



Welcome to May eNews

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

May is National Volunteers Month.

Firstly I would like to express my deep appreciation to all of those who work for GSQ in a voluntary capacity. It is you who keep the well oiled wheels of GSQ rolling!! **A special Volunteers' Morning Tea is to be held on Saturday, 14 May, 2022**, commencing at 10.00am at our premises at Wishart – the inaugural Margaret Coleman Award will be presented on this day – it's an award which will recognise one special volunteer and has been set up by Margaret's family in her honour.

Thanks to all who have already registered for the **Members' Meeting** to be held via Zoom on Tuesday, 3 May 2022, commencing at 7.00pm. If you would like to attend, please email

president@gsq.org.au and a Link for the meeting will be forwarded during the day on 3 May.

A reminder that our premises will be once again **open for research on Wednesdays**, commencing on Wednesday, 4 May. Just another sign of returning normality!!

Mothers' Day Vouchers in 2 denominations are now available on GSQ website. Many thanks to Helen Connor for her work on these Vouchers.

GSQ is still seeking a volunteer to take on the responsibility of **"TAG on the ground"** – this person would be responsible for keeping our computers at GSQ operating well. Obviously, you need a knowledge

of computers and be in a position to travel to GSQ, should the need arise – at least some of the work can be done remotely. (A more detailed description of requirements for the position appears elsewhere in this edition of eNews.)

Helen Veivers
President



English/Irish SIG Convenor

The English/Irish Special Interest Group is in 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. Currently the group meets at GSQ but could be a hybrid meeting or all via Zoom. 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.



GSQ Notices

TAGIT Maintenance Person

GSQ TAG is in need of an "on the ground" Maintenance Person

Duties are:

- Keeping GSQ computers and equipment in operating order;
- On monthly basis going into GSQ to run all updates;
- Understanding the Start Menu and where a lost Icon may be on the GSQ computers;

- Being available by phone at times to answer queries by Research Assistants at GSQ;
- Understanding what to do when/if the internet at GSQ "goes down";
- Maintaining the current Scan Pro in working order;
- Keeping the Orange Folders on the computer tables at GSQ updated with Passwords etc;
- Assisting with any training that may be required in relation to using new equipment;
- Assisting Management Committee members who have computer software issues;
- Continuing the cull of very old CDs

- Installing new CDs on to the NAS to facilitate access via the CD Resources Icon on the Start Menu on GSQ computers;
- Working closely with Web Coordinators when new sites/ programs are being installed into MyGSQ;
- Being part of the TAG IT Group

Contact Helen Veivers for more information president@gsq.org.au

COMMITTEE SNIPPETS

Points from April Management Committee:

- Changed conditions for entry to GSQ premises discussed;
- Some "My Family History" books damaged in transit from UK;
- Replacement for TAG position discussed;
- Lease for 25 Stackpole Street signed on a month by month basis with 6 months notice by either party;
- Reciprocal Visiting Rights granted to Toowoomba and Darling Downs Family History Society;
- 601 financial members as at 31 March 2022..

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Technical Advisory Advisory Group (TAGIT)

Following on from last month's information about the multi-function printer, instructions for members on how to print using their membership number have been sent to volunteer coordinator to put into the Orange Folders at the computers.

The GSQ Dropbox will be closed off from May 1st as it is now no longer needed and all files will have been removed by that date.

Reminder to make sure that any USB stick taken into GSQ to be used is a clean one and free of any viruses.

As well, if you visit a site at GSQ and a pop message appears regarding safety, please advise the Research Assistants so that they can then run the virus scanner.

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.

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](#).



**Starts Tuesday
12 July @ 7 PM
for 4 weeks**



Family History Fundamentals

An online course from the Genealogical Society of Queensland

About the course

Start your family history research on a solid foundation. Presenters are experienced GSQ researchers. All sessions to be recorded and available until 2 weeks after the Q&A 12 July – Where do I start? The basics of family history research.

What does it cost?

All 4 sessions:
GSQ/QFHS members: \$70
Non-members: \$90

Course program

Virtual event via Zoom

- 12 July – Where do I start? The basics of family history research.
- 19 July – Finding records. Primary and secondary records, indexes, online search strategies, archives, newspapers, sharing research.
- 26 July – What we might find and where. Civil registration, census, parish records. This session has an Australian focus.
- 9 August – Q&A session. Presenters to respond to questions submitted by registrants.

Book & pay online:
www.gsq.org.au/events/QFHS
Members \$70
Non-members \$90
Book & pay online:
www.gsq.org.au/events/



Research Spotlight

(The following article has been supplied by member, Laurie Kerr, who was very excited about a discovery made by some GSQ members for him.)

I've always been proud of my Kerr Scottish heritage! My dad along with one of his brothers born in Brisbane and four elder brothers born in Scotland would sing together in perfect harmony to the accompaniment of their uncle John's fiddle at reunions. At the end of one of these days the piper, great uncle Alf or a member of the Brisbane Caledonian Pipe Band blasted us with Auld lang syne. As a child, for me this was a rare but unforgettable experience. But my Scottish KERR heritage was soon to be shattered.

A family friend Geoff Michie's research into the journey of my KERR family from Scotland to Queensland revealed a fact that quite shockingly blew away my paternal surname KERR. My great-great grandfather was Robert PATON b.1820 in Paisley Scotland. He was a shoemaker who married Margaret Kerr b.c1819, a weaver. They had two children, Margaret Paton b.1847 then Robert Paton b.c1849. Young Robert's mother appears to have died shortly after his birth, though no record of her death has been found. At some point after the 1851 Census, Robert Paton incorporated his mother's maiden name into his own, changing his name to Robert Paton Kerr. Robert Paton KERR is missing from Scottish records until his marriage in Paisley in 1873. Robert's elder sister Margaret Paton did not adopt the name Kerr but lived

with her grandparent Kerr's household until her marriage in 1871.

So where was Margaret Paton's brother Robert Paton KERR between 1851 and 1873 and how did he come to be a music teacher and piano tuner coming from families of shoemakers or weavers? Why did Robert adopt the

"THE
MYSTERY
SOLVED"

KERR surname while his sister Margaret did not, living with the Kerr family as granddaughter Margaret Paton?

I started my own research, joined GSQ and Renfrew Shire Family History Society, then booked a flight to Glasgow airport just a short drive from Paisley and the homes of my ancestors. The trail led to Northern Ireland but several years later I still could not answer these questions, so I engaged GSQ to help with the research and was well rewarded by the information uncovered by Jan Bimrose, Sally Romano and Bobbie Edes.

The researchers looked closely at Margaret Kerr's siblings and focused on Londonderry, Northern Ireland. They consulted newspapers and public records such as business directories. An 1870 Londonderry

business directory lists Hugh Kerr (photographer) and William Kerr (Music Warehouse). Margaret Kerr's younger brothers were William b.c1828 and Hugh b.c1835. Robert Paton Kerr's maternal uncles were established in Northern Ireland and further research linked Robert Paton Kerr with them.

A newspaper article in 1859 reports a musical evening that included Master Robert Kerr singing in a duet as part of the musical event. The lead accompaniment was provided by a Mr. Kerr (possibly conducting or on piano) assisted by violin. Master Robert Kerr would have been 10 years old when he sang his part of the duet.

An advertisement in 1866 announces to Derry Mr William Kerr's sixth annual concert, William conducting and his brother Hugh to sing '*a few Scotch Serio-Comic songs*'. In 1868 Robert P Kerr returned to William Kerr's '*Pianoforte Stationery and Music Warehouse*' in Londonderry as a qualified piano tuner with experience from London and Glasgow pianoforte makers. In 1870 Robert Kerr is listed performing with William and Hugh Kerr. Then in 1873 an announcement is published by R.P. Kerr that he has '*taken over the Pianoforte and Music Wareroom business in all its branches*'. Robert Paton Kerr was married in Paisley Scotland just a few months later in 1873 and the story of a failing business in difficult times begins.

Laurie Kerr, GSQ member

See page 9 for some ideas for furthering your research

Upcoming GSQ Education Events

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](#)

Researching the Tail End of England: Cornwall, Devon, Somerset & Dorset

July 16 @ 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM AEST

Presenter: Shauna Hicks

Virtual via ZOOM

This presentation looks at resources for these counties, with the focus on what's available online. Examples from the speaker's own family history will be used to demonstrate what can be located. There will be an opportunity for a Q & A with Shauna. [BOOK HERE](#)

June

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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](#)



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 12 June at Stackpole Street.

DNA Group

Our next meeting will be Sunday 15 May 2022 starting at 9.30 am via Zoom.

English/Irish Group

The English/ Irish Group will meet on Sunday 5 June at Stackpole Street from 10:00 AM.

The group met at GSQ in April and found good information for one of the members. The group is need of a convenor (see notice on page1). It is possible that the group could meet via Zoom or as a hybrid meeting at GSQ & via Zoom. Please contact Helen Connor on events@gsq.org.au for more information..

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.



Invitation
to a special Volunteers'
Morning Tea
on Saturday,
14 May, 2022 at 10.00am
at our premises at Wishart



Please email Claire on secretary@gsq.org.au by Thursday 12 May for catering purposes.

Special Interest Groups

Scandinavian Group

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 19 June.

The Writing Group met on 17 April; a shorter meeting than usual due to Easter. We considered how entries in personal diaries and letters can help us learn more about our ancestors. Our discussion was informed by an activity to write a brief personal diary entry about a date of our choosing. Diaries were often kept by women and can reveal details of their lives that are missing from the public record.

Details of our next meeting will be provided in June eNews. The Group welcomes new members. Contact Pauline on writing@gsq.org.au if you would like more information.

Monday Morning Natters

No Monday Morning Natters this month as Monday is a public holiday.

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

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.

Library	Topic	When	Time	Booking
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

April has been one of those months in which we have only been able to meet twice, due to Easter and Monday Morning Natters.

We have had a wonderful day today 25th, in talking about just one person who was involved in some sort of conflict or battle that we know about. Not necessarily associated with WW1 or 2, but even devastating stories that Gayle had discovered about a family buried in the South Brisbane Cemetery – wife had lost husband and then 3 sons to war. How hard that would have been to deal with and there were lots of families affected that way. Information on the Light Brigade, and the survival of many that were at Gallipoli and Passchendaele. Conflict has always been

with us throughout the centuries, and we all wonder why as human beings this occurs. I talked about the Battle of Flodden which occurred 9th Sept 1513 of which thousands of lives were lost – mostly Scottish.

Next Monday Zoom meeting will be May 9th in which we will discuss “Nursery Rhymes” – also a fascinating topic. Do you know the meaning behind many of the rhymes we used to sing as a child – like “Ring around a Posy” of which is talking about the Black Plague.

Come and join us that morning to find out more and join in the fun of finding out about things we did not know before. Email mtzoom@gsq.org.au if you want to be included on the list.

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

Get your friends to come along. Remember that the 2nd Wednesday and 4th Wednesday nights of the month are free for all to join. To attend apply to get the link. Just send an email to wedpmzoom@gsq.org.au before the day so you can be sent the link. We have discussions about family history related topics.

Wednesday May 11 More of the Periodic table and this Wednesday it is iron. Were your ancestors iron miners, blacksmiths, nail makers, farriers, timber getters or perhaps spent some time in iron chains? Did they suffer anaemia (lack of iron) or haemochromatosis (too much iron)? Think about all the ways iron could have been important in their lives. Do you have any more connections with iron?

Wednesday May 25 Our presenter for this month is Col Sutcliffe and he will be speaking about – The Bollon Diaries. Bollon is a very small town on the edge of the Wallam Creek,

between Cunnamulla and St George. It currently has a population of 221.

Col was a teacher and Principal of a number of State Primary and Secondary schools and Foundation Principal, Charters Towers School of Distance Education. Col was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in 2019 for Services to the community and education.

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

During the 6 April Wednesday morning Zoom gathering, the topic title was ‘Buying sites for family history memorabilia’ when Bobbie did a presentation on where to look for that more elusive genealogy information, be it books, postcards with scenes, family history charts or whatever. There is an great array of “stuff” out there and it pays to think laterally at times.

At our meeting on 20 April the group initially considered the latest option of spending the funds paid by them through the SIG’s ‘Gold Coin’ account system. This is still a ‘work-in-progress’ and will be put to Management in the near future. Following that there was a lengthy discussion by the group

on things coming up and books recently read, we tackled a Challenge set by Bobbie to find one of her ancestor’s siblings who was a 9 yr old orphan during the 1841 census. It is particularly hard to pin anyone down definitively in this census and the assistance given by the individual groups was appreciated and will be followed up.

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 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 April GSQ Blogs got off to an amazing start with popular blogger, Jill Ball putting to the readers the various ethical, moral and legal considerations when interacting in our genealogy world. This was a follow-up to her interesting discussion at RootsTech 2022 and the blog titled 'Genealogy for all' brought forth many comments congratulating Jill on bringing the issues to our readers.

The following week we featured regular blogger, Janice Cooper's 'A lonely grave' a story about one of her ancestor's very sad life. On 18 April Sharyn Merkle wrote more about 'The French connection' of her great-grandmother, Evelyn Rose Boulton; and lastly for April on Anzac Day itself we

had Bev Murray writing about her great-uncle, 'In Memory of John Russell Figgis' who did survive Gallipoli and after the war finished, returned to Australia with his life long war injuries.

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 released 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/>

Update on research spotlight

So, Laurie's big mystery was solved through having a different set of eyes (three sets actually) look at, research and discuss the possibilities!! Most family historians will come across a "brick wall" type of situation at some stage in their research. That's where the fun lies!! If you find that you're just not getting anywhere on your own, GSQ offers a number of possibilities:

- Come to our Resource Centre on one of the days we're open for research (every day, except for Sundays and Mondays) – a Research Assistant, or another member, may help you locate something to assist in breaking down the Brick Wall;

- Participate in a Zoom Meeting – held on Mondays (11.00am – 1.00pm) and Wednesdays (11.00am – 12.30pm);
- Attend a Special Interest Group meeting for your Brick Wall area;

Contact research@gsq.org.au and ask for our researchers to help you. You will have to pay to have research done in this way, but it could be worth paying for.

What's news ...

From The National Archives UK

Following on from the release of the 1921 census TNA has a couple of interesting things happening.

Firstly, a blog post about the [1920s fashion and design](#). This will help in dating photos.

Secondly, in the Podcast, [The 1920s: beyond the roar](#), historian Kate Williams looks at the era's tensions and shifting values. The episode discusses how social progress and a spirit of innovation coexisted alongside immense poverty and unrest.

Explore the latest exhibition from home with a [special highlights tour of the 1920s exhibition](#). Using the 1920 census as its keystone, the

exhibition rebuilds the world of the 1920s through the lens of the TNA collection, drawing on wide ranging records including international peace treaties, textile samples and lonely hearts ads to explore key moments from the decade, from the public to the personal.

This is an opportunity for family historians to gain an insight into the time period.

From Legacy Tree Genealogists Technical Advances in Genealogy

Legacy Tree Genealogists' Gretchen Jorgensen is a Research Teams Manager and specializes in genetic genealogy and DNA analysis. In this

article, she discusses the impact of [technology on genealogy](#) with a particular focus on photographs, access to records, and DNA.

From Genealog's Star blog Is Microfilm Really Dead ?

The announcement by FamilySearch.org that all of its 2.4 million rolls of microfilm have been digitized does not begin to herald the end of microfilm.

The microfilm collection held in the Granite Vault and available in the Salt Lake Family History Library isn't going away anytime soon. Many researchers need to check the microfilm when the digital copies are unreadable or missing pages (yes, this does happen).

[Read James Tanner's blog post.](#)

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 May/June offerings:

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 Pauline C Merrick – 4:00 AM AEST

June 1 – *The Bones – New Zealand Civil Registration* by Fiona Broker – 12:00noon AEST

June 2 – *Using DNA To Solve Interlinked Mysteries* by Michelle Leonard – 4:00 AM AEST

June 15 – *Identifying Common Ancestors with DNA* by MyHeritage – 4:00 AM AEST

June 16 – *Advanced Lightroom Techniques for Photo Editing* by Jared Hodges – 4:00 AM AEST

June 22 – *Negative Evidence: Making Something Out of Nothing* by Denise E. Cross, MSLIS, CG – 10:00 AM AEST

June 23 – *Irish Emigration to North America: Before, during and after Famine* by Paul Milner – 4:00 AM AEST

June 29 – *Celebrating Family Events with MyHeritage* by My Heritage – 4:00 PM AEST

June 30 – *A Deep Dive into the Map Collections of the Library of Congress* by Rick Sayre, CG, CGL, FUGA – 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.

Organised Genealogy ...

Strategies for “Recharging” Your Genealogy Research

In a perfect world, your genealogical research would take after the Energizer bunny—you’d cheerfully march along, adding generations and making new discoveries with every beat of the drum.

Your reality, however, probably isn’t a never-ending parade of pedigree progress. More likely, you have at least one family line that, instead of marching on and on like that motorized rabbit, smacks into a wall and gets stuck there until the batteries die.

Maybe your ancestral obstacle isn’t really a brick wall—perhaps your genealogical batteries just need a jump-start. Try these 12 proven methods to recharge your research, and you’ll keep going..

1. Find Original Records
2. Revisit Records
3. Use a Checklist
4. Write Your Family History
5. Google Your Ancestor
6. Research Neighbours and Associates
7. Consult County and Local Histories
8. Read a State or County Guide
9. Attend a Seminar, Institute or Conference
10. Trace lines Forward to Locate Cousins
11. Contact Local Historical Societies

12. Get a Second Opinion

Sorry, the Energizer bunny doesn’t offer genealogical services—but once you put these research boosters into practice, you too can outlast your brick walls

Start by asking someone at your local society (GSQ) or an online genealogy friend for help. If that doesn’t get results, it might be worthwhile to hire a professional genealogist—GSQ offers consultation services and will make a research plan for you.

From FamilyTree Magazine, you can read the whole article with suggestions about the twelve methods [HERE](#).

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>