 July from 7pm - 8:30pm, and we had about five seeking help then.

Last meeting of the DNA group was held on Sunday 21 July, when we welcomed new member Elaine along. Following some electrical and technical issues, we had four separate education presentations. Helen Connor started the ball rolling with '*How an adoptee was helped to find his birth father's family through DNA matches*'. Next was Judy Lofthouse with '*A little surprise with DNA*', followed by Claire Becker's presentation '*Keeping track while trying not to get lost*'. Last session was Helen Smith giving us an update on the latest happenings in the DNA world as well as explaining some of the features of each update.

Our August meeting will be held on **Sunday 25 August** from 9:30am - 2pm and as usual we will have two or three presentations as well as an hour long period set aside for our mentor groups. This proved extremely popular in May when we split up into small groups with one or two mentors in each group. Those wishing to learn more about a particular DNA feature choose the subject they would like to learn more about. Groups included DNA Novice, Ancestry, FTDNA, MyHeritage, Excel, DNA Painter, Working with Y-DNA, Gedmatch Genesis, Clustering features etc.

We now have Guest speakers arranged for the DNA SIG meetings in September, October & November prior to our last meeting of the year in December.

The DNA SIG will be at the Open Day and also will be exhibiting at the DNA DownUnder with Blaine Bettinger 14 August

## Monday Morning Natters

August Natters is on **Monday August 5** 10am -12 noon

Special Interest Group being featured this month is the Scottish Group. Come along to learn what you can learn from the group.

Enjoy a natter with like-minded people over a cuppa. Gold coin donation for morning tea appreciated.

## Writing Group

Sharyn Merkle and Lorri Digney are guest convenors for the August Writing Group meeting scheduled for **Sunday 18 August**. They have prepared a brief for a writing exercise entitled *Hooking the Reader*, and this has been circulated to members.

Doors open at 10am with the meeting from 10.30am to 12.30pm. Doors close at 2pm. Further information is available from Pauline at [pstirland@hotmail.com](mailto:pstirland@hotmail.com).

## English/Irish Interest Group

The English/Irish SIG meets again on **Sunday 4th August**. The doors of the GSQ Resource Centre open at 10 o'clock, with the meeting itself starting at 10.30a.m. and remaining open until 2.30p.m. for those who want to pursue their own research.

All members of GSQ are invited to attend for interesting discussions on all things English, Welsh and Irish, all for just a gold coin contribution.

We look forward to seeing you there.

## German Interest Group

The next meeting is **Sunday 29th September 2019** and it is on "*Tracing your German Ancestors*" which is being presented by Noel and Del Bergmann.

They are wonderful speakers and they did the book called "*The Passage of Time - the 1865 voyage of the Susanne Godeffroy*".

It is an amazing book which details the background and what happened to all the passengers on that particularly ship. So therefore the talk on "*Tracing your German Ancestors*" would, I think, discuss the skills they used in publishing their book.



## 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](#).

## September events

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

Sunday 1 Sep	Scottish Group
Monday 2 Sep	Monday Morning Natters
Sunday 8 Sep	FTM Group
	Legacy Group
Saturday 14 Sep	Getting the most out of FamilySearch
Sunday 15 Sep	DNA Group
	Scandinavian Group
Saturday 21 Sep	Family history and QLD surveyors: Mapping connections
Wednesday 25 Sep	Webinar Wednesday: Parish registers
Wednesday 25 Sep	Wednesday night @ GSQ: Organising your family reunion
Saturday 28 Sep	Military Group
Sunday 29 Sep	German Group

### 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 details please click [HERE](#) and bookings can be made by clicking [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.



### 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 August offerings:

August 6:

- *Finding Families in New Zealand* by Fiona Brooker

August 20:

- *Ten Tools for Genealogical Writing* by Harold Henderson, CG.

August 21:

- *Bullet Journaling for Genealogy* by Shellee Morehead, PhD, CG.

There are more coming up in August & 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](#).



Our thanks are extended to the following individuals and companies who generously donated prizes for the *Power of the Past Seminar* raffle:

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| Pat Rainbow   | Helen McKinnon                     |
| Ancestry  | My Heritage                        |
| Lion Co. (Four X Brewery)                                 | Sirromet Wines                     |
| Wyld Smoke Rubs   | The Greek Club                     |
| Merlo Coffee  | Max Green - Redland Bay Men's Shed |
| Royal Historical Society of Qld Commissariat Store Museum |                                    |



## HELP NEEDED

### GSQ needs your help with some forthcoming events



OPEN DAY – Saturday, 3 August, 10.00am – 2.00pm

Tasks include Setting Up for the Day, Helping at Food and Drink Stalls, Packing Up at the End of the Day.

Phone Helen Veivers on 0409 054 101 or email [president@gsq.org.au](mailto:president@gsq.org.au), if you can help.

BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLES – Sunday, 4 August and Friday, 30 August.

Tasks include Cooking Sausages, Serving Sausages, Taking Orders and Money from customers.

Phone Howard McKinnon on 0438 002 420, or email Howard on [hmkinnon@bigpond.com](mailto:hmkinnon@bigpond.com) if you can help.

**Bunnings**  
sausage sizzle



CALLING ALL COOKS – As part of Open Day we're planning to hold a Cake Stall – all contributions of cakes, biscuits, slices, sweets very welcome.

Phone Cath Maris on 0421 697 550 [finance@gsq.org.au](mailto:finance@gsq.org.au) for further information.

## 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](mailto:secretary@gsq.org.au)

Claire Rodwell, Secretary

[by authority of the GSQ Management Committee]

### Additional information

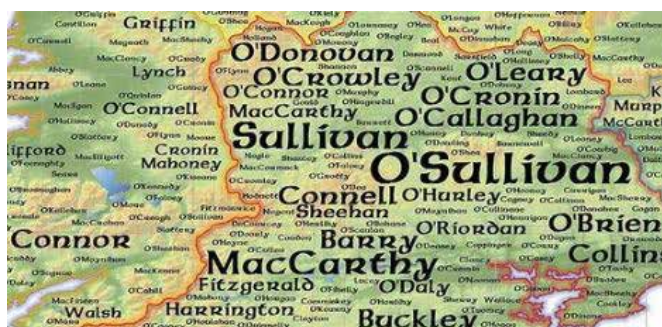
A number of other positions are available which do not require membership of the Management Committee. Why not take up the challenge and put your name forward for one of these positions?

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

### Irish Naming Patterns

A traditional naming pattern was often used by Irish parents until the later 19th century and even into the 20th century:

- First son usually named for the father's father;
- Second son usually named for the mother's father;
- Third son usually named for the father;
- Fourth son usually named for the father's eldest brother;
- Fifth son usually named for the mother's eldest brother;
- First daughter usually named for the mother's mother;
- Second daughter usually named for the father's mother;
- Third daughter usually named for the mother;
- Fourth daughter usually named for the mother's eldest sister;
- Fifth daughter usually named for the father's eldest sister.



See FamilySearch Wiki about Ireland Personal Names [HERE](#).

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

Library	Topic	When	Time	Phone #
Carindale	Beginners Guide to DNA for Genealogy	Saturday 10 Aug 2019	2:00pm to 3:00pm	3407 1490
Kenmore	Brisbane Burns	Friday 30 August 2019	10am to 11am	3407 2340

What's coming up in the next few weeks?

## Wednesday night @ GSQ



### **Miegunyah – a house full of histories**

August 28 @ 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Presenter: Bob McAllister

Bob McAllister will revisit his presentation to the June Symposium in an extended version of Miegunyah: A house full of histories. Open to all.



### **Exploring our ancestors' occupations**

Wednesday, August 7 @ 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Presenter: Pauline Williams

Merchant, miner, tailor, tinworker, framework knitter, lace maker – which one do you have?

**Please note that this webinar is NOT included in the Webinar Season Ticket for July-December.** Click [HERE](#) to book.



### **Using GENUKI**

August 24 @ 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Presenter: Judy Lofthouse

GENUKI can be described as a free genealogy web portal – a virtual reference library. It is focused on the British Isles ie Great Britain (England, Scotland and Wales, Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland, the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands). It enables you to search for resources using geographical localities, even down to the parish level in some instances. Judy Lofthouse will take you through the features of this little-known resources to find out how it can help you with your family history research. Click [HERE](#) to book.



### **What's in a name – the origin of surnames**

Wednesday, August 21 @ 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Presenter: Russell Fraser

Did you know that the surname Walker originates from early Scottish and English and means One who trampled cloth in a bath in order to strengthen it?

**This webinar is FREE to all.** Click [HERE](#) to book.



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

Check them out today!





## FAMILY HISTORY NEWS

One of our GSQ members hopes someone can help her. She is after a copy of an article published in the magazine "Irish Roots" Issue 107 - 2018; page 10 titled "Tracing your Co. Tipperary Ancestors". If you can help please email Claire at [secretary@gsq.org.au](mailto:secretary@gsq.org.au) - Thanks in advance for your help.



### **Blogging your family stories**

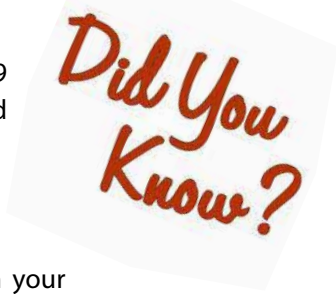
Have you always wanted to tell a tale about a place your ancestors lived, their unusual occupation or a story about their lives? Then this is your opportunity. GSQ has a couple of vacancies in September and October (the usual bloggers are off travelling the world) and would welcome your input.

All you have to do is write your story in a Word document and include some images if possible – word length varies but between 750-1500 words is ideal.

If you are interested, please email the Education Coordinator: [education@gsq.org.au](mailto:education@gsq.org.au)

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**GSQ's monthly Treasure Hunt sessions are starting again after a break**

You are invited to participate in GSQ's first TREASURE HUNT on the 21st August 2019 from 10am to midday at the GSQ Resource Centre at Wishart and then on the third Wednesday of each month.



Come along and join in to:

- Learn and Discover what records are in the GSQ Library
- Learn and Discover how these records are to help in your family history research
- Join in treasure hunt activities
- Enjoy and share your new discoveries with other members.

Bring a plate to share

See you there!!

Please RSVP [secretary@gsq.org.au](mailto:secretary@gsq.org.au) by the Monday prior to each event

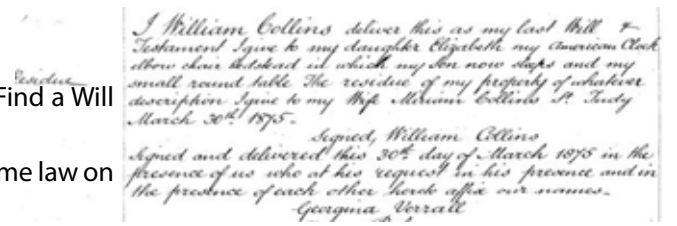
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**UK Government cuts probate record cost to £1.50 for next 12 months**

The cost of ordering post-1857 probate records via the government's Find a Will service has been cut from £10 to just £1.50.

The price cut, which was introduced in a statutory instrument that became law on 22 July, will be in place for the next 12 months.

Find a Will allows you to search English and Welsh probate records from 1858 by surname and year of death.

You can then order a digital copy of the record, which takes up to 10 working days to arrive.





## FAMILY HISTORY NEWS

### **Family history research service - latest update**

Over the last 12 months, researchers have helped RBDM make improvements to our new family history service.

Changes include:

- search elasticity tightened up so that your results are more closely related to the event you are looking for;
- exact match option added;
- download function to extract the first 100 index results from your search.

With your support, we're excited to have delivered a service that is easy to use, fast and lets you focus on the person you're searching for (not on events).

What do we mean by this? Well, with our new service, unfiltered searches will pull results for all of a person's life events if their name didn't change.

And we've gone further than that—the person's name isn't mandatory. Using the filter options you can add parent names (for births and deaths) and partner names (for marriages) and you will still pull results.

### **Historical source images**

It's still free to search our indexes and we've also released historical source images.

This includes historical source images of original registers (if available).

These images include scans of original registration forms collected from the marriage or death informant, or a child's parents in the event of a birth.



Some of the registers include pencilled notations written by RBDM staff of the day, which could provide additional information.

### **Purchasing images**

With the new service, when you open a person's life event not only can you make a purchase (as usual), you can now:

- view any additional records available with similar name details (including similar parent names)
- bookmark the page to return to the index record later or share it with others

Other changes include no longer having to wait for a purchased image and access to images not expiring. You can download your purchases immediately and you can keep them in a QGov account so you can download them in future.

We're listening and we're here to help you. If you have any feedback or are having problems finding an event in the new family history research service send us an email at [bdm.webteam@justice.qld.gov.au](mailto:bdm.webteam@justice.qld.gov.au).

Happy searching at [www.qld.gov.au/familyhistory!](http://www.qld.gov.au/familyhistory!)



### **National Family History Month OPEN DAY@QFHS**

Saturday 24 August 2019

'Family traditions'

During August let's celebrate our family's past and present

Come along, bring a friend and join us for a cuppa

Have a chat about how to connect with your family history

No matter where they came from

Check out our resources and special interest groups

See you on Saturday 24 August 2019 from 10.00 to 3.00 pm.

58 Bellevue Avenue, Gaythorne

[www.qfhs.org.au](http://www.qfhs.org.au)

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*"Everyone has ancestors and it is only a question of going back far enough to find a good one."*

Howard Kenneth Nixon

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