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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

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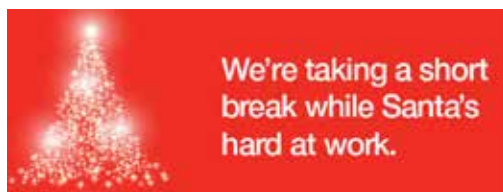
Families of the Future: I listened to a speaker on Radio National recently with much interest. He was extolling some research which indicates that families in the future could be very different from how they are today – the Millennials, also known as Generation Z, are indicating that, if they have children, it will be one child only. There is no doubt that this could have a profound influence on family history research in say 150 years time. We've had such fun tracing families with ten or more children from times gone by – if the families have one or no children, family historians will almost be "out of a job"! Thankfully, I imagine, like me, you have plenty of loose ends and brick walls to solve and don't really need to worry too much about future trends!

Our volunteer base is growing slowly. Thanks to those who have begun volunteering at GSQ during the past month. It's not too late to begin – go to GSQ's website and locate the Volunteer section – click on "Find out how to support GSQ", then "Volunteers" and finally click on the link "Online Form". Once this form is completed and lodged, it will go to the Volunteer Coordinator. The information you supply on the form will assist the Volunteer Coordinator in placing you in a suitable position. In this edition of eNews you'll find some positions which require filling. Perhaps you'll find what you're looking for there.

Christmas is fast approaching. At its most recent meeting your Management Committee organised a Christmas Afternoon Tea Celebration to be held on Saturday, 14 December at GSQ, commencing at 2.00pm. At this function the Christmas Raffle will be drawn – thanks to all who have already contributed goods for the Raffle Prizes – the Basket contents are growing every day and includes a \$100 Bunnings Gift Card, kindly donated by Mt Gravatt Warehouse in Wecker Road. It's not too late to bring your contribution.

Helen Veivers

President, Genealogical Society of Queensland



CHRISTMAS CLOSURE DATES

GSQ will close on
 Saturday, 14 December, 2019
 and re-open
 Monday, 6 January 2020.



CHRISTMAS AFTERNOON TEA CELEBRATION

Saturday, 14 December at 2.00pm
 Come and join other GSQ members in a celebration of 2019's achievements.

Christmas Raffle to be drawn during the afternoon.



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 November**.

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 Sickfield 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 Friday 1st November as we are going on an excursion.

Redlands Branch

The next meeting of the Redland Genealogical Society will be held on **Wednesday, 13th November**, commencing at 12.15pm at the Donald Simpson Centre, Bloomfield Street, Cleveland.

The Guest Speaker at this meeting is to be Helen Smith with a presentation titled "*Getting the Most from Ancestry DNA Results*". Given Helen's wide knowledge of DNA related topics, this talk is not to be missed.

Admission \$2.00 with Lucky Door ticket. 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 23rd November** 2019 from 10.30 to 12.

Every book is a quotation; and every house is a quotation out of all forests, and mines, and stone quarries; and every man is a quotation from all his ancestors.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

SIG's

Scottish Interest Group

Our next meeting will be held on **Sunday 3rd November** at 10.00 am. After a short meeting Russell Fraser will speak on *The County of Banffshire*, Members are then welcome to take the opportunity to pursue their research.

All GSQ members are welcome to attend and share their Scottish research and take advantage of the knowledge of others in solving a brick wall.

For more information or to contact the group, email GSQ at info@gsq.org.au.

Legacy User's Group

The next meeting is on **Sunday 10th November** 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. Bob Thompson will be there to help you.

Convict Connections Group

Only a small Group present for the October meeting. Val and Sue were representing us at the NSW Local and Family History conference in Wahroonga.

It was a successful trip both financially and the programme. We use the money to add to convict resources (when they are available) and other items suggested by management committee for the general membership of GSQ.

Our Group is always popular at the Fairs - we have a variety of things to sell and Val always makes sure we have something new. This time it was the *Index of Convicts in the Bungonia area*. Maybe yours has gone missing, the Group has several indexes from areas in NSW which could be of help.

Don't forget that we are interested in all arrivals, they don't have to be a convict, before about 1850 but this is arbitrary. Just come along in 2020 we may be able to help.

Convict Connections always have a casual meeting in December, this year being on **Sunday 8th December**. We ask that everyone brings a small plate to share at lunch.

The theme of the activities will be the "Female Factories". Always fun!

All welcome, Lyn Caldwell, Hon. Sec

Family Tree Maker Users' Group

The FTM User Group will meet on **Sunday 10th November** 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

Our next meeting is on **Sunday 17th November** 2019, from 9.30am – 12pm.

We will be having presentations regarding health testing into which many of the DNA companies are now moving into and the latest announcements from the DNA companies, and a case study.

Also there will be another *DNA Drop In Clinic* on **Wednesday 27th November** from 7pm – 8.30pm. Come along to this popular clinic & see if you can find an answer to a brick wall.

Monday Morning Natters

November Natters meets on **Monday 4th November** 10am -12 noon

Special Interest Group being featured this month is the *Convict Connections and Colonial Australia SIG*. Come along to hear what resources they have and how the group can help you.

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

*Research is what I'm doing when
I don't know what I'm doing*

Wernher von Braun

Writing Group

The Writing Group held its final meeting for 2019 on 20th October, when we had the pleasure of hearing our guest speaker, Ruth Bonetti. The group does not meet again until February 2020. Anyone wishing to be kept informed of Writing Group activities can be added to the group mailing list by contacting Pauline on pstirland@hotmail.com

English/Irish Interest Group

The English/Irish group will meet for the last time in 2019 on **Sunday 1st December**. We will enjoy a relaxed chat about things English and Irish (and Welsh), as well as planning the group's activities for the first few months of 2020.

The library will open as usual at 10 o'clock and remain open until 2.30 p.m. for individual research.

Please bring along a small plate to share for morning tea. All GSQ members are invited to join us, for the cost of a gold coin contribution. We look forward to seeing you then.

Scandinavian Interest Group

The next meeting of the Scandinavian Group will be on **Sunday 17th November** from 12.30 - 2.30pm.

German Interest Group

Sunday 24th November will be the last meeting for 2019, doors open 10.00 a.m. and our Celebration of 2019 will start ASAP after this time. I will close the doors for the German group for 2019 at 2.30pm so come along and listen to Stella Brosing recount some German Christmas traditions and tell you all about her very special candles. Perhaps you have a tradition that relates to your family.

Bring along a plate of food to share with a German Christmas flavour. We would also hope that there will be some suggestions in relations to what you would like as a theme for each meeting in 2020. *Fohliche Weihnachten*

Christmas Raffle

GSQ is holding a Christmas raffle that will consist of a hamper of goodies that will be useful for your Christmas celebrations. We are looking for donations for the hamper & a basket has been placed near the front reception desk for any goods you are able to contribute.

Some suggestions are:

- Wine/beer
- Nuts/snacks/nibbles
- Condiments/sauces
- Coffee/tea
- Puddings
- Sweets
- Olives
- Tins of shortbread/biscuits
- Christmas items e.g. bonbons, tea towels, potholders, tablecloth, placemats, decorations.



Just a couple of points, no perishables & please check use by dates.



Treasure Hunt in GSQ Library

Have you wondered what is contained in those old filing cabinets where the research tables are?

If you are a financial member of GSQ you are invited to come along to another "Treasure Hunt in the GSQ Library". This time we are hunting the various Special collections in GSQ's holdings

WHEN: **Wednesday 20th November** @ 10:00 am - 12:00 PM

WHERE: GSQ, 25 Stackpole Street, Wishart

RSVP For organisation purposes, secretary@gsq.org.au by Friday 16th November

DETAILS: Last session for 2019 (4 of 4) - "Special Collections" Find the treasures in GSQ's library. Enjoy a cuppa with other hunters and bring along a small plate of refreshments to share. See you there.

Breaking Down Your Brick Walls

When: **Saturday 30th November** @ 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Presenters: *Christine Meehan, Cathie Sherwood, Janice Wellard*

Attendees will work with the presenters in a group, sharing ideas and identifying possible avenues for research. Following the guided collaborative session, attendees can then choose to continue researching in the library and/or on computers with assistance from the presenters.

This workshop is designed to help you look for alternative sources of information, whilst ensuring that you have considered the more common records and the clues which can be found in them – the presenters will not do the research for you. Instead they will be available to guide you as needed so that you continue to develop your family history research skills.

Booked out - but you can be put on to a waiting list in case of a cancellation email education@gsq.org.au to go onto that list.



What's Coming Up in the Next Few Weeks?



Organising your research – the digital way

When: **Saturday 9th November** @ 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Presenter: *Bob McAllister*

You finally made some progress in the paper war. Other genealogists compliment you on the way you cleared that backlog of paper records through judicious use of the scanner. But how proud are you of your digital filing practices? Have you simply transferred that untidy tangle of documents into the cyber-jungle? Out of sight, out of mind?

By taking a fresh look at how you name, organise and store your digital records, you have an opportunity to improve both your efficiency and effectiveness as a researcher. You can complete more and better quality work by selecting a suitable record keeping system and sticking to it. Explore the options available in a hands-on workshop and consider the factors that will make one of them right for the way you work. Click [HERE](#) to register.

Wednesday night @ GSQ

DNA drop in clinic

When: **27th November** @ 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.

Do you have an idea for GSQ Education in 2020?

Perhaps you want to learn more about a certain subject? Or, maybe you know about something interesting that you can share with other GSQ members?

Get in touch with GSQ on education@gsq.org.au and chat with Graeme GSQ Education Convenor.



Timelines for family history

When: **Wednesday 20th November** @ 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Presenter: *Helen Smith*

What is the value of timelines in family history research?

This webinar will take you through the ways in which a timeline can keep things organised and in chronological order as well as how they can highlight the conflicts or gaps in your genealogy. A timeline can be simple or more complex so that citations and resources can be included. They can also form the basis of a research plan which can be built from a timeline. Click [HERE](#) to register.



Researching Scandinavian ancestors

When: **Saturday 16th November** @ 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Presenter: *Steiner Johansen*

Do you have family who came from northern European countries? Researching any of your European ancestors can be challenging if you do not speak the language but perhaps even more so in the Scandinavian/Nordic countries of Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Finland and Iceland where there is only a small number of given names and surnames. This presentation will provide guidance for focusing on your ancestor and eliminating other possible family lines as well as a discussion on the major events which affected families and the major records used in online research. Recent record digitization for Denmark, Norway and Sweden puts images of the church records at your finger tips. Click [HERE](#) to book.



Beyond BMDs: researching your English ancestors

Take your English research further with two of the foremost, internationally recognised, English experts Else Churchill and Alec Tritton. Else and Alec are featured speakers on our 17th Unlock the Past cruise from Adelaide to Tasmania in March 2020. Seminar will feature six of the 10 cruise topics in a single full-day program.

PRESENTERS: *Else Churchill and Alec Tritton*

WHEN: **Thursday 26th March 2020** — 9am - 5pm.

WHERE: Gaythorne RSL Club, 534 Samford Road, Mitchelton

BOOKING:

COST – includes a light lunch and morning tea. Pre-book by 17 March 2020 to be in the draw for several hundred \$\$\$ in prizes.

early bird (**by 15 Dec 2019**) – \$95

pre-booked (16 Dec 2019 to 17 Mar 2020) – \$115

on the day – \$130.

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



Riding the Waves of History

**36th Annual Conference of the
NSW & ACT Association of Family History Societies**

11-13 September 2020 - (Friday to Sunday)

at Wests New Lambton Newcastle

Hosted by the Newcastle Family History Society Inc

with the support of the

Maitland & Beyond Family History Group Inc

Conference web page coming soon.



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 November offerings:

November 6:

- *Trove: An Australian and Beyond Genealogical Treasure* by Helen Smith

November 6:

- *Understanding Ethnicity Estimates* by Mary Eberle, JD.

November 22:

- *No Will? No Problem!* by Sharon Monson.

November 26:

- *I Received DNA Matches, Now What?* by Daniel Horowitz.

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



Queensland Family History Society Inc

Australian treasures: the National Archives of Australia and Trove

When: **Saturday, 1 February 2020** - 9 am - 12.30 pm

Where: Queensland Baptists Conference Centre, 53 Prospect Road, Gaythorne

Presenter/s: Cara Downes and Sue Reid

Cost: \$25.00 members (QFHS and GSQ) and \$40.00 non-members (includes morning tea)

Discover the National Archives - Cara Downes

Trove Digitised Newspapers - Sue Reid

Trove: but wait, there's more - Sue Reid

Click [HERE](#) to register for this seminar online.

GSQ TAG or Technical Advisory Group

We now have a lovely team of five, myself (Ailsa Corlett), Angela Hawes, Judy Lofthouse, Glen Dyer and Bob Thompson, and we met up for the first time on Wednesday 16th October.

We discussed the need to keep all the GSQ Computers up to date in relation to the latest Microsoft updates and security. We will have all computers left on each Tuesday evening from now onwards so that updates can occur automatically.

A process of cleaning up unwanted/downloaded files will occur over the next few weeks, as well as a good clean of the dust from inside the computers.

We would like to ask that NO MEMBER turn off the computers when leaving GSQ. Please leave this for the Research Assistants to do the shut down.

Some CDs that had been acquired were installed on the Computer No 5 – this is the one close to the printer and has the CDs that are not able to be installed onto the Network on it. Please have a look at these CDs that are on the shelves, I am sure you will find something that may be of interest to your own research. If uncertain how to use them, please ask one of the Research Assistants, and soon there will be instruction sheets near that computer.

We also talked about workshops for the Research Assistants as well as Members for next year. So if you see any of us around in GSQ and not sure about any of the programs or how to use any of the equipment, please talk to us and we will assist.

Ailsa Corlett, Convenor TAG



Vacancy on GSQ Management Committee: Unfortunately, due to changing circumstances, the newest member of GSQ's Management Committee, Margaret Giarola, has been forced to resign. Consequently, there's a vacancy on the Management committee. If you'd like to know more about the position or would like to volunteer to fill the vacancy, please contact President, Helen Veivers by emailing president@gsq.org.au.

Do you just love Social Media? If so, you may like to use your skills to help GSQ advertise upcoming events on Facebook and/or Twitter. This would really help get our message out to members and non-members alike.

Blog Posting – GSQ's BLOG is highly regarded and, as you know, published weekly each Monday. At present, the task falls to our Education-Web Coordinator which in itself is a huge role. The Management Committee would like to try to reduce Graeme Moulton's work load by having someone take on the role of BLOG coordinator/poster.

Nobody has come forward to operate as the **Sign Changer** – this task would not be too onerous and involves changing the advertising sign on Mt Gravatt-Capalaba Road on an as needs basis. It is an important role – showing out of date information on the sign just isn't "a good look" for GSQ.

In the October edition of eNews two "shadow" positions were flagged that of **Shadow Membership Officer and Shadow Treasurer**. At this stage nobody has expressed an interest in learning about these two vital roles in GSQ.

If you'd like further information on any of the above, please contact Secretary, Claire Rodwell by emailing secretary@gsq.org.au.

GSQ in your local BCC library - Free But Booking Required

Library	Topic	When	Time	Phone #
Sunnybank Hills	Beginners guide to DNA for genealogy	Saturday 16 November 2019	10-11 am	3407 0571
Chermside	Dating old photos and caring for them	Tuesday, 3 December 2019	1pm-3pm	3403 7202
Bulimba	Beginners guide to DNA for genealogy	Saturday, 14 December 2019	10am-11am	34078223

Family History News



**TASMANIA 2020
FINAL UNLOCK THE PAST CRUISE**

5 REASONS TO JOIN US ON OUR 17th & Final Unlock the Past cruise

1. This is the final Unlock the Past cruise - your last chance to cruise with us
2. Four special themes headed by world class experts:
 - Convicts - headed by Professor Hamish Maxwell-Stewart
 - English - research headed by England's leading experts, Else Churchill and Alec Tritton
 - DNA - headed by Kerry Farmer and Helen Smith
 - Discover your family history program
3. Entry level prices have recently dropped by about \$600 from what they were in September
4. Unlock the Past cruises offer conferences like no other - extended conference time, access one-on-one help from experts and fellow cruisers - and much more
5. Unlock the Past cruises offers a great combination of conference, holiday and travel - great value. They are fun, informative and great experience all round.

PS: There is plenty for your non-genie spouse/partner to do while you are busy learning and mixing it with experts and fellow genies.

Click [HERE](#) for further information, itinerary & pricing.

Early Australian census records

Census data is useful for researching places & people's lives over time, or at a point in time. Sometimes information about individuals is available too.

The earliest systematic collection of information about Australia's residents occurred in 1788. The colonies and states regularly collected data in musters or censuses, up until the first Australian (national) census in 1911.

This guide from the State Library of Victoria explains how to find and use information collected in censuses from 1788 to 1901, including records of people, and records of populations (statistics). It also includes tips on finding more census data from 1901 to today, and information about the history of censuses in Australia. Click [HERE](#) to get started.

Electoral Rolls Guide

State Records of NSW has a guide to electoral rolls, including an historical overview & who was eligible to vote in what timeframe. Click [HERE](#) to access the useful guide.

Historical Land Records Viewer (HLRV)

The Historical Land Records Viewer provides access to over 19 million records relating to New South Wales property history and could reveal the details of where your ancestors lived.

Simply [visit the portal](#) and search 'HLRV' in the Databases A-Z tab. To access from home you will need a National Library of Australia library card: you can register online if you don't have one.

To help you make further mapping discoveries, take a look at our [Research Guide on Australian Maps for Family Historians](#) or watch our handy webinar [Find the Map You Want](#).

The Australian Joint Copying Project - AJCP

Do you know about the Australian Joint Copying Project? This unique resource is progressively being digitised from its current microfilm state. This will mean that even more researchers will be able to unlock its invaluable contents to progress their historical and family history research. [Read the blog post](#) and look at our [research guide](#) to learn more.