



Welcome to December eNews

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Christmas is approaching at the rate of knots! How this year has flown by! All GSQ members are invited to attend the annual Christmas Afternoon Tea to be held at our Resource Centre at 25 Stackpole Street, Wishart, on Saturday, 14 December, commencing at 2.00pm. All food and drink will be provided courtesy of a small Grant from the Brisbane City Council. Those attending are required to book by emailing secretary@gsq.org.au to ensure we have sufficient seating for everybody. The annual Christmas Raffle will be drawn on the day and Raffle Prizes are currently being organised. Members are invited to donate something suitable for a Christmas Hamper – all donations are to be placed in the basket at the Resource Centre no later than Thursday, 12 December to enable time for preparing the various prizes. Raffle Tickets will be sold online through our website, at the Resource Centre and, of course, will be available for purchase on the day of the Afternoon Tea.

Our AGM for 2024 was conducted on 2 November as a hybrid meeting, with some members at the Resource Centre and others online via Zoom. A total of 45 members attended. Thanks to all who supported GSQ for this event. The Management Committee for 2024-2025 is as follows: President (Helen Veivers), Vice President (Alistair Henderson), Secretary (Karma Hodgson), Treasurer (Mike Houlahan), Assistant Secretary (Claire Rodwell), Management Committee members: Marg Doherty, Ailsa Corlett, Paul Grevell, Kim Davis, Leanne Taylor and David Barnes.

Have you remembered to book your place at the CONNECTIONS_PAST_PRESENT_FUTURE Conference being conducted by GSQ 21 – 24 March 2025. Earlybird Bookings close on 30 November. If you book by that date, the saving is considerable. Go to GSQ's website for the Conference Website Link.

GSQ will close for 2024 on Saturday, 14 December and re-open for research on Tuesday, 14 January 2025.

I would like to thank all who have assisted GSQ during 2024 – and there are a lot of you!! Your support is very much appreciated and valued. My very best wishes for a safe and happy Festive Season to all members and for a new year filled with amazing research finds and stories.

Helen Veivers
President



COMMITTEE SNIPPETS

Points from November Management Committee:

- Reciprocal rights with other Australian Societies are being clarified and will be listed on MyGSQ when complete.
- It was decided that duplicate or out-of-date books that are removed by the librarians would be set aside for a possible future lending library.
- A digitisation agreement has been signed with Family Search, which will make some of GSQ's records more available to members. Work will start in the New Year.
- As new Vice President Alistair Henderson will be overseas during the next couple of months, David Barnes will be Acting Vice President during this period.
- Membership applications from sixteen (16) new members were ratified by the Committee, and these members will receive their welcome shortly.
- It was decided that entries for the 2025 Joan Reese Writing Competition would close on 25 May 2025, with the winner to be announced at the Open Day on 23 August. The topic to be: *A short story from family history research you have undertaken*

Volunteer 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



Upcoming GSQ Education Events

Organizing, researching, and sharing with Legacy Family Tree 10 software

Dec 14 @ 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM AEST

Presenter: Geoff Rasmussen

Cost: Members Only – FREE

Virtual via Zoom

An overview of the Legacy Family Tree 10 software. Use it as your stand-alone software or as a complimentary tool.

[BOOK HERE](#)

Advanced Care Planning

Jan 20 @ 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM AEST

Presenter: Jane Caldwell

Cost: Members Only – FREE

Virtual via Zoom

The Staewide office of Advance Care Planning is a free service (funded by Qld Health) that helps promote the important processes of advance care planning.

[Book Here](#)

17th century British Merchant Tokens A Family Historians Delight

Feb 1 @ 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM AEST

Presenter: Geoff Barber

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

Virtual via Zoom

Merchant tokens generally do not raise the interest of family historians, but look deeper and there is much to like. Between 1648-71, due to a shortage of small coinage, over 20,000 different tokens were issued in the towns and villages throughout England, Ireland & Wales. [Book Here](#)

Foreign Footprints on the Victorian Goldfields

Feb 15 @ 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM AEST

Presenter: Dr Dorothy Wickham

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

Virtual via Zoom

Raffaello Carboni wrote that, "Foreigners From All Quarters Of The Globe And Of The Diggings, Came To Inquire From Me What Was The Matter Concerning So Much Excitement As Then Prevailed On Ballaarat. I translated for them the news from our 'Ballaarat Times', or from the 'Geelong Advertiser's' clever correspondent." Raffaello was a translator for non-English speaking residents of the gold diggings during the Eureka Affair of 1854. [Book Here](#)

The Wall Family weaving the threads of memories

Feb 22 @ 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM AEST

Presenter: Christine Leonard

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

Virtual via Zoom

I didn't know much about my father's Wall family, having been born in Papua New Guinea and growing up on remote plantations. Once I was sent to boarding school in Australia, I grew to know my father's immediate family, his father, and siblings but apart from them they were a mystery. In 2018, I started researching my father's Wall family. One cousin led to another before I met Graham Wall, a distant cousin, who had researched the Walls for nearly 20 years—prior to the internet. Graham's sources were mostly direct from family descendants as well as BDM etc. [Book Here](#)

Joan Reese Short Story Competition 2025

The topic for the Joan Reese Short Story competition 2025 is *A short story from family history research you have undertaken*. We discover many interesting stories when researching family history. These stories may relate to an individual, an event which impacted on ancestors' lives or how a mystery or brick wall was solved. What was its significance to your research? This should be clearly explained. Share your story with the readers of Generation. The prize for the winning entry is \$200 and is partly funded by GSQs Writing Group. GSQ looks forward to reading your stories.

Entries close on 25 May 2025 and the winner will be announced at GSQs Open Day on 23 August 2025. Full details of the competition, including judging criteria and entry requirements can be found on GSQs website.

More information is available by emailing secretary@gsq.org.au

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 1 December and will be by Zoom only.

The next meeting of the English Irish Welsh Interest Group will be Sunday 1st December 2024 and will be a ZOOM ONLY meeting. I shall be on holidays on that date, but Helen Connor has very kindly offered to run the meeting on that Sunday 1st December 2024.

The English Irish Welsh Interest Group last met Sunday 6th October at GSQ's Wishart premises. This meeting was again a hybrid meeting using the OWL, GSQ's 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 October presentation was on the Irish county of Down by Tricia Smout and a splendid presentation it was.

If you have English, Irish or Welsh (or all three!!) ancestors, this is the Interest Group 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'm sure Helen is looking forward to seeing everybody via ZOOM on Sunday 1st December. If you have any thing you would like to discuss at the meeting, please let me know and I will pass it on Helen Connor.

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.

Scandinavian Group

The next meeting is on 19 January 2025 from 12:30 - 2:30PM

The next meeting will be held as above. The information will be sent out before the meeting.

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 23 February 2025 and will be via Zoom.

The latest DNA Interest Group meeting was held via Zoom on Sunday 27 October. Eighteen people attended and heard Greg speak about the latest update to Ancestry DNA Origins (formerly Ethnicity) and Communities.

Remember that for DNA IG members we have a Facebook group where you will find information posted by our members and also files of previous meetings and technical information.

Our next DNA SIG meeting is Sunday 23 February 2025 at 9.30 a.m. Queensland time via Zoom. The remainder of 2025 meetings are in the GSQ calendar. Some of the meetings next year will be hybrid, that is, both by Zoom and in the GSQ Resource Centre.

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 DNA Interest Group meetings before they must join GSQ.

Chinese Research Group

The next meeting will be 19 January 2025 via Zoom.

The next meeting of the Chinese Research Group will be on Sunday, 19 January next year and via Zoom. The meeting will be from 10 am to midday. We hope to have a guest speaker for all our meetings, and for January, one of our members, Jan Richardson will be speaking.

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, 19 January 2025.

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

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

GSQ has an exciting program of education events planned for 2025. Keep a lookout on the website and in eNews for more info.

Interest Groups

Family History Technology Group

The FHTech group will meet on Sunday 9 March 2025 via Zoom @10:00 AM

At our last meeting Helen gave a very impressive presentation on using AI technology to assist with your family history. We found out with help from Helen Smith that using transcribers first and then using either copilot or GPTChat you can get a wonderful result at transcribing the old English wills that many of us struggle to transcribe word by word. This makes it so much quicker and easy enough to update the few corrections you will need to do. There is always a few corrections that will need to be done but generally doing it this way is great. The secret is in learning how to write the correct commands for the AI program to understand what and how you would like to get the output. Once you master that, then it becomes much easier. We would like to encourage everyone just to give it a try and see what you can do. Helen and I would like to thank all that attend this group and we wish you all a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year, and will see you in March 2025.

If you would like to join us please email fhtech@gsq.org.au and if you are unable to attend this session then we would like to wish everyone a very Wonderful and Joyful Christmas and we will see you again in March 2025.

German Group

The next meeting of the German Group is 26 January 2025 at GSQ and via Zoom.

The German group meets odd numbered months and our next meeting will be 26 January; everybody welcome. Starting time 10.00am.

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 16 February 2025 via Zoom.

The Writing Group held its final meeting for 2024 in October. The first meeting for 2025 will be on Sunday 16 February via Zoom and more details will be in February eNews. Pauline and Janice wish Group members, and anyone interested in documenting their family history, a productive Christmas and New Year period.

Anyone wanting more information about the Group's activities can contact Pauline on pstirland@hotmail.com or writing@gsq.org.au.

Scottish Group

The next meeting will be on Sunday 5 January 2025 at 10:00 AM and will be a hybrid meeting.

The Annual Hogmanay meeting of the Scottish Group will be at GSQ on 5 January. This is an opportunity for all to celebrate the Scottish traditions of Hogmanay.

Our next meeting in March will feature Alistair give a talk on Lanarkshire.

Contact Alistair on scotgroup@gsq.org.au for more information.

Colonial & Convict Interest Group

The next meeting of the Colonial and Convicts interest Group: Australia 1788-1901 is at 10am on Saturday 8 December 2024 and is a hybrid meeting, with Christmas lunch to follow.

This has been a challenging but rewarding year for the convenors of the Group, developing its new name, logo and expanding its scope to all early Australian settlement, to include all settlers (free or convict) arriving up to 1901.

Bev Murray has focussed on enhancing member participation with members at each meeting telling the story of a particular stage of their ancestors' lives. Meetings also have book reviews, often a short historical presentation, and members can borrow from the Group's library of resources and reference books. This approach has attracted new members.

At the December meeting, attendees will relate the final stage of their ancestor's journey, their death and descendants. Or they can tell the story of Christmas in the 19th Century colonies or from where their ancestor came.

If you are interested in the history of early settlement, why not come to our December meeting. **Our first meeting for 2025 on Sunday 9 February 2025.**

We are also looking for volunteers to help with some aspects of running the Group. Fleur Creed is also looking for your stories to publish in our journal, The Chronicle.

Our email address is CandC@gsq.org.au.



The banner for the Australasian Conference 2025, titled 'CONNECTIONS Past - Present - Future'. It features a background image of a city skyline with a bridge. On the left, three overlapping circles highlight 'Three Keynote Speakers', 'Forty Two Specialist Speakers', and 'Six Master Classes'. In the center, four interlocking puzzle pieces in red, yellow, black, and purple are shown. Below the puzzle pieces, the text 'Family History - Genealogy - Local History' is displayed. The main title 'CONNECTIONS' is in large, bold, serif font, with 'Past - Present - Future' in a smaller font below it. The location and dates 'Brisbane | 21 to 24 March 2025' are prominently displayed in a large, bold, sans-serif font. At the bottom, a line of text invites attendees to join the conference. Logos for AFFHO, the Genealogical Society of Queensland Inc., and History Queensland Inc. are shown on the left, while contact information for registration is on the right.

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Full details and registration here:
www.connections2025.org.au
office@connections2025.org.au

Conference Snapshot

Early Bird is drawing to a close at midnight on 30 November 2024 and has to date, with 11 days to go, has attracted in excess of 250 attendees. You will still be able to register up until the 10 March 2025 but the attractive discounts will no longer be available. [Registration | Connections 2025](#)

Masterclasses have proved popular and three are completely filled with the remaining ones 60% or more filled.

The Conference dinner with Roly Sussex as the Speaker has been particularly well supported and seating numbers upgraded, the remaining seats are filling fast.

There are 33 Exhibitors tables covering a wide range of products and services for the attendees to view.

This month we are pleased to announce the release of our raffles with the prize value exceeding \$5,000. There are three raffles, one for each day of the conference and tickets can be purchased directly through RaffleLink. There are some quirky state by state restrictions on who and when tickets can be purchased but all details are on the Conference website. [Raffle | Connections 2025](#)

[Link to Conference website](#), where the presenters & the program can be viewed.

Containers for Change

Containers for Change: The Christmas Break will provide an ideal opportunity to save Bottles and Cans and to take them to a Containers for Change depot near you.

Remember, all you need to do is to take a photo of the Barcode on GSQ's website, or collect one of the printed barcodes from GSQ premises Reception Desk and take your Bottles and Cans to a Containers for Change Depot. What an easy way to support GSQ!

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.

Thanks to all who have contributed during 2024!

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. If you're not familiar with our Page, just type 'genealogicalsocietyqld' into the top left hand bar and the profile will come up along with our multiple posts each day, all containing interesting posts and photographs from other societies and entities around the world. 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. We respond to all comments.

Each Monday we publish the GSQ Blog for the week as well as the GSQ Education program 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 are having trouble finding us, then you can always contact our Facebook Admins 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 and the Facebook group was set up some years ago. Only the members of the group can see what you post. Here you can ask questions, and share your gene 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 Bloggers for the month of November were Ross Hansen, Yvonne Tunny, Andrew Redfern and Marg Doherty, in December we have Charlotte Sale and Helen Smith.

Our great authors then have a break over Christmas and New Year resuming with Jennifer Harrison and Bobbie Edes in January 2025.

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. Website homepage.



New in the bookshop ... a perfect Christmas gift

Sharing Your Family History Online

By Chris Paton

The internet also offers a unique platform on which we can host our research and lure in prospective cousins from around the world, to help build up a larger shared ancestral story. In *Sharing Your Family History on the Internet*, genealogist and best-selling author Chris Paton will explore the many ways in which we can present our research and encourage collaboration online. He will detail the many organisations and social media applications that can permit co-operation, describe the software platforms on which we can collate our stories, and illustrate the many ways in which we can publish our stories online. In 'Sharing Your Family History Online' genealogist and best-selling author Chris Paton will explore the many ways in which we can present our research and encourage collaboration online.

Bookshop Price: \$38.50

Tracing Your Marginalised Ancestors

By Janet Few

Often, our most fascinating ancestors are those on society's margins. They might have been discriminated against due to personal misfortune or have been a victim of society's fear of difference. You may have ancestors who were poor, or sick, illegitimate, or lawbreakers. Were your family stigmatised because of their ethnicity? Perhaps they struggled with alcoholism, were prostitutes, or were accused of witchcraft. This book will help you find out more about them and the times in which they lived. In 'Tracing your Marginalised Ancestors', you will find plenty of suggestions to help you uncover the stories of these, often elusive, groups of people.

Bookshop Price: \$45.00

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



GSQ Zoom Meetings

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

It has been a very enjoyable year with lots of topics that we have all learnt something from. The best part is that many of the group now have confidence in sharing the screen and also doing small presentations or just speaking up and contributing to the topic of the day. When Helen and I have had full weekends and feel zoomed out the group has rallied around and it is those days we have had fantastic discussions. Many of our group members have been unwell during the

year, so Helen and I are wishing them as well as everyone else a Merry Xmas and a wonderful New Year and that all health issues Go away. We look forward to seeing everyone in Feb 2025.

If you would like to join us on a Monday morning for a relaxed discussion on family history topics then please email mtzoom@gsq.org.au so that we can send you the link to join.

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

Our last speaker for the year was Greg Carlill, and it was a wonderful presentation and so very informative. I am glad that we are now recording these events as this is one I really want to watch again. Greg will be talking at the Conference in March next year and I am definitely going to make sure I sit in on that one.

Well we have had a very enjoyable year with lots of great topics being discussed and many great guest speakers. We would like to thank everyone that has come along and we

look forward to seeing you all again in Feb 2025. Fleur and I would like to wish everyone a Merry Xmas and a wonderful New Year.

If you would like to come along to the Wednesday Night Zooms please email wedpmzoom@gsq.org.au. This is open and free to anyone to join.

Regards Ailsa and Fleur

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 4 November was a presentation by Bobbie Edes on Irish Land Records and Griffiths Valuation Explained. This was followed by our Christmas gathering which was held early this year on 20 November amid rain and traffic chaos on some of the roads to Rochedale Estates where Bobbie had arranged the use of the Function Room.

Although we all love the ease of meeting with Zoom, it's great to have a physical get-together once a year and catch up with old friends and generally have a fun morning. Pauline once again organised the two trivia quizzes which were Brisbane and Christmas themed, but still stumped some of our pairs (me included). Kerry's suggestions of finding a short unusual, comical, interesting or achievement related newspaper article about a relative and reading it out aloud was popular with some very sad stories and some

quite happy tales relayed. Thanks to Pauline for helping me so much to keep the morning running smoothly, with some of us staying on for a lunch and more chat in the attached café.

Our Wednesday morning Zoom sessions are now on holiday until we resume on 5th February 2025 with a topic presentation. Our meetings are held 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.

What's New ...

Society of Genealogists (UK)

Family Histories Podcasts: Series Eight of the podcasts has arrived. The guests for this series are:

Danielle and Galeet Dardashti, Richard Holt, Jennifer Jones, Daniel Loftus, Adam Simpson-York, Bob Sorrentino and Sylvia Valentine.

The new series began with *'The Marchioness'* with Bob Sorrentino on 5 November 2024, and is available on the website for free or from wherever you get your podcasts.

John London: Britain's First Black Voter? Dr Gillian Williamson has written on the History of Parliament blog about her groundbreaking research into John London, a Black Londoner voting in a parliamentary election. You can [access the blog](#) here.

British Library: More than 1,000 of the British Library's digitised manuscripts are available to view online again. Discover the [manuscripts here](#).

Seventeenth-century Wills now on Zooniverse: The Zooniverse site has uploaded new wills dating 1664-1666. Explore this new batch of seventeenth-century wills on the [Zooniverse](#) site.

Bethnal Green Roll of Honour: In 1920 the Metropolitan Borough of Bethnal Green began a Roll of Honour to record the names of those from the Borough who were killed during the War. The pages from this book have now been digitised by local Idea Store staff. [View online](#).

ScotlandsPeople has released over 180,000 new records from Barlinnie prison. The records document life inside Scotland's largest and most infamous gaol from 1882-1899. They also include over 2,000 prisoner photographs.

You can search for prisoners by forename, surname, age, country of birth, and trial court. The records provide descriptions of the crime, sentence, appearance and health of the prisoner. Search [prison records online](#).

Foundling Hospital Archive Goes Digital: Coram has launched a digital archive of almost 100,000 pages of records from England's first home for abandoned babies, the Foundling Hospital. The archive, covering 1739 to 1899, reveals the stories of over 20,000 children and includes touching petition letters from their birth mothers.

Part of Coram's *Voices Through Time* project, the archive provides valuable insights into childcare, education, and the lives of working-class women. Family historians can explore details about children, parents, staff, and apprentices. The records are free to access and searchable [online](#).

Women as child carers: Arranging and compensating mothering in early modern Lancashire by Emily Rhodes

An article inspired by a database of fifty petitions submitted to the Lancashire Quarter Session Courts between 1660 and 1720 to locate mothers who cared for non-kin children in early modern England has been published online. It is [free to read](#).

Locating London's Past Update: The Digital Humanities Institute has launched a substantially updated version of [Locating London's Past](#), the website which allows you to map a wide body of digital resources pertaining to early modern and eighteenth-century London onto John Rocque's 1746 map.

Book a Session in Buckinghamshire Archives' Virtual Searchroom: Can't visit Buckinghamshire Archives in person? Book a Virtual Searchroom session to view original documents live, in real-time, via Microsoft Teams. You'll be able to view up to 5 documents, and a staff member will assist by arranging the records and providing basic information. Sessions are available on Thursdays and Fridays, with two time slots each day. Book at least 2 working days in advance by emailing archives@buckinghamshire.gov.uk or calling 01296 382 587.

Remembering the Jewish Pogroms of 1918-1921: The Am haZikaron Institute has launched a website dedicated to preserving the memory of the Jewish pogroms in Russia from 1918 to 1921. These brutal massacres resulted in the deaths of 300,000 Jews, leaving countless others raped, displaced, or orphaned.

The [website](#) serves as a comprehensive resource for understanding the scale of this tragedy. It includes eyewitness accounts, victim lists, a visual catalogue of over 1,500 affected towns, and information on Jewish self-defence efforts. Visitors can explore lectures, seminars, and educational resources, including a course for teachers and the publication of the book *Russia: Three-Year Pogrom*. The project aims to keep the memory of the victims alive and to educate future generations about this forgotten chapter of Jewish history.

TheGenealogist: TheGenealogist has announced the integration of the 1841 census into its cutting-edge MapExplorer™ tool. This significant addition allows family historians and researchers to delve deeper into their ancestral past with unprecedented geographical context. Users can visualise their ancestors' locations on historical maps, providing a unique perspective on family history.

To celebrate this release, for a limited time you can claim a Diamond Subscription for just £99.45, a saving of £40 here. Offer expires 30th December 2024.



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 December/January offerings:

Dec 4 – *Finding Your British WWI Soldier – Dead or Alive* by Paul Milner, FUGA, MDiv– 11:00 AM AEST

Dec 5 – *DNA Case Study: Reconstructing A Family Tree Using DNA* by Michelle Leonard – 11:00 AM AEST

Dec 11 – *Leveraging MyHeritage DNA Tools to Make New Discoveries* by Ran Snir – 5:00 AM AEST

Dec 14 – *Reflecting on AI in Genealogy: 2024's Lessons and 2025's Pathways* by Steve Little– 5 AM AEST

Dec 16 – *Lost and Found: Locating Ancestral Origins with FAN Club and DNA* by Mary Kircher Roddy, CG – 5:00 AM AEST

Dec 19 – *Geoff's Got ANOTHER Brick Wall! What Can DNA Do for It?* by Diahann Southard & Geoff Rasmussen – 5:00 AM AEST

Dec 28 – *LDNA: Evidence, Proof, Citation & Privacy* by Elizabeth Shown Mills, CG, CGL – 5:00 AM AEST

Jan 23– *Using the Collaborate Tool at FamilySearch* by Karen Clifford, AG – 5:00 AM AEST

Jan 29 – *TLatest Updates to the MyHeritage Mobile App* by Gilad Katz– 5:00 AM AEST

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