



Welcome to October eNews

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

AGM: Details of GSQ's 2022 AGM have been circulated separately. This year's meeting is to be held at our premises at Wishart on Saturday, 15 October, starting at 10.00am. Nomination Forms are now available – the Forms are to be signed by 2 members as well as the person being nominated and need to be in the Secretary's hands no later than 5.00pm on Friday, 30 September.

Claire Rodwell, GSQ's longstanding Secretary is standing down and I urge all members with administrative experience to consider taking on the role. Legally, GSQ cannot operate without a Secretary! (Nomination Forms are available on our website and also may be collected from our Resource Centre at Stackpole Street.) Apart from the Secretary position, what does being a Management Committee member entail? You are required to attend monthly Management Committee meetings, usually conducted via Zoom, but you'll learn so much about GSQ's operation and can help to mould decisions about GSQ's direction and operation. If intending to attend this year's AGM, to

help with planning, please ensure you register your attendance by emailing secretary@gsq.org.au no later than Monday, 10 October, 2022.

If you didn't attend the "Life in Victorian Britain" seminar on Saturday, 24 September, you missed out on a great experience! Each of the 6 Guest Speakers was different and all demonstrated excellence in the fields about which they spoke. Congratulations to the seminar organisers, Bobbie Edes, Pauline Williams and Margaret Doherty and to Helen Connor for her work on advertising brochures etc. Ailsa Corlett handled the technical aspects of the day with aplomb. Thanks, Ailsa!

With the arrival of warmer weather, have you been engaged in "Spring Cleaning" and identified some goods you no longer require? The Management Committee is organising a Car Boot Sale to be held in the carpark at our premises on 8 October 2022. It's an ideal opportunity for you to make some money and assist GSQ at the same time – gather together all those items you no longer need, book

and pay for a spot through our website and advise secretary@gsq.org.au that you'll be there. The cost is \$20.00 per car. A maximum of 25 cars will be allowed. Sellers can sell from their boots and/or erect a table or tables behind their car from which to sell. Those selling should arrive at GSQ between 6.00am and 7.00am with selling to commence at 7.00am. We'll have a Sausage Sizzle (\$2.50 for Sausage in Bread with Sauce) with the sale finishing at 12 noon.

GSQ is still seeking a Bookshop Convenor – it will be such a shame if our Bookshop is forced to close due to the fact that there is nobody willing to take on the role of Convenor. If able to assist, please contact current Treasurer, David Barnes at finance@gsq.org.au.

Helen Veivers
President



GSQ Annual General Meeting

Starting at 10am sharp at the GSQ Resource Centre,
25 Stackpole Street, Wishart.

More information and Nomination Forms are
available [HERE](#)

Volunteers for Sands of Time - 21-23 October, 2022.

GSQ will be having a table at the conference and will need Volunteers to man the table which will have both our bookshop and information on GSQ. Once we have a number of Volunteers then we will be able to create a roster

that will allow everyone time to access the conference.

This sounds a long time away but those who might be interested should mark it in their diaries.

If you are interested, or going to the conference, email Claire at secretary@gsq.org.au

Research Projects Update

The research group has a backlog of small research projects currently and needs more researchers to help. The research projects we have recently received are small and only require a few hours. We anticipate that this will be the norm. Some of the research

questions include searching for a particular document or relative, find an immigration record etc. The research group is trying to spread the load, so one person doesn't carry all the load.

You can research at home or at GSQ, whatever is easiest for you.

We are currently developing a

training session for everyone who wants to be a researcher for the group. It will contain topics on the process of preparing a report and doing the research. We have prepared documents for reports and proposals to make it easier. If you would like to help and bring revenue into GSQ, please contact Graeme Moulton at researchconvenor@gsq.org.au

COMMITTEE SNIPPETS

Points from September Management Committee:

- Membership 612 at 31 August 2022;
- The Bequest Brochure was approved and is to be distributed to members by post. A version will also be available on our Website;
- TAG to be approached about suggestions for a Gaming Commission Grant Application, given a new Round has been announced;
- Research Assistants are to be involved in regular meetings organised by Volunteer Coordinator, Kim Davis;
- GSQ has booked 3 Tables for the "Sands in Time" Conference at Redcliffe, 21 - 23 October, with our convict Connections Group occupying one of the Tables;
- AGM arrangements discussed.



"POSITIONS
VACANT"

FUNDRAISING COORDINATOR

GSQ is seeking somebody to coordinate Fundraising activities. The Management Committee has recently discussed a number of options, but there are many others that that could be considered by a dedicated fundraising coordinator. The ones discussed included a Car Boot Sale, Wine Tasting, Containers for Change (implemented), Banquet Dinner.

If Fundraising is something that appeals to you, please contact President, Helen Veivers at president@gsq.org.au for discussion and further information.

BOOKSHOP CONVENOR

The GSQ Bookshop needs a convenor prior to the AGM in October. If a convenor is not found there is a strong likelihood that the Bookshop will be closed down. The Bookshop earns funds for GSQ and is an important service for members & non-members. It's important that the Bookshop is kept relevant and that items do not linger too long on the shelf.

If you have an interest in genealogy/history books maybe this position is for you. You will have the opportunity to access new and exciting products for GSQ. For information contact David Barnes on bookshop@gsq.org.au

Upcoming GSQ Education Events

Historic maps of Great Britain – a window into the past

October 11 @ 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM AEST
Presenter: Laragh Quinney
Cost: Members \$20 Non-members \$30
Virtual via ZOOM

Discover detailed historic mapping of Scotland, England and Wales from county maps and town plans to national mapping by the Ordnance Survey. This session will showcase the types and scales of historic mapping available, and the information these maps can provide for genealogists. The National Library of Scotland has digitised over 250,000 historic maps of Great Britain. [BOOK HERE](#)

German Migration to Australia and using the collections of the Lutheran Archives

November 12 @ 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM AEST
Presenter: Ben Hollister
Cost: Members \$20 Non-members \$30
Virtual via Zoom

Who were the first Germans in Australia? When and how did they arrive? This Cook's Tour of nearly 200 years of Germans arriving in Australia will give a good foundation. The Lutheran Archives is the only national religious archive in Australia. With a mandate to preserve the story of the Lutheran Church in Australia, in all its forms, it has developed a diverse collection that can help researchers uncover many facets of history beyond church register entries. [BOOK HERE](#)

Using GSQ computers

October 22 @ 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM AEST
Presenter: Ailsa Corlett
Cost: Members ONLY \$10
Hands on at GSQ

The Genealogical world is changing all the time. Is your knowledge on how to use the computers and programs installed at GSQ up to date? Do you know what programs we have for you to use at GSQ? Not just the subscription databases! Have you looked at or used any of the other icon links on the Start Menu page?

Course is limited to 10 people, to ensure each person can be assisted when using the computers so be in quick as usually gets booked out. [BOOK HERE](#)

Expanding Your Family Tree with Charting Companion

November 19 @ 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM AEST
Presenter: Pierre Clouthier
Cost: MEMBERS ONLY - FREE
Virtual via Zoom

This free presentation will demonstrate the various charts within Charting Companion. Charting Companion is a plugin which works on Family Tree Maker, Legacy, RootsMagic, Ancestral Quest, Ancestry (via GEDCOM), MyHeritage, etc. Progency Founder, Pierre will also show how the DNA Matrix can "prove" your family tree by confirming genealogical assertions with genetic test results. Learn of a century old family secret wrested from the grave. [BOOK HERE](#)

CANVA: how you can create photobooks, calendars & more to enhance your family history

November 5 @ 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM AEST
Presenter: Helen Connor
Cost: Members \$20 Non-members \$30
Virtual via Zoom

In this session, Helen will show you how to get started in Canva with a simple project, and then examine some of the other features and offerings that are especially useful in your family history. Oh, and did you know that it's free?

[BOOK HERE](#)

Timelines: A Genealogical Analysis Tool

November 26 @ 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM AEST
Presenter: Helen Smith
Cost: Members \$20 Non-members \$30
Virtual via Zoom

Timelines aid you to keep track of events in your ancestor's lives, find gaps in your research and determine intersecting events that affect their lives. They are particularly useful in analysing brick wall problems. Two James Quedsted's in a parish both married to an Elizabeth and having children at the same time? Have an ancestor whose age changes in every record? What legislation was in effect? How did it change? No person exists in isolation. Timelines can also help you place family members in relationship to each other. [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 9 October at Stackpole Street.

The next meeting will be held on Sunday 9th October 2022, at GSQ Resource Centre. We hold face to face meetings. The doors will be open from 9:00am until 3:00pm. The special presentation by Val Blomer at 11:00am will be "Our Colonial Period – The 73rd Regiment of Foot in New South Wales."

DNA Group

The DNA Group will meet on Sunday 23 October from 9:30am via Zoom.

The meeting is still totally online via Zoom and it seems that this will continue until a satisfactory hybrid method is available.

The next DNA Clinic is 30th November. To request help please email us before Sunday 27th November to presentations@gsq.org.au

Writing Group

The next meeting is on Sunday 16 October via Zoom.

The final meeting of the Writing Group for 2022 will be held on Sunday 16 October via Zoom. More details will be circulated to members closer to the date. Contact Pauline on pstirland@hotmail.com or writing@gsq.org.au for more information, or to be added to the Group's mailing list.

English/Irish Group

The English/ Irish Group will meet on Sunday 2 October at Stackpole Street from 10:00 AM.

The next meeting of the English Irish SIG will be Sunday 2nd October at GSQ's Wishart premises. The doors will open at 9.30am with the meeting commencing at 10.00am. Due to being Grand Final Day, the doors will close at about midday.

The October county presentation will be on the English county of Middlesex.

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 2nd October.
Kim Davis, convenor, irisheng@gsq.org.au

Family History Technology Group

The Family History Technology Group will meet on Sunday 13 November via Zoom.

The FHTech SIG has experimented with the frequency of the sessions. The last session was well attended and everyone was involved. Reverting to the original program, the next FHTech SIG session will be on 13th November. We will send an email to everyone on our mailing list nominating our discussion topics. Those of you that are not on the mailing list but would like to be, send me an email at fhtech@gsq.org.au

German Group

The German Group will meet on Sunday 27 November @ the GSQ premises from 10:00 AM.

Scandinavian Group

The next meeting is on 20 November @ 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

Scottish Group

The next meeting is Sunday 6 November at GSQ and via Zoom.

Alistair has returned from Scotland with a bag full of books for all of us. Approx 160 he said. So, these I am sure will keep everyone who has Scottish Ancestry busy once they have been accessioned into our library. Alistair managed to talk to many of the societies while over there and all had similar issues with computers; internet and keeping up to date with technology. All the Societies were keen to maintain links with GSQ and keen to exchange journals electronically and Alistair was forwarding the addresses for them to subscribe.

The next Scottish meeting is on 1 November 2022. Talk on "Using Scotland's People" by Les McFadzen. To receive a link to join via Zoom email scotgroup@gsq.org.au

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. There are some great events coming up so keep in touch via the Facebook Page.

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

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

GSQ Blogs

Since the September issue, GSQ Bloggers have published the following stories. Our blogs published in September included the following: Pauline Williams started off the month with an interesting round-up of the Norfolk Island AFFHO conference, this was a great way to find out what we'd missed and certainly sounded like an engaging week of presentations, touring and meeting fellow genealogists. The following Monday featured a story by Peter Cass, this time writing about his grandfather's career in the Melbourne and Metropolitan Fire Board (MMFB) as a fireman from about 1907 or so. Meg Carney then wrote about the humble Irish Potato and why the failure of one crop made such an impact on the population. Victoria MacGregor then implored us

to 'Search for the hidden stories' which is exactly what she did researching the emigration of her great-grandfather to Canada at the age of fifty-four. The mystery lay in the toing and froing of the emigrant and his wife with the answer unfolding as she researched further. We thank our bloggers for all these stories.

Our GSQ 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/>

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. By applying basic analytical strategies to records, we can discover more from them and avoid missing valuable information.

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 Genealogy Insider, Shamele Jordon, *Genealogy Quick Start*

GSQ ZOOM Meetings

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

Latest discussion has been about “*What Genealogical Programs are available to use*”

Extremely interesting talk about what is available – Family Tree Maker; Legacy; RootsMagic and Family Historian are the 4 major ones. But others like RootsFinder; Reunion for Mac; Brothers Keeper; TMG are also available. We looked at the pros and cons of the major ones and talked about what we really liked in each program. Most who use Family Tree Maker like it because it is easy to sync directly with Ancestry and I like the colour coding. Legacy has many features to make it a superb program, but you need to use GEDCOM to upload

a copy of your tree to Ancestry. Several members were just using Ancestry or MyHeritage as their trees but were also saving all documents to their computer for use later. Next week we will go through how to make a good GEDCOM to upload or transfer your tree to another program.

Have you thought about coming along and joining us. We have the Zoom meeting every Monday at 11am – 1pm. Contact Helen and Ailsa on mtzoom@gsq.org.au and make sure you come along with your cuppa and pets are welcome to join in as well. This is a member only meeting.

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

If you cannot get to GSQ, or working during the day; unable to attend the other Zoom meetings; and just want a bit of help with your research, then the Wednesday nights might be just what you are looking for.

The meeting is hosted by Ailsa Corlett, and it is a self help group in which ask your questions or problems and others within the group offer their ideas, web sites, books and knowledge on where next you might go to find your answers.

On the 26th October we will be having Marcel Safier talking about: Photographs – Dating them and looking at the fashions, places and photographer can give you a great insight into your ancestors life.

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 which is sent out on the Monday evening before the Zoom.

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

On 21 September we had our Brickwall session when we looked at one of our member’s stumbling block. This was followed on Wed 5th October with our Topic session when Bobbie did a presentation on putting together ancestral charts including images, suitable as gifts for members of our families using genealogy software such as FTM and Legacy.

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 asking to go onto the mailing list.

Women’s Land Army UK index cards online at Ancestry

More than 90,000 index cards revealing the employment details of the ‘land girls’ who served in the wartime Women’s Land Army have been digitised and made available online by Ancestry today.

The Women’s Land Army (WLA) was established to support the war effort from the home front. These ‘land girls’, as they became known, were critical to increasing food production. At its peak, the Women’s Land Army had more than 80,000 women working on the land, in all variety of ways – from poultry farming to rodent catching.

The mostly handwritten collection consists of index cards to Second World War service records featuring the names, addresses, employment details, birthdates, and membership numbers, of the women who helped increase food production in Britain at a time of crisis.

[Read more at this blog.](#)

What's news – updates from the Genealogy Community ...

3 Tips for Tackling a Declutter Project

This past week, my husband and I both went through our closets. It was long overdue – for months we would look at the huge, chaotic piles and be so overwhelmed that we'd immediately close the closet doors, saying we'd get to it some other time.

As family historians, you've probably experienced a similar feeling when faced with sorting through an estate or just a huge collection of old stuff. It can be paralyzing – you want to make sure you save what matters, but the sheer size of the task ahead of you can make it hard to take the first step.

Here are a few pointers to help curb the anxiety and cultivate a positive mindset for family history organizing:

Focus on the next step.

Instead of thinking about the project as a whole, focus your energy on just completing the first step. In her new article, Lisa A. Alzo offers several concrete steps you can take to organize family history archives, the first of which is "Sort and Separate." Breaking down your task into smaller, more manageable steps can help break through the paralysis and get you started. The rest will worry about itself!

Try being time-bound instead of task-bound.

It can be helpful to think of your project in terms of chunks of time. For example, instead of saying "I have to go through and organize everything that's in this pile," try saying "I have to organize for 15 minutes." This approach can help you get started, and you may find yourself not wanting to quit after time is up!

Remind yourself that you are a treasure hunter.

If you think about it, sorting through a pile of old papers isn't so different from scrolling through pages of search results on a genealogy website! Instead of thinking about your organization project as a chore, try thinking of it as a treasure hunt or record search. Who knows what clues or tidbits you'll find? You are Indiana Jones, digging through layers of the past, on a quest for family history treasure!

Now, aren't you excited to get started?

From Rachel Christian, New Media Editor, *Family Tree Magazine*

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 October/November offerings:

Oct 1 – *50 Mostly "Hot off the Press" Net Sites You Want to Check Out!* by Diane L. Richard – 4:00 AM AEST

Oct 5 – *Encounters – Our Immigrant Ancestors* by Fiona Brooker – 11:00 AM AEST

Oct 6 – *When Wrong is Actually Right: Constructing Proof Arguments for Counterintuitive Conflicts (a 2022 Reisinger lecture)* by Meryl Schumacker, CG – 1:30 AM AEST

Oct 12 – *Norway Research with Online Records at MyHeritage and Beyond* by Mike Mansfield – 4:00 AM AEST

Oct 13 – *Trendy Tech Tools for Your Research: Yay or Nay?* by Cyndi Ingle – 10:00 AM AEST

Oct 26 – *MyHeritage's Latest Photo Innovations* by Tal Erlichman – 4:00 AM AEST

Oct 27 – *Structuring a Family History – class 1 of 4* by Carol Baxter – 10:00 AM AEST

Nov 2 – *Tips & Tricks for Researching in Australian Archives* by Shauna Hicks - 11 AM AEST

Nov 3 – *Right Place, Right Time, Right Person: Intersections of DNA and Document Evidence* by Paul Woodbury – 4:00 AM AEST

Nov 9 – *The science behind MyHeritage DNA testing* by Gal Zrihen – 5:00 AM AEST

Nov 16 – *Their Mark Here: Signatures and Marks as Identifying Tools* by Nicole Gilkison LaRue, CG – 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

Conference News 2022

Sharing Shetland

Discover your ancestors' place in Shetland history

When: 22 October 2022

Where: Free Virtual Conference

Shetland FHS website: <https://www.shetland-fhs.org.uk/>

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 (FH DU)

When: 8 - 11 November 2022

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

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