



Welcome to September eNews

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

August was Family History Month in Australia. I trust that you were able to engage in some Family History related events whether it be researching at our Resource Centre, attending an Education Event or perhaps writing up an aspect of your family history. Open Day is being held on the very last day of August (31 August) at our Resource Centre as part of Family History month. Why not come along and join with fellow historians in a celebration of our craft!! The day will run from 10.00am to 2.00pm.

I'm the bearer of some very good news – GSQ has a new Treasurer, Michael Houlahan. I would like to thank Mike very sincerely for offering to take on the position. Mike and David Barnes will work collaboratively on aspects of the role until the Annual General Meeting, planned for 1 November.

At the August Management Committee meeting discussion was held about the need for GSQ to have an Archivist. GSQ will celebrate its 50th Anniversary in 2028 so it will be important that we gather as many historical documents for this event now – and not only gather them, but digitise them so that they will be readily available for future generations. The Archivist's role will certainly have a focus on digital documents

and ensuring that these will remain accessible in the future. Further information about the role is available elsewhere in eNews. Please contact me at president@gsq.org.au should you be interested in taking on this voluntary position or would like further information.

Many thanks to volunteer, Leanne McDougall, who is assisting our Librarians with cataloguing the print journal articles. Should you like to join Leanne, please contact our Librarians at librarian@gsq.org.au. Speaking of our Librarians, they have requested that, should you remove a book from the shelves and are not certain as to where to return it, they would like you to place the book either on top of the Mobile Shelving or, alternatively, on the wooden shelving trolley.

One of our Web Coordinators, Ailsa Corlett, deserves a special mention for the countless hours she has spent recently checking out all of GSQ's CD holdings and ensuring that all on the shelves have data which is accessible. Thank you, Ailsa!! If you wish to use any of the CDs please use the computer situated beneath the CD shelf.

If you haven't already spotted it, GSQ's Annual Seminar is now advertised on

our website. It is titled *"Forgotten women and children. Gone but Not Forgotten"* and is planned

for Saturday, 12 October, 9.00am – 5.30pm. Some wonderful speakers, both local and overseas have been engaged. Early bird bookings are now open with these ceasing on 14 September with a cost of \$60.00 for GSQ and QFHS members (\$75 for Non-members). From 15th September the cost will be \$70.00 for GSQ and QFHS members (\$85 for Non-members). Full details of all of the speakers are on our website.

The next Members' Meeting is planned for Monday, 2 September via Zoom, commencing at 7.30pm.

If you are interested in attending this meeting, please email me at president@gsq.org.au no later than 10.00am on Monday 2 September. I will forward the Link for the Zoom Meeting after that time. Should you have an item for the Meeting Agenda you would like discussed, please include that in your email.

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.

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

Perhaps helping to raise funds for GSQ is something you would like to do. If that is the case, helping at a Bunnings BBQ might be right up your alley. You have a bit of fun while helping to raise money for GSQ. And the best bit

might be you don't need an excuse to visit Bunnings – you are there!

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

Kim Davis
Volunteer Coordinator

COMMITTEE SNIPPETS

Points from August Management Committee:

- Request for paid advertising on behalf of the Clan Bell Society discussed with paid advertisements to be placed in Generation, in eNews, on GSQ's website and in Membership Works, if quote is accepted;
- GIF (General Information File) Index now available in MyGSQ ;
- Media Policy was presented for comment at the September Management Committee meeting;
- Librarians reported that usage statistics of our Library Catalogue were up again this month. Librarians very pleased with this.
- Conference Convenor, David Barnes, reported pleasing progress with speaker selection for the Connections 2025 Conference.

New in the Bookshop ...



'Fettered Frontier, Founding the Moreton Bay Settlement' (Jennifer Harrison)
Investigates the struggle to locate and establish an outpost in remote Moreton Bay. Jennifer uses original government correspondence, diaries, journals and maps and also examines the many mangled foundation stories from the time of the original site at Redcliffe and its removal to a location on the Brisbane River.

Bookshop price - \$34.99

'In the Wake of the Lord Melville' – (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. Through this book, we can finally learn more about the women who founded our nation and the treacherous journey that brought them all here.

Bookshop price - \$33.00

'Glorious! Exploring Tasmania in 1914' – (Margaret Deacon) - Lizzie Smith, a country girl from Helidon in Queensland, kept a diary during a holiday she took in 1914 to Tasmania. Her granddaughter, Margaret Deacon, has researched her journey culminating in a charming insight into an earlier and gentler era when trains, steamboats and horse-drawn vehicles governed the life of the patient traveller.

Bookshop price - \$12.80

EOFY SALE - Many books reduced \$\$\$\$\$.

Check out the bargains in the Bookshop!

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



Upcoming GSQ Education Events

Women Teachers in Early Brisbane

Sep 21 @ 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM AEST

Presenter: Sharyn Merkley

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

Virtual via Zoom

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

[BOOK HERE](#)

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

Oct 5 @ 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM AEST

Presenter: Dr Hilda Maclean

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

Virtual via Zoom

Rich or poor, the vast majority of Brisbane's dead were buried by undertakers who noted details about the deceased and their families which are not recorded anywhere else. These records may provide linkages to 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](#)

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: Helen V. Smith

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. 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 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.

Scandinavian Group

The next meeting is on 15 September 12:30 - 2:30PM

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

We have an email group with Scandinavian news and details about coming meetings. If you are not in the group and would like to be, please let me know. Email Steinar on scangroup@gsq.org.au.

DNA Group

The next meeting of the DNA Group will be on 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 September via Zoom @10:00 AM

Our meeting for Sept 8th is coming around soon. We will be looking at the many ways in which you can file your documents etc on your computer. It does not matter if it is a PC or a Mac or even a tablet, you need to have some sort of filing system so that you can find the documents you want quickly and easily. How you do this is always up to you on what you choose, but once decided upon the secret is to stick to it.

We meet via zoom and if you would like to join us then email fhtech@gsq.org.au. This is a member only group, but nonmembers are allowed to attend for 2 meetings before you must join GSQ..

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.

This month an important item of news is that at our April meeting, the members decided to adopt a new (and shorter) name, the "Colonial and Convict Interest Group". This name is "Colonial" because we cover the entire period from the arrival of the First Fleet to Federation in 1901, and "Convict" because we also focus on our convict heritage.

Please don't think that it is mandatory to have 6 or 7 convicts or possibly only one convict! The only requirement is a passion for early Australian history. If that sounds like you, please join us on the second Sunday of all even months of the year. Our group aims to stimulate and promote valuable insight into our ancestors' lifetimes prior to Federation.

Each meeting over several months will see our members research and present their ancestors' experiences at different stages of their journey to, and what happened in, Australia. This began at our April meeting which included a presentation on the social, economic and legal environment in the facing our ancestors in the late 18th century and the early 19th century. This helped to understand why our ancestors chose to emigrate and why some of our ancestors became convicts. Each member outlined their ancestor's experience and in the case of free settlers, why they decided to leave for Australia.

At the next meeting on Sunday 11th August, we will share our research findings about our ancestors embarking and then voyaging to Australia. Some will travel directly here, and others (particularly free settlers), via stopovers in other Countries.

I hope to see you there. Those members unable to attend in person please join us via Zoom. Our meeting starts at 10am and all visitors will be most welcome.

Scottish Group

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

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

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

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

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

German Group

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

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

Should you wish to attend via zoom please forward an email to germangroup@gsq.org.au. Non members of the society may attend for two meetings but after that we hope you will join GSQ as a member.

Writing Group

The next meeting is on Sunday 20 October via Zoom.

The writing group will meet for the last meeting of the year on 20 October. More information will be supplied in the October eNews. Contact Pauline on writing@gsq.org.au

Containers for Change

Cash for Containers: Thanks to those who have taken their Bottles and Cans to Containers for Change during August. No data is available at present on the money raised. August amounts will be added to the October Report .

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

GSQ in your local BCC library

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

Library	Topic	When	Time	Booking
Annerley	Queensland Family History online	Saturday 14 September	10am to 12noon	3403 1735

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Conference Snapshot

- Conference bookings have exceeded 150 attendees with still three months before the close of Early Bird.
- The Conference dinner is proving very popular with over 120 bookings so far.
- Exhibitors are still booking and there will be at least 28 displays for attendees to enjoy.
- Masterclasses are proving popular with a couple almost fully booked.
- The committee has reviewed the 124 speaking submissions (not an easy task) and issued agreements to 36 speakers who will compliment the Sponsors and the Keynote Speakers. It is hoped to be able to release the program within a couple of weeks.

GSQ Facebook Page

Our GSQ Facebook Page is a public page, so you don't have to be a Facebook member to see what is posted there.

Each Monday we publish the GSQ Blog for the week and interesting genealogy news and articles from all around the world are published on the other days of the week.

The GSQ Education program is published with the Events coming up in the next month or so. These presentation advertisements always include a link which takes you directly to the GSQ Events webpage for the particular event.

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

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

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

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

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

GSQ Facebook Group

GSQFB was set up to provide a Facebook presence where GSQ members and non members can interact. Only the members of the group can see what you post. Here you can ask questions, and share your genie successes and frustrations. It is an interactive space where you will also learn more about the resources GSQ has and how to continue your research.

You don't need to be a GSQ member to join the group. Email Rhoda at gsqfbgroup@gsq.org.au

GSQ Blogs

Our GSQ Blogs for the month of August were Mia Bennett, Christine Leonard, Bobbie Edes & Pauline Williams.

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.

From the Membership Officer

Thank you to all those who have now accessed MembershipWorks after the email from Helen Veivers. For those who haven't done this as yet, please let me know if you need assistance to do it.

I am looking forward to Open Day next week, I hope to meet many of you whom I haven't as yet met, and hopefully a few new members on the day,

I have spoken to quite a few of our new members this year, and look forward to calling our newest members in the next few weeks.

Just a reminder, when your membership is due, you will receive a reminder notice 1 month prior to expiry and then 1 week before expiry. Please renew your membership before it expires to ensure you remain a financial member and enjoy the access to our records and educational events.

Cheers

Leanne Taylor

Archivist Needed – Are You Able to Help GSQ

At the Management Committee meeting on 19 August the need for a volunteer to take on the role of Archivist for GSQ was discussed. GSQ has a significant collection of historical documents which requires organisation. The need is becoming more urgent with the Society celebrating 50 years since its establishment in 1928, just a few years away. The role would initially involve creating a strategy to itemise all of the resources currently held and to formulate a plan for the digitisation and safe storage of these resources. Digital record keeping will form an important part of the role. If you would like to help GSQ in this way, please contact me at president@gsq.org.au

GSQ Zoom Meetings

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

We are currently looking at just what type of clothes our ancestors wore while working as well as what did they eat.

This makes quite a good topic as we all have had a variety of ancestors doing lots of different occupations over the years. From Cooper makers; Blacksmiths; Coachmen; Butlers; Ag Labs; and don't forget the women. What did they also wear while working in the fields; around the house; doing dress making etc.

We all know that the Cornish Pastie came about so that the Cornish miners could eat their meal without getting coal

from their fingers all over the meal. But what else did they eat while working.

Also coming up this month – Old family stories that have been handed down. Have you found any truth in them or were they absolutely furphys. Many of these were thought to be true and will be great to hear about what you have found out for real.

Come and join us on Monday mornings from 11am – 1pm – email mtzoom@gsq.org.au

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

Wednesday 11th Sept we want to hear all about the place you remember the most. Be it your grandparents' house or someone you visited as a child. It is a mind walk through of what you remember in the rooms, the size of the beds, what was on the walls, what were the smells and especially the cooking smells coming from that old coal range that was always blacked.

You don't have to do diagrams, but write down what you do remember, these can help when it comes to writing up your family stories.

Our guest speaker for September will be Dr Hilda Maclean, talking on different Trove Functions. We have all learnt so much from these talks on Trove in the past. Come along and listen to another one that will start you becoming an expert on Trove.

These meetings are open and free to anyone to join in, but you must email us on wedpmzoom@gsq.org.au to advise and obtain the link to join.

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 7 August was a presentation on Merchants of Ireland with Maureen Cavanagh. Bev Murray and Fleur Creed, two of our members, successfully ran this meeting in Bobbie's absence and did a great job. Two weeks later we had a Learning Aid session on what steps to take when a Trove advertisement appears to involve an ancestors property. As part two of that session the groups were tasked with following through on such an early advertisement in 1878 appearing in The Brisbane Courier.

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 ...

Changes at London Metropolitan Archives

As part of the City of London Corporation, London Metropolitan Archives is the second largest archive service in the UK, recording the history of the capital from 1067, preserving and sharing the stories of Londoners, businesses, charities, hospitals, schools, community groups and many others.

On 5 August, the name will change from 'London Metropolitan Archives' to 'The London Archives'.

They are developing a new website, a new digital home for The London Archives, which will provide clear information about our services, exhibitions, and events, and share a range of engaging content about the collections, to inspire experienced and new researchers alike.

National Museum of the Royal Navy Collections Catalogue

The National Museum of the Royal Navy has recently put its Collections Catalogue online. The Museum tells the story of the four fighting forces of the British Royal Navy; the Royal Marines, the Fleet Air Arm, the Submarine Service, and the Surface Fleet.

Enquiries about accessing the collections should be sent to collections.research@nmrn.org.uk.

Legacy Family Tree 10 Release

Legacy Family Tree 10, a popular genealogy software for PC, has just released its latest version, now available for free. This upgrade includes all features, tools, and reports previously exclusive to the Deluxe Edition. New features such as the FAN Club Report, Mapping, and DNA Center enhance the user experience by providing insights into ancestor relationships and locations and tracking family DNA tests. Download [Legacy Family Tree 10](#) to explore these updates.

Searching for Romani Gypsy Heritage Film

John Henry has created a new short film about the heritage of Romany Gypsies. The film can be watched for free on [YouTube](#).

Welsh Women's Peace Petition

The Welsh Women's Peace Petition project, which celebrates a 100-year-old petition containing almost 400,000 signatures of people claiming world peace, has reached another milestone. Following a period of cataloguing the petitions, the detailed work of digitising each page has been completed, and the entire petition is now on the [National Library of Wales website](#).

Limerick's Life

The site added a list of [licensed pilots](#) in Limerick Harbour in 1889

MyHeritage

MyHeritage has announced the launch of a new collaboration between MyHeritage and FamilyTreeDNA. This will enable FamilyTreeDNA customers to transfer their family trees to MyHeritage and to continue building them on MyHeritage. FamilyTreeDNA users can now easily transfer their family trees to MyHeritage for free, after providing consent on both FamilyTreeDNA and MyHeritage.

[This](#) collaboration expands the two companies' longstanding partnership and will provide FamilyTreeDNA customers with access to MyHeritage's robust suite of genealogy tools and features, many of which are not available on FamilyTreeDNA.

This process is voluntary; however, transferring the tree data to MyHeritage is encouraged, as FamilyTreeDNA will officially sunset their family tree builder on September 9, 2024. At that point, all family trees on FamilyTreeDNA will become read-only. For more details, [read the blog post](#).

TheGenealogist

TheGenealogist has released a comprehensive collection of 1930-35 directories. See the [list of Directories](#) included in this release.

Findmypast

There are new additions from Broadstairs to Bath to discover this week. Findmypast have added 6,284 records from three English counties this week. If your family tree has roots in Buckinghamshire, Kent or Somerset, you may spot a familiar name or two within these three updated record sets.

Last week Findmypast added 24,453 church records from England, Scotland and the United States to their ***Catholic Heritage Archive*** this week.

They've added 22,586 English Catholic birth, marriage and death records. These additions - all from 1914 - cover Birmingham, London, Northampton and Nottingham.

Their Catholic record collection for Scotland grew this week as 1,829 birth, marriage and death records from 1934, 1949 and 1974 were added.

If you've got roots in America's Keystone State, you may find a familiar name or two within these new Roman Catholic records from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Ancestry

Recently added and updated collections on Ancestry, including lots of Australian Records, [see here](#) for the record sets.

UK and Ireland Find a Grave Index© from 1300s-current & the Global Find a Grave Index© for Burials at sea and other Select locations, 1300s-current are especially good.

Scotland & Northern Ireland, Death Index, 1989-2023 and the UK, Royal Mail Pension and Gratuity Records, 1860-1970 are also worth a look.



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 September offerings:

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

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

Sep 7 – *10 Things You Don't Know about Cemeteries* by Gena Philibert-Ortega – 2:45 AM AEST

Sep 7 – *Researching Your Birmingham Ancestors* by Mike Sharpe – 4:00 AM AEST

Sep 7 – *Bridging Generations: Connecting with Living Relatives Through MyHeritage* by Lisa Lisson – 5:30 AM AEST

Sep 12 – *AI and Family History: Extending Beyond the Basics* by Andrew Redfern – 10:00 AM AEST

Sep 14 – *Luff In The Devon Cottages: Exploring A One-Place Study* by Kirsty Gray – 12:15 AM AEST

Sep 14 – *The Neighbors Knew: Strategies for Finding YOUR Ancestral Details in THEIR Records* by Paula Stuart-Warren, CG, FMGS, FUGA – 1:30 AM AEST

Sep 19 – *Practical chromosome mapping: gaining insights from segments of DNA* by Jonny Perl – 4:00 AM AEST

Sep 21 – *Broken Branches: How to Detect Cases of Misattributed Parentage in Your Family Tree* by Paul Woodbury, MEd, AG – 1:30 AM AEST

Sep 21 – *5 Ways to Make the Most of MyHeritage.com Photo Tools* by Maureen Taylor – 5:30 AM AEST

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

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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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