



## Welcome to December eNews

### A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It's so difficult to believe that 2022 is drawing to a close – there's no doubt however that it is!! Many thanks to those who have contributed items for our Christmas Raffle – it's not too late to do so – simply take them along and place them in the basket adjacent to the Reception Desk, no later than Wednesday, 14 December. Christmas Raffle Tickets are available online through our website and at GSQ Resource Centre, priced at \$2.00 each. The Multi-Draw Christmas Raffle is to be drawn during the Christmas Afternoon Tea on Saturday, 17 December. To aid planning please book to attend the Christmas Afternoon Tea by emailing [secretary@gsq.org.au](mailto:secretary@gsq.org.au) or by having your name added to the list at the Reception Desk.

GSQ's Bookshop was "saved at the last minute" by an offer from member Karma Hodgson to take on the position of Convenor. Karma is to be assisted by Noela Rogers. Thanks indeed Karma and Noela!!

Before closing I would like to take this opportunity to thank all who have volunteered for GSQ during 2022. Without your support and encouragement GSQ would certainly not have achieved all that it has during the year. I certainly look forward to working with all of you and others who "put up their hand" next year – if all members did just a little, we could accomplish even greater things!! I wish everybody a safe, joyous, peaceful and relaxing festive season and a wonderful 2023.

The first day on which GSQ will be open for research in the New Year will be Tuesday, 17 January, 2023. (Friday, 16 December will be the final day on which GSQ is open for research this year.)

Helen Veivers  
President



## Volunteer Update

Is it time for a new “New Year’s Resolution”? Have you thought about volunteering? Specifically, with your GSQ?

Like all “special interests” 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 five 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.

Do you have an interest in researching? Obviously, you do, or you wouldn’t be reading eNews! GSQ is looking to boost its Research Group. The aim is

to make it more efficient and more profitable. Family History research is our intellectual property, and we need to make better use of it. The aim is to spread the work around, hence we want to develop a bank of researchers. Could that be you?

Would you prefer to work from home? Our indexing and digitising group are always looking for new members. If you joined this group you could be helping GSQ create a revenue stream.

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

## COMMITTEE SNIPPETS

### Points from November Management Committee:

- Application to Gambling Community Benefit Fund was submitted in a timely manner;
- Web Coordinators have added Drop Down Links on major menus on our Website. Thank you, Helen and Ailsa!
- Final decision made on when Acknowledgement/Welcome to Country message is to be used;
- New Bookshop Convenor and Assistant appointed;
- New website process proceeding according to plan.

### Joan Reese Memorial Short Story Competition

The 2023 Joan Reese Writing Competition provides a cash prize to the value of \$100. This prize is partly funded by the GSQ Writing Group, as a way to encourage members to write up the results of their research.

The topic for 2023 is “*A Love Story*”. Love can take many forms. Write a family story which focuses on a love story. Does the story reveal the love between ancestors or maybe it was the love that an ancestor had for community, place, a treasured heirloom, a garden, a pet? What was the significance of this love to your family? The meaning should be clearly explained and its significance to your family shown. GSQ welcomes inclusion of a relevant photo or photos that help to support your story and looks forward to reading your stories.

#### Deadline for submissions

Entries must be received no later than **2 May 2023** (no entries will be accepted after that date).

Entries to be emailed to [info@gsq.org.au](mailto:info@gsq.org.au) with “*Joan Reese Memorial Short Story Competition*” in the subject line.

#### Further information

See the [GSQ website](http://gsq.org.au) for more information, anyone requiring further information should address enquiries to Pauline Williams at [info@gsq.org.au](mailto:info@gsq.org.au)

# Exciting GSQ Education Events coming in 2023

## ***Pre-Separation research: Finding your ancestors in Queensland records 1824-1859***

***December 3 @ 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM AEST***

***Presenter: Jan Richardson***

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

***Virtual via Zoom***

Prior to the separation of Queensland from the colony of New South Wales in late 1859, thousands of convicts were transported to the Moreton Bay penal settlement, followed by ex-convicts and free settlers who arrived from 1842 onwards. Unfortunately, some penal settlement registers and early free settlement records did not survive. However, by knowing where to look, it is possible to find traces of Pre-Separation ancestors, both convict and free, in records.

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## ***My Ancestor was a Liar: Sifting through the evidence***

***February 7 @ 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM AEST***

***Presenter: Dave Annal***

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

***Virtual via Zoom***

My Ancestor was a Liar: Sifting through the evidence to find the truth (or what passes for the truth in the world of genealogy) is a skill which all serious family historians need to develop. The information left by our ancestors is all-too-frequently misleading, inaccurate or just plain wrong! As we become more experienced we find that they had any number of reasons to be economical with the truth.

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## ***Methodists, Presbyterians, Quakers and more: discovering your non-conformist ancestors***

***March 4 @ 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM AEST***

***Presenter: Pauline Williams***

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

***Virtual via Zoom***

Not everyone in the UK worshipped in the parish church. Whether they were Methodists, Presbyterians, Quakers or adhered to other protestant religions, there is a wealth of records to reveal information about non-conformist ancestors.

## ***Family Tree Maker, Q & A***

***March 11 @ 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM AEST***

***Presenter: Mark Olsen***

***Cost: FREE – MEMBERS ONLY***

***Virtual via Zoom***

Join us for a presentation initially discussing the August FTM2019 update and then having a Q&A session with Mark who will answer all your questions about Family Tree Maker, the latest version, updates, features and more. This is an interactive session and we would love to see you and discuss with you all your FTM 2019, or other version, questions. Please send us your questions in advance or in our virtual chat session during the event. This class is for all levels of genealogists whether you are just getting started or very experienced.

## ***The Dead Do Tell Tales, Death and burial in Queensland: a rich source of family history records***

***February 25 @ 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM AEST***

***Presenter: Kerry Raymond & Hilda McLean***

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

***Virtual via Zoom***

For many people, their death creates more records than most of their life did. Being aware of the changing laws and customs around death and burial in Queensland helps us understand what records we are likely to find. Also, It is not a given that your ancestor had a permanent memorial over their grave. A significant discretionary investment, the headstone was an expression of a family's aspirations.

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## ***SAVE THE DATE***

***March 25 @ 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM AEST***

***Presenter: Cyndi Ingle***

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

***Virtual via Zoom***

Watch this space for the exciting announcement about what Cyndi will be presenting!

# Special Interest Groups

*Subject to the restrictions regarding the Covid-19 situation, some interest groups will be holding their meetings at GSQ. Some groups are conducting virtual meetings through the use of the ZOOM platform.*

## Colonial & Convict Connections Group

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**The next meeting for Colonial & Convict Connections is on Sunday 11 December at Stackpole Street.**

This year has proven to be a difficult one for the Group. We have not embraced the Virtual meeting format and we remain a Group, encouraging members to meet one another and to use other resources available at GSQ, however, unfortunately attendance has been quite low.

Convict Connections Group did however, attend the recent Queensland conference in Redcliffe with Val and Lyn on the "Help" desk. We spoke to many people, providing specific help to several attendees.

We would like to remind all GSQ members that we are an Interest Group covering the COLONIAL period of settlement in Australia – the colonies of New South Wales and Van Diemen's Land (Tasmania)- 1788 until the 1850s. This period covers a large influx of FREE SETTLERS, including soldiers, Bounty Immigrants, Irish Famine Girls, as well as the CONVICTS. If your ancestors arrived before or during the 1850's we may be able to help.

Our longer serving members have vast experience with records from this period and are more than willing to help newer members.

GSQ has vast resources which are not available on the internet, but which may just give you the breakthrough that you need

We invite you all to our last meeting for the year, to be held on **Sunday 11 December 2022**. This is our Christmas Lunch meeting, and all GSQ members are welcome to join us and bring a friend.

The theme for this year's activities will be the *Irish Famine Orphans*. Morning Tea and a short talk on the theme will be at 10:30am. Lunch will be at Noon. Stay for as long or as little time that you can spare.

We open the doors at 09:00am, have Lunch at Noon and keep doors open until 03:00pm.

The extra hours allow time for research/help, or just the opportunity to call in and say hello!

A small plate of nibbles to share would be appreciated.

Look forward to seeing YOU THERE!  
Lyn Caldwell

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## DNA Group

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**The next meeting is on Sunday 26 February 2023 and the first 2023 DNA Clinic is 29 March via Zoom.**

The last meeting for the 2022 year was held Sunday 20th November, with 23 attendees. Greg Carlill presented on the McGuire Charts available from Charting Companion again. This was to expand and elaborate on Pierre Clouthier's presentation on Saturday 19th November. We also had a roundup of the talks at the recent Family History Down Under (FH DU) conference at Castle Hill.

Helen Smith announced that she is standing down as convenor of the SIG and the role was handed over to Greg Carlill. Thank you Helen for your sterling work as convenor and guiding us in our DNA research and Congratulations Greg!

We discussed the subjects we want to discuss next year, some of which are: Blain Bettinger Shared centimorgan Project Updates and the DNA Painter enhancements; Roots Tech Conference summary; "Surprise Finds" by our members; and Communicating to and engaging with people we would like to test and getting consent from the family of deceased people to use their kits for a project.

If anyone has a suggestion for a topic in 2023 please email [dna@gsq.org.au](mailto:dna@gsq.org.au) and let us know. We would like to include your suggestion in next year's program.

Our next meeting is 26th February 2023 and the first 2023 DNA Clinic is 29th March. We will continue to meet via Zoom in 2023.

Happy Christmas and holiday season to everyone.

## Scandinavian Group

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**The next meeting is on 15 January 2023 @ 12:30 PM.** At this meeting of the Scandinavian Group we will talk about the latest news from the Scandinavian archives and internet pages.

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

## German Group

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**The German Group will meet on Sunday 29 January 2023 @ the GSQ premises from 10:00 AM.**



# Special Interest Groups

## Writing Group

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**The next meeting is on Sunday 19 February 2023 via Zoom.**

The Writing Group is taking a break over the Christmas/New Year Period - hopefully to get in some writing time. We next convene on 19 February 2023. The format and program for the meetings in 2023 will be determined in the New Year. To stay in touch with the Group, contact Pauline on [writing@gsq.org.au](mailto:writing@gsq.org.au) and ask to be added to the Group mailing list.

## English/Irish Group

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**The English/ Irish Group will meet on Sunday 4 December at Stackpole Street from 9:30 AM.**

The next meeting of the English Irish SIG will be Sunday 4th December at GSQ's Wishart premises. The doors will open at 9.30am with the meeting commencing at 10.00am. GSQ will remain open for personal research till 2.30pm if members decide to stay on after the meeting.

The December county presentation will be on the *Irish county of Tipperary*.

If you have English and or Irish ancestors, this is the SIG for you. Do you have a bit of an Irish or English (or both!!) brick wall? Bring the problem ancestors with you – the group may be able to make some suggestions that may at least knock a brick off the wall, if not the entire wall!

I look forward to seeing everybody on the 4th December. Kim Davis, convenor, [irisheng@gsq.org.au](mailto:irisheng@gsq.org.au)

## Family History Technology Group

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The November Family History Technology meeting was attended by 12 people and a decision made to develop a list of Technical and Family Treemaker/Legacy links to help increase group members' skill levels in these areas.

Come along to our meetings in 2023 if this interests you. Email Graeme on [fhtech@gsq.org.au](mailto:fhtech@gsq.org.au) for further information.

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.

## Scottish Group

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**The next meeting is Sunday 8 January 2023 at GSQ and via Zoom.**

Our November group meeting featured a round table discussion on Getting the Best out of Scotlands People. Our on site group included one new member up from Victoria to participate in this discussion.

We determined our meeting and talk schedule for 2023 and it is as follows:

<b>8 January</b>	<b>Hogmanay Meeting. No talk, but bring a plate to share.</b>
<b>5 March</b>	<b>Peeblesshire (Marie Rosborough)</b>
<b>7 May</b>	<b>Aberdeenshire County (Stuart Neill)</b>
<b>2 July</b>	<b>East Lothian (Mike Boyd)</b>
<b>3 September</b>	<b>Ross &amp; Cromarty (Ailsa Corlett)</b>
<b>5 November</b>	<b>Caithness (Alistair Henderson)</b>

We viewed the nearly 200 new records brought back from Scotland, including deaths, monumental inscriptions and newspaper records for most counties. These will be available in the library next year as the librarians manage the huge task of accessioning them. A list of these records is available from the Convenor for any GSQ member who would like it.

Scottish Indexes will be holding another of their useful on-line seminars on 14 January, starting the first session at 4 pm Qld time. They make the content available for about a week after the seminar, so it is worth registering even if you are unable to stay up late for the live sessions.

The Scottish Group will be making some more group purchases from Stenlake Publishing in Ayrshire ([www.stenlake.co.uk](http://www.stenlake.co.uk)). They publish a range of books of interest to family & local historians, now covering most of the UK & Ireland. Please browse their web site and contact us if you would like any of their titles at our special prices.

The Glasgow & West of Scotland Society has proposed a joint ZOOM meeting with our group in February, where we would be able to query their experts directly (and they quiz us). Anyone with Glasgow ancestors who would like to participate please advise the Convenor on [scotgroup@gsq.org.au](mailto:scotgroup@gsq.org.au).

We look forward to welcoming in the New Year at our Hogmanay meeting on 8 January. Delicious Scottish food, drink and good company will be there. Please join us.

Season's Greetings from the Scottish Group.

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The Australian Copyright Council (ACC) is a small, independent, not-for-profit community legal service dedicated to promoting understanding of copyright law and its application. We have a large variety of [free fact sheets](#) available on our website including our very popular [Family Histories & Copyright fact sheet](#). Our [Historians & Copyright](#) book provides further detail.

In response to the many queries that the ACC receives from people exploring their family histories, to our [free legal advice service](#), we have developed a Family Historians and Copyright webinar as part of our webinar series.

We are reaching out to invite you and your network to the [Family Historians and Copyright webinar](#).

This webinar will be held on **Wednesday 7 December 2022 at 1pm AEDT** (cost \$50) and will cover copyright ownership in different kinds of family history materials including oral histories, how long copyright lasts, and permissions surrounding copyright. Participants will receive a copy of the slides after the event.

Registration is [through our website](#).

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## 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 your friends about them as Council monitors the popularity of the presentations and decides how many will be offered.

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<b>Library</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>When</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Booking</b>
Carindale	Beginners guide to DNA for genealogy	Saturday January 28	10:00 to 11:30am	3407 1490
Corinda	Family History in Action	Thursday 16 February	9:30am to 11:30am	3407 7701
Stones Corner	Finding your Irish Ancestor	Saturday 11 March	10:00 to 11:30am	3403 2170
Wynnum	Finding Female Convict Voices	Thursday 30 March	10:00 to 12 noon	3403 2199

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## National Archives of Australia Seminar 7 December 2022

The last seminar for the year, '**National Archives Queensland Office: 2023 Preview**'. The free seminar will be held on Wednesday 7 December at the National Archives - 16 Corporate Drive, Cannon Hill.

The Queensland State Manager will provide an overview of the year for National Archives and discuss our plans for 2023. It's a great opportunity to learn about what we're doing behind the scenes. Those interested in volunteering to assist with the collection will also hear about our Queensland Office volunteer project for 2023.

Morning tea will be provided. The research centre will also be open on Wednesday 7 December.

Bookings are essential and can be made via the Eventbrite [HERE](#).

# GSQ Notices

## GSQ Facebook Page & GSQ Facebook Group

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. At this stage there is just one further presentation by Jan Richardson titled 'Pre Separation research: Finding your ancestors in Qld records 1824 – 1859'

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

GSQFB was set up to provide a Facebook presence where GSQ members and non members can interact. We have had a Facebook page for a long time but only recently set up the new private group. Only the members of the group can see what you post. Here you can ask questions, and share your gene 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. It is an interactive space where you will also learn more about the resources GSQ has and how to continue your research. Here we will continue to build our GSQ community and encourage more to join us. 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](mailto:gsqfbgroup@gsq.org.au)

## GSQ Blogs

Since our last issue GSQ has continued with a variety of stories by our talented Bloggers. Writing Group Convenor, Pauline Williams was our first blogger in November with her story 'My ancestor who sailed the seas', a follow-on from the presentation on Mariners for our Wed Morning Zoom group. This was followed by Yvonne Tunny with 'Grandfather: William Leonard Tunny (Len) 1884-1942. Part 1, a story with many puzzles. Shauna Hicks did her second GSQ blog of the year 'Telling our own stories' something that we should all take heed of as often, our personal tales are left until it's too late. Last for November is Betty Lee with 'The woman behind the man' dedicated to the wife of one of her ancestral family, and the sacrifices and changes of life she encountered.

Our early December blog is by Vicki MacGregor writing about the powers of family photographs, then one by Bobbie Edes giving many hints on researching both at PRONI archives in Belfast and their online webpages.

Our GSQ blogs are released early 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 and we encourage you to comment on the blog itself: <https://gsq-blog.gsq.org.au/>

## Scottish Catholic Archives' new website

Do you have family who were Catholics in Scotland?

[The Scottish Catholic Archives](#) (SCA) is the Archive of the Roman Catholic Church in Scotland and is responsible for preserving the historical memory of Catholicism in the modern era. The Collection housed in the Archive ranges from Pre-Catholic Emancipation (1829) up to present day & serves as the institutional memory of the Roman Catholic Church in Scotland.

The new website has links to the [Scottish Catholic Archives, Historical Archives](#) based at the University of Aberdeen, Special Collections where you can search the catalogue. There are links to the Collections held in the Archives, lists of the contents etc. with descriptions. Found under collections on the website, are the Catholic Directory for Scotland, a year-book, published since 1829. The directories are available online on the website to read in PDF form.

ACCESS TO THE ARCHIVE – The Archive is moving. During the re-location of the Archive we are unable to take any enquires, we apologise for any inconvenience and thank you for your patience during this busy time. We hope to be Opening in our new location in April 2023 and will look forward to seeing you and answering any question you may have.

# GSQ ZOOM Meetings

## **Monday Morning ZOOM for GSQ Members Only, starting at 11:00 AM AEST**

We continue to explore many records that are available from home or at libraries for our members. Encourage them to go and explore just what is out there in relation to finding information regarding our family history.

Last week we looked at how to best use Cemetery records online. This included how to get the best from FindaGrave and BillionGraves as well as the Australian Cemetery Indexes. Many Councils throughout the world are now putting burial details online as well as taking photos of the Headstones.

We only have two more Zoom meetings for this year. And for our last Monday 12th Dec we are going to meet up at Club Southside from 11am to have a lovely lunch together. The Club have sent us 3 menus to choose from of which all look delicious. We are all looking forward to meeting up with each other as even though we see all via Zoom it is nothing like meeting and talking in person.

If you want to join us on Monday's please send an email to [mtzoom@gsq.org.au](mailto:mtzoom@gsq.org.au) and we will add you to our list and look forward to working with you regarding your family history.

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

ON 23 November we had our last guest speaker for the year. This was Helen Smith who presented us with a wonderful case study of "Charlotte". It was truly amazing - the marriages or so-called marriages that Charlotte was involved in. Appears that she had no children with her husbands that have been located. Charlotte started her journey in England with first husband. What became of him, nobody knows. Lots of little details along the way gave insight into the ship she came to Australia on and about her past and life she was living.

It was a most fascinating story with lots of research done and a real eye opener on just where to look and a reminder to look very closely at certificates, newspapers, and any other sort of information you can find to help build your story about some of the most interesting people in your family history.

**Our last Wednesday evening for the year will be on Dec 14th**, which is always a research night. Apart from any help that is needed, we will go overusing FindaGrave; BillionGraves; and how and where you might find details and if lucky a picture of a headstone of your ancestors.

We will not resume the Wednesday night Zoom until 8th February 2023. Time will be at normal 7pm.

If you would like to join us these evenings, please send email to [wedpmzoom@gsq.org.au](mailto:wedpmzoom@gsq.org.au) These meetings are open to all – you do not have to be a GSQ member, and they are Free. There is no recording of any sessions, so if you want to listen to some good presentations then you will need to come along and enjoy yourself as well.

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

Our mid-November meeting on Wednesday 16th was a Christmas get-together morning tea at the very comfortable Rochedale Estates function room. We were a smaller group this year, but this actually worked better, as we had lots of fun with the puzzles and non-stop conversation. The adjoining café, Flying Pepper catered beautifully with our various orders and delivered them direct into the Function room. Additionally, Bobbie & Pauline had a variety of Christmas nibbles out following morning tea.

Lastly, we close the year for our group on Wednesday 6 December when we'll have an informal meeting prior to our Christmas holiday break which extends right through to Wednesday 1 February 2023 when we will resume our regular 11am twice a month meetings.

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](mailto:wedmorningzoom@gsq.org.au) and asking to go onto the mailing list.





## What's news ...

### It's Time to Rethink Our Relationship with Our Records

With the abundance of records online, we are lulled into genealogy euphoria. I have personally adopted a shaky leaf chair dance for when Ancestry gifts me a fruitful hint. Sometimes it feels like being a kid in a candy store. We can download documents by the bucket.

However, without an understanding of the documents, we simply become collectors. This is like buying candy without eating it! Let's take a bite – by applying basic analytical strategies to records, we can discover more from them and avoid missing valuable information.

For example, during my first genealogy trip to the Library of Congress, I remember the joy of

finding a book of marriages for my county. Some of my ancestors appeared while others did not. It was only after accessing the microfilm that I learned why – the author chose to omit any marriage in the register with a “c” in the color column. The “c” stood for Colored. One omission was the 1865 marriage of my oldest ancestor.

We don't want to merely collect records, we want to analyze them like a detective on a case. We can do this by:

- **Obtaining quality sources** – Get as close to the original as possible.
- **Getting to know our sources** – Who created it, and why?

- **Interrogating each source** – Analyze every piece of data, including the informant.
- **Analyzing all sources together** – How does this source fit with other evidence?
- **Strengthening your research skills** – Dedicate time to deepening your understanding.

By all means, enjoy the abundance of records we have at our fingertips – but don't take this wealth of information for granted. Go from “collector” to “detective” by investing in your analytical skills.

*From The Weekly Genealogy Insider*

## 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 December/January offerings:**

Dec 7 – *Lloyd's of London: its history and its records for shipping* by Paul Milner – 11:00 AM AEST

Dec 8 – *Creating a DNA plan for Geoff's brick wall* by Diahana Southard – 5:00 AM AEST

Dec 10 – *Trendy Tech Tools for Your Research: Yay or Nay?* by Cyndi Ingle – 5:00 AM AEST

Dec 14 – *Looking Back & Peeking Ahead: 2022 at MyHeritage* by Daniel Horowitz – 5:00 AM AEST

Dec 21 – *Wayward Girls: A Context Case Study* by Stephanie O'Connell, CG – 11:00 AM AEST

Jan 11 – *MyHeritage's Latest Photo Innovations* by Tal Erlichman – 5:00 AM AEST

Mar 9 – *Finding Prussian Ancestors in Online Archives* by Nancy E. Loe, MA, MLS – 11:00 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.**

# Family History News



Thursday  
2 February 2023  
@ 10:00 AM  
for 5 weeks



## Digging Deeper into Family History

- **2 February** – Processes and records of the English court system. Following conviction learn about convicts' lives in records.
- **9 February** – Learn about Australian colonial migration schemes and post 1924 migration along with different state immigration records and information of shipping.
- **16 February** – This military family history session covers records from Australia's colonial period through to WW2.
- **23 February** – GSQ members with experience in research in Great Britain and Ireland and Germany will share their experience and knowledge.
- **16 March** – Q&A session. Presenters to respond to questions submitted by registrants.

For more information about this course and to book: [CLICK HERE](#)  
Virtual event via Zoom

