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from The Editor...

In this issue of *Generation*, we feature a story by Marg Doherty of her ancestors who were pioneers on the Darling Downs. We also read about Jennifer Lentell's ancestors who settled in the Queensland town of Clermont. In **Short Tales**, Jennifer tells us about her ancestor who left his family in Scotland to fight in the Texas rebellion against Mexico.

We re-publish a GSQ blog from August this year, in which Pauline Williams tells of her research into James Atkinson, grandson of Mary Reibey, whose image appears on the \$20 note. Anne Pollitt provides an update on her 'quirky' story from September *Generation*. And from **Generation 10 years ago**, Anne and Pauline list '30 ways to say perhaps', from an exercise by the Writing Group. From a long way back, we read about the celebration of Christmas eve in Brisbane in 1896.

In our regular features, our focus on **Special Interest Groups** deals with the Family History Technology SIG and in an **Event Report**, we read about a presentation on Artificial Intelligence and Family History. Another **Event Report** summarizes the seminar, *Scotland here we come!*

In **Queensland Towns**, we feature the town of Gympie, the location of one of GSQ's Affiliate Groups. Other regular features include **Spotlight on Resources**, which tells of the pedigree charts held in the GSQ collection, with an index available through MyGSQ. Our **Featured Source** highlights The National Archives and its search engine, Discovery, which enables searching across multiple archives throughout England and Wales.

GSQ's AGM is over for another year and a summary of the President's Report is available to read. The yearly topic for the Joan Reese Memorial Short Story Competition has been released and we look forward to reading your stories, which will be published in subsequent issues of *Generation*.

If you have any suggestions or helpful hints or tips for research, do not hesitate to forward them on to me, so I can share them with other GSQ members. Once again, the editorial team would welcome any comments or suggestions about your journal, as well as your stories. Just send them to editor@gsq.org.au.

Russell



Presidential Lines...



As I write, with bright sunshine and total peace outside, I'm reminded about how fortunate I am to live where I do. GSQ's Annual General Meeting was conducted successfully using our new Hybrid system on 28 October. I wish all those newly elected to the Management Committee a successful year ahead and thank them for volunteering to take on the various roles. During the AGM a new Honorary Life Member was inducted – Ian Waters OAM. Ian was the original founder and president of GSQ when it was established in 1978. It was Ian's vision and hard work which ensured that GSQ would prosper and grow into the successful organisation it is today.

As well, as part of the AGM a new Constitution and By Laws were approved for submission to the Office of Fair Trading. I would like to thank former Vice President, Jan Bimrose, for her work in preparing the document and all members who provided input. This 2023 Constitution and By Laws should serve GSQ well for the foreseeable future.

Our Resource Centre will look rather different in 2024. An order has been placed for new Book shelving which will be installed during the Christmas break, if everything goes to plan. As well, a much-improved Library Management system is almost ready to be installed. Finding a resource in our Library should be so much easier – many thanks to Librarian, Sandy Liddle, who has added all GSQ resources to the new database, through many, many hours of hard work.


Finally, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all who have assisted GSQ throughout this year whether it be through continuing your membership, convening one of our many SIGs, attending education events and working as a volunteer in the Library, at Bunnings Sausage Sizzles and as dedicated researchers. A blessed Festive Season to all members and best wishes for a genealogically fulfilling 2024.

Helen Veivers
GSQ President



Honorary Life Member inducted – Ian Waters OAM

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Our ancestors ... possessed a right, which nature has given to all men, of departing from the country in which chance, not choice has placed them.

Thomas Jefferson

Welcome to New and Re-joined Members

Helen Veivers, GSQ President

The President and members of the GSQ Management Committee are delighted to welcome all our new and re-joined members.

As new members, please do not hesitate to talk with a Research Assistant if you need assistance. Now that you are a member of GSQ, you have a number of benefits – one of which is the opportunity to list your research interests/names on our website:

www.gsq.org.au

If you have any comments or suggestions as to how GSQ can enhance its services to members, or if you have a concern with how services are provided, please feel free to contact me at president@gsq.org.au

Your feedback is always welcome.

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The Joan Reese Memorial Short Story Competition

The Joan Reese Memorial Short Story Competition recognizes the contribution of Joan Reese in the significant provision of access to NSW Colonial records and her support of GSQ and its members over many years. The winning stories appear in subsequent issues of the Society's quarterly journal *Generation*.

The topic for the Joan Reese Memorial Short Story Competition in 2024 is 'A short story from your family history research'.

We discover many interesting stories when researching our family history. These stories may relate to an individual ancestor, an event which impacted on our ancestors' lives or how we solved a mystery or overcome a brickwall. Share your story with the readers of *Generation*. What was its significance to your family and your research? This should be clearly explained.

The prize for the winning entry is \$200 and GSQ looks forward to reading your stories. See the GSQ website for the conditions of entry. **www.gsq.org.au/gsq-events/writing-competition**.

Closing date for receipt of entries: 3 June 2024

Anyone requiring further information should address enquiries to Pauline Williams at info@gsq.org.au.



TELL YOUR STORY



GSQ President's Report 2022-2023

Summary of Report presented to AGM on 28 October 2023 and adopted.

Membership

Membership dropped significantly during the year, despite the efforts of Membership Officer, Kerry Beeton, who is stepping down this year. The Management Committee has recently decided to purchase a new membership program, an improvement on the existing one.

Volunteering

Volunteering lies at the heart of everything we do and our Volunteer Co-ordinator, Kim Davis has managed the portfolio superbly. A big thank you to all who have volunteered for GSQ during the year.

Education

GSQ's education program is a standout due to the work of coordinator, Marg Doherty, and members of the education sub-committee. The varied program included overseas and interstate presenters, as well as GSQ members.

Repository

A full audit of our library was undertaken during the year, and, while some publications were missing, the Special Interest Groups (SIGs) have augmented the resources available. New library shelving is on order and a new library management software will be installed within the next few months.

Information and Communication Technology (ICT) and Social Media

Our Technical Advisory Group (TAG) continues to manage the task of renewing and maintaining GSQ's technology. One of the main tasks has been the purchase and installation of the Hybrid system which has enabled groups throughout Australia to participate in the Society's activities. Problems with our website have been alleviated with upgrades to various components. Our social media presence through our Facebook page and group, as well as our blog, has been very successful.

Finance

The Treasurer, David Barnes, assisted by Assistant Treasurer, Sue Grant, has done an excellent job of managing GSQ's finances. David is stepping aside from this position. The Treasurer will present a report showing a net loss of \$13,181. During 2022-23, GSQ changed its bank from Westpac to Bendigo Bank.

Governance

A new Constitution for GSQ has been developed, which will be voted on later in this meeting. Also developed during the year was a new Code of Conduct policy. GSQ joined

with other societies to successfully prevent the cutting of Government funding for TROVE.

Income

Membership remains GSQ's major source of income, with education a welcome addition. Other sources of income include research, Bunnings Barbecues, and Cash for Cans.

Marketing

GSQ urgently needs the help of a member experienced in marketing. Current marketing tools include our blog, social media, education program, quarterly journal, and our website. Another marketing tool is the Brisbane City Council presentation program.

Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

SIGs are vital to the Society by providing members to gain specialised knowledge in an area of interest and for members to learn from each other. During the year, SIGs have operated face to face, via Zoom, and some using the new hybrid system. Thanks to the convenors of these groups.

Looking to the Future...

- Complete setting up and begin to use the new Library Management system, Koha.
- Install new Book Shelving, hopefully during the Christmas closure period.
- Migrate to using a new Membership package.
- Work on a new Strategic Plan.
- Revamp Policies and Procedures.
- Submit a Grant Application for funding to support the development of a new GSQ website.
- Establish a Chinese Special Interest Group.
- Continue the practice of organising quarterly SIGs Convenors' meetings.
- Organise for speakers from the Ulster History Foundation to present on Irish topics.
- Build on the growing relationship with Family Search.
- Continue the search for new premises.
- Take every opportunity to advertise/market GSQ.

Summary

In closing, I would like to thank the Management Committee members for their work and support during the past 12 months. I would particularly like to thank Vice President, Jan Bimrose, who is stepping aside; and Bob Dean for his work maintaining GSQ premises.

DARLING DOWNS *Pioneers*

ROBERT PORTER AND ANNIE SCOTT DAVIDSON

Marg Doherty

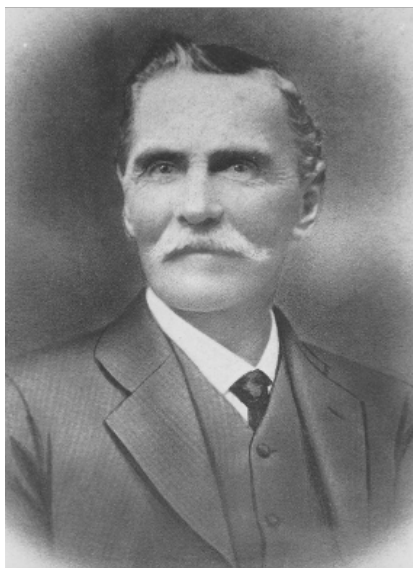
On 8 July 1849, William Harbottle, aboard the ship *Scotia*, wrote of being anchored off government house with a view of the town and Sydney harbour around them being 'delightful beyond measure'.¹ Three-year-old Perth boy Robert Porter also was on board with his parents, brothers and sister.² Robert's father, James Porter, decided that leaving the metropolis of Perth in Scotland and its squalor offered more opportunities for his family to live a comfortable life.³ So, James, his wife Ann and five children, including baby William left Perth, Scotland, in early March 1849 and boarded the *Scotia* in Deptford. The voyage took 130 days, and the *Scotia* arrived, having had only one death and two births.⁴

The *Scotia* arrived in July 1849 in Sydney, but due to bad times there, the government offered to relocate the immigrants to Bathurst, Goulburn, Maitland, or Moreton Bay. Around twenty-five people, including the Porter family, chose Moreton Bay which had recently opened for free settlement. The Porters and others boarded the *Tamar*, a coastal ship and headed north to Moreton Bay via Newcastle. In Newcastle on the journey, Robert's fourteen-year-old brother James saw his first glimpse of the harsh convict system. The chain gang hauled material from Maitland in hand carts with around eight to ten convicts in irons powering each cart.⁵

The Porter family resided in the newly free township of Brisbane with James Porter senior and his sons, James and Alexander Elgin (Sandy), working for the Petrie family. Young Robert attended school in Brisbane and when the family moved to nearby Ipswich, he attended school there.⁶ James Porter, Robert's father, died in 1859, leaving his wife alone with several children, although her older sons would have assisted.⁷

In 1870, Robert took up a lease of ninety-nine acres beside the Logan River south of Brisbane, initially paying £7/6/6.⁸ Owning land would have been more than he could have hoped for if he had remained in the poverty-stricken town of Perth in Scotland. Robert had been undertaking station work in the Logan area. He forfeited the property after one year as he did not comply with the conditions and only paid the rent for that year. After his foray into land ownership, Robert became a carrier before the railway between Brisbane and Ipswich was operational.⁹

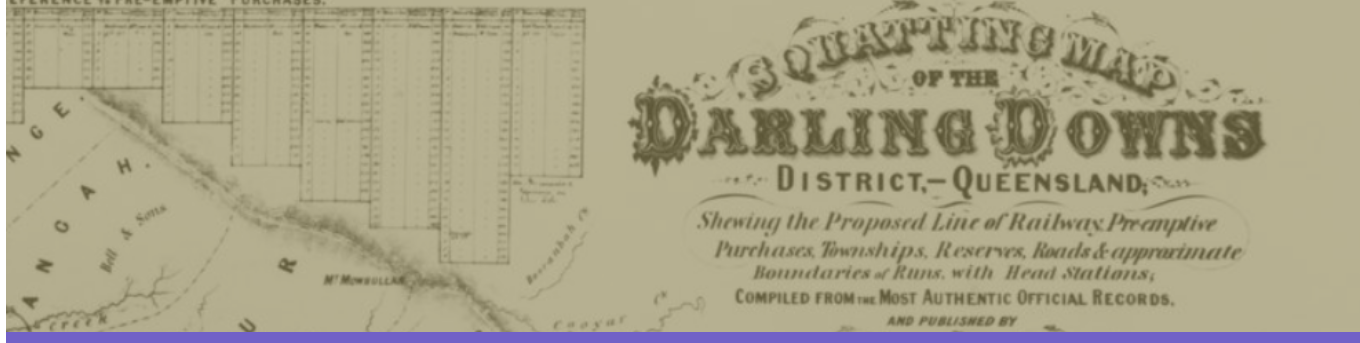
Robert arrived on the Darling Downs in the early 1860s. He and his brothers Sandy and William carried goods between Brisbane and the Darling Downs by bullock dray, first from Brisbane to Ipswich and then on to Toowoomba, Pilton, and *Eton Vale* station. On the return journey, they carried wool.¹⁰ The Porters also were involved in station work on the Downs. Robert was a labourer at *Yandilla*, which the Gore family previously owned.¹¹ He eventually became an overseer at *Yandilla* and worked at the large, well-known station of *Eton Vale*.¹²



Robert Porter

Robert was at *Yandilla* when he married Annie Scott Davidson in Toowoomba on 12 June 1872. Annie was the youngest daughter of immigrants William and Margaret Davidson of Toowoomba. In marrying a Davidson, Robert was following his older brothers. In 1863, Sandy Porter married Jane Auld Davidson, Annie's sister.¹³ They were followed in 1865 by Robert's eldest brother James who married Annie's older sister Margaret Marshall Davidson.¹⁴

In 1873, Robert, Sandy and James all selected land at North Branch, with Robert being the earliest



selector in that area.¹⁵ For the rest of their lives, Robert and Annie's property, *Hawthorn*, was their primary residence and where they raised their large family. In August 1875, the land records described the selection as a 'two roomed bark hut with chimney and skillion [roof]. Contains the usual bush furniture and is inhabited by the selector's wife and two children'. The report noted there was a small garden, fenced and cultivated, a stockyard, and a sheep yard. The land also included the old *Yandilla* outstation, which was 120 feet deep. Robert had fenced six acres of the land with wire. Probably, the land that Robert selected was land he knew when he worked on *Yandilla*.



Annie Scott Davidson

family were originally from nearby Ayrshire.²⁰

After living in the frontier town of Brisbane, the Davidson family moved to Toowoomba on the Darling Downs, where William Davidson, the father, was employed as a gardener. William also held land bordering the Porter land, near *Eton Vale* station.²¹ Annie and two of her sisters met and married the three Porter brothers on the Darling Downs. The three families resided at North Branch and developed their properties with family as neighbours.

After the births of Mary and Margaret on *Hawthorn*, Robert and Annie had another six children at North

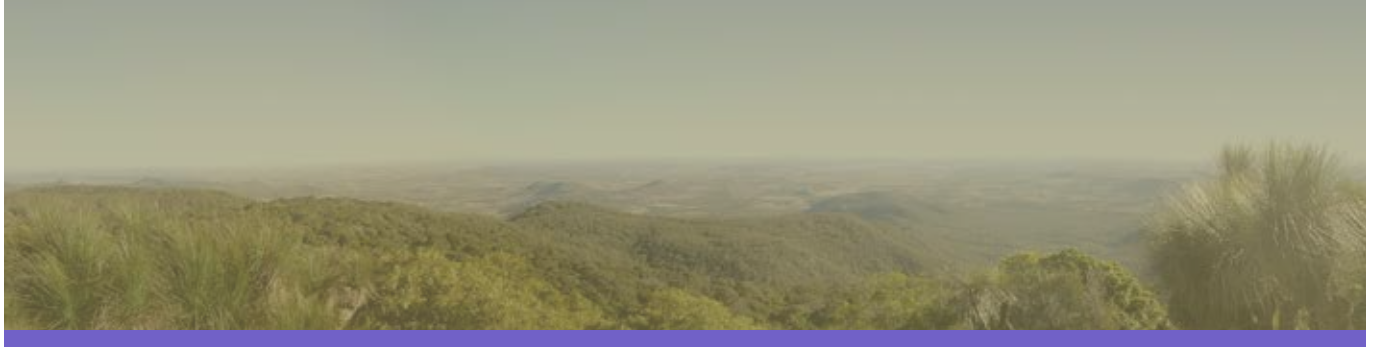
Branch. Annie and Georgina were the subsequent children, followed by Robert William, the first son who was born in 1880.²² Another two daughters, Ethel and Isabella, followed before the last child and second son, Thomas James Porter, my grandfather. Tom, as he was known, was born on 7 August 1888.²³ There was a family rumour that another daughter Maud died on *Elgin Vale*. However, Maud's existence cannot be substantiated. In particular, there is no record at the Queensland Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages. Robert was a dedicated Freemason and was one of the earliest members of the local Beauaraba Lodge, which commenced in Pittsworth in 1893. Robert became a Master Mason in the Grand Lodge of Scotland in 1899.²⁴ Because of Robert's prominence in the Freemasons, he was accorded a Masonic Funeral.²⁵ His photo was displayed in the local lodge and is now held by one of his great-granddaughters. Robert died of heart disease and pleurisy on 27 July 1912, almost exactly five years before his wife died. He was buried in the Pittsworth Cemetery two days later.²⁶ His wife and seven children survived him but daughter Annie Ennis died in 1908.²⁷

In September 1873, Robert paid £9/16/- for his new property. Four pounds of this payment was the initial year's rent, the remainder being the survey fee. (It appears that the authorities were not very concerned about his failure with his earlier selection at Logan.) He continued to pay the rents on *Hawthorn*, and, in August 1885, ten years after selecting it, Robert applied to purchase the land. He had already paid £60 on rent and now paid the balance of £1/12/6 to acquire ownership.¹⁶

Robert also invested in land. He selected 4,313 acres of mountainous grassland north-east of Nanango, previously part of the *Gallangowan* Run. This property became *Elgin Vale*. Here, Robert built a house and a sawmill. Although he and his family did not reside on the property, Robert occasionally visited and ran stock between *Elgin Vale* and *Hawthorn*. Robert disposed of *Elgin Vale* around 1900.¹⁷ When Robert died in 1912, he held 642 acres of Queensland land.¹⁸

The two children noted in the official file as living on *Hawthorn* were Mary and Margaret. Both were born on the property. When an inspector visited the property, Mary was aged two years and seven months, and Margaret was about 14 months old.¹⁹ Margaret was probably named after Annie's mother, Margaret Davidson. Like her husband Robert, Annie came to Queensland as a child. She arrived in Moreton Bay in 1854 on the *Genghis Khan* from Liverpool with her parents and six siblings. She was five years old and was born in Paisley, Renfrewshire, Scotland, although the

While Robert was involved in Freemasonry, Annie was busy undertaking the 'arduous duties of a pioneer's wife'. In modern language, this means that she had a hard life as a wife and mother when the family selected and then settled on *Hawthorn*. She must have succeeded as she was known for her hospitality.²⁸ After Robert died in 1912, Annie moved to Murray Street, Pittsworth and lived



next door to her daughter Isabella who was married to William Archibald 'Archie' Trott. She became involved in the Red Cross and other patriotic groups in Pittsworth as the First World War mobilised women to contribute their voluntary services to supporting the Australian forces.²⁹

Annie died on 28 July 1917 at Isabella's residence in Murray Street, Pittsworth. Although she survived the surgery in Toowoomba, she did not live much longer. She died of cancer and was buried in the Pittsworth Cemetery the next day.³⁰

Robert left *Hawthorn* jointly to his widow and his youngest child, Thomas James Porter. His estate was valued at £6,703 and included *Hawthorn* and land in Pittsworth and Nanango.³¹ On his mother's death, Thomas became the sole proprietor of *Hawthorn*.³²

Robert and Annie were successful immigrants to Queensland. They owned land, married, raised a family, and were respected in their local community and on the Darling Downs. Did their lives meet their dreams? Over one hundred and seventy years later, we can see that they certainly improved on what their lives in urban Perth would have been.

¹⁵ 'Death of an Old Pioneer', *Toowoomba Chronicle*, 30 July 1912, p. 7, col. 3.

¹⁶ Lands Department, Land Selection 966, Porter, Robert, ITM59147, Queensland State Archives (QSA).

¹⁷ Selection file, Porter, Robert, ITM ID 54126, QSA.

¹⁸ Supreme Court of Queensland, Southern Division, Ecclesiastical file for Porter, Robert, Book 9 of 642, ITM ID 2817996, QSA.

¹⁹ Birth Certificate for Mary Porter, born 7 Jan 1873, District of Toowoomba, Queensland Births, Deaths, Marriages (QBDM). Birth Certificate for Margaret Porter, born 6 June 1874, District of Toowoomba, QBDM, 1874/C/4161.

²⁰ *Genghis Khan*, 'Register of Passengers on Immigrant Ships Arriving in Queensland from 1848-1868', Series 13086, Item ID 18474, QSA; Scotlandspeople, Ann Scott Davidson, Old Parochial Registers (OPR), born 28 March 1849, Paisley Abbey, O.P.R. Births 559/00 070 0427 Abbey, <https://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk>, accessed 2 November 2010.

²¹ Selection file, Davidson, William and Davidson, William Jnr, Toowoomba, ITM 895414, QSA.

²² Birth Index for children of Robert Porter and Annie Scott Davidson, born various dates, QBDM.

²³ Birth Certificate for Thomas James Porter, born 7 August 1888, Darling Downs Central District, QBDM, 1888/C/2632.

²⁴ Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Scotland, Robert Porter, copy, original was in possession of Val Lindenberg.

²⁵ 'Death of an Old Pioneer', *Toowoomba Chronicle*, 30 July 1912, p. 7, col. 3.

²⁶ Death Certificate for Robert Porter, died 27 July 1912, Toowoomba District, QBDM, 1912/C/4490.

²⁷ Death Certificate for Annie Ennis, died 25 July 1908, Toowoomba District, QBDM, 1908/C/3719.

²⁸ 'Social', *Brisbane Courier*, 31 July 1917, p. 9, col. 2;

²⁹ *Ibid.*

³⁰ Death Certificate for Annie Scott Porter, died 28 July 1917, Toowoomba District, QBDM, 1917/C/3489.

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James Reibey Atkinson

DESCENDANT OF A PIONEERING CONVICT

Pauline Williams (GSQ blog on 7 August 2023)

It seems a long time since I contributed to the GSQ blog and thought I'd use this post as a catch up with things I've done since my previous one. I mentioned earlier this year that, together with a group of others, we researched descendants of Mary Reibey, whose image appears on the Australian \$20 note. Mary (Molly) Haydock was only young when she was transported to New South Wales, and it was there she married Thomas Reibey in September 1794.



Together they had seven children and over the following years she developed into an astute and wealthy businesswoman. Many of their descendants became well-known in the colonies and overseas. I often find that the convicts whose lives and futures I've researched present a fascinating story and an insight into colonial Australia. Their transportation has often led to opportunities which would not have been open to them in their homeland. A few weeks ago, I discovered that an Australian author has researched and published a book on Mary's life. Having not yet read Grantlee Keiza's book, *The Remarkable Mrs Reibey*, I decided not to write about her, but to share the research that I did on one of Mary and Thomas's grandsons.

James Reibey Atkinson was the eighth child and third son of Jane Penelope Atkinson, one of Mary and Thomas' daughters. Jane married John Atkinson,

a merchant and auctioneer in Sydney. Initially the couple lived on one of Mary Reibey's properties in Wilberforce, NSW, before relocating to Launceston in Tasmania around 1834. They had at least 11 children, some of whom died in infancy. There is a delightful portrait of Jane from 1828, which I located at the Portrait Detective at <https://www.portraitdetective.com.au/1828-mrs-jane-penelope-atkinson/>. The original of this miniature is held in the collection of the State Library of New South Wales (<https://archival.sl.nsw.gov.au/Details/archive/110322249>)

The Atkinson family became well-established in Launceston, Tasmania and James was born there in 1841. He was described in various newspaper articles as the son of one of the early pioneers of New South Wales. Educated in Christ College, Bishopsbourne in Tasmania, he excelled at a number of sports, including cricket, rowing, rifle shooting, and football, i.e., Australian rules. He developed skills in rifle shooting as a member of the Launceston Volunteer Artillery. As a footballer, he was later recorded as a member of the Ipswich team in the first match played between Ipswich and Brisbane in 1870.

James trained as a surveyor and he first married Henrietta Agnes Garrett in Tamar, Tasmania; they had three children together. Unlike many members of his extended family, he did not remain in Tasmania, but took up employment in Queensland, arriving in 1862. It is recorded in a later profile and obituary that 'he made himself very popular with the early residents of the metropolis'. James was attracted to Queensland and was an advocate for the construction of a railway system from Ipswich to the Darling Downs. He was one of a number of surveyors who were appointed to mark out the permanent railway track from Ipswich to Dalby in 1865. He worked as



Jane Penelope Atkinson, ca 1828, from the collections of the State Library of New South Wales, [a3217002/MIN54]



surveyor on the staff of Chief Engineer of the Southern and Western Railways in the Public Lands Department, and three years later was appointed as a draftsman.

James' wife Henrietta died in 1873, and it is possible that her sister came to Queensland to help him with his young family. James then married this sister, Sarah Margaret Augusta Garrett in South Yarra, Victoria in 1876. The two women were daughters of the Reverend James Garrett of West Tamar in Tasmania. James and Augusta had seven children together.

Although James did not stay in Tasmania, many articles and family notices appearing in the Queensland newspapers were copied to those in Launceston where his family was well-known. As work on the railway network declined, James was retrenched from the Lands Department in 1902. The notice in *The Week (Brisbane)* of 16 May 1902 reads: 'LANDS DEPARTMENT. The Governor in Council is pleased to dispense with the services of the following officials as from June 20 next.' It was interesting to note that one of the other officers 'dispensed with' was Mr Donald Sydney Thistlewaite, who was James' lifelong friend. James and Donald went into practice together in Ipswich after they left the Lands Department, continuing extensive survey work in Queensland. In his working life as surveyor, James travelled the length and breadth of Queensland from Tweed Heads to Cape York. As well, he did a great deal of marine work on the Queensland coast from Moreton Bay to Thursday Island. He also surveyed several collieries in the West Moreton zone.

An extensive obituary for James Reibey Atkinson appeared in the *Queensland Times* following his death in September 1919. This obituary drew mainly on a profile of him, which had been published in 1914, where the author extolled James' sporting prowess across a range of sports. As well as his sporting achievements, James also had literary interests and was one of a group who produced the *Ipswich Punch* between 1866 and 1867. The *Ipswich Punch* was an illustrated magazine that contained many skits on topical events and caricatures of prominent people of the 1860s. It was an offshoot of the School of Arts.



Henrietta & James Reibey Atkinson grave at Ipswich General Cemetery. <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/157250488/james-reiby-atkinson>

A devoted member of St Paul's Anglican Church, James frequently acted as lay reader. He also conducted afternoon services at the Anglican Church at Pine Mountain and elsewhere. He was regarded as kindly with a genial disposition. The *Queensland Times* proved a goldmine of information about James and his family, with stories and family notices also published in the *Launceston Advertiser* and *Launceston Examiner*.

James resided mainly in East Ipswich and several properties are recorded in family notices that appeared in the newspaper. After a full life he died of heart failure on 3 September 1919, aged 78 years. He was survived by his widow and nine members of his family,

four daughters and five sons. The obituary published in 1919 noted that two of James' sons, Noel and Clare, had both fought in World War One. Noel had been wounded at Gallipoli and invalided home. Both sons followed in their father's footsteps: Noel as a draftsman and Clare as a railway engineer. James was buried alongside his first wife Henrietta in a Pioneer plot at the Ipswich General Cemetery. It was notable that Donald Thistlewaite, his life-long friend, and work colleague, was present at the funeral.

James was not the only descendant of convict Mary Reibey who established himself as a pillar of society. Mary and several other family members travelled back and forth between Australia and England. Another descendant, Thomas Haydock Reibey, was a clergyman and politician and served as Premier of Tasmania. This family certainly left its convict heritage behind.

It will be interesting to read the new book about Mary which should shed more light on how she became so successful that she was deemed an appropriate pioneer to appear on the \$20 note.

FOCUS ON

In each issue of *Generation* we will focus on one of GSO's Special Interest Groups. For the dates and times that each of the Special Interest Groups meet, mostly every second month, check out the GSO website or the dates elsewhere in *Generation*.

GSO SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS FAMILY HISTORY TECHNOLOGY



The Family Tree Maker and Legacy Groups have been amalgamated into one Special Interest Group, now known as the 'Family History Technology Special Interest Group'.

This group is only open to GSO members. The Family History Technology Group will meet on the second Sunday of every odd month, at 10am - 12pm. Meetings at GSO will be subject to COVID19 Government Restrictions, and some meetings will be via Zoom.

The new group gives opportunities to look at many other technologies that may help to preserve and publish your family history data.

These may include but are not limited to:

- File management and storage
- E-publishing
- Setting up a Family History website.

Should you have any questions or concerns, or to be added to the mailing list, please email the convenor, Graeme Moulton, on fhtech@gsq.org.au.

Sources

Cyndi's List - A comprehensive, categorized & cross-referenced list of links that point you to genealogical research sites online. For the category listing software and apps, see <https://www.cyndislist.com/software/>.

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- Legacy Family Tree - <https://legacyfamilytree.com/>
- Family Historian - <https://www.family-historian.co.uk/>
- RootsMagic - <https://www.rootsmagic.com/>

Charting Software:

- Charting Companion - <https://progenygenealogy.com/products/family-tree-charts/>
- Canva - <https://www.canva.com/graphs/family-trees/>

GSO Special Interest Groups • e-News

The Genealogical Society of Queensland publishes a monthly electronic newsletter about Society news and upcoming events, including information on the activities of all our Special Interest Groups. The newsletter also has

information about new sources, education, technology, and other news of interest to family historians.

All are welcome to download and read it. See e-News at: <https://www.gsq.org.au/what-gsq-offers/enews/>

101 BEST WEBSITES

Family Tree Magazine

With so many genealogy websites available for your family history quest, how do you know which sites

are the best? Leave it to our genealogy experts! We constantly scour the web for great resources, and once a year, whittle those down to our annual list of the 101 Best Genealogy Websites. Here, we've compiled our picks into a handy directory that makes it easy to find the top sites for your family history goals: Just choose the category that matches your interests to see the best sites to visit. See their website at: <https://www.familytreemagazine.com/best-genealogy-websites/>

Event Report

AI AND FAMILY HISTORY



possible pitfalls of using Artificial Intelligence (AI) for family history.

Andrew began with the background to AI, which is defined by the *Oxford Dictionary* as 'The theory and development of computer systems able to perform tasks normally requiring human intelligence, such as visual perception, speech recognition, decision-making, and translation between languages.' AI has become a catchall term for applications that perform complex tasks that once required human input.

AI is not new but has been around for several years in everyday life and has been used in family history applications to match DNA results, provide hints, and advise of new records available. Humans need to be involved to correct errors.

On 7 October, GSQ had a presentation by Andrew Redfern, a member of the Society of Australian Genealogists, on the potential and

possible pitfalls of using Artificial Intelligence (AI) for family history.

Andrew then introduced ChatGPT (Generative, Pre-trained, Transformer), an interactive application which can be used for writing biographies with information from sources you know to be correct; and organizing DNA matches. A very comprehensive demonstration followed, with a discussion of some principles for its use. Andrew discussed the creation of prompts for entering chats into the system, under the headings of Roles, Tasks, Formats, and Restrictions, which need to be refined until you get the result that you want. He also discussed the issue of bias which may produce distorted results due to erroneous assumptions, as well as privacy and security concerns.

Andrew then discussed a couple of alternatives to ChatGPT, including Perplexity, and Transkribus, a free application which can be used for transcribing old handwritten documents. He then briefly demonstrated image generators developed by MyHeritage.

A number of factors can be used in evaluating AI, which Andrew listed. He finished by discussing some resources for more information, followed by a Q&A session.

All in all, an interesting, and very relevant, presentation.



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Our GSQ Facebook page is continuing to draw in both members and non-members. If you're a member of Facebook, then you can search for GSQ Genealogical Society of Queensland in the search box and our page will come up. Or click the Facebook icon on our home page. Ticking 'Like' on that page will ensure that our posts feed into your Facebook.

GSQFB is a private group, so only members of the group can see what you post. Here you can ask questions,

share your genie successes and frustrations. You don't need to be a GSQ member to join the group.

If you have any questions about the GSQFB Group, then please email Rhoda Copeland on gsqfbgroup@gsq.org.au. To join the group, click on the link below and answer THREE questions. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/548139069596908>



QUEENSLAND TOWNS

• GYMPIE

WHERE OUR FAMILIES LIVED



James Nash 1868

Gympie is a town on the Mary River, about 170 km north of Brisbane. The area was part of the land of the *Gubbi Gubbi* people. The first European settlers in the area were graziers in the Widgee pastoral district.

In 1867, James Nash carried out some casual prospecting while journeying from Nanango to Gladstone, finding alluvial gold in a gully known as Nash's Gully and later in a small watercourse known by pastoral employees and cedar cutters as Gympie Creek. The rush that followed established a settlement originally called Nashville, but later formalised as Gympie in 1868. The name is derived from a *Gubbi Gubbi* word *gimpi-gimpi* for a stinging tree found along the Mary River.

Gympie is known as the 'town that saved Queensland'. In 1859, Queensland separated from NSW, but, by 1867, it was facing bankruptcy. In an attempt to raise additional funds, the Government offered a reward of £3000 to anyone who found gold. After James Nash found gold at Gympie, he registered his find, and the rush was on! However, Nash only got £1000 of the promised reward. But the gold discovery did save the economy of Queensland.



Mary St. Gympie 1868

Extensive gold mining in Gympie ceased in 1912, when the population halved. The town became a centre for

agriculture, dairying, and timber, as well as tourism. The Gympie Gold Mining & Historical Museum houses a vast collection of documentation, artifacts and photographs

relating to this area, such as the people, the place, and the community, dating from the discovery of gold by James Nash in October 1867. The museum complex also has the home of Andrew Fisher, Australia's second Prime Minister. The Gold Rush Festival, held in October each year, celebrates gold discovery. The Gympie Music Muster is held in August, a major event on the country music calendar. If Gympie claims to be Queensland's home of country music, perhaps it should have retained its original name, Nashville!



The Gympie flood 1873

The Mary River at Gympie has been subject to floods through much of the town's history. In 1893, the river peaked at 25.5 metres, but there have been many more moderate floods. Much of the town's central business area was flooded in January 2011, with a peak of 19.24 metres, the twelfth highest since records were kept.

Local government in the region has changed over time. In the 2008 amalgamation, the shires of Cooloola (including the city of Gympie and the shires of Widgee) were amalgamated with the Shire of Kilkivan and part of Tiaro Shire to form the Gympie Region, with a population of over 50,000, half of whom lived in the town of Gympie, the council seat.

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SHORT Tales

Jennifer Lentell

JAMES GRANT, TEXIAN

My three times great grandfather, James Grant, lived an interesting, if short life, and was described as a bit of a rogue. He was born on 28 July 1793 in Killearnan Parish, Ross & Cromarty, Scotland, the son of William Grant and Christian Bannatyne.

James attended medical school in Edinburgh and, in 1812, he joined the East India Company in London and, due to family influence, was appointed as surgeon on one of the Company's ships. Before leaving on his first voyage, he married Margaret Urquhart, daughter of Captain John Urquhart of the Company. James and Margaret had three children, including my ancestor, Jamesina, born in 1820.

James made three voyages to India and China in different ships, including the *Thomas Coutts*. Like most of his comrades in the Company, he did a little trading of his own, resulting in a respectable fortune. He returned to Scotland for a brief time and was then commissioned as surgeon to an army unit in the Caribbean island of St Vincent. On returning to London in June 1824, he was Assistant Surgeon at the Royal Military Asylum for Children at Chelsea.

On leaving this position he got a good report and in March 1825, he received a dual appointment as medical

officer to the Real del Monte mining company and as physician to the British diplomatic mission in Mexico. He purchased an estate in Coahuila, Mexico, which became part of the Republic of Texas and, in 1845, a state of the USA. James was involved in politics, being a member of the local legislature. Known as Don Diego Grant, he was also *Jefe de Armas* (commander of the local military police). By this time, his marriage in Britain had broken down; and in Mexico he began a relationship with Guadalupe Reyes, with whom he had seven children. By the early 1830s, he had become a citizen of Mexico.

In early 1835, James Grant and other legislators, calling themselves Texians, attempted to form a breakaway republic in northern Mexico, which would eventually become Texas. They were forced to flee from a Mexican army sent to break up the legislature. James, as colonel of militia, was required to take the field against overwhelming force.

Dr. James Grant played a role in the Texan Revolution against Mexico and died at the battle of Agua Dulce Creek on the 2 March 1836, when he was stabbed in the back by a Mexican lancer. He was 42 years old. The battle was not as well-known as the siege at the Alamo but, even though the rebels lost both battles, was still important to the eventual success of the rebellion of the Republic of Texas against Mexico, and significant in Texas history.

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Thomas Coutts



A QUIRKY UPDATE

Anne Pollitt

I'm delighted to report that Mrs. Margaret Cherry nee Quirk is no longer quite the mystery mentioned in the article in the September 2023 *Generation*. Her birthplace, parents, siblings, and maternal grandparents now have names.

These key details have been discovered through a combination of DNA and wills.

Assuming, with fingers crossed, that Margaret's age in the 1851 census and in her death certificate in 1853 were given correctly, I was able to find two 'most likely' candidates for her baptism, one in 1798 and one in 1799. One set of parents was named William Quirk and Margaret Woods of Braddan, and the other set was John Quirk and Nancy Crain of the parish of Patrick. I drew up charts showing the baptisms of children of the two sets of parents. Of the second couple, the mother of most was named as Ann Crain and of some as Nancy Crain. Nancy is a familial form of Ann.

My DNA matches include dozens of people in the US who are descended from a Thomas Quirk and Mary Ann Cowley. When I found their marriage record in Liverpool, lo and behold, one of the witnesses was Richard Cherry, Margaret's husband. Maybe Thomas Quirk was my Margaret's brother. The trees of those DNA matches have Thomas's birth in 1803, but databases contain no record for a Thomas born about 1803 with the same parents as my Margaret. A look at images of the Patrick register of baptisms revealed that any page or pages for 1803 were missing, explaining why Thomas's baptism does not appear in databases.

But all was not lost, as I looked through summaries of wills in the Manx Note Book site (Bless you, Frances Coakley!) and found a Margaret and a Thomas mentioned in the will of an Ann Quirk also Crain. Ann Quirk nee Crain named a sister as well as six children, including the married name of one of her daughters. More research in birth and marriage databases revealed the details of the married daughter, Ann Creer, and of Ann Quirk nee Crain's married sister, Margaret Wade, as named in the will. This enabled me to discover the names of the parents of Ann Quirk nee Crain and of her sister.

I wanted to be sure that the Margaret and Thomas Quirk who certainly appear to be siblings actually belong to the same family as the other people I'd found – after all,

Quirk is a very common name on Man, as are Margaret and Thomas common names, and I wanted to be sure it wasn't some random Margaret and Thomas Quirk. To do that I hoped to find DNA matches among descendants of Ann Creer nee Quirk, the sister of my Margaret and Thomas. 'Shared matches' gave me a possible Creer descendant. Fortunately, she had a tree in her DNA account. A tiny tree, consisting of only three names, two of them Private, but the third name told me that yes! this woman was descended from Mrs. Ann Creer.

The will of Mrs. Ann Quirk nee Crain provided the information that my Margaret was eleven when her mother died. Ann bequeathed to Margaret a feather bed and bedding, half her clothes, a quantity of flax, a gold ring, and £50 that she was to receive when she turned twenty. Maybe that legacy later allowed her to travel to Liverpool where she met and married Richard Cherry.

Manx wills have been filmed by FamilySearch but are not indexed. Summaries of many wills are available on Manx Note Book and you might be lucky. Find the film number on the Isle of Man family History Society website, http://www.iomfhs.im/resources/wills/Index_A-Z.html Paste the film number into the FamilySearch website under the Catalogue heading, and then click in Film/Fiche/Images Group Number, <https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog> There could be hundreds of pages to scan through – it took me several hours to find the one I wanted.

Further research unearthed some more stories. One was that when Thomas Quirk sailed to the US and intended to move inland to Utah, he'd heard stories of people dying along the way and being crudely buried alongside the track. The thought of that befalling himself or his wife or daughters bothered him, so he bought a coffin to take along, just in case. Fortunately, it wasn't needed during the trek to Utah, so he kept it under his bed in readiness for the next twenty years.

A son of Mrs. Ann Creer nee Quirk migrated to NSW and lived in Newcastle. This Joseph Creer was a member of the NSW Legislative Assembly at the very same time as my great-grandfather, a son of Margaret Cherry nee Quirk. Did these two men sitting on opposite sides of the House, one a Protectionist and one a Free Trader, realise that they were first cousins?

Pedigree Charts



Over many years, GSQ members have donated pedigree charts which cover at least five generations of their family.

Pedigree Charts are available for members to access, with chart numbers recorded, corresponding with

the numbers noted on the folder containing the chart and on the chart itself. An * recorded in the number

field, indicates the chart is filed elsewhere (ask at the desk for access).

A small number of charts are obscure in their presentation, rendering them too difficult to record with any degree of accuracy. No responsibility is assumed by the compilers for the accuracy contained in any of the Pedigree Charts used in the compilation of this index.

NOTE: When you find the required entry, please note the "Reference". This Reference can be used at the GSQ Resource Centre to find additional details about the individual.

FEATURED SOURCE • NEWS & TOOLS

The National Archives



The National Archives (TNA) is the official archive of the UK Government for England and Wales; and guardian of some of the nation's most iconic documents, dating back more than 1,000 years.

There are separate

national archives for Scotland and Northern Ireland. TNA is based in Kew in the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames in south-west London.

Their online catalogue, Discovery, holds more than 32 million descriptions of records held by The National Archives and more than 2,500 archives across the country. Over nine million records are available for download. You can search the detailed descriptions of the records at the web page <https://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/>. You can also find the details of a UK archive from their searchable list of over 2,500 archives, which enables you to browse or search the website of other archives directly.

TNA has an extensive series of research guides which

can help you uncover the history of a place, a person, or explore a historical subject. Each guide tells you where you can find, access, and understand the relevant records. Out of a total of 353 research guides, 154 are available for family history to help researchers use a wide range of records to trace their ancestors.

For example, the research guide for census records explains why the census was taken and how to access the historical censuses from 1841 to 1921 for England and Wales, as well as the Channel Islands, Isle of Man, and, for selected censuses, vessels in ports, the British Army and RAF overseas. The guide also gives information on accessing census returns for Scotland and Ireland. The guide contains some common terms, abbreviations, and conventions used in the census, and explains how to use the information in the census returns. It also explains why you can't find your ancestor in the census!

The TNA website also contains interesting articles on various aspects of British history. Have a browse around the site. You never know what you might find.



How to book

Calendar of events

GSQ web site:

Go to www.gsq.org.au and select Events

Use the Events Calendar to find the event and then select the number and type of ticket (Member/Non-Member).

Add your event to the Cart and proceed to the Checkout page adding in all details and selecting the payment type.

In person:

Come into GSQ and have a library assistant help you fill out the online registration form for your chosen event.

By post:

Post in a cheque nominating the event for which you wish to book. The cheque must be received by GSQ at least 5 days prior to the event.

By phone:

Telephone GSQ on 07 3349 6072 during opening hours for EFTPOS credit card payments.

Payment types

Credit card:

Can be used online, in person at GSQ or via telephone.

Direct Bank Transfer: Transfer the funds to GSQ using GSQ's bank details provided at the time of booking. Payment must have been received at least 2 days prior to the event.

Cash: In person at GSQ

Cheque: By post or in person at GSQ

Once payment has been confirmed, a ticket will be emailed to you. If you do not have an email address, it can be posted or provided to you on the day of the event.

Remember

For most courses, bookings are essential, especially for computer courses as these are limited to 10 attendees.

Also, please note that the GSQ education program is prepared many months in advance. Occasionally, changes need to be made due to circumstances which are out of GSQ's control.

Please check the GSQ website www.gsq.org.au/gsq-events/ for up-to-date information and for booking to attend sessions.

Date	Day	Event + Special Interest Groups [SIG]	Time
January 2024			
7	Sun	Scottish Group	10am
14	Sun	Family History Technology SIG	10am
20	Sat	Course – Fundamentals of Family History: Session 1	1pm
21	Sun	DNA SIG	9:30am
21	Sun	Scandinavian SIG	1pm
28	Sun	German Group	10:15am
31	Wed	DNA Clinic	7pm
February 2024			
3	Sat	Presentation – DNA Case Studies: Resolving Genealogical Mysteries	9am
3	Sat	Course – Fundamentals of Family History: Session 2	1pm
4	Sun	English/Irish Group	10am
10	Sat	Course – Fundamentals of Family History: Session 3	1pm
11	Sun	Colonial & Convict Connections	10am
15	Thurs	Mini Seminar – Ulster Historical Foundation	9am
18	Sun	Writing SIG	10am
25	Sun	DNA SIG	9:30am
March 2024			
2	Sat	Presentation – British Newspaper Archive	9am
3	Sun	Scottish Group	10am
10	Sun	Family History Technology SIG	10am
16	Sat	Presentation – Researching Italian Ancestors	9am
17	Sun	DNA SIG	9:30am
17	Sun	Scandinavian SIG	1pm
23	Sat	Presentation – Scandinavian and Ancient Genealogy	9am
31	Sun	German Group	10:15am



• **Events and Special Interest Group Meetings are held at GSQ:**
25 Stackpole Street, Wishart, Qld. (Current restrictions considered)

Due to unforeseen circumstances, some of these events may be cancelled or re-scheduled. **Please check GSQ's website for up-to-date information on the education program.**

EDUCATION PROGRAM 2024

WATCH THE GSQ WEBSITE OR E-NEWS FOR INFORMATION ON DATES, LOCATIONS AND TOPICS AS THEY MAY CHANGE.

ALL paid events need to be booked online via the GSQ web site.

January – March

Course (Virtual platform)

Fundamentals of Family History

WHEN: Three sessions

Saturday 20 Jan, 3 Feb, 10 Feb @ 1pm – 3pm AEST

PRESENTER: Various

COST: Early bird (30/12/23): \$70 Members \$85 Non-members
Full: \$80 Members \$95 Non-members

Presentation (Virtual platform)

DNA Case Studies: Resolving Genealogical Mysteries

WHEN: Saturday 3 February @ 9am – 11am AEST

PRESENTER: Helen Smith

COST: \$20 Members \$30 Non-members

Mini Seminar (GSQ & Virtual platform)

Ulster Historical Foundation

WHEN: Thursday 15 February @ 9am – 1pm AEST

PRESENTER: Fintan Mullan & Gillian Hunt

COST: Early bird (11/12/23): \$40 Members \$50 Non-members
Full: \$50 Members \$60 Non-members

Presentation (Virtual platform)

British Newspaper Archive

WHEN: Saturday 2 March @ 9am – 11am AEST

PRESENTER: Sue Reid

COST: \$20 Members \$30 Non-members

Presentation (Virtual platform)

Researching Italian Ancestors

WHEN: Saturday 16 March @ 9am – 11am AEST

PRESENTER: Charlotte Sale

COST: \$20 Members \$30 Non-members

Presentation (Virtual platform)

Scandinavian and Ancient Genealogy

WHEN: Saturday 23 March @ 9am – 11am AEST

PRESENTER: Steinar Johansen

COST: \$20 Members \$30 Non-members

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Events and presentations

Finding your Queensland Country Women's Association History

Presenter: Jeni Bush

When: Friday, 9 Feb 2024 -10:00pm -11:30pm AEST

Where: Online

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Presenter: Ann Larkham

When: Thurs, 7 March 2024 -7:00pm - 8:30pm AEST

Where: Online

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SIG Meeting Dates 2024

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Colonial & Convict Connections • 10:00am – 2:30pm



11 February, 14 April, 9 June, 11 August,
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• *Second Sunday, even numbered months*

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28 January, 31 March, 26 May, 28 July,
29 September, 24 November
• *Last Sunday, odd numbered months*

DNA Group • 9:30am – 12:00pm (2:30pm even months)



21 January, 25 February, 17 March, 28 April,
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• *odd months 3rd Sunday, even months 4th Sunday*

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21 January, 17 March, 19 May, 21 July,
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Scottish Group • 10:00am – 2:30pm



7 January, 3 March, 5 May, 7 July,
1 September, 3 November
• *First Sunday, odd numbered months*

Writing Group • 10:00am – 2:00pm



18 February, 21 April, 16 June, 18 August,
20 October
• *Third Sunday, even numbered months*

Family History Technology Group • 10:00am – 12:00pm



14 January, 10 March, 12 May, 14 July,
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• *Second Sunday, odd numbered months*

*Our Special Interest Groups hold meetings at GSQ, 25 Stackpole Street, Wishart or online via Zoom.
Members of GSQ are welcome to attend.*



GSQ MEETINGS



Following the COVID-19 pandemic, GSQ has instituted a number of virtual meetings using Zoom. These meetings provide support for members' research, and discussion about resources available and interesting topics.

Check the Events Calendar on the GSQ website for further information and confirmation.



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Irish Mini Seminar with Ulster Historical Foundation



Program

- *Using landed estate records: tracing families in the 18th & 19th century.*
- *Using the Registry of Deeds: an important source for 18th century research.*
- *Newspapers as a source for Irish research.*
- *The Ulster Plantation and sources for finding 17th century families in Ireland (not just Ulster).*
- *All sessions will be recorded and available for three weeks after 2 March to registered attendees.*

About the UHF

Ulster Historical Foundation has been helping people to trace their Irish and Ulster ancestors for 65+ years, and is one of the most experienced, long established and highly reputable organisations in Ireland in the field of Irish family history.

Staff from the Ulster Historical Foundation – Fintan Mullan and Gillian Hunt will present a seminar on Irish and Scots-Irish genealogy for beginners and active family historians.

Bookings & payment

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GSQ Event Report



SCOTLAND – HERE WE COME!

On Saturday, 23 September, GSQ held a Scottish seminar, via Zoom, with over 60 participants, including the presenters. Some of the attendees were from overseas, as well as interstate.

Professional genealogist Chris Paton started the afternoon off with an overview of records and resources online. He discussed church records, civil registration, censuses, land records, and inheritance processes. Chris highlighted the long list of websites which can help researchers better understand their Scottish heritage and find records to help solve those family mysteries.

Brian Donovan from Findmypast (FMP) then gave an overview of Scottish records found in the 350 record sets listed on FMP, covering a wide variety of records, transcriptions, and indexes. Many records come from partner societies such as GSQ. FMP has a strategic partnership with the British Library which enables them to digitize newspapers, so useful for family historians.

Few things have shaped the image of Scotland as much as events of the 1700s and 1800s. **Lorna Steele-McGinn of the Highland Archive Service** (<https://www.highlifehighland.com/archives-service/>) discussed the Jacobite Risings, the Highland Clearances, and the waves of emigration that followed. Lorna displayed emotive examples of documents showing the effect of emigration on families and photographs of abandoned villages following the Clearances.

Genealogist Emma Maxwell gave a presentation on locating Scottish burial records, both before and after the beginning of civil registration of deaths in 1855. She began by reviewing sources for burials and discussing what information can be found on those records, including gravestones, internment registers,



lair registers, and, before 1855, old parish registers (OPRs), kirk sessions, and newspapers. Emma talked about the list of over 3500 burial grounds on the website of the Scottish Association of Family History Societies at <https://www.safhs.org.uk/burialgrounds.php>.

Convenor of GSQ's Scottish SIG, Alistair Henderson discussed Scottish deeds, a rarely used source, but containing information from all levels of

Scottish society, and sometimes the only reference to a missing ancestor. Alistair defined what deeds are, listed the courts who kept the deeds, and outlined the types of deeds and what useful content was available within the documents. He also discussed finding aids and what information is available for searching online.

Laragh Quinney of the National Library of Scotland provided an introduction to the extensive collection of over two million maps held by the Library. She discussed different categories of historic Scottish maps, their background, and the information they can provide for researchers. Laragh then demonstrated the impressive website, with tips on finding, viewing, and comparing different historic maps. Laragh also provided a link to an overview of the Library's collection of guides for family historians researching Scottish ancestors at <https://www.nls.uk/family-history/>.

All presenters, including those whose presentations had been recorded, took part in a live Question and Answer session, with questions provided by the participants. Thanks to all the organisers and presenters for a varied and interesting program, which gave a thorough overview of resources available to family history researchers in the Scottish diaspora throughout the world.



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Pioneers of Clermont

The Mackintosh and Bryant Families

Jennifer Lentell

Clermont is a rural town approximately 380 km north-west of Rockhampton. The discovery of gold in 1861 was responsible for the establishment of the town, which was named after the French town of Clermont-Ferrand. My ancestors arrived in the town in 1862 and several generations have lived there until my family moved to Rockhampton in 1952 for my mother's health.

My two times great grandmother, Jamesina Grant was born on the 12 March 1820 and baptized in the Parish of Killearnan, Ross & Cromarty. She was the daughter of Dr. James Grant and Margaret Urquhart. You can read his story on page 16 of this issue of Generation. He deserted his family in Scotland and became involved in the Texas rebellion against Mexico and was killed in March 1836 at Agua Dulce Creek, Texas. He made provision in his will for his daughter Jamesina but dispute about his will went on for 20 years. Jamesina was prohibited in the will from living with her mother and she could not marry without the consent of her uncle or another male relative.

Jamesina became a school mistress working at a private school in Inverness. She had an illegitimate child to John Arthur Mackintosh. The child, called Edward Ewing Mackintosh, was born on 9 July 1846. She married John Mackintosh on 14 December 1852 at Drumnadrochit, Inverness. The family sailed for Melbourne, Victoria on the ship Persia shortly after, perhaps attracted by the discovery of gold in 1851. In 1855, John and Jamesina started a school for the Presbyterian Church at Bellarine on the Great Ocean Road near Geelong. They operated the school until about 1860 when they left to travel overland to Queensland.



Arthur and Catherine Mackintosh

John, Jamesina, and Edward arrived in Clermont in the year 1862 after travelling overland from Victoria. What a shock they would have got to see some of the tin sheds used as houses down on the creek and the dusty old roads in the town as well as the scorching heat. Perhaps they were attracted again by the discovery of gold in 1861.

John started up a chemist shop and Jamesina, with Edward's help, bought a hotel, renaming it Macks Hotel. Both businesses did quite well. The municipal town of Clermont was proclaimed in 1867 and John Mackintosh became an alderman and, for a short time in 1869, Mayor.

John was interested in horse racing and went to the local races on New Year's Day 1870, where he had a horse entered in the Town Plate. After the race, he walked towards the scrub at the rear of the course, where his body was found the next day. In an article in the Peak Downs Telegram on 7 January, repeated in the Queenslander of 15 January, it was reported that he had passed away from 'congestive apoplexy'. He was 'a man of kindly disposition and was always ready to assist the destitute poor with food, advice, and medicine'. He was also described as 'one of the oldest residents of Clermont'.

Jamesina died 23 March 1911 in Clermont, in her 92nd year, outliving her only son, Edward. She had lost eight Infants while living in Victoria. Edward Ewing Mackintosh passed away from cancer in Clermont on 25 March 1903, aged 56, after a trip to Sydney for treatment. On 28 May 1870, Edward had married Eliza Brody, an Irish girl from County Clare. They had seven children, all born in Clermont. And they all attended the Clermont State School.



Eldest daughter Jamesina junior became a schoolteacher like her grandmother, after whom she was named, until her marriage to James Plumb, when she moved to Warwick to live. Eldest son Arthur and his wife Catherine moved to Rockhampton after the big flood in 1916 and operated a bootmaker shop on Gladstone Road. His mother Eliza Mackintosh (nee Brody) lived with them until her death in 1920. Sadly, not long after moving to Rockhampton, Arthur was repairing a tyre, and a spark went into a 44-gallon drum of methylated spirits. Arthur was badly burnt by this accident, which proved fatal.

Daughter Frances married a grazier Robert Little and moved to Littledale outside Clermont. Son Richard died at his parent's home in Clermont, aged 36, and youngest son William died in Sydney from diphtheria, aged only 22.

Son Edward had a furniture shop and an undertaker's business. When my mother Jean was in the Clermont Hospital for months on end, mum would say 'Edward (Ted) is a very nice person, but I don't like to see him coming to visit me as he seems like he is measuring me up for a box. He is always touching me to get the length of the coffin.' This is true as when my Dad and I started work in Rocky a couple of the Undertakers used to bring their cars into us and this is what happened to all of us that used to serve them. They always patted your shoulder as though they were measuring you up. I guess it is just habit.

In December 1916, a major flood occurred in Clermont, resulting in the death of over 60 people. In a police report, it was noted that the Government undertaking contractor, Carlsons, had their premises swept away and the Police Magistrate had to arrange with Edward Mackintosh, 'another undertaker' to supply coffins for the dead. Edward and family later moved to Rockhampton, where he established a shop.

My grandparents, Margaret Mackintosh and Joseph Bryant married in 1905. Joseph was born in Dalby. He worked at Barcaldine and different sheds as a shearer. Joseph only had one kidney and one eye.

Margaret and Joseph had four children - Ronald, Frederick, Claude (my father), and Margaret Rebecca. Margaret and Joseph bought a property called Wattle

Hill a few miles out of Clermont and the children had to walk to and from school.

Ronald and Claude got an apprenticeship as motor mechanics at Dobson's Motor Engineering in Clermont when they left school. After Ronald finished his apprenticeship, he left Clermont and rode to Brisbane on his push bike. Fred became a miner at the Miclere (outside of Clermont) and a butcher.



Edward and his wife and daughter

My Father Claude was born in 1910 and when he was able to get a licence, he purchased a motor bike to go to and from work. It was very noisy and used to wake up all the residents staying at the hotel. This day they were so sick of my Dad waking them up, they got buckets of water and carried them up the stairs and put them on the veranda and waited for him to turn the corner the next morning. They were going to pour all this water over him. What they did not know was Dad decided to take a different way and they were left with all the buckets of water.

In 1935, Bert Dobson decided to send Claude to manage his garage and picture theatre at Capella, a small town between Emerald and Clermont. Mum and Dad married in 1936 and lived next door to the garage. There was no electricity. We had a back yard dunny and never locked our doors. Some people would come and sleep on the veranda at the front of the house and Dad would find them there in the morning. We had the generator from the garage for lights at night for the house. My mother Jean sold the tickets for the pictures for years before she had children and she never got paid. Dad (Claude) was fed up with all the men going out at interval and urinating on the wall of the picture theatre all the time instead of going to the toilet. He decided he would do something about it. He and the fellow working with him (Wally) rigged up a couple of metal lines along the wall of the theatre and hooked it up to the generator and when the men came out and urinated on the wall, they got the biggest shock of their lives. They never did it again. It stayed there for a while.

The Purdie twins lived across the road from us, and they were devils of boys. This day when Dad was underneath a vehicle working on it, Barry got in the car and Dad did not see him. He started up the car, backed it out



and drove over the top of Dad and down the main street of Capella. The Policeman saw the car coming down the street with no driver and followed it until it stopped and got the shock of his life when he saw Barry, aged about seven or eight years old, driving this car. It was lucky Dad didn't get hurt and I can tell you Barry got into trouble from his father Colin. When we moved to Rockhampton, Barry, Brian (the other twin), and their brother Keith always came out to our house every couple of weeks from the Grammar School and went home with loads of cakes.

I started school as a four-year-old because of enrolment rules for the one teacher school. I didn't like going to school and when I came home from school at lunch time, I cried my eyes out and did not want to go back.



Joseph and Margaret Bryant

A close friend used to take me back to school.

We moved to Rockhampton in 1952 because of my mother's health as there was no nurse, hospital, or anything like that in the town. There was a Post Office, two grocery stores, railway and police station, butcher shop that my uncle used to have, and a hotel, and that was about it. Today there is a nurse there. O'Brien's and Stewart's grocery stores are gone and replaced by another one. I now live in Brisbane, but I still have my memories and anecdotes told to me of family life in Clermont. Five generations of my family have called the town home from the earliest time in its history. Pioneers indeed!



DNA Clinic

The clinic help sessions are available to all GSQ members only and will be in your home with a one-on-one virtual meeting through Zoom or GoToMeeting. The clinics are held on the 5th Wednesday of the month, and the clinics for 2024 will be on 31 January, 29 May, 31 July, and 30 October.

If you'd like to make an appointment, please email dna@gsq.org.au **by the Wednesday prior to the session**, stating you would like an appointment and set out your DNA problem.

The appointments will be for approximately 30 mins each on that Wednesday evening between the times of 7pm – 8:30pm. A virtual meeting link will be sent to you the day before the DNA Clinic with your appointed time and the name of the person who will be assisting you.



WRITERS' TIPS

30 WAYS TO SAY 'PERHAPS'

Anne Pollitt with input from Pauline Williams

Have you ever been dismayed by the experience of sharing your research with someone who subsequently shared it with someone else who passed it on to another ... until eventually it is shared back to you, and you recognise a semblance of what was originally your own work? But something you had written as 'perhaps' or 'maybe' has now become a fact (uncited of course).

It's probably impossible to stop some misinterpretation by people who failed Reading Comprehension in primary school, so the best we can do is to prominently flag those observations we write as 'perhaps'. After the experience related above, these days when I start a paragraph with 'perhaps' or a variant thereof, I sometimes conclude the paragraph with the statement, 'Note that this paragraph is speculation, not fact,' and trust that is sufficiently clear.

But as I have so many 'perhaps' and 'maybe' moments in writing about my forebears, I have drawn up a list of alternative words and phrases. In some circumstances there's a need to highlight the 'perhaps' aspect very strongly, and at other times simply to avoid the irritation of overusing the same word.

The Writing Group was tasked with identifying 30 ways to say 'perhaps'. A lively discussion

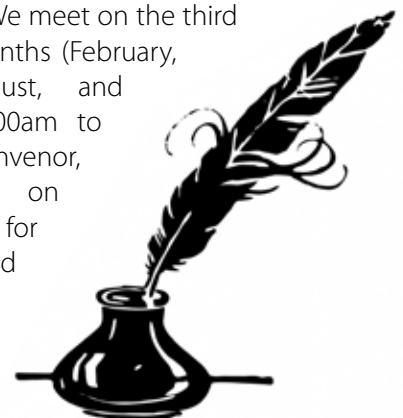
ensued, since members interpreted the word 'perhaps' differently. Here is a consolidated list of alternative words or phrases that you might like to consider in your own writing.

- perhaps
- maybe
- assume, assumption, we can only
- speculate, speculation
- conjecture
- possibility
- it might be that...
- without proof, unproven
- imply implication
- remain undecided whether

- exploring possible scenarios
- while I have no absolute evidence
- evidence suggests
- on the balance of probability
- the most likely possibility
- it is unlikely that...
- my best guess
- at present unconfirmed
- yet to be verified
- further research might reveal
- we must consider the possibility
- further investigation is needed to...
- I don't know whether or not
- I gain the impression that...
- I suspect that...but
- leads to the conclusion

Can you think of anymore? You might like to try this exercise yourself if there is a word or phrase that you find yourself over-using. Resources that can help include a dictionary and thesaurus – both are available in print and online versions. Do be wary of overdoing it, though. Use words that come naturally to you and avoid words or phrases that sound artificial or stilted. It sometimes helps to read things out aloud to decide whether you would really use a certain word or phrase.

Would you like some help with your writing, or some encouragement to start writing? Do join us at the Writing Group. We meet on the third Sunday of even months (February, April, June, August, and October) from 10:00am to 12:00pm. Email convenor, Pauline Williams, on writing@gsq.org.au for more information and to be added to the email list.

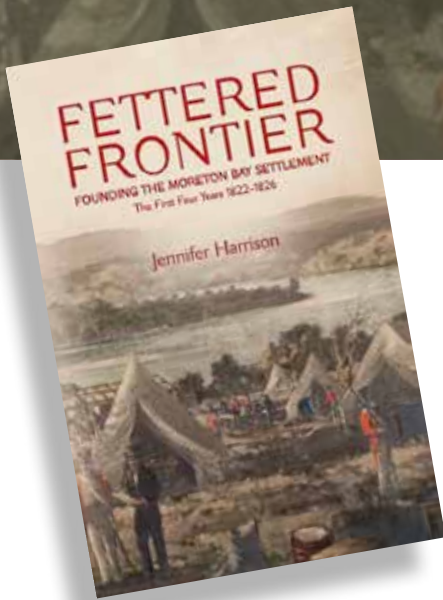


BOOK REVIEW

FETTERED FRONTIER: FOUNDING THE MORETON BAY SETTLEMENT—THE FIRST FOUR YEARS 1822–1826

BY JENNIFER HARRISON

PUBLISHED BY THE BRISBANE HISTORY GROUP
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Marg Doherty

officials in Sydney and those on the ground at Moreton Bay. These included the convicts held at Moreton Bay and those that had escaped, their military guards, some military families, and the Convict Commandants from 1822 to 1826.

Jennifer complements her narration with maps, sketches, and portraits and has developed tables highlighting her findings—these additions, although mostly in black and white, break up the very comprehensive writing, increasing the readability. The book's chapters comprise under one hundred and fifty pages which is not overawing but of a size that makes each chapter thorough and complete. I recommend reading the publication in order but a chapter at a time.

I liked the way Jennifer inserted people into her text. Some of the people are well-known in Australia's colonial history. They include Governors Brisbane and Burke, Lieutenant John Oxley, Captain Patrick Logan, and his predecessors. Jennifer mentions other people not as well-known from history, such as Oxley's Assistant Surveyor, Robert Hoddle and escaped castaway convicts Thomas Pamphlett and John Finnigan—the latter convicts who encountered Oxley's party and then assisted him with his explorations.

As a family historian, I enjoyed reading Jennifer's detailed tables on some of the convicts transported to Moreton Bay which was a place of secondary punishment. For instance, she listed and researched the seventeen convicts who volunteered to serve their sentences in the isolated Moreton Bay settlement in exchange for a more lenient sentence. Jennifer knows who these convicts and their guards are, their nationality, their penal sentences, and other interesting facts about them. They are people and not just a list of convicts or soldiers' names to her. Although Jennifer Harrison is a historian, she is also a family historian, and she makes her new book of interest to other family historians, including the readers of GSQ's journal.

This is Dr Jennifer Harrison's second book on the same subject: the Moreton Bay Colony. Unlike *Shackled*, which was on female convicts, the latest book covers the first four years of the European settlement of the Moreton Bay Colony. This book, published by the Brisbane History Group and Boolarong, is timed perfectly for the bicentennial of the Moreton Bay settlement. In writing the publication, Jennifer uses a chronological approach with chapters covering pre-1822 and then each year 1822, 1823, 1824 and two chapters for 1825.

The author provides endnotes for her references as well as a bibliography. The repositories used for her in-depth research are plentiful. Jennifer identifies the State Library of Queensland, the John Oxley Library, The Queensland State Archives, the Royal Historical Society of Queensland, and resources from the Brisbane History Group. She doesn't stop there. She utilised the State Library of New South Wales (NSW) and the Museums of NSW State Archives Collection. Jennifer acknowledges her use of repositories overseas, including those in London, Edinburgh, Dublin, and the Library of the Latter-Day Saints in Salt Lake City. Jennifer visited these repositories over many years, storing her evidence ready for this publication.

With such sources available, Jennifer has narrated the story of the establishment of the Moreton Bay Settlement within the context of London's administration of its distant colonies, the activities and decisions of the NSW



A description of the celebration of Christmas in Brisbane in 1896, only three years after the Depression of 1893. Did your ancestors celebrate in this way and on this day?

Christmas Eve, TROVE, *Brisbane Courier*, Saturday 26 December 1896, page 4

Author unknown

Christmas means good cheer, good fellowship, and good deeds, and the Brisbane folk did their part on Thursday. The fact that a sweltering sun poured its rays on the busy throng, and quickly dried up the monotonous array of gum boughs misnamed 'decorations', did not detract from the spirit and zest of the undertaking any more than the snow-capped roofs and a shivering, biting easterly, wind compel those in the far-off motherland to forego the enjoyment of a season which brings with it peace and goodwill towards men. The absence of that 'wind-fanned snow' which sheets the pastures and ice-bound lakes upon which merrymakers skate is by no means an obstacle to our enjoyment. A holiday time consecrated by mutual kindness, with hearts softened and chastened by old memories of far-off homes and friends, with feasting, mirth, and gladness in the ascendency, and care and sorrow laid aside, if only momentarily such characterises our Christmas. Beneath the Southern Cross the heart cleaves to heart though nature changes. The bond which tightens the grasp of hands across the sea is a bond that is immortal – the bond of one race, one tongue, one God.

Remembrances of twelve months ago gave rise to an uneasy feeling earlier in the day. The possibilities were all in favour of a thunderstorm. The anxiety, however, was confined to the busy tradespeople, and the feeling may be pardoned. The thought of unspent shacks, and burdened stalls at nightfall, constituted a nightmare which few could encounter with equanimity. Young Queensland, however, oblivious of anything in the nature of rain, was about early. The experience of previous Christmas Eves had taught parents a useful lesson to make hay while the sun shone. They saw huge banks of cumulus cloud floating towards the south-east and remembered. Before the day was half

spent the streets were crowded with happy faced children chaperoned by weary and perspiring adults. The headaches tin trumpet, the ear-splitting drum, the squeaky doll, and the equally noisy bad lamb made the day hideous, while the go-carts, tricycles, and such-like vehicles made the footpaths even more dangerous than the roadway. All day long, and far into the night, parcel delivery vans loaded to the roof with the things which gladden the heart and lighten the pocket, rolled through the streets, the condition and gait of the horses indicating that if animals were blessed with the power of speech and reason they might agitate and decision for one Christmas one century. The parcels man was never more warmly welcomed than on Thursday, when little forms peered through the veranda blinds and awaited his coming, and eagerly gave him admittance.

Then in the back streets, in the homes, hospitals, the asylums, good men and good women endeavoured to infuse into the lives of others that contagion of happiness which was the natural accompaniment of the busy swarm outside. If all the good deeds done by these self-sacrificing missionaries were but paraded, the small world of Brisbane would be astounded, and mayhap be moved to greater acts of generosity next year. From one little hall alone 350 homes were made bright for at least one day in the year; a full table was provided for them; a kind word was said to them by a small band of workers whose celebration of the Nativity took the form of thought and action for their fellow men and fellow women. These and similar acts - and many were performed in Brisbane on Christmas Eve - assist in illumining the picture of life and dispelling the dark shadows which unconsciously steal o'er the scene of plenty. Even the longest day has its night. Thursday night was a glorious one indeed. The fleecy cloud scattered



as the sun declined. As it neared the horizon a gentle north-easter wafted the fleece into rippling wavelets, and finally dissolved it altogether. With dusk came a sky of spotless blue, illumined by myriads of twinkling stars, which smiled down on Brisbane as its people increased and multiplied until the main thoroughfare became a vast sea of heads. They came from everywhere from every side street, out of a hundred doors; they rolled across the bridge in an unceasing stream; they came through Petrie's Bight in couples, in trios, in dozens; they crammed the ferry boats, they came from the terraces, and by omnibus and tram from one end of the city and suburbs to the other.

Gas jets flared in a way that lent unnecessary heat and dazzled one's eyes. On, on pushed the eager crowd pushing, dodging, in a way painfully suggestive of the law 'every man for himself'. And yet there were lines that held the hurrying ones for a season, counters where multum in parts moistened the throats of thirsty teetotallers and bars where men charged glasses, and, under the spell of 'harder' stuff, talked of years that are gone. Everywhere was evidence that the allurements of the tradesmen had not been in vain, and that the happiness of the man of business was complete if that of his man Friday was at vanishing point. The poor shop assistant suffered in secret, but they suffered, nevertheless.

The crown was a heterogeneous one, and for the time being had left care at home. The night was theirs; the morrow would belong to the shop assistants. Here and there the streets were made to re-echo with melody floating through the open windows of top rooms.

The noise and revelry emanating from public-house bars betokened another kind of merriment and hinted at the trade done in liquids. The condition of the bars was certainly a tribute to the thirst-promoting nature, of our climate, if not to the temperance proclivities of our people! Alternating with these were the choruses which were taken up by youthful pedestrians, whose lungs were healthy, but whose voices were decidedly raw.

But all things have an end. When at 10 o'clock the big stores began to close, the crowd began to thin. The children, tired out, tugged their mothers' skirts or their fathers' coattails, until the only available haven the omnibuses and trams were sought. Parents performed this act with wonderful unanimity. The result was crowded vehicles. Men sat on one another's knees in open defiance of traffic regulations. Many trudged homeward, 'neath the heavy load of the night's purchases, or with arms full of infantile humanity. Lovers took things more leisurely, and many love truths were plighted before the bells heralded Christmas morn. The streets emptied themselves at last, but not before the pale moon had risen, and cast its refulgent light on the earth below, did the last straggler wend his way homeward. Then, while old heads rested in well-earned repose, younger ones dreamt of Santa Claus, for:

'The time draws near the birth of Christ.

The moon is hid, the night is still,

The Christmas bells from hill to hill

Answer each other...'

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FAMILY ORIGINS – WHERE DID THEY COME FROM?

THE SPRIGGS FAMILY OF FOXTON

Russell Fraser

The village and civil parish of Foxtan is in the Harborough District of Leicestershire in the English Midlands, about 13 miles south-east of Leicester. It is believed to have been named for the large number of foxes which inhabited the area. It was originally a hill-top settlement founded in Saxon times and was mentioned in the Domesday Book of 1086, with a population of 31. It was a farming community which remained virtually unchanged until the late 18th century, when a canal from Leicester was built, cutting through the village.

The Grand Union Canal is the principal navigable waterway between London and the Midlands and was completed in 1813. Originally used for commercial traffic, its use declined with the coming of the railways, and is now used for recreational boating. A short walk from the village of Foxtan is Foxtan Locks, consisting of ten canal locks which raise the level of the canal to climb a steep hill. The Locks, along with the Foxtan Canal

Museum, are the major tourist attractions in the village.

The Spriggs (Sprigg, Sprigge) family have lived in the parish of Foxtan (and the nearby parishes of Lubenham and Gumley) since at least the early 16th century. Thomas Sprigge was born in Foxtan in 1555 and probably worked as an agricultural labourer in a predominately rural community. Seven generations later, in 1810, John Spriggs joined the Royal Marines. Why he chose the Marines, living so far from the sea, remains a mystery. John was posted to Chatham, on the Medway in Kent, where he married and, on his discharge, returned with his wife to his home in Leicestershire and went back to the family occupation of stocking framework knitting, as well as living on his Marine pension from Greenwich hospital. His daughter married in Leicester and emigrated with her husband and family (including my grandmother) to Queensland in 1877.



Society For One-Place Studies

A One-Place Study considers people

and families in their physical and social context in any location across the globe. This could cover any area including a town, village, suburb, estate, a single street, or even an individual building. By learning about your ancestors' neighbours and studying the historical environment and events that took place within a Place, you can better understand your own history.

The Society, located in the UK, supports, and promotes studies and their owners and educates the public about the benefits of running One-Place Studies. We welcome Members from across the world. The Society produces a quarterly journal *Destinations* and conducts regular events. Details of studies undertaken by members are available on their website at <https://www.one-place-studies.org/>.

GSQ Member Janice Cooper has undertaken a one-place study for the Alpha and Jericho districts of Queensland. Read her report on the Society's website. Check out the list of studies on the website; you may find interesting details of a study of a town or village where an ancestor lived. Or think about doing a One-Place Study yourself.



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.

For more information on upcoming webinars, see <https://familytreewebinars.com/upcoming-webinars/>

Tips & Tools

Tip #2 - Work from the Known to the Unknown

A key principle of family history research is to start with yourself and work backwards from known information to your parents, then grandparents, and so on.

Ensure that your research is supported by documented facts. First steps are to obtain birth, marriage, and death certificates, which provide information to open lines of enquiry for previous generations.

Working forward from a famous historical figure that 'family legend' suggests is an ancestor is rarely profitable, although it may prove to be literally true in the end. Alternately, you may find yourself researching someone else's family tree!

Sideways Steps

A useful tip provided by **Tiggy Johnson** was published in the December 2013 issue of *Generation* and will be helpful to beginners and more experienced researchers alike. We often need to be reminded of strategies such as these as we try to put together a meaningful family tree.

I had been stuck on the maiden name of one of my 4xg grandmothers, Grace, for a long time. I'd located her on the 1841, 1851 and 1861 censuses, as the wife of John Luxton, which told me where she was born: while some people lied (or followed what others said), her birthplace is recorded as a different place to her husband's and all their children's, and is consistent on the two later censuses, so I was confident it was correct. But I couldn't find any other records for her. Their first (known) child, also John Luxton, is my 3xg grandfather and much of the problem of finding out more is that he was born in 1835 – before the recording of Civil Registrations in the UK. I hadn't been able to find a record of his birth or baptism. Or a record of John and Grace's marriage.

I did find a record of a marriage between a John Luxton and a Grace Davy in a town not too far from where I expected them to be, but for some reason I was sure

it wasn't them. I suppose it's easy to get caught up in trying to find someone so much that we forget to step back and look at the bigger picture: to think about a way around the actual problem. Especially when, like me, we haven't been doing this for all that long.

So, it was several months (ahem, eighteen or so) before a solution occurred to me. And when it did, it was a real 'Duh' moment, so perhaps it's something you've already tried yourself. As John Jnr is the eldest of seven children, I used the Free BMD site (<http://www.freebmd.org.uk/>) to find the births of his siblings and then selected one to order the certificate for: the youngest child, Grace, born in 1854, as she was the only one that did not have a potential duplicate. When it arrived, I ripped the envelope open, hoping Grace's maiden name had been recorded, and it was! Finally, I had her full name: Grace Moor, or Grace Moore. Armed with my new information, I was able to locate Grace's baptism details (as well as those of eight siblings) on Family Search. I also have her parents' names: Joseph Moore and Rebecca, placing me neatly at the beginning of a new search.

A final comment by **Pauline Williams**: 'Tiggy's advice is sound—if you can't find your ancestor's record, try searching for a sibling, hopefully one who has a less common first name. Also, as in Tiggy's case, choose a sibling whose name is not duplicated, or where there are only a small number of possible options.'



MyHeritage PhotoDater™

MyHeritage has released **PhotoDater™**, a new tool that estimates the year a photograph was taken, using Artificial Intelligence (AI) technology.

PhotoDater™ gives its best guess when a photo was taken, based on clothing and hair styles, and other details in the photo. This can help researchers unlock further clues about who appears in the photo and the event at which it was taken, to solve mysteries in genealogy research. The feature is completely free!



10 Strategies For Researching Brick-Wall Ancestors

Elizabeth Swanay O'Neal

Published in *Ancestors West* – Journal of the Santa Barbara County Genealogical Society - Spring 2023

Sometimes with our genealogical research, we find ourselves searching the same sources over and over, and expect different results, leading us to conclude that we have hit a brick wall in our family history research. The term brick wall is used to describe an ancestor who, for lack of evidence, brings our research to a dead end. But they may not be brick walls if you have strategies to deal with this; and know where and how to search.

Start with a research plan to help you stay focused while you research. You'll be less likely to follow 'bright shiny objects', distractions that lead in the wrong direction. Include a research question specific enough to describe who you are looking for, with all the pertinent details of your ancestor's life.

The following strategies should help guide you in listing potential resources to search:

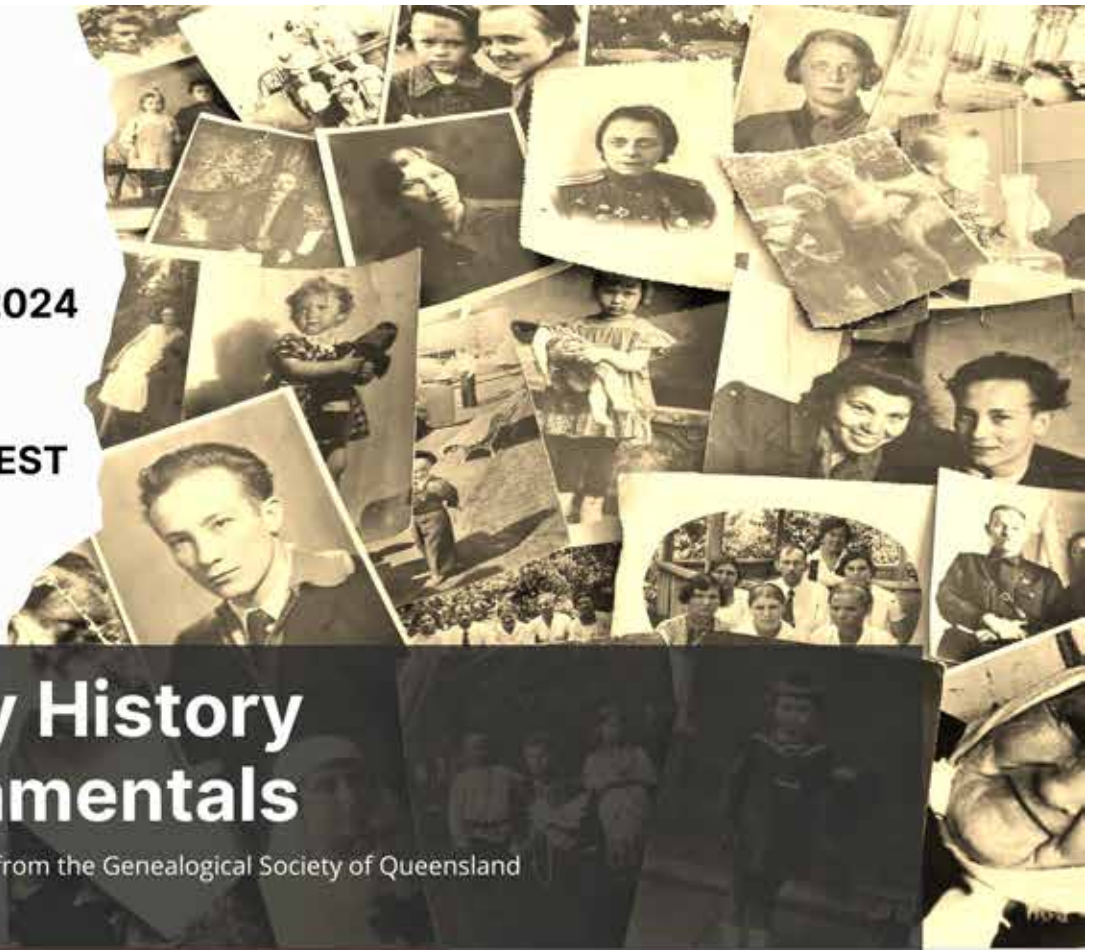
- 1. Review what you know.** Gather all the evidence you have accumulated for your brick wall ancestor and look it over carefully. You may have missed something and with your improved research skills, the answer may be there. Look for missing or undocumented information or something that does not make sense.
- 2. Explore name variations.** Search a variety of different spellings of your ancestor's name and include variations of given names and nicknames. Remember, your ancestor may have been illiterate, and names may have been written as they sounded to whomever was writing them down. Use wildcard searches, if possible, and keep a record of the variant spellings you have researched.
- 3. Read the papers.** Old papers put things into a social context and may reveal the smallest detail of a person's life. Aside from birth, marriage, and death notices, there may be social columns and the names of who is visiting and who left town. And don't overlook the advertisements, which may give clues to an ancestor's business or occupation.
- 4. Get bookish.** Books are resources for finding clues about those brick wall ancestors. Search for ancestor names, other family members, local and family histories, and biographies. Many of them will be available as digital copies online.
- 5. Diversify.** Exhaustive research requires you to look at many different types of sources where ancestors have left records.
- 6. Join your ancestor's FAN club.** FAN stands for Family – Associates – Neighbours, the people in your ancestor's life. Identify their immediate family. Then try to find their neighbours and business or work associates, and witnesses to marriages or documents, as they may provide clues to your ancestor.
- 7. Map it out.** Sometimes a map can help to visualize a situation and reveal clues. Learn about your ancestor's neighbourhood and the history of the location. Look for records in adjoining towns or districts.
- 8. Create a timeline.** A timeline is the map of a person's life and is helpful for finding holes in research. Make a list of all known events in an ancestor's life and take note of gaps where there is missing information or inconsistencies. You may need to compare your ancestor's timeline with historical events to understand the context of your ancestor's life.
- 9. Test the DNA.** Sometimes, our ancestors tell lies and the only way to answer your research question is to connect with a DNA match through uploading your DNA data to several databases. But don't rely on DNA alone, you will still need to use traditional paper genealogy research.
- 10. Get social.** Try sharing your family history online on a blog or website, or on social media. Keep your primary tree safe on your home computer in case someone decides to make changes! Finally, join a genealogy society, both in your local area and where your ancestor lived.

We all have brick wall ancestors. But many of the ancestors labelled as brick walls can be found with a focused research plan and the right strategies. Start thinking creatively!



GSQ

Saturday
20 January 2024
3 February
10 February
@ 1:00 PM AEST



Family History Fundamentals

An online course from the Genealogical Society of Queensland

About the course

Start your family history research on a solid foundation. Presenters are experienced GSQ researchers. All sessions to be recorded and available until 10 March..

What does it cost?

Earlybird rate until 30 December

GSQ/QFHS members \$70

Non-members \$85

After 30 December

GSQ/QFHS members \$80

Non-members \$95

Course program

Virtual event via Zoom

- 20 Jan *Where to start, basics of family history research. What is the research process; First basic records in Australia, UK & Ireland. Basic overseas records.*
- 3 Feb *Basic records in Australia & UK. Practicalities of research and recording the results. Q & A*
- 10 Feb *Finding aids, primary & secondary records; other sources of information ie newspapers, wills, connecting with others and online and physical resources; citations. Q & A.*

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SNIPPETS – NEWS AND INFORMATION



RootsTech 2024

Registration is open for RootsTech 2024, which will be held 29 February - 2 March 2024 in person at the Salt Palace Convention Centre, Salt Lake City or as a virtual event online. For more information, see <https://www.familysearch.org/rootstech/home>.



East Coast Genetic Genealogy Conference

This conference was held in-person and online from 6-8 October 2023 at the Maritime Conference Center, Linthicum Heights, Maryland. This conference, dedicated to education on the use of Genetic Genealogy, featured an impressive and well-known list of expert speakers, including Blaine Bettinger, Roberta Estes, Michelle Patient, Jonny Perl, Diahann Southard, and Judy Russell.

Unlock the Past Cruises

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Unlock the Past has announced two further cruises, these are provisional subject to enough interest.

They are the 19th cruise, Lower Murray (Mannum) in late 2025 and the 20th cruise Upper Murray

(Echucha) late 2026. The cruises are on the Murray Princess and the Australian Star - both seven-day cruises with a longer one on the Murray Princess cruise. For more information, see their website at <https://www.unlockthepastcruises.com/19th-cruise-lower-murray-mannum/>.



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Intimate Lives: The Ethics of Uncovering Family Secrets

Researchers Dr. Ashley Barnwell (University of Melbourne) and Dr. Alexandra Mountain (Society of Australian Genealogists) are planning to conduct a study entitled 'Intimate Lives: The Ethics of Uncovering Family Secrets.' Family historians have been asked to participate by joining a series of focus groups. The research project will focus on the ethics of researching the intimate lives of ancestors, and one planned outcome is a family history guide on working with sensitive family histories. For more information, please email Alexandra at archives@sag.org.au



The Family History Show

The Family History Show, sponsored by The Genealogist, will be available online and at three physical locations throughout England in 2024. The online show will be held on 10 February 2024, for a ticket price of £7. Onsite shows will be held in Worcestershire on 16 March, York on 22 June, and London on 5 October, at a ticket price of £8 for each event. The show will feature free talks throughout the day, ask the experts area where attendees can put questions to specialists, and the opportunity to engage with family history societies, archives, and genealogical suppliers. For more information, see the website at <https://thefamilyhistoryshow.com/>.



The Family History Federation has launched a series of monthly podcasts, beginning in September 2021. The Really Useful Podcast brings together speakers from across the family history world including professional researchers, enthusiasts, authors, lecturers, and people involved with family history societies.



These conversations have our guests sharing their thoughts on a wide range of topics relating to family history.

For more information and links to upcoming podcasts, see <https://www.familyhistoryfederation.com/podcast>



BLOG BEAT

Snippets from GSQ's Blog | www.gsq-blog.gsq.org.au/

September – November 2023

4 September – Bobbie Edes

My Grandma Irvine: Lill's Life and her autograph book

Bobbie tells of her grandma's life and her tattered and much-loved autograph book, with sketches and poems collected over many years.

11 September – Shauna Hicks

The Agony and the Ecstasy of Family History Research

Shauna discusses the agony of past family history research without the benefit of technology and the ecstasy of family stories available in TROVE, DNA matches, and contact with relatives by email. And what will AI do for family historians? What does the future hold, agony, or ecstasy, or both?

18 September – Peter Cass (guest blogger)

Things I Didn't Know About My Mother

Peter tells of his search in newspapers in Trove for information about events in his mother's early life.

25 September – Marg Doherty

Recollections of an old hand in Colonial Queensland

Marg relates reminiscences of life in colonial Brisbane in the late 1840s written by her great grand-uncle James Porter.

2 October – Charlotte Sale

A nun in the family

Charlotte tells the story of her great-aunt Rosina, a nun at a convent and boarding school in Italy.

9 October – Christine Leonard

Ann Simmons – the gift of resilience

Christine tells the tale of her three times great grandmother, Ann Simmons, and her extraordinary and resilient life of crime and tragedy in Van Diemen's Land.

16 October – Di Edelman

Joseph and the Tarpoley Manor House

Di tells of her research into her great grandfather Joseph Burgess and his relationship to Tarpoley Manor House in Cheshire.

23 October – Sue Bell

Louise Christina Schattling

Sue tells of her great grandmother, from the story of a ten-year-old German servant girl whipped by her mistress, through marriage and family, to a long and difficult life.

30 October – Yvonne Tunny

Once a Soldier

Yvonne tells the story of her great grandparents who, amidst speculation of the coming war in Europe in 1914, chose to emigrate from Scotland to Queensland, only to find Australia also involved in the war.

6 November – Ross Hansen

The Next Genealogical Journey – Finding a Jones in Wales

Ross tells of his search for his late wife's great grandfather, William Jones, in Wales; and a change of strategy working from death to birth, as there are more records for a person's death than their birth.

13 November – Beverley Murray

Strong women

Bev tells the story of three strong women in her family history who faced tragedy and hardship in their lives, how they coped, and became a source of inspiration.

20 November – Janice Cooper

Arriving under protection

Janice tells the story of four single Irish women who arrived in New South Wales as bounty immigrants under the protection of her 2x great grandfather.

27 November – Christine Leonard

Threads of memories

Christine makes the point that memories linger in family correspondence and emerge in surprising ways. She gives two examples of contributions by two people, unconnected to each other, who add to her knowledge of her Wall ancestors.

FEATURED BLOGS



GeniAus

Jill Ball is a former librarian, teacher and IT specialist, and an amateur genealogist from Lake Macquarie, NSW. Jill is a well-known presenter in conferences and in education programs for genealogical societies such as GSQ. She describes her blog as 'the musings of an amateur Australian genealogist who enjoys collaborating via social media'. <http://geniaus.blogspot.com/>



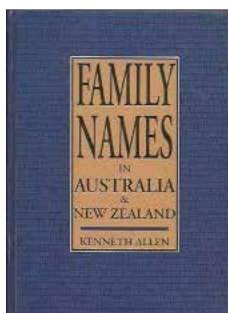
Geni Rambles

Shauna Hicks is a former librarian and archivist and currently runs her own research and consultancy business. She has been researching her own family since 1977. A regular presenter on a range of specialist topics for family history conference and societies, she is also a regular guest blogger on GSQ's blog.

<https://www.shaunahicks.com.au/my-blog/>

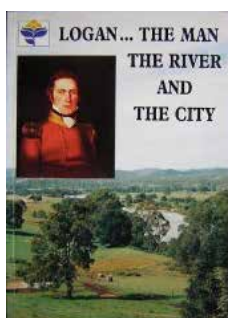


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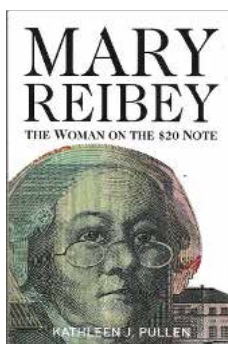
Family names in Australia & New Zealand

A dictionary of Australian family names of English, Scottish, Welsh, Cornish, and Manx origin with details of first use, regional and occupational origins. The compiler, Kenneth Allen, is a retired British civil servant who now lives in Canberra.



Logan... the man, the river, and the city

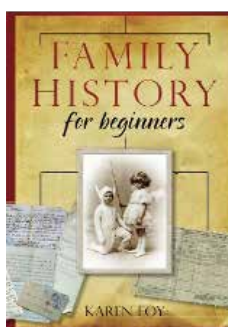
Historian Joan Starr tells the story of Moreton Bay commandant Patrick Logan and the river that bears his name. This book was prepared in 1988 to celebrate the tenth anniversary of Logan City.



Mary Reibey: From convict to first lady of trade

Kathleen Pullen tells the fascinating life story of a remarkable woman. It is also a rich, colourful, and authentic portrait of early colonial life.

You can read Pauline Williams' story of Mary's grandson on page 11 of this issue of Generation.



Family History for Beginners

This book by Karen Foy is an ideal introduction to the tools and processes of researching your past and will also help you take your research to the next level, beyond the simple facts of birth, marriage, and death, with chapters on occupation, emigration, and military service.

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Queenslanders: their historic timbered homes	QLD/205/000	Book
A guide to tracing your Sligo ancestors	SLI/310/001	Book
Logan ... the man, the river, and the city	QLD/205/114	Book
Ravenswood: Five heritage trails	QLD/205/816	Book
Reader's Digest book of historic Australian towns	AUS/105/047	Book
Ravenswood	QLD/205/816	Book
Who's who in Australia 1999	AUS/415/001.1999	Book
Family names in Australia & New Zealand	AUS/320/001	Book
Mary Reibey: from convict to first lady of trade	530/REI/001	Book
150 years: the story of Lota House: 1867-2017	QLD/205/179	Book
The Irish family and local history handbook 2	IRL/310/019	Book
Family history for beginners	AUS/305/020	Book
Camden Municipal Council municipal list rates book 1894-1907	NSW/858/001	Book

GSQ Catalogue

The GSQ Library contains thousands of resources, unique records and publications.

The library is updated on a regular basis and is a valuable source of information, especially for those records which are not yet online. The Catalogue can be searched by the title of the publication, its author(s), keyword or ISBN and can be accessed from the Society's webpage at: www.gsq.org.au/library-catalogue/





AFFILIATE GROUP MEMBERS

Organisations which espouse objectives similar to those of GSQ may affiliate as a group with GSQ. An affiliate group member has certain rights and benefits:

- Receive two membership numbers.
- Receive a copy of GSQ's journal and newsletter.
- Conditional access to GSQ resources and MyGSQ.
- Attendance at meetings of Special Interest Groups.

Over the next few issues of *Generation*, we will feature some of our Affiliate Group Members.



Gympie Family History Society

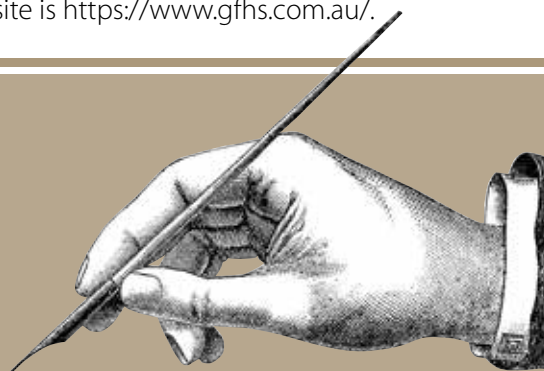
The Gympie Family History Society (GFHS) began in 1980 under a member's house as a social group interested in family history research. It officially began as a branch of the Genealogical Society of Queensland (GSQ), after its first AGM in October 1980. Weekly meetings were initially held in the Gympie Central School library, but the Society moved around for various reasons. In 1989, it became an incorporated body called the Gympie Ancestral Society,

which changed in 1999 to the Gympie Family History Society Inc. The Society moved to its present location in the old Gympie railway station ticket office at 1 Chapple Street.

The Society has several indexes prepared by members, including an online alphabetical index of names in books in its library collection. The Society published a newsletter *The Gympie Gazette* until November 2020, when it became too difficult to compile. It was replaced by a blog.

GFHS can be contacted at 1 Chapple Street, Gympie, Qld. 4570, or by email at research@gfhs.com.au. Its website is <https://www.gfhs.com.au/>.

THE LAST WORD. [GSQ • THE EDITOR]



At the 2023 AGM held on 28 October, Ian Waters was presented with Honorary Life Membership of GSQ. Ian was the first President of the Genealogical Society of Queensland, created after the formation of two branches in Ipswich and Brisbane. Ian was also responsible for the name given to our journal, *Generation*.

In the first *Generation*, (Volume 1) in March 1979, his President's Message is worth repeating:

It is a privilege to place these words of acknowledgement and encouragement in this our first journal. I am grateful for the opportunity that has been mine to be an instrument in the

creating of this fine Society and I wish to thank all those who have worked so hard to bring to us the measure of success that we enjoy.

The Journal of any Society is the media by which its accomplishments and aspirations are made known and is considered an important document. It is my pleasure to acknowledge Mrs Joan Hodgson for the time and consideration that she has directed to this our first...

His words should be considered, not the last word, but as The First Word.



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GSQ MEMBERSHIP

The members' only section of our website allows you access to databases such as:

- Funeral Directors Records index and images
- Cemetery Records Index
- Pedigree Charts index
- Unrelated Certificates index and images
- QLD communal settlers index
- Generation journal
- Catholic records index
- Research interests of other members

Other member benefits include:

- Access to GSQ's Resource Centre which includes a large library of books and magazines from Australia and the rest of the world, plus thousands of microfilms, microfiche, DVDs, etc
- Free access to world-wide Library subscriptions to Ancestry, Find My Past, Family Search, and the Biographical Database of Australia as part of your annual subscription fee
- GSQ's monthly eNews and quarterly journal Generation (emailed to members for no charge). Printed copies for members \$45 (Australia) and \$65 (overseas). Printed copies for non-members \$55 (Australia) and \$75 (overseas)
- Special interest groups which meet monthly or bi-monthly
- Education courses and workshops with reduced rates for members and secure online booking via the Events Calendar or GSQ Shop
- Access to overseas and interstate certificate ordering

GSQ members have access to MyGSQ

To log into MyGSQ, select MyGSQ on the Home page and **enter your GSQ user name and password**. If you do not remember your password, you can request that it be reset.

- Discounts on GSQ products such as genealogical books, magazines, etc
- Limited free research for members who reside more than 100km from GSQ
- Free publication of research interests in MyGSQ section of website
- Reciprocal visiting rights to other family history societies – see full list at: <https://www.gsq.org.au/what-gsq-offers/reciprocal-arrangements/>

Member's interest areas:

One of the advantages of membership of GSQ is to be able to contact other members who may be researching a surname and/or place of interest to you.

Log into MyGSQ and access the Member's Interest Areas to search for a surname or place.

Members are encouraged to submit their interests. Just contact GSQ and list the surnames that you are researching, together with location and period details. Your email address will allow other members to contact you.

Try this out. You could find someone who can help with your research. Or, you might find a new cousin!

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