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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

January 2020

How Times Have Changed: I received an emailed Christmas Message to all at GSQ from Stephanie Ryan and the family history staff at the State Library of Queensland. The message was accompanied by a scan of a page from McDonnell & Easts "Gifts" Suggestions Book for Xmas 1917, so more than a century ago. As you'd expect the prices of items were very distant from what we'd pay today, but it was the types of items on sale which also provide a glimpse into a very different world from the one in which we live – the page has illustrations for Ladies Hand Mirrors, Antimony Trinket Boxes and a set of Afternoon Spoons and Tongs. A small glimpse into a much simpler world – even though Australia was "at war" at the time.

Thanks to all who attended the Afternoon Tea on 14 December. It was wonderful to see so many volunteers and members in attendance. Our thanks to the Brisbane City Council for the provision of a small grant from which Afternoon Tea goods were purchased. The lucky raffle winners were:

1st – basket – Lynell Sargent

2nd – basket - Rhona Pickering

3rd – basket – Robyn Dean

4th \$100 Bunnings voucher – Dianne Kennedy

GSQ will be conducting an Open Day on Saturday 22 February (10.00am – 2.00pm). All members are welcome to participate in the Open Day. Most importantly, ensure that your friends and relatives who may be somewhat interested in exploring their family histories are aware of the date and have it marked in their diaries.

I wish you a very happy and enjoyable 2020. May it be filled with interesting discoveries and solutions!

Helen Veivers

President, Genealogical Society of Queensland



Webmaster Urgently Needed

GSQ is in need of a webmaster. Given feedback from the previous holder of this position, a decision has been made to separate the Webmaster and Education roles, so the person who takes on the position will not have responsibility for Education as well. Experience with Wordpress would be an advantage, although experience with other website programs should be somewhat transferable. If interested, please contact President, Helen Veivers on president@gsq.org.au or Secretary, Claire Rodwell on secretary@gsq.org.au.

BRANCH NEWS

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 in January. Our next meeting will be on **Friday 7th February 2020**.

Redlands Branch

There will be no meeting of the Redland Genealogical Society in January. The first meeting for 2020 will be held on **Wednesday, 12th February** in the Donald Simpson Centre, Bloomfield Street, Cleveland, commencing at 12.15pm.

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.

Calling all bloggers for 2020

The roster for GSQ's Weekly BLOG is currently being organised. Perhaps this is something you've thought about doing and just haven't gotten around to!! Why not make it your New Years Resolution to begin submitting BLOGS?? If interested, email president@gsq.org.au or secretary@gsq.org.au.

The date of the first Blog for 2020 is Monday 13 January, with the last one for the year being planned for Monday 21 December.

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

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.

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

The Convict Connections Special Interest Group aims to provide a specialist forum for members with a particular interest in convicts and our colonial heritage, to share and exchange information, achieve a wider knowledge of our colonial beginnings and foster a greater appreciation of those who suffered the horrors of transportation. Convict Connections meets bi-monthly at the GSQ Resource Centre on the second Sunday of even numbered months. The Resource Centre opens at 10.00am and closes at 2.30pm.

The Annual General Meeting of the Group is held in February & the February meeting is on **Sunday 9th February** 10:00 AM - 2:30 PM

"In all of us there is a hunger, marrow deep, to know our heritage - to know who we are and where we came from. Without this enriching knowledge, there is a hollow yearning. No matter what our attainments in life, there is still a vacuum, an emptiness, and the most disquieting loneliness." — Alex Haley

Family Tree Maker Users' Group

The next meeting of the FTM User Group will be on **Sunday 12th January 2020** at 10.30 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 explore the changes in the new 2019 version as well as looking at the purchasing procedure for those users who did not take up the early purchase offer. We will also review the various Facebook sites available that offer help to FTM users.

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

Happy New Year to all our members. Our first event for the year is a meeting on **Sunday 19th January 2020** from 9:30am - Noon (sharp). As usual lots will have happened in the previous month, so the team who are 'holding the fort' in Helen's absence, will be doing an update on changes plus a presentation on 'DNA Basics'. Members have been asked for volunteers to contribute a short talk in this segment.

Planning for our *DNA Discovery Day 2020* is well underway with the event booked for **Saturday 23rd May** at the Nazareth Hall, Woolloongabba so mark that in your diary now.

Monday Morning Natters

January Natters is on **Monday 6th January** 10am -12 noon

How do you store your family history-paper or program? Share your experiences. Enjoy a natter with like-minded people over a cuppa. Gold coin donation for morning tea appreciated.

Writing Group

The first meeting for the Writing Group is scheduled for **Sunday 16th February 2020**. More details will be provided in the February eNews.. 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 first meeting for the English/Irish SIG will be held on **Sunday 2nd February 2020**.

All members of GSQ are invited to attend to learn more about researching their ancestors who came from England and Ireland. We look forward to seeing you there.

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

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.

What's Coming Up in the Next Few Weeks?

What's On at GSQ

An exciting and varied Education program is planned for 2020. Following is the program for January and February. As usual, bookings will be made through the website. The 2020 Calendar is currently being loaded, so the booking service will not be available until this task is completed.

January:

Finding Grandma

Saturday, 18th January, 9.00am – 11.30am

Presenter: Pauline Williams

Researching your family's female line can be more challenging than tracing your male line. This seminar will share tips on how to discover who they were and the vital role they played in society in earlier generations.

\$25.00 for Members; \$40.00 for non-Members.

February:

Researching Scandinavian Ancestors

Saturday 8 February: 9.00am – 11.30am

Presenter: Steinar Johansen

This is a repeat of a session offered in November when Steinar was unable to complete the presentation. Those who paid and attended in November will be offered this session free of charge. Others with Scandinavian heritage are invited to book.

\$25.00 for Members; \$40.00 for non Members.

Using GSQ computers

Saturday 15 February: 9.00am – 11.30am

Presenter: Ailsa Corlett

How to get the best results. Hands On session – limit of 14 participants. **Free for GSQ members.**

ScotlandsPeople

Saturday 29 February: 9.00am – 11.30am.

Presenter: Ailsa Corlett

How to make the most of this wonderful site. Hands On session – limit of 14 participants.

\$25.00 for Members. \$40.00 for non Members.

**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 Webinar Library offerings:

- *Google's Reverse Image Search* by Geoff Rasmussen (FREE)
- *A Year in Review: New Records and Features in MyHeritage* by Daniel Horowitz (FREE)
- *Unlocking English & Welsh Civil Registration Records* by Mike Mansfield (FREE)
- *Formulating a DNA Testing Plan* by Blaine Bettinger, Ph.D., J.D. (FREE)
- *Complementing Your DNA with Genealogy Research* by Diahhan Southard (FREE)
- *Mapping Your DNA Matches on MyHeritage* by Blaine Bettinger, Ph.D., J.D. (FREE)

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





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

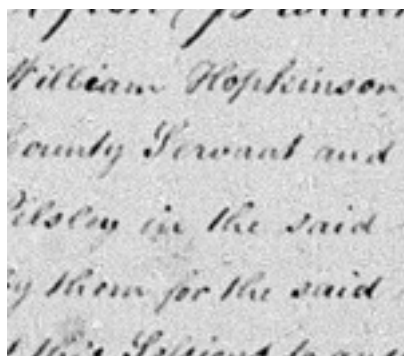
Cost: \$25.00 members (QFHS and GSQ) and \$40.00 non-members (includes morning tea)

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.



Using England Quarter Session Records for Genealogy

Genealogical research in England often relies only on census records, parish register entries, and civil registration. But there is so much more information to be found! We've previously discussed records of the parish chest and apprenticeship records, but genealogists should also look to lesser-known English records such as court records. The English court system was complicated, but the quarter session records are generally the most useful for most genealogists. Click [HERE](#) to read on to discover how to incorporate these records into your research strategy.

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ScotlandsPeople: Research Tips from a Scot Descendant Blog

Some of the most distinctively Scottish icons are kilts, bagpipes, the highland cow, and the Loch Ness monster, Nessie. If you have ever eaten Scottish shortbread or enjoyed the Scottish games you know exactly what makes Scotland unique. Like many of you, I am a descendant of Scottish ancestry.

If you want to trace your Scottish family history, Scotland's written historical records date back to 1513. The government of Scotland has made these primary records available in online digital images on the site ScotlandsPeople. ScotlandsPeople has a variety of records including vital records, wills and testaments, Old Parochial Parish Registers, Catholic Church Records, Census records, and Coats of Arms. Their website is ScotlandsPeople.gov.uk. You can do initial searches on this site for free. A preliminary, free search allows you to see if they have any records for your family, and then payment is required to view and download a copy of an original record. The costs of the records will be discussed in this post.

Some of the most popular and useful records found on ScotlandsPeople are the vital records. In the blog we'll discuss details about what can be found on these records during different time periods. Click [HERE](#) to go to the full blog post.

You may want to consider the Hands-on course below.

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<https://www.flickr.com/photos/118118485@N05/34084237436>

GSQ in your local BCC library - Free But Booking Required

Library	Topic	When	Time	Phone #
Toowong	Beginners guide to DNA for genealogy	Saturday, 15 February 2020	1pm-2pm	3403 2596
Sandgate	Beginners guide to DNA for genealogy	Saturday, 29 February 2020	11am-12noon	3667 6022
Wynnum	Finding Grandma-tracing your female line	Thursday, 27 February 2020	10-11am	3403 2199