

# 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

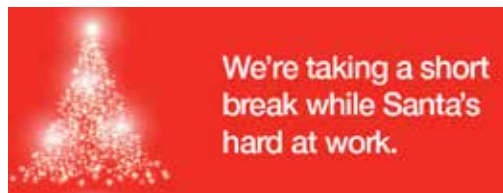
December 2019

I represented GSQ at the History Queensland meeting at Blackbutt on Sunday, 24 November. The work being done by the various history/family history groups in South East Queensland is truly amazing. During the drive the effects of the current drought conditions became very obvious – the Brisbane Valley which is usually so lush and green is just oh so brown at present and, of course, blackened in places where recent fires have raged! With the Christmas season approaching, I'm certain that all who live in those areas would love just one thing as a gift – rain, beautiful rain!

Speaking of Christmas, your Management Committee is organising a Christmas Afternoon Tea for all GSQ members on Saturday, 14 December, commencing at 2.00pm. We applied for a Special Christmas Celebration Donation from the Brisbane City Council and were fortunate enough to be granted a small sum of money to purchase Afternoon Tea items. Hence, those attending are not required to bring a plate of food! To help with organisation we need to know the number of people attending. If intending to come to our 2019 Christmas Afternoon Tea, please email our Secretary, Claire Rodwell at [secretary@gsq.org.au](mailto:secretary@gsq.org.au) or me at [president@gsq.org.au](mailto:president@gsq.org.au). Our Christmas Raffle will be drawn during the Afternoon Tea – thanks indeed for all the wonderful donations for the Raffle. We'll have sufficient goods to put together several prizes! In addition, we have a \$100.00 Bunnings Gift Card, kindly donated by Bunnings Wecker Road Warehouse.

As the year draws to a close I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who volunteer at GSQ in whatever capacity – there are many, many people who work, some in multiple roles, to make GSQ the great organisation that it is. My heartfelt thanks to you all! Finally, may all members of GSQ spend a joyous and merry Christmas! And, may the New Year be filled with good health, happiness – and many, many wonderfully exciting genealogical finds!

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.

### 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 end of year break up will be held on **Friday 6th December** and there will be no meeting in January. Our next meeting will be on **Friday 7th February 2020**.

### Redlands Branch

The next meeting of the Redland Genealogical Society will be held on **Wednesday, 11th December** at the Donald Simpson Centre, Bloomfield Street, Cleveland. This is to be our Christmas Lunch meeting with lunches already pre-paid. Those participating are reminded to arrive 12.00 – 12.15pm with Lunch to be served at 12.15pm.

Lunch will be followed by the December monthly meeting, the Secret Santa "fun" and finally the drawing of the Christmas Raffles. Those attending are asked to bring a small wrapped gift to be placed under the Christmas Tree for distribution during the Secret Santa segment.

Merry Christmas, one and all, and all the best for a great 2020!

### 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 25th January 2020**. from 10.30 to 12.

## SIG's

### Scottish Interest Group

The next Scottish Group meeting will be at 10.00 am on **Sunday 5th January 2020**. After the meeting we celebrate *Hogmanay*. and welcome the New Year. Bring a plate of Scottish themed goodies to share.

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](mailto:info@gsq.org.au).

### Legacy User's Group

The next meeting is on **Sunday 12th January 2020** at 1pm - 2.30pm

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 20th January 2020** 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](mailto:lesmcfadzen@outlook.com) of your problem(s) will assist in setting the meeting Agenda.

## DNA Interest Group

November meeting was on Sunday 17th with Jocelyn McBain from the Brisbane company Totheletter DNA, as our guest speaker. This company launched their business to test DNA that may be found on old stamps, envelopes, aerograms and photo album hinges about a year ago. Jocelyn gave us a run-down of how the process has been going and the changes they've made along the way. It was a really interesting presentation giving us all food for thought on whether we should we go searching for our ancestors DNA or waiting until the process is a little more developed. The DNA extracted is linked to GEDmatch Genesis traditional autosomnal base results.

The last DNA Group meeting for 2019 is **Sunday 15th December** from 9.30am - 12.30am. As this is our last meeting for 2019 bring along a small plate of Christmas goodies to share.

## Monday Morning Natters

December Natters is on **Monday 2nd December** 10am -12 noon Bring along a family heirloom and tell us how it has come to you and what is its significance. Enjoy a natter with like-minded people over a cuppa. Gold coin donation for morning tea appreciated.

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## 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](mailto: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 19th January 2020** from 12.30 - 2.30pm.

## German Interest Group

The German Group held their last meeting for the year on the 24th November 2019 which was well attended. Stella Brosing explained the German Tradition in relation to the lighting of her 4 Christmas Candles and the holding of the Christmas Markets in Germany with numerous photographs and her real candles. This evoked a lot of discussions and questions prior to the group partaking of the some wonderful German goodies supplied by the members. Stella also gave me the words in German of Christmas Carols which I hope to put in the next newsletter along with some German Recipes given to me last year.

The next Meeting is on **Sunday 27th January 2020** where Stella Brosing is going to instil in us some knowledge as to how to read German.

Frohe Weihnachten I believe means merry or happy Christmas. I will let you know after the lesson in January if this is correct.



## Sign Changer

GSQ is still seeking somebody to change the Advertising Sign in Mt Gravatt-Capalaba Road on an as needs basis. We use this sign to advertise forthcoming events – it serves as an excellent way of letting passing drivers know what is happening at our centre. The

job would not take a lot of time, but would require the ability to climb a low ladder. If able to help in this way, please contact our Secretary, Claire at [secretary@gsq.org.au](mailto:secretary@gsq.org.au).

The positions of Facebook Poster, Shadow Membership Officer and Shadow Treasurer have now been filled. Thank you to Bobbie, Vicki and Sue.



## GSQ Webinars

I would like to acknowledge the effort and dedication our presenters put into their webinars. The amount of work and time that goes into the research, image compilation, scriptwriting and video production is highlighted by the superb quality of the result you end up seeing.



On behalf of the GSQ Webinar operation I wish all of you the very best for the holiday season and would like to welcome you all back next year.

If any one has a topic they are particularly passionate about and think they might like to try to do a webinar please contact me ([webinars@gsq.org.au](mailto:webinars@gsq.org.au)) or Graeme Moulton ([webcoordinator@gsq.org.au](mailto:webcoordinator@gsq.org.au)) and we can talk.

Bob Thompson

## TAG Report

TAG has a new team member Liz Haddon, who will join us in the New Year. The month has been busy with making sure that the current GSQ computers are now running smoothly thanks to the Research Assistants leaving them all on over night on Tuesday, and Wednesday Research Assistants making sure there are no errors or reporting them the following day. This has proved beneficial in the Microsoft updates that often occur on the Tuesday evening. Final amendments to files no longer required on the computers will have been achieved at our meeting 13th Nov.

The GSQ Laptop has also now been upgraded to Windows 10. With extra knowledge gained via reading Microsoft site and many others, it appears that Microsoft still allows upgrades from previous versions to be conducted as long as they are genuine Microsoft Products. This only to upgrades. Hence, after quite a number of hours, the upgrade was achieved, and all is working well.

So, if you still have a computer running Windows 7, and concerned about upgrading it to Windows 10 before 14 Jan 2020, you can still do the upgrade, but you need to be fully prepared before doing so. Before attempting any upgrade, please read as much as you can regarding it via the Microsoft site as well as others online telling you how it can be achieved. If in doubt, seek professional advice.

It is anticipated that the Front Office Desk, and two of the Side Computers will be updated to Windows 10 once GSQ is closed for the Xmas Break.

Next on the agenda will be the discussion over some of the old CD's that we have, which are either no longer being used, or now on many of the other common sites that can be accessed either via home or at GSQ.

We would appreciate any ideas or suggestions on how you would like the GSQ computers to function or Programs/ Web Sites you would like to see on the computers as common access points, looking towards 2020.

Please forward any of these ideas to Ailsa Corlett - [ailsacorlett@gmail.com](mailto:ailsacorlett@gmail.com)



## What's Coming Up in the Next Few Weeks?



### Webinar Wednesday

#### Transcription tools for family historians

Wednesday 11th December @ 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Presenter: Cathie Sherwood

Many of us have encountered the difficulties of trying to translate foreign language documents when we don't speak the language. How often have we tediously transcribed a will or letter only to find that we have misread important words.

In this webinar, you will learn the latest tools and programs available to translate foreign language documents as well as transcribe documents in order to extract needed information.

Click [HERE](#) to register

### 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](mailto:education@gsq.org.au) and chat with Graeme GSQ Education Convenor.



### 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 December offerings:

#### December 4 @12:00pm AEDT

- *Buried Treasures: What's in the English Parish Chest* by Paul Milner.

#### December 11:

- *Grandma's Obituary Box: The Use of Obituaries in Genealogical Research and Their Role in American Culture* by Pam Stone Eagleson, CG.

#### December 17:

- *Marriages Here, There, and Nowhere: Finding Gretna Greens and Borders* by J. Mark Lowe, CG, FUGA.

#### December 18:

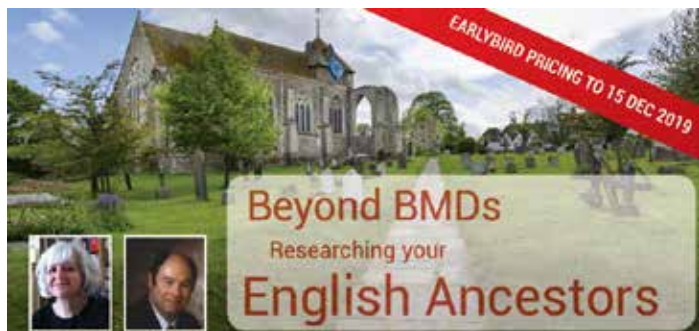
- *How to trace your UK ancestry* by Kirsty Gray

There are no further webinars until February but the library is available. The Legacy Webinar website with more information is available [HERE](#).



May this Christmas season bring joy to your family & friends and lots of family history fun over the Christmas New Year break





## **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.



**22 - 26 March 2021**

**Sunshine Coast Convention Centre  
& Novotel Sunshine Coast Resort**

7 KEY SPEAKERS TO BE REVEALED!

DNA

BRITISH ISLES

EUROPE

AUSTRALIA

MORE

Relax with Sunshine and Genealogy!

Enjoy this state-of-the-art venue, with the natural beauty of bush and beach. What better environment to get away and soak up this amazing conference.

Keep in touch with the event click [HERE](#) to go to the website to register.



**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.

## Family History News



### **Can You Find Your Ancestors in These Old English Criminal Records?**

You don't have to have murderers or famous outlaws in your family tree to make use of criminal records in your research. If you have ancestors who lived in England in the last three and a half centuries you do not want to miss the vast (and free) collections of [The Old Bailey Online](#) and its sister site the [Digital Panopticon](#).

These fascinating pages hold some of the largest collections of "non-elite" people ever published – with records of nearly 200,000 proceedings of the Old Bailey Courthouse in London, which has been in operation for over 400 years.

Here, you'll be able to search your ancestors' names to see if they were included in court cases of every possible type – from petty theft that led to transportation to heinous crimes with heinous punishments (and some with no punishments at all). And your ancestor doesn't have to have been the perpetrator to be included. The Old Bailey project also indexed the names of victims of these crimes, as well as accusers, witnesses, and family members.

While The Proceedings of the Old Bailey online hold the trial records, the Digital Panopticon attempts to build a story around the lives of these individual convicts by connecting them to other databases – including additional criminal records and censuses.

As family historians, we're sure to love anything that helps us trace life experiences of our ancestors – even if it is involving their criminal lives.

Thanks to Family History Daily for this guide.

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### **Online Genealogy Records Can Disappear: Simple Ways to Protect Your Research**

These days, millions of people have family trees online, with facts and sources gathered from the many online databases that are available via paid subscription sites and free genealogy archives. If you yourself have created a family tree with numerous records to prove your facts, you're doing a great job. Adding sources to your tree is one of the most important things you can do for your research.

But, be aware, some of these sources could just disappear. No warning, just gone – because online record collections are not guaranteed to stay online, or publicly accessible, forever. If you're not downloading the records that you use as sources (and are simply linking to them as many people do) you could find that you lose access to these sources in the future.

Read this article [HERE](#).

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

Library	Topic	When	Time	Phone #
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 to 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.



**How to take better photos for genealogy: Part One**

James Tanner of Genealogy's Star undertakes a new series about photography for genealogy. Click [HERE](#) for the first installment.

**3 Resources for Afro-Caribbean Genealogy:  
Researching Enslaved Roots**

While Afro-Caribbean genealogy research can be difficult, knowing where to look for records can make progress possible. We share 3 resources that can help as you research your Afro-Caribbean family history.

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



**6 Things to Do When Your DNA Match Doesn't Have a Tree**

By Diahna Southard, Family Tree Magazine

Q. What do I do with my DNA matches that don't have family trees linked to their results? Are these matches useless?

A. DNA testers might not have online trees for many reasons: They're primarily interested in ethnicity results. They're adopted and searching for birth families. They're brand-new to family history and don't have a tree. They got the test for Christmas and aren't all that interested in the results. They lost a job or got sick. No one's obligated to provide DNA matches with a public tree, but it can be difficult to do genetic genealogy without one. But these no-tree or private-tree matches are far from useless.

Here's how to make the most of your match list even if some of those people haven't yet linked genealogy information to their test results. Click [HERE](#) to read the article.