



## Welcome to April eNews

### A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

**What a long and hot summer we've had this year.** As I sit to write today, there is a definite "change in the air" – perhaps Autumn is on its way at last!! GSQ is desperately in need of a **new Treasurer** with Di Kennedy being forced to resign due to ongoing health issues. If you would like to obtain more information about the position, or qualifications required etc, please contact me at [president@gsq.org.au](mailto:president@gsq.org.au). As advised in the March Event Reminder, the immediate Past Treasurer, David Barnes, has agreed to carry on in the position until the next Management Committee meeting on 15 April. Should nobody come forward by that date, GSQ will be forced to locate an external provider to take on the role at considerable cost to the organization.

**The Margaret Coleman Volunteering Award for 2024** will be presented at a Volunteer's Morning Tea, planned for Saturday, 25 May at 10.00am at our Resource Centre. If you are a Volunteer for GSQ, please attend if at all possible – names of those attending will be collated much closer to the day. The most important task at present, however, is for you to nominate whom

you believe should be presented with this prestigious Award for 2024. I am requesting that members forward the name of a deserving GSQ volunteer to me by emailing [president@gsq.org.au](mailto:president@gsq.org.au) with the information to reach me **no later than 30 April 2024**. In accord with the guidelines established for this Award, current members of the Management Committee are ineligible for nomination. (Should you be unable to provide the information via email, a letter posted to **President, Genealogical Society of Queensland at PO Box 1467, Carindale 4152** or hand delivered to GSQ will be very acceptable.)

Membership Works is operating very well for GSQ. There are, however, several members who have not yet undertaken the task of updating their details in Membership Works. It is important that you do this so that you're able to take full advantage of all the things GSQ offers its members. Should you be having difficulty with this task or just feel daunted by what's involved, please contact GSQ's Membership Officer, Leanne Taylor by emailing [membership@gsq.org.au](mailto:membership@gsq.org.au) and Leanne will assist you.

TAG (GSQ's Technical Advisory Team) is in need of new members, especially members with expertise in Microsoft and its applications. As a member of TAG you would attend a monthly meeting, held via Zoom, and would assist with various projects on an as needs basis. If you have expertise in this area and would like to assist GSQ in this way, please contact TAG Leader, Alistair Henderson, by emailing [tag@gsq.org.au](mailto:tag@gsq.org.au).

As well, our Research Team is "snowed under" with jobs at present – all very interesting pieces of research mysteries to solve. If you are interested in using your Research Skills to help GSQ, please contact Research Convenor, Graeme Moulton by emailing [researchconvenor@gsq.org.au](mailto:researchconvenor@gsq.org.au).

Helen Veivers  
President



*See the flyers in this newsletter on Pages 11 – 13 for forthcoming education events.*

## COMMITTEE SNIPPETS

### Points from April Management Committee:

- Membership Officer, Leanne Taylor, welcomed as a Management Committee member;
- Advice re path to becoming a Genealogist provided to 17 year old male who had sent emailed enquiry - this advice included a visit to GSQ;
- The Annual Clean Up of files is all but completed - shredder to be engaged to shred and remove;
- Irish seminar conducted on 15 February 2024 yielded \$3380.88 in funds for GSQ; a big thank you to Marg Doherty and the Education Committee for organizing this event;
- Next Strategic Planning meeting for Management Committee planned for 8 April;
- Both Grievance Policy Update and Membership Policy approved for uploading to website;
- GSQ's Cyber Security discussed at length;
- Legal requirements for running a Raffle outlined;
- First Aid Kit to be revamped.

## What's News...

### The Boer War: records of Australia's first foreign conflict

#### The Empire called and Australia answered.

The Boer War is regarded by many as Australia's coming of age when the first Australian contingents came to the aid of the Motherland in 1899.

Fought against the backdrop of Federation; colonial troops brought unique abilities to the conflict, as well as liabilities.

Join us as we uncover the stories of enlisted soldiers and notable individuals, and the nation's changing attitude to our involvement as the conflict raged on.

Date: Tuesday 16 and Friday 19 April 2024

Time: 10 to 11 am

Location: National Archives of Australia, Queensland Office, 16 Corporate Drive, Cannon Hill QLD 4170 Cost: Free [BOOK HERE](#)

### MyHeritage Wiki

MyHeritage is thrilled to announce the launch of the MyHeritage Wiki: the new, community-led online encyclopedia for genealogy and DNA. They invite us to both explore the Wiki and also to join us on a meaningful and ambitious journey to transform it into the ultimate online encyclopedia covering every family-history and DNA-related topic under the sun, in dozens of languages. By becoming a contributor, you can help MyHeritage to make it happen. Watch [this video](#) to learn more about the MyHeritage Wiki.

### Back to School - updated school records guide - State Records of NSW

State Records NSW have updated our School Records Guide to make it easier for you to find records associated with schools, students, and teachers, with help from our guides, indexes, and webinars.

State Records NSW hold records such as:

**Schools** - administrative files, plans, and land records;

**Students** - admission registers and punishment books;

**Teachers** - career histories and records of leave

Start researching school records today. You can see the School records guide [HERE](#).

### Squatters and graziers index, 1837-1849

This is an index of holders of depasturing licences and others who were occupying Crown land beyond the Nineteen Counties, and who were visited by the Commissioners of Crown Lands.

Governor Bourke sought to legalise and regulate squatting in 1836 by issuing licences to settlers to depasture (graze) their stock on vacant Crown lands beyond the Nineteen County limits, on application to the Colonial Secretary. The Commissioners were required to report on the inspections they carried out in their land district.

The index was compiled by Mrs Kaye Vernon and Mrs Billie Jacobson. [Search Here](#)

# Upcoming GSQ Education Events

## ***Wills and Administration in England and Wales***

**Apr 13 @ 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM AEST**

**Presenter: Geoff Barber**

**Cost: Members \$21 Non-members \$31**

**Virtual via Zoom**

Wills are so important for developing family trees in the earlier 16th and 17th centuries where parish records are often incomplete or missing. This talk will discuss how wills fit in the context of estate planning, their importance to family historians, how the probate courts operated and use Geoff's experience with Sussex wills to demonstrate online access. Finally, the common structure of early wills will be discussed to aid in transcribing the sometimes difficult writing, with a number of examples shown. [BOOK HERE](#)

## ***Finding the family farm: using land records and maps for Queensland pastoral properties***

**May 4 @ 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM AEST**

**Presenter: Charlotte Sale**

**Cost: Members \$21 Non-members \$31**

**Virtual via Zoom**

Keen to know when your family first settled in an area? When they acquired the property? Who held it before them? Land records can answer these questions and much more. This talk focuses on the rural parts of Queensland where most properties were held as leased Crown land rather than by freehold sale. [BOOK HERE](#)

## ***Managing Frugally: An alphabet of tips and tools for family historians***

**Apr 20 @ 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM AEST**

**Presenter: Jill Ball**

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

This presentation covers resources, tips and tools to stretch your genealogy budget. Jill Ball (GeniAus), a former librarian, teacher and IT specialist, is well known to the worldwide Genealogical community. She is a presenter on genealogical topics; an Australian Ambassador at RootsTech conferences, a member of the Education Committee of The Society of Australian Genealogists. [BOOK HERE](#)

## ***The National Archives UK – home of 1000 years of UK history***

**Apr 18 @ 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM AEST**

**Presenter: Pauline Williams**

**Cost: Members \$21 Non-Members \$31**

The UK National Archives (TNA) at Kew are the guardians of over 1000 years of iconic national documents and the official archive for the UK Government. This presentation will explore what records are available in this vast repository and highlight how to make the most of Discovery, its powerful search engine. [BOOK HERE](#)

## ***“Tommy this, an’ Tommy that” – the British Army 1899–1918***

**Apr 23 @ 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM AEST**

**Presenter: Paul Nixon**

**Cost: Members \$21 Non-members \$31**

**Virtual via Zoom**

The talk will look at the component parts of the British Army on the outbreak of the Boer War: the regular army, the militia and the Volunteer Force, and how these different arms each had a part to play. I'll look at the changes to the army in 1908 which saw the militia and Volunteer Force replaced by the Special Reserve and Territorial Force respectively, and how the army massively evolved during the First World War. [BOOK HERE](#)

## ***Navigating Your Way Through FamilySearch***

**Jun 1 @ 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM AEST**

**Presenter: Cyndi Ingle**

**Cost: Members \$31 Non-members \$41**

**Virtual via Zoom**

FamilySearch is so much more than just a family tree hosting platform. FamilySearch is a massive web site that is made up of dozens and dozens of different research tools. The site includes tools for learning and for reference. It is home to the world's largest digitized collection of records and sources for our research. And all of this is free for everyone to use. We will explore each of the features that FamilySearch offers and we will hone in on how to dig through the site from a variety of entry points to find what we need. [BOOK HERE](#)

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** *As GSQ is now using Stripe it means there are NO surcharges for the use of credit cards, payments by Bank Transfers or via the EFTPOS machine at GSQ.*

# Special Interest Groups

*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

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**The English/ Irish / Welsh Group will meet on Sunday 7 April at Stackpole Street & via Zoom from 9:30 AM.**

The next meeting of the English Irish Welsh SIG will be Sunday 7th April 2024 and will be a hybrid meeting.

The English Irish SIG last met Sunday 4th February 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.

Helen Connor gave a wonderful presentation on the Irish County of Dublin.

*The April presentation will be on the Welsh county of Angelsey by Gayle Albert. Our first presentation on a Welsh county for quite a while.*

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 7th April either in person or via ZOOM.

If you are not on my mailing list, please email me at [irisheng@gsq.org.au](mailto:irisheng@gsq.org.au) 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

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## DNA Group

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**The next meeting of the DNA Group will be on 28 April by Zoom.**

The February DNA Special Interest Group meeting, welcomed a number of new members. News topics included changes to *WATO (What Are The Odds) tool* and the latest updates in the *Theory of Family Relativity* at MyHeritage. The group discussed upcoming events and included a question and answer session tailored for newcomers.

In a presentation titled *What I've Found*, Greg Carlill shared his journey in genetic genealogy, from initial DNA testing to unravelling complex mysteries. His presentation highlighted the role of DNA analysis in confirming ancestral connections and navigating the surprises of genealogical research, such as discovering convict ancestors and addressing misattributed parentage events. The next DNA Special Interest Group meeting is on April 28.

If you're not a current member of the GSQ DNA SIG and want to join, please email us at [dna@gsq.org.au](mailto:dna@gsq.org.au) with your name and membership number so we can add you to the email list.

Keep an eye on the GSQ Calendar for the next **DNA Clinic in May 2024.**

## Writing Group

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**The next meeting is on Sunday 21 April via Zoom.**

The Group next meets on Sunday 21 April via Zoom beginning at 10am when members will be discussing the writing of memoir. To prepare for the meeting, members will have an opportunity to write a short piece in the form of a memoir. More details will be forwarded to members closer to the meeting.

Contact Pauline on [pstirland@hotmail.com](mailto:pstirland@hotmail.com) or [writing@gsq.org.au](mailto:writing@gsq.org.au) if you wish to be added to the mailing list for the Group.

## Scandinavian Group

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**The next meeting is on 19 May 12:30 - 2:30PM**

Do you have any Scandinavian ancestors? Come along to our meetings and find out more about them. The Scandinavian group will try to answer your questions.

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

# Special Interest Groups

## Family History Technology Group

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**The FHTech group will meet on Sunday 12 May via Zoom @10:00 AM**

Our first meeting of the Family History Tech group got off to a shaky start with internet dropouts but finally all was well, and we had a great time discussing the various Family History programs and why use one, instead of just an online database. It was good to see so many people come along for our first meeting of the year, and we hope that more GSQ members will attend in future as well.

Our next meeting is not until 12th May, but we will have Ray Lockett giving us a demonstration on the use of how you can make a photo, or photos come to life. Ray has been combining some of his old photos with background sounds (like walking on cobblestones), some of the stories he has been told or found out, speech from some of his relatives whom he interviewed several years ago and put them together so that a simple but very effective story is told and can be shared on YouTube with other family members.

If you would like to join our very friendly group, then please email us on [fhtech@gsq.org.au](mailto:fhtech@gsq.org.au) and we will add you to our list and look forward to seeing you on the 12th May.

## Colonial & Convict Connections Group

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**The next meeting for Colonial & Convict Connections is on Sunday 14 April at GSQ & a hybrid meeting.**

Convict and Colonial Special Interest group was formed to accommodate the growing interest and enthusiasm in our Colonial Heritage. The group provides a forum for the exchange of information and experiences for the mutual benefit of everyone. It provides the opportunity to learn, to do further research, to gain new skills and mix with like-minded people. I encourage you to come along to our meetings.

Our next meeting will be held at the GSQ Library on Sunday 14th April. Please note this will be a hybrid meeting for members who prefer to meet via zoom.

At this meeting Fleur will give a talk about her 'Bounty' ancestor and Kate will speak about how timelines can help identify research gaps. The doors open at 10am and the meeting will commence at 11am.

You can contact the convenor on [convictconnections@gsq.org.au](mailto:convictconnections@gsq.org.au) for more information.

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## Scottish Group

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

Our next meeting will be on Sunday 5 May 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](mailto:scotgroup@gsq.org.au) to obtain the necessary ZOOM credentials. Members and guests are most welcome.

At this meeting, our regular lecture will be on *Kirkcudbrightshire*, and Ailsa Corlett will be the presenter. This is also the meeting where we elect our office bearers for the next year, so offers of assistance are welcome.

Contact Alistair at [scotgroup@gsq.org.au](mailto:scotgroup@gsq.org.au) for further information. Members and guests are most welcome.

## German Group

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**The next meeting of the German Group is 26 May at GSQ and via Zoom.**

The German Group had a very enthusiastic meeting on the 24th March 2024. This was a landmark day for the group as we had our first hybrid meeting which from feedback went well.

Should you wish to attend via zoom please forward an email to [germangroup@gsq.org.au](mailto:germangroup@gsq.org.au). Non members of the society may attend for two meetings but after that we hope you will join GSQ as a member. Our next meeting is on the 26th May 2024, commencing at 10.00 a.m.

Lesley Roebig  
Convenor of the German group  
[germangroup@gsq.org.au](mailto:germangroup@gsq.org.au)

## Chinese Research Group

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**The next meeting will be the 26 May via Zoom.**

The next meeting of the new Chinese Research Group is on Sunday, 26 May, by Zoom. Due to the History Queensland AGM being at GSQ on the previously set date, this is a new date.

All GSQ members are welcome, whether they are experienced or newbie researchers. At this meeting, Hilda Maclean will present a short talk titled *Bosun and The Doctor: Chinese occupation diversification on the Darling Downs*. If you are attending, please email me at the email address below, and I will send you the Zoom link. I will be online about 9.40 am on Sunday, 26 May.

Contact the group coordinator at [chineseresearchgroup@gsq.org.au](mailto:chineseresearchgroup@gsq.org.au). Non-GSQ members can attend two meetings without being a GSQ member.

## Containers for Change

**Containers for Change:** Thank you to all who have taken their Bottles and Cans to a Containers for Change station during March. GSQ has been credited \$ from Containers for Change this month, a total of \$ for the Calendar Year. The process is simple – scan the Barcode (from the website) onto

your phone or take a printed copy of the Barcode to the station or simply take note of **Scheme ID: C10659195** and take that with you. (Printed copies of the Barcode are now available at the Reception Desk.)

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## GSQ in your local BCC library

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

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<b>Library</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>When</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Booking</b>
Grange	<i>Family History in Action – Researching John Petrie</i>	Wednesday 1 May	5:30 to 7:30 PM	3407 2523
Bracken Ridge	<i>Dating old photos and caring for them</i>	Saturday 22 June	11:00 AM to 1:00 PM	3667 6060
Wynnum	<i>Introduction to Family History</i>	Thursday 27 June	10:00 to 12 noon	3403 2199
Toowong	<i>How did they get here? Immigration in Australia from 1788 onwards</i>	Saturday 27 July	10:00 to 12noon	3403 2590

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## Position of GSQ Treasurer

As explained elsewhere in eNews, our current Treasurer, Di Kennedy, has indicated that she needs to step down from the role of Treasurer as from the Management Committee meeting on 18 March 2024 due to ongoing health issues. I would like to thank Di very sincerely for the work she's done for GSQ since taking on the role of Treasurer at the AGM on 28 October 2023, especially in relation to the additional tasks involved with the transition to Membership Works. As a consequence to Di's decision, GSQ needs another person willing to step up to take on the role of Honorary Treasurer of the organisation.

If interested, please email President, Helen Veivers [president@gsq.org.au](mailto:president@gsq.org.au) to discuss and obtain a full Role Description.

## From the Bookshop ...

There are new books at the bookshop. *Family History for beginners and beyond* has a long history dating back to 1981 when it began as a series of notes for the annual course given by the Heraldry & Genealogy Society of Canberra. It is one that everyone researching their Australian roots should have as a reference guide.

Not only does it contain extensive references for beginners and for the more experienced family historian, but it is also a practical guide to help readers trace their ancestry and family story.

Whether you are beginning your research into Australian ancestry, or are beyond the basics, this book is an invaluable reference guide for any family historian Priced at \$45

There are other new books available: *Tracing Your Ancestors Through Death Records*, *A Guide for Family Historians*; and *Locating Your German Ancestor's Place of Origin*.

I first volunteered (with some persuasion) to help as a Library Assistant a few years ago. I was totally convinced that I knew so little as to be near enough to useless to anyone else seeking help. However, others more experienced than I seemed to think I had enough to begin with and had suggested I join in on a roster day where there were several more experienced Library Assistants already rostered on. After a very short while I realised I knew enough to get a "newbie" started on their own research and that there was abundant help from the other Library Assistants any time I felt at sea. The general rule was that Assistants gave the learner enough information to get them started, maybe an hour of one-on-one, and then went off to do something else, being ready to come back to help as or when the learner needed more assistance.

After a few sessions in this manner, a member, Albert Moran, came to GSQ with a special request. He was a semi-retired academic wanting to write a book about Dublin merchants and traders with the surname of Moran. Albert was born and spent his boyhood in Dublin, so some of these were his own immediate ancestors in the Chimney Sweeping business, but the remainder were a wide and varied lot.

Albert knew the people he wanted to find information about, gleaned mostly from Dublin Trade Directories and suggestions from other Dublin based researchers. His problem was that the actual extraction of information was too difficult for him due to the fact that his eyesight was limited. His need was for a person who would be his eyes, computer hands, and voice to locate potential information and read this aloud to him. From listening to the reading he would then decide whether the 'find' was relevant or not to his targeted people. We would save and sometimes print the "good finds" for him to take home and during the remainder of the week, he would write up an entry for the burgeoning book. As I was so nervous of not being good

enough, we agreed that we would just start and see how we progressed and that if it was not working, quietly abandon the experiment. The Assistants had not worked one-on-one for a full day so this would be an experimental effort. As it turned out Albert was very appreciative of how much information he had access to through out GSQ subscriber sites and that he was finding new information every time we did some research. He also has an amazing memory which proved to be a boon in many ways. Some days were not as productive as others, but he would record what he did have and would have a new target fresh for each session. He would have provided some sparse information which we aimed to build on by the end of the day.

We started off keeping ourselves segregated from other researchers in the GSQ rooms, thinking that my reading aloud would be disturbing the quiet that others would need for their own research, but in the fullness of time we were pulled into the general group. Over time this became advantageous as we might ask each other questions (quietly) when trying to resolve some piece of information that did not seem to fit but we knew should have done. Many useful suggestions popped up from others in the room overhearing our chats at crucial times. Occasionally, on discovering something particularly relevant, confirming a connection, Albert would cheer happily as only an Irishman can, and the group cheered happily for him as well.

Some of his roughly 100 targets, gave up their information readily through the Irish Genealogy and Find My Past sites, but several remained elusive. An example of a challenging months long search was for T.J.Moran, Builder, Dublin. Albert had found the name in newspaper advertisements sent to him by a cousin in Dublin (Cousin Brendan featured often in our conversations). T.J seemed only to have been known by his initials and was responsible for large scale building projects in Dublin, some still standing today. He was

mostly active around the 1920s or 1930s. We could not find any record of his birth anywhere in Ireland nor a marriage.

We searched through records for weeks with no sensible results, then one of our more experienced researchers took the name home with her and gave it her undivided attention. A red-letter day arrived when Christine Meehan let us know that she had found a TJ Moran, being born in England and his name was Thomas John Moran. Now that we knew his name, parents, and work. the floodgates opened and we found information almost every day we put his name into a search engine. We were able to widen our search sites, found his marriage to an English woman, birth of 8 children and history of his building empire which expanded to several countries. He lived his later life mostly in Dublin as it was central to his business interests. He married a second time after his first wife died when she was about 60. He was a big presence and was well known for strong opinions which he often shared via newspaper items. He lived until the grand age of 90 and is buried in Dublin. All of this because of that first breakthrough! Genealogists don't need drugs to achieve highs! Through this journey with Albert through the records of Dublin merchants, glovers, tanners, haberdashers, lawyers, soldiers, doctors and chimney sweeps, to name a few, I have come to know them almost as well as Albert and am eagerly waiting to find out how he puts them all together into a book form.

This experience has also prompted me to join up for seminars from other genealogists on tips for finding specific records, or unblocking brick walls and any other topics that will add to my growing skills. I work on the maxim that I will never know everything, and that there is always something I can learn from someone else. Genealogy for me is a lot like a jigsaw puzzle. Often the puzzle will have a huge blank area for ages then suddenly one piece will change the story completely.

# GSQ Notices

## GSQ Facebook Page

Our GSQ Facebook Page is a public page, so you don't have to be a Facebook member to see what is posted 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 with the Events coming up in the next month or so. These presentation advertisements always include 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 [facebook@gsq.org.au](mailto:facebook@gsq.org.au)

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## 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 more 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 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. Email Rhoda at [gsqfbgroup@gsq.org.au](mailto:gsqfbgroup@gsq.org.au)

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## GSQ Blogs

Our GSQ Blogs for the month of March were by Jennifer Harrison publishing two weeks in a row, explaining a detailed listing of all the available Irish records at State Library of Queensland. This was followed by blogs by Sue Bell and we welcomed a new GSQ Blogger to the fold with one by Andrew Redfern; be sure to check out his amazing AI images!

Our GSQ blogs are released early each Monday morning and are also published on our GSQ Facebook Page and GSQ Facebook Group. This is a direct link to the blogs page itself: <https://gsq-blog.gsq.org.au/> but it can also be reached by clicking on the 'Blog' box towards the bottom of the GSQ Website homepage.

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## Membership Reminder

Just a reminder if you have not signed in to Membership on the GSQ homepage, please do this as soon as you can to set up your new password. Below is a step by step procedure for doing this for the first time. (This can also be done if you forget your password later)

1. Go to the GSQ website ([www.gsq.org.au](http://www.gsq.org.au))
2. Go to **Membership Sign in and Manage Account** (in black ribbon on the home page)
3. Put your email address in the Email Box and leave the password box blank
4. Select **'Request a Password'** (a password will be sent to your email address)
5. Add this password, along with your email address and select **Sign In**
6. An About Tab will open with all your personal details. Please check they are correct, make any changes if incorrect.
7. Underneath the Membership ID is an area to change the password that was sent to you. Click on **Change** and enter a password you would like to use. (this will be encrypted and not visible to anyone) Make sure you keep a note of the password you have chosen.
8. Below this, you will see a box that tells you the type of membership you have, and when it expires. This is where you will Renew your membership when it is due.
9. **Don't forget to click on the SAVE and Continue box below this. It is very important not to miss this or your new password will not save.**
10. **Click on the Sign Out box to return to the Homepage.**

Please contact me if you have any issues and I will help you through it.

Leanne Taylor  
Membership Officer  
[membership@gsq.org.au](mailto:membership@gsq.org.au)

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# GSQ ZOOM Meetings

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

Everyone please feel welcome to come and join us each Monday at 11am – 1pm. We are a great group of GSQ members who enjoy helping each other with genealogical problems as well as enjoying telling of successes and learning about new topics, databases, books and internet resources.

We have a topic each fortnight for someone in the group to present and the other Mondays are *"I have a problem"* in which we discuss where to go and find information or how to ask for help in the area of the research.

Email Helen and Ailsa on [mtzoom@gsq.org.au](mailto:mtzoom@gsq.org.au) to ask for a link to join in. This is a GSQ members only group, but you might like to come as a visitor to see what GSQ can offer before you join up. We look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

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

Our Wednesday evenings bring many keen genealogists together to either discuss a topic/ problem or listen to a great presentation from any guest speaker. They are from 7pm – 9pm but the waiting room is open from 6.45pm for you to come in, get settled and have a bit of a chat.

On the 2nd Wednesday of the month, we discuss a topic or any problems. *On Wednesday 10th April we will talk about "Occupations and Trades"* – just what did your ancestor do to make a living and how can you find out more about their occupation or trade. Were they apprenticed to someone to learn the trade, follow in their fathers' footsteps, or did they break away from the usual family occupation and do something totally different?

Our guest speaker for April 24th will be well known *Chris Wright who has been a family history addict for over 40 years. Chris uses the genealogical program "Family Historian"* and will present to us how this program works for her and many others who use it. See how to do the charts, enter the information you have and what type of reports you can produce.

The Wednesday Night Zooms are free and open to anyone to come along, but you must email us to be added to the list. If you would like to join us, please email to [wedpmzoom@gsq.org.au](mailto:wedpmzoom@gsq.org.au).

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

Our first March Wednesday Morning Zoom session was held on 6 March when we had a presentation on 'Timelines and their use in genealogy'. It was pleasing to see so many attendees with the feedback being that now they understood their wider use, it would be useful in future research. That subject leads into the planned topics for the April meeting scheduled to be a presentation on 'Using and creating PowerPoint and how to create a family story in movie format'.

As well as these topic sessions, we have some great Learning Aid sessions coming up for our mid-month meetings with

the March meeting tackling where convict records may be found. Our Zooms are on the 1st and also the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 11am and they usually go for about 90 minutes with notes distributed afterwards.

Any financial GSQ member can attend these Wednesday morning Zoom session, and non-member guests are welcome to come along to two meetings to sample the great benefits of joining GSQ. To go onto the mailing list, please contact [wedmorningzoom@gsq.org.au](mailto:wedmorningzoom@gsq.org.au) and ask to be included.

## 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.

### April offerings:

Apr 3 – *Non-Conformism in England and Wales* by Jenny Joyce – 11:00 AM AEST

Apr 4 – *Solving a Virginia Mystery Using DNA* by Paula Williams – 4:00 AM AEST

Apr 5 – *Researching Family History at Your Library with MyHeritage Library Edition* by Daniel Horowitz – 4:00 AM AEST

Apr 6 – *From This Day Forward – Documenting Marital Unions of Enslaved and Emancipated Persons* by Renate Yarborough Sanders – 4:00 AM AEST

Apr 10 – *Roots Tech Recap* by Daniel Horowitz – 4:00 AM AEST

Apr 12 – *Silent Storytellers: A Genealogist's Guide to Cemetery Photography* by Judy Russell, JD, CG, CGL – 7:00 AM AEST

Apr 12 – *Clustering with MyHeritage Labels* by Michelle Leonard – 8:00 AM AEST

Apr 12 – *Tracing Your Royal Navy Ancestors and the Ships on which they served* by Paul Milner – 9:00 AM AEST

Apr 12 – *A primer on Austro-Hungarian geography* by Dave Obee – 10:00 AM AEST

Apr 12 – *Artificial Intelligence & Family History: An introduction* by Andrew Redfern – 11:00 AM AEST

Apr 12 – *The Picture Bride Era: The Gentlemen's Agreement of 1907 between U.S. and Japan* by Linda Harms Okazaki – 12:00 PM AEST

Apr 12 – *Searching for Your Family in NYC? Resources and Techniques at MyHeritage and Beyond* by Mike Mansfield – 1:00 PM AEST

Apr 12 – *Why can't I find it? Locating surnames in online databases* by Carol Baxter – 2:00 PM AEST

Apr 12 – *Exciting Discoveries – Organising Your Family History* by Fiona Brooker – 3:00 PM AEST

Apr 12 – *Common Challenges in Greek Genealogy Research* by Gregory Kontos – 4:00 PM AEST

Apr 12 – *What's New & Exciting in MyHeritage's Historical Records* by MYko Clelland – 5:00 PM AEST

Apr 12 – *My Top 5 Websites for Victorian research in Australia* by Shauna Hicks – 6:00 PM AEST

Apr 12 – *The Wilson Collection for New Zealand Researchers* by Michelle Patient – 7:00 PM AEST

Apr 12 – *How to successfully research at a German archive* by Andrea Bentschneider – 8:00 PM AEST

Apr 12 – *Scottish Genealogy – Are we a Clan or a Family? And can we have a Chief?* by Bruce Durie – 9:00 PM AEST

Apr 12 – *Moving, moving, moving! Migration Patterns within Germany* by Ursula C. Krause – 10:00 PM AEST

Apr 12 – *Can't Find the Family Bible? 10 Places You May Not Have Looked* by Lisa Lisson – 11:00 PM AEST

Apr 13 – *Beginning Your Genealogy Journey: 8 Steps to Getting Started* by Cheri Hudson Passey – 12:00 AM AEST

Apr 13 – *Unlocking Birth Records: Exploring Birth Dates and Alternate Sources* by Lisa Lisson – 1:00 AM AEST

Apr 13 – *6 Tips to Build a Family Tree for Busy People* by Tara Shymanski – 2:00 AM AEST

Apr 13 – *10 Ways AI Can Help You Find Your Elusive Ancestors* by Lisa A. Alzo, M.F. A. – 4:00 AM AEST

Apr 13 – *Using U.S. Church Records as a Brick Wall Strategy: Case Studies* by Sunny Morton – 5:00 AM AEST

Apr 13 – *What's Your DNA Problem? Too Few Matches? Too Many?* by Diahann Southard – 6:00 AM AEST

Apr 13 – *French Emigrants: They Were Not All Huguenots, or Nobles, or from Alsace-Lorraine* by Anne Morddel, CG – 2:00 AM AEST

Apr 18 – *Comparing Plats of Land With Deeds and Grants* by Mark Lowe, FUGA – 4:00 AM AEST

Apr 20 – *Tools to Research Your French Canadian Ancestors* by Johanne Gervais – 4:00 AM AEST

Apr 24 – *Using Artificial Intelligence Tools to Expand Your Genealogical Research Universe* by James Tanner – 4:00 AM AEST

Apr 25 – *Where Fact meets Fiction: behind the scenes of a genealogical crime mystery* by Nathan Dylan Goodwin – 4:00 AM AEST

Apr 27 – *Tax Rolls: Getting Our Money's Worth from the Taxes Our Ancestors Paid* by Elizabeth Shown Mills, FUGA, CG, CGL – 4:00 AM AEST

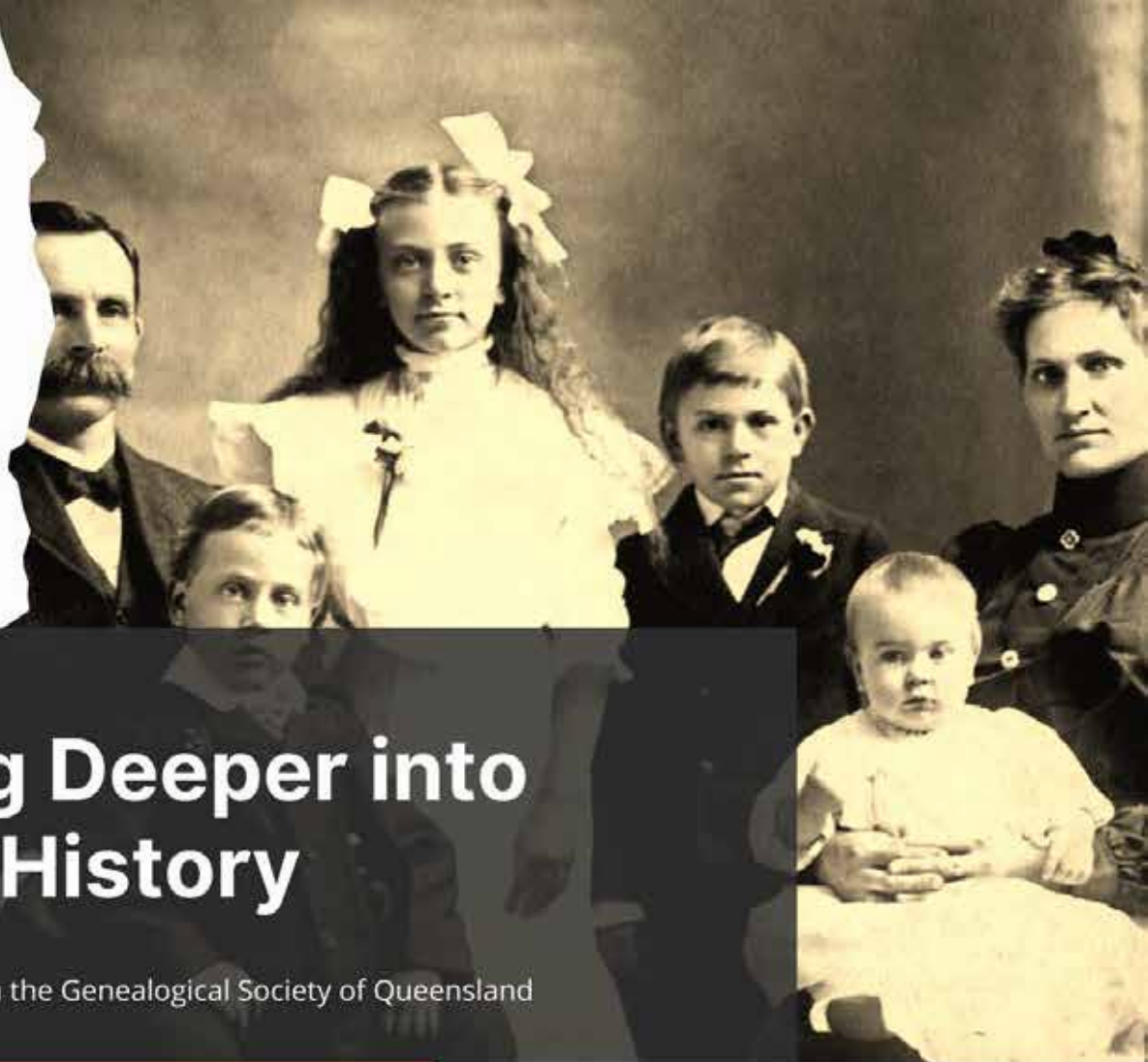
**Remember, GSQ members can access MyHeritage through MyGSQ from home.**

**Legacy Webinars are hosting a 5th annual 24 Hour Genealogy Webinar Marathon on April 12 & 13 AEST - have a look at the number of webinars to enjoy on those dates.**



GSQ

Tuesday  
11 June 2024  
@ 10:00 AM  
for 3 weeks



# Digging Deeper into Family History

An online course from the Genealogical Society of Queensland

## About the course

Progress your family history research by learning additional knowledge at the intermediate level. Presenters are experienced GSQ researchers.

All sessions to be recorded and available for four weeks.

## What does it cost?

Costs: **Earlybird** \$77 GSQ members and \$87 non-members **before 29th May**. After 29th May \$87 members & \$97 non-members.

## Course program

Virtual event via Zoom

### Payment

Whole series:

Earlybird GSQ/QFHS Members \$77  
Non-members \$87 **before 29th May**

**After 29th May**

GSQ/QFHS members \$87  
Non-members \$97

Book & pay online:

[www.gsq.org.au/events/](http://www.gsq.org.au/events/)

- 11 June – Processes and records of the English court system. Following conviction learn about convicts' lives in records.
- 18 June – Learn about Australian colonial migration schemes and post-1924 migration along with different state immigration records and information on shipping.
- 25 June – This military family history session covers records from Australia's colonial period through to WW2.

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# PAUL NIXON

**VIRTUAL VIA ZOOM**



## WHEN

Tuesday 23 April 2024  
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM AEST

## PAYMENT

GSQ/QFHS members \$21  
Non-members \$31  
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## “Tommy this an’ Tommy that” - the British Army 1899-1918

The talk will look at the component parts of the British Army on the outbreak of the Boer War: the regular army, the militia and the Volunteer Force, and how these different arms each had a part to play. I'll look at the changes to the army in 1908 which saw the militia and Volunteer Force replaced by the Special Reserve and Territorial Force respectively, and how the army massively evolved during the First World War.

## About Paul Nixon

I have a keen interest in military history and in particular the British Army and its campaigns between 1850 and 1920. I have been researching British soldiers for over forty years and have delivered dozens of talks on various aspects of British military history. Professionally, I have worked for Findmypast in a content licensing role since August 2010.

# CYNDI INGLE

**VIRTUAL VIA ZOOM**



## **WHEN**

Saturday 1 June 2024  
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM AEST

## **PAYMENT**

GSQ/QFHS members \$31  
Non-members \$41  
Book & pay online:  
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## **Navigating your way through FamilySearch**

FamilySearch is so much more than just a family tree hosting platform. FamilySearch is a massive web site that is made up of dozens and dozens of different research tools. The site includes tools for learning and for reference. It is home to the world's largest digitized collection of records and sources for our research. And all of this is free for everyone to use. We will explore each of the features that FamilySearch offers and we will hone in on how to dig through the site from a variety of entry points to find what we need.

## **About Cyndi Ingle**

Cyndi Ingle is the creator and innovator behind the award-winning and globally recognised [CyndiList.com](http://CyndiList.com), a free categorised list of more than 337,000 links for genealogical research. Cyndi, a genealogist for more than 42 years, has an expertise in using technology for genealogy.