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Welcome

July

The days are going to be colder and
the nights even longer.

Message from the President

Here we are into July which means more than half the year has gone – seems incredible to me!! It means, of course, that GSQ's Open Day is now a little more than a month away.

Open Day is to be held on **Saturday, 23 August** (10.00am – 2.00pm) at our premises at 25 Stackpole Street, Wishart. For those who are new to GSQ, we turn the carpark into a large "people friendly" area and have Marquees under which all of the various activities are organised, apart from Family History Talks which are held in the Kitchen area of our Resource Centre. All of our computers upstairs will be available for research and Research Assistants will be on hand to assist visitors with what they wish to do. We'll have a Sausage Sizzle and a Café selling various Cakes and Slices – and for those addicted to coffee there will be a Coffee Van available, at least for part of the day. (For members who wish to be organised ahead of the day, we'll be asking for donations of food items for the Café.)

All of our Interest Groups will be represented at the Open Day and members of these Groups available to respond to queries. Why not offer to support an Interest Group/s you attend at Open Day – not only will you be helping others, but also, I guarantee, will pick up some new knowledge in the process. Our Scottish Interest Group participated in the Clydesdale Festival at Beaudesert on 14 and 15 June. It was a great weekend and spread the word about GSQ's Scottish Interest Group and GSQ in general. Thanks to Alistair Henderson, Ailsa Corlett, Wallis Vinson, Wendy McLaren and our Bookshop Convenor, Joanne Gibson, for your work.

Are you a proficient user of Social Media ? GSQ is seeking somebody willing to be involved in helping to promote GSQ through the various Social Media outlets – yes, we do have a Facebook Page, as most will know, run very efficiently by Bobbie Edes and Catherine Thompson and a Facebook Group managed by Rhoda Copeland, but there are many more possibilities out there which could help GSQ reach a wider audience.

If you'd be willing to help in this way, or perhaps become part of a Social Media group, please email me at president@gsq.org.au.



GSQ's facilities always look pristine, due to the hard work of Facilities Manager, Bob Dean. Bob hasn't been very well of late, so the Management Committee would like to appoint somebody to assist Bob in the various tasks he needs to undertake. This could involve work outside in the yard as well as maintenance/cleaning inside the building. If you would like to help GSQ in this way, please contact me at president@gsq.org.au and I'll pass the information on to Bob.

The next Members' Meeting has been organised for Monday 28 July at 1.00pm. Please note the change in time from usual. The Management Committee has done this to try to encourage greater participation. The meeting will be conducted via Zoom. If you are interested in attending, please email me at president@gsq.org.au no later than 7.00pm on Sunday, 27 July to have your name added to the list of attendees. I will email the Zoom Link and Meeting details on the morning of Monday 28 July. Should you have an item you'd like added to the Agenda for this meeting, please email me (president@gsq.org.au) at any time up until 7.00pm on 27 July.

By the time you receive this copy of eNews the July edition of "Generation" should have reached your inboxes or be not too far away. I'd like to thank new Editor, Jessica Stroja, Janice Wellard (Proof Reader), Sharyn Merkley (Proof Reader) and Tina Louise (Set up, Design and Production) for your collaboration with this issue. I look forward to reading many more great editions of "Generation".

Helen Veivers
President



GSQ Members' Meeting Monday 28 July @ 1:00 PM via Zoom

Come along and have your say about GSQ. Have you got ideas or dreams about what GSQ can deliver? This is your opportunity to find out about your society. Send your ideas or items to Helen Veivers at president@gsq.org.au to register to attend.

Committee Snippets

Points from June Management Committee:

- Invitation received for one of our members to talk to GSV members about GSQ and what we offer. Volunteer Coordinator, Kim Davis, offered to do this;
- The Website Development Team is to continue preparatory work for the new Website;
- University of Strathclyde to be contacted to determine if it can offer suitable qualification courses for GSQ members;
- Queensland Miscellaneous Publications Collection (USB) to be explored to determine if it can be uploaded to the GSQ network;
- Query received from Librarian, Sandy Liddle, about the availability of information about the early Branches GSQ established.

Volunteer Coordinator Report

I won't name all the volunteer roles that currently exist in GSQ, but I will reinforce that all these roles are filled by people who give their time freely to enable GSQ to function for the benefit of its members. In an organization like GSQ, we can't have too many volunteers. If you put your hand up, we will find a volunteer role that suits your skill sets (maybe from your occupation – present or past) and interests.

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

It is something you can do at home and at GSQ.

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

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

Kim Davis
Volunteer Coordinator

GSQ Research Group

We have been busy recently with new customers asking for a range of research. We receive different types of research making it exciting to see some of the stories.

However, we invite you to take full advantage of the exceptional services offered by the GSQ Research Group. Our team provides support, resources, and expertise to help you achieve your research goals. Don't forget to invite friends and relatives to consider some research.

Your participation is key to our collective success. Together, we can push the boundaries of research and make significant contributions to our field. Don't miss out on this opportunity to enhance your work and collaborate with like-minded individuals.

By using our services, you'll gain access to a wealth of knowledge and a network of professionals who are passionate about driving innovation and excellence. GSQ also benefits from revenue generated through its various services which helps to further support and expand its research capabilities.

Contact Graeme Moulton at researchconvenor@gsq.org.au.

GSQ Education Events



How to do research so it's right

Jul 12 @ 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM AEST
Cost: Members \$21 Non-members \$31

Presenter: Charlotte Sale
Virtual Via Zoom

Let's refresh our approach to "doing family history" and the many activities it involves. In this talk, we'll explore key concepts that can help improve our research process, like understanding the differences between research goals, research plans, and research questions. We'll also consider a clear outline of the research process and discover how it can help us stay organized and keep on track. [BOOK HERE](#)



Give Your Past the Best Chance of a Future

Jul 19 @ 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM AEST
Cost: FREE to GSQ Members

Presenter: Fleur Creed
Virtual Via Zoom

Fleur will bring us a presentation on a new way of storing your family tree and related photos and documents online that is interactive and can easily be shared with family members. Store your family history and your own story for the future, and if you wish, collaborate with other family members to add to your family tree. **FREE TO GSQ Members.** [BOOK HERE](#)

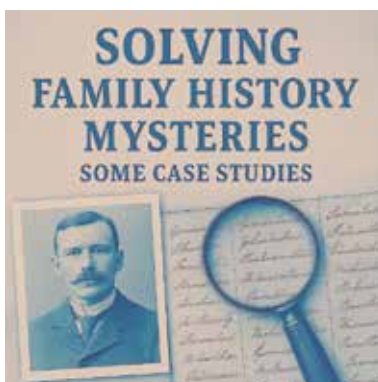


Finding non-British Subjects in Queensland records

Aug 2 @ 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM AEST
Cost: Members \$21 Non-members \$31

Presenter: Hilda Maclean
Virtual Via Zoom

Do you have ancestors from outside the British Isles who were not British Subjects? Even prior to Federation, non-British subjects were subjected to a raft of restrictions which generated genealogically valuable records. This surveillance accelerated after 1901 and during the two World Wars when their movements were closely tracked. As non-British Subjects did not appear on the electoral roll, it is these alternate records which may help you place your ancestors in the absence of census returns. [BOOK HERE](#)



Keys to solving family history mysteries: some case studies

Aug 30 @ 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM AEST
Cost: Members \$21 Non-members \$31

Presenter: Stephanie Ryan
Virtual Via Zoom

The intention is to use specific examples of problematic family research to identify where the gaps and inconsistencies in family information are, consider why these might be a problem and find tools to reveal the family story. [BOOK HERE](#)

GSQ Notices

Containers for Change

Thanks to all who have returned Containers to various depots during the month. A total of \$92.90 was added to GSQ's coffers during June. If this was replicated throughout the year, in excess of \$1000 could be raised for GSQ. (An interesting aside, recently when driving around Tasmania, I was struck by the number of Bottles and Cans that had just obviously been tossed from vehicles onto the roadsides – roadsides in Queensland, while not perfect, are just so much cleaner.

Tasmania was to introduce a Containers Scheme as from 1 June, I might just have to revisit to determine if that has made a difference! HV)With deposits such as these, GSQ could easily raise in excess of \$1000.00 per year from this source. It's simple to do – go to our website to obtain GSQ's unique number or take a phone photo of the Barcode or collect one of the Forms available from the Reception Desk at Wishart – and then, of course, visit a Cash for Containers depot.

Record as you Go, Cite as you Go, and File as you Go

Presenter: Cyndi Ingle

Saturday 20 Sep @ 9:00 AM AEST

Cost: \$31 members \$41 non-members

Genealogists tend to get very excited about new records and sources they come across in their research. So much so that they grab a quick copy, download it to default folders, and move on to the next item without thoroughly exploring the source first. All too often they don't take the time to evaluate the source, to write the citation(s) for the source, or to file it in the correct spot. We have to slow down and take the time to think, to file, and to create notes about the source that make it easy to find that source again if needed. Doing this keeps our research more organized, but also keeps our research brain tidy as well. We will explore different options for accomplishing all of these important steps. [BOOK HERE](#)

Beyond the Family History Roadblock: Finding Hidden Ancestors

Saturday 5 July @ 9:00 AM AEST

FREE to GSQ Members

Do you have a genealogy mystery that has you stumped?

GSQ invites members to submit their **BRICK WALL** research challenges for assistance from our panel of experienced genealogists.

To submit your **BRICK WALL**, [see the website](#) for instructions.

You must email your **BRICK WALL** to education@gsq.org.au

Your brickwall details must be provided by Saturday 7 June 2025

Book here to receive link to [join the Zoom](#).

**Scottish Interest Group
at 2025 Scenic Rim Clydesdale
Spectacular event at
Beaudesert**



Interest Groups

Chinese Research Group

The next meeting of the new Chinese Research Group is on **Sunday, 20 July**, by Zoom. I hope to have a presentation at the meeting but nothing is finalised at the moment.

All GSQ members are welcome, whether they are experienced or newbie researchers. At this meeting we are planning to have a speaker/s discussing the search for Chinese ancestors in Australia.

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 9.50 am on Sunday, 20 July.

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

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

Colonial & Convict Interest Group

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

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

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

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

We hope you can join us at 10am on **Sunday, August 10**. For anyone unable to attend the GSQ Library, ZOOM will definitely be available. Contact Bev Murray at C&C@gsq.org.au

DNA Interest Group

Our next DNA SIG meeting is **Sunday 24 Aug** at 9:30 AM. Queensland time via Zoom. The remainder of 2025 meetings are in the GSQ calendar. Some of the meetings in 2025 will be hybrid, that is, both by Zoom and in the GSQ Resource Centre.

If you're interested in learning more about DNA, email dna@gsq.org.au and ask to be added to the email list. Non-members of GSQ can attend two DNA Interest Group meetings before they must join GSQ.

English/Irish/Welsh Interest Group

The next meeting of the English Irish Welsh SIG will be **Sunday 3rd August** and will be a hybrid meeting.

The August presentation will be on the Welsh County of Carmarthen by Leanne Taylor.

If you have English, Irish or Welsh (or all three!!) ancestors, this is the Interest Group for you. Do you have a bit of a 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 look forward to seeing everybody on Sunday 3rd August either in person or via ZOOM.

If you are not on my mailing list, please email me at irisheng@gsq.org.au so I can email you the link to the zoom meeting. That will be sent a day or two before the meeting.

Family History Technology Group

This group meets on the 2nd Sunday of the odd months via Zoom at 10am, so our next meeting is on the **13th July 2025**. *We have a presentation in relation to "Using the Free Text via FamilySearch" with Helen Smith.* This is part of FamilySearch in which we can gain so much to help with our research – the advantages of how AI can assist everyone with finding those hidden clues we all need. Whereas previously you might find a Will/Probate under a surname, but now with Free Text you can find the names of others that are including in that will – it will find even the names of witnesses – Did your ancestor witness the Will of someone who was Not a family member?

Please come along and enjoy the morning learning about this wonderful new resource that has been opened up to us all. Send email to fhtech@gsq.org.au to receive the link to join our great group.

Interest Groups

German Interest Group

The German group meets odd numbered months and our next meeting will be **Sunday 27 July**; everybody welcome. Starting time 10.00 AM, it is a hybrid meeting.

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.

Scandinavian Interest Group

The next meeting of the Scandinavian group is **Sunday 20 July** at GSQ.

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.

From The National Archives (UK) – the collection blog

Learn how the stories hidden in our documents are uncovered by our experts and volunteers. Find out behind-the-scenes information about how we care for our records, and get tips on how you can do your own research.

Researching hospital-related records

Tracing hundreds of years, PhD student Jessica Gregory outlines some of the best ways to research hospital-related records at The National Archives. [READ](#)

Norfolk Island: the ultra-penal colony

Volunteer Dr Brenda Mortimer examines how Norfolk Island in New South Wales, Australia, was established as 'a place of the extremest punishment, short of death' for colonial convicts. [READ](#)

The Long March to Freedom 1944–1945

Eighty years ago, during the final stages of the Second World War in Europe, a series of forced prisoner of war marches took place. Thanks to the cataloguing work of dedicated National Archives volunteers, we can trace some of the incredible stories from these marches through our records. [READ](#)

Writing Interest Group

At the June meeting of the Writing Group we focussed on developing themes, which led to in-depth discussions on the benefits and challenges of planning and writing family stories around an appropriate theme. The discussion revealed that this may result in a more interesting family story than one written purely chronologically.

The next meeting will be held on **17 August** when our guest speaker will talk about privacy and ethics. More details will be provided in the August eNews.

Contact Pauline at pstirland@hotmail.com or writing@gsq.org.au if you would like to be added to the Writing Group email list.

Scottish Interest Group

Our stand at the recent 2025 Scenic Rim Clydesdale Spectacular event at Beaudesert attracted a lot of attention, and we hope to see several new GSQ members as a result. Thanks to Ailsa, Julie, Joanne, Wallis, Wendy & Helen, supported by Bill, Charlie, Colin and Warren, who all worked to help us set up and pull down the stand. We also managed to raise some funds from the books sales, and appreciate all the generous donations from many different GSQ members.

We have been invited to hold another stand at the Celtic Festival in Warwick over the October long weekend. That should also be a fun event to expose GSQ to the wider public, and also a bit warmer than the cool days at Beaudesert.

Our volunteers are making good progress with the transcriptions of the Register of Deeds for Scotland, and we are well over the half way point of our 1769 year. With a change of clerks making the register now, the work has become easier, and some are finding that the AI programs help with the transcription. We have also been approached to help transcribing the Poor Law records from the Highlands, and welcome any volunteers who would be interested in this one. The Victorian handwriting is so much easier than our early volumes.

Our next meeting will be on **Sunday 6 July** at 10:00 am. We will conduct the meeting as a hybrid ZOOM and on-site meeting, so if anyone new would like to join us remotely please contact us at scotgroup@gsq.org.au for the necessary ZOOM credentials. Both members and visitors are most welcome.

At this meeting, Alistair Henderson is presenting on Researching in the National Records of Scotland.

GSQ Notices

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
Carindale	<i>Family History in Action</i>	Sat 9 Aug 2025	10:00am to 12pm	3407 1490
Everton Park	Finding Grandma	Sat 13 Sep 2025	10:30am to 12:30pm	3403 7400
Mt Gravatt	Queensland Family History online	Wed 17 Sep 2025	10am to 12pm	3403 7775
Fairfield	<i>How did they get here? Immigration in Australia from 1788 onwards</i>	Sat 20 Sep 2025	1:30pm to 3:30pm	3403 8615

Membership Report

A great big thank you to Ailsa Corlett and Sue Grant for looking after the Membership Officer role for me while I was away. They did a great job and I am very grateful. Congratulations to Sue also for her winning Volunteer of the Year for all that she does for GSQ.

We have returned from a wonderful 5 week holiday in the UK where we were able to follow in the footsteps of many of our Ancestors. Seeing the areas they came from in England, Wales and Scotland, the churches they were married, baptised or buried at was a real pleasure. Along with all the normal tourist sight-seeing and probably the best weather you could ask for....I even came back with a tan!

I am definitely back into things again and trying to catch up with my phone calls to our new members. If I haven't called yet, I will.

For all our members, if you have any questions regarding your membership, please email me and I am happy to assist you.

My email is: membership@gsq.org.au

Kind regards
Leanne Taylor
Membership Officer

From the Librarian ...

DO THIS NOW - Bookmark and add the GSQ LIBRARY CATALOGUE to your FAVOURITES bar on your web browser. <https://catalogue.gsq.org.au/>

We are continuing the laborious task of updating and adding more detailed information (such as table of contents) to the library catalogue for each book in the GSQ library collection. This is to help your searching produce more productive results.

During this process, if we identify that a book is also available freely online, we are capturing the link to the online version so you can access it from home. To assist us, if you happen to come across a title that is freely available online and which we hold in hard copy at GSQ, please email the Librarian librarian@gsq.org.au. In the email, provide the URL link and which title it is and we will add the link to the record.

GSQ Notices

GSQ Facebook Page

If you want to get more out of Facebook, then request to join the 2nd July 2025 Wednesday Morning Zoom session at 11am when GSQ Facebook Page Admin Catherine Thompson, will be presenting on 'Facebook and Genealogy'. Catherine is the face behind the multiple daily posts to our Page and whilst doing her volunteer role, finds amazing sites to assist in your research. To join, just email wedmorningzoom@gsq.org.au and you will be added to the mailing list.

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

GSQ Blogs

Our GSQ Bloggers for the month of June were Yvonne Tunny, Bobbie Edes, Geoff Doherty, Marg Doherty 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.

Contact Bobbie on blogs@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 gene successes and frustrations. It is an interactive space where you will also learn more about the resources GSQ has and how to continue your research.

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

Museums of History NSW

New index – Registers of Appointments [Civil Service Board], 1885–96

We're pleased to announce the release of the Registers of Appointments [Civil Service Board] Index containing over 15,000 entries, fully digitised and discoverable online through our website. The index has been created by our amazing volunteers.

The registers were created by the Civil Service Board from 1885 to 1896, when the Board's responsibilities included conducting qualifying examinations for the appointment and promotion of civil servants, presenting to the minister a list of qualified people for each vacant position, and serving as the central controlling authority of a large number of NSW Government departments.

Information recorded in the registers can include the date from which the appointment is effective, name, age, position, department, office, date of first appointment, details of transfers, salary, and date of notification of appointment and how notified, whether by Gazette notice (entered in black) or by departmental notification (entered in red).

The index is searchable by employee's first name, surname, department and date appointed. [SEARCH](#)

Watch anytime Webinar: Finding Resources About the History of a House

Property records can be complex and confusing, but very rewarding.

This webinar helps you discover and search key resources in the State Library of NSW collection and the State Archives Collection that contain information on the history of a house, including official state government records, published material and personal manuscript collections.

[Watch Now](#)

Webinar: Researching your house and property

Researching your house and property is a rewarding project. Learn how to find house and property records in the State Archives Collection. [Watch Now](#)

House & property guide

Property records can be complex & confusing without conveyancing training. This guide provides details about records in the collection relating to historical house and property research & includes a list of other organisations that may hold relevant material. [See Here](#)

GSQ Zoom Meetings

Monday Morning Zoom for GSQ members only starting at 11:00 AM AEST

We are continuing to enjoy our meetings each Monday with new GSQ members also coming along which is great to see and meet with.

Last meeting we set a task for everyone to bring along for Monday 30th after Helen Smith showed us the advantages of using DNA Painter just for our Trees. All those wonderful colours make it easy to see the gaps in your tree and how far back you have been able to go in relation to your GG Grandparents etc. Some of us will be surprised just where

our research stops on some of the lines, but others will be surprised at how far back they have been able to go.

If you want to enjoy a relaxing morning each Monday, come and join us via Zoom and learn with a great group of members. The group has renewed the subscription to Irish Ancestors by John Grenham. This is available for all GSQ members in MyGSQ.

Email Helen and Ailsa at mtzoom@gsq.org.au to receive a link to join us.

Wednesday Night Zoom, open to everyone and FREE starting at 7:00 PM AEST

We finished June with a wonderful presentation from Helen Smith, in explaining how best to use Google – Google is the Genealogist's Friend. We had 35 attendees which shows how interesting this topic was along with the speaker.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday 9th July in which we are going to have a PROBLEM evening. Please send in your problems and also bring them along on the evening. If you can forward to us, this is preferable so that we can try and look for some sites that you might not have consulted. This will be a group effort in order to try and assist where we can.

Our guest speaker for the night of 23rd is Jeff Madsen in relation to 'Using Maps and Historical Land Records for Family Research'. This is all about Location, Location and how important it is to use maps to help round out family stories. Jeff has lots of experience in relation to his long career in Information Technology using GIS (Geographic Information Systems) software to prepare maps for a wide variety of companies and people.

Wednesday nights are FREE to anyone to attend, but you must send us your email so that we can forward the link to you in the week before the night.

Contact Ailsa and Fleur on webpzoom@gsq.org.au.

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

We're very pleased to announce that our Wed Morning Zoom group has recently sponsored the 2025-2026 second subscription renewal of <https://www.thegenealogist.co.uk/> website, and are very grateful to our group members for their continued support for this facility which all GSQ members can utilise at home.

Our topic meeting on 4 June was with member Rosemary Murray presenting 'The parish Commons: Hollowmarsh Communal Meadowland in North East Somerset'.

Our Learning Aid session on 18 June centered around researching settlers with the Northern Territory in the 1880s period with the small groups each putting their

thinking caps on as to where the records were held and what else may be available to assist NT research. This proved to be a particularly challenging effort, with one website offline and as the region as such didn't become a territory in the Commonwealth of Australia until 1 January 1911.

Our meetings are on the 1st and the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 11am and they go for about 90 minutes with notes distributed afterwards.

To go onto the mailing list, please contact wedmorningzoom@gsq.org.au and ask to be included.

Family History News

Toowong Cemetery and more ...

Toowong Cemetery was officially opened 5 July 1875. Friends of Toowong Cemetery will be doing a guided tour 6th July at Toowong Cemetery commemorating the sesquicentenary <https://www.fotc.au/guided-tours/#guided-tours>

The land (250 acres 1 rood) for the cemetery was first reserved for that purpose in 1866. Notice of the Brisbane Cemetery Reserve was gazetted, 8 October 1870 (QGG V11-93-p1300) and the Cemetery Trustees were appointed 7 October 1870.

I downloaded the digitised original burial register for Toowong from the Queensland State Archives (QSA). On the 3rd January 1871 the first burial was of Colonel Samuel Wensley Blackall the second Governor of Queensland. He is buried in a prominent position, the highest spot, which was personally chosen by him. His funeral cortege moved after the service from St John's Church and went the approximately seven kilometres to the site of Brisbane General Cemetery, now Toowong Cemetery. The cortege reached the burial site just before 7pm, and the graveside service was then held.

There were seven burials before the official opening on 5th July 1875, two of which were held the day before on Sunday 4th July. The Gordon children, burials 6 & 7 were placed in the same grave. Their death notice Courier Mail-Gordon: *On the 2nd July at Milton Florence Caroline aged 3 years and 10 months and on the 3rd Ethel Maude aged 1 year and 4 months only daughters of P.R and Emily F Gordon.* Sadly, their eldest son Herbert George dies 10th July, is buried the 11th July, burial entry 9.

J.K. Handy was reburied 14th August 1875 having been removed from Paddington Cemetery (entry 35, probably John Kileen Handy who died in 1874)

In the register, there are a number of stillborn children burials. These entries and sometimes also those in Funeral Directors' records may be the only record you will find of stillborn children.

Entry: Sept 3, 1875, Burial of bones from Museum Gothenburg. Now, there has to be a story in that! And there is!

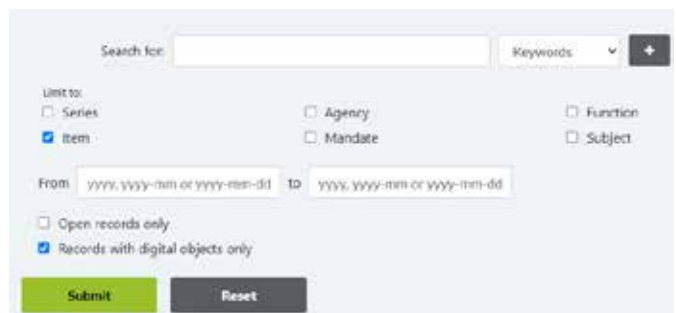
The Gothenburg left Port Darwin bound for Melbourne with 125 people including crew, and 3500ozs of gold on board. She struck the reef about 7pm, 24 February during a heavy north-westerly gale. On the 27 February 1875, the Gothenburg was reported as being a complete wreck. Over the next few days 22 survivors were found. Sadly 103 lives were lost. No women or children survived.

A diver, James Putwain retrieved the gold with great difficulty. He saw the bodies of two women but had insufficient air hose to retrieve them. He caught two sharks, one of which he found a human skull and bones and in the other a quantity of human bones and apparel. The bones were forwarded

to Brisbane, and it is these bones that were buried 3 September.

These and many other stories can be determined from the Toowong Burial Registers which have been digitised by Queensland State Archives. Queensland State Archives have digitised many original records which are available as PDF downloads.

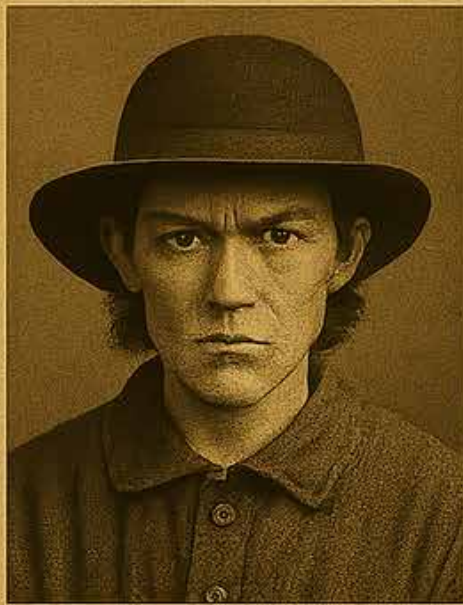
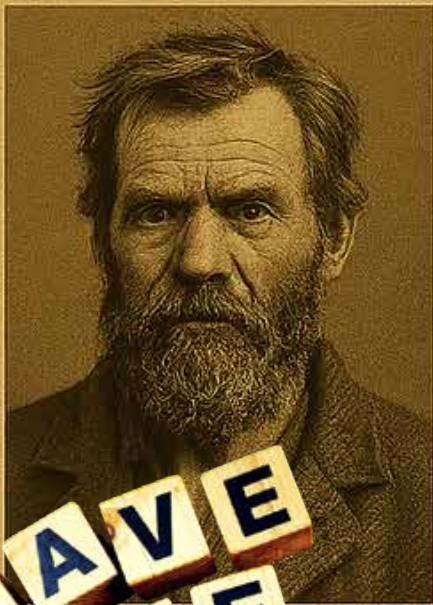
At the QSA ArchivesSearch screen click Item and then Records with digital objects only and then do a keyword search (can also be fun to leave the keyword blank and just browse the range of records)



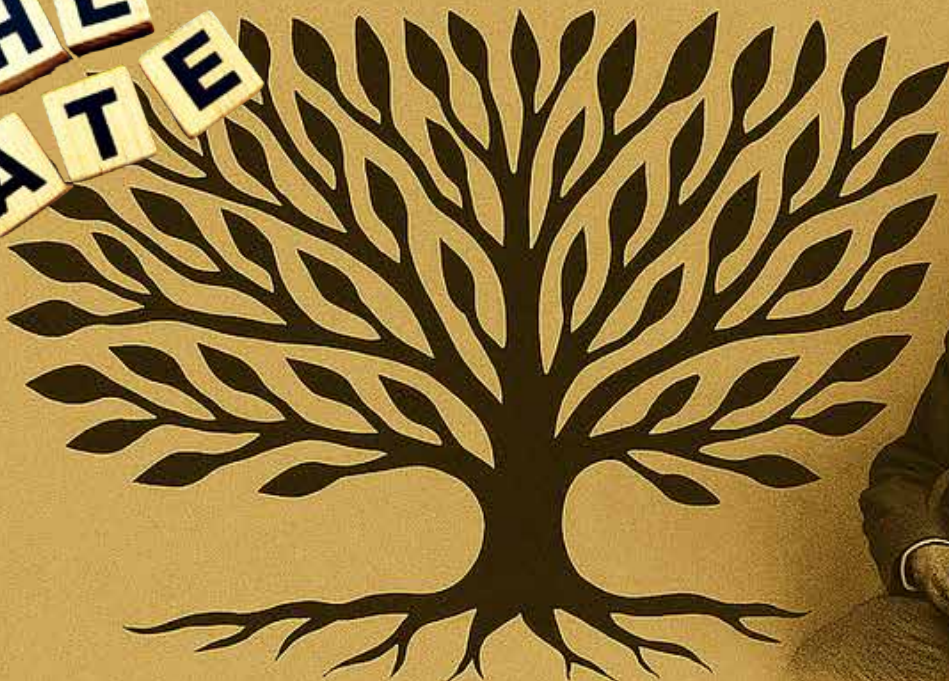
There are many inquest files, prison admission records, 15000+ photographs, Electoral rolls pre1900, Registers of letters received to government departments, Marine Competency certificates, and so much more!

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Some July offerings:

Jul 2 – *Irish Ancestors – 5 More Essential Websites You Need to Know About* by Natalie Bodle – 7:00 PM AEST

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Jul 12 – *Researching your Ancestors in Surrey* by Sarah Pettyfer, QG – 4:00 AM AEST

Jul 16 – *Civil War Records: What is a Reasonably Exhaustive Search?* by Craig R. Scott, MA, CG, FUGA – 10:00 AM AEST

Jul 16 – *Tracing Scots Ancestors Before 1855* by Alison Spring – 4:00 AM AEST

Jul 23 – *A MyHeritage Webinar* by MyHeritage Webinars - 4:00 AM AEST

Jul 24 – *Unlocking Notation Codes on Alien Passenger Lists* by Elizabeth Williams Gromoll, CGMcKinlay – 4:00 AM AEST

Jul 26 – *10 Advanced Ways to Use AI in Family History* by Andrew Redfern – 4:00 AM AEST

Jul 31 – *Top Newspaper Sites That You MUST RESEARCH!* by Ari Wilkins – 4:00 AM AEST

Jun 28 – *Hand-written Text Recognition: Harnessing the Power of Artificial Intelligence to Transcribe and Search* by Yvette Hoitink, MLitt, CG, QG – 4:00 AM AEST



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The Illawarra Family History Group Inc is pleased to host the 40th Annual Conference of the New South Wales and ACT Association of Family History Societies Inc.

Dates: 12th, 13th and 14th September, 2025

Theme: "They Came From Where?"

First Nations people and in recent history every other cultural group came to Australia from somewhere else. Tracking down their origins can be difficult but finding out where they came from, why they came and how they travelled adds to their stories.

Venue: The Fraternity Club, 11 Bourke St., Fairy Meadow. 2519.

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Enjoy July! It's winter and cooler weather here in Queensland, perhaps to carry on an Australian tradition of a Christmas in July – time to have a roast Christmas dinner and steamed pudding. The weather is certainly cold enough to enjoy a dinner that's almost impossible in December!

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