



Welcome to April eNews

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

There's a Certain Feeling of Freedom emanating from 25 Stackpole Street in recent weeks. Here's hoping that we don't have to implement restrictions again in the foreseeable future!! If you haven't yet ventured into our Resource Centre, why don't you pack up some Lunch and "make a day of it"!

During the month I received a letter of resignation from Ailsa Corlett from the position of TAG Coordinator, as from 11 April 2022. Ailsa's resignation will leave a huge hole in GSQ's IT expertise – elsewhere in this edition of eNews there's an item detailing the requirements of the position Ailsa has occupied for the past three years, with a request that another GSQ member "puts up their hand" to take on the job. Ailsa has indicated her willingness to assist the person who takes on the TAG role. On behalf of all GSQ members I would like to thank you, Ailsa, for your dedication and for the sheer number of tasks you've accomplished during your time in the role. Ailsa has indicated that she's going to continue wearing

the "other hats" she dons – co website coordinator and co leader of Monday Zoom meetings and Wednesday Night at GSQ ZOOM meetings and presentations. How did she ever fit TAG into her life!!

A Grant Application has been lodged with the Gambling Community Benefit Fund for funds to purchase a new Scan Pro and associated Computer and Monitor. GSQ's current ScanPro is quite slow and cumbersome to operate. Should we be successful with the Grant Application, the new Scan Pro 3500 will enable digitising of microform materials at a very rapid rate, so speeding up and improving our digitisation program. Elsewhere in this edition of eNews Volunteer Coordinator, Kim Davis, has outlined her role and a plea for more volunteers for the digitising program.

A number of key dates were discussed at the March Management Committee meeting. A Volunteer's Morning Tea is to be organised for 9.30am for 10.00am on Saturday, 21 May

during National Volunteers' Week. At this function the winner of the inaugural Margaret Coleman Volunteering Award will be announced and presented.

Mark this on your calendar! Other dates determined were Saturday, 27 August for Open Day and Saturday 15 October for GSQ's AGM.

Helen Veivers
President



English/Irish SIG Convenor

The English/Irish Special Interest Group is on need of a convenor. Many thanks go to Lorraine Adey for volunteering in the role, unfortunately Lorraine has had to resign from the position due to health concerns. The group meets on the first Sunday of the even months, i.e. six times a year. For further information please contact Helen Connor on events@gsq.org.au

EXCITING NEW BOOKS AVAILABLE

GSQ has sourced a wide range of genealogy books from the Australian distributor. See the current range in the GSQ shop under Peribo Books. These can be ordered through GSQ, the orders are submitted at the end of each month.



Volunteering at GSQ

Like all 'special interest' groups (think photography clubs, bushwalking clubs, car enthusiasts and so on) GSQ depends on volunteers to continue to exist and thrive. Your President and the Management Committee are all volunteers. As are the people who open the Resource Centre (currently four days a week) to enable members to use the facilities on offer in the building. The person who edits and puts together the eNEWS you are reading now is also a volunteer, not to

mention the people on the Editorial Committee who prepare the quarterly Generation magazine. Then there is the person who is responsible for getting these two documents (and other missives) into your in-box.

I won't name all the volunteer roles that exist in GSQ, but I will reinforce that all these people are volunteers, giving their time freely to enable GSQ to function for the benefit of its members. In an organization like GSQ, we can't have too many volunteers. If you put your hand up, we will find a volunteer role that suits your skill sets (maybe from your occupation – present or past) and interests. On the GSQ website, under Volunteer on the home page you will find a link which takes you to a document listing the types of volunteer roles we have.

Now, we do have a need for volunteers in a few particular areas that I would like to tell you about. Not in any order as they are all important.

GSQ has record sets we are looking at transcribing and or digitising, so we are looking for more volunteers to help with this. The end game for doing this is to get them on the likes of MyHeritage and FindMyPast to generate income for GSQ and also to get them on GSQ's website so as members can access them. This sort of activity can be done at home or at

GSQ (or both places!) Project workers are the backroom heroes whose work in this area help build those databases GSQ's reputation has been built on.

We want to return to the pre-Covid days of having GSQ reopen on Wednesdays. To do this we need more Research Assistants and Admin Assistants. It doesn't have to be every Wednesday – it could be just one Wednesday a month (or another day if that suits your

routine better). Full training would be provided, and a side benefit probably is that you would be able to work on some of your research as well assisting members with their research. But most importantly you would be enabling GSQ to have the Resource Centre open to your fellow members.

Last, but not least, we are looking for people who have IT skills to join and be part of a technical team. If you have web site expertise, we are looking for you too.

I will finish on this note, the saying goes: 'Many hands make light work'. If you can spare only an hour or two a week, we are looking for you as well as those people who can spare a day or more a week. If you would like to discuss any of the above roles (or any other that appeals to you) please contact the Volunteer Co Ordinator (Kim Davis) at volunteer@gsq.org.au

COMMITTEE SNIPPETS

Points from March Management Committee:

1. Ailsa Corlett's resignation as TAG Coordinator discussed. All Management Committee members expressed thanks to Ailsa for her huge contributions to GSQ in this role;
2. Presentation of proposed new website to Management Committee members made. All Management Committee members to provide feedback by next meeting on 11 April;
3. Decision made to sign the offered month by month Lease with 6 months notice for Stackpole Street premises;
4. More volunteers needed for Indexing – contact Volunteer Coordinator (volunteer@gsq.org.au), Kim Davis, if willing and able to assist;
5. Honorary Members' Board to be unveiled during Morning Tea organised for presentation of Margaret Coleman Volunteer Award.

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Joan Reese Memorial Short Story Competition

The topic for the 2022 competition is "A journey". Write a family story which focuses on a journey. Who took the journey and what was the motivation: migration, asylum, relocation, something else? What was the experience like? What was the significance of this journey to your family? **Closing date for entries is 16 May 2022.** Full details can be found on the [GSQ website](#).

Technical Advisory IT Group (TAGIT)

By the time you get to read this, the new Multifunction Device (printer) will be installed at GSQ. This new HP printer comes to us with some powerful software to help with our statistics regarding the amount of printing is being done.

The major advantage is that any member will now be able to choose what they print. A4 or A3 black and white, or A4 or A3 colour. No more waiting until Claire is available at GSQ in order to do this.

It works this way: you will purchase credits to use – just like what you do on ScotlandsPeople and several other pay as you use sites, e.g., \$5 is credited to you against your membership number.

As you print, a pop-up box will occur in which you need to put in your membership number, choose the type of

print you want to do and if just an A4 B&W then 20c will be deducted from your \$5 credit leaving you \$4.80. This applies to any of the versions of printing you want to do. All the prices have been put into the database, so no calculating for yourself or the Research Assistants on how much you need to pay for your printing. Also, one of the best things is that if you choose to print double sided B&W A4, these is still only 20c a copy.

There will be updates added to the little orange booklets very soon. Please be patient with the Research Assistants as they will be getting used to the new system as well.

Just a reminder to please remember to turn off the monitors at GSQ when finished with the computer, as it not only saves power, but also extends the life of the monitor itself.



Mini - Seminar Sharing Family History: telling, writing

June 5 @ 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM AEST
Multiple Presenters
Virtual via ZOOM

Early bird: Members \$28 Non-members \$35
Early-bird price ends 20 May 2022.

Sharing your stories with more images and fewer words, interviewing family members or seeking more techniques for planning your writing. Join us to hear about these and other ideas about passing on your family history to a wider audience, young and old.

[More information & to book](#)

Some Changes to Information published in March 2022 Edition of Generation

Inadvertently, some incorrect information, concerning Opening Times and Dates for our Resource Centre was published in the March, 2022 edition of "Generation". Details follow:

Page 2 - Opening Hours for Resource Centre at 25 Stackpole Street, Wishart:

Current hours are 10.00am – 2.00pm on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and 12.00pm- 4.00pm on Saturday. (With the easing of restrictions and, subject to the availability of Research Assistants, these hours may revert to Pre Covid times in the near future.)

Currently, the Resource Centre is not open on Wednesdays. It may be open on Wednesdays in the near future, subject to the availability of Research Assistants. A "call" for Wednesday volunteers appears elsewhere in this edition of eNews.

2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the Month 6.00pm – 9.00pm: should read the Resource Centre at Wishart is not open on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. Zoom meetings have replaced these Opening Times.

Page 21 – Wednesday Night at GSQ: This heading and the information following it are incorrect and misleading. **Our premises at Wishart are not open on Wednesday evenings.** In place of the Night Openings Zoom Meetings have been organised with queries being answered by the leaders of the Zoom meeting and a Guest Speaker organised for the 4th Wednesday each month.

TAG Maintenance Person

The current TAG maintenance person, Ailsa Corlett, due to health and family commitments, is unable to continue in this role.

Therefore, we are looking for someone with technical knowledge and experience who can take over. .

Some of the tasks performed by the Maintenance person for TAG (Technical Advisory Group) are:

- Keeping all the GSQ computers and equipment in running order for members to use;
- Going into GSQ once a month and running all the updates on all the computers so that they remain up to date;
- Installing any new CDs (majority in pdf format) onto the NAS so that the information can be accessed by members via the CD Resources Icon on the Start Menu;
- Assessing CDs that have been donated to GSQ with the Acquisition Officer to see if worthwhile having on the computers, - we might already have it;
- Understanding where a lost icon from the desktop might have gone to and reinstalling it or recovering it from the rubbish bin. (Recently the Start menu which opens the GSQ programs became corrupted. This required the file to be replaced on the NAS);
- Helping the Research Assistants over the phone or while you are at GSQ to know how to install one of the old CDs if a member requires to use it, or some of the best sites to use and access on the internet;
- Understanding what the actual problem is when Internet issues

occur. This could be – you can do nothing as Telstra's Internet is down; to talking the Research Assistants through step-by-step instructions on rebooting the Modem or NAS if required. The RA's are very good, listen to you and follow information very well while



reading the help sheets which are there, (Internet issues can occur if Telstra has problems or if we have had a power outage, which at times does require a reboot of the equipment);

- Knowing that sometimes things like checking the plugs are in place completely, power is switched on, and that just doing a shut down and reboot of the computer can often solve many issues;
- Keeping the current ScanPro in working order. It uses Firewire which is old technology and connectivity problems can occur between the ScanPro and the computer;
- Continuing with the current cull of very old CDs that are found now on many of the sites.
- Keeping the Orange Folder updated with passwords, what to do regarding computer issues, how to use the NSW Pre Sep Birth, Death and Marriage images from FamilySearch. Anything that will

assist the member when they use the GSQ computers go into this book. Printing from the new Multifunction Device will be the next inclusion;

- Helping any of the Research Assistants often via phone when they are uncertain about sites to access for members or how the current software and programs work;
- Assisting any of the Management Committee who have computer or software issues;
- Working closely with the Webcoordinators when new sites or programs are being installed into MyGSQ so that members can access from home;
- Assisting with any training that may be required in relation to using new equipment that has arrived. Eg. The new Multifunction Device;
- Being part of the TAG IT Group which now assist with planning and looking at how GSQ can access new equipment. This is an exciting part of the role as we are developing and looking forward to where GSQ is going and helping it get there.

You need to have a good knowledge of old as well as new operating systems and know what a NAS is and how it operates. Most of all lots of patience and being able to think outside of the box will be required. The role however will give you lots of enjoyment from being able to assist a member or Research Assistant to learn more.

For more information, contact Ailsa Corlett on tag@gsq.org.au or Helen Veivers on president@gsq.org.au

Upcoming GSQ Education Events

Digitising World War II service records at the National Archives of Australia

April 2 @ 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM AEST

Presenter: Eve Terry

Cost: Members \$20 Non-members \$30

Virtual via ZOOM

The National Archives collection has over 1 million records documenting the service of Australian men and women during World War II. These include service records for the Army, the Royal Australian Air Force and the Royal Australian Navy. In 2019, the Australian Government announced funding of \$10 million to help the Archives digitise these records over a 4 year period. This seminar will provide an overview of the records and an update on the digitisation project. [BOOK HERE](#)

Discovering the Hidden Gems in the Scottish Kirk Session Records

April 30 @ 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM AEST

Presenter: Ailsa Corlett

Cost: Members \$20 Non-members \$30

Virtual via ZOOM

We all have gaps in our Scottish research about Births, Marriages and Deaths in the pre-1855 civil registration time. The Kirk Sessions registers became available online in 2021 on both Scotlandspeople and FamilySearch. Many are still missing, just like the OPR's, but many have survived and are a must for your Scottish research. This presentation will explain precisely what and how to find records in which you may never have dreamt of finding details about your ancestor. [BOOK HERE](#)

Ireland: Part 1: Irish Land Recrds (updated)

May 2 @ 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM AEST

Presenter: Bobbie Edes

Cast: Members \$20 Non-members \$30

Virtual via ZOOM

This presentation focuses on Irish land records through the years from 1740 until the 1900s, including Freeholders, Tithes, Taxes, Townlands, Griffiths Valuation, and other land records. During the talk, Bobbie will guide you through how to search all the available documents and how to use them as a census substitute of sorts. This presentation is Part One, leading to Bobbie's 'Bounding around Ireland in 2022' on 18 June 2022. [BOOK HERE](#)

Ireland: Part 2: Bounding around Ireland in 2022

June 18 @ 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM AEST

Presenter: Bobbie Edes

Cast: Members \$20 Non-members \$30

Virtual via ZOOM

This talk focuses on the multiple online Irish records available to help you in your endeavours to maybe take your Irish ancestors back a little further and why you should begin now. There are new sites coming online all the time and they will be included also. This presentation is Part Two following on from Bobbie's 'Explaining Irish Land Records' talk on 7 May 2022. [BOOK HERE](#)

Google Earth: creating a family history tour

June 25 @ 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM AEST

Presenter: Sharn White

Virtual via ZOOM

This presentation shows you how to use Google Earth Pro and its amazing tools to visualise your family history in a geographical context. Google Earth Pro has the tools that allow you to create a Visual Story that shows the places where your ancestors lived and travelled to, to add the research items you have in your collection to make a Tour and then a Movie - a visual story of an ancestor's journey. Visual storytelling is a powerful method of communication. Images have a much more immediate impact on our senses and on our emotions than text can have. [BOOK HERE](#)

GSQ has exciting education events planned for the second half of the year

There is a full-day seminar planned for Saturday 24 September, *Life in Victorian Britain*, with international speakers.

GSQ is also delivering two three-part courses in July, *Family History Fundamentals* & in September, *Digging Deeper into Family History*. These two courses are for beginners or people who want to refresh their knowledge.

So, keep looking at the GSQ website, GSQ Facebook & eNews for updates on these exciting education opportunities.

Special Interest Groups

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.

Convict Connections Group

The next meeting for Convict Connections is on Sunday 10 April at Stackpole Street. We welcome all those with an interest in convict and/or early colonial history.

Our lending library contains a good variety of resource books. A list is available at <http://www.convictconnections.org.au/main/lending-library/>.

If you cannot attend our meetings and would like to borrow books, please email convictconnections@gsq.org.au and we will make further arrangements

DNA Group

Our next meeting will be Sunday 24 April 2022 starting at 9.30 am.

The March meeting of the DNA Special Interest Group was held 20th March with 26 attending. Judy Lofthouse presented about MyHeritage DNA tools followed by a long discussion assisted by Ailsa Corlett.

The next DNA Clinic is 30th March where individuals can ask for help by emailing presentations@gsq.org.au. A person best equipped to help you will be assigned to you.

Also Greg Carlill is holding a small group session to talk about changing to his Ancestry/MyHeritage coloured dots system.

English/Irish Group

The English/ Irish Group will meet on Sunday 3 April at Stackpole Street from 10:00 AM.

Do you have ancestors from England or Ireland? This is the SIG for you! Come along to Stackpole Street on Sunday 3 April to find out more. After a brief meeting there will be time to do some research and get help from other like-minded GSQ members. Contact Helen Connor for more information about the meeting events@gsq.org.au.

German Group

The next meeting will be 29 May 2022 at GSQ at 10:00 AM.

Family History Technology Group

The next meeting of the group is on Sunday 8 May via ZOOM at 10:00 AM. We will still operate as a Zoom session as there are a few people who cannot make it to GSQ. The session will start at 10:00 and finish by 12:00 pm.

Unfortunately, the last session in March was called off. We have taken time out to review the format of the sessions. I have had feedback and included some of that feedback into the new format.

I will send out some emails over the next few weeks asking for assistance to help with the Sunday sessions, If you are not on the existing email list and wish to be, send an email to fhtech@gsq.org.au. If you have any questions or wish to ask for help please email Graeme Moulton or phone on 0400 401 875.

Military Interest Group

The next meeting of the Military Research Group will take place on Sunday 8 May 2022 at 12.30 pm. The meeting is subject to no Coronavirus changes. A projector & screen will be in use for AWM, NAA, DVA & CWGC research.

The Military Research 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.

Contact Les McFadzen military@gsq.org.au.

Monday Morning Natters

Monday Morning Natters meets on 4 April @10:00 AM – we will having a Zoom meeting again.

Continuing on with the Periodic Table of Elements and how it is linked into our family history we will be looking at nitrogen.

A very abundant element and a very necessary one for plant growth. As farmers use it in many fertilizers what would our family have used-organic or manufactured fertilizers? Did they work in fertilizer manufacturing factories? Perhaps they were divers and suffered "the bends" because of nitrogen bubbles in their blood. Think about all the uses you can think of. Maybe someone used liquid nitrogen in their job. Contact Judy on mmn@gsq.org.au

Special Interest Groups

Scandinavian Group

The Scandinavian group did not have a meeting in January, because GSQ was closed. **The next meeting is on 15 May.** At this meeting of the Scandinavian Group we will talk about the latest news from the Scandinavian archives and internet pages.

Our meetings usually start at 12:30 pm except the May meeting which is always at 2:30 pm, because it coincides with the celebration of Norway's National Day.

We have an email group for people interested in hearing about our meetings and other news of interest. Email Steinar if you would like to be in the group.
scangroup@gsq.org.au

Writing Group

The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday 17 April.

As this is Easter Sunday, and many members have other commitments, it has been decided to have a meeting via ZOOM, but this will be a general discussion forum only, with attendees invited to share their current projects and have an opportunity to raise any matters they would like to see discussed at future meetings. The meeting will commence at 10am and conclude at 11am. Details will be forwarded to those on the Writing Group email list.

The Writing Group is open to any member who is looking for support in documenting their family history. Contact Pauline at writing@gsq.org.au or pstirland@hotmail.com for more information and to be added to the mailing list.

Scottish Group

With the pandemic starting to ramp up at the beginning of the year, we had a rather small Hogmanay meeting on 2 January, and we toasted in the New Year appropriately. We did decide on our program of talks for this year, which will be as follows:

1 May: Dumfriesshire County Records
3 July: Angus County Records
4 September: Guest Speaker (topic to be advised)
6 November: Tricks for Using Scotland's People

We are a member of the Scottish Association of Family History Societies (SAFHS), and they will be holding their online conference on **9 April** this year. The event will again be open to our Scottish Group members, with details to follow. For registration and details, check the web site www.safhs.org.uk.

To contact Alistair, email him on scotgroup@gsq.org.au

About Special Interest Groups

Do you access any of GSQs Special Interest Groups (SIGs)? If not, why not? The groups are friendly spaces where members can share experiences of their research, learn from each other and have a cuppa with like-minded people.

If you have questions about any particular SIG, contact the convenor on their GSQ email for more information. They will be more than happy to answer any group related questions.

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
Bracken Ridge	<i>Qld family history online</i>	Saturday April 30	11:00am – 1:00pm	3667 6060
Toowong	<i>Exploring occupations: how our ancestors earned their daily bread</i>	Saturday May 7	10:30am – 12:30pm	3402 2590
Kenmore	<i>Exploring FamilySearch: the largest free family history website</i>	Saturday June 18	10:00am – 12 noon	3407 0258
Sunnybank Hills	<i>Family History in action</i>	Wednesday July 20	1:30pm – 3:30pm	3407 0571

GSQ ZOOM Meetings

Monday Morning ZOOM for GSQ members only, starting at 11:00 AM AEST

Come and join Helen and Ailsa on our Great Monday Zooms. We talk and discuss many topics, but you need to be involved as well. It is not just us talking but everyone shares which information they find or brings along documents with which they need help with – be it a query about births/deaths or marriages or trying to decipher the handwriting of an old will.

March has been interesting with members doing a short presentation, via 20 PowerPoint slides, about their family history. This is an excellent way to start producing a digital

history of your family – after all, a picture can tell a thousand words. We will continue with this theme during April.

We meet via Zoom every Monday at 11am, apart from the first Monday of the month on which we join in on Monday Morning Natters.

The Zoom is hosted by Ailsa Corlett and Helen Connor. If you would like to join us (*GSQ Members only*) then email us on mtzoom@gsq.org.au and we will add you to the list.

Wednesday Night ZOOM, open to everyone & FREE starting @ 7:00 PM AEST

GSQ runs two Wednesday PM Zooms each month. The 2nd Wednesday of the month is hosted by Judy Lofthouse who has some wonderful topics for you to research and bring together as a group to discuss that evening. Also, if you have a genealogical problem this is where you can also ask what to do next. As a group there is bound to be someone who has had the same issue, and many can help find a solution to your problem.

The 4th Wednesday PM Zoom for the month, is hosted by Ailsa Corlett and will feature a guest speaker. You need to check the GSQ Calendar to find out who it is going to be.

More of the Periodic table and this **Wednesday 13 April it is Rutherfordium**. Rutherfordium may be a new one to you, but Rutherford was a Kiwi and he discovered this element & it has a very short life. I think this lends itself to those elusive family members that seem to disappear very quickly or keep moving to make it hard for you to find them. Please tell us about your elusive family members. I'm sure you will have some good tales to tell.

Wednesday April 27 – Author Judith Anderson will present “Earning a Crust”

Judith's Earning a Crust is a unique combination of local, cultural, and family history which explores the lives of the men and women who worked in the baking trade in the regional town of Warwick during the century after the town's establishment in 1861. For Judith Anderson as a child, fresh bread was the smell of the morning. Born into a family of bakers in Warwick on Queensland's Darling Downs, she lived her first 18 years beside the Brown family bakery before pursuing higher education and a career

Get your friends to come along. Remember the Wednesday night ZOOMs are FREE and OPEN to anyone to attend. They start at 7pm until approx. 9pm. You do need to email us your name and email address to be placed on the list. You can attend either of the evenings or both. Please email Judy and Ailsa on wedpmzoom@gsq.org.au

Research Support and Chat for GSQ Members Only 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of each month starting at 11:00 AM AEST

Our twice a month Wednesday Morning Zoom welcomed new members to our two March meetings. During the 2nd March gathering, the topic title was '*How to make a family history tale in mp4 from PowerPoint – for beginners*'. Member Bev Murray showed a PowerPoint demonstrating to our group the advantages of using the program to do a family history movie. Bobbie had initially presented a short mp4 explaining the whole process first as Bev's was her family story itself. This combination of the two presentations proved really popular, with the group particularly finding Bev's video excellent. Since that point one member has used the system to trial it out herself, which was great to hear.

Our meeting on 16 March was the Brickwall session and together we tackled a problem submitted by Marg Doherty. The challenge was to find which of the multiple nurse/matrons within Australia were her missing nurse, an unusual request, but the group tackled it wholeheartedly.

Our meetings are on the 1st and also the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 11am and usually go for about 90 minutes. Anyone is welcome to join us by emailing wedmorningzoom@gsq.org.au and ask to go onto the mailing list.

GSQ Notices

GSQ Facebook Page & GSQ Facebook Group

GSQ Facebook Page is a public page GSQ Facebook Page is a public page so you don't have to be a Facebook member to see what we post there.

Each Monday we publish the GSQ Blog for the week and interesting genealogy news and articles from all around the world are published on the other days of the week.

Additionally, the GSQ Education program is published for the year, so we post the Events coming up in the next month or so. These presentation advertisements always includes a 'Find Tickets' button which takes you directly to the GSQ Events webpage for the particular event.

Feel free to Like or Follow us and also to leave a comment on any of our posts. Contact enquiries to Bobbie Edes on facebook@gsq.org.au

Did you know that GSQ now has an active & informative Facebook group? We have had a Facebook page for a long time but only recently set up the private group. Only the members of the group can see what you post. Here you can ask questions, share your genie successes and frustrations. No question is too dumb – someone else will be pleased you asked. SIG leaders can post information and Library assistants can talk about their favourite resources too.

You don't need to be a GSQ member to join the group. Do tell your friends about GSQFB but they must apply to join. To join the group, sign in to Facebook, use the magnifying glass to search for "GSQFB", and answer THREE questions. To create a shortcut to find GSQFB next time you log in to Facebook, on your home page you will see the option to "Edit Shortcuts" on the left side of your computer. Click this and follow the prompts.

If you have any questions then please email Rhoda at gsqfbgroup@gsq.org.au

GSQ Blogs

Our March blogs began with a story from Pauline Williams who wrote a lovely story of how her grandparents met on 'When Walter met Elizabeth' followed by Marg Doherty's sad tale of a family dealing with multiple infant deaths. Blogger Sue Bell talked about her mother's role in World War 2 'Trying to decipher Jean McGill's role during World War Two' with the last March blog titled 'Love letters to Maggie', the story of a long distance love match resulting in the bride-to-be travelling from Ireland to meet her husband to be for the first time and the couple marrying a fortnight later.

We have a great team of bloggers from around the country with overseas guest writers as well, and invite all to read through the weekly blogs and to feel free to comment. The blogs are published early on each Monday morning and are also published on our GSQ Facebook Page and GSQ Facebook Group. This is a direct link to the blogs page: <https://gsq-blog.gsq.org.au/>

3rd annual 24-Hour genealogy webinar marathon

Legacy is excited to announce **The 3rd Annual 24-Hour Genealogy Webinar Marathon** hosted by FamilyTreeWebinars.com and MyHeritage. **The marathon will begin on Friday, April 8 at 6am Brisbane time and end on Saturday, April 9 at 6am Brisbane time.**

You will learn how to trace your ancestors from the world's top genealogists and educators.

From the 1950 U.S. census to DNA, from Airtable, hard drives and iPads to Poland and Scotland, there's something for everyone... in every time zone. And thanks to FamilyTreeWebinars.com and MyHeritage, the entire event is free! Pop in for a session or two, or stick around for the full 24 hours — it's completely up to you. There will even be time for Q&A and door prizes.

How to Listen In
Live attendance for each session is limited to the first 1,000 attendees.
If you can't join us in real time, we've got you covered: all recordings will be available afterwards absolutely free for a week.

Go to FamilyTreeWebinars.com/24 to register (free!)

What's news ...

Scottish Indexes releases more Prison Records in March

In a continuation of their Scotland's Criminal Database project, Glasgow based genealogists Emma & Graham Maxwell have release an index to a further 43.000 historical Scottish Prison records. These have been added to www.scottishindexes.com. Their ongoing project to open up historical criminal records to help people trace their family history is moving on apace and opening up more stories to the global research community.

These latest prison records are predominantly from the prisons of Aberdeen, Dundee, Glasgow & Paisley, with some updates to other prisons around Scotland. Scotland's Criminal

Database now includes over 30 prisons from across Scotland. You can see a detailed breakdown of coverage Here: <https://www.scottishindexes.com/coveragescd.aspx>

Oral History Workshop

Oral History Queensland is holding a face-to-face workshop on 30 April 2022 at 12 Payne Street, Auchenflower. The workshop will be run by OHQ President Elisabeth Gondwe who has a Master of Arts in Anthropology and Archaeology from James Cook University. is an introductory workshop and would suit people who are commencing an oral history project. It will provide an overview of an oral history project. Find out more [HERE](#)

Genealogy's Star (James Tanner)

James has two blog posts that may be of interest to family historians.

First, a post about [What does it cost to be an active genealogist?](#) This certainly is of interest as the cost of living seems to be on the rise lately.

Second, a post about [Is Microfilm Really Dead or Just Mostly Dead?](#) The announcement by FamilySearch that all of its 2.4 million rolls of microfilm have been digitized does no begin to herald the end of microfilm. I am told that FamilySearch.org still backs up its data to microfilm and will continue to do so for many years.

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 April/May offerings:

April 6 – *My Top 20 Free Australian Genealogy Websites* by Shauna Hicks – 12:00 PM AEST

April 7 – *The Beginner's Guide to DNA Testing for Genealogy* by Michelle Leonard – 4:00 AM AEST

April 13 – *Recording Memories on the MyHeritage Mobile App* by Masha Novak – 4:00 AM AEST

April 20 – *Proving Parentage Two Centuries Later Using DNA Evidence* by David S. Ouimette, C.G., CGL. – 10:00 AM AEST

April 21 – *Unlocking Stories of Our Female Ancestors through Effective Research Methodology* by Denyce Porter Peyton – 4:00 AM AEST

April 27 – *Different Ways to View Your Tree* by Uri Gonen, MyHeritage – 4:00 AM AEST

April 28 – *Wringing Every Drop out of Mitochondrial DNA* by Roberta Estes – 4:00 AM AEST

May 4 – *Government Gazettes as a Genealogical Resource* by Helen V Smith – 12:00 PM AEST

May 5 – *Quickly Organize your DNA Matches with the Leeds Method* by Diana Leeds – 4:00 AM AEST

May 11 – *Drawing Insights from Your Family Photos* by My Heritage Webinars

May 18 – *Five Wives & a Feather Bed: Using Indirect & Negative Evidence to Resolve Conflicting Claims* by Mark A Wantling, MLS, G – 10:00 AM AEST

May 19 – *Indirect Evidence – A Case Study* by Paulime C Merrick – 4:00 AM AEST

Legacy Webinars has a brand new website available [HERE](#)

The new site is vastly improved and now shows webinar times in AEST, so no more having to work out the times for the live presentations!

A reminder that MyHeritage is available at GSQ and from home via MyGSQ.

Lost Hospitals of London

Also Almshouses of London

This website is in memory of all the hospitals that have closed in London since the NHS came into being in 1948. Not all hospitals have completely disappeared. Some have moved into new purpose-built premises, such as the *Royal Free Hospital* and *St. George's Hospital*. Others, like *St. Mark's Hospital* and *Queen Charlotte's*, have been absorbed into other hospitals (*Northwick Park Hospital* and *Hammersmith Hospital*, respectively) while maintaining their own identity. Others, like the '3 Ps' (*St. Paul's*, *St. Philip's* and *St. Peter's* in Covent Garden) were absorbed by the *Middlesex Hospital* - until that too closed down and moved to the new PFI-built *University College Hospital*.

Reasons for closure varied. Some buildings had become too dilapidated while some were too small to accommodate modern equipment, such as MRI scanners, and some had no amenities for disabled patients. Even in the face of immense public protest and opposition, closures still went ahead. Maternity hospitals have now all vanished, as have most hospitals with 'Memorial' in their name. General hospitals

sometimes became geriatric care hospitals before they too finally closed.

The symptoms of a hospital about to be extinguished are:

- if the hospital has one, the casualty department is closed;
- ancillary staff who leave are not replaced and posts are left unfilled so that permanent staff frequently are outnumbered by agency staff;
- obsolete equipment is not replaced or repaired;
- building maintenance and repairs are not carried out, so that conditions seriously deteriorate for patients and staff.

[See Lost Hospitals of London here](#)

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Conference News 2022

History in Paradise

AFFHO Family History Congress 2022

When: 1 - 4 August 2022

Where: Norfolk Island

Hosted by Norfolk Island Museum

Congress website: <https://affhocongress2022.com/>

Riding the Waves of History

37th Annual Conference of the NSW & ACT Association of Family History Societies

When: 16 - 18

September 2022

Where: Scarborough Function Centre, East Maitland Bowling Club

Hosted by the Newcastle Family History Society with Maitland & Beyond Family History

Conference website: <https://ridingthewavesofhistory.com.au/>

Sands of Time

Local and Family History Conference

When: 21 - 23 October 2022

Where: Redcliffe Dolphins League Club, Redcliffe 4020

Conference website: <https://sandsoftime.org.au/>

Family History Down Under (FHDU)

When: 8 - 11 November 2022

Where: Castle Hill RSL Club, Castle Hill, NSW 2154

Conference website: <https://www.fhdu22.com/#overview>