



Welcome to August eNews

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

August is Family History Month in Australia. Help GSQ celebrate by coming along to Open Day on 31 August – this year we're hoping that it will be bigger and brighter than ever! Each of the Interest Groups will have a stall outside in the Car Park – all under Gazebos. As well, we'll have representatives from Family Search, National Archives of Australia, Queensland State Archives and the State Library of Queensland set up in the Car Park area. A Café selling Cake/Slice and Tea and Coffee will be available for all Patrons as well as a Sausage Sizzle and Drink Stall for those requiring something more robust. If it's a special Coffee that appeals to you, we'll have a Coffee Van on site.

Upstairs, some of our wonderful Research Assistants will be available to help with Research, whether it be on our bank of computers or on Microfiche or perhaps searching for some information in a Library Book. In what we term our "Kitchen Area", three presentations have been arranged – Dr Jennifer Harrison at 11.00am with *Setting Research Standards Sherlock Holmes Style*, Judy Lofthouse at 12 noon with *What DNA Can & Can't Do for Your Genealogy* and Ailsa Corlett at 1.00pm with *Using GSQ Resources in Your Family History Research*. It will be a great day – invite your friends and family to come along so that they, too, can discover what a marvelous interest Family History is. The winner of the Joan Reese Writing Award is to

be announced and presented with the very special Joan Reese Shield.

The Management Committee will need some assistance on Open Day, particularly with setting up in the morning before the event gets underway. If you can help, please contact me by emailing president@gsq.org.au. As well, if the Café is to be the success we hope it will be, we'll need some cakes/biscuits/slices to serve with Tea and Coffee. Please email me at president@gsq.org.au if you're able to bring something for the Café, so that I can assure myself that all will be OK. We're hoping to deliver some Flyers in the local area during the week prior to the Event. If you'd like to help in this way, please contact Volunteer Coordinator, Kim Davis at volunteer@gsq.org.au.

Within the next couple of weeks, a new larger Refrigerator will be installed at GSQ. The funds for this purchase have come from a successful Grant Application through GSQ's Federal Member, Ross Vasta MHR. There have apparently been some queries about the Bequest Brochures which were emailed to all members recently – the funds for the printing and posting of these came from part of a Bequest. Thanks to Helen Connor for the beautiful design of the Brochures.

GSQ has sent a letter of concern to New Zealand's Minister for Internal Affairs and Workplace Relations and Safety following the recent closure of

the Archives New Zealand Digitisation Program and On Demand Service. Some 250,000 New Zealanders now

call Australia home, The Digitisation Program and the On Demand Service are just so important for former New Zealand residents trying to discover their Family History.

Given the worrying trend of Cyber attacks in Australia, GSQ has applied for a Grant to fund presentations from an expert who would be able to provide advice to us all about Cyber Security – what we should and should not be doing to keep ourselves safe online, whether it be on our computers (or devices) or on our phones.

At the recent Interest Group meeting it was reported that members are using GSQ computers to try to access their emails and, in so doing, are unwittingly exposing GSQ to a possible Cyber attack. All members are advised that GSQ computers are not to be used to retrieve emails while you are at our premises – please do this on one of your own devices.

Helen Veivers
President



Volunteer Coordinator Report

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. One such role is helping the Research Group. This group does family history research for members and non-members alike. It is an important source of income for GSQ. The benefit for you is helping other people learn more about their family history and honing your research skills. It is something you can do at home and at GSQ.

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

COMMITTEE SNIPPETS

Points from June Management Committee:

- Research Request and Agreement Forms updated
- Interest Group purchases were discussed
- Change to IT support arrangements considered
- The sharing of GSQ policies with other Family History groups through AFFHO discussed
- Participation in Bonner's Seniors Expo in Wynnum on 3 October approved
- New A Frames and Banners for Interest Groups approved for purchase (Look out for these at Open Day.)

In the Bookshop ...



There is an EOFY sale in the bookshop. Some of the books are at almost cost price so see the prices in the bookshop. There are some great bargains!



One of our consignment books, *Glorious! Exploring Tasmania in 1914*, is on sale at \$12.80, buy this book at the [GSQ Shop!](https://shop@gsq.org.au)

If you have any queries or specific requests, please email Karma at shop@gsq.org.au.



Saturday August 31 – 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Upcoming GSQ Education Events

Strategies to find your elusive immigrants

Aug 3 @ 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM AEST
Presenter: Stephanie Ryan
Cost: Members \$21 Non-members \$31
Virtual via Zoom

Find the elusive immigrant with some problem solving strategies; discover how government reports, diaries, letters and newspaper accounts can increase our understanding of immigrants and the journeys they undertook. [BOOK HERE](#)

London: an introduction to research

Aug 17 @ 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM AEST
Presenter: Ann Metcher
Cost: Members \$21 Non-members \$31
Virtual via Zoom

Looking at some of the problems researching in London: history, geography, events.

So where might the records be? Some useful websites including hints and tips. Q&A [BOOK HERE](#)

What's New at Family Tree Maker

Sep 14 @ 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM AEST
Presenter: Mark Olsen
Cost: Members Only FREE
Virtual via Zoom

Do you use Family Tree Maker for your genealogical data. It is the easiest program to sync your information with Ancestry.com

Come and find out what makes Family Tree Maker one of the best genealogical programs out there and how easy it is to use. From beginner to the experienced user there is always something new to find out about a program and how to make it work for you. Come and listen and ask Mark questions about this favourite genealogical program. [BOOK HERE](#)

Women Teachers in Early Brisbane

Sep 21 @ 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM AEST
Presenter: Sharyn Merkley
Cost: Members \$21 Non-members \$31
Virtual via Zoom

Rather than marry well and settle down to home and family life, some of Brisbane's earliest women teachers chose a different life. Highly educated, many of them were also accomplished musicians, singers and dancers. Teaching and running their schools and academies gave them independence and respect. Some were widows and others spinsters. From clues among memoirs, programs, and newspapers, using family history research, we will discover the stories of three remarkable women who, through unexpected circumstances, chose a different path. [BOOK HERE](#)

Undertakers' records: making the most of GSQ's collection

Oct 5 @ 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM AEST
Presenter: Dr Hilda Maclean
Cost: Members \$21 Non-members \$31
Virtual via Zoom

Rich or poor, the vast majority of Brisbane's dead were buried by undertakers who noted details about the deceased and their families which are not recorded anywhere else. These records may provide linkages to as hospital admission registers, post office directories, newspapers not digitised on Trove etc. The purchases made by the family from the undertaker will tell you a lot more about them as will who paid the bill. [BOOK HERE](#)

Walls come tumbling down!

Nov 5 @ 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM AEST
Presenter: Dave Annal
Cost: Members \$21 Non-members \$31
Virtual via Zoom

Brickwalls are an inescapable component of every family historian's world. If you think about it, every line you've ever researched starts (or ends, depending on which way you look at it) with an individual whose parentage is unknown. But isn't that what makes family history research so fascinating? It's the challenge of discovery; the detective work; the intellectual process of exercising our enquiring minds. In this talk, I take a practical, hands-on approach to solving brickwalls using worked example. [BOOK HERE](#)

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

The next meeting of the English/Irish/Welsh Group will be on 4 August at GSQ & will be hybrid meeting.

The next meeting of the English Irish Welsh SIG will be Sunday 4th August 2024 and will be a hybrid meeting.

The English Irish SIG last met Sunday 2nd June 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.

The August presentation will be on the English county of Somerset by Helen Connor.

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 am still trying a slightly different approach to "problems". If you send me the details of the problem and what information you have, I will 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 4th August either in person or via ZOOM.

If you are not on my mailing list, please email me at 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.
Kim Davis
Convenor

Scandinavian Group

The next meeting is on 15 September 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.

DNA Group

The next meeting of the DNA Group will be on 25 August and will be via Zoom.

The latest DNA SIG meeting was held via Zoom on 23 June 2024. Seventeen people attended and heard Greg speak about the new Pro Tools that Ancestry is offering. One of these tools gives a way for you to see how your match matches your matches in common. Another tool allows you to find errors in your tree and there are several map and report options. At the time of writing, the "Pro Tools" are only available at the US Ancestry site, however have been scheduled to be available to Australian subscribers on 24th June.

The next DNA Clinic is 31 July. If you would like individual attention and help email Judy Lofthouse at presentations@gsq.org.au with an explanation of your problem. Judy will find the appropriate person to help you. Appointments are conducted via Zoom.

Our next DNA SIG meeting is 25 August at 9.30 a.m. via Zoom. If you're interested in learning more about DNA, email dna@gsq.org.au and ask to be added to the email list.

Non-members of GSQ can attend two SIG meetings before they must join GSQ.

Greg Carlill
Convenor

Chinese Research Group

The next meeting will be 13 October via Zoom.

The next meeting of the new Chinese Research Group is on Sunday, 13 October, via Zoom. We have **Terry Young, a member of the Chinese Australian Family Historians of Victoria, speaking at the meeting.** Terry will speak on the Chinese Australian family history research guide, followed by another short talk on the Victorian Certificates Exempting from Dictation Test (CEDT) from 1904-1959.

All GSQ members are welcome, whether you are an experienced or newbie researcher.

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 9.45 am on Sunday, 13 October

Contact the group coordinator at chineseresearchgroup@gsq.org.au

* Non-GSQ members can attend two meetings without being a GSQ member.

Interest Groups

Family History Technology Group

The FHTech group will meet on Sunday 8 September via Zoom @10:00 AM

Our speaker for July was Andrew Redfern, and it was amazing what he showed us you can do in PowerPoint, Word and Excel in relation to making diagrams to use for your family history. He made it so simple and used commands that many of us had never even used previously. Thank you Andrew and we look forward to having another session from you next year if you can.

Our next meeting will not be until Sept 8th, when we will be looking at the many thousands of ways you can file your documents etc on your computer or even on paper. If you have a great way that suits you, please email us so that we can then get you to show it on the day or we can do it on your behalf.

If you would like to join us, please send an email to fhtech@gsq.org.au so that we can then add you to the list.

Colonial & Convict Interest Group

The next meeting for Colonial & Convict Connections is on Sunday 11 August at GSQ & is a hybrid meeting.

Currently our group is the only GSQ interest group with a focus on early Australian history. For this reason, our members have agreed to extend the period of research to include Federation. Please note that having convict heritage is not essential for membership of our group.

Our June edition of the *Chronicle* has been printed and distributed by mail or email recently. PDF copies are \$15 and hard copies are \$20 annually. Currently the *Chronicle* is compiled three times per year and available in February, June and October.

At our recent meeting, our members shared their research findings. Their task was to discover the crime committed by a convict ancestor and the sentence imposed. Alternatively, some members chose to identify the reason their ancestor chose to emigrate to Australia either independently or as part of an assisted immigration scheme. The result was an interesting meeting with a range of diverse personal stories. The economic and social conditions from 1788 to 1850 were considered to offer some context to the lives of our ancestors.

At our next meeting there will be more stories of convict and immigrant ancestors as they set out on the voyages to their new homeland.

We hope you can join us at 10am on Sunday, August 11. For anyone unable to attend the GSQ Library, ZOOM will definitely be available.

Scottish Group

The next meeting will be on Sunday 1 September at 10:00 AM and will be a hybrid meeting.

Our last meeting was on Sunday 7 July and Gayle Albert gave a presentation on the records of the Border county of Berwickshire. A very interesting presentation on this ancient area that was subject to so many border changes over the years. If you would like a copy of the notes from this presentation, please contact us at scotgroup@gsq.org.au.

We have donated a large number of new resources to the GSQ library, and the librarians have accessioned them and placed them on the shelves. The resources cover many parts of Scotland, so check the new library catalogue to see what is available for your area of interest. We are continuing to acquire the difficult Free Church records, which are not online at ScotlandsPeople, and cover many gaps in the Old Parish Registers.

Our September meeting will be held on Sunday 1 September, and our presenter will be *Stuart Neill speaking on Kincardineshire Records*, in our regular county series.

The following Saturday, *7 September, our friends from Scottish Indexes in Scotland* will be hosting yet another of their Conferences, No 25 this time. These online conferences are free, and start at 4:00 pm Qld time, although they do request a donation if you can. There are six different topics, and all look quite interesting. Check their web site for details.

German Group

The next meeting of the German Group is 29 September at GSQ and via Zoom.

The German group meets odd numbered month and our next meeting will be the 29 September everybody welcome. Starting time 10.00.am.

Should you wish to attend via zoom please forward an email to 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.

Writing Group

The next meeting is on Sunday 18 August via Zoom.

The Writing Group met on 16 June to share ideas about what inspires them to write stories from the lives of their ancestors, whether it be as blogs, articles or books.

At the meeting via Zoom on Sunday 18 August, members will have an opportunity to discuss the importance of citing sources of information in this world of Generative AI, as well as discuss a consistent system for writing references.

Contact Pauline on pstirland@hotmail.com or writing@gsq.org.au if you wish to be added to the mailing list.

Containers for Change

Cash for Containers: Thanks to those who have taken their Containers to a Depot during the month. While \$36.80 for the month may seem very meagre, when considered on an annual basis this would bring in \$441.60 for the Society – quite a useful sum to help pay a Subscription or something similar.

Remember – put all bottles and cans aside (including Wine and Spirit bottles) copy the Barcode to your phone or simply ask that your contributions go to Scheme ID **C10659195** once at the Containers for Change Depot.

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	Topic	When	Time	Booking
Ashgrove	Digitising your family photographs, birth certificates, marriage certificates etc	Saturday 24 August	9:30am to 11:30am	3407 1940
Annerley	Queensland Family History online	Saturday 14 September	10am to 12noon	3403 1735

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Conference Snapshot

- Just under 130 days before the Early Bird closes. Over 25% of the conference capacity is already allocated.
- Masterclasses continue to attract interest and have limited numbers still available.
- Speaker submissions closed on 30th June with 119 submissions, from around the world, competing for 35 speaking spots. The full program is due to be released by 31st August.
- 18 Exhibitors have registered to be at the conference with a total of 24 tables planned.

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.

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.

If you wish to share the Event from our GSQ Facebook Page, go to that page (hint: there is a little Facebook blue icon down the bottom right of GSQs web Home page that will take you directly there):

<https://www.facebook.com/genealogicalsocietyqld>

Click on Events Featured (should be up the top, maybe on the left side of your screen) and click '**See all events**' and click on (eg) the Open Day one. The Share button is up above the event details, over to the right side as a curved arrow.

Please feel free to Like or Follow us and also to leave a comment on any of our posts and if you do this a few times, it should bring our posts into your daily feed.

Contact enquiries to Bobbie Edes & Catherine Thompson on facebook@gsq.org.au

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. It is an interactive space where you will also learn more about the resources GSQ has and how to continue your research. You don't need to be a GSQ member to join the group. Email Rhoda at gsqfbgroup@gsq.org.au

GSQ Blogs

Our GSQ Blogs for the month of July were Andrew Redfern, Charlotte Sale, Bobbie Edes, Shauna Hicks and Yvonne Tunny.

The 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.

Library & CDs at GSQ

Have you ever looked at the Titles and contents of the CDs that GSQ has?

The majority of these CDs are not on the internet, and besides it means you can search the whole CD for any of your names all at once.

The CD shelf has undergone a clean-up. Those CDs that were no longer working have been removed; if they required a program to run it has now been installed on the computer directly underneath the shelf – computer 15; many are in pdf/excel/word format making it easy to search and view.

All the CDs have a label on them, advising you if a program and which program icon to use, or if a pdf type file etc.

They are also now all in order, so no longer do you need to hunt for the CD that might have ended up elsewhere on the shelf. New markers for when you take out a CD to use are in the process of being made, and we would like to encourage all members when they visit GSQ to go and look and just see what you might find in these valuable records.

There are also markers available for you to use when you remove a book to read, this makes it very easy to put it back in the right place for others to find and read as well. Please use them. If you have any problems or forgot where your book was to go back, then please give the book to the research assistants on duty and they will then be able to locate the exact spot.



RootsIreland are delighted to announce their additions addition of over 13,000 new Roman Catholic baptismal and marriage records from North Mayo. These latest additions bring the majority of North Mayo Roman Catholic parish records available on rootsireland.ie up to the year 1923.

- RootsIreland have the most complete and most accurate set of Roman Catholic church records online, as well as millions of Protestant records, civil records, census records, headstone inscriptions and census substitutes. Our index is easily searchable and has features such as standardised surname and forename searches which make your searches even more user-friendly.
- We hold over 23 million records, and our database is being added to continually. Since 2020, we have added over 1 million records to our database from Limerick, Clare, Sligo, Kerry, Wicklow, Westmeath, Kilkenny, South Dublin, South Tipperary, Monaghan, Armagh, North Mayo, Cork, Laois, Offaly and East Galway. In 2024 so far, we have added over 83,500 records from Kerry, Monaghan and Tipperary, with more to come throughout the year!

GSQ has two subscriptions to RootsIreland and it is available to members from home, through MyGSQ, as well as from the library.

GSQ ZOOM Meetings

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

Our Mondays are getting better and more and more enjoyable by everyone lately. A week ago, we looked at Advertisements in the old newspapers. The earliest found was in 1705 in a Dublin paper but of course nothing like the advertisements that we grew up with in the 1950s 60s.

We had some wonderful laughs in relation to some of these, Tricia had put together a wonderful little booklet regarding the ones she had found and had us all in fits of laughter. Helen had found all the old favourites – like Aeroplane Jelly, Vegemite Kid, Weetbix Kid, etc plus the Fashion of the day and the Hats – my goodness most of us would not have been seen wearing anything like that now. The one thing we really

noticed was the ads that had the housewife all dressed up with high heel shoes, hair done, gloves on and of course with the “pinny” on around her very tiny waist – doing all the housework. What she dreamed of getting for Christmas or her birthday – vacuum cleaners, cooking appliances and washing machines.

We are looking forward to this month’s education in family history by starting off with Tricia explaining how she does all her crafty things using word. You just never know what you might learn when you come along to our Monday Morning Zoom. Email mtzoom@gsq.org.au

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

This last month we have had an enjoyable time. We started off with the topic “your ancestor’s village” of which was wonderful to hear and often see pictures etc of the places where your ancestors had once lived. We were even taken on a Google tour right down to a little beach which was once a harbour and had many families living around it fishing for herring.

Our guest speaker was Jane Smith giving a great talk about her latest book “Three times buried” of which even though its fiction is based on a true story of one of her husband’s ancestors. If you have not read the book, I would suggest you do, full of murder, mystery and secrets.

This month we are continuing with our “your ancestor’s

village” as we did not have enough time to hear everyone’s story that was present. It was a most intriguing topic and very informative for everyone, so if you missed the first part come along to the second part.

Our guest speaker for this month will be Emeritus Professor Susan M Moore – the author of the book “The Psychology of Family History – exploring our genealogy” – in what makes a genealogist tick – why are we so passionate about what we do, how we do it and why it becomes a lifelong hobby.

Come and enjoy a couple nights a month with other family historians and remember these events are free and open to anyone to come, but you must email wedpmzoom@gsq.org.au in order to be sent a link.

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

Our Wednesday Morning Zoom session held on 3 July was a presentation on Occupations and the clothes they wore to work in, which is often overlooked although part of our ancestor’s every-day life. Two weeks later we had a Learning Aid session on what steps to take when tracing back one of our ancestors using information gained from their death in Queensland as well as the scanty information given in many of our Immigration arrival logs. As part two of that session the groups found an immigrants address in the census prior to leaving the UK.

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 sessions, 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 and ask to be included.

We look forward to seeing you during our GSQ Open Day when together with our Monday morning and our Wednesday night Zoom groups, we will be manning a combined table, so stop by and have a chat.

What's New ...

National Archives of Australia

Diaspora: the Greek migrant experience in Queensland.

Give me a word...any word...and I'll show you how the root of that word is Greek!

Two free events at Cannon Hill, Tuesday 20 Aug @ 10:00 am & Friday 23 Aug @ 10:00 am. [Book Here](#)

State Library of Queensland

August is National Family History Month Australasia and State Library of Queensland joins various libraries, archives, genealogy societies and other organisations in celebrating this event. It's a great time to start exploring your family tree or follow new leads.

Italian immigration: researching Italian immigrants to Queensland on Tuesday 6 Aug 10:00 - 11:00 am

Moments in migration: exploring the immigrant experience in images on Friday 16 Aug 10:00 - 11:30 am

Exploring records of Moreton Bay pre-1860: Colonial Secretary's Correspondence and more on Friday 23 Aug 10:00 - 11:30 am

Who's Your Mob? Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander family history workshop on Thursday 29 Aug 10:00 - 1:00 pm.

Go to [this page](#) for more information and to book. All events are FREE but you must book.

FamilySearch

FamilySearch invites you to join us in celebrating the joys of family history throughout August 2024. Discover how you can get involved and make the most of this special month.

How can we help you?

FamilySearch provides help with:

- Guidance on Starting Your Research
- Learning How to Use Family Search

Facebook Live Events

'Power Tools for Chinese Ancestry: How to Research Your Chinese Roots'

Hear Eric Leach, Chinese Product Manager FamilySearch speak on how do you start researching your Chinese roots? How do you find your ancestral village in China? What information can you get from a gravestone? And what is a jiapu?

This session will help you trace your Chinese even If You Don't Read Chinese. On Tuesday 6 Aug @ 6:00pm AEST for more information [Book HERE](#)

Get Involved

Meet Ian James, Product Manager for our latest volunteer project, 'Get Involved.' Ian will discuss how FamilySearch utilizes Computer-Aided Indexing to identify names, dates, and places in historical records. Volunteers play a crucial role in verifying and correcting the computer's work, ensuring easier discovery of ancestors for everyone. On Thursday 29 Aug at 6:00 pm AEST. [Book HERE](#) for more information and booking.

Family History Speaker Sessions

Sessions Throughout Family History Month, FamilySearch will highlight several RootsTech 2004 online speakers and presentations from Australia and New Zealand, covering various family history topics. This includes:

- *Meg Bate, Rebecca Landy - A Guide to Australian Genealogical Research*
- *Gemma Beswick, Alexandra Mountain - International Scope: Resources in the Archives of the Society of Australian Genealogists*
- *Megan Brodribb - Who's Your Mob? Developing a Program for Demystifying Australian First Nations Family History*
- *Seonaid Harvey - In Our Ancestors' Footsteps: From Colonists to Kiwis*
- *Sarah Hewitt - Researching in New Zealand with the NZSG*

- *Kate Ross - Trove Australia for Family History*
- *Helen Smith - No Death Certificate?*
- *Fiona Sullivan - A Family Historians introduction to the collections of Museums of History NSW*

Watch all broadcasts during August at: <https://www.facebook.com/FamilySearchPacificArea/>

Society of Genealogists (UK)

Durham Archives has an exhibition, it's a long way to go but you can examine their [online collection here](#).

Their *Finest Hour Online Archive* is now LIVE! [Explore](#) 25,000+ newly uncovered Second World War stories and objects. The archive features a wide range of experiences, from the extraordinary to the everyday, highlighting the lives of those who lived through this monumental conflict.

[RootsMagic 10](#), the latest version of *RootsMagic genealogy software* has been released. This comprehensive edition covers everything from basic data entry to advanced techniques, making it an essential resource for users looking to maximize RootsMagic's capabilities. RootsMagic 10 introduces exciting new features including DNA match management, health history tracking, advanced search capabilities, and enhanced data management tools.

Deceased Online has added records for one crematorium and six cemeteries in the boroughs of Broxtowe and Erewash to www.deceasedonline.com. Bramcote Bereavement Services, a joint venture between Broxtowe Borough Council and Erewash Borough Council, manages Bramcote Crematorium and seven of the areas' cemeteries. Deceased Online has released records for Bramcote Crematorium, Beeston, Chilwell, Eastwood, and Stapleford Cemeteries from the Broxtowe Borough in Nottinghamshire, and from the neighbouring borough of Erewash, situated in Derbyshire, the records for Park, Ilkeston, and Long Eaton Cemeteries.



CHRIS PATON & MIA BENNETT DOWN UNDER

Scotland, Ireland, England & DNA

Take your research further with leading experts **Chris Paton** and **Mia Bennett**, featured speakers on our **18th Unlock the Past** cruise (Southern Australia) in December 2024. We are planning three land seminars with them in the following cities:

- **Sydney – 2 days Thu 28 - Fri 29 November 2024** – details to come at Ryde-Eastwood Leagues Club, 117 Ryedale Road, West Ryde
- **Adelaide – 1 day Fri 6 December 2024** – details to come at Hisense Stadium (West Adelaide Football Club) Address: 57 Milner Road, Richmond SA
- **Brisbane – 2 days Thu 12 and Fri 13 December 2024** at Geebung RSL Club, Corner Newman Road & Collings Street, Geebung

Brisbane costs: pre-book by 5 December 2024 to be in the draw for several hundred \$\$\$ in prizes.

- two days - pre-booked \$150 on the day \$170
- one day - pre-booked \$95 on the day \$110

For more information and to see the program for the 2 days [click here](#)

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 Aug/Sep offerings:

Aug 8 – *The Power of Siblings - the DNA Tests of Five Brothers* by Donna Rutherford – 4:00 AM AEST

Aug 10 – *English Occupation, Apprenticeship and Guild Records* by Paul Milner, FUGA. MDiv – 4:00 AM AEST

Aug 14 – *Using MyHeritage DNA to determine Immigrant Origins* by Melanie McComb – 4:00 AM AEST

Aug 15 – *Genealogy of East and West Prussia* by Ute Brandenburg – 4:00 AM AEST

Aug 21 – *He Had a Brother Who Disappeared: Finding John H. Hickey, Formerly of Rockton, Winnebago County, Illinois* by Debra S. Mieszala, CG – 10:00 AM AEST

Aug 22 – *Who Hid the Body? Finding Your Ancestor's Place of Burial* by Elizabeth Williams Gomoll, CG – 4:00 AM AEST

Aug 24 – *Analyzing Deeds & Wills: I See What It Says—but What Does It Mean?!* by Elizabeth Shown Mills, CG, CGL – 4:00 AM AEST

Aug 28 – *Using MyHeritage for Family History Research in Australia* by Shauna Hicks – 12:00 PM AEST

Aug 29 – *Using the collaborate Tool at FamilySearch* – by Karen Clifford, AG – 4:00 AM AEST

Sep 4 – *Efficient Genealogy: Streamline Your Research with TextExpander* by Christine E. Neumann – 12:00 PM AEST

Sep 7 – *Six Ways to Figure Out How We're Related* by Roberta Estes – 12:15 AM AEST

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

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN



12 Oct

9:00am - 5:15pm

AEST

via ZOOM

Forgotten Women & Children Seminar

Program

- Shauna Hicks - *The why, how and the where of homeless women in Colonial Queensland.*
- Joanne Seccombe - *Where are the Children? Children and the public record in Queensland.*
- Daniel Loftus - *Trials and tribulations: Mother and Baby Homes.*
- Dr Dot Wickham & Dr Frank Golding - *Refuge Rescue Reform: Voices of Suffering and Survival.*
- Dr Cate O'Neill & Dr Kirsten Wright - *The Find and Connect web resource: documenting the histories of Australian institutions for women and children.*
- Dr Janet Few - *Marginalised Women.*
- Jan Richardson - *Silenced and forgotten: women and children at Dunwich and Woogaroo asylums.*

All sessions will be recorded and available for one month after the event to registered attendees.

Bookings & payment

Early Bird Price if booked by
14 September 2024:

GSQ/QFHS Members \$60

Non-members \$75

Price from 15 September 2024:

GSQ/QFHS Members \$70

Non-members \$85

Book online at: www.gsq.org.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
ordering)

