



Welcome to October eNews

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

GSQ's Annual General Meeting (AGM) for 2024 is planned for Saturday, 2 November, commencing at 10.00am. It will be a Hybrid meeting, meaning that members can attend in 2 ways – by coming to our Stackpole Street premises or by joining in online via Zoom. If attending online, please email president@gsq.org.au no later than 12 noon on Friday, 1 November and the Link will be emailed to you.

Nominations for the various positions on the Management Committee closed at 3.00pm on Friday, 27 September with the following Nominations received: President – Helen Veivers, Vice President – Alistair Henderson, Secretary – Karma Hodgson, Treasurer – Michael Houlahan; Management Committee Members – Claire Rodwell, Marg Doherty, Leanne Taylor, Kim Davis, Ailsa Corlett, Paul Grevell, David Barnes. No election will be necessary, given that the number of nominations received matches the number of Management Committee members required as prescribed in our Society's Constitution.

Your Management Committee recently reviewed our Strategic Plan and completed the Strategic Plan 2025 – 2027. This document will be presented at the Annual General Meeting.

Recently, Vice President, David Barnes, and I attended a meeting for Family History Organisations conducted in Adelaide – David travelled to South Australia and I attended virtually. It was very interesting to be able to discuss issues with representatives from all states of Australia and the ACT and to learn how other organisations are tackling the issues which arise.

GSQ now has an Archivist. Many thanks to Deb Houlahan for offering to take on this new position. Deb has had extensive experience working in Libraries and is looking forward to the role. Thanks so much, Deb, for offering to establish this position at GSQ!

Have you booked for GSQ's Annual Seminar, planned this year for Saturday, 12 October via Zoom? The Seminar is titled *Forgotten Women and Children* and has the potential to help attendees find women for whom they've been searching for some years. Speakers include Shauna Hicks (Homeless women in Colonial Queensland), Joanne Seccombe (children in Queensland State Archives Records), Daniel Loftus (Ireland), Dr Dot Wickham & Dr Frank Golding (Victorian Goldfields), Dr Cate O'Neill & Dr Kirsten Wright (Australian Institutions), Dr Janet Few (Marginalised women) and Jan Richardson (Asylums). Wow!!

If you've ever struggled to locate women in your family history research, this seminar is a "must" for you!!



Early Bird Bookings close on 1 October with a cost of \$60.00 for Members (\$70 for Non Members). After 1 October cost is \$75 for Members (\$85 for Non Members). Raffle Tickets are also available online with wonderful Prizes including 12 Month Subscriptions to Find My Past, My Heritage, The Genealogist and Legacy Family Tree Webinars.

GSQ will close for 2024 on 14 December, opening again on Tuesday, 14 January, 2025. Our annual Christmas Afternoon Tea is planned for the afternoon of ***Saturday, 14 December 2:00 pm*** at our Resource Centre. Bookings will be taken at a later date.

Helen Veivers
President

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.

There are also external roles such as manning stands at shopping centres and visiting the likes of retirement villages to try to attract new members. We are looking to commence in the near future visiting retirement villages.

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

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

Kim Davis
Volunteer Coordinator

COMMITTEE SNIPPETS

Points from September Management Committee:

- Strategic Planning meeting set up;
- Open Day discussed with a view to improvements in 2025;
- Contact with Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages discussed;
- Volunteer Letters to be emailed to volunteers;
- TAG reported that Techwell has been contracted to assist with GSQ's technical matters;
- Web Coordinators reported on the GIF (General Index File) – it can now be searched on Computer 15 at GSQ.

New in the Bookshop ...



In the Wake of the Lord Melville by Russell Kelly

In 1817, 101 convict women were transported from England to the new colony of New South Wales on board the Lord Melville. Their stories have always remained invisible—until now. Years of research has uncovered the truth about what became of the women of the Lord Melville.

The author of this book, Russell Kelly, has dug through hundreds of scant and often incorrect records to compile reliable biographies of these women's lives from the time they landed in the colony, as well as those of the more important passengers and crew that the ship carried.

Through this book, we can finally learn more about the women who founded our nation and the treacherous journey that brought them all here.

Russell Kelly is an Australian historian, and author of the history book *In the Wake of the Lord Melville*, a benchmark historical study on the convict transport Lord Melville and her passengers arriving in the colony of New South Wales in 1817.

Bookshop Price: \$33.00

RootsTech 2025 Registration Now Open!

Join the premier global family discovery event in-person or online.

RootsTech by FamilySearch is excited to announce that registration for RootsTech 2025 is now open!

RootsTech, the premier global family discovery event, will take place from **March 6–8, 2025, in Salt Lake City, Utah, and online at RootsTech.org.** Select content will be available in multiple languages.

Register or learn more now at RootsTech.org.

Upcoming GSQ Education Events

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 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](#)

What's New at Family Tree Maker

Oct 26 @ 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM AEST

Presenter: Mark Olsen

Cost: Members Only FREE

Virtual via Zoom

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](#)

Delving into The National Archives (Kew, England) and its Records

Nov 16 @ 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM AEST

Presenter: Helen V. Smith

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

Virtual via Zoom

The National Archives (TNA) at Kew, London is the official archive and publisher for the UK government and for England and Wales. They are the guardians of over 1000 years of national documents. They collect and secure government records to preserve them and make them accessible now and for future generations. Governments play a role in every individual's life and as such, TNA holds many records relating to our ancestral research. [BOOK HERE](#)

Hardscrabble lives: Stealing Arms and Illegal Oaths- Transportation of Irish Protestors, 1821-1824

Nov 30 @ 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM AEST

Presenter: Dr Jennifer Harrison

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

Virtual via Zoom

During several research visits to Ireland, the Rockite 'wars', the Special Sessions of 1822-4, the introduction of the Surprize hulk at Queenstown, Cork and the Essex at Kingstown, Dublin, culminating in the transportation of hundreds of protesters to the Australian colonies, became a project which captivated this researcher. Not all Irish convict ancestors were transported for petty crimes – let's look at why some were considered 'political' prisoners.

[BOOK HERE](#)

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](#)

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 6 October at GSQ & will be hybrid meeting.

The English Irish SIG last met Sunday 4th August 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 August presentation was on the English county of Somerset by Helen Connor and a splendid presentation it was. The October presentation will be on the Irish county of Down by Tricia Smout.

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 6th October 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.

Convenor, Kim Davis

Scandinavian Group

The next meeting is on 17 November 12:30 - 2:30PM

On 17 November at 12:30 we will have our End-of-year celebration at Lokal + Co, 6 O'Connell Street, West End, sampling some Scandinavian food. Let Steinar know if you would like to attend.

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 27 October and will be via Zoom.

The latest DNA Interest Group meeting was held via Zoom on Sunday 25 August 2024. Twenty six people attended and heard Greg speak about 23andMe updates and call for volunteers for the Conference in 2025.

Judy Lofthouse presented a PowerPoint on the latest version of RootsMagic 10 which includes facility for DNA matches and matches of matches so that a Leeds Method chart can quickly and easily be generated.

Andrew Redfern presented on his DNA research journey, incorporating autosomal, Y-DNA and even testing of hair samples in an effort to expand his ancestry.

We also discussed the benefits of writing up your research and the different ways you can go about it.

Both Judy's and Andrew's presentations prompted a lot of discussion and advice.

The next DNA Clinic is Wednesday 30 October. 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 and not necessarily on 30th October.

Our next DNA SIG meeting is Sunday 27 October at 9.30 am 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 DNA Interest Group meetings before they must join GSQ.

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

Interest Groups

Family History Technology Group

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

At our last meeting in September, we spoke about organizing our computer files. We showed a variety of ways that are suggested to help you with ideas. These ideas varied from Colour Coding, Naming patterns using Capitals, in Family Surnames, and also using Numbers starting with 001 so that the files on your computer will run in order. It was suggested not to create too many levels of your folders as items will still take you time to find them. Stick to either 1 or 2 subfolders for each Event, like a Folder for Births, and one for Birth Notices. Keep things as simple as possible.

Our next meeting will be 10th November at 10am via Zoom.

If you would like to attend our meetings, please email fhtech@gsq.org.au

Colonial & Convict Interest Group

The next meeting for the Colonial and Convicts interest Group: Australia 1788-1901 is at 10am on Sunday 13 October 2024 and is a hybrid meeting.

If you have an interest in our fascinating early Australian history, you will enjoy being a member of our group. Visitors are very welcome to attend. It is not essential that you have convict heritage. Our focus is on the people and their world during the early years of Australian settlement, from 1788 to 1901.

The next meeting for the Colonial and Convicts interest Group: Australia 1788-1901 is at 10am on Sunday 13 October 2024 and will be a hybrid meeting.

At the October meeting members will share their stories about a chosen ancestor and what happened after their arrival in their new home in Australia. At previous meetings members have shared their chosen ancestors' stories and their reasons for immigration as well as their experiences during their voyage.

Our group is fortunate to have a library of valuable resources and reference books. Sincere thanks are due to Greg Woodbury for his careful compiling of a catalogue of the books, now available for loan at the GSQ.

A survey was distributed at our August meeting. Sincere thanks to our members who have completed and returned their copies. If you haven't returned your survey, could you bring it with you on October 13, please? This will assist with future planning.

Please note our new email address: CandC@gsq.org.au

Scottish Group

The next meeting will be on Sunday 3 November at 10:00 AM and will be a hybrid meeting.

Our last meeting was on Sunday 1 September and Stuart Niell gave a presentation on Kincardineshire Records. A very interesting presentation on this area that was subject to so many border changes over the years.

Our November meeting will be held on Sunday 3 November, and our presenter will be *Christine Stokes speaking on Nairnshire Records*, in our regular county series.

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

German Group

The next meeting of the German Group is 24 November at GSQ and via Zoom.

The German group meets odd numbered months and our next meeting will be 24 November; 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 20 October via Zoom.

The Writing Group will hold its final meeting for 2024 on 20 October. This will be via Zoom and will commence at 10am and finish about 12 noon.

We will look at the big picture side of editing - the structure and flow of our written work as a whole, rather than detailed copy editing of spelling, punctuation, etc.

Further information will be circulated to Group members closer to the meeting, as will a link to the meeting. Please contact Pauline on writing@gsq.org.au or pstirland@hotmail.com if you wish to be added to the Group's mailing list.

Containers for Change

A total of \$70.40 was reported from our Containers for Change program for September. If this rate was repeated throughout the year, we have the potential to raise almost \$1000 for a 12 month period. Thanks to all who have contributed! It certainly is a painless way for GSQ to raise funds – and is contributing to a better world at the same time.

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.

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Conference Snapshot

- The Conference registrations continue to come in on a daily basis with close to 200 registrations received to date.
- Masterclasses are also proving popular with Nick Barratt's Saturday class now filled and his Sunday class with minimal availability.
- After discussions with the venue the Conference Dinner has now been capped in numbers but there is, currently, reasonable capacity left.
- Exhibitor's tables continue to expand with a total of 31 now booked.
- We are pleased to welcome the State Library of Queensland as our newest Sponsor.
- **Early Bird Bookings are now closing in 60 days.**
- [Link to Conference website](http://www.connections2025.org.au), where the presenters & the program can be viewed.

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 the one you are interested in sharing with your friends.

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 and the Facebook group was recently set up. 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 Bloggers for the month of September were Ross Hansen, Janice Cooper, Catherine Thompson, Sue Bell and Jill Ball.

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.

General Information Files or GIF

The GIF project was started by volunteers back in 2014 and finally completed in 2017. The project was to scan and index all the card index files that have been saved regarding Deaths, Marriages, any other events that occurred in newspapers or articles. There were thousands of these cards, and they were all scanned and an index giving reference to locating the file was established. The scanned files were never uploaded to the website as the file was far too large. What we have done is place the index on our website in MyGSQ for members to search. It is in alphabetical parts, as even the index was too large for a simple search.

The files along with the index are now on computer No 15 which is the one sitting underneath the CD Shelf at GSQ. You can use the index in MyGSQ to search and locate an ancestor, but you will need to visit GSQ to view the file. The TAG and project team are working on making this index and files more accessible to everyone in the future.

Members Research Interests

We would like to invite all GSQ members to submit entries regarding their own research interests to be added to the updated database in MyGSQ.

There is now a fillable downloadable document that you can use to fill out and then send back to webcoordinator@gsq.org.au We will then put your details into the new database.

This database can help you to contact any other GSQ member who may be researching in the same area or the same name as yourself. As we all know, swapping information and comparing information can assist in breaking down brick walls.

National Archives of Australia (Queensland Office)

Against the elements: recording weather and natural disasters

Weather watching has long been an Australian pastime. Join us for a seminar showcasing records on weather and natural disasters from the national archival collection and the Bureau of Meteorology.

Explore photographs, weather maps, weather recording equipment and other records to learn about current weather recording practices by the Bureau of Meteorology.

NAA Office, 16 Corporate Dr, Cannon Hill, 4170

Tuesday 15 Oct 2024 – 10 to 11:30 AM

COST: FREE [REGISTER HERE](#)

GSQ Zoom Meetings

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

We have set the date for our *Xmas luncheon for 16th Dec and to be at the Southside Club as we had last year*. Please let us know if you can come along and have lunch, some fun and share some Xmas joy with each other.

We had a very interesting discussion last week in relation to Spring Cleaning – something we all need to do. For many of us our files either in paper or digital format are badly in need of some sort of rearrangement to assist us find the file we want to locate. It was agreed that once you have decided on a format to stick to it. It might take you time to convert files to the new way, but if you do it bit by bit regarding

each family, then you will be surprised how quickly it can be done. Those paper files are always a worry – just what do you keep and what do you throw out? If it is digitized and not an original certificate, then get rid of the paper rubbish. It is not needed.

Correspondence emails were another issue. Some keep a notebook with the details, others retain them in email folders. It does not matter how you do it, just keep on doing it.

We meet every Monday at 11am – 1pm, please email mtzoom@gsq.org.au if you would like to join us.

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

September 25th, we had the great Dr Hilda Maclean explain to us about all the other aspects of TROVE. This is using the Diaries, Letters & Archives, Magazines and Newsletters, Books and Libraries just to name a few. We were all overwhelmed in relation to just what you can find within these resources which are all available to us from home. Worldcat.org holds a wealth of information especially in relation to old websites that are no longer around.

In Oct as a guest speaker, we are having Caylie Jeffery. *Caylie is the author of the book:*

"Under the Lino" The Mystery – The History – The Community.

If you have not yet read this book, you should. We do have a copy in the GSQ library, and it is also for sale in our bookshop. Come and listen to the story behind the book and the intriguing events that were uncovered.

Email wedpmzoom@gsq.org.au if you would like to attend these Wednesday Nights. These events are open and free to anyone to attend.

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 September was a presentation by Sharyn Merkley on *Ancestors and Place in England* with examples of what is available on six places in various counties. Two weeks later on 18 September we had a Learning session on 'PC Shortcuts and useful hints' and an open discussion with all participants contributing. We also discussed our **Christmas gathering to be held at 10am on 20 November** as several of our members will be cruising during the early December meeting.

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.

What's New ...

East Riding Archives

East Riding Archives have added Skidby Mill Oral History Project Records to their online preservation and access platform, Preservica: *"The interviews have been uploaded for anyone to listen to in their entirety. These recordings serve as a valuable resource for historians of agricultural and rural life while offering compelling insights for local residents into the East Riding's past, a landscape both familiar and markedly different from the present day."* Explore the collection [here](#).

Historic England and RNLI

Historic England and the RNLI (Royal National Lifeboat Institution) are inviting people to contribute to their [Missing Pieces Project](#) by sharing photos, memories, and information about listed landmarks on their [new interactive map](#). Whether your family was part of an RNLI crew, your community supported a lifeboat, or you have stories that keep maritime history alive, your contributions can help tell the story of these special places.

Orkney's Heritage Online

Orkney's rich cultural history is now more accessible than ever with the launch of a new online catalogue by the Council's [Museum and Archive Services](#). This portal offers access to over 100,000 records, including archaeological finds, historic texts, photographs, and sound archives, covering Orkney's history from the Mesolithic era to today.

Residents and visitors can explore these extensive collections from home, thanks to this newly upgraded system.

Scotland's People

Scotland's People have launched a refreshed website.

The new website will have a fresh and modern feel. It has been designed to enhance user experience and accessibility.

Searching the records will also be simpler and quicker.

This allows a wider and more diverse audience to explore their Scottish heritage. Customers can log in with their current details and previous saved information will continue to be available.

Oxfordshire Family History Society (OFHS)

OFHS is ready to release its [Big Oxfordshire Names Database \(BOND\)](#) during the week commencing 9 September 2024. BOND is a name-rich data source of anyone who left their mark in Oxfordshire with search facilities which will bring to light ancestors across multiple sources previously all held separately. The initial release covers: Parish Registers transcriptions: Baptisms, Marriages, Banns and Burials; Monumental Inscriptions - with images; Surnames - Developed from hundreds of books/lists containing Oxfordshire names amounting to nearly 200,000 lines of people data (in 2024) dating from the medieval period to the 20th century; Surname variants and Oxfordshire places.

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Access from home at MyGSQ for GSQ members.

Doing your family history online – 50 best websites for family history

The internet is packed with websites, large and small, dedicated to helping us trace our family histories. To help ensure that you cover the really unmissable ones, we've handpicked a master list of the 50 greatest, mostly free, genealogy websites. So hop aboard to set off on a [tour of the addictive online world](#) of family history and find out which is for you.

Celebrating 125 years of Victoria County History publications

The Victoria County History is a unique resource and a huge, on-going project, which has now reached a 125-year anniversary. Learn about the Victoria County Histories and how they can help your family history research.

The works are written by professional historians and are overseen by the Institute of Historical Research to ensure uniformity.

Find digitised copies of most of the Victoria County Histories online at www.british-history.ac.uk

New 'Irish Genealogy Matters' Newsletter

RootsIreland announce the publication of our latest issue of *'Irish Genealogy Matters'*, in which they keep our readers abreast of all of the latest developments in the Irish Family History Foundation, new records online, and [much more!](#)

TROVE Treasures

eBooks in TROVE

National eDeposit (NED) has been collecting Australia's digital publications for five years. This includes eBooks, magazines, journals, newsletters, reports and more.

Over 100,000 titles have been collected and can be found in Trove. Our NED collection feature makes it easy for you to search for your next read in Trove. [Explore the collection.](#)

The Wild, Wild Walk

On 29 July 1931 four women set off on a 600-mile walk from Sydney to Brisbane in search of work. The walk took months, and local newspapers recounted their story every step of the way.

Using Trove, we've traced their wild adventure. Follow along as we step you through this equally thrilling and terrifying journey. [Read the blog.](#)



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 October offerings:

Oct 2 – *Oops! Married twice (at the same time) Case Studies in Bigamy!* by Helen V. Smith – 12:00 PM AEST

Oct 3 – *Let's Continue With 50 More Overlooked Genealogical Resources* by Diane L. Richard – 4:00 AM AEST

Oct 12 – *Rubik's Cube Genealogy: A New Twist on Your Old Data (a 2024 Reisinger Lecture)* by Elissa Scalise Powell, CG – 1:30 AM AEST

Oct 12 – *Probate Power: Parents for Charles, a Father for Phoebe (a 2024 Reisinger Lecture)* by Teresa Steinkamp McMillin, CG – 2:45 AM AEST

Oct 12 – *Evidence Mining & Context: Powerful Tools to Dig Deep (a 2024 Reisinger Lecture)* by Rebecca Whitman Koford, CG, CGL – 5:30 AM AEST

Oct 12 – *Strategies for Resolving Conflicting Evidence (a 2024 Reisinger Lecture)* by Angela Packer McGhie, CG, FUGA 6:45 AM AEST

Oct 14 – *Sense and Sensibility: The Power of Logic, Intuition, and Critical Thinking* by Robbie Johnson, CG – 10:00 AM AEST

Oct 17 – *Luther, Napoleon and the Kaiser – German History for Genealogists* by Ursula C. Krause – 4:00 AM AEST

Oct 23 – *MyHeritage Profile Page: One Stop for Enriching Ancestor Profiles* by Uri Gonen – 4:00 AM AEST

Oct 24 – *Which Johann Christoph is Mine?* by Judy G. Russell, JD, CG, CGL – 4:00 AM AEST

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12 Oct

9:00am - 5:15pm

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Forgotten Women & Children Seminar

Program

- Shauna Hicks - *The why, how and the where of homeless women in Colonial Queensland.*
- Joanne Secombe - *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.

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