



## Welcome to June eNews

### A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

**Volunteers are just so important to GSQ – there is no doubt that GSQ could not exist without them.** They are far more valuable than any piece of equipment, computer program or Library resource and I thank each and every one of you who volunteer. GSQ celebrated National Volunteers Week by conducting a Morning Tea, held on Saturday 25 May, to which all volunteers were invited. It was a successful event with the Margaret Coleman Volunteer Award being presented during the morning. The winner for 2025, announced by GSQ's Patron, Dr Jennifer Harrison, was Bob Dean. Bob does so much for GSQ in that he maintains both the Building and the Grounds and organises our Bunnings Barbecues which are very successful financially for our Society. He's always willing to "put his hand up" when there's a job to be done. Congratulations, Bob, a very deserving winner of this prestigious award! If you don't as yet volunteer for GSQ but would like to assist in some capacity, please contact Volunteer Coordinator, Kim Davis at [volunteer@gsq.org.au](mailto:volunteer@gsq.org.au)

GSQ is still in need of a Treasurer. Currently, David Barnes is doing both the job of the Vice President and Treasurer as well as being the 2025 Conference Convenor which in itself is a huge role. If you have the qualifications and the time, please contact David by emailing [finance@gsq.org.au](mailto:finance@gsq.org.au). The required qualifications

were defined in an earlier version of eNews – if you don't have access to that, David will be able to offer advice about what is required.

We're also seeking a Bookshop Convenor – this isn't a huge job. The person who takes on the role could make it as small or as large as they like!! There's no doubt that it provides a service to our members. It would be such a shame if we're forced to close the Bookshop. Karma, the current Bookshop Convenor took on the role of Secretary at the 2023 AGM and is finding it difficult to do both jobs to the high standard she demands of herself. The Bookshop Convenor would not necessarily need to live in Brisbane, because there is a member who lives close to GSQ premises who has indicated that she's happy to continue packing and posting orders.

Would you be willing to spend a few hours each month doing research for GSQ? This would appeal to those who have developed good skills completing their own family history and are now seeking to hone and indeed, extend those skills. After all, it is a very enjoyable process! If you believe you could help in this way, please contact Research Convenor, Graeme Moulton at [researchconvenor@gsq.org.au](mailto:researchconvenor@gsq.org.au). Graeme currently has a number of jobs that require attention.

In a recent communication I appealed to members to provide material for the June edition of "Generation",

given that the editor of this publication, Russell Fraser, is currently unwell. I

would like to thank all of those who rallied and provided a great variety of material, so much that we'll have some items to utilise in future editions. A heartfelt thanks to you, our members!

**The next Members' Meeting for 2024 is to be held on Monday, 24 June commencing at 7.30pm via Zoom.**

Further information will be provided in the June Event Reminder with the facility for booking to receive the Zoom Link.

During May, GSQ hosted History Queensland's AGM and 6 Monthly meeting. People travelled from as far away as the Gold and Sunshine Coasts to attend and all were very interested in what GSQ has to offer its members and the general public.

Helen Veivers  
President



## COMMITTEE SNIPPETS

### Points from May Management Committee:

- Progress with Strategic Plan checked;
- Discussion on the provision of Disabled Access to our Building continuing;
- Bequest Brochures almost ready for distribution;
- 2025 Conference planning going well;
- Ailsa Corlett to be invited to join Management Committee;
- GSQ's Westpac Account to be closed soon;
- Improvements made to our Website. Thanks to Web Coordinators;
- Funding for Index Spacers for Library approved;
- Retention Policy approved and is to be placed on website;
- Discussion on purchasing Stands and Corflute Signs for all SIGs for use at Open Days and 2025 Conference.

## Volunteer Coordinator Report for June 2024

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

## Research Group Report

As we emphasized last month, requests seem to come in waves. We currently have a backlog of work. We have been short on researchers for various reasons so we need to increase our pool of researchers.

Whilst we look for larger projects, we receive many requests for our Parishes and Funeral director registers. They only take a few hours depending on what the client requests.

Several requests have come from overseas which has been interesting. We recently completed a project from a lawyer at Norfolk Island. The project involved the estate of a direct

ancestor from the mutineers of the "Bounty". Paul Grevell completed that project, and it was interesting reading.

Whether it's learning about an ancestor's remarkable swimming abilities, uncovering hidden family secrets, or documenting personal histories for future generations, the journey of family history research is both rewarding and enriching. And you can be part of it.

We still require more researchers to join us. If you would like to help and bring revenue into GSQ, please contact Graeme Moulton at [researchconvenor@gsq.org.au](mailto:researchconvenor@gsq.org.au) or call me on 0400 401 875

# Upcoming GSQ Education Events

## *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](#)

## *Marrying Family History and Local History*

**Jul 6 @ 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM AEST**

**Presenter: Pauleen Cass**

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

**Virtual via Zoom**

By marrying family and local history we can gain a much better understanding of the community in which our family lived, and their interactions within it.

Learning about neighbours and friends (FANs) can be enlightening and add value to both types of history.

[BOOK HERE](#)

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## *From Restricted to Assisted: Maltese Migration to Australia*

**Jun 22 @ 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM AEST**

**Presenter: Georgina Jansen**

**Cost: MEMBERS ONLY – FREE**

**Virtual via Zoom**

Did you know that migration from Malta was once heavily restricted because the Maltese were seen as a threat to 'white Australia' Yet after WWII, Malta was one of the first countries Australia signed an assisted migration agreement with. This seminar will explore the intriguing history of Maltese migration to Australia during the twentieth century, using case studies from the National Archives' collection to highlight how perceptions and policies changed over time.

[BOOK HERE](#)

## *Discover Lancashire & Yorkshire Online Sources*

**Jul 27 @ 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM AEST**

**Presenter: Shauna Hicks**

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

**Virtual via Zoom**

This presentation looks at online genealogy resources for both Lancashire and Yorkshire. Portal sites, parish clerks, local archives and record offices and other online resources for genealogy in those two counties.

Personal examples will illustrate what can be discovered.

[BOOK HERE](#)

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## Conference masterclasses are now announced

Each class is of 90-minute duration and are limited to 25 people and they are bookable via the conference website.

[Registration | Connections 2025](#)

### **22 March 2025**

*You be the judge – Ethics in Action - Judy Russell*

*Researching English ancestors prior to 1700 - Nick Barratt*

*Genealogical evidence from DNA research - Helen Smith*

### **23 March 2025**

*Digging Deeper – Extracting every clue - Judy Russell*

*Researching and writing your family history - Nick Barratt*

*A Guide to Digitising the Past Hamish - Maxwell-Stewart*

**The classes run concurrently and are breakfast sessions starting at 8:00am**

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# 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 next meeting of the English/Irish/Welsh Group will be on 2 June at GSQ & a hybrid meeting.**

The next meeting of the English Irish Welsh SIG will be **Sunday 2nd June 2024** and will be a hybrid meeting.

The English Irish SIG last met Sunday 7th April 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 April presentation was on the Welsh county of Anglesey by Gayle Albert and a splendid presentation it was.

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 2nd June 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

## Scandinavian Group

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**The next meeting is on 21 July 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).

## DNA Group

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**The next meeting of the DNA Group will be on 23 June by Zoom.**

The meeting will be held via Zoom.

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.

## Writing Group

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**The next meeting is on Sunday 16 June via Zoom.**

The Writing Group met on 21 April and explored the topic of *Writing Memoir*. It became clear that this topic is complex and members approached the topic in different ways. The ensuing discussion was stimulating and members gained a variety of ideas they may wish to adopt in their writing.

The next meeting is scheduled for 16 June and will again be via Zoom. 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.

## Chinese Research Group

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**The next meeting will be the 14 July via Zoom.**

The next meeting of the new Chinese Research Group is on Sunday, 14 July, by Zoom. We held our second meeting of the Chinese Research Interest Group in May. It was well attended, and members shared a lot of knowledge. If you have a Chinese ancestor, come along and join us in July.

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, 14 July.

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.



# Special Interest Groups

## Family History Technology Group

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**The FHTech group will meet on Sunday 14 July via Zoom @10:00 AM**

Our last meeting was in May in which we had a guest speaker Ray Lockett talk to us about how he has used voices that he once had on reel-to-reel tape/ cassette, old photos and been able to put them together to make a small movie regarding that person or what they did in life. This idea is to help the younger generation relate to the older ancestors and hopefully spark an interest in family history.

*Our next meeting is not until July 14 when we will have as a guest speaker Andrew Redfern talking about using PowerPoint and Excel for diagrams and charts.*

We look forward to everyone attending. If you would like to learn more about tech things, then please email [fhtech@gsq.org.au](mailto:fhtech@gsq.org.au) to be added to the list.

## Colonial & Convict Connections Group

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**The next meeting for Colonial & Convict Connections is on Sunday 16 June at GSQ & is a hybrid meeting.**

Our next meeting will be held on **Sunday June 16th**. Doors open at 9.30am and close at 3pm with the meeting starting at 10am and concluding at 12midday.

*Please come along with a short report about a chosen convict, specifically about his/her crime and sentence. Or select an immigrant (before Federation) and report on their circumstances and reason (if known) for emigrating. Were they assisted or unassisted immigrants? Did they come alone or with family and/or friends? Discussion needs to focus around crimes committed, plus why people made the big decision to leave their homeland. I look forward to hearing many interesting reports.*

Please note that for those unable to attend at GSQ can join via Zoom.

So if you have interesting experiences to share, please join us on Sunday 16th June. You can contact the convenor on [convictconnections@gsq.org.au](mailto:convictconnections@gsq.org.au) for more information.

## National Family History Month 2024

Please e-mail AFFHO [president@affho.org](mailto:president@affho.org) if you are interested in supporting the running of National Family History Month. The Committee will work together to ensure the month is highly successful. If you have an interest in marketing, corporate engagement, and coordination please let AFFHO know.

## Scottish Group

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**The next meeting will be on Sunday 7 July at 10:00 AM and will be a hybrid meeting.**

The next meeting of the Scottish Interest Group will be Sunday 7th July 2024 from 9.30am. It is always a hybrid meeting so if you wish to attend via zoom you can, but please email [scotgroup@gsq.org.au](mailto:scotgroup@gsq.org.au) to obtain a link for the day.

The meeting will be on the county of Berwickshire by Gayle Albert. And we are looking forward to hearing about this county from Gayle who has research in this area.

Alistair will also be back from Scotland, and hopefully bringing with him lots of new acquisitions in the way of books or cd's holding monumental inscriptions, poor laws, burial records and whatever else he has been able to find that will assist us with our Scottish Research

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 28 July at GSQ and via Zoom.**

The German Group had a very enthusiastic meeting on the 26 May 2024 which was a hybrid meeting.

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 28th July 2024, commencing at 10.00 a.m.

## Jabra Speaker for Sale

With the advent of Covid and the worldwide move to adoption of communication through technology such as Zoom, GSQ no longer has need of its Jabra Speak 810. It's in as new condition, has a RRP of \$727 and is on sale for \$365, including delivery. If interested, please contact Acting Treasurer, David Barnes, by emailing [finance@gsq.org.au](mailto:finance@gsq.org.au)



## Containers for Change

**Containers for Change:** Thanks to those who have contributed their Bottles and Cans during the month of May. A total of \$66.30 was raised. While this is not as large as in some months, across a 12 month period, at this rate, GSQ would have an additional \$800 to help members in one capacity or another. Remember all you need to do is to collect Cans and Bottles (including Wine and Spirit bottles) and deliver them to a Containers for Change Depot.

Either copy the Barcode from our Website onto your Mobile Phone and use that to record your contributions, or copy the Barcode to paper and take that – there are some pre-printed on the Reception Desk at the GSQ Resource Centre. Let's aim to beat \$66.30 for the month of June!

## 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
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 12 noon	3403 2590
Ashgrove	<i>Digitising your family photographs, birth certificates, marriage certificates etc</i>	Saturday 24 August	9:30am to 11:30am	3407 1940
Annerley	<i>Queensland Family History online</i>	Saturday 14 September	10am to 12 noon	3403 1735

Three Keynote Speakers

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## 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 gene successes and frustrations. No question is too dumb; someone else will be pleased you asked. SIG leaders can post information and Library assistants can talk about their favourite resources too. It is an interactive space where you will also learn more about the resources GSQ has and how to continue your research. Here we will continue to build our GSQ community and encourage more to join us. You don't need to be a GSQ member to join the group. 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 May were Marg Doherty, Yvonne Tunny, Pauline Williams and Helen Smith; their stories were diverse and can all assist you with hints on where and how to find or write your ancestors' story or locate more information on their more recent lives. 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.

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*Jennifer Harrison and Bob Dean on Saturday, after Bob received his award of Volunteer of the Year. Congratulations Bob!*

## What's New ...

### Fold3 and Newspapers.com

With thanks to the GSQ's FHTech and the Scottish Special Interest Groups who have paid for these subscriptions members now have access at the Resource Centre as well as at home via the MyGSQ portal to use both Fold3 and Newspapers.com.

**We only have 1 licence for each, so at times you may not be able to access as someone else is using it, but by restricting your usage to an hour you often overcome these issues.**

Fold3 is a place where you can discover your military ancestors with over 670 million records available. Even though the site covers all the United States wars, there are also plenty of records regarding the UK, Australia, New Zealand, and Canada plus many countries of Europe to do searching on.

It is an easy site to search. On the left you can select Place, Conflict, Title Collection, Branch, meaning Army, Navy or Air Force and if you know the Publication, Name and Type and even the Record Type can be searched.

The search box itself will pick up all the words you put into the search box, and you can also filter regarding dates, places and military.

Newspapers.com is like Fold3 in which it is predominately USA newspapers but many other countries including Australia, Canada, Ireland, NZ and the UK are represented.

Searching again is easy. Select the Country, State or County, and City and then time frame or the newspaper itself. Many of the UK etc cover the later years of the last century but you can be in for surprises on some of the dates available going back to the late 1700s and early 1800s.

The major advantage of having access to these two subscriptions is that it now gives our members a wider coverage of sites that they can use to assist with their research. Just keep in mind that a very large number of our ancestors' brothers and sisters emigrated to the USA never to return to England, Scotland or Ireland. From searching these two sets of records you can now start to fill in some of those gaps regarding them.

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# GSQ ZOOM Meetings

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

We have been continuing to look at various records mostly in England regarding someone alive in the 1790's as this tends to be a stopping point for many of us in relation to just *"How do I prove this is my person"*. Many ideas and the use of FamilySearch and Old Parish Clerks sites for some of the English counties have proved to be invaluable in what they do hold to help with these questions.

Helen Connor also gave a very informative talk on Barbados, and it was surprising that out of the group we had that day there were 3 people who also had Barbados connections.

In June we will examine the ways of searching in the two new sites GSQ has available for its members from the Resource Centre as well as in MyGSQ from home. These are *Fold3* and *Newspapers.com* both sites that can assist with information regarding your USA ancestors as many Irish, English and Scottish emigrated there as well as to Australia or New Zealand.

If you would like to join us for a friendly Monday morning, please email [mtzoom@gsq.org.au](mailto:mtzoom@gsq.org.au) this is open only to GSQ members.

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

We have had an interesting month, with the 2nd Wednesday based around the Women in our family history, whether they died young, lived an exciting life or a hero in many of our eyes just because of what they did in everyday life. Our guest speaker for May was Dan Kelly from Boolarong Press who took us using plain language so that we could all understand the process of making sure your manuscript was set out correctly right through to the final finished product with the printer and publisher. We all had a better understanding of what we need to do now before heading straight to the printer's office.

This coming month as we head into June, our Winter fires and hot stews will be in our minds, so the topic for the 2nd Wednesday night 12th June, will be *"How did your ancestor cope during the Winter months?"* – What have you found out

about the climate where they lived during that time and was there any prolonged cold, freezing events that stand out.

*Our guest speaker for June 26th will be Fleur Creed discussing Mind-Mapping.* It is a tool that is simple to use to help analyse what is missing, what is important in relation to one or more of your ancestors. It is also colours to use. So come along to listen and see something that is different to use but very effective in its outcome.

The Wednesday Night Zoom's are open and free to anyone to attend that is interested in family history, just forward email to [wedpmzoom@gsq.org.au](mailto:wedpmzoom@gsq.org.au) to ask to be added to the list.

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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 Wednesday Morning Zoom session held on 1 May was a presentation on Scanning your documents and images, explaining the step by step method to use a scanner to get the best image and save it to your family history files.

Two weeks later during our topic meeting, we had another great Learning Aid sessions for our mid-month meetings with tackling where and how to locate the exact location our ancestors came from.

After a discussion this was followed by a test case of an immigrant into New South Wales in 1838, during which the small groups of four each went through the process of deciphering the difficult to read, but very informative details

on a husband and his wife and children, and working out just where the mis-spelt locations they came from, were.

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](mailto:wedmorningzoom@gsq.org.au) and ask to be included.



## What's New ...

### Museums of History NSW

#### Volunteers Document Liverpool State Hospital records

Thanks to the dedicated efforts of Collections Volunteers, who have been tirelessly working from home, we have successfully listed over 57,000 patient admission cards from [Liverpool State Hospital and Home](#). These records, spanning from 1884 to 1959, hold a wealth of historical information that is invaluable to our understanding of the past.

Liverpool State Hospital and Home was originally established as a branch of the Sydney Benevolent Society in 1851 and provided refuge for infirm and destitute men. In November 2000, the City of Liverpool and District Historical Society returned to the State Archives Collection several records from the Liverpool State Hospital and Home that had been in its custody since the closure of the Hospital. As part of this arrangement, all records, including inmate records created by the Liverpool State Hospital and Home, 1890-1959, are open to public access. (This is an [exception to the access direction](#) that closes all patient-identifying medical records for 110 years.)

The volunteer project covers the records in two series:

**NRS-23159** Admission cards - Deaths [Liverpool State Hospital and Home], 1884-1958

**NRS-23160** Admission cards - discharges - [Liverpool State Hospital and Home], 1891-1959

Over 33,400 cards (78% of the series) from NRS-23160 have been digitised and are available to view in the catalogue (type NRS-2316 First name, Last name into the [search box](#) to search the records in this series).

Anna Gray, Officer, Collection Digitisation, has been progressively adding the item listings, along with the digital copy of each card, to our website.

#### New online: Jenolan Caves photo album

State Records NSW have recently digitised a two-volume photo album set dating from 1887 that captures the spectacular Jenolan Caves in the Blue Mountains. This is now available to view in full in our online catalogue.

The photographs were taken using electric and magnesium lights to illuminate the dark interiors of the caves, and are presented in the album with descriptions for each image.

The albums were printed by the NSW Government Printer, and identical copies were presented to Lord Carrington, then Governor of NSW, following his visits to the caves in 1887 and 1889. [See the photo albums here.](#)

#### Land grants and leases registers, 1792–1865

This is an index of the first six volumes of the Surveyor General's Registers of Land Grants and Leases (7/445, 7/447-451) and contains all grants to 1819, mainland grants to 1822, and County of Cumberland grants for 1823–65.

The registers contain a record of all land grants made (both free and by purchase) up to 1843, from which date separate registers of land purchases and town purchases were kept.

[Search this index](#) by place, first name or last name.

#### Convict indents (digitised) index, 1788–1801

Convict indents list the convicts transported to NSW. Early indents provide name, date and place of trial, and sentence, while the later indents usually contain more information, such as a physical description of the convict, place of origin, age and crime.

Index sources include lists of convicts attached to orders in council, convict indents, and alphabetical indents (1788–1800), many with annotations

relating to certificates of freedom, tickets of leave, pardons and other information.

[Search this index](#) by first name, last name or transport ship.

#### WEBINARS

##### Colonial Secretary's minutes, 1826–1927

In 1826, Governor Darling instituted a system of conveying official instructions to the Colonial Secretary through minutes and memoranda.

These records range from brief administrative instructions to comprehensive documents that dealt with the more important matters of government. They often include detailed plans and proposals, but also capture the lives of individual people.

This webinar takes a deep dive into the minutes, explaining how to find them. [Watch Anytime.](#)

##### 'Equitable Relief': Equity Court records in the State Archives Collection

*Friday 30 August, 10.30am–11.30am, free, registration required*

Since 1823 the Equity Jurisdiction has dealt with matters of fairness and the enforcing of rights not recognised at common law. It included the guardianship of children and their property. It covers a wide range of subject matter, including administration of estates, dissolution of partnerships, foreclosure of mortgages, execution of private or charitable trusts, and commercial and protective matters.

But how do you know when to search for an Equity case? This webinar will explore records of the Equity Jurisdiction of the Supreme Court, how to find them, and what they can tell you. [Register now.](#)

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### 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

**Program, cost and other details for each city to come soon.**

## 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.

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### Some June/July offerings:

Jun 5 – *Four Further Sources for New Zealand Family History* by Fiona Brooker – 12:00 PM AEST

Jun 6 – *The Power of Siblings – the DNA Tests of Five Brothers* by Donna Rutherford – 4:00 AM AEST

Jun 8 – *Hiding Out in the Open: Discovering LGBT Family History* by Thomas MacEntee – 4:00 AM AEST

Jun 12 – *Learn Genealogy 24/7 with Legacy Family Tree Webinars* by Geoff Rasmussen – 4:00 AM AEST

Jun 19 – *Editing Your Own Writing – Part 2* by Thomas W. Jones, PhD, CG – 10:00 AM

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Jun 22 – *English Occupation, Apprenticeship and Guild Records* by Paul Milner, FUGA, MDiv – 4:00 AM AEST

Jun 26 – *Finding Your Canadian Ancestors on MyHeritage* by Dianne Kruger – 4:00 AM AEST

Jun 29 – *How to Find the Truth about a Family Story* by Elizabeth Shown Mills, CG, CGL – 4:00 AM AEST

Jul 3 – *10 Unexpected Places to Find Ancestor Photos Online* by Elizabeth Swanay O'Neal – 12:00 OM AEST

Jul 10 – *10 Reasons Why MyHeritage is a Genealogist's Best Friend* by Melissa Barker – 4:00 AM AEST

Jul 13 – *Researching Cornish Ancestors* by Lesley Trotter, PhD – 4:00 AM AEST

Jul 17 – *Oral Genealogy in Asia-Pacific: The Essence of Personal Identity and Tribal Connections* by David S. Ouimette, CG, CGL – 10:00 AM AEST

Jul 20 – *Putting Them in Their Place: Understanding Localities for Your Mexican & Colonial Spanish Ancestors* by Colleen Robledo Greene, MLIS – 4:00 AM AEST

Jul 24 – *Latest Updates to the MyHeritage Mobile App* by Gilad Katz – 4:00 AM AEST

Jul 27 – *Genealogical Research & Writing: Are You a Saint, Sinner, or Bumfuzzled Soul?* by Elizabeth Shown Mills, CG, CGL – 4:00 AM AEST

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



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An online course from the Genealogical Society of Queensland

## About the course

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All sessions to be recorded and available for four weeks.

## What does it cost?

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