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Join us for a delightful morning tea
with our volunteers!

10 AM - 31 May 2025

RSVP: secretary@gsq.org.au

Message from the President

All GSQ members should be immensely proud of the very successful Conference conducted 21 – 23 March on behalf of GSQ. It was a great event! 91% of participants who completed the Post Conference survey rated it as Good – Excellent. After paying History Queensland and AFFHO agreed amounts, GSQ's Bank Balance is almost \$60 000 higher, with a profit of some \$59 810.21 being recorded!! There are many people to thank, but firstly, I would like to express my appreciation to Conference Convenor, David Barnes. David worked tirelessly on Conference organisation from the time of the very first announcement. We all owe him a good deal of gratitude. Until you're involved in such an event, you have little idea of the many facets requiring attention. David was supported in his role by a Conference Committee consisting of Kay Ryan who represented both AFFHO and History Queensland, GSQ member, Marg Doherty who organised the Speakers, including the fantastic Keynote Speakers, GSQ member, Mike Murphy whose responsibilities were Parking and Accommodation, Jan Bimrose, former GSQ Vice President, who worked on the well received Conference booklet among other things and myself. A wonderful effort!!

Volunteers' Morning Tea: All GSQ volunteers are reminded that they should register to attend the **Volunteers' Morning Tea planned for Saturday, 31 May** commencing at 10.00am at GSQ's Resource Centre. GSQ

values each and every one of our Volunteers and this is one way in which we can express our appreciation. During the Morning Tea, the **Margaret Coleman Volunteer Award winner for 2025** will be announced. If attending, volunteers are asked to register by contacting Secretary, Karma at secretary@gsq.org.au, no later than Wednesday 28 May to facilitate catering arrangements.

New Editor for "Generation": As many are aware, Russell Fraser, Generation's editor has not been well for some time. In the April eNews I asked for somebody to step forward to take on the role of Editor and am pleased to announce that member, Jessica Stroja, has agreed to do this. Thanks so much, Jessica. In welcoming Jessica I would like to thank Russell very much for his years of service in the role. You've produced some wonderful editions, Russell!!

Search for New Premises: Just a reminder that GSQ is still seeking new premises. Should you spot a possibility while you are out and about, please contact me at president@gsq.org.au and I'll ensure that your information reaches the group charged with locating new premises.

Helen Veivers
President



Committee Snippets

Points from April Management Committee:

- **Decision made re winner of Margaret Coleman Volunteer Award for 2025. Announcement to be made during Volunteers' Morning Tea on 31 May;**
- **Assistant Secretary, Claire Rodwell, volunteered to continue as GSQ's Representative on History Queensland committee. Thanks, Claire!**
- **Succession planning to be discussed at May meeting;**
- **Vice President, Alistair, Henderson, and one other GSQ member to participate in Round Table Conference organised by Family Search in Sydney on 26 June, 2025;**
- **David Barnes to be nominated as Queensland Representative on AFFHO Committee;**
- **Following recent passing of Verell Thyer and the receipt of a \$2000 donation to GSQ by her family, a Book Scanner is to be purchased for use by members at GSQ.**

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 Education Events



Part 1: Ireland, Land Records and Griffith's Valuation explained

May 3 @ 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM AEST
Cost: Members \$21 Non-members \$31

Presenter: Bobbie Edes
Virtual Via Zoom

In this session Bobbie will be covering land records from Freeholders to Tithe Applotment to Griffith's Valuation to Valuation Revision in more detail. Why they are so important, how they can help you and what is available. [BOOK HERE](#)



Colonial Justice: Police Magistrates and Justices of the Peace

May 17 @ 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM AEST
Cost: Members \$21 Non-members \$31

Presenter: Kay Ryan
Virtual Via Zoom

This presentation will explain the reasons behind the creation of the office of police magistrate, which appears to be peculiar to the Australian colonies and originated in New South Wales before being established in Queensland with separation, and examine the types of justice meted out by those appointed to these positions. [BOOK HERE](#)



Part 2: Ireland, Online in 2025

May 24 @ 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM AEST
Cost: Members \$21 Non-members \$31

Presenter: Bobbie Edes
Virtual Via Zoom

Following on from the 3 May session on 'Ireland Online in 2025', this presentation will cover land records from Freeholders to Tithe Applotment to Griffith's Valuation to Valuation Revision in more detail. Why they are so important, how they can help you and what is available online today. [BOOK HERE](#)



Researching in Kent, England

Jun 7 @ 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM AEST
Cost: Members \$21 Non-members \$31

Presenter: Helen V. Smith
Virtual Via Zoom

Kent, known as the Garden of England, has a wealth of genealogical records but locating those records can take some investigation, with records divided between at least three archives. Then, some parishes that were formerly in Kent were absorbed into Greater London, adding another four archives into the mix. Add in the fact Kent is the stepping stone for Europe so add trade and travel movements. [BOOK HERE](#)

GSQ Notices

Containers for Change

It's as Easy as 1, 2, 3...

Many thanks to those who have been supporting GSQ with this fundraising arm. Please remember that all you have to do is to collect empty bottles and cans, including wine bottles, download the Barcode from our website onto your phone or print-

out mechanism (or simply take one of the Pre-printed slips from the Reception Desk) and visit a Containers for Change depot – they're situated in most suburbs. What a painless way for GSQ to increase its bank balance!!

Digging Deeper into Family History

A course over four weeks, from Thursday 5 June, at 10:00 am AEST

Attend all four weeks or choose one week or more

5 June - British Courts and Convicts, from 1788 to 1900 – Jan Richardson

12 June – Immigration to Australia, from 1788 to post WW 2 – Helen Connor

19 June – Military History, from 1788 to WW 2 – Sharyn Merkley

26 June – England & Wales, Scotland and Ireland, an overview – Pauline Williams, Ailsa Corlett & Helen Connor

What does it cost: Earlybird \$75 for GSQ Members & \$90 non-members **before 30 May**

After 30 May \$85 for members & \$100 non-members

For more information & to book for 4 week course or individual sessions, [see GSQ website](#).

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](#).

Interest Groups

Chinese Research Group

The next meeting of the new Chinese Research Group is on **Sunday, 18 May**, by Zoom. Due to the History Queensland AGM being at GSQ on the previously set date, this is a new date.

All GSQ members are welcome, whether they are experienced or newbie researchers. At this meeting we are planning to have a speaker/s discussing their 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, 18 May.

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

For our June meeting, our members have less than 2 months to research their chosen ancestor and his or her voyage to Australia during the 19th Century. Information about resources available for research will be emailed to members shortly. Issues for this topic will include, did your ancestor come by sailing ship or steam ship? What were conditions like on board the vessel? Were there any incidents during the voyage? Meanwhile, our member Pat Smith is preparing a talk about shipping in the 19th century.

If you are a member of our Interest group and are visiting the GSQ library, please note that if Kim Davies, Greg Woodbury or Gayle Albert happen to be there, they can give you access to our C & C Lending library. Please ensure that if you borrow a book that you enter the required details into the Library record book. Thankyou.

Our members are passionate about early Australian history and if your ancestors came here before Federation, you will enjoy our next meeting on **Sunday, June 8**. Attendance by Zoom is available also. Please send an email to C&C@gsq.org.au for more details.

DNA Interest Group

Our next DNA SIG meeting is **Sunday 22 June** 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 IG will be **Sunday 1 June** and will be a hybrid meeting.

The June presentation will be on the "Irish in Australia" by Helen Connor.

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 1st June 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

Our next meeting will be on Sunday 11 May via Zoom starting at 10am. As we were unable to have our meeting in March due to Cyclone Alfred disturbing power and internet, we will cover the discussion we were going to use then.

The discussion will be the pros and cons along with some comparisons of the big companies like Microsoft, Adobe, Family Tree Maker etc to some of the free or cheaper versions like Google Docs, Gimp, PFX, and some free genealogical programs like Legacy.

The FHTech group meets on the 2nd Sunday of the odd months, via Zoom. If you would like to join us please send an email to fhtech@gsq.org.au and ask to be included in the list.

Interest Groups

German Interest Group

The German group meets odd numbered months and our next meeting will be **Sunday 25 May**; 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 18 May** 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.

Scottish Interest Group

Our next meeting will be on **Sunday 4 May** at 10:00 am. We will conduct the meeting as a hybrid ZOOM and on-site meeting, so if you would like to join us remotely please contact us at scotgroup@gsq.org.au to join our list and receive the credentials. Members and guests are most welcome.

At this meeting, our regular lecture will be on Using Scotlands People and Ailsa Corlett will be our presenter.

The Scottish Group will be running a stand at the 2025 Scenic Rim Clydesdale Spectacular event at the Beaudesert Showgrounds on the weekend of 14 & 15 June. We will be holding a book stall of both new and second-hand books. Please bring in any books you would like to donate to the GSQ Resource Centre and leave them in the box for donations.



Writing Interest Group

At our April meeting, members explored ways in which we can add humour to our family stories, when much of the information we read deals with the challenges our families faced in the past. The paragraphs written in the five minute exercise during the meeting were humorous and varied. This practice restored a favourite part of our pre-COVID in-person meetings. Eight members submitted humorous stories from family history, a number of which revealed the value of oral stories in revealing the lighter side of people's lives.

At the next meeting on 15 June, members will discuss themes which they can develop to help unify their family stories.

More information will be provided in the June eNews. Contact Pauline on writing@gsq.org.au or pstirland@hotmail.com to be added to the group email.

Joan Reese Short Story Competition 2025

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

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

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

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
Ashgrove	<i>The journey to publishing my family history book</i>	Saturday 17 May	11am to 12 noon	3407 1940
Everton Park	<i>DNA for genealogy step two: Beyond ethnicity</i>	Saturday 24 May	12:30 to 2:30pm	3403 8615
Wynnum	<i>The journey to publishing my family history book</i>	Thursday 29 May	11am to 12 noon	3403 2199

Connections 2025 - last words

- The Conference exceeded our estimation in numbers which did put some pressure on both the Venue and the Volunteers but 91% of the Survey respondents rated the Conference Good to Excellent.
- The Accounts for the Conference have now been audited and following distribution to AFFHO & HQ it will leave GSQ with substantial funds to invest in its future.
- As an aside, the Gold Sponsor – Worthington Clark have reported that they have uncovered the following for attendees at the Conference: one lucky person found a family member with \$13k; someone else had \$3k; several people had items in the hundreds of \$. It certainly paid for those people to come to the Conference.

Stories of service: Australians in the Second World War



Are you interested in learning more about Australia's servicemen and women in the Second World War?

You'll learn practical tips for navigating these resources to access and interpret service records and gain a deeper understanding of the profound impact the Second World War had on past-serving Australians.

Date: Tuesday 13 and Friday 16 May 2025 (register for one only)

Time: 10 to 11 am

Location: National Archives of Australia,

16 Corporate Drive, Cannon Hill QLD 4170

Cost: Free

GSQ Notices

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.

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 Blogs

Our GSQ Bloggers for the month of April were Bobbie Edes, Catherine Thompson, Charlotte Sale & Janice Cooper.

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 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

Commemorating Verell Thyer: A Dedicated Member of GSQ

Verell joined the Genealogical Society of Queensland in 1986, establishing a connection that would span nearly four decades. Her 39 years of continuous membership testify to her unwavering dedication to family history research and our society.

As a long-standing member of the Southern Suburbs Branch until its closure in mid-2016, Verell contributed significantly to the local genealogical community, sharing her knowledge and passion with fellow members throughout the years.

Throughout her membership, Verell demonstrated a remarkable adaptability that kept her at the fore front of genealogical research. She embraced technological advancements in the field, incorporating DNA analysis and other modern tools into her research methodology.

Her willingness to explore new avenues of discovery reflects the ideal spirit of a genealogist: curious, open-minded, and eager to uncover more about one's ancestors.

Verell's dedication to the Genealogical Society of Queensland extended beyond her lifetime through a generous bequest of \$2,000. This final act of generosity demonstrates her enduring commitment to supporting the Society's work and ensuring its continued ability to serve future generations of family historians. Her gift will help ensure that the resources and support she valued throughout her membership will remain available to others who share her passion for genealogical research.

The GSQ Management Committee has thoughtfully decided to honour Verell's memory by purchasing a book scanner with her bequest. This practical and valuable addition to our resources will bear a commemorative plaque acknowledging her contribution.

Verell's passing leaves a void in our genealogical community. Her decades of membership, passion for family history, and generous final gift have left an indelible mark on the Genealogical Society of Queensland.

As we continue our research and help others discover their family histories, we will remember Verell's dedication and enthusiasm. The book scanner that bears her name will stand as a testament to her belief in the importance of our work.

Vale Verell Thyer

GSQ Zoom Meetings

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

Our group continues to grow and enjoy all the new aspects of the developing genealogical world. So many new websites, indexes and databases that are now available to help us uncover and break down some of those brick walls we have had for a long time.

We have been learning how to spot correct records or hints to use via the various commercial programs as some of these can lead to incorrect information being recorded against your ancestor.

We cover a wide range of genealogical topics and look at many websites that can assist you with your research.

Do you want to be part of a relaxing but informative Zoom group. Please email us at mtzoom@gsq.org.au and we can send you a link to join us each **Monday from 11am until 12.30pm.**

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

The 2nd and 4th Wednesday nights are when we meet by Zoom at 7pm. The Wednesday night Zoom's are Free to anyone to attend and enjoy. If you have an interest in genealogical matters but are uncertain just what it is all about then you might like to come and join us. The 2nd Wednesday night is normally either a topic or a help session, and the 4th Wednesday night is a guest speaker.

The 14 May at 7:00 PM will be a presentation on GenoPro, this is a program that draws family trees & genograms. It certainly will be interesting.

This month's guest speaker will be Marilyn Rowan, a NSW transcription agent, on Wednesday 28 May. Marilyn will talk to us about what she does and what she can provide to you within her role. As we all know the cost of any certificate we require is increasing and this is a good, efficient way of obtaining the best results for a lesser amount.

Please send email to wedpmzoom@gsq.org.au if you would like to join the group.

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

Our first meeting on 2 April was a topic session with member Cath Cuddihy presenting a story about the WW2 activities by US troops around Rockhampton and the generosity that her family had shown three of those men during their rec time. Cath retold the considerable research she had recently done to trace down the three servicemen's descendants and relate the unknown stories to the current generations living in the United States.

The group funds have donated another two books to our GSQ Library under Call Nos UK/310/033 (Insolvent Ancestors) and UK/310/034 (Female Ancestors) placed under the United Kingdom – General shelves.

Our Learning Aid session on 16 April centered around finding sites with Old Medical Terminology with many being uncovered.

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. Any financial GSQ member can attend these Wednesday morning Zoom sessions, and non-member guests are welcome to come along to two meetings prior to joining GSQ. To go onto the mailing list, please contact wedmorningzoom@gsq.org.au and ask to be included.

Genealogy Preservation and Organisation With Cloud Storage

Prevent Disasters From Destroying Your Hard Work

There is a surprisingly accessible way to ensure that your genealogy research is safe from flooding or fires, and that's by storing it in the cloud. Cloud genealogy is a handy way to store your research remotely on servers that you can access anytime and from anywhere you have an internet connection. It used to be that genealogists had paper files and copies, and that's about it. If something happened to your research, whether it be lost or stolen, disintegrated over time, or destroyed by flooding or fire, that was it—there was nothing left.

Cloud Coverage

Computers now provide better opportunities to organize and store your research, but they can crash. Floppy discs have gone the way of the 8-track, and external drives can be lost, stolen or corrupted. Even CDs and DVDs are nearly obsolete. That's why cloud storage, which keeps your work from being held all in one place, provides a great backup solution.

It's not just your personal research that might suffer. Think about all the lost records from World War II, the National Archives of Ireland fire or the far-too-many instances of courthouse fires. Who doesn't dream of having another copy of those records somewhere? The biggest advantage of cloud genealogy is that it's easily accessible. It doesn't take much to retrieve your information, even if the worst happens to your original copies.

Get Your Head in the Cloud

There are plenty of ways to access and use the cloud. In fact, chances are, you're using the cloud in some way, shape or form, every time you log on to your computer. Do you:

- watch movies or television on Netflix, or Amazon?
- use Google or other search engines to look up directions or find new restaurants?
- keep in touch with friends using Facebook or some other form of social media?
- have an online tree at Ancestry.com or FamilySearch?

If you answered yes to any of those, you're using the cloud. Number four means you're already performing cloud genealogy. Even if your phone or computer breaks down, you can access that same information on a different device, even from the other side of the planet. And you can do so instantly.

What Shape Is Your Cloud?

When it comes to our research, there are plenty of apps and websites you can sign up for, and many of them are free. From Evernote to Facebook, Google to Dropbox, there are ways you can keep your research safe. Each of those programs has different features. You just have to choose which system (or systems) works best for you.

Cloud genealogy isn't just about storing your work away as a backup in case something happens to your working copies. Programs like Evernote and Google Drive allow you to store and access records, take notes and even create sources. You can use Evernote's recording feature to interview relatives and take a photo of a record in a relative's possession. Google Drive has a My Maps feature that can be helpful for marking migration patterns and places your ancestors lived.

Sharing Your Research

And if that's not enough, there's the ability to share your work with others. You don't have to put it on Facebook, though you can—why not create a family group to swap photos and your latest finds? Then, not only are you storing your records, you're actively researching. You can find new cousins through social media sites or a family website, and they might have intel you don't.

Here's an example of using the cloud to share your family history: When an old family friend shared some photos on her Facebook account, I found two pictures of my mom, uncle, and grandfather I'd never seen before, along with the stories to go with them.

Cloud genealogy doesn't have to be complicated when you have the skills and knowledge to make the right choices.

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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 May offerings:

May 1 – *Invaded! The Fenian Raids and the Canadian Response* by Kathryn Lake Hogan – 4:00 AM AEST

May 3 – *Nach Kanada! Immigration of Germans to Canada* by Dave Obee – 4:00 AM AEST

May 7 – *7 Productivity Tips for Google Chrome* by Richard Miller – 12:00 PM AEST

May 8 – *Unscrambling Haplogroups: A Beginners Guide to DNA Haplogroups* by Donna Rutherford – 4:00 AM AEST

May 10 – *Researching your Essex and East London Ancestors* by Kelly Cornwell – 4:00AM AEST

May 14 – *Finding and Fixing Tree Inconsistencies* by Wayne Shepherd – 4:00 AM AEST

May 15 – *See How it Works: Shared DNA Matches Find Ancestors* by Diahn Southard – 4:00 AM AEST

May 15 – *21 Million Reasons to Research at the Historical Society of Pennsylvania* by Katy Bodenhorn Barnes – 10:00 AM AEST

May 17 – *Traditions of Death and Burial in Mexico* by Joy Oria – 4:00 AM AEST

May 21 – *From Despair to Cargoes of Hope: WWII's Displaced Persons* by Ann Staley, CG. CGL - 10:00 AM AEST

May 22 – *Secrets for Success: How to Harness the Power of FamilySearch's Full-Text Search* by Julia A. Anderson, MA, AG®, AGL™ – 4:00 AM AEST

May 29 – *10 New Tools for New York Research* by Kory Meyerink – 4:00 AM AEST

What's New ...

Selected Immigration Records

State Records of NSW are delighted to announce that, in partnership with Ancestry.com, we have been able to make available on our website an index with digital images of selected records relating to immigration, currently covering the years 1838–87.

The records in the index may provide additional information to that found in passenger lists. This includes payments for passage, information about an immigrant's employer in the colony, or their destination on arrival.

Records included are:

- NRS-5244 Register of applications for assisted passages to NSW, 1884–87
- NRS-5268 Remittance list refunds, 1855–68

- NRS-5277 Payments from employers to Colonial Treasurer, 1854–55
- NRS-5324 Persons authorised to import migrants, 1838–42
- NRS-5269 Papers re persons proceeding to the colony under remittance regulations, 1856–58

Search the index by first name, last name, ship or date. [HERE](#)

Assisted Immigrants Index 1839-1896

Assisted immigrants arriving in Sydney and Newcastle 1844-59, Moreton Bay 1848-59 and Port Phillip 1839-51. The term 'assisted immigrant' refers to those people whose passage was subsidised or paid for through one of the several assisted

immigration schemes which operated to New South Wales from the United Kingdom and other countries. [Find your passenger here.](#)

Vessels arrived in Sydney 1837-1925

This index relates to vessels arriving in Sydney only for the period 1837 to 1925. It records the name and type of vessel, and date of arrival. If you know the name of the ship, this index will be useful to check or confirm the date of arrival. [HERE](#)

Assisted immigrants digitised shipping lists 1828-1896

Looking for passenger arrivals by name? Search the Assisted Immigrants Index 1839-1896 and come back here to [view the digitised shipping list.](#)

Welcome May

GOODBYE APRIL

Time to do some research!



Enjoy May ...

Enjoy May! With Easter & ANZAC Day behind us, it's time to focus on research, do some of your family tree, check for changes and additions you may have. But best of all ENJOY your family history in May!

Send any contributions to enews@gsq.org.au

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