



Welcome to Autumn!

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Times They Are A-Changing':

Like me, I guess you are looking forward to the changes that Friday, 4 March will bring to us in Queensland – I'm referring to the predicted amendments to COVID 19 rules, of course. Once we know exactly what's involved you will be advised as soon as possible about the new conditions under which GSQ will operate.

Another change that's occurring is that GSQ's Northern Branch will close at 23 March. Margaret Holding has been President of the Branch since 1988. On behalf of all GSQ members I would like to thank Margaret very sincerely for all of the work she has done during that time to keep Northern Branch thriving. Margaret's leadership ensured that GSQ members who lived in the inner northern suburbs of Brisbane had an additional centre at which to explore their family histories. Thanks indeed Margaret for your years of dedication!

During the Members' meeting on 14 February a question was asked about whether a QFHS member could participate in a GSQ Special Interest Group (SIG) meeting. I was asked to

clarify the position. Following the cessation of Amalgamation Talks with QFHS I wrote to the Secretary of QFHS on 21 June 2021 to outline GSQ's position with regards to a number of matters, one of which was in respect of SIGs. The text of the letter stated "... As from 30 June 2021, members from your Society will be able to attend 2 meetings of a particular SIG without joining GSQ. Should they wish to continue attending the particular SIG meetings, they will be required to do so as a GSQ member." I trust that this clarifies the matter.

I would like to express my thanks to Judy Lofthouse who organised for a group of GSQ members and friends to visit AVEO at Durack on Wednesday 23 February. The 20 people present enjoyed a beautiful 2 Course Lunch followed by a brief tour of the facility. The day was enjoyed by all present and GSQ is to receive \$500 from AVEO. Thank you, Judy!

Changes to two By-Laws were passed at the November 2021 Management Committee meeting. The two By-Laws in question relate to Affiliate and Corporate Group membership.

With the increase in Membership fees for GSQ members from 1 January 2022, it was felt that it was important to have the fees for both Affiliate and Corporate membership "tied to" ordinary single member fees. By-Laws 12 and 15 were changed to reflect this. The amended By-Laws are available on the Website in the *About GSQ* section.

Helen Veivers
President



Mini- Seminar Sharing Family History: telling, writing

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. **Early-bird pricing ends 20 May 2022.** [More information & to book](#)

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.



Accessions Officer

Kaye Cameron, GSQ's current Accessions Officer, has indicated that she is no longer able to fulfill this role, so GSQ is seeking another volunteer to take it on. Kaye has prepared the following document which outlines very clearly exactly how to do the job. Thanks, Kaye, for these very clear instructions!! If you would like to take on this role at GSQ, please contact Volunteer Coordinator, Kim Davis at volunteer@gsq.org.au or President, Helen Veivers, at president@gsq.org.au. Kaye has indicated that she is very willing to provide training.

List of Tasks for Accessions Officer at GSQ:

- Search the Catalogue (this is a

COMMITTEE SNIPPETS

Points from February Management Committee:

1. Membership at 617 as at 31 January 2022;
2. Stock of *My Family History* books has arrived;
3. GSQ part of a group of Australian Genealogical Societies meeting to discuss and compare types of software, website programs etc being used;
4. Computer rack to be installed at GSQ for network equipment;
5. Progress on Projects reported through new Coordinator, Joyce Matheson.

- computer program) to see if the item to be Accessioned is not already held by the Society.
- Consult the list of Categories to see which Category the item will be Accessioned as.
- Search the Catalogue entering the Chapman Code for the Country/ Country/State the Item is written about and also the Category Number to find the next available number for the Item eg. QLD/805/. Allocate the correct number. Write this number in pencil on the first inside page of the Item.
- Stamp the Item with the GSQ Stamp and write in the Accession number
- Enter the Item in the Accession Register (this is a blue book) entering the next number on the left hand side. This is the Accession Number.



- Go to the Catalogue and enter the Item in the computer program.
- If you know that the Item is a donation, there are some certificates to be filled out and glued into the Item.
- On Microsoft Word enter the Accession number which is to be printed to be placed on the spine of the item. A piece of contact is used to do this.
- This item is then placed on the library shelf in the correct place.
- This is for books, it is a similar for CD's (consult Ailsa Corlett to determine that the CD is able to be used on the computers.)
- The Journal Editor will email you and ask to be sent a copy of all the items which have been entered for the previous three months.
- All help will be given if required, it is not difficult, just getting used to the process is the key.
- This job can be done either at home or at GSQ.

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](#).

GSQ Notices

Technical Advisory IT Group (TAGIT)

The group has had several good meetings over the last month and intend to meet monthly and object is to work on improvements for GSQ members in the way of technology. A grant has been applied for regarding a New ScanPro 3500, along with fast/ high graphics card styled computer and large 31" monitor, as well as table and some other accessories, making it a full package.

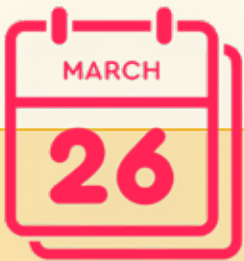
Next in line is a Large Video Conference Screen to be looked at in relation to having hybrid meetings at GSQ. This would make it extremely easy for members who are unable to attend SIG's or other presentations, they could log in from home via Zoom as usual while the others are at GSQ. The best of both worlds.

Both items are well outside of GSQ's Budget, so it is a matter of applying for grants and hoping we are successful.

There has also been a meeting held between various Australian Genealogical Societies to talk and discuss on the various types of software or programs that they are using to help them with membership, shop type orders and library catalogues. It is great to know what others are using and what they do or don't like about them.

One major achievement has been the installation of all GSQ SIG's having a space on OneDrive, along with Projects. This is for them to file copies of correspondence, files, and anything else they want to save to this area. All links to the drive have been forwarded to all the Convenors and we are hoping they will make use of the space..

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 extends the life of the monitor itself.



Live Event with Cyndi Ingle

Back to basics: research planning & execution online

March 26 @ 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM AEST

Presenter: Cyndi Ingle, Cyndi's List

Virtual via ZOOM

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

You've been researching for years, but you find yourself repeating searches and looking at the same things over and over again online. You're either spinning your wheels or reinventing the wheel, but either way you go round and round. We will discuss some strategies for planning your research and executing it efficiently Featuring live Q & A with Cyndi from 10:30 AM

[BOOK HERE.](#)

Did you know?

GSQ members get a 15% discount from Findmypast when joining for themselves.

The new code is available for members in the MyGSQ area of the GSQ website.

Also

Do you make use of all the valuable resources found on MyGSQ? Have a look in MyGSQ and try them out.

There are links to subscription database from home, plus lots more resources hiding in plain sight inside MyGSQ

Upcoming GSQ Education Events

What's new in Family Tree Maker: Q & A discussion

March 12 @ 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM AEST

Presenter: Mark Olsen, Family Tree Maker

Cost: FREE – Members Only

Virtual via ZOOM

Join us for a live discussion and Q and A session to answer all your questions about Family Tree Maker, the latest version, updates, features and more. This is an interactive session. The presenters would love to see you and discuss all your Family Tree Maker questions. The speakers will also talk about Family Tree Maker partner products - Charting Companion and Family Book Creator. This class is for all levels of genealogists whether you are just getting started or very experienced. [BOOK HERE](#).

A Poldark in the Family

March 19 @ 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM AEST

Presenter: Annaliese Nuttley

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

Virtual via ZOOM

This presentation traces the Pascoe family from Liverpool, NSW to the mining villages of South Australia and back across the ocean to Cornwall. This presentation aims to show you the steps you need to take to accurately trace your Cornish ancestors, while also giving you the tools to expand the story about their lives in the mines of Cornwall.

[BOOK HERE](#)

Using GSQ computers & equipment

March 30 @ 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM AEST

Presenter: Ailsa Corlett

Cost: \$10 – limited to 10 participants

Hands On @ GSQ – Members Only

As part of your membership, GSQ offers you access to many of the popular subscription sites including being an Affiliated Library for *FamilySearch*. Some of these sites are also in MyGSQ for you to access at home. This workshop will show you what you can access at GSQ, as our library is full of hidden gems that often are not on the popular subscription sites. We have many CDs on the side wall that may hold alternative information and therefore be extremely helpful in your search. [BOOK HERE](#)

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 Records (updated)

May 2 @ 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM AEST

Presenter: Bobbie Edes

Cost: 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](#)

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 20 March 2022 starting at 9.30 am. The first SIG meeting for 2022 was held 27th February and 36 people attended. Cate Pearce, who is a well known Western Australia genealogist who specialises in First Nations work, NDA and documentary work, presented two talks. The talks were "Where is my Country": Using Autosomal DNA for Aboriginal family history; and "Return to Country": Using mitochondrial DNA for Aboriginal family history. Both talks were well received and generated several questions.

The next DNA Clinic is 30th March. People requiring help with their DNA on that evening need to email Judy Lofthouse at dna@gsq.org.au with details of their problem for an appointment with a person best suited to that problem.

English/Irish Group

No report received

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

German Group

The next meeting will be 27 March 2022 at GSQ at 10:00 AM.

Family History Technology Group

The next meeting of the group is on Sunday 13 March via ZOOM at 10:00 AM.

No report received

Military Interest Group

The next meeting of the Military Research Group will take place on Sunday the 13 March 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 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 Research Group, militarygroup@gsq.org.au

Monday Morning Natters

Monday Morning Natters meets on March 7 @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 Iodine. Think about where iodine is used. Note that lack of iodine leads to adverse health.

Check what happened in your family. Did you have bakers that had to add it to their products? Is anyone in your family allergic to it? When was it discovered that iodine was necessary for health. Who decided it would be good to add it to bread and salt?

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 March 20.** 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 Writing Group met on 20 February by Zoom. Several members updated the group on activities since our previous meeting in October 2021. We looked at five stories about how grandparents met - this exercise helped the authors to learn more about their more recent forebears. On a separate topic one member provided a story where she had weaved some fiction into the facts about an event in an ancestor's life, which really brought the event alive. **The Group's next scheduled meeting is on 17 April, which is Easter Sunday.** A decision will be made closer to the time whether this will proceed - it will depend on availability of members.

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 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:

6 March: Roxburghshire County Records
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
Grange	The largest free family history site <i>FamilySearch.org</i>	Saturday March 26	10:30am–12:30pm	3407 2523
Bracken Ridge	Qld family history online	Saturday April 30	11:00am –1:00pm	3667 6060
Toowong	Explore occupations: how our ancestors earned their daily bread	Saturday May 7	10:30am – 12:30pm	3402 2590

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 in what they need help with. Be it a query about births/deaths or marriages or trying to decipher the handwriting of an old Will.

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

The Zoom is hosted by Ailsa Corlett and Helen Connor and 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.

For 2022 we will take our inspiration from the Periodic table and look at how the various elements are reflected in our family history. It will not be in any particular order from the table. More of the Periodic table and **Wednesday 9 March** it is **Iron**. How has Iron influenced your family? Did you have an iron miner, bridge builder, railway builder, blacksmith or nail maker? How does iron affect health? Please look at your families and see what you can find and report back at the Zoom.

Wednesday March 23 – Yorick Smaal will present “*Introducing the Prosecution Project*”

This presentation introduces the Prosecution Project, which has digitised Australian criminal trials between the end of the convict era and the middle of the twentieth century. He will provide some history and context to the project, including collaboration between researchers, eResearch specialists and citizen volunteers, and highlight some of our new ventures. The presentation will include a walkthrough of the project’s public website – which provides information on individuals and indexes wider social patterns like society, economy, and gender – and a behind-the-scenes peek at the platform and raw data.

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 group had a great start off for our 2022 Topic meetings on 2 February when we had two new members join our group. Charlotte Sale presented a fantastic talk on Welsh patronymics using our November brick-wall couple’s marriage certificate details. It proved an interesting insight into the naming pattern including also looking at the whole community in the process and when the system finally ceased in the different Welsh areas.

The following meeting on 16 February tackled a member’s Irish grandparents who travelled separately to Australia following the 1911 Census. One of the four

challenges was to find the emigration details of each of the couple and a likely, but very mysterious contender, was found. Our member has a lot of interesting leads to follow up on, and we’re all keen to hear the outcome.

It was lovely to have a couple of new members along last meeting. Anyone is welcome to join us by emailing wedmorningzoom@gsq.org.au and ask to go onto the mailing list. Our meetings begin at 11am and usually go for about 90 minutes.

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, now that the GSQ Education program is up and running for the year, 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 Bobbie 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.

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

GSQ Blogs

Our regular bloggers have got off to a great start this year with more interesting stories for our readers.

In February Jennifer Harrison continued with the early shipping tales, writing about Ships Surgeons employed on all vessels by the Queensland Immigration authorities. Our next blogger was Vicki MacGregor telling us tales of her early Canadian ancestors, followed by Robyn Dean *'Not Just Any Railway Guard'* about her third great uncle, Andrew George Lee who was regarded as Australia's longest serving guard and had been a guard on the Royal Train when the Prince of Wales toured Australia in 1920. Also he was a guard when the Duke and Duchess of York (the future King George VI and Queen Elizabeth) made on their journeys around NSW in 1927.

Regular blogger Shauna Hicks then wrote about Ancestral epidemics, relating how in 1832 her 4 x Great-grandparents both died in the cholera epidemic that swept the Midlands that year. This then led into the 1882 smallpox epidemic in the same region, concluding with the thought that we could maybe look into the health of our ancestors over the generations to see how they fared.

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/>

RootsTech Connect 2022

Don't forget RootsTech Connect 2022 is now on. If you haven't signed up you can [do so here](#). Also, connect with [Relatives at RootsTech](#). This is where you can connect with relatives that a) have a tree on FamilySearch and b) have registered at RootsTech. It's fun and you might just find new cousins!.

Capturing Brisbane ...

The *Capturing Brisbane* pages are now live at <http://www.capturingbrisbane.com> and the publication *Capturing Brisbane: the City's first photographers 1855 to 1901* is available for purchase.

Supported by a grant from Brisbane City Council, *Capturing Brisbane* explores the development of professional photography in the City through the biographies of the commercial photographers operating here between 1855 and 1901.

Photographers have made a significant contribution towards our understanding and interpretation of the City's past by recording the people and places around them. The familial, social, and business connections between the

photographers and studios that has been revealed is also an important overlay on Brisbane's social history.

In my earlier career working with the City's heritage structures, it was always exciting to find an historical image of the building being researched. Dating the photograph however could prove just as problematic as dating the building itself. The trend by photographers of the era to identify themselves on the front or rear of their sometimes elaborately mounted photographs is an obvious starting point in the dating process.

Simplistically, correlating the image, the information on the photographic mounts, and an accurate history of the photographer provides a way to

likely date an image. There are other levels of complexity that might be overlaid on the process, not least of which was the common activity of old photographs being copied by later photographers. This project provides one of those important research criteria - the accurate history of the photographers - and should prove useful to anyone trying to date early Brisbane photographs.

Brian Rough, Historian

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 March/April offerings

March 5 – Using WikiTree's DNA Features in Your Family History Research by Mags Gaulden – 5:00 AM AEST

March 9 – RootsTech Roundup from MyHeritage by Daniel Horowitz – 5:00 AM AEST

March 10 – 'Hidden Treasures': Discovering Local Sources in Your Irish Research by David Ryan – 5:00 AM AEST

March 23 – A Deep Dive into Deep Nostalgia by Masha Novak – 4:00 AM AEST

March 31 – Family Stories in 30 Minutes or Less by Brenda Hudson, Ph.D. – 4:00 AM 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 Layer 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

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.

The Family History Guide

Who should use The Family History Guide and why?

The Family History Guide has been around for some years now and is firmly established as a go-to genealogical and family history educational website. The entire contents of this still-growing website are free to all users. It is my experience that many of those genealogists and family historians who would use and support the website dismiss it without ever looking at its content for a variety of reasons. I thought I would write about some of the perceptions I have observed from people when I mention the website.

First, the website really is free. It is not a freemium website that is trying to get you to pay for advanced or premium services. The *Family History Guide* is fully staffed by unpaid volunteers and is funded by donations. See [The Family History Guide Association](#).

Another common misconception about the website is that it is just for beginners. This is most commonly a perception among established and professional level genealogists. This belief is one of the most obvious indicators that the genealogist has not yet looked or explored the website.

One of the basic research helps that aspiring genealogists are encouraged to accumulate by the professional genealogical community is a research outline of the basic resources for the geographic areas of the world where the new genealogist will be doing research. These outlines usually appear in the form of three-ring binders full of paper. Guess what? All of that work in compiling an outline is almost completely done by the Countries section of *The Family History Guide*.

One of the most useful functions of *The Family History Guide* website is to provide step-by-step instructions for each of the large online genealogical websites such as *FamilySearch*, *Ancestry*, *MyHeritage*, and *Findmypast*. There is an inherent tendency for many people to ignore the instructions whether it is for a recent purchase or when trying to learn a new topic. The instructions in *The Family History Guide* are there to show you how to get started with all of these websites. Anyone who wants to learn how to use these websites will benefit from the step-by-step instructions and videos.

[Explore The Family History Guide.](#)

Conference News 2022

RootsTech Connect 2022

When: March 3 - 5 2022

Where: 100% Virtual conference 100% Free

Hosted by FamilySearch

Sign up for information and to attend on the website: <https://www.familysearch.org/rootstech/next/>

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://sandsotime.org.au/>

Family History Down Under (FH DU)

When: 8 - 11 November 2022

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

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