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*from The Editor...*

In this issue of *Generation*, we feature the sad tale by Roselyn Drake of her grandmother's accidental death by gun shot. And from **Generation 10 years ago**, we read Anne Pollitt's story about some of the 'quirks' from the Isle of Man, including the story of her ancestor Margaret Quirk.

We feature a mini theme of German research. In our regular features, our focus on **Special Interest Groups** deals with the German Research Group and, in a featured source, we read about the German-Australian Genealogy and History Alliance. In **Queensland Towns**, we feature the town of Marburg, named after a German city, and settled by German immigrants. Julie Lauman tells the tale of her search for information about Martin Jorgensen, born in Germany, but baptised in Denmark.

Other regular features include **Spotlight on Resources**, which tells of the Cemetery Demolition Indexes in MyGSQ, indexes of forgotten headstones in Toowong and South Brisbane Cemeteries. We introduce a new feature, **Tips and Tools**, with some tips on all aspects of family history research and some of the tools necessary or just useful. 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.

We re-publish two GSQ blogs, one from five years ago, when Annaliese Nutley tells of the fate of parish registers; and one from May this year, in which Ross Hansen tells of discovering an adventurer in his wife's family tree.

In **Short Tales**, we read the story of an elderly couple's life in Normanton on the Gulf of Carpentaria, and in our new feature, **Family Origins**, I tell of the Scottish village of Bridge of Weir and the Fraser family's connection to that place.

And, finally, in **The Last Word**, I discuss the difficulties of producing *Generation* without the submission of suitable articles for publication and make the plea for you, our members, to submit your family stories or your genealogical journeys to solve a mystery or knock down that 'brick wall'.

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](mailto:editor@gsq.org.au).

**Russell**

# Presidential Lines...



In the June edition of *Generation*, the Editor posed the question 'What started you in Family History?' Have you thought about your answer to that question?

**Mine is very simple** – my father knew virtually nothing about his parent's family history because both died when he was quite young, and he had been the carer for his two younger sisters. When my father revealed his wish to know more about his family history, I determined I would help him. Hence, my reason for getting into the world of family history.

By the time this edition of *Generation* is published members will have received a draft copy of the new Constitution and By Laws for perusal and comment. Meetings are being organised to enable discussion about the documents. I urge you to read the documents and to participate in the discussion meetings.

Did you know that GSQ is organizing the next AFFHO Congress in Brisbane 21 – 24 March 2025? A Group is already hard at work organising all that is necessary for such an event. A venue on the southside has been

selected and Speakers are currently being sought. Mark the dates on your Calendar as something not to be missed, especially as it will mark 200 years since settlement on the Brisbane River.

Read Dr Jennifer Harrison's latest book *Fettered Frontier* and then take a drive into the city to realise how far we've come - and what a beautiful city Brisbane really is.

**Helen Veivers**  
GSQ President



**Only a genealogist regards a step backwards as progress**

**Unknown**

# 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:

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**Saturday  
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at 10.00 am**

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  - Vice President
  - Secretary
  - Treasurer
  - Up to 7 Management Committee members
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**At GSQ, 25 Stackpole Street, Wishart Q 4122**



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The Society has been helping people to research their family history for over 40 years. We want to ensure future members will be celebrating the Society's centenary.

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All gifts, whether large or small are immensely important to the Society.



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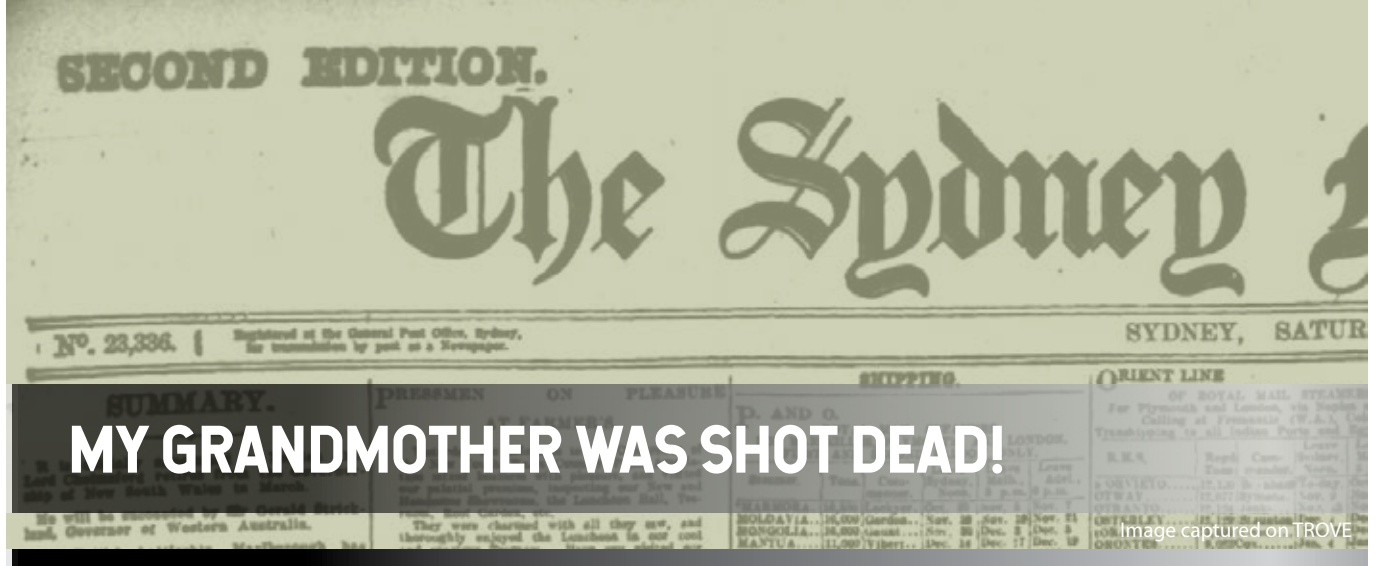
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**Roselyn Drake**

I grew up being told that my grandmother, Lilly, had been shot dead when my mother was about seven. My mother, Beryl, told me that there had been some sort of afternoon gathering where hobby shooting was happening, and a bullet had ricocheted off a tree and killed her mother. I don't know if this is what she was told or if she had created the story for herself to explain something she didn't understand at the time. Shortly after the death of her mother, Beryl and her two sisters, Inez, the eldest and Vera, the youngest, were placed in a boarding school in Bronte run by the Misses Aylmer. Beryl's memories of this school were of cocoa and miserable Sundays. After some months, possibly a year or so, my grandfather, Brian came and taking the two older girls with him, left little Vera there. When she married in the thirties at St Philips, Church Hill, Vera believed her father had died in the Great War. He was, however, alive and living in North Sydney.

When I began to investigate the story of my grandmother's death I ran into problems. Her birth was never registered, and she was known as Lillian, Florence, and Lilly Hamilton. Her parents, Francis Hamilton, from West Lothian in Scotland and Sarah Lehane from Tipperary in Ireland, had married in Portland, Victoria in 1856.<sup>1</sup> Francis and his wife farmed sheep on Invercargill runs in New Zealand. They made a small fortune and then

**JOURNALIST'S WIFE SHOT**

**THE LOADED REVOLVER**

On Thursday, the Acting City Coroner found that Florence Lillian Cookson, 33, died on October 15, from the effects of a bullet wound in the chest accidentally inflicted, at 38 Cook Road, Centennial Park.

The deceased's husband, Brian Cookson, a journalist, said that shooting was a hobby of his wife's. She was an accurate shot with a rifle or revolver, and was always extremely careful with firearms.

Ronald Carr, a chemist's storeman, said that at about 7.30 p.m. on October 18, he was going to the city, when Mrs Cookson asked him to buy her some cartridges. She went to her bedroom for the revolver so as to give him a sample. But, as she could not release a cartridge from the weapon, witness took the chamber out. On placing it back, however, the remaining cartridge went off. Mrs Cookson, who had been sitting down, suddenly stood up and exclaimed "I'm shot."

Sydney Morning Herald,  
26 October 1912, page 19

lost it, going back to the Sinclair Run near Edenhope in Victoria. All their registered children were born in New Zealand or Western Victoria. I had previously wondered if Lilly had been born in Bairnsdale where she married Brian William Cookson and where my mother was born. When I discovered that her much older brother had a child born there, I thought the pieces clicked. It seems likely that young Lilly helped her aunt during her confinement and hence met the widowed Mr. Cookson, working in Bairnsdale after his wife had died. Brian and his first wife, Laura had four children who all died in Carlton, Victoria as babies between 1894 and 1896. Lilly married Brian in 1902.<sup>2</sup> They had three daughters, Inez born 1904, Beryl born 1905, and Vera. There was a son, Sydney, who was born in 1908 but died as a baby.



Lilly, centre, with Inez and Beryl



# Morning Herald.

26, 1912.

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Vera

Brian William Cookson was a journalist. A book he was supposed to have written called "The Kelly Gang from Within" turned out to be a series of articles printed over some months in the *Sydney Sun*. The newspaper had sent him, with a photographer, by train and horse and cart to Glenrowan to interview Ned's mother and sister, the policeman and the inn owner. Brian claimed to have had

dinner with the doctor and chaplain from Ned's hanging on 11 November 1880. Early on, I had searched for these articles in old newspapers and microfilm. Once papers were digitised, all was revealed. In 2005, Brian McDonald brought out a compilation of the articles.<sup>3</sup> I was able to give him some photographs and a clipping, without publication details, of a follow-up article written years later. This had been kept by my mother.

In 1912, Brian was working as a journalist for a newspaper

modified). Lilly was someone who enjoyed shooting as a hobby, and on 18 October 1912, when Ronald Carr, a young chemist's storeman who also lived at the same address, asked her if she needed anything from the city, she asked for some cartridges for her pistol. As Ronald, aged 16, helped her open the gun to check the size of the cartridge, the gun went off, shooting Lilly in the left breast, at which she loudly proclaimed, "I'm shot". She then ran into the next room calling out, "I'm shot. Don't blame Ronald, it was purely an accident. Look after my children"<sup>4</sup>

A doctor was immediately called, and a motorised ambulance, but unfortunately the wound was fatal. The Acting City Coroner's verdict was "Effects of a bullet wound in her chest accidentally inflicted upon her"<sup>5</sup> He also noted that it was careless of Mr Carr to have held the gun facing towards Mrs Cookson. The incident was reported widely in newspapers across the country.<sup>6</sup>

Following the event, what occurred remains a combination of my mother's memories and the few facts that I have been able to find in the records. At some time, Beryl remembered staying with her sister, Inez, in a large house in Melbourne where there were servants. We can only assume that these were friends or extended

No.	Name of Deceased.	Date when held.	Where held.	Coroner or Magistrate before whom held.	Date when recorded.	Age.	Where Born.	Locality of Death.	Verdict.	Club or Property owned by Deceased.	Medical.	Remarks.
1279	Francis Brown	October 24	St. Andrew's	L. White,	October 26	61	St. Andrew's	Accidental	Paraplegic, injured in the last 10 years, inflicted by lightning	Arthur's	McGowan	No
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1	John Andrew - deceased	" 28	St. Andrew's	A. G. Brown,	" 28				Shot while hunting. Found dead in the trap on the 28th. Suffering from a disease of the brain, which rendered him incapable of firing.			No
2	John Andrew	" 28	St. Andrew's	W. B. Roberts,	" 28	61	St. Andrew's	Accidental	Shot while hunting. Found dead in the trap on the 28th. Suffering from a disease of the brain, which rendered him incapable of firing.			No
3	Florence Lillian Cookson	" 24	St. Andrew's	W. B. Roberts,	" 24	33	St. Andrew's	Accidental	Shot while hunting. Found dead in the trap on the 24th. Suffering from a disease of the brain, which rendered her incapable of firing.			No

Coroner's Report for Florence Lillian Cookson 24 October 1912

in Sydney, and the young family was living in what was probably a boarding house at 38 Cook Rd, Centennial Park, a building which still stands (although much

family, as Beryl didn't remember them as close relatives. They then travelled on a ship to Brisbane, and while she



assumed that an adult was with them, her memories were of running around the deck unsupervised. After arriving in Brisbane, the girls are recorded as having attended several schools in the period 1914 – 1917, all in the Brisbane area, the last of which was a Catholic convent, although the family was Protestant.<sup>7</sup>

After the girls left school the family returned to Sydney, and Brian found jobs for them in the printing industry. My mother's job was breaking letters off lead moulds. When the union discovered that these young women were doing this, with no care taken against lead poisoning, my mother remembered a great fuss being made. She said she washed her hands before eating but many of her peers did not. Their work continued until Inez married Ernest Baldock in Randwick in 1929. Beryl married my father, a widower, Reginald Henry Drake in Annandale in 1930.<sup>8</sup>

<sup>7</sup>Kevin Lehane, (2005). *A Long Way from Tipperary: A special printing of the Lehane Family History to celebrate the 150th anniversary of William and Frances Lehane and their family arriving in Australia from Ireland in 1855*. WA, pp. 65, 73.

<sup>2</sup>Registration of marriage of Brian William Cookson and Lillian Florence Hamilton, 1902, The Victorian Registry of Births, Deaths, and Marriages; ref. 7795, *Victoria, Australia, Marriage Records, Australia, Marriage Index, 1837-1950*, The Victorian Registry of Births, Deaths, and Marriages, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.

<sup>3</sup>Brian W. Cookson & Brian McDonald (2005). *The Kelly Gang from within*:

Articles written by Brian W. Cookson. Australian History Promotions, Bondi, N.S.W.

<sup>4</sup>Evening News (Sydney, NSW: 1869 - 1931), *Careless Use of Firearms*, Friday 25 October 1912, p. 12, <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article117681816> accessed 30 April 2023; Lehane, *A Long Way from Tipperary*, pp.83-87.

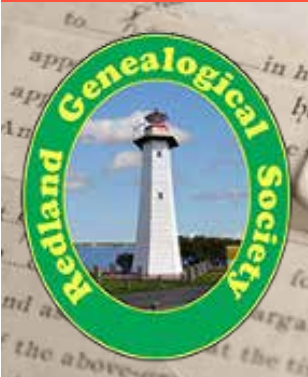
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Affiliate Group Members



Organisations which espouse objects similar the 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.

# REDLAND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

The Redland Genealogical Society (RGS) began in 1981 as a branch of the Genealogical Society of Queensland (GSQ). In 2011, RGS became an incorporated body. The Society has been closely associated with the Cleveland Public Library and its resources occupy a room in the library.

GSQ President, Helen Veivers, is also President of RGS, and Les McFadzen, Honorary Life Member of GSQ, is the Patron of RGS. General meetings of the Society are held on the second Wednesday of the month at the Donald Simpson Centre, Cleveland, usually with a guest speaker. The AGM is held in July. RGS also has several Special Interest Groups. The Society newsletter, the Redland Researcher, is published and distributed quarterly.

The Redland Genealogical Society Inc. can be contacted at PO Box 605, Cleveland, Qld 4163, or by email at [redlandgs@gmail.com](mailto:redlandgs@gmail.com). Its website is <https://rgs.net.au>.



### A BIT QUIRKY

Anne Pollitt

**Quirk** is one of the most common names on the Isle of Man and is derived from the Irish and Manx Gaelic word, *corc*, for 'son of heart'.<sup>1</sup>

The Bee Gees were born on the Isle of Man, and you can catch Robin Gibb on YouTube singing the unofficial national anthem, *Ellan Vannin*. The Isle of Man (Ellan Vannin) is the home of some quirky features, including the tailless Manx cat, sheep with four horns, a logo of three running legs, the oldest continuous parliament in the entire world, and the ambiguous status of belonging to the British Isles but not to the United Kingdom.<sup>2</sup>

The island sits in the Irish Sea midway between England and Ireland, with Scotland above and Wales below. It has an area of only 572 square km (about as big as Moreton Island off Brisbane) with a population of around 80,000. Yet it is an independent country with its own parliament, currency, and postage stamps. At the same time, however, the monarch of the UK is Lord of Man, and the UK is responsible for its defence and foreign affairs.<sup>3</sup>

The triskelion, its strange logo of three legs, each with a spurred heel, and joined to look like a running circle, is in memory of the Celtic mythological figure Manannan, who according to legend transformed himself into three legs and in this form rolled down a hill to repel a threatened invasion.<sup>4</sup> Well, anyway, that's one of several explanations of its origins.



Tynwald is the Manx parliament which has operated continuously for more than a thousand years in the capital city, Douglas. Each year Tynwald Day is celebrated with a week of processions and pageantry, music and displays, and on the fifth of July new laws are proclaimed on Tynwald Hill.<sup>5</sup>

The Manx have Celtic origins with some Norse influence along the way. In the 12th century it had a Norwegian king. To Julius Caesar the island was known as Mona, and variously as Manu, Mana, Mannan, Vannin, Mann. The Manx language is closely related to Scots Gaelic,

and although the last native speaker died in 1974 the language has been revived by academic effort and still lives.<sup>6</sup>

These days the economy relies on tourism, manufacturing, and offshore banking. In earlier times the people lived through agriculture and fishing. The island has some flat land in the far north, hills north and south with a valley between, and at 620m altitude Snaefell Mountain is the highest point. Some sections have rocky cliffs falling into the sea. Glover describes the island as 'beautiful: ringed by cliffs, sliced by deep valleys, and criss-crossed by lovable antique trains.'<sup>7</sup>

Contact between the Isle of Man and the rest of the British Isles was hit and miss, depending on whatever ships were sailing, until 1767 when England established a regular weekly packet boat service. Even so, regularity depended on the weather, especially in winter when easterly gales could prevent sailings for weeks on end. The closest port in England was Whitehaven, and even in good weather the trip took six hours.<sup>8</sup>

Perhaps great-great-grandmother Miss Margaret Quirk first travelled to Liverpool on the *Robert Bruce*, the first steamer to ply regularly to Douglas in summer months from 1819. The Isle of Man Steam Packet Company, which still operates, began its service in 1830 with wooden paddle steamers.<sup>9</sup>

Margaret Quirk was born in or about 1799 on the Isle of Man. We do not have any information regarding her parents, research made difficult by Quirk being such a common name on Isle of Man., and Margaret no less so. We do not know when she came to Liverpool, or why, or with whom.

In fact, the one and only clue that her birthplace was the Isle of Man is recorded in the 1851 census for Birkenhead.<sup>10</sup> Despite a great many family trees on Ancestry.com claiming Douglas, Isle of Man, and citing the 1851 census, the census is no more specific than stating Isle of Man. All we know of her is that in 1823





Peel Bay Beach - geograph.org.uk

when she was about 24, she married Richard Mitchell Cherry, a shipwright, in Liverpool.<sup>11</sup>

She and Richard lived there until 1829 when they went to his native place, Hull, for at least several months. They returned either to Liverpool or to Birkenhead which is where they lived from 1833 or perhaps a little earlier. From 1825 until 1840, Margaret bore ten children, of whom seven grew to adulthood. Margaret died in 1853, aged only 54, in Birkenhead.<sup>12</sup> Did she ever return to visit her island homeland? We don't know. She remains a misty figure, known to us only as wife and mother of others.

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## MANX GENEALOGY

The Isle of Man Family History Society was formed in January 1979 with the aim of encouraging the study of genealogy and family history, particularly within the Isle of Man. For details of the Society, see <http://www.iomfhs.im/>.

Manx National Heritage has a useful family history information sheet. This has links to relevant parts of Manx Government web pages, for churches, civil registration, property deeds, probate, and others.

<https://manxnationalheritage.im/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/Family-History-Sheet-Library-and-Archive-Service-Digital.pdf>.

A wealth of genealogical, historical, and descriptive material is available on Frances Coakley's A Manx Notebook. The site includes more than 40 Mb of material, much of it being transcriptions of original records. <http://www.isle-of-man.com/manxnotebook/>.

And, of course, there is GenUKI, which has a lot of information on the Isle of Man at <https://www.genuki.org.uk/big/iom>.



## FOCUS ON

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

# GSQ SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS GERMAN RESEARCH GROUP



### The German Group aims to:

- offer support and assistance to members researching their German ancestry
- encourage and exchange information in an informal setting
- provide guest speakers whenever possible to help guide members through the maze of available information
- learn the history of Germany
- understand German immigration and why ancestors chose to leave
- get to know the German people and their cultures, and
- share information internationally and interstate.

Since its inception in 1983, the German Research Group has added a collection of maps, guides, reference books and journals, plus family, local, church and school histories to the library. GSQ holds one of the most comprehensive ranges of German material in Queensland.

Meetings are held bi-monthly on the last Sunday of odd numbered months at the GSQ Research Centre at Wishart, which opens at 10:00 am and closes at 2:15pm. Generally, if we have a guest speaker, their talk begins at 10.30 a.m and goes for approximately 30 to 60 minutes with time for questions. Following this we have discussions, which include suggestions for purchase of resources and any help required for member's research.

A gold coin contribution is welcome. Membership of GSQ is required to attend regular SIG meetings, but non-members of GSQ may attend one meeting to see what the Group has to offer.

The Group publishes its own bi-monthly newsletter *Die Zeitung*, to coincide with meetings. An annual

subscription of \$10 covers the cost of production and distribution. Copies are held in the GSQ library collection. Members also receive other relevant newsletters and any worthwhile tips, all by email from the editor.

Since 2016, the Group has been a member of the German Australian Genealogy and History Alliance, a partner of the International German Genealogy Partnership <http://www.germanheritage.org.au/>.

Members can contact the group by writing to: The Secretary, German Research Group, Genealogical Society of Queensland, PO Box 1467, Carindale, QLD 4152, or by email to [germangroup@gsq.org.au](mailto:germangroup@gsq.org.au)

### Cyndi's List - Germany

Cyndi's List is a categorized and cross-referenced index to genealogical resources on the internet. Cyndi's List has many resources for Germany. <https://www.cyndislist.com/germany/>

### FamilySearch Wiki – Germany

The Wiki is a free online genealogical guide created and maintained by FamilySearch. The Wiki for Germany can be found at [https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Germany\\_Genealogy](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Germany_Genealogy).

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## GSQ Special Interest Groups • e-News

The Genealogical Society of Queensland publishes a monthly electronic newsletter about Society news and upcoming events. All are welcome to download and read it.

For information on the activities of all our Special Interest Groups, see GSQ's monthly newsletter, E-news at:

<https://www.gsq.org.au/what-gsq-offers/enews/>



# GERMAN-AUSTRALIAN GENEALOGY AND HISTORY ALLIANCE

The Alliance is a network of German-Australian history and genealogy organisations who have an interest in ensuring that research and knowledge about German Australian history is disseminated widely and, where possible, freely. Its mission is to identify, encourage, contribute to, and disseminate research and resources relating to the history and heritage of German Australians.

Their website (<https://germanheritage.org.au/>) (*There seems to be a temporary problem with this site*) contains information about several research projects that are underway, as well as indexes of names being researched:

- **Changes to Germanic people's names 1788-1954**  
Many German migrants changed their names upon

arrival in Australia, or later, for a range of reasons. Often it was to help neighbours pronounce or spell their names, sometimes to escape a past, and often to distance themselves from the ethnic background.

- **Family History – Surnames being researched**  
Family names being researched are added to a list to maximise the chances of contacting other family members who may be able to help with research.

The aim of the Alliance is to create a supportive community of researchers of German Australian genealogy and history, and a public appreciation of Australia's German heritage. Their Facebook page is <https://www.facebook.com/GermanHeritageAustralia/>.



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*Enriching family history*

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](mailto:gsqfbgroup@gsq.org.au). To join the group, click on the link below and answer THREE questions. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/548139069596908>

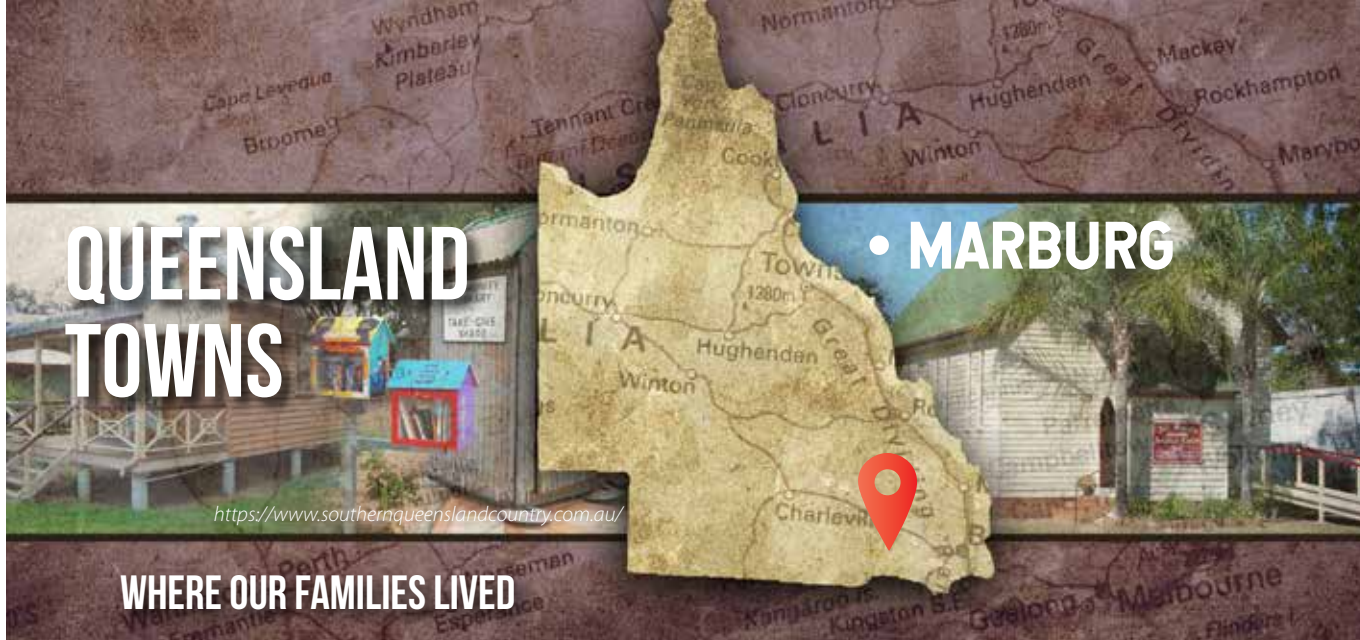
## 101 BEST WEBSITES

### 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/>





The rural town of Marburg is located on the Warrego Highway in the City of Ipswich and is 50km west-south-west of the Brisbane city centre.

German settlers arrived about the 1860s in the region, part of the land of the Jagera people. The district was originally named Sally Owens Plains, but the town takes its name from the town of Marburg in the German state of Hesse. In 1884, 200 allotments were offered for sale and timber, sugar cane and dairy industries ensured that the town grew over time. Charles Smith selected the Woodlands Estate and installed a sawmill, a sugar mill, and a rum distillery. The growing of sugar cane declined after a few seasons, when it was found that the rainfall was too low for good production. Marburg also had a butter factory, initiated by a local storekeeper named Friedrich.



Marburg Butter Factory

About 1900, the population was about 300, nearly 80 percent of which came from Germany or were of German descent. In 1924, about 70% of the businesses in the town had German names. However, due to anti-German sentiment during World War I, the town's name was changed to Townsend in 1917, reverting to Marburg in 1920. The adjoining town of Haigslea was originally known as Kircheim until 1916, when it was renamed in honour of Allied General Douglas Haig.



Marburg in 1908

Marburg served as the administrative seat of the Walloon Division from 1879 to 1903 and then Walloon Shire until 1917, when it was abolished and divided between adjoining shires. Following a major reform of Queensland local government in 2008, Marburg and its surrounding district became part of the City of Ipswich.

The town grew rapidly in the first half of the 20th century, as the main road from Brisbane to Toowoomba passed through the town centre, and the town became popular as a stopover for travellers. However, when the Warrego Highway was built in the 1960s, it bypassed the town and population declined. Since the 1980s, population growth has recovered, with Marburg becoming a semi-rural dormitory suburb of Ipswich, 20 km to the east.

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[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marburg,\\_Queensland](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marburg,_Queensland)



## A TALE OF TWO GLASSES

**Julie Lauman** (Originally published in the GSQ German Group newsletter Die Zietung vol. 32 no. 4, July 2023)

### THE FACTS :

- Martin Jorgensen stated on his daughter Mathilda's birth certificate in 1882 that he was born at Eckernforde, Schleswig-Holstein, Germany.
- All records gave his year of birth as 1847.
- He identified as of Danish nationality in all records.
- Martin Jorgensen's parents were listed as Johan Hansen and Anna Pelersledler on his marriage certificate. He married Inga Svenson on 4 November 1873 in Rockhampton.
- Martin and Inga arrived in Rockhampton on the ship *Eugenie* on 30 October 1873.

### THE FAMILY STORIES (from my aunt):

- These glasses were given to my grandparents (Matilda Jorgensen and Waldemar Nissen Lauman) as a wedding present in 1918 by Vic Jensen.
- Our family came to Australia with Vic Jensen (of Vic Jensen shoe stores in Brisbane).
- Martin Jorgensen had a twin brother.
- Martin had a 'falling out' with his brother and they never spoke to each other again.

I originally came to the GSQ German group meetings several years ago in an attempt to find any information about Martin Jorgensen who was born at Eckernforde in Schleswig-Holstein. The search for Martin Jorgensen who was born in Germany had previously been unsuccessful. Unfortunately, I could not find any record of his birth at Eckernforde in 1847. I had almost given up on this search and decided that my story of the Jorgensen family would be brief, beginning in 1873 when Martin and his future wife arrived in Australia.

Initially I began to search for his parents whose names were given on his marriage certificate as Johan Hansen and Anna Pelersledler. These names did not seem to be correct when taking into account the patronymic naming system used in Denmark. It seemed that the more likely names of his parents would be Jørgen Hansen and Anna Pedersdatter or Petersdatter. Unfortunately, these

names were very common in Danish records. I looked for marriage records for people of these names who had married before 1847, but there were many records for such marriages. The search had added the names of one generation further back in time, but there were no other details to add to the family story.

I then decided to look into some of the family stories which had been told to be by my aunt who was, unfortunately, well known in our family to 'not let the truth get in the way of a good story', so I was quite sceptical as to whether this information would help. There was a Peter Jorgensen who was 26 years old (the same age as Martin) who had arrived in Australia on the same ship and she said that he was Martin's twin brother. No amount of searching for information about the twin brother yielded any success. It has since been proven that he was not related to Martin.

As a last resort I decided to use a different approach and follow up on the story about the two glasses which my aunt had given to me in the 1980s. This led to a search for information about Vic Jensen, but no records were found for his arrival in Australia on the same ship as our Laumann family in 1878. In a stroke of pure luck, I found a family tree for Vic Jensen's family on Ancestry. For once a family tree yielded some useful information! Vic Jensen was in fact Jens Christian Victor Jensen and he was born in Brisbane in 1874. His parents were Rasmus Jensen and Anne Hansen who had arrived in Australia on 30 October 1873. They had arrived in Rockhampton on the ship *Eugenie* (the same ship as Martin Jorgensen). Their names were found on the passenger list as the next entry after Martin Jorgensen (at the top of the next page). This information had previously been missed as I did not have the complete passenger list for the ship. Rasmus Jensen was a bootmaker who travelled to Brisbane after his arrival. Martin Jorgensen was a farm labourer who travelled to Tambo then to Blackall where the family lived for almost 17 years before they moved to Forest Hill near Laidley.



What was the connection between the Jorgensen and Jensen families? It seemed that there would have been a close connection as the wedding present of the two glasses was given 45 years after the journey to Australia and after Martin Jorgensen and Rasmus Jensen had both died. Did the family have a connection in Denmark?



The families of Rasmus Jensen and Anne Hansen in Denmark were then researched. They had married at Bogense in the north of the island of Fyn (Funen) in Denmark just days before they boarded the ship in Hamburg for their journey to Australia. Perhaps Anne Hansen was related to the family of Jørgen Hansen or possibly connected to this family through marriage. No such connections could be found.

In parallel to this, some further research into the lives of Jørgen Hansen and Anna Pedersdatter was continued. Another stroke of luck revealed a confirmation record of a Martin Jørgensen who was baptised on 30 May 1847 and whose parents were Jørgen Hansen and Ane Pedersdatter. The entry below this was for his twin brother named Julius!! This family lived at Veflinge in the northern county of Odense on Fyn (Funen) island. Veflinge is located only about 10 kilometres south of Bogense. This Jørgensen family was traced in much more detail and revealed many interesting twists and turns including illegitimate births, a change of name, foster children, multiple marriages, children of the same name who were born in the same year in different families with the same father's name and who lived next door to each other, a broken engagement, multiple journeys across the county of Odense, an interval of almost 13 years between an initial meeting and marriage, etc. Another fascinating story to be told!

Martin and Julius were born on 3 April 1847, almost two months before their baptism. This was uncommon as many baptisms took place within days or a week or so after the birth. Their birthplace on the 1850 census was given as Veflinge, the home town of Ane Pedersdatter. This census was taken during the First Schleswig War between Denmark and Germany, so was this information correct? Jørgen Hansen was a 'tømmermand', a timber man, or in some translations carpenter (usually 'tømmerer'). Did he move around for work? Did he meet Rasmus Jensen through his work?

Julius Jorgensen migrated to New Zealand in 1874, but returned to Denmark where he was listed on the

1880 census as unmarried and a pauper. He then migrated to Australia in 1883 as an assisted passenger and arrived in Rockhampton where he had to disembark. A 'Mr Jorgensen' was on the Cobb & Co coach to the terminus at Jericho (not far from Blackall) a few days after the ship arrived in Rockhampton. Who paid for his assisted passage? Why did he have to disembark in Rockhampton? Why did he travel to Jericho near Blackall? He never married and later moved

to live in areas around the Darling Downs, Toowoomba, Ipswich and Brisbane. He was reported in newspapers on multiple occasions for offences of being drunk and disorderly. Was this the cause or the result of the 'falling out' with his twin brother Martin? Whatever happened to Julius Jorgensen is unknown.

Martin and Inga had 6 children. Their eldest son was born in 1878 and was named Jorgen Peter Juliussen Jorgensen, but he always used the name of 'Jules' Jorgensen. His given names were chosen with family connections - Jorgen from his paternal grandfather and Peter from his great grandfather. Was Juliussen taken from his uncle Julius Jorgensen, his father's twin brother?

Martin Jorgensen was naturalised in Blackall in 1878, petitioned with others for Blackall to become a municipality in 1879 and was a successful businessman and farmer in Blackall and Forest Hill. He died in 1916 at the age of 69 years.

It is interesting to note that information 'certified in writing' by Martin Jorgensen on the death certificate of his wife Inga in 1911 stated the names of her parents as John Hansen and Anna Bensledler. It is obvious that Martin mistakenly gave the names of his parents (instead of his wife's parents) on the death certificate. John Hansen's occupation was stated as a timber merchant.

#### **POSTSCRIPT TO THESE NOTES:**

I learned after the presentation that German records were only for baptisms and not births so, no matter how many German records I searched, I would never have found any information about the birth of Martin Jorgensen. This contrasts with Danish records where many (but not all) of the records I have found gave the date of birth as well as the date of baptism. This further information would seem to confirm that Martin Jorgensen was most likely born at Eckernforde, Schleswig-Holstein, Germany (as stated on his daughter's birth certificate) but was baptised almost two months later in Denmark.



## Cemetery Demolition Indexes

In 1975, hundreds of worn, supposedly forgotten headstones in three major city cemeteries were removed by Brisbane City Council workmen employed under the Regional Employment Development Scheme. Two of these cemeteries were Toowong and South Brisbane.

A handwritten record of each was kept and is now in the GSQ library. The advantage of looking at the original copy of what was in the record and on the headstone is that, sometimes, there is extra information re dates, names, relationships, cause of death etc. to be found.

The indexes to these two cemeteries have been compiled by Kay Aberdeen. For this data base, Kay has indexed all the names from this record and the page in the book where further information may be available.



Also listed are the names by surname, (a) for adult, (c) for child, most often the date of burial, but occasionally the date of death, year of death, and page number in the book.

Some information was incorrect in the book so, with the help of the BCC Cemetery Search, this has been corrected where possible. Some surnames were also spelt in differing ways on the same headstone or in the BCC Cemetery Search site. Other names or dates were indecipherable or not found in any BCC record.

Log in to MyGSQ, access the Cemetery Demolition Indexes, and select the image for the cemetery you wish to search.

**BRISBANE CITY COUNCIL GRAVE LOCATION**

Brisbane City Council maintains records of people buried or cremated at its cemeteries and crematoria. The online search tool makes it easy to locate the resting place of a relative or to research family history and genealogy.

The website (see below) lists the relevant cemeteries, which can be selected for advice and information on how to locate the burial or memorial site.

Only records of burials in Brisbane City Council cemeteries are available through the search tool. The website provides links to private cemeteries and crematoria in South East Queensland, as well as facilities managed by other local authorities.

<https://brisbane.discovereverafter.com/>



# How to book

# Calendar of events

## GSQ web site:

Go to [www.gsq.org.au](http://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 13 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/](http://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
<b>September 2023</b>			
23	Sat	<b>Seminar</b> – Scotland Here we Come	12:30pm
24	Sun	German Group	10:15am
<b>October 2023</b>			
1	Sun	English/Irish SIG	10am
8	Sun	Colonial & Convict Connections	10am
14	Sat	<b>Presentation</b> – Cultivating a Future	9am
15	Sun	Writing SIG	10am
21	Sat	<b>Presentation</b> – Managing Frugally	9am
22	Sun	DNA SIG	9:30am
28	Sat	<b>Annual General Meeting</b>	10am
<b>November 2023</b>			
4	Sat	<b>Presentation</b> – Remembering the Western Front	9pm
5	Sun	Scottish Group	10am
12	Sun	Family History Technology SIG	10am
19	Sun	DNA SIG	9:30am
19	Sun	Scandinavian SIG	1pm
25	Sat	<b>Presentation</b> – Wring that Document Dry	9am
26	Sun	German Group	10:15am
29	Wed	<b>DNA Clinic</b>	7pm
<b>December 2023</b>			
2	Sat	<b>Presentation</b> – Constructing a Digital Convict Memorial	9am
3	Sun	English/Irish Group	10am
10	Sun	Colonial & Convict Connections	10am



• **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 2023

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.

## September - December

### Half-day Seminar (Virtual platform)

#### Scotland: Here we come

**WHEN:** Saturday 23 Sept @ 12:30– 6:30pm AEST

**PRESENTER:** Various

**COST:** Early bird: \$50 Members \$60 Non-members  
Full: \$60 Members \$70 Non-members

### Presentation (Virtual platform)

#### Cultivating a Future: Chinese at the Queensland Agricultural Frontier

**WHEN:** Saturday 14 October @ 9am – 11am AEST

**PRESENTER:** Prof. Darryl Low Choy

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

### Presentation (Virtual platform)

#### Managing Frugally: An alphabet of tips and tools for family historians

**WHEN:** Saturday 21 October @ 9am – 11am AEST

**PRESENTER:** Jill Ball

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

### Presentation (Virtual platform)

#### "If only I could see your grave"- Remembering the Western Front

**WHEN:** Saturday 4 November @ 9am – 11am AEST

**PRESENTER:** Dr. Richard Reid

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

### Presentation (Virtual platform)

#### Wring that Document Dry: Getting the most from your research documents

**WHEN:** Saturday 25 November @ 9am – 11am AEST

**PRESENTER:** Helen V Smith

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

### Presentation (Virtual platform)

#### Constructing a Digital Convict Memorial

**WHEN:** Saturday 2 December @ 9am – 11am AEST

**PRESENTER:** Prof. Hamish Maxwell-Stuart

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

*We hope you enjoy the education program for 2023. Remember to look on the GSQ website for up to date events & times.*



## Queensland Family History Society Inc

### Events and presentations

#### Follow the Gold: Tracing Mining Ancestors in Australia

**Presenter:** Shauna Hicks

**When:** Friday, 13 Oct 2023 - 10:00am - 11:30am AEST

**Where:** Online

**Limit:** 25

**Cost:** \$15.00 members (QFHS + GSQ) - \$25.00 non-members

#### Who Rocked the Cradle? Women of the Diggings

**Presenter:** Dorothy Wickham

**When:** Friday, 10 Nov 2023 - 10:00am - 11:30am AEST

**Where:** Online

**Limit:** 25

**Cost:** \$15.00 members (QFHS + GSQ) - \$25.00 non-members

<https://www.qfhs.org.au/events/>



# SIG Meeting Dates 2023

Special Interest Groups for 2023 are full of bright ideas and tips. All members of GSQ are welcome to attend. Watch the GSQ website or eNews for information on dates, topics, and any event changes.

<https://www.gsq.org.au/gsq-events/list/>



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



8 October, 10 December  
• *Second Sunday, even numbered months*

## German Research Group • 10:15am – 2:30pm



24 September, 26 November  
• *Last Sunday, odd numbered months*

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



17 September, 22 October, 19 November  
• *odd months 3rd Sunday, even months 4th Sunday*

## Scandinavian Group • 12:30am – 2:30pm



17 September, 19 November  
• *Third Sunday, odd numbered months*

## English/Irish Group • 10:00am – 2:30pm



1 October, 3 December  
• *First Sunday, even numbered months*

## Scottish Group • 10:00am – 2:30pm



3 September, 5 November  
• *First Sunday, odd numbered months*

## Writing Group • 10:00am – 2:00pm



15 October  
• *Third Sunday, even numbered months*

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



10 September, 12 November  
• *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**



**23 Sept**  
**12:30pm - 6:30pm**  
**AEST**  
**via ZOOM**

# Scotland - here we come! Seminar

### Program

- Chris Paton - *Discover your Scottish Ancestors. (Recorded)*
- Brian Donovan - *Scottish Records on Findmypast. (Recorded)*
- Lorna Steele-McGinn - *Jacobites, the Clearances & emigration from the Highlands. (Recorded)*
- Emma Maxwell - *Locating Scottish Burial Records. (Recorded)*
- Alistair Henderson - *The inexhaustible Source - Scottish Deeds, the forgotten source for family history. (Recorded)*
- Lorough Quinney - *Discover Historic Maps of Scotland. (Live + Recorded)*
- *Live Q&A with all speakers*
- *Drawing of raffle & door prizes.*

*All sessions will be recorded and available for one month after the event to registered attendees.*

### Bookings & payment

Early Bird Price if booked by 10 September 2022:  
 GSQ/QFHS Members \$50  
 Non-members \$60

Price from 11 September 2022:  
 GSQ/QFHS Members \$60  
 Non-members \$70

Book online at: [www.gsq.org.au/events/](http://www.gsq.org.au/events/)  
 Payment may be made by:  
 Credit card (online, by phoning GSQ 07 3349 6072 or at GSQ)  
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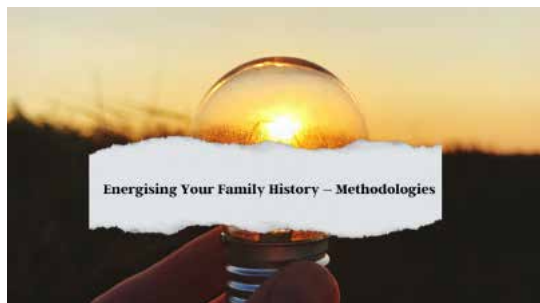
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## ENERGISING YOUR FAMILY HISTORY – METHODOLOGIES

On 13 May, GSQ held a Mini Seminar via Zoom, attended by 24 people, including the presenters. The first session was presented by Dr Imogen Wegman, a lecturer in family history at the University of Tasmania. Imogen's presentation, entitled 'Interpreting the Thousand Words' discussed using visual means to illustrate history and demonstrated with images and maps from her own family history. She outlined the history of maps and how to interpret maps and artworks, and the questions we need to ask when using maps, which are usually made for a specific purpose. She finished by saying that the answer to a family history question is not always in the written word; it may be in the images.



Professional genealogist Fiona Brooker discussed the need to organise your records to progress your research. Fiona gave examples of the organisation system she uses for her own family history research for documentary and digital records, as well as ephemera, heirloom objects, and DNA analysis. She outlined her use of colour and structure in her organisation system, to accommodate both direct and collateral family lines. Fiona explained that, after setting up her system, she sorted the material without thinking and getting distracted. She finished by saying that one of the advantages of being orderly is that one can share the exciting discoveries. And you can find things!

Sue Reid discussed the use of wildcards, symbols that stand for unknown characters in a search. The two most common wildcards are ? and \*. Wildcards are used for surname variations, typographical errors, names hyphenated in print, name variations, and names corrupted by Optical Character Recognition. Sue gave some tips for the use of wildcards, including the need to check the website help page for the site's particular requirements. She then listed some common family history sites and whether they allowed wildcards.

Pauleen Cass gave a presentation entitled 'Vital issues for researchers: Ethics, Privacy, and Copyright'. She defined ethics as 'the process of questioning, discovering, and defending our values, principles, and purpose'; and listed considerations when determining an ethical approach to research. Pauleen then demonstrated the ethical considerations in three case studies. Privacy and ethics are close cousins, but privacy comes with legal obligations under the Australian Privacy

Act 1988. She then discussed the rights of individuals as well as the responsibilities of researchers. Pauleen finished her presentation by discussing the issue of copyright and plagiarism and concerns for family historians.

The seminar finished with Ancestry's Jason Reeve giving an overview of the Ancestry Card Catalogue and sharing a few handy tips for its use in searching Ancestry's extensive collection of databases.

Thanks to all the organisers and presenters for a varied and interesting program which was very useful to family historians.

### Staying Out of Trouble – The Rights and Responsibilities of Today's Genealogists

Well-known speaker Judy Russell (The Legal Genealogist) was due to give a presentation on 17 June via Zoom. However, nature intervened and a severe storm in the United States knocked her internet out. But technology came to the rescue, and she was able to record her presentation for viewing by participants.

Judy spoke about the rights of genealogists to have access to vital records and information, as well as to places where information can be found, through various legal mechanisms. She also presented a detailed discussion of copyright issues and included links to more information about access to public records and copyright.

A detailed and interesting presentation about issues of importance to family historians.







## THE NEXT GENEALOGY JOURNEY

# Discovering an Adventurer

**Ross Hansen** (From a GSQ blog in May 2023)

For years I had been darting from one family member or ancestor to another belonging to my late wife, Helen, gathering the usual dates and places of birth, marriage, and death. But that strategy had to change if I was to find how these people lived. Following the advice of seasoned genealogists at talks and conferences, often with their own website, blog, or Facebook page, I needed to focus on one ancestor at a time. Who might be a likely candidate?

A few adventurous stories might be found researching Helen's father, who was a former policeman on Thursday Island and later in Birdsville. Helen's mother, born on Thursday Island to a soldier and a Scottish lass, had a very different childhood from children on the mainland. A paternal great grandfather, Albert August Bahlow and his family came out to Maryborough, Queensland from Prussia in the 1870s and a maternal great grandfather William Gilchrist Lambert, a reporter, might have a story or two. But for this episode, I chose a different maternal great grandfather, David Brown, a Scotsman.

After confirming the basic data of whom he was and his relationship to Helen, I wanted to delve deeper into his life. Many subscription sites merely have indexes or transcriptions of original records. These often omit useful information like a full address or an occupation, so it was necessary to use Scotland's People to view the original National Records of Scotland images for confirmation. Scotland's People permits one to search for free but pay an affordable amount to view a specific original

record. Once paid, that record remains available to view whenever returning to the site. Accessing newspapers is also very worthwhile. The Findmypast subscription site includes access to worldwide newspapers while the National Australian Archives (NAA) provides free access to Australian newspapers via Trove. What I found was unbelievable.

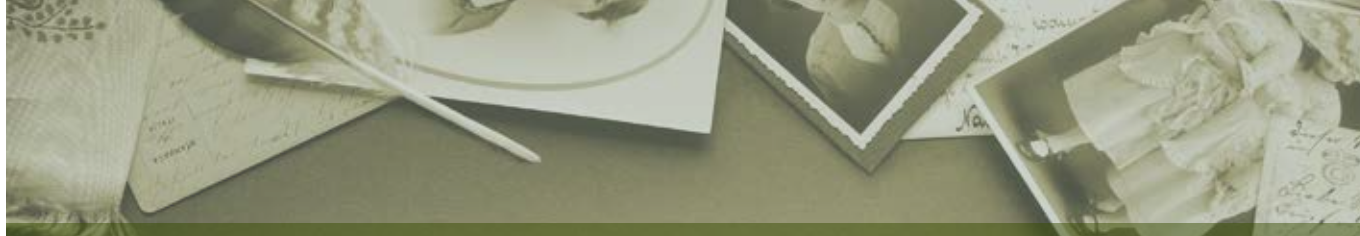
During a voyage of the sailing schooner, *Elibank Castle*, in January 1885, ten crew members had been murdered on shore by local Solomon Islands inhabitants.<sup>1</sup> They were trading for copra in the South Sea Islands. The remaining crew, including seaman David Brown, could only look on in horror from the ship. They managed to slip away and return to Australia. On the 17 or 18 May 1885, the owner of the vessel, Captain Rousch, made the trip himself and David was again a crew member.

Solomon Island natives had been invited on board to trade, as the captain had done on other occasions. But without warning, the natives suddenly turned on the crew with their tomahawks and spears.<sup>2</sup> The crew were fighting for their lives.

In a story that sounds like a Boys Own adventure, David and another seaman, Hugh Gildie, were forced to withdraw to another part of the ship. In subsequent fighting, Hugh and David were both injured in the face by tomahawks and David was shot through the hand as his gun discharged during a struggle. Next morning, realising they were the only two still alive, they sailed from the island and buried their comrades at sea. Their ordeal was not over yet!



*Elibank Castle* 1884 (National Library of New Zealand)



The ship began to leak after they struck a reef off New Guinea. Removing the ship's papers, provisions, and water to the ship's long boat, they scurried off the sinking ship and sailed and drifted, carried by whatever wind they could catch. Hugh was knocked overboard into the heavy sea during a violent storm. Unsuccessful in his efforts to save him, David was now alone. After some forty-eight days drifting, he arrived at a native village in New Guinea. From there, he was led to a Dutch settlement nearby and taken by a Dutch mail boat to Singapore. A Chinese steamer brought him from there to Cooktown, from whence he was transhipped to Brisbane. In concluding his narrative to the authorities, David explained that he 'had eight months wages owing to him' and he had 'a wife and family totally unprovided for in Greenock, Scotland.'<sup>3</sup> But David Brown is a common name. Was this the right one?

The evidence was circumstantial, but after extensive searching in newspapers, subscription sites (Ancestry, Findmypast and MyHeritage), Scotland's People, Google, and Queensland State Archives, I could find no other David Brown who was both a seaman and had a wife and family in Greenock, Scotland around that time. Helen's great grandfather was born in Greenock in 1851.<sup>4</sup> When he married there in 1872, he was already a seaman.<sup>5</sup> He and his wife, Matilda, had three children in Greenock.<sup>6</sup> His family was there when those awful events were happening in the Solomon Islands. In both the 1881 and the 1891 Census of Scotland, Matilda was raising the family in Greenock while he, presumably, was at sea.<sup>7</sup> There was still reasonable doubt.

In 1900, David was appointed as attendant at the lazaret (leper hospital) and the caretaker of the quarantine station on Friday Island in the Torres Strait.<sup>8</sup> His family were now living nearby on Thursday Island. The lazaret was eventually closed, and the quarantine station relocated closer to Brisbane. In 1907, he was appointed as caretaker of the lazaret on Peel Island in Moreton Bay and Matilda was appointed as Matron there.<sup>9</sup>

So anyone (or their descendants) who passed through the Friday Island Quarantine Station or was treated at the Friday Island or Peel Island lazarets could have observed those scars from David's injuries...if this was the same David Brown.



Leprosy Hospital, Peel Island 1907 (State Library of Queensland)

Frustrated, I left the research for a couple of weeks then decided to make one final effort to confirm David Brown's identity before moving on to research a different ancestor. Trove had provided much of the relevant information so far, so I tried a different combination of search words – "David Brown" AND "Greenock". It produced 203 results from all over Australia, many obviously not relevant. They were not the same period or the same David Brown. Finally, the exact confirmation I needed was in the *Tasmanian News*, 16 March 1886. It began, 'Mrs David Brown, 3 Broomhill Street, Greenock, wife of the sole survivor of the crew who were massacred by the natives of the Solomon Island'<sup>10</sup>

Where would we be without newspapers to help us discover what happens in the dash of our ancestors' lives? That dash is the important little punctuation mark between their birth year and their death year on our family tree, the time during which their life happens. Now I'm ready to tackle Helen's other maternal great grandfather, William Gilchrist Lambert.

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<sup>9</sup> 'Official Notifications, Home Secretary's Department', *Telegraph*, 15 Aug 1907, p. 2, <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article174928344>.

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During the Serbian Campaign in World War One, some 1500 Australian and New Zealand soldiers, airmen and medical personnel served alongside Serbian forces. Forty-five ANZACs are buried in the British War Cemetery section of the New Cemetery in the Serbian capital, Belgrade.

At the invitation of the Australian Embassy in Belgrade, three Australians participated in the 2023 Anzac Day ceremony. Two were relatives of Australians who served with the Serbs, while the third, Bojan Pajić, is a member of the Genealogical Society of Victoria and has written several books on the ANZACs in Serbia. The ceremony was attended by the Australian Ambassador and the Serbian Crown Prince Aleksandar. Following the ceremony, the Australian participants visited the grave of each Australian and New Zealand servicemen and laid a flower and took photographs.

Prior to the trip, the group had searched for relatives of the buried servicemen and established contact with the family of half the buried Australians. The group are trying to establish contact with other relatives of the 28 Australians buried in Belgrade, including one unknown airman. See the following list. If you can help, contact Bojan at [bjpiris@gmail.com](mailto:bjpiris@gmail.com).



**Australian servicemen buried in Belgrade.**

Rank	Surname	Forenames
Private	Black	Eric Lynn
Flying Officer	Blackford	Walter Frederick
Private	Brown	Stewart Emerson
Flight Sergeant	Calder	Lewis Walter
Gunner	Cargill	Colin Edward
Warrant Officer	Custance	Geoffrey James
Flight Lieutenant	Gardiner	Desmond Edward James
Pilot Officer	Holmes	Edward James
Flight Sergeant	Hough	Bernard Austin
Lieutenant	Irwin	William
Flight Lieutenant	Kimber	Donald David
Flight Sergeant	Lee	Edward George
Warrant Officer	Lowe	George Robert Colquhoun
Warrant Officer	Lyon	Andrew Wallace
Flight Sergeant	Mann	Percy Garfield
Flying Officer	Mason	Henry Oscar
Flight Sergeant	Mcgugan	Ian
Private	Morante	Eric
Pilot Officer	Moss	Frank Willis
Private	O'Sullivan	Kenneth George
Flight Sergeant	Parker	Geoffrey Goodhand
Sergeant	Reid	William Howard
Bombardier	Simmons	Leslie
Flight Sergeant	Steele	Charles Gibson
Warrant Officer	Stewart	Derek George
Sapper	Waite	Reginald
Flying Officer	Walker	Gordon Murray



The **Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC)** is an intergovernmental organisation of six independent member states whose principal function is to mark, record and maintain the graves and places of commemoration of British Commonwealth of Nations military service members who died in the two World Wars.

The commission is currently responsible for the continued commemoration of 1.7 million deceased Commonwealth military service members in 153 countries. The commission is responsible for the care of war dead at over 23,000 separate burial sites and the maintenance of more than 200 memorials worldwide. It was founded in 1917 as the Imperial War Graves Commission and re-named in 1960.

The CWGC website (<https://www.cwgc.org/>) contains a war grave search tool and a series of guides which aids researchers in finding war dead records of the 1.7 million Commonwealth men and women that the Commission commemorates.





## OLD GULFIES

Elizabeth (Lizzie) O'Dowd was born in Cooktown in 1876. Her father, a carrier, died in Normanton on the Gulf of Carpentaria in 1888, leaving her mother in financial difficulties and forcing Lizzie to begin her working life at the age of 12. She began working for a young Danish man, Nicholaus Edward Schneekloth, known as Ned. The story still told to Gulf tourists is that Ned was a bullocky and Lizzie was his 'bullock girl', walking behind the bullock team, driving the spare animals.<sup>1</sup>

Ned had been born in 1860 in Schönberg, Schleswig-Holstein; which was then in Denmark, but is now a state of Germany. Ned, then aged 17, came to Queensland in 1878 and worked at several jobs throughout the colony. When the Croydon gold rush started, he went to the Gulf country where he was engaged as a teamster based in Normanton.<sup>2</sup>

In October 1896, at the age of 19, Lizzie married Ned, then aged 36. Ned held the licence for the Norman Hotel in Normanton, which the couple operated for many years. They became known for their acts of generosity and their involvement in local affairs. Ned was a member of the Normanton Hospital Committee, while Lizzie assisted in the raising of funds for the hospital and the School of Arts, in which she was made a life member. After the sale of the hotel, Ned continued with his carrying business and operated the local mail run until 1937.

Lizzie and Ned had nine children, all born in Normanton. Besides rearing their own children, they also reared four of their grandchildren and two local children whose

mothers had died in childbirth. Lizzie followed the example of her mother and grandmother by nursing the sick and dying.



Ned and Lizzie 1946

About 1945, Lizzie and Ned retired to Townsville. On 27 October 1946, they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at a family party, attended by four generations of their

family. The party was reported in the *Townsville Daily Bulletin* in which they were referred to as 'two highly respected old residents of Normanton' and 'Old Gulfies' who had spent most of their lives in the Gulf region.<sup>3</sup>

The Schneekloth family were well known in Normanton. Although their descendants have spread throughout Queensland, some still live in the area, so the Schneekloths can truly be called 'Old Gulfies'.

<sup>1</sup> Chandler, Ursula and Bennett, Jan (Eds.), *Pioneers of North Queensland*, Family History Association of North Queensland, 2001

<sup>2</sup> *Townsville Daily Bulletin* (Qld.), Obituary, 24 December 1949, p2

<sup>3</sup> *Townsville Daily Bulletin*, (Qld.), Stuart Residents' Golden Wedding, 29 October 1946, p6

## 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 next clinic will be on Wednesday 29 November 2023.

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.





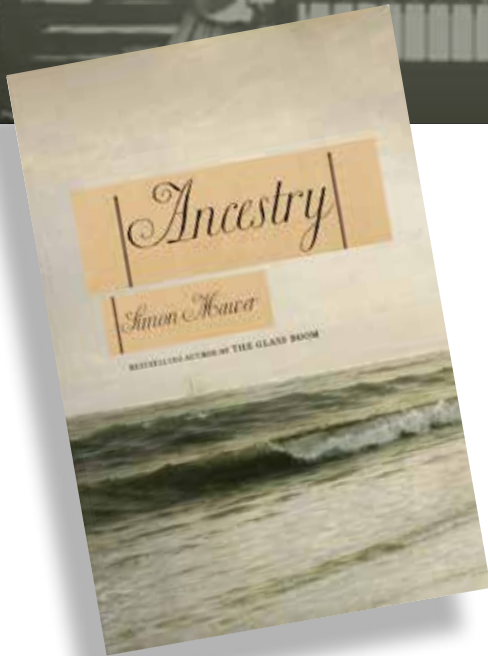
## BOOK REVIEW



### ANCESTRY: A NOVEL

BY SIMON MAWER

PUBLISHED BY OTHER PRESS, 2022



#### Marg Doherty

often-mentioned but perhaps not frequently used sources such as *Lloyd's List* and repositories, including the National Archives at Kew, the National Maritime Museum in the United Kingdom and the Maritime History Archive at the University of Newfoundland in Canada. Mawer also deals with the changeability of surnames, a common genealogy problem. The author's evidence from his sources is used to weave his intriguing stories, complete with constructed dialogue.

Part 2 is about a soldier and his wife, Ann Scanlon, and it is to Ann that the book is also dedicated. In both these parts, genealogical facts such as baptisms and census become the pillars around which Mawer creates his stories. The result is a very readable and enjoyable novel, partially due to his skill as a storyteller and the details provided by Mawer and his family historian relatives' in-depth research. One example is the detailed military minutiae of the Crimean War, which he integrated into his ancestor's story of military service in Crimea.

The third part of the publication offers scenarios of what may have happened to one of the key female characters. Did this happen? Or perhaps it was this? These are similar to the scenarios that we work through in our heads for our ancestors. It is the options that Mawer considers that comprise the last part of the book. Perhaps Mawer's book structure provides an option for writing our family histories where we lack detail. I believe, however, that we should continue to research in the sometimes futile hope of discovering the truth.

I am not generally a fan of fiction-based fiction, although I recently read and enjoyed the novel *Elizabeth and Elizabeth* about Elizabeth Macquarie and Elizabeth Macarthur by Sue Williams. When a family history friend recommended *Ancestry*, I ordered it from the Brisbane City Council library service. My friend had the book on a 7-day loan, also from a council library, and she took only a few days to complete it, as did I.

Simon Mawer dedicates his book to two of his female ancestors, stating poignantly that 'who would otherwise be forgotten'. I imagine this is the case with many of our ancestors, particularly the females, but many of us, myself included, do not have Mawer's literary skills. Mawer is the author of many publications and was on the Booker Prize shortlist in 2009 for *The Glass Room*.

*Ancestry* is in three parts. Part 1 commences in Suffolk in 1837. The first ancestors mentioned are a boy and his brother. The boy becomes a seaman, and this initial chapter is about the boy and the woman who later became his wife, Naomi Lulham. Naomi is one of the feisty women to whom the book is dedicated.

Mawer's research is very detailed, and when searching for another ancestor, a merchant mariner, he identifies





## THE FATE OF PARISH RECORDS!

# Old English Social Life as told by the

Annalies Nutley (From a GSQ Blog 13 August 2018)

Where would we be without these incredible records? Indeed, one could not trace back through the generations so succinctly if these ever-important registers had not been so thoughtfully preserved, and now made readily available. But woe is to me! Or to any amateur or professional who comes to trace a parish where they have not survived! Sadly, quite a few are not around today... their old pages not here for us to peruse, search, and enjoy... many hundreds of years since their inception. Normally when we discover that the parish registers from a certain parish we want to explore are missing, our thoughts don't really extend to 'why' they are missing. Have you ever wondered why there are gaps? Does your mind usually give you an answer like 'they haven't been transcribed yet' or 'they are too old and have weathered away'? Or maybe you haven't really given it much thought.

One of my favourite books in my digital library is an old one from 1898, written by T.F. Thiselton Dyer, called *Old English social life as told by the Parish Register*. Besides the incredible and undeniably interesting information this book tells us about social life in old English villages during the 16th century and up to the 19th century, it also gives us a little insight into the way that parish registers were kept, and indeed their upkeep! Below is an excerpt from the book which I know you will find fascinating, to say the least.

*Indeed, it must ever be a source of deep regret to the historian and antiquary that such a precious document should have been for so many years the objects of careless indifference, their safe keeping only too frequently having been committed either to an ignorant parish clerk, or to an apathetic person. Hence, we find repeated notices of the mutilation and partial destruction of registers, the result in most cases of neglect. Mr. Bigland, in writing on the subject mentions his having to consult a register and his surprise when directed to the*

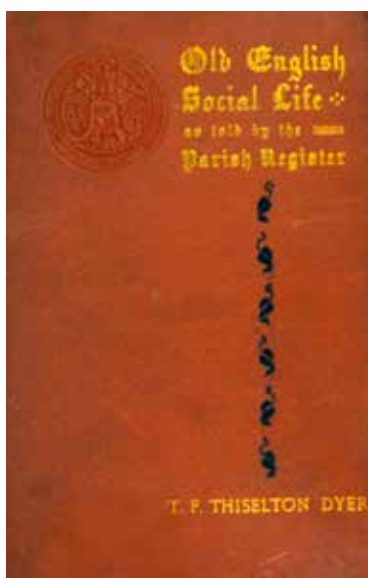
*cottage of a poor labouring man, as clerk of the parish, where he found the document in the drawer of an old table, amongst a lot of rubbish. In a Northamptonshire parish, an old parchment register was discovered in a cottage, some of the pages of which were tacked together as a covering for the tester of a bedstead. And in another parish the clerk, being a tailor, in order to supply himself with measures, had cut out more than sixteen leaves of the old register.*

*In an Essex parish, the clerk not having any ink or paper to make an extract for an applicant, observed, 'Oh, you may as well have the leaf as it is,' and, taking out a pocket-knife, he gave the applicant the entire two pages. It is also on record that an enterprising grocer, being clerk of the parish, found the register invaluable for wrapping up his grocery commodities; and it is told how a curate's wife used the leaves of the parish register for making her husband's kettle-holders.*

*A member of the Harleian Society tells a curious story of the Blythburgh registers. It appears that when Suckling wrote his Suffolk History, the Blythburgh Church chest was filled with important deeds, and the registers were nearly perfect. Now only a few leaves remain of the register prior to the year 1700. The report is that a former clerk, in showing this fine old church to visitors, presented those curious in old papers and autographs with a leaf from the register, or some other document, as a memento of the visit.*

*Amongst some of the further disasters that have befallen these ill-used records, we may allude to their being occasionally sold as wastepaper, their destruction*

*by fire at the parson's residence, and their complete loss through being stolen. In a curious work by Francis Sadler (1738, p.54), entitled 'Exactions of Parish Fees discovered', it is recorded how one Philips, late clerk of Lambeth, ran away with the register-book, whereby the parish became great sufferers, for no person born in the parish could have*





AS almost unique records of the domestic history of the English people in days gone by, the parish registers are of priceless value. It is only of late years, however, that their real importance has been duly estimated, and means suggested for their security and preservation in time to come. Indeed, it must ever be a source

*a transcript of the register to prove himself heir to an estate.<sup>1</sup>*

Incredible is it not? And these are just a few of the stories told; others include instances of parish registers being thrown into the fire by an irate spouse, being used as wrapping paper by students in the parish school, and yet another being cut by the parson into labels which he sent to his friends as a game. As genealogists and researchers this information is vital to remember when we are searching through the old parish registers; never think, or shall I say "assume" that because you cannot find an ancestor in the parish you believe him to have lived (or its surrounds) that he did not in fact live there. More often than not he or she probably did, but the record has simply not survived the many traps and pitfalls of the day.

Perhaps it was summed up best by Mr. T. P. Taswell-Langmead, in 1878, when he said that:

*...fire, tempest, burglary, theft, damp, mildew, careless or malicious injury, criminal erasure and interpolation, loss, and all the other various accidents which have been surely but gradually bringing about the destruction of these registers are still in active operation.*

Let's be thankful this isn't so true for the registers of today!

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The banner features a background of stacked books. On the left, a dark blue square with white starburst graphics contains the text 'NEW BOOK RELEASE'. On the right, the title 'MY FAMILY HISTORY' is written in large white letters. Below the title is an image of the book cover, which shows a grid of colorful stick figures representing a family tree. The cover text includes 'My Family History', 'A ten generation family research record book with pedigree charts', 'NEW EDITION', 'SPEAK TO US ABOUT THE DETAILS OF HOW TO USE THE PARENTS', 'COMPILED BY ROBERT BOYD AND TERRY WALSH', and 'PATERNAL ENTRIES START THIS END >'. The background of the banner transitions from blue on the left to pink on the right.

### ***A ten-generation family history research record book with pedigree charts***

**Robert Boyd Publications** (UK) is pleased to announce the release of the 3rd Edition of 'My Family History Record Book' and the appointment of the **Genealogical Society of Queensland** as its sole distributor for Australia, New Zealand, and their territories.

My Family History is an efficient and attractive method of recording and displaying the results of family history research. It can be used as a presentation document to family members and as a handy *aide memoire* to carry around when researching.

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**Retail price:** \$A 28.00 plus postage  
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FAMILY ORIGINS – WHERE DID THEY COME FROM?

## THE FRASERS OF BRIDGE OF WEIR

### Russell Fraser

The Scottish village of Bridge of Weir (Brig o Weir in the Scots dialect) is in Renfrewshire about 25 kilometres south-west of Glasgow. It owes its name to a crossing point near an ancient salmon weir stationed on the stretch of the River Gryffe that runs through the village. Unlike many of its adjoining towns and villages, Bridge of Weir's history as a settlement only dates to the early 18th century, when cotton and leather industries were established on land attached to the 15th century Ranfurly Castle, now in ruins. The village is surrounded by agricultural lands and now serves as a dormitory settlement for Paisley and Glasgow, although the leather industry continues. Bridge of Weir leather is used by several airlines, including Qantas; luxury cars such as Aston Martin and Rolls-Royce; as well as the benches in the Houses of Parliament in Westminster.

Andrew Fraser and Frances (Fannie) Forbes came from County Antrim in Ireland to settle initially in Bridge of Weir, where their seven children were born. It is assumed

that their ancestors emigrated from Scotland to Ireland in the 17th century during the Plantation of Ulster. Andrew worked as an agricultural labourer, but his children and grandchildren worked in the cotton industry. His grandson John (my great grandfather), although born in Bridge of Weir, moved to Glasgow to work as a cotton spinner. In the 1860s, the Glasgow cotton industry declined as raw cotton became unavailable due to the American Civil War. In 1863, an immigration scheme for 'distressed cotton operatives' brought John Fraser and his family to Queensland aboard the *Beejapore*, leaving behind his links with Bridge of Weir forever.

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## PLACE NAMES IN THE BRITISH ISLES

Want to know the meaning of the name of that village where your families came from? Wikipedia has an article which lists common generic forms in place names in the British Isles, their meanings, and some examples of their use.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_generic\\_forms\\_in\\_place\\_names\\_in\\_the\\_British\\_Isles](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_generic_forms_in_place_names_in_the_British_Isles)



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# Tips & Tools

*This is the first of a new series where we provide a brief outline of the basics for those who are relatively new to researching, or for those who would like a refresher. This series will give some tips on all aspects of family history research and some of the tools necessary or just useful.*



**Tip #1**  
Have a  
plan

- 1) Like all activities in life, you need to start with an objective and clear idea of what you want to achieve:**
  - To concentrate on one family only, perhaps the male line, or
  - Produce a detailed ancestry chart, showing all direct and collateral lines.
  - Are you going to write your family history for publication?
- 2) Start with a small section of the tree and work on that section first:**
  - Avoids confusion and getting sidetracked.
  - You can move on to another family line when you get stuck.

**Pauline Williams**

Adapted from Legacy webinar presentation by Marian Pierre-Louis, accessed 20 February 2012

- 1) Review all your documentation carefully, visualise your information and create:**
  - A timeline
  - A map
  - A record 'quick list'
  - A location list.
- 2) Discuss your research verbally with someone who does not have a vested interest – they can comment objectively. N.B. choose the 'someone' carefully!**
- 3) Know your geography – use maps and other resources at GSQ to help identify:**
  - Political and topographical information
  - Place names
  - Boundaries
  - Changes over time
- 4) Understand jurisdictions – national/state/county/local:**
  - Legal jurisdictions that have authority to create and maintain public records.
  - Who created the records, why, who maintained them, how/where are they kept now?
  - Changes over time.



**10 Tips**  
for  
Beginning  
Researchers





- 5) Understand problems with names:
  - Spelling variations
  - Spelling mistakes
  - Indexing errors
- 6) Consider naming patterns relevant to different ethnic and cultural groups.
- 7) Be aware of name changes, especially of migrants.
- 8) Don't stop short – expect to encounter problems in online searching – always consider alternative sources.
- 9) Get local –
  - Not all records are published, nor online,
  - Not all records are catalogued.
  - Some local records are not easily accessible.
  - Find someone locally to help you, who knows what is available.
- 10) Defy logic –
  - Search record sets even if you don't expect to find results – you may just be lucky!



...that could be  
harming the quality  
of your family tree  
(and how to fix them)

**Danielle Levy and Ziv Sorrek**  
(MyHeritage Knowledge Base)

<https://education.myheritage.com/learn/family-tree/>

Building a family tree can be a rewarding process, allowing you to connect with your heritage and uncover the story of your family's history. However, despite your best intentions, there are many common pitfalls that can harm the quality of your family tree. This article explores eight things that could be harming the accuracy and reliability of your genealogy research and provides practical tips to avoid these problems and improve the quality of your family tree. The article applies to MyHeritage, but the same principles apply to other systems.

### 1) Duplicates

You might end up with duplicates in your family tree, if you accidentally entered the same information and created duplicate entries, which can create confusion and complicate the research process. To maintain the accuracy of your family tree, it's important to regularly review and update your research, and use a standard format for data entry.

### 2) Reviewing a good match only once

You may have missed something the first time, but the person you matched with may have added more information. Re-review your tree every now and then.

### 3) Not visiting other users' family sites

Adding the new information from a match may not be sufficient; you may have missed notes or biographical information. Check the family site and the relative that matches for additional information.

### 4) Focusing too much on one side of the family

This may prevent you from seeing the larger picture and you may miss crucial details. Ignoring certain branches of the family narrows your chances of finding other family members, such as a third cousin, who may have crucial information.

### 5) Availability of information

You may base your decisions on whatever information is readily available, such as family legends, rather than analysis of the evidence. The more you hear the legend, the more you believe it. You can avoid this mistake by using multiple sources of information, preferably primary sources. And keep an open mind!

## 6) Automation bias

Don't be tempted to let your family history software or website do all the work for you. It may show a lot of matches which may cause distractions and introduce errors into your family tree. Always review matches critically before adding information to your tree.

## 7) Lack of boundaries around your research

Don't run after every 'shiny object' you come across in your research; stay disciplined and focused on your goals (which you should have defined before you

started on your genealogical journey). Also, a lack of boundaries may lead you to rely on lower-quality sources, leading to incorrect information.

## 8) Inconsistency

Being inconsistent about how information is added can lead to errors. It is important to choose a method and stick to it.

***Watching out for these pitfalls will help to avoid errors and keep your family tree as accurate as possible.***



**MyHeritage has announced the launch of Reimagine, a new mobile app for family photos.** Reimagine harnesses the power of Artificial Intelligence technologies for improving historical photos, with a photo scanner that enables high-speed scanning of entire album pages. Reimagine is available on both iOS and Android, which can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play.

The first step to digitally preserving family photos stored in photo albums and shoe boxes is to scan them. Reimagine is a one-stop-shop where you can scan, improve, and share your photos. It comes with a state-of-the-art, multi-page scanner feature which enables quick and easy scanning of entire album pages or multiple standalone photos in a single tap, and then detect the individual photos and crop them. Scanned photos are saved in an album within the app and backed up to an account on MyHeritage.

In just a few taps, an old, damaged black and white photo can be scanned and beautifully restored, enhanced, colorized, and even animated. The improved photos, or their original scanned versions, can easily be shared with family and friends on social media, or through a family site on MyHeritage. Reimagine requires either a photos-only subscription or a subscription which can be integrated with a MyHeritage account.



Paul Chiddick

**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>

# SNIPPETS – NEWS AND INFORMATION



## RootsTech 2024

Planning has begun 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/session/rootstech-24-save-the-date>



## Biographical Database of Australia (BDA)

BDA has announced the addition of 12 new datasets to their site, including additional records for convicts, profiles of soldiers, church records, and transcripts of records from the Randwick Asylum for Destitute Children. See the BDA site at <https://www.bda-online.org.au/>. This application is available to GSQ members at GSQ and from home via MyGSQ



## Catholic Heritage Archive

Findmypast has added thousands of new parish records from the Diocese of Leeds, spanning 1757 to 1913. There is almost two centuries of history contained within these baptism, marriage, burial, and congregational records.



## English Certificates

For some years, English certificates could be ordered on paper from the General Register Office (GRO) at <https://www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/>. Now the site offers immediate pdf download for £2.50 of a limited range of births (1837-1922) and deaths (1837-1887), but no marriages.



## Theory of Family Relativity

MyHeritage has updated their Theory of Family Relativity™ feature, adding new theories to help researchers uncover how they are related to DNA matches, by providing plausible theories about how matches are related.



## U.S. City Directories

City directories contain an alphabetical list of adult residents and heads of household, often with their spouse, with addresses and occupations and additional information. They often provide a link between 10-year censuses. MyHeritage

have scanned and indexed a collection of over 25,000 city directories published in 1860—1960 across the United States. If you have relatives who lived in the US, you may find more information about them in this collection.



## Greater London Burial Index

Findmypast has added over 230,000 new records to its Greater London Burial Index.

Spanning six centuries of history from 1394-1905, these transcriptions are from ten parishes.



## South Australian Births Deaths & Marriages Service

The Registrar of Births Deaths and Marriages in South Australia has introduced a new digital image service for birth, death, and marriage registrations. Digital images are available for births more than 100 years ago, marriages more than 75 years ago and deaths to 1989. You can place an order at the SA BDM website at <https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/family-and-community/births-deaths-and-marriages>. The charge for the service is \$30.25 per image.



## 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/>





# BLOG BEAT

Snippets from GSQ's Blog | [www.gsq-blog.gsq.org.au/](http://www.gsq-blog.gsq.org.au/)

## June 2023 – August 2023

**5 June – Janice Cooper**

### ***Remembering Jane***

Janice tells the story of her great grandmother, Jane Heffernan, who had been forgotten among her descendants, but whose story is now being told.

**12 June – Shauna Hicks**

### ***Does researching our family history change us?***

Shauna discusses the issue of whether researching our family history changes our life and whether we should write our own eulogy so that our story survives.

**19 June – Jennifer Harrison**

### ***'A Ship of Contentment and Cheerfulness'***

Jennifer discusses the process for 19th century immigration to Queensland and offers advice on further sources for research.

**26 June – Christine Leonard**

### ***The elusive background of Mary Sheehy***

Christine tells the tale of Mary Sheehy and her obscure background in Ireland before her emigration to Queensland and her marriage in Bowen.

**3 July – Bobbie Edes**

### ***Daily Life of a Railway Blacksmith. Reserves, Chooks, Work & Family***

Bobbie tells the story of her great grandfather, William White, and the task of transcribing his diary, which recalls his daily, hard-working life.

**10 July – Charlotte Sale**

### ***Family lost and found.***

Charlotte tells of a document found in a box of family papers which helped to fill in the names of family members who were missing from the family story.

**17 July – Yvonne Tunny**

### ***A Journey of Faith for Dorothea***

Yvonne tells the story of her 2x great grandmother, her journey from Germany to Australia with a Christian missionary group, and her life in Queensland.

**24 July – Di Edelman**

### ***On the trail of my Alley ancestors in Wiltshire***

Di tells of the highlights of a week spent in Wiltshire visiting the places where her ancestors had lived and attending a family gathering in an old pub in Swindon.

**31 July – Mia Bennett (guest blogger)**

### ***Untangling the Dixons: how the new GRO beta can help.***

Mia describes the process of using the new General Register Office (GRO) digital image service to solve a mystery of her Dixon ancestors.

**7 August – Pauline Williams**

### ***James Reibey Atkinson – descendant of a pioneering convict***

Pauline shares the research she has done on a descendant of Mary Reibey, a pioneering convict whose image appears on the \$20 note.

**14 August – Beverley Murray**

### ***A Granddaughter's reminiscences***

Bev writes of her memories of her grandmother and her grandmother's house, now sadly replaced by modern development. But she still has her memories!

**21 August – Ross Hansen**

### ***The Next Genealogical Journey: Finding trees in a forest of Lamberts.***

Ross follows on from his previous blog on 22 May (published in this issue of *Generation*) by discussing his search for another of his late wife's ancestor families, the Lamberts.

**28 August – Pauleen Cass (guest blogger)**

### ***Inspired by others.***

Pauleen posed the question asked by other bloggers: Who has helped you most with your family history? She then shared some of those who have helped or inspired her.

## FEATURED BLOGS



### **The Legal Genealogist**

Judy G. Russell is a genealogist with a law degree who writes and lectures on topics ranging from using court records in family history to understanding DNA testing. The purpose of her blog is to help folks understand the often-impenetrable legal concepts and terminology that are so very important to those of us studying family history.



### **The Scottish GENES Blog (Genealogy News and Events)**

Chris Paton is a professional genealogist, author, and speaker whose blog contains top news stories and features concerning ancestral research in Scotland, Ireland, the rest of the UK, and their diasporas.

<http://scottishgenes.blogspot.com/>



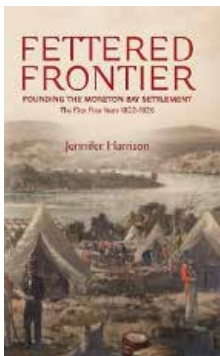
## Accession Highlights



### Discharged in New Zealand: Soldiers of the Imperial Foot Regiments who took their discharge in New Zealand 1840-1870

This scarce reference book by Hugh & Lyn Hughes lists soldiers who stayed in New Zealand. Between 1840 and 1870, fourteen Imperial Foot Regiments served in New

Zealand and over 3600 soldiers took their discharge there instead of returning to the United Kingdom.



### Fettered Frontier, Founding the Moreton Bay Settlement: 1822-1826

Historian Jennifer Harrison's latest book investigates the struggle to locate and establish an outpost in remote Moreton Bay. She uses original government correspondence, diaries, journals, and maps; and examines the many mangled foundation stories from the time of the original site at Redcliffe

and its removal to a location on the Brisbane River.



### Richard Deaves Cooke: Generations

A book edited by Sidney Weiss which records the descendants of colonist Richard Deaves Cooke, a cooper who arrived in Australia c1850's. Includes

recollections and genealogical charts of descendants.

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## 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/](http://www.gsq.org.au/library-catalogue/)



# THE LAST WORD. [ GSQ • THE EDITOR ]



*Generation*, the quarterly journal of GSQ, is (or was) the Society's flagship publication. The editorial team has a continuing problem with the lack of suitable articles for publication. We are having to rely on a small number of members for contributions or re-publish articles from previous issues of *Generation* or blogs. The problem with this approach is that many of the items may be out of date.

When *Generation* was first started over 40 years ago, its objectives may have been stated as:

- Present information about the Society and its activities,
- Provide guidance to members with their research from resources in the GSQ library or online,
- Present news from the family history world, either local or world-wide, of interest to family historians, and
- Publish original stories from members of the lives of their ancestors, their families, and their environment; and the research journey members have undertaken.

With the advent of technology, *Generation* is in competition with other mechanisms to achieve these objectives. The journal is quarterly; other publications are more frequent. eNews is monthly, GSQ blogs are weekly, and there is social media, email, and the Society's website to deliver news and information to members and other interested people virtually instantaneously.

The main problem seems to be competition with the blog. A possible reason for the popularity of blogs is that they are searchable online, whereas journal articles are not. Therefore, articles which could be published in *Generation* are submitted and posted as blogs.

To achieve some differentiation between blogs and journal article, four types of *Generation* articles are proposed:

- Stories about the lives of individual ancestors or families, and their environment,
- Stories showing how members have used resources, in the GSQ library or other resource, to solve a mystery or knock down a genealogical brick wall,
- Short Tales – brief stories of a single event or an anecdote in an ancestor's life – 250-400 words,
- Family Origins – Where did your family come from? Write a description of the town or village, its location, and its history, and how your family is linked to the place – 250-400 words.

One of the aims of family history research is to write stories about the history of your family. Here is your chance to practice with short stories for your Society's journal, before starting on that family history book! Everybody has an anecdote about an ancestor, and everybody can write 250 words. If we don't get enough contributions for *Generation*, this may very well be THE LAST WORD.







# Get the most out of your

## 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.

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