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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

July 2020

We're opening up to the world – as detailed in last month's eNews GSQ is gradually opening our premises for research and meetings once again. At this stage we're limited to a maximum of 20 people in the building at any one time. The Management Committee has extended openings so that now the doors are open for researchers on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 10.00am and 2.00pm and on Saturdays between 12.00pm and 4.00pm. Bookings are essential and are managed by emailing Secretary, Claire, on secretary@gsq.org.au. Smaller Special Interest Groups have also expressed an interest in conducting face-to-face meetings once again. All of these activities are signs of a return to normality, be it a new kind of normal!

Some of you may have wondered about how GSQ has coped financially through the pandemic. I would like to thank all who have supported our organisation by renewing their membership during this difficult time. Membership, of course, is one of our major sources of income, as is Education. Our Education offerings have certainly been curtailed, even though we've continued to offer activities virtually. We've managed to defray some costs through approaching our landlord and the company from which we hire the photocopier, but the whole scenario has really eaten into GSQ's cash reserves. At a recent meeting your Management Committee decided to organise a Donations Drive, details of which will be released in coming weeks.

I hope all managed to view a recent edition of "Who Do You Think You Are" on SBS which focused on Lisa Curry. If you missed that particular episode I suggest you try to view it on SBS On Demand. One of the experts Lisa consulted was no other than GSQ stalwart and great contributor, Cathie Sherwood. Congratulations, Cathie, on your part in the production!

In the December 2019 edition of *Generation* the *Spotlight on Resources* focused on the Catholic Parish Index. This article highlighted the wonderful work done by GSQ Indexers over the years which has resulted in the ready availability of the records. It's been pointed out to me, however, that there was a discrepancy in the quoted price for the transcription of each record with what is advertised on our website. The correct price is \$11.00 as per the website.

Do you have some family history related news you'd like to share with the GSQ community? If so, please send it to Helen Connor, our eNews editor at enews@gsq.org.au.

With my best wishes

Helen Veivers, President



CHANGE IN VENUE FOR BRICK WALL WORKSHOP Saturday 18 July 2020

PLEASE NOTE: The venue for this Workshop has changed. It will now be at GSQ and not done by Zoom. There are still some places available for this very popular Workshop, so, if interested in participating, please make a booking via GSQ's website ASAP

The details of your brick wall, including where you have already searched, **MUST** be submitted at least 2 weeks prior to the workshop (**by 4 July**) to cathie@ancestrydiscovery.com.au. This gives the presenters sufficient time to become familiar with your brick wall to provide you with the best possible outcome. Please submit your brick wall details as a Microsoft Word/PDF attachment.

See more details on page 3.

Subject to the restrictions regarding the Covid-19 situation, some interest groups will be holding their meetings at GSQ. There is a limit of 20 people attending the groupings. Some groups are conducting virtual meetings through the use of the Zoom platform.

DNA Interest Group

Excellent news - our DNA Group membership now exceeds 100! Due to our high membership attendances, the DNA SIG will not be holding face-to-face SIG meetings for the meantime. This will be reviewed when appropriate.

Scandinavian Interest Group

The Scandinavian Group will meet at GSQ on **Sunday 19th July**. The group is limited to a maximum of 20 attendees, who will be expected to observe social distancing and appropriate hygiene during their time at GSQ.

Legacy User's Group

As emailed to all members of the SIG earlier please make contact if you have any questions. Remember that at this time you can watch Legacy webinars that are on each week and available free for the 7 days after showing

German Interest Group

The German Group is cancelled for July. Further information will be included in the August eNews.

Writing Group

The Writing Group held an enjoyable meeting via Zoom on 21 June, with 14 members able to participate. Our next meeting is scheduled for **Sunday 16 August**. Group Convenor, Pauline, is adopting a 'wait and see' approach as to whether this meeting will again be via Zoom or whether it will be possible to meet face-to-face.

Further information will be provided in the August eNews. Contact Pauline on pstirland@hotmail.com if you wish to be added to the Group email list.

English/Irish Interest Group

The English/Irish SIG will meet again on the first Sunday in August, our usual meeting date (**2nd August**). We will be limited to a maximum of 20 attendees, who will be expected to observe social distancing and appropriate hygiene during their time at GSQ.

We look forward to members coming along and sharing their successes (and failures) of the last few months.

Family Tree Maker Group

The next meeting of the FTM User Group will be on **Sunday 12th July 2020** at 10.30 am. The library will be open from approximately 9.00 am. ***This will be limited to 20 attendees, please contact Les McFadzen if you intend to come to the group.***

Anyone upgrading their Microsoft operating system to Office 365 should ensure you do a new FTM backup first. You can then retrieve your FTM data from your hard drive if necessary. Also, while on lockdown, check the GSQ website and your local library for free access to various genealogical databases.

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. GSQ members and researchers contemplating purchasing a family history programme, are welcome to attend our future meetings when GSQ advise us that the meeting room is open again.

People with laptops should bring them along so the participants can help solve your particular problem(s). Advance notice to the convenor on lesmcfadzen@outlook.com of your problem(s) will

Monday Morning Natters

Monday 6th July, 10am -12 noon has been converted to a Zoom meeting.

Topic for this meeting: *What do you use for back up and storage? Do you use the cloud, paper, family history program or your own website?*

Upcoming GSQ Education Events

These education events will be at your place via ZOOM unless otherwise notified.



Exploring FindMyPast Worldwide

When: July 4 @ 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Where: Your place

Presenter: Judy Lofthouse

\$25 Members \$40.00 Non Members

Learn how to search for Australian, Irish, UK and US records on FindMyPast that is available at GSQ, and currently through MyGSQ. This is a hands-on session so bring information about your ancestors to take advantage of the help available. Click [HERE](#) to book.



Getting the Most out of FamilySearch

When: July 25 @ 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Where: Your place

Presenter: Cathie Sherwood

\$25 Members \$40.00 Non Members

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 practical computer course, offered virtually in your own home, will take you through the main features of Family Search with tips and tricks for searching it. Click [HERE](#) to book.

Get Your Hands Dirty with Ancestry.com.au

When: 8 August @ 9.00am – 11.30am

Presenter: Judy Lofthouse

\$25 Members \$40.00 Non Members

Learn how to search the genealogical records and use family history tools available on the version of Ancestry.com.au that is available at GSQ.

Brick Wall Workshop

When : July 18 @ 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Where: GSQ

Presenters: Christine Meehan, Cathie Sherwood and Janice Wellard

\$35 – \$50

You will need to reserve your place early for this workshop as numbers are limited to 10.

Do you have an ancestor that you can't find in a census or find his or her birth/baptism or marriage? When you do a search, are there so many entries that you can't work out how to narrow them down or know which ones to choose to view? This frustrating experience – hitting the brick wall – occurs to all family historians at some time. Sometimes the problem can be easily resolved, sometimes unusual sources may need to be consulted and sometimes research needs to be reviewed to find further clues.

Three experienced researchers will offer a very practical, problem solving workshop which will be of interest to people who have tried – they believe – all possible avenues of research and have come up with a blank. Christine, Cathie and Janice will guide you through various record collections, offering suggestions, helping you to prove or disprove your findings and identifying possible avenues for further research. A bonus will be the other participants who can also share advice on the tips and tricks they have tried.

The details of your brick wall, including where you have already searched, MUST be submitted at least two weeks prior to the workshop, that is, by July 4. This gives the presenters sufficient time to become familiar with your brick wall to provide you with the best possible outcome.

Submit your brick wall details as a Microsoft Word/PDF attachment to Cathie Sherwood:

cathie@ancestrydiscovery.com.au Click [HERE](#) for bookings.



Research Support and Chat for GSQ Members Only

Put in your Diaries

**From Monday 1 June 2020
2 -3pm – Weekly**



Research Support & Chat for GSQ Members Only

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**From Thursday 4 June 2020
11 - 1pm – Weekly**

Our Monday afternoons have continued to prove to be very supportive by both Members requiring information about where to look next regarding their research, as well as some very extremely knowledgeable GSQ Members assisting with some Great Ideas and Web Sites on where to look next.

We have also been discussing a specific topic each week if we have time. This is also proving to be helpful to everyone.

So far this month we have had Scandinavian questions in which members have not only been helped on the day but also directed to contact Steinar from the Scandinavian group which they are going to join and he has continued to assist at pointing them in the right direction on where to find or locate certain records.

We have covered topics like how we Document and File our Research, Coloured Folders for your Family History by using Folder Marker, a little bit about Genealogical Software as this really is up to you on how you feel the program is going to work for you, Resources and Sources – what are they and how you should use them, Using Newspapers for your research, and this week the “Internet Archive” which proved to be extremely interesting as many had never heard or used this resource before. It has been decided by the group including myself that we would like the Monday Meeting to continue in the future, even when we get back to normal at GSQ. So that is the plan at this stage, but it will be reviewed as time goes by.

Join Ailsa & other GSQ members on Thursday between 11am - 1pm via ZOOM to talk about your research & make contact with other like-minded GSQ members.

If you have any questions on where to look on the net or what records are available to access, then please come along and join us.

Our Thursday group meeting which runs from 11am – 1pm has also been very worthwhile. Many different topics discussed each week along with everyone contributing as well.

If you wish to join any of the meetings please send an email to tag@gsq.org.au with your own email and any questions and you will be added to the Invitation list that is sent out each week.

Please send Ailsa at tag@gsq.org.au your email and questions so that you can be added to the list regarding the Zoom invitation.

Ailsa Corlett

Our Future

This Communique is the fifth in a series providing information to members about discussions to amalgamate the Queensland Family History Society (QFHS) and the Genealogical Society of Queensland (GSQ). There is no accompanying Discussion Paper, but you are reminded that all Communiques and previous Discussion Papers are available on the Our Future pages of the GSQ website. Click [HERE](#) to access.

**Did
You
Know?**

GSQ and Social Media

Are you aware that GSQ has two social media platforms, i.e. Facebook and Twitter? The Editors of these accounts would love to receive any genealogical or family history related news. This could be additions of any online record collections, handy website addresses, informative blogs etc. Please consider sharing your recent read with our members. To do so just send a quick email with the links to facebook-twitter@gsq.org.au

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John Grenham – Irish Roots - Irish genealogy and heritage

John Grenham's latest blog post is *The kindness of strangers* is all about how strangers have transcribed records..

Now someone else has stepped up to the plate. John McDonald Pepper evidently has Longford ancestors – he has produced meticulously painstaking transcriptions of two Longford Catholic parish censuses, for the parish of Granard in 1834 and the parish of Streete in 1856.

Click [HERE](#) to access the blog.



Source Citations for Successful Genealogy

Source citations are the key to successful genealogy. The good news is that there are tricks to make citing sources a painless process.

Here are five essential elements of a source citation:

1. **Who** created the information (author, editor, transcriber, etc.)
2. **What** is the title of the source
3. **When** the record was created or published
4. **Where in** the record the information is located (volume, page, etc.)
5. **Where is** the source physically located (archive, library, etc.)



Diploma of Family History

The [Diploma of Family History](#) provides a comprehensive study package that will assist researchers interested in exploring their family past to place that information within a wider context.

It provides students with opportunities to learn, and then consolidate and advance, skills and knowledge and introduces awareness of ethics and discipline practices that will enable students to communicate their findings with diverse audiences appropriately.

The Diploma of Family History is a fully online course. It comprises eight units, and is available solely to domestic students.

An interesting opportunity to enhance your skill and knowledge.

Genealogy and Paleography

How do you learn to read old handwriting? It is a learned skill and it takes time and effort. There are quite a few online courses in reading old handwriting both free and paid but there is really no substitution for slowly working your way back through old documents and spending time looking up the words you do not know. Here are some paleography courses to consider:

[Brigham Young University, Script Tutorial](#), this website offers guidance in the deciphering of documents written in handwriting styles or alphabets no longer in general use.

Palaeography: reading old handwriting 1500 – 1800, A practical online tutorial from the National Archives UK. Click [HERE](#).

List of online resources for early modern English paleography Click [HERE](#).



How to handle unsubstantiated family lines in the FamilySearch Family Tree

How can you know if the lines you are working on are correct or not? Are you actually related to these people that go back generations on your part of the FamilySearch.org Family Tree? Can you really trace some of those lines back to Adam? See this video for a discussion of the "Back to Adam" issue: https://youtu.be/BbUbouESw_s

You might (or might not) be surprised to learn that the same issues that are a concern with claiming a pedigree back to Adam frequently arise in the context of all genealogical pedigrees and that nearly all of the existing pedigree lines on the Family Tree ultimately end usually well before the names and dates run out Read James Tanner's blog post [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 is 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.

JULY

- 1 July - *Finding a father for Molly - Using DNA* by Jill Morelli
- 3 July - *Turning dry facts into exciting narrative* by Carol Baxter
- 14 July - *Connecting the Dots - Introduction to Auto Clusters...* by MyHeritage Webinars
- 22 July - *More Websites Every Genealogist Should Know* by Gina Philibert-Ortega
- 28 July - *Fabulous Photo Discoveries™ at MyHeritage* by Lisa Louise Cooke

AUGUST

- 5 August - *Tracing Australian and New Zealand World War One Ancestors* by Helen V. Smith
- 5 August - *Using DNA to Solve Adoption and Unknown Parentage Mysteries* by Michelle Leonard
- 11 August - *Working with Different Family Tree Views on MyHeritage* by Uri Gonen
- 19 August - *The Advance of Research Habits over Recent Decades — And...* by Tom Jones, PhD, CG
- 25 August - *How to Use MyHeritage DNA Results to Enhance Your Family...* by Michelle Leonard
- 26 August - *Slack for Genealogy Projects* by Thomas MacEntee

If you cannot make the live event, downloads of the recording are just \$9.95 each or yearly memberships give you access to everything. The Legacy Webinar website with more information is available [HERE](#). Download the 2020 Family History Webinars PDF [HERE](#).



IMPORTANT UPDATE

Last week we announced our intention to **defer Family History Down Under (FHDU) to 2022** - due to the high risk that our international speakers, sponsors and delegates would not be allowed into Australia. We also announced we would consider the possibility of an all-new extra event in the week vacated by FHDU in 2021. If/when finalised you would have not one, but two FHDU events to choose from. Many will choose both.

1. Family History Down Under 2021 (Australasia) - March 2021
2. Family History Down Under 2022 (International) - March/April 2022

FHDU 2021 (Australasia) will go ahead - if there is good support

With sufficient support, it will be very similar to the deferred FHDU 2022 (International) event. It will be also be international (program and speakers). We only use Australasia in the title to make a clear distinction from the deferred FHDU 2022 (International).

To help make this happen, and guide us in planning for FHDU 2021, please give us your feedback in our short FHDU 2021 survey. Click [HERE](#) to do the survey.

Please note - although we are committed to deferring FHDU International a year, the change has not actually been made yet. Nor has the FHDU 2021 (Australasia) date/venue been confirmed yet. Unless you decide against doing any FHDU event altogether in 2021 - without even seeing the speaker line up and program, etc. - you should not cancel any FHDU or travel/accommodation bookings.

Stay Tuned:

1. Sign up to receive our "official" FHDU newsletter - the links to do so are at the bottom of every page on the FHDU web site. Newsletter updates are less frequent than on the FHDU Facebook group, but often have more detailed information. If you are not sure if you have signed up, do so again (you won't get duplicate newsletters).
2. Join the FHDU Facebook group. News updates are more frequent here, but the FHDU newsletter often has more detailed information.



MyHeritage Photo Enhancer goes Viral: One Million Photos Already

If you haven't seen or heard of the MyHeritage Photo Enhancer you are in for your own "Wow" moment when you take the time to look at the examples in the MyHeritage blog post. Here is the link just in case you can't figure out where to go to click on the link:

[MyHeritage Photo Enhancer Goes Viral: One Million Photos Already Enhanced!](#)

Here is an example of an enhanced photo from my own relatives' photos showing



Before

Francis Cramer, my 3rd cousin

After

the before and after. I was unable to colourise this photo as it was too small.

This is not a process I could do with any of my tools as a photographer. I used to always say that you couldn't correct a blurred image. Now, I have to change my entire idea of what can and cannot be done.

Anyone can enhance 10 photos for free, which are counted separately from photos you may have colourised or would like to colourise using MyHeritage In Color™. Afterwards, a subscription is required.

Try it out for yourself.

101 Best Genealogy Websites of 2020

With so many genealogy websites available for your family history quest, how do you know which sites are the best? Leave it to our genealogy experts! We constantly scour the web for great resources, and once a year, whittle those down to our annual list of the *101 Best Genealogy Websites*. Click [HERE](#) to access.



Irish genealogical research is famous for being difficult, if not impossible. This reputation isn't entirely deserved, although there can be some fundamental challenges in discovering your Irish family history, particularly if you don't know where your ancestors lived.

Claire Santry launched her website, [Irish Genealogy Toolkit](#). It's a free online guide to researching your ancestors in Ireland, and it's designed to help you connect to your heritage.

Claire also has a blog [Irish Genealogy News](#) that she updates regularly.