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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

September 2019

First Impressions: To me, what I'm calling '*First Impressions*' are very important. When you first visit a place, it's those that really help you form an idea about that place – if the impressions you receive are helpful and welcoming, then one would normally begin to feel somewhat happy and relaxed and ready to receive further information. I'm sure this is how all of our members and visitors would like to feel about GSQ. My observations certainly confirm that GSQ is a place people like to be – when I visit, there's a '*happy hum*' from those in the building. To support this observation I'd like to report some information provided by a visitor to GSQ – he said he was made feel very welcome and that the people there could not have been more helpful. What a wonderful commendation for GSQ members and, in particular, our Research Assistants! Thank you, one and all.

Most of you will be aware that Cathie Sherwood has stepped down from the roles of Webmaster and Education Coordinator as from 17 August, the date of this year's AGM. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Cathie for all that she has done in these two roles. GSQ's website is world class, thanks to Cathie (and her son) and our Education Program is one to which others aspire. Thanks indeed, Cathie!! A big GSQ Welcome to Graeme Moulton who has agreed to take over the dual roles of Education Coordinator and Web Coordinator.

Research, in one of its many forms, is, of course, our core business. If volunteering as a Research Assistant is something that you've been considering for some time, but just haven't got around to taking the next step, now may be just the time to act. (For those unsure of the term Research Assistant – it's what we've called in the past Library Assistant – hence, the role of a Research Assistant is to help GSQ members and members of the general public, to work on their research, using the many resources available at GSQ.) To begin with, you would be paired with an experienced Research Assistant. In my opinion it's a very gratifying thing to do – you experience the excitement when some new information is discovered, just as much as the person seeking it!! If interested in taking on the role of Research Assistant, please contact me at president@gsq.org.au. For those who already volunteer as Research Assistants, Liz Haddon, our roster Coordinator, has indicated that she would appreciate some Assistants being able to do additional '*days*' in September because so many of our regulars are travelling overseas in September. If able to help Liz, please contact her by your usual means of communication.

Helen Veivers

President, Genealogical Society of Queensland.

FAMILY IS LIKE *Music*.
SOME HIGH NOTES,
SOME LOW NOTES,
but always a beautiful song

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 25th September**.

North Brisbane Branch

The North Brisbane Branch of GSQ holds its meetings on the first Friday morning of each month (except January) at the Brisbane North Area Scouting Centre at 23 Sicklefield Street Alderley. Doors open at 8.45 am.

North Brisbane Members are able to borrow from our extensive library of books, magazines, fiche and CDs.

The next meeting will be on **Friday 6th September**. It will be an ordinary meeting.

Redlands Branch

The next meeting of the Redland Genealogical Society will be held on **Wednesday, 11 September** at the Donald Simpson Centre, Bloomfield Street, Cleveland commencing at 12.15pm. The Guest Speaker at this meeting is to be Stephanie Ryan from the State Library of Queensland with an address titled "*House History and the Corley Explorer*".

\$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** 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.

SIG's

Scottish Interest Group

Our next meeting will be held at 10.00 am **Sunday 1st September**. After the meeting Les McFadzen will talk on the County of Wigtonshire.

All GSQ members are welcome to attend. If there is a particular Scottish record you would recommend for purchase, please contact us.

You can leave a request at GSQ, email info@gsq.org.au or come along to our next meeting on 1st 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 that will be held on **Sunday 13th, October** 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. More information in October eNews.

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.



Family Tree Maker Users' Group

The FTM User Group will meet on **Sunday the 8th September 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 look at the new 2019 version and see what changes are proposed and whether the upgrade is worth purchasing.

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 lesmcfadzen@outlook.com of your problem(s) will assist in setting the meeting Agenda.

DNA Interest Group

Last meeting of the DNA group was held on Sunday 25 August & once again the mentoring groups went well.

The next meeting is on **Sunday September 15** from 9.30-12.

There will be a presentation on Cluster Analysis Tools and why they are useful. All are welcome.

Scandinavian Interest Group

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

Monday Morning Natters

September Natters is on **Monday September 2** 10am -12 noon Special Interest Group being featured this month is the Writing Group. Will this inspire you to start writing your family history for your descendants?

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

Writing Group

In August, the Writing Group explored ways of engaging a reader by writing a 'hook' to their story. Past winners of the Joan Reese Memorial Short Story competition explained how they approached writing for a competition theme, while Russell, Editor of Generation, outlined pointers for preparing a story for publication in the journal. A very useful and interesting meeting by guest convenors, Sharyn and Lorri.

We are hoping to have a guest speaker at the October meeting which will be convened by Janice Cooper; more details will be available in October eNews. As Pauline will be travelling overseas, please address any queries about the group in her absence to info@gsq.org.au.

English/Irish Interest Group

The English/Irish SIG meets again on the first Sunday in October. Meetings cover a range of topics which promote interesting and informative conversations about all things English, Irish and Welsh. At these group meeting, members share their knowledge and expertise in researching their ancestors in three of the countries which make up the UK.

All members of GSQ are welcome to join us for the two meetings to come in 2019 – on **Sunday 6th October and Sunday 1st December**.

German Interest Group

We had a most interesting meeting at the end of July by Redland Museum and the three presenters covered what was in the Museum and what resources were available. The brief talk given by Sandra Davis was most informative and the German Group is very grateful to all of the presenters. Sandra left a more detailed document of the German Settlers in the Redlands for the German Group to include in the GSQ library. I am sure it will be of interest to some of the members of GSQ. At our next meeting 29th September 2019 we have the wonderful and very knowledgeable Noel and Del Bergmann who are the authors of the book called " *The Passage of Time – 1865 voyage of the Susanne Godeffroy*". They will be giving ideas on " *Tracing your German Ancestors*" I am sure there will some information that perhaps you haven't thought to use to locate the town or village of ancestors .

The next meeting is **Sunday 29th September** from 10.15 till 2.30pm. The talk will commence at 10.30 am.

2019 AGM ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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GSQ's Annual General Meeting (AGM) for 2019 was conducted on Saturday, 17 August, commencing at 10.00am. There were 26 people in attendance. As well as presentation of the various Reports the new Management Committee for 2019-2020 was elected.

Committee members are as follows:

President (Helen Veivers), Vice President (Jan Bimrose), Secretary (Claire Rodwell), Treasurer (Cath Maris), Other Committee Members (Helen McKinnon, Bob Dean, Hugh Smith, Margaret Giarola, and David Barnes). Thanks to Les McFadzen who, once again, chaired the election process.

At the conclusion of the meeting the Joan Reese Memorial Short Story Shield was presented to Anne Pollitt, winner for 2019, for her story about Kenneth McLennan.

Following the presentation, those present were given the opportunity to ask questions about and to discuss the proposed amalgamation of GSQ and QFHS. Several interesting issues were raised.

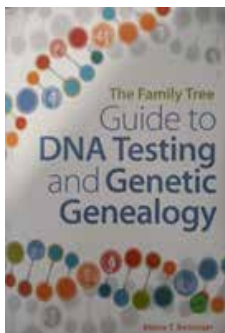
Committee members may be contacted on president@gsq.org.au or secretary@gsq.org.au and welcome feedback from members.



DNA Book On Sale

GSQ has reduced the price of the first edition of this "DNA Bible" from \$40 to \$30. A second edition is about to hit the shelves, but for those just beginning the DNA journey, the first edition will be fine.

Available for purchase at GSQ or through GSQ's Website.



DO YOU HAVE NEW ZEALAND CONNECTIONS IN YOUR FAMILY HISTORY ?

Many of us have family or branches of family that either went to New Zealand, or who were also in New Zealand before they came to Australia.

Many of us might be like myself, who have immigrated to Australia from New Zealand in the 1960-90's, therefore we are the first generation of Australians. Yes, my Granddaughters are Australians and Very proud of it.



Do you know what Records are available for searching in New Zealand regarding these ancestors? Do you know how best to get that particular information, and what information do those records actually contain to help you move backwards in your search? If these are some of the questions you would like answered then perhaps we could work out a plan with GSQ to help you get some of those answers.

I am considering doing Two things for next year 2020, depending upon the response:

1. Running a Workshop on "What Records are available and How Best to use them, in regards to New Zealand Research".
2. Is there enough Interest/ Need to Form a Special Interest Group regarding New Zealand?

At this stage I would just like numbers of who may be interested in either attending a Workshop as well as numbers who may be interested in forming another Special Interest Group of GSQ.

The approx. numbers indicated will then assist with any future Education events at GSQ. So, if you are interested in either, I am keen to hear from you, and what you would like to know about.

Please email me at ailsacorlett@gmail.com to let me know what you would be interested in.

Regards, Ailsa Corlett



What's Coming Up in the Next Few Weeks?



Getting the most out of Family Search

September 14 @ 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Presenter: Cathie Sherwood

Family Search is a free web site for family historians and includes millions of record sets from across the world. How do you get the most out of it when searching for your ancestors and finding that you have thousands of records to review? As it is a free site, should you put your tree on Family Search – what are the benefits and the disadvantages? How can you make best use of the catalogue and the access to records which are not usually available to the general public but are accessible if you are using Family Search at GSQ? This hands on computer course will take you through the main features of Family Search with tips and tricks for searching it. Click [HERE](#) to book.



Webinar Wednesday: Parish registers

September 25 @ 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Presenter: Annalies Nutley

Prior to the introduction of civil registration in 1837 in Britain, parish registers were the main source of genealogical information for births, marriages and burials. From 1538, it was ordered that each parish keep its own register but this did not become commonplace until much later.

In this webinar, you will discover more about the value of these books and how much information they hold which can add so much value to your family history research, beyond the dates.



**Family history and QLD surveyors:
Mapping connections**

September 21 @ 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Presenter: Bill Kitson

Over a period of 30 years, Bill Kitson has researched the stories behind 700 plus QLD surveyors. Listen to their stories, the research trails Bill followed and the artefacts they left behind. One of these men may be related to you! Click [HERE](#) to book.

Wednesday night @ GSQ

Organising your family reunion

September 25 @ 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Presenters: Helen Connor and Judy Lofthouse

Wanting to organise a family reunion? Then come along to learn how Judy and Helen have organised theirs. They each used different techniques including posting to social media and web sites but there was more, much more. Do you know where all your relatives are? How are you going to find them? Where are you going to hold the reunion? Will you be writing a book for the family? Some of these questions will be answered and can help you determine what you can adapt to your own circumstances. For members only with a gold coin contribution.



Annerley-Stephens History Group Inc
 In conjunction with
 The Royal Historical Society of Queensland
 and
 Yeronga Dutton Park RSL Branch
 Stephens RSL Sub Branch

A conference: Stephens at War

To be held at the Yeronga Services Club
 Saturday 26 October 2019

Papers will be presented on the history of Yeronga Park and its Memorials: The history of the RSL Clubs in the Shire, of military hospitals including the Greenslopes Hospital and Rhyndarra, the Annerley Army Reserve Depot in Dudley Street and the many WWII camps. 96 trees were planted in Yeronga Park to commemorate the deaths of the soldiers of the same number. Finally, the War Service Homes schemes will be considered. Cost \$40pp including lunch and morning and afternoon tea. email Annerley-Stephens History Group annerleystephenshistorygroupin@gmail.com for ticketing details etc.



QFHS/GSQ Bus Trip to Toowoomba Tuesday 8 October 8.00am – 4.00pm.

Cost \$50.00 (includes Morning Tea and Lunch)

QFHS and GSQ will join for the day to visit the Toowoomba and Darling Downs Family History Society's Library where you'll be able to research and talk with local experts.

Following the library a visit to the historic Toowoomba Railway Station is planned, led by Queensland Rail Historian, Greg Hallam. Morning Tea and Lunch included.

Bus will leave Gaythorne at 8.00am, with a pick-up on Ipswich Road at 8.45am. **Registrations close at 6.00pm on Friday 27 September 2019.** Numbers are limited, so book early. The booking link is [HERE](#).

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](#).



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 September offerings:

September 2:

- *Are you Lost? Using Maps, Gazetteers and Directories for British Isles Research* by Paul Milner.

September 4:

- *Combining DNA and Traditional Research - In-Depth Case Studies* by Michelle Leonard.

September 6:

- *Share and Share Alike: The Rules of Genealogical Privacy* by Judy G. Russell, JD, CG, CGL.

September 11:

- *Advanced DNA Techniques: Using Phasing to Test DNA Segments* by Blaine Bettinger, Ph.D., J.D.

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



Brisbane DNA Downunder 14 August



Robyn Morley @ DNA SIG info table

GSQ was well represented at this event with a Table set up with GSQ Brochures and Details on our Special Interest Groups as well as our DNA Special Interest Group. The tables were manned by Sharon Munn and Robyn Morley of which they both also enjoyed the day talking to many as well as enjoying the Lectures. Next to us was also the table of the Qld Family History Society, so was nice to see that both Societies were represented in the same area of venue. Many thanks go to Sharon and Robyn who advised they talked to many who were interested in joining as well as what our SIG did and how many we had. They gave out many of our brochures.

Blaine Bettinger was of course the major attraction for the day, with starting off with a great Introduction to DNA, in which he also throughout the day, often referred to events and methods he has used with his own family history research.

There are two types of Trees – Your Genealogical Tree and Your Genetic Tree. Both work hand in hand in adding evidence to your paper trail, and each one requires work and verification from the other to work together to solve issues, like unknown parentage, breaking down brick walls and especially clarifying your already known paper work and certificates etc.

Blaine discussed the various types of DNA tests, from Autosomal, YDNA and Mitochondrial ; How best to get the results you want, via using Shared Matches, Tree Building, Connections and Add in LOTS of Hard Work.



Lunch time see who you can spot.



Presenters Louise Coakley, Brad Argent, Blaine Bettinger & Helen Smith

He also explained about trusting low cM (Centimorgans) matches and reasons behind using only ones above the 10cM limit. This was most interesting and helped I am sure many of us Clarify our decisions on why we cannot find any Genealogical Evidence to match to many of the very low cM matches coming up.

Other speakers for the day were Louise Coakley, regarding Finding Australian Matches; Brad Argent from Ancestry, regarding Myth Busting Ancestry and Helen Smith talking about Getting the most from your FTDNA and MyHeritage results.

There were approx 250 people attending on the day, and Exhibitions were from Gould Books (Alan Phillips) , Ancestry, MyHeritage, totheletter DNA, Albatross Tours, plus of course GSQ, GSQ DNASIG, and QFHS. Helen Connor won the prize from Memento Photo Books, and Greg Carlill won the prize of time with Kerry Farmer regarding research. Over all the Day was a great success and finished off with about 50 joining Blaine and his sons, plus all the celebrities of the day, at the RSL for Dinner.

Thanks go to Ailsa Corlett for the photos and the wrap up of the day.

GSQ in your local BCC library - Free But Booking Required

Library	Topic	When	Time	Phone #
Garden City	Dating old photos and caring for them	Tuesday 22 October 2019	1-3pm	3403 7745
Sunnybank Hills	Beginners guide to DNA for genealogy	Saturday 16 November 2019	10-11am	3407 0571



The Best Free DNA Genealogy Websites

Blaine T. Bettinger, Family Tree Magazine, February 9, 2019

You had your DNA tested, but now what's next? Solve genealogy mysteries with these indispensable, free online tools to analyze your DNA test results.

You've had your DNA tested with a genetic genealogy company (maybe even more than one), you've reviewed your ethnicity estimate and you've gone through your match list. Now what should you do? How do you maximize your testing dollars to wring every bit of useful genealogical information out of your DNA test(s)? The answer may be in tools at third-party websites—so, not the sites of companies offering DNA testing—which give you new ways to analyze your test results. That can lead you to revelations about your family tree.

In this article, excerpted from my book *The Family Tree Guide to DNA Testing and Genetic Genealogy*, I'll show you how to use the best free third-party tools to analyze your autosomal DNA (atDNA) and make new genealogy connections.

Click [HERE](#) to read the article.



How to Overcome Obstacles in Eastern European Genealogy

Lisa A. Alzo, May 30, 2018, Family Tree Magazine.

Researching your Eastern European ancestors? Our expert shares six common obstacles for Eastern European genealogy—and how to overcome them.

They say genealogy is a journey, not a sprint. But for those of us trying to trace ancestors back to Central and Eastern Europe, the journey seems to cover unpaved, bumpy terrain with endless obstacles. As a person with ancestors from several Eastern European countries, I can tell you: The hurdles are real. But they're not insurmountable. You can overcome name changes, migrating places and language barriers. I'll share six of the most common obstacles to discovering your roots in Poland, Slovakia, Hungary and other countries of Eastern Europe—and more importantly, how to get past those problems and cross the family history finish line.

Click [HERE](#) to read the article.



Distributing clothing to the destitute, Kilrush, Ireland MARYEVANS.COM

Workhouse records reveal rural Ireland's harsh past

Mary McKee @FindmypastUS Jul 01, 2019

The 1838 introduction of the Poor Law to Ireland and the hardship of the souls who sought salvation from disease and starvation are graphically illustrated through the records of the time

Editor's note: At the beginning of the 18th century, poverty in Ireland was widespread. The country's population had doubled in 50 years to 6.5 million and it was estimated that there were two million people living in destitute conditions and starvation.

Click [HERE](#) to read the article.

If your family members won't talk about a particular relative, a seasoned genealogist knows they are keeping mum about something very interesting.

Unknown