

# GSQ e-NEWS

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- Monday • Closed
- Tuesday • 10am - 2pm
- Wednesday • Closed
- Thursday • 10am - 2pm
- Friday • 10am - 2pm
- Saturday • 12noon - 4pm
- Sunday • Interest Groups

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### From the President

August 2021

August is National Family History Month. How are you going to celebrate? GSQ has two main events planned. The first, on 7 August (11.00am – 3.00pm), is our involvement in a Family History celebration being organised by Joel Hillier from the Eight Mile Plains Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Joel is planning for displays from various organisations including Ancestry, Find My Past and My Heritage, together with booths at which different technologies and practices will be demonstrated. GSQ will have 2 Tables there, with the opportunity to answer questions and generally promote ourselves. The address for this event is 370 Underwood Road, Eight Mile Plains. All GSQ members are invited to attend.

GSQ's second event during Family History month is Open Day, planned for Saturday, 28 August, 10.00am – 2.00pm. We're planning a set-up similar to what we had for the Open Day in April with Marquees set up in the carpark and research facilities available upstairs in the building. There will be the usual Café selling Tea/Coffee and Cakes/Slices and a Sausage Sizzle with Cold Drinks. Raffle Tickets will be on sale. National and State Archives and the State Library of Queensland have all indicated that they will be in attendance on the day.

All members should have recently received information and a Flyer for Refer a Friend. This program, being led by Sally Romano and Lori Digney, aims to increase GSQ's membership by having members encourage their friends/relatives to take the big step of joining GSQ. Until Wednesday, 15 September you and your "Friend" will be offered the opportunity of visiting GSQ each Wednesday (10.00 – 12.00am or 12.00 – 2.00pm) where two experienced Research Assistants will show you and your "Friend" around the Library (and all of the treasures it holds) and also start your "Friend" on the Family History Research journey. I urge you to take advantage of this opportunity to share your passion with someone special – you could also win some of the wonderful prizes on offer. Due to COVID restrictions, all attending need to book by emailing [secretary@gsq.org.au](mailto:secretary@gsq.org.au).

### Our next Members' Meeting via Zoom is planned for Thursday, 5 August, at 7.30pm.

These meetings provide an ideal forum for all to discuss various GSQ related issues in a relaxed atmosphere. The Management Committee has been working on some broad Strategic Planning goals and would appreciate input from members at this meeting. If you'd like to attend, please email [president@gsq.org.au](mailto:president@gsq.org.au) and I'll email the link for the meeting on Wednesday, 4 August.

As advised in July eNews GSQ's **AGM is planned for Saturday, 25 September at 10.00am** at our premises at 25 Stackpole Street, Wishart – this arrangement, of course, depends very much on the COVID situation at the time. We may need to make alternative arrangements for the meeting. Information re Nomination for the various positions appears elsewhere in this edition of eNews.

Thank you to the volunteers who have come forward during this month and who are already engaged in helping GSQ – your assistance is very much appreciated and valued, as is that of all of GSQ's many volunteers. Our Volunteer Coordinator, Kim Davis, is also seeking Research Assistants and Admin Assistants, to work particularly on Wednesdays, to enable us to open GSQ on Wednesdays for research. We're "ramping up" our indexing endeavours, so if this is an activity that interests you, please contact Kim on [volunteer@gsq.org.au](mailto:volunteer@gsq.org.au). (Some indexing tasks can be done from home.) Training will be provided for all of these roles.

Helen Veivers  
President





### Information from Management Committee Meeting on 23 July 2021

- Presentation from Rhoda Copeland re possible Facebook Group for GSQ, as opposed to/ in addition to Facebook Page;
- An Honorary Life Member Board to be constructed;
- GSQ to cease using HIKE from 23 August 2021 – all Research Assistants to receive individual advice;
- Bequest Form to be developed;
- Arrangements for Open Day on 28 August discussed;
- New Urn to be purchased for GSQ.

The Treasurer has issued the following Financial Year to Date information. This is the 31st May, 2021 position.

#### June 2021 Year to Date:

Revenue	\$ 109,410
Expenditure	\$ 74,529
Current Assets	\$ 87,761
Fixed Assets	\$232,680
Total Assets	\$320,441
Liabilities	\$ 20,256

### Genealogical Society of Queensland Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Date and Time: 10.00am on Saturday 25 September, 2021

Place: 25 Stackpole Street, Wishart

Nominations are hereby called for the positions of:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Up to 7 Management Committee members

Nomination Forms are available from Secretary Claire Rodwell ([secretary@gsq.org.au](mailto:secretary@gsq.org.au)). Completed Nomination Forms, signed by both the Candidate and the member nominating him/her, are to reach Secretary, Claire Rodwell, **no later than 2.00pm on Friday, 10 September 2021.**

A list of the Candidate's names with Nominators will be on display at GSQ and on the Website after Friday, 10 September, 2021.

In accordance with GSQ's current Constitution, Proxy Votes will be available for those unable to attend the meeting in person. All Proxies must be handed to the Secretary prior to the commencement of the meeting at 10.00am.

Claire Rodwell  
Secretary, GSQ Inc

## OPEN DAY

An Open Day is planned, as part of Family History Month, on **Saturday 28 August – 10.00am – 2.00pm**. Mark the day on your calendar, but, most of all tell your family and friends about it. Some of our Research Assistants will be there to help out and our SIGS have been invited to set up displays. As for the April Open Day, we are still required to maintain social distancing, so the only activity inside the building will be research. The SIGs will be set up in the carpark under marquees. We'll have a Sausage Sizzle and Tea and Coffee with light refreshments will be available. A Raffle with a variety of prizes, including Wine, DNA Kit, Teaset and a Family History Record Book, has been organised, and there will be a Lucky Door Prize. Raffle Tickets, priced at \$2.00 each, will be available for sale at GSQ, both prior to the event and on the day, and also through our website, for those unable to participate in Open Day. Come along and join in this celebration of Family History month!

Kim Davis Volunteer Coordinator, [volunteer@gsq.org.au](mailto:volunteer@gsq.org.au)



We're very excited to be holding our first-ever Refer-A-Friend Membership Drive.

And what's even more exciting is that we have new members joining GSQ through the program already!

So please, if you have family, friends, neighbours (or anyone else you can think of) who might like to join GSQ, please have a chat to them about our wonderful Society and send them this link: <https://tinyurl.com/x8cr2tcs> to the brochure.

The goal is for every member to refer a friend to GSQ by 15th September 2021.

The success of this program is up to YOU!

And when one of your contacts joins GSQ, you get special, exclusive access to the resource centre and go into the draw to win a great prize.



### **Access to John Grenham's Irish Ancestors**

GSQ now has access to Irish Ancestors via MyGSQ and the Subscription Sites - available to use from home!

Subscription courtesy of the GSQ Monday & Thursday Zoom Group.

### **Admin Assistants Needed:**

Have you been considering helping out at GSQ? This might be the opportunity you're looking for!!

On Fridays and Saturdays, it is often difficult to find 2 Research Assistants able to be listed on the Roster. A decision has been made that we could have 1 Research Assistant and an Admin Assistant on these days, although there may be occasions when an Admin Assistant is the only person on the roster. What would the Admin Assistant do? You would open up the building, fill and power up the Urn, turn on the AC (if needed) and ensure that members/visitors checked in using the "CheckIn Qld" App. You would also:

- Check for phone messages and take the appropriate action;
- Answer phone calls;
- Take payments from those wishing to pay for an Event/Membership;
- Attend to any other Admin tasks.

The good thing is that you should be able to do some of your own research!

At the end of the session, you'd assist with the COVID Cleaning – this takes no more than 5 minutes to do - and assist the Research Assistant with securing the premises.

If enough people are interested in the role, it may allow the Management Committee to open GSQ on Wednesdays. So, if Fridays and/or Saturdays do not suit you, but Wednesdays do, please let us know!!

Full Training will be provided.

If this role interests you, contact Volunteer Coordinator, Kim Davis on [volunteer@gsq.org.au](mailto:volunteer@gsq.org.au) for further information.

## GSQ Notices

**Did you know that GSQ has an active & informative Facebook page?**



Are you missing our Saturday morning presentations? The solution may be in following our Facebook Page more regularly; it is a public page, so you don't even have to be logged in to view it - it's as easy as typing GSQ Facebook into Google! If you like to log in, then Save our GSQ Facebook Page to the left menu under the Groups that you have listed there, it's then just a matter of clicking on the name to see what the current news is. Remember, within Facebook itself, our full name is *Genealogical Society of Queensland - GSQ*.

The GSQ Facebook Co-ordinators are now able to post Events and within that notice there is a 'Find Tickets' link which takes you direct to the Event booking page on GSQ's website. As well as our presentations and seminars we also have links to various genealogy and family history articles/sites as they are published. Additionally, there a Twitter account broadcasting our events regularly.

<https://www.facebook.com/Genealogical-Society-of-Queensland-GSQ-549868918395626/>



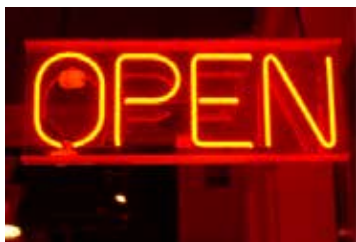
Are you following our GSQ Blogs? They are published each week on our GSQ webpage <https://gsq-blog.gsq.org.au/> and also on our GSQ Public Facebook page. You don't have to be a member or sign on to view our public Facebook page, and our bloggers always turn up with interesting and informative short stories with July being no exception.



Regular writer Sharyn Merkley started the month off with a story following the very interesting life of Victoria Alice Godwin aka Guest aka Gardner, who in 1904 is recorded as "*The noted lady motor expert, who has driven her 24 hp Daimler from Paris to St Petersburg*

*without assistance of any kind.*" The following Monday Pauline Williams slowed down the pace a little by detailing an important action for genealogists, to revisit their past research. This was followed by *Convict Love Tokens - Incriptions from the Heart* by Annalies Nutley. Are you aware of these very valuable tokens? I certainly wasn't so was intrigued to read that blog.

Last story for the month was by Jennifer Harrison of an 1839 tragic event in Ireland when the country was battered by a brutal and destructive storm, remembered by the Irish as the '*Night of the Big Wind*'. Many among us have ancestors who were living in Ireland at that time, so it's important to read about this detailed account of the event wreaking havoc on the entire island with many death, many lost homes, fires, forests destroyed and wrecked ships.



### Opening Hours at GSQ

GSQ is open for research on the following days and for the times listed. At this stage we're required to adhere to COVID 19 Guidelines, so the number of people able to attend is still limited.

At the moment there are only 11 computers available but you may bring your own laptop/iPad and log into GSQ's WiFi and access the databses.

Please book your spot with Secretary, Claire Rodwell by emailing [secretary@gsq.org.au](mailto:secretary@gsq.org.au).

Tuesday	10.00am – 2.00pm
Thursday	10.00am – 2.00pm
Friday	10.00am – 2.00pm
Saturday	12.00pm – 4.00pm





## Webinars



### Family History Down Under ONLINE

On demand webinars available now:

- *Googling your ancestors with Helen Smith* - AU\$19. Learn how to use the power of Google to enhance your research and seek out the story of your ancestors.
- *Writing intriguing family histories with Carol Baxter* - AU\$39. Learn how to turn your family history research into an exciting narrative that keeps your readers hooked.
- *Video magic with Susie Zada* - FREE. How to produce a promotional video using PowerPoint for your society, organisation - or a hundred other uses.
- *Deciphering & Digitising Old Photos with Maureen Taylor* - AU\$39. Learn how to organise, decipher, and preserve your old photos without being overwhelmed.
- *Finding the Irish with Fiona Fitzsimons & Brian Donovan* - AU\$49. Learn how to find Irish women, as well as the poor, and clues surrounding death to further your Irish family history.

For more information: go to <https://www.fhdu.online/>

### Legacy Family Tree Webinars

#### FREE Family History Webinars from Legacy Family Tree

**What is the cost:** There is no charge to register and view the live webinar. **However**, 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. 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 August offerings:

- August 4 - *Burying the Body in England* by Helen V Smith **12:00pm AEST**
- August 10 - *New tools for DNA Matches research* by MyHeritage Webinars, Ran Snir
- August 17 - *Standards for Genealogical Documentation* by Tom Jones, PhD, CG
- August 18 - *Using Zotero to Organize and Annotate Your Family History Research* by Colleen Robledo Greene, MLIS
- August 24 - *The New Family Tree and Relationship Diagram* by MyHeritage Webinars, Uri Gonen

The Legacy Webinar website with more information is available [HERE](#).

### GSQ in your local BCC library

GSQ presents topics at your local Brisbane City Council Libraries These presentations are free but you need to book at the library. The Council pays GSQ a fee for presentations so tell you friends about them as Council monitors the popularity of the presentations and decides how many will be offered. Talks are free but booking is essential.

Library	Topic	When	Time	Booking
Mitchelton	<i>Choosing a family tree program</i>	Saturday August 28	1pm to 3pm	3403 7410
Nundah	<i>Australian Military Records</i>	Saturday September 18	10am to 12 noon	3407 8701
Holland Park	<i>Queensland Family History online</i>	Tuesday October 12	10:30am to 12:30pm	3403 7755
Banyo	<i>Introduction to Family History</i>	Saturday November 27	10:30am to 12:30pm	3403 2201

***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 groups. Some groups are conducting virtual meetings through the use of the Zoom platform.***

## Family Tree Maker Users' Group

The next meeting of the FTM User Group will be on **Sunday 12 September 2021** at 10.30 am. The library will be open from approximately 9.00 am. The FTM user Group meeting is subject to no Coronavirus changes.

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 introduce FTM to new users and explore any changes in the 2019 version. We will also review the various Facebook sites available that can offer help to FTM users and look at the FTM 2019 Companion Guide available in the drop-down menu under the Help section.

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.

Les McFadzen [Convenor] [ftmgroup@gsq.org.au](mailto:ftmgroup@gsq.org.au)  
Family Tree Maker User Group

## Writing Group

The next meeting of the Writing Group is scheduled for **Sunday 15 August**. This will again be via Zoom from 10am to 12 noon. Janice Cooper, co-convenor of the Group, will lead the discussion and details of the program will be circulated to members via email. We look forward to seeing as many members as are able to attend.

For further information about the Group and to be added to the email list, please contact the Convenor, Pauline, at [pstirland@hotmail.com](mailto:pstirland@hotmail.com)

## English/Irish Interest Group

Top of the morning Irish/English Group our August meeting is NEXT WEEK the 1st of August, so put it in the calendar. That's right the day after the 31st July which is not far away. Feel welcome to come and join us, the more the merrier. RSVP to Lorraine Adey at [ladey200@gmail.com](mailto:ladey200@gmail.com) or just roll in. Please bring a visitor along!

We will continue looking at our Irish ancestors, name origins and the influence of English rule up to World War 1. Then in our October shindy we will develop on the Irish dilemma and the impact on your ancestors. Please bring along your questions and any tree dilemmas needing addressed and we will put it to the group!

Meetings for 2021 will be on:

<b>Sunday 1 August</b>	<b>2021</b>
Sunday 3 October	2021
Sunday 5 December	2021

The GSQ Research Centre will open at 9.30am and the meeting will start at 10.30am. Following the meeting the library will remain open until 2 o'clock for individual research. Bring a mug (tea 50cents) and a gold coin contribution to cover costs.

Visitors are most welcome to attend.

## Legacy Users' Group

Bob Thompson will act as interim coordinator but long term we are still looking for a coordinator for this group.

The next meeting of the group is **Sunday 12 September** from 1:00pm to 2:30pm.

We are looking for a new coordinator who will:

1. email the group members to remind them of the meeting
2. open and close GSQ for the meeting every 2 months
3. lead the discussion about Legacy. This is a self help group so you do not have to have expertise in using Legacy but it will help if you are actively using Legacy.

If you are interested or need further information please contact GSQ on [info@hsq.org.au](mailto:info@hsq.org.au)

## SIG Notices

## Convict Connections Group

We were saddened to hear of the passing of one of our original members, Jan Godfrey, who served as our treasurer for many years. Our condolences have been forwarded to her family.

Our **August meeting on 8 August** will be in the form of an excursion to the Queensland State Library. We will be meeting at the coffee shop/book shop opposite the entrance at 10am.

The two latest Norfolk Island publications by Cathy Dunn have been ordered and should be on the GSQ bookshelves shortly.

## German Interest Group

At our next meeting on the 26th September 2021 we will have our usual brief meeting and also be investigating the donation of papers made to the society in relation to J C Heussler. There also will be time to answer any questions re your research

Lesley Roebig, Convenor  
The German Group

## Monday Morning Natters

Monday Morning Natters **August 2** we will have a Zoom Meeting 10am to 12noon

**Topic for August: Let's see what genealogy blogs we can find. Has someone written about your family?**

Ailsa and Helen have kindly offered to run the Zoom while Judy is having a little holiday.

## DNA Interest Group

As our Convenor, Helen Smith was working during our DNA SIG held on Sunday 18 July, arrangements were made with Michelle Patient to take over the role, which was done admirably. We had 32 attending and again we welcomed a QFHS member who can now attend two of our SIG meetings without joining GSQ. Initially Michelle did the DNA Update news then followed with a detailed Q&A session involving screen sharing to demonstrate the answers with the many members asking questions about lots of different issues within the DNA websites or matches.

Our next SIG meeting will be on **Sunday 22 August at 9:30am via Zoom** and this meeting will include our popular Mentoring Breakout rooms. If you're not on our mailing list and would like to attend this meeting please email [dna@gsq.org.au](mailto:dna@gsq.org.au) and request the invitation link which usually goes out a few days before the meeting.

Finally, during the announcements Bobbie Edes announced that she will be stepping down from her position as DNA SIG Secretary at the end of this year and called for someone to step up and volunteer for the role or even part of the role (Guidelines available). This position is vital to assist Helen in her mammoth job of keeping the DNA SIG going despite her increased workload for Q'ld Health. Contact Bobbie at [dna@gsq.org.au](mailto:dna@gsq.org.au)

## Military Group

The next meeting of the Military Interest Group will take place on **Saturday 25 September 2021** at 10.30 am. The library will be open from approximately 9.00 am. The Military Interest Group meeting is subject to no Coronavirus changes.

A projector & screen will be in use for AWM, NAA, DVA & CWGC research.

The Military Interest Group is a networking group that can help members discover information about military records. The group is interested in all conflicts in all eras. It does not matter if it is Army, Navy or Air Force. If you have a military ancestor and you have some questions regarding the conflict or units they may have served in or questions about the person themselves, come along and ask your question of like-minded researchers.

Les McFadzen [Convenor Military Interest Group] contact Les on [militarygroup@gsq.org.au](mailto:militarygroup@gsq.org.au)



## SIG Notices

### Scandinavian Interest Group

Our next meeting is **Sunday 19 September** at GSQ, but I have some news for you.

If you would not like to receive any more emails of interest for Scandinavian Group of GSQ, please reply with the title "*Unsubscribe Scandinavian Group*". Steinar can be contacted on [scangroup@gsq.org.au](mailto:scangroup@gsq.org.au)

This could be of interest for you - the Scandinavian Film Festival will be screening from 15 July to 4 August at Palace Barracks and Palace James Street and tickets are now on sale.

Program and information - [https://scandinavianfilmfestival.com/?\\_m utk=4deda880bf1a190ed20ce655438b2d2a](https://scandinavianfilmfestival.com/?_m utk=4deda880bf1a190ed20ce655438b2d2a)

### Scottish Interest Group

The next meeting will be on **Sunday 5 September** at GSQ..

The schedule for our talks this year was decided at the meeting, and it is as follows:

- **5 September Orkney (Russell Fraser)**
- 7 November Argyll (Ian Miller)

Thanks to those members who have generously agreed to speak at our meetings this year.

Meetings start at 10:00 am, with the centre open by 9:30 am. All members are welcome, and the centre remains open after the meeting for research. We follow the GSQ COVID-Safe Plan to ensure everyone's safety at our meetings.

Contact Alistair Henderson at [scotgroup@gsq.org.au](mailto:scotgroup@gsq.org.au)



### Looking for new premises for GSQ Property Specifications

- **Area** – Options ranging from 200 sqm to 250 sqm
- **Building Grade** – A, B or C to meet current DDA / Accessible Requirements
- **Use** – Office
- **Locations** – CBD and immediate fringe within 12km GPO (south of the river)
- **Lease Commencement** – Q4 2021
- **Term** - 5 years + 5 years      Option - 3 X 3 years
- **Configuration** – Preference is for fitted options, however fully refurbished options will be considered.

The fit out should comprise of the following:

- Open area suitable for subdividing
  - Kitchen area,
  - Exclusive toilet area (disability facilities preferred)
- **Car parking** – Please provide details on the number of allocated spaces
  - **Public Transport** – Close proximity / walking distance to buses / train station and cafes / local amenities.

Should members find suitable premises please get in touch with the President, Helen Veivers on [president@gsq.org.au](mailto:president@gsq.org.au)



Our next *GSQ DNA Clinic* is being held on the **Wednesday evening 25 August via Zoom or GoToWebinar**. If you are a GSQ member and would like to discuss a DNA problem with one of our Team on this evening, then please email details of the problem to [dna@gsq.org.au](mailto:dna@gsq.org.au) by the Wednesday before (ie 18 August) and Bobbie will allocate an appropriate team member. This person will contact you direct, to advise of the time between 7 - 8:30pm that is convenient to both of you.



## GSQ ZOOM Meetings

**Research Support and Chat for GSQ Members Only****Put it in your Diaries****Monday 11am - 1pm – Weekly except 1st Monday****Thursday 11am - 1pm Weekly**

There are now two ZOOM Meetings a week, - Monday (except the 1st Monday of the month) and Thursday both at 11am – 1pm  
They are hosted by Ailsa Corlett and Helen Connor.

Many GSQ members are joining in when they can and enjoying the chats about their ancestors, resources available, and ideas gathered from everyone on just how to move forward to break down those brick walls.

Not all meetings are based on this format, as at times we also have some specific topics that we cover, eg. *Using Trove, the BDM records, Archives, Ancestry and FindMyPast etc etc.*

We all like it when everyone can share their screen to show off that special photo, or ideas on how they do something within a program. This way everyone learns or sees that special photo.

We all gained so much last year in not only knowledge and information about where to go and what to do on various web sites, but we also made many friends whom we had not known previously. So, it was decided that regardless of what was happening with Covid19, we were going to continue the Zoom meetings this year as well. Check the Events Calendar, every Monday (except the 1st Monday of the month) and Thursday at 11am.

Everyone is welcome to join in, but you must send your name and email to Ailsa Corlett, so that we can then send you the link to join in. Email: [mtzoom@gsq.org.au](mailto:mtzoom@gsq.org.au)

**Research Support and Chat for GSQ Members Only****Put it in your Diaries****1st & 3rd Wednesdays of each month starting at 11am**

Anyone who wishes to join the Wednesday morning Zoom sessions can email Bobbie Edes, the Convenor on [wedmornzoom@gsq.org.au](mailto:wedmornzoom@gsq.org.au) to ask for the invite. We're a small friendly group which gives all the opportunity to learn more about genealogy in general and ways of researching. On the 3rd Wednesday we go to breakout rooms to help another member with their brick wall problem. Everyone then has a chance in helping to solve the puzzle within a smaller group.

During the meeting on 7 July the topic was Newspapers and members were asked to send their most unusual or helpful article/s to the convenor, who combined them all into a PowerPoint. A short tutorial began the presentation and then one by one the members spoke about their image showing on the PowerPoint. This process allowed others to realise the depth of information available through newspapers. At our last Brick Wall meeting we tackled Catherine's mystery Dorset man.

**Wednesday Nights at GSQ via Zoom****7 - 9 pm - 2nd & 4th Wednesday**

Second Wednesday of the month night Zoom is **11 August** Get your friends to come along. **Remember that the 2nd Wednesday nights a month are free for all to join as long as you apply to get the link.** Just send an email to [wedpmzoom@gsq.org.au](mailto:wedpmzoom@gsq.org.au) before the day so you can be sent the link. We have discussions about family history related topics and you can ask for help with your family history problems.

The **4th Wednesday** of the month @ 7pm is when Ailsa Corlett hosts a Zoom meeting introducing a Guest Speaker talking on specific topics. There is no 4th Wednesday night meeting in August as there is a DNA Clinic on that night.

These meetings are open to anyone to join in, email Ailsa at [wedpmzoom@gsq.org.au](mailto:wedpmzoom@gsq.org.au) to obtain the link.

## Upcoming GSQ Education Events



### **Gold Seekers on the Victorian Goldfields**

**August 7 @ 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM**

**Virtually via ZOOM**

**Presenter: Dr Dorothy Wickham**

*Part One* discusses what life was like. *Part Two* will pursue some of the different characters, including freemasons, goldfields women from very early diggings life to those feisty femmes who were at Eureka in 1854, and other folk who settled and made good. [BOOK HERE](#)



### **DNA Case Study**

**August 14 @ 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM**

**Virtually via ZOOM**

**Presenter: Helen V. Smith**

Join Helen as she explores the DNA match of a person. She will take the DNA results and follow a possible journey.

[BOOK HERE](#)



### **Researching Scottish Ancestors on the Internet**

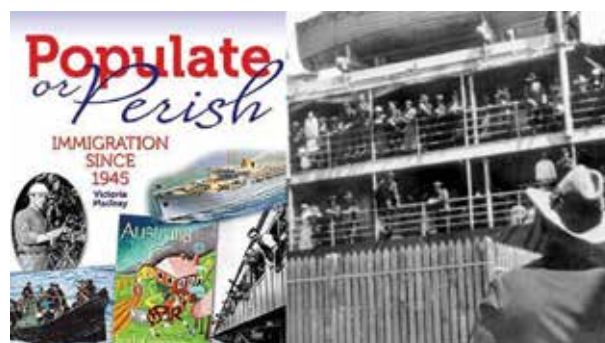
**August 21 @ 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM**

**Virtually via ZOOM**

**Presenter: Ailsa Corlett**

Scotland is a wonderful country in which to do research. Not only do we all have access to Scotlandspeople (National Records of Scotland), in which we can search for FREE and then purchase for a small number of credits the BDM's, but it is increasing our access to the Kirk Sessions, Maps, Census, Valuation Rolls, Legal records as well as many of the non-conformist records. The National Library of Scotland is I would say about the best in the world for the maps, not just of Scotland either, but they also have a large collection of Digital Gallery places. The National Library of Scotland allows anyone from around the world to register to search their Digital resources, Catalogues, etc, again all for FREE.

[BOOK HERE](#)



### **Populate or perish: 20th century**

**Immigration to Australia**

**September 11 @ 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM**

**Virtually via ZOOM**

**Presenter: Pauline Williams**

To increase the number of workers available for defence and development, Prime Minister Joseph Chifley approved an urgent recruitment campaign in Europe after WW2 to attract migrants. The slogan 'populate or perish' was used to help the Australian population accept a large and more diverse intake of migrants. However, the Australian population had already been steadily increasing since the early years of the 20th century. This talk presents a broad overview of 20th-century immigration up to the late 1960s, highlighting some of the migration schemes, the source of migrants, their probable destination in Australia, and suggests where records may be located. [BOOK HERE](#)

## Family History News

### The Top British Genealogy Websites

Researching your British ancestors has its challenges, but thanks to helpful new websites and other online resources, discovering your family history in England and Wales has never been easier.

Digitised church records, censuses and wills are going online all the time. These days, you can order a birth or death certificate online and download it instead of waiting for it to come in the mail. Now that newspapers dating back to the 1600s are online, you can search for a name and find it anywhere in millions of pages, instantly. You even can pinpoint your ancestor's farm on a historical map and perhaps find a detailed description of the farmhouse.

#### British Research on Genealogy Megasites

These large genealogy sites have extensive collections of English and Welsh records, including civil registration indexes, census records and church records. If you don't subscribe, you have a great option for access: **GSQ subscribes to library editions of Ancestry, Findmypast & TheGenealogist.**

Ancestry \$	FamilyRelatives.com \$
FamilySearch - free	Findmypast \$
TheGenealogist \$	Genes Reunited \$ -
MyHeritage \$	

#### Libraries and Archives

National libraries and archives for England and Wales have published key historical record collections online. Their catalogs can also help you locate digitised or offline books and manuscripts.

The National Library of Wales - <https://www.library.wales/>

The UK National Archives - <https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/>

#### Birth, Marriage and Death Records

Churches were the first organizations in Britain to record births, marriages and deaths. In 1538, Henry VIII issued an order to every parish priest in England and Wales to start keeping records of christenings, marriages and burials. The government began recording vital events later, when civil registration began in 1837.

DustyDocs - <http://dustydocs.com/>

FreeBMD - <https://www.freebmd.org.uk/>

FreeReg (Parish Registers) - <https://www.freereg.org.uk/>

General Register Office - <https://www.gov.uk/general-register-office>

The Joiner Marriage Index \$ - <http://joinermarriageindex.co.uk/>

#### Genealogy Guides

These free online guides to genealogy in England and Wales can help you become more familiar with the records and repositories of the British Isles.

Discovering English Ancestors - <http://englishancestors.byu.edu/>

FamilySearch Research Wiki - [https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Main\\_Page](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Main_Page)

#### Court and Probate Records

Probate records pertain to the distribution of a person's estate after death. These records may reveal heirs, their relationships and places of residence, an inventory of the estate and the deceased's date of death. Men who had property often left wills; administrations settle the estates of people who died without leaving a will.

Gov.uk: Find a Will (aft. 1996) - <https://probatesearch.service.gov.uk/#wills>

Old Bailey Online - <https://www.oldbaileyonline.org/>

#### Maps and Historical Buildings

Online maps can help you locate a parish and identify neighboring parishes where you might find family connections. Keep in mind that most records in England and Wales are organized according to historical (i.e., pre-1974) county boundaries.

Historic England - <https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/>

England & Wales Jurisdictions 1851 - [https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/England\\_Jurisdictions\\_1851](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/England_Jurisdictions_1851)

Ordnance Survey - <https://www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/>

Streetmap - <http://www.streetmap.co.uk/>

#### Genealogical Societies

The family history society covering your ancestors' counties may have created record indexes and transcriptions that could save you a lot of time. Search for a county society at some of the sites below. Also, refer to these sites for local help finding records or hiring an expert to do onsite research for you.

Association of Family History Societies of Wales - <http://www.fhswales.org.uk/>

Federation of Family History Societies - <https://www.familyhistoryfederation.com/>

#### Other Records

FreeCen: UK Census Online - <https://www.freecen.org.uk/>

British Newspaper Archive - included in Findmypast (at GSQ)

GENUKI - <https://www.genuki.org.uk/>

The Gazette - Search all three editions of The Gazette, the official government newspaper published in London, Edinburgh and Belfast. - <https://www.thegazette.co.uk/>



Professional Historians Association (Queensland) is hosting the national conference of Professional Historians Australia in 2021

***History Transmitted: Connect – Consider – Challenge  
Brisbane, Commissariat Store  
Saturday 18 – Sunday 19 September, 2021***

This year's conference features a diverse range of speakers, with a keynote by Professor Melanie Nolan, Director of the National Centre of Biography at the Australian National University and General Editor of the Australian Dictionary of Biography (ADB).

Details of the conference program and registration are available at <https://qldhistorians.org.au/2021-conference/>

### ***Scanning Tips for Genealogists***

As a millennial, my first instinct when I need to scan something is to use my smartphone's camera, or one of several mobile apps for scanning. But these simple solutions don't usually offer the same level of control and quality as a more traditional flatbed scanner. Scanners have so many different applications for genealogists, from preserving and protecting fragile items to making documents searchable.

Here are a few of our favorite tips to help you make the most out of your scanner:

***Pick a scanning start date.***

Instead of scanning every piece of your research starting at the beginning, scan your most valuable items first (things that are irreplaceable, that you can't order more copies of, etc.) and then start scanning everything from that day forward. You can always go back and digitize old documents later.

***Decide on a file-naming system and an organizational system before you begin.***

Avoid the problem of scanning everything, then having to go back and spend hours naming and organizing your files. Instead, decide on a file-naming system and an organizational system before you begin. Then, rename and file as you go.

***Create both TIFFs and JPGs for images.***

TIFF is a file format that is "lossless" meaning that you don't lose quality as you edit and re-save them. They are designed for storage as well as high-quality photo prints, and they are much larger than JPGs. Use TIFFs as your "master scan" and then use a JPG for sharing and family history projects.

***Combine related scans into a PDF.***

If you're scanning multiple pages or images that go together, like a family Bible or a photo album, create a PDF to group these together. Mac computers come with some PDF editing capabilities built-in. For Windows computers, look for a PDF editing program such as Adobe Acrobat or PDF-XChange Editor.



Finding Family in England and Wales Records  
Saturday 23 October 2021  
12:30PM — 6:30PM AEST  
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### Program

**The below program is subject to amendments with session times all in AEST**

12:30pm – 12:45pm	Introduction to the day and the Society's English & Welsh holdings
12:45pm – 1:30pm	Keynote Speaker – <i>Making Sense of the England &amp; Wales Census (pre-recorded)</i> Paul Milner
1:30pm - 1:45pm	BREAK
1:45pm - 2:30pm	<i>England &amp; Wales 101: an introduction to English &amp; Welsh research</i> - Cathie Sherwood
2:30pm - 3:15pm	<i>Blessings and Curses of Tracing Welsh Ancestry (pre-recorded)</i> – Darris G. Williams, FamilySearch
3:15pm - 3:30pm	BREAK
3:30pm - 4:00pm	<i>Treasures hiding in FindMyPast Records</i> – Myko Clelland, FindMyPast
4:00pm – 4:30pm	<i>Mapping your Ancestors</i> – Mark Bayley, TheGenealogist T
4:30pm - 4:45pm	BREAK - Drawing of the raffle
4:45pm – 5:30pm	<i>The People, the Places, the Life Behind Doors: the world of the workhouse</i> - Kirsty Gray
5:30pm – 6:30pm	<i>English &amp; Welsh research panel: live Q &amp; A</i> Host: Judy Lofthouse, GSQ Education Committee Closing Address: GSQ President



**Early-bird pricing until 30 September 2021:**

Members: \$50.00

Non-members: \$65.00

**After 30 September 2021:**

Members: \$60.00

Non-members: \$75.00

Details of the conference program and registration are available at

<https://www.gsq.org.au/event/finding-family-in-england-wales-records/>



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