



## Issue 202 Genealogical Society of Queensland

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## **Welcome to November eNews**

#### A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Your New Management Committee:
President – Helen Veivers, Vice
President – David Barnes, Secretary
– Karma Hodgson, Treasurer – Di
Kennedy, Ordinary Committee
Members: Claire Rodwell, Marg
Doherty, Kate Peters, Kim Davis,
Graeme Moulton, Geoff Doherty.
Congratulations to all! I know I
can speak on behalf of all those
elected when I say the Management
Committee is looking forward to the
year ahead, working together for the
benefit of all GSQ members.

year ahead, working together for the There's some exciting news about a very special mini seminar being conducted on 15 February next year, 9.00am - 1.00pm. On that day we're to have 2 Visitors from the Ulster Historical Foundation at our premises in Wishart – the visitors will be Fintan Mullan and Gillian Hunt. A decision has been made to conduct this Seminar as a Hybrid event, meaning you will be able to come to Wishart to hear the speakers at firsthand or choose to attend the Mini Seminar via Zoom. Our wonderful Web Coordinators have added details to the website already – if you intend attending, I suggest you book no later than 11 December because that's the date Early Bird bookings close. Tickets are \$40 for GSQ members until 11 December and \$50 after that date. This is a treat not to be missed!

Details of the 2024 Joan Reese Short Story Competition have been released – check our website for details. The topic for next year's Competition is very broad and something any member could "write for," namely, A Short Stort from Your Family History Research. Prize money for the winner has been increased to \$200.00, with the deadline for entries being 3 June 2024.

As already advised, our fabulous Membership Officer, Kerry Beeton, wishes to relinquish the role. If you would like to take on the job with the enjoyable challenge of using the new Membership Program, please contact me at president@gsq.org.au or Kerry at membership@gsq.org.au . The Management Committee is confident that the new program will be so much easier to use than what Kerry has struggled with during her time in the role.

Lvn Caldwell who has convened the **Convict and Colonial Connections** Special Interest Group for a number of years has indicated she wishes to stand down from the role. Hence, the Convict and Colonial Connections Group is seeking a new Convenor. If you would like to take on this role, please contact Lyn at convictconnections@gsq.org.au or me at president@gsq.org.au for further information. Our Research Group is also seeking volunteers to assist with projects waiting to be completed. This work has the potential for immense satisfaction and a whole lot of fun. If able to help, even in the short term, please contact Research Convenor, Graeme Moulton at researchconvenor@gsq.org,au

It's that time of year when we need to indicate Closing Date for 2023 – the last day GSQ will be open for research



this year is Saturday 16 December, although not a lot of research may be possible after 2.00pm on that day. Our Annual Christmas Afternoon Tea will be held on the afternoon of Saturday, 16 **December, commencing at 2.00pm**. As for the past few years, there will be no need to bring food for the Afternoon Tea – this will be provided through a Grant received from the Brisbane City Council. Our premises will be open again on Tuesday, 16 January, 2024. We're hoping to have a Multi Draw Raffle during the Afternoon Tea on 16 December and would appreciate members bringing items along to add to the Raffle Prizes – non perishable food items or drinks are good options. A Basket will be placed in the Reception area to receive donated hamper raffle items.

Finally, our Librarians are seeking help during the Christmas break to remove all the books from our shelves and placing them back on the new bookshelving once it's erected. If you could help, please contact Sandy and Kim at librarian@gsq.org.au – even a few hours of your time would be appreciated.

Helen Veivers, President

## **GSQ Notices**

GSQ is currently in need of a number of Volunteers:

- Membership Officer: The details for this vacancy are covered elsewhere in this edition of eNews;
- Research Assistants: Our
   Volunteer coordinator is finding
   it more and more difficult to
   complete Rosters. The activity
   offered by our Research
   Assistants is just so important for
   the operation of our organization.

## COMMITTEE SNIPPETS

## Points from October Management Committee:

- New member letter being developed;
- A Membership Package(Membership Works) being trialled;
- A different Monitor to be purchased for the ScanPro with funds from Family History Tech SIG;
- Librarians have set up a trial of Koha, our new Library program. Grateful thanks to Sandy for many hours of work on this project;
- Preparations for the Australian Congress on Genealogy and Heraldry being organised by GSQ in March 2025 proceeding well:
- Still awaiting advice from our Solicitor re the revised Volunteer Agreement.

You don't need to be an excellent researcher but do need to be willing to help others with their research – if you contribute to GSQ in this way, there is one thing for certain,

your research skills will improve. We always have 2 Research Assistants rostered for each time slot when the



Resource Centre is open, so you will not be working alone. If able to help or wanting further information, please contact Volunteer Coordinator, Kim Davis, by emailing <a href="mailto:volunteer@gsq.org.au">volunteer@gsq.org.au</a>.

Bookshop Convenor: Our Bookshop is flourishing at present. Our current convenor, Karma Hodgson, wishes to step down from the role to take on another for GSQ. If you believe you could help GSQ by taking on this Volunteer role, please contact Karma at <a href="mailto:shop@gsq.org.au">shop@gsq.org.au</a>. Karma will provide full information and any training required.

**TAG (Technical Advisory Group):** Our TAG is in need of volunteers to enable it to continue to maintain and enhance GSQ's technical

resources to the highest standards. There are some tasks which don't require a lot of technical knowledge and others where members' technical expertise would be very welcome. If interested, please

contact TAG convenor, Alistair Henderson, by emailing <u>tag@</u> <u>gsq.org.au</u>.

• Researchers to be part of GSQ's Research Team: GSQ has a Team of Researchers who work on projects requested by clients, often clients external to GSQ. This Team is led by Graeme Moulton who has indicated that he requires more researchers. If being part of this Team is something which interests you, please contact Graeme by emailing researchconvenor@gsq.org.au

Save the date

GSQ is bosting 2025

Australian Congress on Genealogy and Heraldry Friday 21 – 24 March 2025

Find out more info here when available!

## **Upcoming GSQ Education Events**

## "If only I could see your grave" – Remembering the Western Front

Nov 4 @ 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM AEST Presenter: Dr Richard Reid Cost: Members \$20 Non-members \$30 Virtual via Zoom

In Australia Anzac Day has become THE day for remembrance, remembrance of those who fought, and perhaps more significantly, of those who died in Australia's wars and conflicts since Federation in 1901. This Remembrance Day 2023 presentation focuses on aspects of the story of how Australian government authorities, and individual families, sought to mark and remember that huge loss of Australian lives in France and Belgium between 1916 and 1918. BOOK HERE

### **Constructing a Digital Convict Memorial**

Dec 2 @ 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM AEST Presenter: Hamish Maxwell–Stewart Cost: Members \$20 Non-members \$30 Virtual via Zoom

This paper describes the construction of a digital convict memorial in the Penitentiary Chapel Hobart, a site owned and operated by the Tasmanian National Trust. The memorial uses life course data for 75,000 convicts transported to Van Diemen's Land, Norfolk Island and Port Phillip assembled as a result of a series of Australian Research Council funded projects. Designed to provide a means of visualising this data in all of its complexity, the memorial also provides opportunities for the public to interact with the Nation's convict past in novel ways. BOOK HERE

## The Australian Joint Copying Project in Trove

Nov 11 @ 9:00 AM -- 11:00 AM AEST Presenter: Carmel Galvin Cost: Members \$29 Non-members \$30 Virtual via Zoom

The AJCP (Australian Joint Copying Project) resources now available through Trove provide a wealth of material for family historians. In this session we will examine the scope and range of records available and investigate a variety of ways of finding treasures in this huge collection.

BOOK HERE

### First Steps in researching at QSA

Dec 9 @ 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM AEST Presenter: Cynthia Cochrane Cost: Members only - FREE Virtual via Zoom

Cynthia hopes to encourage both new users, and those already familiar, to come to our friendly Reading Room. There is always an Archivist to answer your questions when you visit the Archives. She will feature three of QSA's main tools: Our Home Page on the internet; Indexes; and our ArchivesSearch catalogue, all of which are rich in genealogical resources. BOOK HERE

## Wring that document dry: getting the most from your research documents

Nov 25 @ 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM AEST Presenter: Helen V. Smith Cost: Members \$20 Non-members \$30 Virtual via Zoom

Genealogists use a wide variety of records in their research. Every record has a story to tell but are you getting the whole story or just the abridged version? Each record needs to be evaluated to extract the maximum research benefit and wring the record dry. BOOK HERE

See pages 10 \$ 11 of this issue for exciting news on events coming in 2024!

## **Special Interest Groups**

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

## **English/Irish/Welsh Group**

#### The English/Irish / Welsh Group will meet on Sunday 3 December at Stackpole Street & via Zoom from 9:30 AM.

At the last meeting of the English Irish SIG the group decided they would like to have Wales included in the countries covered by the SIG. I took this request to the last Management Committee meeting, and it was unanimously agreed the SIG could change its name to English Irish Welsh SIG.

The next meeting of the English Irish SIG will be Sunday 3rd December 2023 and will be a hybrid meeting.

The English Irish SIG last met Sunday 1st October at GSQ's Wishart premises. This meeting was again a hybrid meeting using the new (relatively) hybrid meeting equipment. It was good to see people attending who normally can't because of various reasons, with the hybrid meeting equipment facilitating that.

Marie Rosborough gave a very enlightening and enjoyable presentation on the Irish County of Mayo.

## The December presentation will be on the English county of Cumbria.

If you have English, Irish or Welsh (or all three!!) ancestors, this is the SIG for you. Do you have a bit of an Irish or English or Welsh 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 would like to try a slightly different approach again to "problems". If you send me the details of the problem and what information you have, I could distribute the details before the meeting giving members an opportunity to do some research prior to the meeting and then we could discuss on the day.

I look forward to seeing everybody on Sunday 3rd December 2023 either in person or via ZOOM.

If you are not on my mailing list, please email me at <a href="mailto:irisheng@gsq.org.au">irisheng@gsq.org.au</a> so I can email you the link to the zoom meeting. That will be sent a day or two before the meeting.

Convenor, Kim Davis

### **DNA Group**

## The next meeting is on Sunday 19 November 2023 via Zoom.

The Dna Group will meet be Zoom on 19 November from 9:30 to 12:30 PM. It will be a short meeting this month as usual.

The next DNA Clinic is Wednesday 29th November. Please email <a href="mailto:presentations@gsq.org.au">presentations@gsq.org.au</a> to book a time for an expert to assist with your problem. In your email, please tell us exactly what your problem is and what you're trying to solve.

### **Scandinavian Group**

## The next meeting is on 19 November 2023 @ the Lokal + Co at West End 12:30 PM - 2:30 PM

The Scandinavian Group will have their end-of-year celebration at 12:30 on Sunday 19 November at Lokal + Co in 6 O'Connell Street, West End. Their menu includes Scandinavian waffles, Swedish gravlax (graved salmon) and Norwegian linjeakkevitt (strong liquor). They have many international dishes as well.

Please let me know if you would like to join us by emailing <a href="mailto:steinarau@gmail.com">steinarau@gmail.com</a>

We have an email group with Scandinavian news and details about coming meetings. If you are not in the group and would like to be, please let me know.Email Steinar on scangroup@gsq.org.au.

## **Writing Group**

## The next meeting is on a Sunday in February 2024 at GSQ & via Zoom.

The Writing Group has had an interesting series of meetings in 2023 taking members through the journey from research to publication. We will then reconvene in February 2024.

For more information and to be added to the Group's mailing list, contact Pauline on <a href="mailto:pstirland@hotmail.com">pstirland@hotmail.com</a> or <a href="mailto:writing@gsq.org.au">writing@gsq.org.au</a>

## **Special Interest Groups**

## **Family History Technology Group**

## The FHTech group will meet on Sunday 12 November via Zoom @10:00 AM

The FHTech SIG is active and everyone who attends becomes involved. It is a forum to discuss any issue about your computer, the clouds (what are they?), ways of managing your computer files and any other technical issue you can think of. We often discuss features about Legacy and Family Tree Maker. However, at the last session we reviewed "Family Historian" program. The latest version has just become available, and everyone agreed that it is a very impressive product

The intention of our group is to learn skills from other people. There is no right way in most cases, so to find out how to do something new is a good feeling. The next session is 12 November starting at 10:00 am. Normally our session is the second Sunday of the month. If there is an issue you would like to discuss, please drop me an email and we will include it in the session. Everyone who is on our mailing list will receive a communication prior to the session. Those of you who are not on the mailing list but would like to be, send Graeme an email at <a href="mailto:fhtech@gsq.org.au">fhtech@gsq.org.au</a>

### **Colonial & Convict Connections Group**

## The next meeting for Colonial & Convict Connections is on Sunday 10 December at Stackpole Street.

Just a friendly reminder about our next meeting to be held Sunday 10 December 2023.

The doors at the Research centre will open at 09:00am. You are welcome to come at anytime and do personal research outside the formal meeting times.

#### Time for a new challenge? We are looking for a Convener.

After a long association with this Group Val Blomer and I have decided that we are no longer willing to Convene the Group, we are therefore hoping that some other member of GSQ might be willing to fill the role.

The position is not difficult and involves arranging the programme and convening the hybrid meeting for bi-monthly meetings commencing in February 2024. Administration required is responding to emails from GSQ Management and others, including an occasional inquiry from non-members.

Both Val and I can provide some support if required. Running a group provides a great opportunity for learning new facts and meeting others with the same research interests.

Please contact me through GSQ if you would like any further information.

#### **Scottish Group**

## The next meeting will be on Sunday 5 November at 10:00 AM and will be hybrid meeting.

Our next meeting will be on Sunday 5 November at 10:00 am. We will conduct the meeting as a hybrid ZOOM and on-site meeting, so if anyone would like to join us remotely please contact us at scotgroup@gsq.org.au to obtain the necessary ZOOM credentials. Members and guests are most welcome.

At this meeting, our regular county record lecture will be on the county of Caithness, in the far North, and Alistair Henderson will be the presenter. This is also the meeting where we decide on our presentations for the next year, so let us know if you have any suggestions or preferences.

This meeting will be our last for the year, and our first meeting in 2024 will be our Hogmanay meeting on 7 January. This is a social meeting to share some Scottish delicacies and enjoy a relaxed day to start the year, before the GSQ library opens in earnest for other members. Everybody is welcome to join us for the meeting.

### **German Group**

## The next meeting of the German Group is 26 November at GSQ.

Meetings for the German Group are held the last Sunday of odd number months so if you missed our meeting in September the next will be 26th November 2023 starting at 10.00 am. Come along to celebrate some German fare and also get some help in discovering your German ancestors. Meeting are held at GSQ headquarters at Wishart.

Lesley Roebig Convenor of the German group germangroup@gsq.org.au



#### **Containers for Change update**

Thanks to those members who have been taking their containers to be recycled and have named GSQ as the collector. Our Treasurer reports the following:

 July
 \$71.30

 August
 \$19.20

 September
 \$37.60

While this(\$128.10) is well short of our target, it is a good start. Remember, all you have to do is to save your bottles and cans, take them to a Containers for Change depot and show the Barcode on your phone or provide a printed copy of the Barcode.

## **GSQ in your local BCC library**

GSQ presents topics at your local Brisbane City Council Libraries These presentations are free but you need to book at the library. The Council pays GSQ a fee for presentations so tell your friends about them as Council monitors the popularity of the presentations and decides how many will be offered.

Library	Торіс	When	Time	Booking
Hamilton	Families at War	Saturday 18 November	10:30 to 12:30 PM	3403 1050
Zillmere	Beginner's Gide to DNA for Genealogy	Saturday 9 December	10:00 to 11:00 AM	3403 1455
Inala	Family History in Action	Saturday 13 January	1:30 to 3:00 PM	3403 2205

## **Volunteer Coordinator Report for November**

I won't name all the volunteer roles that currently exist in GSQ, but I will reinforce that all these roles are filled by people who give their time freely to enable GSQ to function for the benefit of its members. In an organization like GSQ, we can't have too many volunteers. If you put your hand up, we will find a volunteer role that suits your skill sets (maybe from your occupation – present or past) and interests.

There are roles you can do from home and or at GSQ's Wishart premises. There are also external roles such as manning stands at shopping centres and visiting the likes of retirement villages to try to attract new members. We are looking to commence in the near future visiting retirement villages.

Perhaps helping to raise funds for GSQ is something you would like to do. If that is the case, helping at a Bunnings BBQ might be right up your alley. You have a bit of fun while helping to raise money for GSQ. And the best bit might be you don't need an excuse to visit Bunnings – you are there!

On the GSQ website, under Volunteer on the home page you will find a link which takes you to a document listing the types of volunteer roles we have. Please give a lot of thought to what you could do and I would be very happy to have a chat with you about finding a role for you.

Kim Davis Volunteer Coordinator

#### **GSQ Facebook Page**

GSQ Facebook Page is a public page so you don't have to be a Facebook member to see what we post there. Each Monday we publish the GSQ Blog for the week and interesting genealogy news and articles from all around the world are published on the other days of the week.

Additionally, the GSQ Education program is published for the year, so we post the Events coming up in the next month or so. These presentation advertisements always included a link 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 & Catherine Thompson on <a href="mailto:facebook@gsq.org.au">facebook@gsq.org.au</a>

#### **GSQ Facebook Group**

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 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 GSO 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 GSQ Blogs in October were stories by Charlotte Sale, Christine Leonard, Di Edelman, Sue Bell and Yvonne Tunny. Well done to our bloggers who are raising considerable conversation on their stories including comments from stories generated years ago. Our GSQ blogs are released early each Monday morning and are also published on our GSQ Facebook Page and GSQ Facebook Group. Thanks to those that have commented on the blog itself, as that may help our blog rating.

This is a direct link to the blogs page itself: <a href="https://gsq-blog.gsq.org.au/">https://gsq-blog.gsq.org.au/</a>

## South Australia Birth, Death and Marriage Resources

In great news for the Society, we have been provided with more birth, death and marriage resources by the Registrar of Births, Deaths & Marriages. Around thirty years ago, the Registrar allowed the Society to compile indexes to birth, death and marriage registrations, covering births to 1928, deaths to 1972 and marriages to 1937. We were then also permitted to film the district copies of the certificates for the same time periods except that the deaths filmed were only up to 1967.

In keeping with the current embargo periods on unrestricted access to birth, death and marriage records, the Registrar has now provided the Society with the data to create indexes for marriages to 1948 and deaths to 1993 (with the same detail as in our existing indexes). We will also have available digital images of certificates for marriages to 1948 and deaths to 1989. After 1989 death registrations were computerised so there is no paper registration to create a digital image from. In addition, the Registrar has provided the Society with digital images of some birth, death and marriage certificates where the district copy of the registration was not available to be fillmed thirty years ago.

We have also been promised annual updates in keeping with the embargo periods on births, deaths and marriages. The Society is grateful to the Registrar and his provision of these resources to the Society reflects the close and ongoing relationship the Society has with the Registrar in South Australia.

The Society's online databases will be updated to include the data provided by the Registrar and this is expected to take place before the end of November. The digital images of the certificates will then be made available on two reading computers in the Society Library, where they will be accessible for viewing with the same conditions as apply for our microfiche district BDM records – hand written transcriptions only, no photography or copying permitted. Members will be advised further when these resources are accessible for research.

We also have an update regarding transcriptions of death certificates for deaths registered from 1968 to 1972. Previously these have not been available, but this restriction no longer applies. Although the digital images we have acquired are not yet accessible for viewing on the Library computers, we can now supply transcriptions from them, effective immediately.

## **GSQ ZOOM Meetings**

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

Another very good month has passed. Gee the time is flying by. We have arranged our Xmas function at Club Southside 11th Dec. and it should be a great get together like it was last year.

We have covered several topics again this last month; a great day spent going through newspapers again and showing the use of the new newspaper search function on FindMyPast. Also, Google newspapers are great for more current editions if you know the time frame. Lots of Wombat holes to go down once you start looking at newspapers. Just the articles regarding furniture, clothes, pills and potions for just about

every ailment under the sun. We also looked at Music, just what did our grandparents do before television came to every household. The types of instruments played, like the spoons, piano and button accordions, the piano and pianola and of course record. Many of us still have some of our parents old 78's which are becoming very popular again.

We look forward to talking with you each Monday at 11am and sharing our experiences and stories. This is a members only group and if you wish to join please send email to <a href="mtzoom@gsq.org.au">mtzoom@gsq.org.au</a>

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

The second Wednesday night of the month is research night, and this last month we discussed "School Records", just where to look for them, what they might contain that could hold that extra bit of information you just might need to help break those brick walls. Many who were present that night were interested in Queensland records the topic mostly stayed on that. But we did look at the school Records on FindmyPast, Ancestry and what the NZSG has done. Our guest speaker this month was Di Kennedy, talking about "Ireland and the White Boys of Galway". Thank you very much for presenting that Di.

November's guest speaker will be *Dr Hilda Maclean, talking again about Trove, but this time about doing the text corrections.* As with all OCR software, there are often errors, mistakes in transcriptions of which the software thinks is correct. Dr Maclean will explain why it is so important for us to Log In and do the text corrections when we are using the Trove newspapers or any other newspapers that allows us to do that.

Please send email to <a href="wedpmzoom@gsq.org.au">wedpmzoom@gsq.org.au</a> if you wish to be sent a link to attend. These two evenings are free to anyone to attend, not just GSQ members.

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

The next meeting of our Wednesday Morning Zoom Group is on 1 November 2023 when a Topic presentation will be given by Noela Rogers titled Education in Australia.

To be followed two weeks later on 18 October with another of our new session Learning Aid formats when we're working together on another scenario extending our family history knowledge. The members who joined us in the previous two mid-month meetings all agreed that the concept developed by Pauline Williams, is a great way to learn more about a particular aspect of genealogy.

Our meetings are on the 1st and also the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 11am and usually go for about 90 minutes.

Any financial GSQ member can attend these Wednesday morning Zoom session by emailing <a href="wednesday.goog.au">wedmorningzoom@gsq.goog.au</a> and asking to go onto the mailing list.

## What's News...

#### **Queensland Religious Places**

This website documents religious buildings in Queensland from the 1840s to the present. The aim is to record buildings of all faiths erected for worship or as a sacred space - existing, closed, demolished or used for other purposes. The data includes location, name/s, address, status, date of construction, other date (demolished, closed), keywords including building materials and style. The intention is to provide an image with each building.

The main part of the website is the database with more than 5100 entries and images of more than 3700 buildings. There is a webpage devoted to statistical analysis of the buildings.

Another part of the website is the atlas of religious places in Queensland with more than twenty interactive maps. <a href="https://www.qldreligiousplaces.net.au/index.html">https://www.qldreligiousplaces.net.au/index.html</a>

#### **Research Guides from National Library**

Have you used the guides fro the NLA? There are multiple guides available on the website and cover wide ranging topics. Check them out <a href="here">here</a>.

#### **Registered for RootsTech yet?**

Have you registered for RootsTech? RootsTech 24 is being held at Salt Lake City From 29 February to 2 March 2024. The theme for next year is *Remembering*. It promises to be another great conference and it's FREE.

You can register <u>here</u> for both online or if you're lucky enough to be going.

#### **State Library of Victoria**

The SLV has a guide to help you find your ancestors occupation. The occupational records are valuable because you can use them to trace the persons working life. Click here to go to the page.

#### **FamilySearch**

Have a look at FamilySearch blogs for October. You can find out about Your Australian Ancestry and find out about Vintage Halloween Costumes.

There is also a fascinating post about the <u>Different Calendars</u> used around the World, really intesesting. While you're there have a look at previous blogs and maybe subscribe to them.

Remember that GSQ is an Affiliate Library of FamilySearch and that you can view films at GSQ that have a locked symbol beside them.

## 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 November/ December offerings

Nov 2 – *Finding Females in US Naturalization Records, 1790-1945* by
Nancy E. Loe, MA, MLS – 4:00 AM AEST

Nov 9 – Scottish Emigration to North America: Before, During and After the Rebellions by Paul Milner, FUGA, MDiv– 11:00 AM AEST Nov 16 – Can mtDNA and XDNA help topple Geoff's Brickwall? by Diahan Southard – 5:00 AM AEST

Nov 22 – *Why Standards Are for Everyone* by LaBrenda Garrett-Nelson, JD, LLM, CG, CGL, FASG – 11:00 AM AEST

Nov 29 – *The Good News about Historical Newspapers* by Daniel Horowitz – 5:00 AM AEST

Dec 6 – *Can you Write a Wrong? Copyright in Australia* by Cathie Sherwood – 11:00 AM AEST

Dec 7 – **5 Tips for Deciphering Handwriting** by Bryna O'Sullivan – 5:00
AM AEST

Dec 13 – The Latest Developments in Searching Historical Records on MyHeritage by Ran Snir – 5:00 AM AEST Dec 14 – Where did your US Ancestors go to Church? 5 Ways to find out by Sunny Morton – 11:00 AM AEST

Dec 18 – The Bengali and English Ancestry of Thomas Chapman: A Case study with DNA by Meryl Schumacker CG – 11:00 AM AEST

Dec 20 – Finding Sophia's Family: a Case of Fratricide and Forgotten Family by Nancy A. Peters, CG, CGL – 11:00 AM AFST

Jan 11 – A military heritage: Finding your British army lineage in pre–20th Century records by Cathie SHerwood – 11:00 AM AEST

Remember, GSQ members can access MyHeritage through MyGSQ from home.



Saturday 20 January 2024 3 February 10 February @ 1:00 PM AEST



# 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 10 March..

## What does it cost?

Earlybird rate until 30 December

GSQ/QFHS members \$70

Non-members \$85

After 30 December

GSQ/QFHS members \$80

Non-members \$95

## Course program Virtual event via Zoom

Where to start, basics of family history research.

What is the research process; First basic records in
Australia, UK & Ireland. Basic overseas records.

3 Feb

20 Jan

Basic records in Australia & UK. Practicalities of research and recording the results. Q & A

10 Feb

Finding aids, primary & secondary records: other sources of information ie newspapers, wills, connecting with others and online and physical resources; citations. Q & A.

## **Payment**

Earlybird until 30 December: GSQ/QFHS Members \$70 Non-members \$85

After 30 December:

GSQ/QFHS members \$80

Non-members \$95

Book & pay online:

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Irish Mini Seminar with 🖠 Ulster Historical Foundation

## Program

- Using landed estate records: tracing families in the 18th & 19th century.
- Using the Registry of Deeds: an important source for 18th century research.
- Newspapers as a source for Irish research.
- The Ulster Plantation and sources for finding 17th century families in Ireland (not just Ulster).
- All sessions will be recorded and available for one month after the event to registered attendees.

### About the UHF

Ulster Historical Foundation has been helping people to trace their Irish and Ulster ancestors for 65+ years, and is one of the most experienced, long established and highly reputable organisations in Ireland in the field of Irish family history.

Staff from the Ulster Historical Foundation – Fintan Mullan and Gillian Hunt will present a seminar on Irish and Scots-Irish genealogy for beginners and active family historians.

## Bookings & payment

Early Bird Price if booked by 11 Demcember 2023: GSQ/QFHS Members \$40 Non-members \$50 Price from 12 December 2023: GSQ/QFHS Members \$50 Non-members \$60 Book online at: www.gsq.orq.au/events/ Payment may be made by: Credit card (online, by phoning GSQ) 07 3349 6072 or at GSQ Cash (at GSQ) Bank transfer (note details at time of orderinal OR Cheque by post: GSQ, PO Box 1467, Carindale, QLD 4152

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