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from The Editor...

Welcome to the latest issue of *Generation*! It is another exciting issue that has reached your inbox (or mailbox!), especially with the inclusion of the winning entry from the 2025 Joan Reese Short Story Competition. *Generation* brings together so many different aspects of genealogy, and it is such a delight to showcase the work of the many different authors who contribute to each issue.

GSQ recently celebrated its Open Day, where Julie Lauman was announced as the winner of the 2025 Joan Reese Short Story Competition. You must read her fascinating story! Exploring Danish ancestors, navigating brick walls in the research, and locating records to put together the pieces of the puzzle to find that elusive ancestor... a journey that can teach us so much. Congratulations Julie, it is wonderful to see your story in print.

In this issue you can also read about the Quance family story, that reminds us of the human tale that lies behind every military record, war memorial, and artefact—even those where the full story behind the person is still unknown. The GSQ English/Irish/Welsh Group is the focus for the Special Interest Group column in this issue—a fascinating interest group! Even if you do not have significant family history in these regions, the resources developed by this Group are excellent and of great interest to genealogists and family historians. Don't forget to also read the story on Louis Francois Drouet – *The Frenchman from La Havre*, which gives fascinating insight into this family journey!

We also have many of the regular columns in this issue, including upcoming events (and the GSQ Annual Seminar!), interest group meeting dates, new library accessions, a book review, featured sources, and Blog Beat. Don't forget to have a look at some of the date claimers for genealogy events in 2026 and 2027—it might seem like it is too far away to think about, but it will be here before we know it!

Enjoy sitting back with this issue of *Generation* as we take you on another exciting genealogy journey!

Jessica Stroja
Editor

Presidential Lines...



I'm going to commence my few words with some exciting and gratifying news. GSQ's December 2024 edition of *Generation* was judged the winner of the Nick Vine Hall Award for 2025 for groups within Australia and New Zealand with a membership of more than 200 members. This news was announced during an event organised by AFFHO (Australasian Federation of Family History Organisations) at the beginning of 2025's Family History month on 1 August. A Certificate attesting to this honour now hangs at GSQ's premises and Russell Fraser has been presented with a framed Editor's Certificate as well—this was the final edition Russell edited. I would like to express my gratitude and huge congratulations to the Editorial Team of Russell Fraser, Janice Wellard, Sharyn Merkley, and Tina Louise.

During Open Day on 23 August the winner of the Joan Reese Short Story Competition for 2025 was announced with the winner being Julie Lauman with her story titled *The Mystery of Hans Thomsen Sattrup*. Julie's story tells how she traced her Danish ancestor, Hans Thomsen Sattrup, her 3X great grandfather, through using some wonderful research techniques. Julie's story appears in this edition of *Generation*. Julie's name has been engraved on the perpetual trophy and she also received a prize of \$200—\$100 of which was donated by GSQ's Writing Interest Group and \$100 from GSQ. There were two other entries this year and these will be published in the December 2025 edition. Perhaps now is the time for you to begin planning what you are going to write for next year's competition. The Competition Planners would love to be overwhelmed with entries.

Enjoy this edition of *Generation*.

Helen Veivers
President



THE WINNER OF 2025 JOAN REESE MEMORIAL AWARD



Photo shows from Left to Right: Dr Jennifer Harrison, GSQ's Patron, winner Julie Lauman and Convenor of GSQ's Writing Interest Group, Pauline Williams. Published in this issue of *Generation* (page 8).

KEY DATES FOR 2025

GSQ Annual Seminar:

Sat 11 Oct 11:30am—6pm

Annual General Meeting (AGM):

Sat 18 Oct 10am—12pm

GSQ Holiday Closure:

From 13 December 2025
Re open 13 January 2026

Welcome to New and Re-joined Members

Helen Veivers, GSQ President

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

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

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

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Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The date of the AGM has been set as
Saturday, 18 October 2025 at 10.00am—12pm

Nominations will be called for the positions of:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Up to 7 Management Committee members

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18 October 2025
at 10.00 am**



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Our December 2024 *Generation* journal has won Category B – 1st Prize Nick Vine Hall Award. GSQ received a certificate and prize money plus a certificate of congratulations was presented to our past editor **Russell Fraser**. This prize is sponsored by the Australasian Federation of Family History Organisations (AFFHO).

The Nick Vine Hall Award is awarded annually to member societies (in two categories based on membership numbers) for the best family history journal/newsletter in Australia and New Zealand. AFFHO provides this award to encourage its member societies to produce quality journals/newsletters, and to honour Nick Vine Hall AM.

First prize—Certificate and \$300 to the Society; Certificate to the Editor

Second prize—Certificate and \$100 to the Society; Certificate to the Editor

The late Nick Vine Hall fervently supported and represented AFFHO at a National level in a Save the Census Campaign in the mid 1980s. Nick utilised his personable skills as a researcher, author, and radio presenter, as well as many speaking

engagements to promote the final achievement that was announced by the Federal Government, of their acceptance of the Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs report 'Saving our Census and Preserving Our History'. This permitted citizens across Australia to 'opt in' and allow retention of their 2001 and future Census information, under closed access for 99 years, by the National Archives of Australia, and in so doing, made a valuable contribution to preserving Australia's history for future generations.

A huge GSQ thank you to our volunteer editing team!



Winning entry:
December 2024 *Generation* journal cover

THE JOAN REESE MEMORIAL SHORT STORY COMPETITION ~ WINNING ENTRY ~

THE MYSTERY OF HANS THOMSEN SATTRUP

*A story of a hat maker,
a coachman, and a parish
priest*

Julie Lauman

After more than ten years of searching for my father's Danish ancestors I had traced most lines in the Laumann family tree back many generations, in some cases to the mid 1600s. However, my 3X great grandfather Hans Thomsen Sattrup remained a total mystery and a significant brick wall in my research.

There appeared to be almost no information available about him, and I could find only three records—a marriage record in 1819, a census record for 1834, and a death record in 1838.¹ It seemed that his life story had begun at the age of 37 years on 20 August 1819 at Fredericia Michaelis Kirke, the garrison church of Fredericia in Vejle county on the east coast of the Jutland peninsula, when he married 25 year old Anna Cathrine Nielsdatter. The marriage record listed the groom as an Underofficer in the Funen Regiment, one of the oldest infantry regiments in the Danish army, but there was no other relevant information given about him. The information about the bride, however, included the names of her parents, Niels Christiansen and Lotte Jensdatter, and the parish of her birth, Mesinge parish on the island of Funen, almost sixty kilometres east of Fredericia. The two witnesses at the marriage

were underofficers who probably worked with Hans.

Hans and Anna Cathrine had six children, two of whom died in infancy or early childhood. Their third child and second daughter Dorothea Cathrine Sattrup, who was born on 7 June 1823, married Peter Nissen Laumann on 23 July 1843 at Rise in Åbenrå county, about eighty kilometres south of Fredericia.² Peter and Dorothea's third child, and second son, was my great grandfather Christian Nissen Laumann who migrated to Queensland on the ship *Friedeburg* which arrived in Brisbane from Hamburg on 16 October 1878.³ He settled and raised his family at Plainland, a small farming area near Laidley in the Lockyer Valley west of Brisbane.



The ship 'Friedeburg', Ca. 1872 - <https://polesdownsouth.org.nz/ship/immigrant-ship-friedeburg-2/>

Many years of unsuccessful searches had almost convinced me that I would never solve the mystery of Christian's maternal grandfather Hans Thomsen Sattrup, but my curiosity eventually got the better of me and I decided to resume the search using an entirely different approach. In all records he was listed as Hans Thomsen Sattrup. The

surname of Sattrup was obviously not patronymic. This would have been very unusual in Denmark at that time as most people used patronymic surnames until the late 1800s, even though the usage of these surnames had been abolished by



law in the 1820s when inherited surnames were introduced. Some lateral thinking was definitely required to solve this mystery.

I decided to search for a child named Hans who was born about 1782, the probable year of birth estimated from the information in his marriage record, to a father named Thomas (surname unknown) who lived in a place called Sattrup. My other research in Danish records had revealed that the correct patronymic surname of Thomassen had commonly changed over time to 'Thomsen', and that some families, including several in my own family tree, chose a surname from the farm or area where they had lived. Fortunately, there is only one place called Sattrup in the entire country of Denmark. It is a village located in Østbirk parish, Skanderborg county, just over three kilometres southeast of the main parish town of Østbirk, and almost fourteen kilometres north of the city of Horsens.

Only one record matched the three criteria. This was the baptism record dated March 1782 of Hans (Thomassen/Thomsen), the son of farmer Thomas Pedersen of Sattrup.⁴ Hans was carried to the altar for his baptism by the wife (whose name was not recorded) of Hans Horndrup, a hat maker from Horsens. Further research revealed that, on 27 June 1778 in Østbirk parish, Thomas Pedersen had married Anna Rasmusdatter, the only surviving daughter of nine children (five sons and four daughters) of Rasmus Pedersen and Mette Jensdatter of Sattrup.⁵ Only two of Anna's eight siblings had survived past childhood—her eldest brother Jens Rasmussen, and a younger brother Peder Rasmussen. Thomas and Anna had two older children—Anne Cathrine Thomasdatter (born 1779) and Peder Thomassen (born 1780).⁶ Sadly, Anna Rasmusdatter died on 13 February 1784 at the age of only 27 years when Hans was not quite two years old.⁷ Thomas then married Anna Sørensdatter on 5 May 1784 at Hansted, a village about five kilometres north of Horsens.⁸ A marriage soon after the death of a spouse was not uncommon in Denmark at that time, and was most likely a necessity when there were young children who needed to be cared for. Thomas and his second wife returned to live in Sattrup and had several more children.



Christian Nissen Laumann (photo taken about 1895, from the Lauman family collection)



The story then became much more interesting. Hans was not listed on the 1787 Danish census with his family, although his father, step-mother, his two older siblings, a half-sister, together with his paternal grandfather Peder Thomasen who was a widower aged 74, and three servants were all living in a household in Sattrup.⁹ Where was Hans in 1787?

No death record was found, so it was apparent that he was alive but not living with his family at the time when he would have been about five and a half years of age. After extensive searches of the 1787 Danish census, only one possible match was found.¹⁰ This record was for a Hans Thomsen aged six years who was living in the household of Andreas Sindberg the parish priest of Øster Snede parish in Vejle county, which is located about nineteen kilometres south-west of Horsens. Also in the household were Andreas' second wife Sofie Pedersdatter, his son Niels Sindberg, and a female servant. Hans Thomsen was listed as a 'foster child from Horsens'. Was this 'foster child from Horsens' the same person as Hans Thomassen/Thomsen from Sattrup? What, if any, were the connections between the families of Thomas Pedersen of Sattrup, the hat maker Hans Horndrup of Horsens, and the parish priest Andreas Sindberg of Øster Snede?

Once again there was the challenge of finding records for the hat maker and the parish priest, both of whom had nonpatronymic surnames. During my search for answers I found records for a Rasmus Sindberg who was a coachman at the Palace in Horsens where four siblings, exiled Russian princes and princesses, lived. Rasmus lived about a kilometre from Hans Horndrup and both men attended the same church. Did he know Hans Horndrup who may have made the hats required for his job as a coachman? Did he have any family connection to the parish priest with the same surname?

The next step was to look for more information about these three men, a hat maker from Horsens, a coachman from Horsens, and a parish priest from Øster Snede. Perhaps they had come from a town or parish called Horndrup or Sindberg. There is a village called Horndrup in Tåning parish, about eight kilometres northeast of Sattrup, and a parish of Sindbjerg located just to the west of



Øster Snede parish. A logical starting point seemed to be the parish records for these locations as Danish records for baptisms often revealed family connections, with sponsors or godparents who were usually related or closely connected to the family of the child who was baptised. Some names were mentioned several times in the records, including Hans Jensen Sattrup of Urup (a village near Sattrup), Anne Marie Jensdatter of Sattrup, and Jens Iversen of Horndrup.



*St. Michael's Church - By Orph3us
Sankt_Michaelis_Kirke,_Fredericia*

My search then took another interesting turn with the chance discovery of two wills. I had never previously searched the Danish Probate Records as I thought that none of my ancestors would have been wealthy enough to leave a will.¹¹ Much to my surprise, I found wills for Jens Iversen who died at Horndrup in 1752, and Hans Jensen Sattrup who died at Hansted in 1782.¹² These documents proved to be a goldmine of information, as the wills contained many details about the families of the deceased men. Jens Iversen had four sons to his first wife Karen Hansdatter, with the second son named Hans, aged 22 years, who was a hat maker living in Horsens. The will of Hans Jensen Sattrup revealed even more detailed information. He was unmarried, so most of his assets were left to his five siblings, including his sister Anne Marie Jensdatter, who was the wife of Hans Horndrup the hat maker of Horsens, and his half-sister Mette Jensdatter, the wife of Rasmus Pedersen of Sattrup. Anne Marie Jensdatter and Mette Jensdatter, therefore, were half-sisters. This new information revealed a close connection between the families of Hans Thomsen of Sattrup and the hat maker of Horsens. A connection now needed to be found between these two families and the parish priest of Øster Snede who had a foster child from Horsens.

Although the 1787 census record listed Andreas Sindberg's second wife as Sofie Pedersdatter, several other records, including their marriage record in 1755, listed variations of her name as Sophie Hedevig or Sophie Hedevig Holm, and indicated that she was born about 1732.¹³ A baptism record of 9 November 1732 was found for Sophie Hedevig (Pedersdatter), the daughter of Peder

Terkildsen of Sattrupholm.¹⁴ Two of her godparents were Rasmus Pedersen, the maternal grandfather of Hans born in 1782, and Karen Hansdatter, the second wife of Jens Pedersen and the mother of Anne Marie Jensdatter. When Mette Jensdatter, the wife of Rasmus Pedersen and maternal grandmother of Hans born in 1782, was baptised on 13 June 1728 at Sattrup, one of

her godparents was the wife of Peder Terkildsen of Sattrupholm.¹⁵ The name of Peder Terkildsen's wife was not recorded, as was the common practice of the time, and no marriage record has been found to reveal her name, so any other connections she may have had with the families of Thomas Pedersen or Anna Rasmusdatter remain unknown. There were, however, many connections found in the baptism records between the families of Mette Jensdatter, Anne Marie Jensdatter, and Sophie Hedevig (Holm/Pedersdatter), so it was obvious that these three families were well known to each other, thereby establishing a definite connection between Hans born in 1782, the hat maker of Horsens, and the parish priest of Øster Snede. It appears that Rasmus Sindberg the coachman of Horsens, although he probably knew Hans Horndrup, had no other connections with these families and was a red herring in this story.

Unfortunately, in the search for information about the early life of Hans Thomsen Sattrup, no other relevant records have been found. There appears to be no record of his confirmation (a requirement for marriage and entry into the military) or his military service. Although a will probate index following his death in 1838 has been found, the will probate document is missing from the records.¹⁶ It is possible that these records may never be found.

The exact details and sequence of events in Hans Thomsen Sattrup's life prior to his marriage in 1819 remain open to speculation, but with all of the information which has now been discovered it is possible to provide a feasible theory about these events. It is known that, less than three months after the death of his mother, his father travelled to Hansted, the village just north of

FAMILY CONNECTIONS OF HANS THOMSEN (SATTRUP) (Coloured symbols link people in baptism records as a godparent or child baptised) (Names in bold and underlined are direct ancestors)

JENS PEDERSEN m1 **ANNA PEDERSDATTER**

? - 1754 | ? - 1730

PEDER 1721 - ?

KAREN m JOCHIM HENRICHSEN

INGER m JENS JENSEN DÖRRUP#

METTE JENS DATTER m **RASMUS PEDERSEN** -----|

1728 - 1802 | 1727 - 1799

m2 KAREN HANS DATTER

| ? - 1760

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HANS JENSEN SATTRUP m1 1733 - 1782

ANNE MARIE JENS DATTER m1 1736 - 1826 m HANS (JENSEN) HORNDRUP 1730 - 1796

JENS 1734 -

LAURS 1732 - 1810

IVER 1725 - ?

JENS IVERSEN m1 KAREN HANS DATTER

1684 - 1752 | 1706 - 1749

m2 JOHANNE RASMUS DATTER

| RASMUS 1751 - 1752

PEDER THOMASSEN m **ANNA CATHRINE RASMUS DATTER**

1713 - 1793 | ? - 1778

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JOHANNE 1744 - ?

1757 - 1784 m **THOMAS PEDERSEN** 1747 - 1815

|

ANNE CATHRINE 1779 -

PEDER 1780 -

HANS THOMSEN (SATTRUP)# 1782 - 1838

m **ANNA CATHRINE NIELSDATTER** 1794 - 1846

|

ANNE MARIE 1819 -

NIELS CHRISTIAN 1820 - 1845

DOROTHEA CATHRINE SATTRUP 1823 - 1880

FRIDERICH AMALIE 1825 - 1825

GOTFRIED CHRISTIAN 1828 - 1864

THOMAS PEDER 1830 - 1832

PEDER TERKILSEN ? - 1754 m ? (no name recorded) SEE NOTES

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NIELS 1720 - ?

KAREN 1722 - ?

SØREN 1723 - 1726

VIVIEKE DOROTHE 1725 - 1725

VIVIEKE DOROTHE 1729 - ? m ANDERS MATHIASSEN LIVSTRUP

SOPHIE HEDEVIG (HOLM) PEDERSDATTER 1732 - ?

m ANDREAS (ANDERS) LAURITZEN SINDBERG 1723 - 1810

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NIELS CHRISTIAN SINDBERG 1760 - 1838

Horsens, where he married his second wife. Did Thomas Pedersen have his youngest son Hans on this journey so he could take him to Horsens to be cared for by the hat maker Hans Horndrup and his wife? Further searches of census and baptism records revealed that Hans Horndrup and Anne Marie Jensdatter had no children of their own, but had fostered several children. Perhaps sometime in the next three years their circumstances changed and their foster child Hans Thomsen was given into the care of Sophie Pedersdatter, Anne Marie's close friend and the wife of Andreas Sindberg, the parish priest. It is likely that Hans Thomsen, the 'foster child from Horsens', later took the surname of Sattrup, probably at the time he joined the military prior to his marriage.

Two final discoveries add further intrigue to this story. When Anne Marie Sattrup, the eldest child of Hans Thomsen Sattrup and Anna Cathrine Nielsdatter, was baptised on 24 April 1819 at Fredericia Michaelis Kirke, one of the sponsors was Peder Rasmussen from Østbirk, about sixty kilometres north of Fredericia.¹⁷ It is very unlikely that someone would have travelled this distance

for a baptism unless he had a close connection with the family. Peder Rasmussen was most likely the younger brother of Anna Rasmusdatter, the mother of Hans born in 1782 at Sattrup, and, therefore, the uncle of Hans Thomsen Sattrup. The youngest child of Hans and Anna Cathrine was named Thomas Peder Sattrup.¹⁸ Although it was usual in Denmark to name the eldest son after the paternal grandfather, many families did not follow this tradition. Was their youngest child named after his paternal grandfather Thomas Pedersen, the father of Hans born in 1782?

The search for my elusive ancestor Hans Thomsen Sattrup has taught me many valuable lessons for breaking down the brick walls we commonly encounter in genealogy—think laterally

- use detailed maps of the areas where your ancestors lived.¹⁹
- research the history of the times in which they lived for information about customs, traditions, and the usage of given names and surnames.
- construct and make use of family trees to identify links between people and families.



Farmer in the fields in the Lockyer, 1907 - Item is held by John Oxley Library, State Library of Queensland., Public Domain, <https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?curid=26073382>

- and keep searching, even in places where you do not expect to find any information.

SURNAMES: LAUMANN, SATTRUP, CHRISTIANSEN, JENS DATTER, THOMASSEN, THOMSEN, PEDERSEN, HORNDRUP, RASMUS DATTER, THOMAS DATTER, SØRENS DATTER, SINDBERG, PEDERS DATTER, IVERSEN, HANS DATTER, HEDEVIG, HOLM, TERKILSEN, NIELS DATTER.

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THE PARACHUTE JUMP AND THE FINAL FLIGHT: PETER QUANCE'S WAR

*A true story of survival, courage,
and sacrifice*

By Leanne Prescott

On a cold February morning in 1943, twenty-one year-old Peter Quance felt the Halifax bomber shudder beneath him. The port outer engine was on fire, orange flames licking back along the wing as the aircraft approached RAF base Leeming. Through his wireless operator's headset, he heard the pilot's urgent command: 'Bail out! Bail out!'



Halifax mk3 Bomber

Peter had trained for this moment during his eighteen months in the Empire Air Training Scheme, moving from airfields in Australia to the vast training grounds of Canada. But no amount of training could prepare him for the gut-wrenching moment of stepping into the void, watching the burning Halifax disappear above him as his parachute billowed open over the English countryside.

He hit the ground hard, his right ankle twisting with a sharp crack that would later be diagnosed as a 'fracture of internal malleolus'. But Peter Reginald Quance was alive. Born in Birmingham Peter enlisted in Sydney on 28 April 1941, and he had just become one of the exclusive members of the Caterpillar Club—airmen who had saved their lives by parachuting from their aircraft.

Back home, Peter's family breathed easier knowing he had survived. His brother Philip, also serving as a Flying Officer in the Royal Australian

Air Force, understood the dangers they both faced. The Quance brothers were part of the great Commonwealth effort, young men from across the Empire learning to fly, fight, and too often, die in the skies over Europe.

Peter had already begun his operational career before this dramatic survival incident. In July 1942, he had commenced flying operations with 408 Squadron of the Royal Canadian Air Force, part of the multinational force that made up RAF Bomber Command. His role as wireless operator air gunner was crucial—maintaining contact with base while manning the aircraft's defensive guns during the long, dangerous flights over occupied Europe.

By May 1943, Peter had recovered from his injury following the February parachute landing to receive his Caterpillar Badge—a gold insignia with a ruby eye that symbolized his miraculous escape. The photograph his parents would later treasure showed a young man in uniform, camera in hand, documenting his war. Peter loved photography, collecting what would eventually become 88 photographs and 158 negatives of his service life, captured during his months of operational flying that had begun the previous summer.



Caterpillar Club Badge

Despite his close call in February, Peter returned to operational flying with 408 Squadron. As a seasoned crew member who had been flying missions since July 1942, he was an experienced wireless operator air gunner by the time he resumed operations in 1943.



Looking upward and rearward from the navigator's position : wireless operator at lower right; pilot at upper right; flight engineer in his usual inflight position at upper left behind the pilot.

On the evening of 20 June 1943, just four months after his parachute survival over England, Peter climbed aboard Halifax JD107 for what would be his final mission. The aircraft bore the markings EQ-Y, and like the many missions he had flown since joining 408 Squadron nearly a year earlier, it was bound for targets in occupied France. This time, their destination was near Caen, in the heart of Nazi-controlled territory.

Somewhere over France, Halifax JD107 was intercepted. Whether by night fighters or flak, the big bomber was mortally wounded. This time, there would be no opportunity to bail out. Peter Quance and three of the crew perished when their aircraft crashed near Caen, their war ending in the Norman countryside they had come to liberate. The German casualty records, meticulously kept even in wartime, listed the loss in their Totenliste 168. Peter was twenty-two years old.

Months later, Peter's personal effects arrived at his family's door. Along with his uniforms and medals came his diary—pages filled with the thoughts and experiences of a young man far from home during nearly a year of operational flying. Most poignantly, there were those 88 photographs and 158 negatives, a visual record of friendships forged, training completed, and moments of joy captured between the long, dark missions that had begun in July 1942. His brother Philip would survive the war and return home, carrying with him the memories of a brother who had cheated death once but could not escape it twice.

Today, Flight Officer Peter Reginald Quance rests in Plot XX, Row B, Grave 7 of the Canadian Military Cemetery at Bretteville-Sur-Laize, France. His headstone stands among hundreds of others— young Commonwealth airmen who, like Peter, answered the call to serve and paid the ultimate price.

The family story that Peter had 'parachuted from a burning aircraft and survived' was true—but it was only part of his story. The complete tale speaks to the courage of airmen who, like Peter having once cheated death, continued to face danger night after night in service to their cause.

Decades later, when family researchers began to investigate the old stories, they found that oral history had preserved the dramatic survival. Peter had indeed survived that burning Halifax over England in February 1943, earning his place in the Caterpillar Club. But the family memory had focused on this miraculous escape rather than on his months of operational service that had begun in July 1942, or the tragic reality that four months after his parachute jump, over the fields of France, his aircraft would crash without any opportunity for the crew to escape.

Through research in the archives of Australia, Canada, and Britain, Peter's complete story emerged. The National Archives of Australia held his service records, documenting both his operational flying career that began in July 1942 and his February 1943 survival. The Commonwealth War Graves Commission marked his final resting place, and memorial databases preserved his memory for future generations.

The Quance family's story reminds us that behind every name on a war memorial, every entry in a military database, lies a human tale of courage, sacrifice, and loss. Peter's photographs, his diary, his Caterpillar Badge—these personal artifacts bridge the decades between his war and our peace, ensuring that Flight Officer Peter Reginald Quance will not be forgotten.

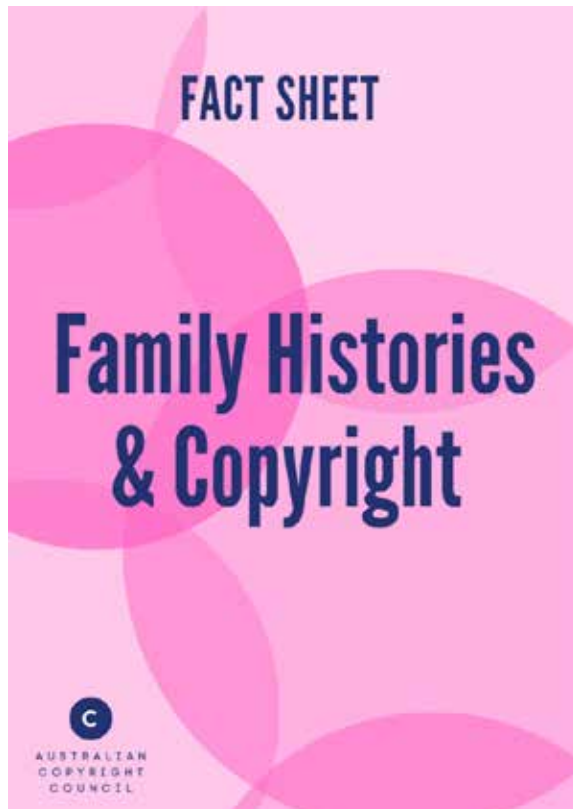
Peter Quance's war encompassed both triumph and tragedy: the miraculous parachute jump survival that made him a member of an exclusive club, and the final flight from which there was no escape. His story reflects the experiences of countless airmen who faced death repeatedly, knowing that survival one day offered no guarantee for the next.

SURNAME/S: QUANCE.

Wednesday Morning Zoom was challenged with researching Peter's life further as a training exercise. Members drew from official records held by the National Archives of Australia, the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, and other military archives. This demonstrated how family oral histories can preserve essential truths that can be confirmed through systematic historical research.



Family Histories & Copyright



The Australian Copyright Council has released this FREE fact sheet on Family Histories & Copyright, giving a brief overview of copyright law as it relates to preparing family histories, including using copyright materials and protecting your work.

Family histories are an important way to connect people with their own stories and community, and copyright plays an important part in that. Exploring copyright for both the historian and the subjects, this fact sheet considers copyright issues that may arise when writing, researching, and publishing a family history.

Go to their website and download a copy of the fact sheet: <https://www.copyright.org.au/browse/book/ACC-Family-Histories-&Copyright-INFO042>

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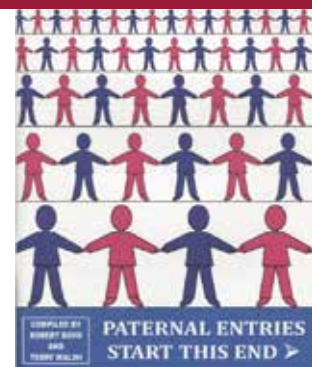
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Congratulations! *Generation* wins Best Family History Journal or Newsletter in Australia and New Zealand

It goes without saying that the production of *Generation* is only possible due to the wonderful volunteers and authors who each contribute so much to the journal. As you may have already read, *Generation* was recognised in the Nick Vine Hall Award 2025 as winner of the Best Family History Journal of Newsletter in Australia and New Zealand, for Societies with more than 200 members. This is such wonderful recognition of the work undertaken by Russell, Janice, Sharyn, Tina, and all those who contribute items to *Generation*.

The judges gave some wonderful feedback on the journal and recognised the 'impressive and extensive mix of personal memoir, narrative, research guidance, and writing advice'. This is truly a reflection of the vision that GSQ has for *Generation*—a place where we can all collectively come together each issue to celebrate, explore, and learn more about the world of genealogy and family history. The news was officially announced

by the AFFHO (Australasian Federation of Family Organisations) in August. You can read more about the Nick Vine Hall and the Award in this issue, including a copy of the certificate awarded to GSQ!

On the same note we (or I) would like to encourage you to contribute to the next, and future, issues of *Generation*. The contributions of members (and others interested in family history and genealogy) are what make *Generation* so good. Contributions can come in all shapes and sizes—from a paragraph about a moment in your ancestor's life, through short stories on a memorable event in their lives, through to longer stories like the winning story in this year's Joan Reese Award. Please contact editor@gsq.org.au if you have any questions or even to discuss your ideas for a journal contribution. We would love to hear from you!



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SNIPPETS – NEWS AND INFORMATION



The Royal Historical Society of Queensland

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The Greater Brisbane Centenary Conference 1925-2025. A history conference on 11 October 2025, marks the Greater Brisbane Council's centenary, amalgamating various councils into the modern Greater Brisbane area. <https://www.queenslandhistory.org/events>



FamilySearch - Newsroom

FamilySearch has worked with archivists from more than 160 countries to help make genealogical records more accessible online. In 2025, FamilySearch will make significant strides to expand record collections for the countries of France, Germany, Honduras, Italy, Palau, and the Philippines.

Recently, FamilySearch expanded its free online archives with over 30 million new records from 8 countries. Some exciting additions include 16 million civil registrations from Italy, 5 million cemetery records from Brazil, and nearly 1 million deceased physician records from the American Medical Association (AMA). <https://www.familysearch.org/en/newsroom/new-records-july-2025>



GENUKI Gazetteer

The GENUKI Gazetteer covers the whole of England, Ireland, Wales, Scotland, Isle of Man, and the Channel Islands. You can use the gazetteer to find

the location of places, view online maps, and discover which Genuki pages may contain information about that place and the genealogical resources which are available for it. <https://www.genuki.org.uk/gazetteer>



Irish Genealogical Research Society (IGRS)

New Irish newspaper database now live with searchable records from 1772 to 1900.

A new database created from a card index of biographical information extracted from Irish newspapers has been launched by the Irish Genealogical Research Society (IGRS). Its records span the years 1772 to 1900, with most falling between 1800 and 1860.

Assembled from a handwritten card index compiled by the late Patrick Smythe-Wood several decades ago, the digital database comprises around 11,600 indexed record entries and offers insights into the lives of about 20,000 individuals.

A typical entry in the database may include an individual's name, address, date or year of birth, death or marriage, religious denomination and the names of spouse, parent(s) and other family members and relations—all vital genealogical data. https://www.irishancestors.ie/search/smythe-wood_news/



Virtual Record Treasury of Ireland (VRTI)

A major milestone in Irish historical research comes as 175,000 new records are made freely available online by the Virtual Record Treasury of Ireland (VRTI) to mark the 103rd anniversary of the loss of the Public Record Office of Ireland in the 1922 Four Courts fire—an event that obliterated seven centuries of Irish archival records. This is all part of #VirtualTreasury103.

Among the additions released online today are 60,000 names recorded in the 19th-century census returns. These recovered census transcripts, carefully compiled from transcriptions preserved in the National Archives of Ireland (NAI) and the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI), reveal details of the ordinary lives of people across the island of Ireland in the decades before and after the Great Famine. The names are now searchable through the new 'Population Portal'. <https://virtualtreasury.ie/portals/population-portal>

GSQ Annual Seminar 2025



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Helen V Smith

Gentlemen on the Fringe: the Fate of Downunder's Remittance Men

Dr Hamish Maxwell-Stewart

Crime, Protest and Profit: a Guide to understanding Tasmanian Convict Records

Emma Maxwell

The Scottish Criminal Database

Dr Janet Few

Ducking Stools, Dissenters, Debtors and Drunks – Crime and Punishment in the 17th Century

BOOKINGS & PAYMENT

Early Bird Price if booked by 30 September 2025

GSQ/QFHS/Affiliate/Corporate Members \$60

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Price from 1 October 2025

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Tickets will close on Saturday 11 Oct 2025 at 8am.

Book online at:

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How to book



Calendar of events

GSQ web site: Go to www.gsq.org.au and select Events. Use the Events Calendar to find the event and then select the number and type of ticket (Member/Non-Member). Add your event to the Cart and proceed to the Checkout page adding in all details and selecting the payment type.

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Remember

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

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

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



Date	Day	Event + Special Interest Groups [SIG]	Time
October 2025			
5	Sun	English Irish Welsh Interest Group	10am–2:30pm
11	Sat	GSQ Annual Seminar 2025	12pm–6pm
12	Sun	Colonial and Convict Interest Group	10am–2:30pm
18	Sat	GSQ AGM 2025	10am–12pm
19	Sun	Writing Interest Group	10am–12pm
25	Sat	Presentation: Mining the Genealogical Treasure: Making the Register of Deeds remotely accessible	9am–11am
26	Sun	DNA Interest Group	9:30am–1:30pm
November 2025			
1	Sat	Presentation: Leveraging AI in Family History	9am–11am
2	Sun	Scottish Interest Group	9:30am–2pm
2	Sun	Family History Tech Interest Group	2pm–4pm
8	Sat	Presentation: The experience of one AIF Prisoner of War in Europe, WW11	9am–11am
9	Sun	Presentation: Angie Bush – DNA event	9am–4pm
16	Sun	Chinese Research Interest Group	10am–12pm
16	Sun	Scandinavian Interest Group	12:30–2:30pm
22	Sat	Presentation: Researching the Emigrant: Ship of Death	9am–11am
30	Sun	German Interest Group	10am–2:30pm
December 2025			
6	Sat	Presentation: Deciphering Old Handwriting – FREE GSQ Members	9am–11am
7	Sun	English Irish Welsh Interest Group	10am–2:30pm
14	Sun	Colonial and Convict Interest Group	10am–2:30pm



- Events and Interest Group meetings are held via Zoom or as Hybrid meetings.

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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 2025

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.

October • November • December

Presentation (Virtual platform)

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

WHEN: Sat 20 Sept @ 9am–11am AEST
PRESENTER: Cyndi Ingle
COST: \$31 members - \$41 non-members

Presentation (Virtual platform)

**Mining the Genealogical Treasure:
Making the Register of Deeds remotely
accessible**

WHEN: Sat 25 Oct @ 9:00am–11:00am AEST
PRESENTER: Alistair Henderson
COST: \$21 members - \$31 non-members

Presentation (Virtual platform)

**The experience of one AIF Prisoner of
War in Europe, WW11**

WHEN: Sat 8 Nov @ 9:00am–11:00am AEST
PRESENTER: Pauleen Cass
COST: \$21 members - \$31 non-members

Presentation (Virtual platform)

**Researching the Emigrant:
Ship of Death**

WHEN: Sat 22 Nov @ 9:00am–11:00am AEST
PRESENTER: Jane Smith
COST: \$21 members - \$31 non-members

GSQ Seminar (Virtual platform)

**GSQ Annual Seminar 2025
Rogues, Rebels and Respectables**

WHEN: Sat 11 Oct @ 12:00pm–6:00pm AEST
PRESENTER: 6 Fantastic Presenters
COST: \$70 members - \$85 non-members

Presentation (Virtual platform)

Leveraging AI in Family History

WHEN: Sat 1 Nov @ 9:00am–11:00am AEST
PRESENTER: Andrew Redfern
COST: \$21 members - \$31 non-members

Presentation (In-person + Virtual)

**Angie Bush – DNA event
[sponsored by the GSQ DNA
Interest Group]**

WHEN: Sun 9 Nov @ 10am–3pm AEST
PRESENTER: Angie Bush
COST: More information to come soon, please keep
checking the GSQ Events page for all of the details:
<https://www.gsq.org.au/event/angie-bush-dna-event/>

Presentation (Virtual platform)

**Deciphering Old Handwriting
FREE GSQ Members**

WHEN: Sat 6 Dec @ 9:00am–11:00am AEST
PRESENTER: Tricia Smout
COST: FREE to GSQ members

DNA Virtual Clinics

The clinic help sessions are available to all GSQ members. The clinic help sessions are available to all GSQ members only. The clinics are held on the 5th Wednesday of the month. The final DNA clinic date for 2025 is 29 October, please see eNews for any changes. 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.

Wednesday evening between the times of 7pm–8:30pm.

*We hope you enjoy the
education program
for 2025. Remember
to look on the GSQ
website for up to date
events & times.*

Interest Groups Meeting Dates 2025

Interest Groups for 2025 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 Group • 10:00am–2:30pm



12 October, 14 December
• Second Sunday, even numbered months

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



26 October
• Fourth Sunday, even numbered months

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



5 October, 7 December
• First Sunday, even numbered months

Writing Group • 10:00am–2:00pm



19 October
• Third Sunday, even numbered months

Chinese Research Group • 10:00am–2:00pm



21 September, 16 November
• Third Sunday, odd numbered months

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



28 September, 30 November
• Last Sunday, odd numbered months

Scandinavian Group • 12:30am–2:30pm



21 September, 16 November
• Third Sunday, odd numbered months

Scottish Group • 10:00am–2:30pm



7 September, 2 November
• First Sunday, odd numbered months

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



14 September, 9 November
• Second Sunday, odd numbered months

Our 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.

FOCUS ON

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

GSQ INTEREST GROUPS

ENGLISH/IRISH/WELSH GROUP



The English/Irish/Welsh Interest Group started as separate groups focussing on just one of these countries of the British Isles. Dwindling

numbers meant the groups joined together in February 2003. As the name suggests, the group focuses on helping members of GSQ research their ancestors who came from either England, Ireland, or Wales. And the group also covers the Crown dependencies of the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man.

Over the years, the group has contributed a number of records to the GSQ library and continues to do so from time to time. The group enjoys lively discussions about all things English, Irish, and Welsh. In recent years group members have contributed presentations on research in various counties in England, Ireland, and Wales. The group maintains a folder of these resources and some more general information, which is available to GSQ members.

The English/Irish/Welsh Group meets on the first Sunday of even-numbered months—February, April, June, August, October, and December. On these days, the GSQ Resource Centre is open from 9.30 a.m. until 2 p.m., with the meeting itself commencing at 10.00 a.m. Individual research can be undertaken outside the meeting time.

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Visitors are most welcome to attend. If you would like to be added to the group mailing list, please email the convenor Kim Davis at irisheng@gsq.org.au



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FamilySearch Wiki – British Isles

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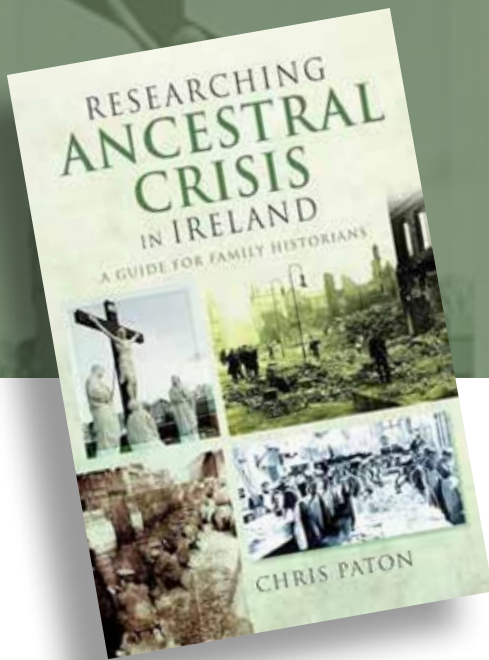
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BOOK REVIEW



RESEARCHING ANCESTRAL CRISIS IN IRELAND – *A Guide for Family Historians* BY CHRIS PATON

Marg Doherty

This book is the latest by professional genealogist and popular speaker Chris Paton. This author specialises in Irish and Scottish family history, and this latest Irish book covers the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland over time. It is important to remember that there was only one Ireland until the Republic won independence in the 1920s.

Paton's book has five chapters, and Chapter One begins with the basics of family history, including births, marriages, and deaths, as well as DNA, archives and libraries, newspapers, and commercial providers such as Ancestry. Each part of this chapter's discussion is brief, as expected in a chapter that incorporates the word 'Basics' in its title. However, it does include helpful tips, case studies, and websites, as do all the chapters.

Chapter Two is titled 'Family Events and Relationships'. Issues regarding women and children are the focus of this chapter. Paton covers Mother and Baby Homes, fallen women, illegitimacy, marital issues, and separation and divorce, along with foundlings, orphans and child migrants. A brief look at homosexuality is given, including appropriate websites, and there is a discussion of suicide. As Ireland is predominantly a Catholic country, there is an impact of religion on such factors, but there is also a discussion of the Protestant effect on Irish society. This chapter introduces Brehon law, which has a significant impact on Ireland and was

previously unfamiliar to me. Brehon laws, meaning judge, emerged in early Irish tribal society and formed the basis of laws that influenced Ireland and its people for over a thousand years.

The third chapter on law and order provides a broader discussion of Brehon laws, followed by coverage of local courts, Grand Juries, manor courts, church courts and executions, among other topics. These topics are not extensive, but they are areas that Australian family historians are less familiar with. There are a few pages on transportation, with most resources mentioned relating to the British system. However, Australian genealogists will be more familiar with those from Australian jurisdictions.

Chapter Four is comparatively short and covers poverty and health again from the British perspective. One section is the deportation of Irish paupers from Britain and includes some case studies, including reference to the UK Parliamentary papers. Again, this may be something new to readers, as is the short section on asylums. If your family includes someone with mental illness in Ireland, Paton provides a helpful starting point.

The final chapter, titled 'Them and Us', covers events rather than individual people. The events begin with the Plantation of Ulster, followed by the 1641 Rebellion and the Cromwellian conquest. These topics provide a brief background; however, like many family historians, I have not researched my family that far back. The events then unfold through the Great Famine and the Land War, and onto more recent events, such as the Easter Uprising and the achievement of independence and creation of the Republic.

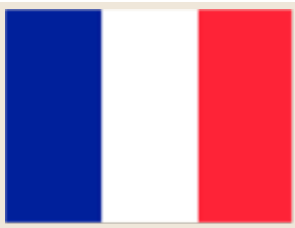
I read Chris Paton's work from cover to cover and enjoyed the book. It is an easy read and full of interesting information, websites, and hints to help with Irish family history.

LOUIS FRANÇOIS DROUET

The Frenchman from La Havre

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Virginia Druett



With likely a sense of relief and trepidation Louis Francois Drouet took his first steps off the French whaling ship Faune, in Sydney, in 1845, by himself, thousands of

kilometres from his homeland in France ... not knowing what lay ahead of him in this faraway land of Australia.¹

Researching Louis Francois Drouet (1st) has captured my heart because of the family mystery of how and when he arrived in Australia.² Also, few people of French origin lived in NSW during his era and the compounding challenge of interpreting French records.³ This research was assisted by a French archivist from the French Archives who clarified information as I researched Louis.

Louis was born just prior to Christmas at 5am on 22 December 1823 at La Havre, France, the second son born to Anne Susanne Desiree Fauvel (b 1799 in La Havre, France) and Louis Romain Drouet (b 1798 in Dieppe, France).⁴ Louis Romain was aged 25 and Anne Susanne was aged 24 when Louis was born. Louis Romain was on a sea voyage as a sailor when Louis was born. Louis Romain and Anne Susanne were married on 25 June 1821, at

La Havre, France.⁵ Prior to Louis' birth, on 4 March 1822 a son Francois Louis Drouet was born to Louis Romain and Anne Susanne, however he died the following year on 30 May 1823 aged 14 months.⁶ There were no further children born.

Louis' grandparents from Dieppe, France were Pierre Drouet (born 1760, Osmoy St Valery, south of Dieppe) [Pierre was a Marine Carpenter] and Marie Anne Angelique Henry (b. 1763, Dieppe).⁷ They were married in Saint Jacques Church in 1782 in Dieppe, which I visited in September 2023, some 241 years later.⁸



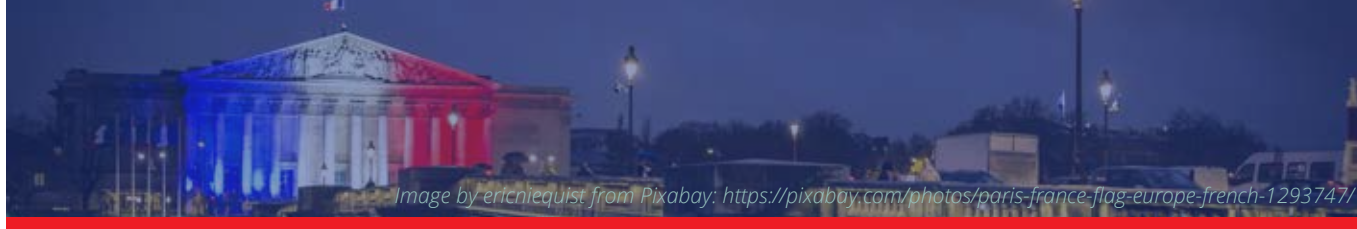
St Jacques Church and Dieppe Harbour, Dieppe, France,
Druett family photo collection, 2023

Louis' grandparents from La Havre were Michel Francois Fauvel (born 1769, La Havre) [Michel was a Ship Pilot] and Marie Anne Florence LeGoutex (b 1772, La Havre).⁹ Ship pilots were highly trained experts in ship navigation in confined waters and possessed extensive knowledge of local conditions.¹⁰

Louis spent his childhood living in La Havre at Rue Fontaine des Viviers, section H109 of the Cadastre.¹¹ The street no longer exists today, as La Havre was badly destroyed in WWII (advised by email by French Archivist on 27 May 2023). Louis Romain, as a sailor would have been away from home for extended periods of time. His sailing record shows he commenced his first trip in 1826 and his final trip in 1849 sailing to London, Liverpool, Calais, Marseille, Cherbourg, Dunkirk, Guadeloupe, Manila, Buenos Ayres, Riga and St Petersburg—over 20 trips.¹²



Seine Maritime Archives, Etat Civil: Havre (The) Births: 01/01/1823-31/12/1823, Ref: 4E8655, Slide: 174, Louis Francois Drouet b 22 December 1823, La Havre



Louis took on the high seas at a young age. At aged ten he sailed from La Havre on French ship *Edouard* as a mousse on a small fishing voyage on 24 May 1834 and returned on 17 April 1835.¹³ A mousse is not the beautiful sweet we think of — but the French word given to apprentices carrying out chores on a ship. They were young boys, aged 12-16 but sometimes younger. The mousse's tasks consisted of cooking meals, sweeping the deck, cleaning the chicken coops, tending the animals, scratching the rust, serving the crew. One other important and dangerous duty was to scramble up the rigging whenever the sails had to be trimmed. In rough seas some mousses died doing this. Most mousses were treated fairly, especially on the local fishing boats where the crews knew each other or were related to each other. However, there were no laws regulating the working conditions of mousses and it was not an easy living.¹⁴

Louis' next sailing trip was on French ship *Pomone* as a mousse sailing to Guadeloupe in the Caribbean on 21 April 1835 and returning on 16 August 1835.¹⁵ It is gratifying to know that his father was a sailor on this same ship so Louis had parental support on this trip.¹⁶ Louis' mother Anne Susanne passed away quite young aged 38 on 9 August 1838, at La Havre.¹⁷ Louis was aged 14 at this time. After Anne Susanne's death, Louis Romain remarried to Emilie Esther Beatrix Jouet later in 1838, at La Havre.¹⁸

There is a gap of several years when Louis was not away sailing. He may have been required to stay close to his mother as his father was away sailing leading up to her death. After her death Louis resumed sailing. Now aged 15, as a novice sailor on 24 April 1839 he sailed to Rotterdam, Netherlands on French ship *Rotterdam* where he disembarked on 13 May 1839. His next voyages were on French ship *Le Pauline* on 20 June 1839 and on French ship *Le Guित्रy* going whaling on 10 July 1840. His sailing record characteristics included: Eyes: Chestnut, Forehead: Wide, Hair: Blond, Nose: Short, Mouth: Small, Height: 1.41m.¹⁹ During his time as a novice sailor his father was not present on these sailing trips.

On 15 June 1843, Louis aged 19 left France on French whaling ship *Faune*. He was assigned to whaling as a deckhand. It was the longest journey that Louis was to take in his sailing life.

Louis deserted the *Faune* on 13 February 1845 at Sydney, NSW the only sailor to desert the *Faune* on that day.²⁰

Louis arrived at Chatsbury, north of Goulburn, NSW in 1846 and worked on the Chatsbury Estate for approximately three years.²¹ At the time, Chatsbury was owned by Charles Cowper who was a sheep breeder who later went on to become NSW Premier. Australia's labour shortages at the time due to the ending of convict transportation may have benefitted Louis in gaining work when he first arrived in Australia.²²

Family history passed down from both the Druett and Guihot families states that Louis met up with two other Frenchmen around this period. They may have been sailing mates in La Havre. With Louis, Malo Guihot (Malo was known as Louis Drent to hide his identity as advised by the Guihot family) and Louis Le Blanc (White) travelled around the Goulburn area together at this time known as the 'three Louis'. Information passed down states they were great mates.

I imagine it was great for Louis to have the company of Malo and Louis as a support and a comfort without family in Australia to share the daily triumphs and struggles with and become accustomed to this new country. Learning the English language was likely a challenge and to be able to communicate with each other in French would have assisted in the 'three Louis' transition in Australia.

In approximately 1849, Louis arrived in Binda, NSW.²³ Binda is located 65 kms north of Goulburn and when Louis arrived Binda was gazetted as a village not long after on 1 January 1850, so it was quite small. Binda is an Aboriginal word meaning 'deep water' as it is located near Binda Creek. A school opened in Binda in 1851, and a post office was built in 1852.²⁴



View coming into Dieppe, France on train.



View of Binda area, NSW, Australia. Similarities between Binda and Dieppe, poplar trees, creeks, green hills, Druett family photo collection, 2023



In 1854, Louis married Ann Croker (nee Berrell) at Saint Peter and Paul's Church, Goulburn, NSW. Louis was aged 30 and Ann was aged 37 when they married.²⁵



NSW Births Deaths Marriages, Marriage Certificate, Registration No: 87/1854, Louis Drouet and Anne Croker, 8 May 1854, St Peter and Paul's Church, Goulburn, NSW

When Louis married Ann, she was the widow of John Croker of the 'Land of Nod' at Kangaloola, near Binda. Ann and John Croker had married in 1836 in the parish of Giddigong, district of Goulburn.²⁶ They had ten children together.²⁷ John Croker had purchased 'The Land of Nod', on 5 February 1850—50 acres for 50 pounds.²⁸

John Croker was murdered in an incident in 1852. John had gone to the Tuena diggings to sell cattle, had quite a bit to drink, and an argument took place. Not seen for some days until some boys fishing in a creek found him dead in a creek. When John Croker, was examined he had severe bruising on his side, a severe cut to the back of his head, and four or five teeth knocked out.²⁹

Ann Berrell was born on 17 March 1817 to Margaret Hoey and Michael Berrell and baptized in the parish of Kilsaran, Co. Louth, Ireland.³⁰ Michael and Margaret Berrell were married in 1814, parish of Kilsaran, Co. Louth, Ireland.³¹ Ann aged 15, arrived in Sydney on 9 March 1833 on the convict ship the *Surrey*, along with her mother Margaret Berrell and siblings.³² Her father Michael at age 32 had



Ann Drouet, wife of Louis Francois Drouet (1st), around 1850s. Druett family photo collection.⁴⁴

been sentenced to seven years for stealing oats by a court at Louth Assizes, Dundalk, Ireland. He was transported to Australia as a convict on the ship *Mangles* arriving in Sydney in 1828.³³

Upon marrying Ann Croker, Louis and Ann took over 'The Land of Nod' property. Louis and Ann produced two children together—a son, Louis Francis Drouet (2nd) born on 8 November 1855 at Land of Nod, Kangaloola and on 13 November 1857 a daughter Catherine Ada Drouet was born at Kangaloola.³⁴

How amazing for a young man to take on such a large family. Louis, being an only child had now become a step-father to nine children and father of his own two children. No doubt to support a large family, Louis supplemented the family's income by various other means apart from working the land. On Catherine Drouet's birth certificate in 1857, Louis' occupation is listed as a tanner—making animal skins or hides into leather. Louis' obituary states that he was also a gold carrier to the Lambing Flat rush in the early 1860s. Lambing Flat was a long distance for Louis to travel to and from, most likely on horseback—more than 100kms distance over rugged terrain. On one trip he was held up by bushrangers who robbed him of a large amount of money.³⁵

Many white and Chinese miners flocked to Lambing Flat to make their fortune when gold was first discovered in 1860. In 1861, riots broke out between two groups of miners and the Premier, Charles Cowper—Louis' old boss—visited the site to assess the riots. After that visit legislation was introduced by NSW Parliament restricting Chinese migration to NSW and restricting the areas where Chinese miners could mine.³⁶

On 26 December 1864, Louis was in Binda on Boxing Day when the notorious gang of outlaws, Hall, Gilbert, and Dunn held up the Binda township at a ball at the Flag Hotel. His obituary states 'he gave an amusing account to interested listeners'.³⁷ The bushrangers rode into Binda with three girls, and robbed a shop owned by Edward Morris. They locked everyone, about 100 people, into the Flag Hotel. Morris got out of the hotel through a back window at 2am and set off to tell the Police. Hall got away, set fire to Morris's shop and burned it down. The gang and the girls left town. The Felons Apprehension Act was rushed through



NSW Parliament to capture them. This meant that they could be killed by anyone, anywhere without warning. Hall, the leader was shot and killed by Police in 1865.



The Rose Cottage, formerly Flag Hotel, Binda, Druett Family photo collection, 2016 ³⁸

In 1881, Louis and Ann experienced both sad and happy times. Ann's mother passed away on 2 September.³⁹ However Catherine Drouet married Robert Reynolds at the Crookwell Catholic Presbytery, Crookwell, NSW and they had 11 children.⁴⁰ In 1882 Louis (2nd) married Flora McIntosh, also at Crookwell Catholic Presbytery and they had 12 children.⁴¹



Catherine Ada Drouet and Louis Francois Drouet (2nd) around 1880s. Druett family photo collection

On 18 April 1883, Louis became a naturalized Australian citizen. He was aged 59 at this time.⁴² Perhaps Louis by this stage felt safer to pledge his allegiance to his new country. Both Malot Guihot and Louis White also became Australian

naturalized citizens a little bit earlier in 1877.⁴³

On 25 May 1897, Louis lost his wife Ann who died aged 80 at Station Hill, near Binda.⁴⁴ Louis lived on for another thirteen years after Ann's death. He lived to see the first single wire telephone service in Binda wired to the Crookwell Post Office installed on 27 November 1889 to send and receive telegrams.⁴⁵ He also lived into the new century—the 20th Century, seeing Australia become a nation on 1 January 1901.⁴⁶ After a long life, aged 86 he died at Station Hill, Binda, NSW on 18 July 1910.⁴⁷ His lengthy obituary in the Goulburn Post is testament to the mark he left on Binda locals. It begins ...

*It is with regret I have to chronicle the death of a very old and highly respected resident of the Binda district'....[it stated] 'he was a native of France and came to the state when quite a young man'.*⁴⁸

In a short space of time, six weeks—both Catherine Reynolds (Drouet) and Louis Francis (2nd) Druett died in 1922. Catherine on 17 August aged 64 and Louis (2nd) on 20 September aged 66.⁴⁹ They were quite young when they died considering the age of their parents at death.

There's more to this story ...

It has always been a mystery to the Druetts' when and why the spelling of our surname changed from Drouet to Druett. The earliest known record of the name change was a classified advertisement that Ann Druett submitted to the Goulburn Herald and County of Argyle Advertiser on 8 May 1858. It clarified to the Clergyman and others the birth and baptism dates of her first child John Croker, born to John Croker and herself in 1836 with the name Ánn Druett. Ann could not write English—an X was marked on her marriage certificate with Louis so she may have organized someone else to complete the advertisement who had no information on the surname spelling.⁵⁰ With Louis French and Ann Irish, their accents may have been hard to decipher. Drouet spelling was used for some time after, including on Louis' Naturalisation Certificate in 1883, but it gradually changed and by the early 20th century the Druett spelling was well in place.

There's more to resolve ...

Little is known about Louis and Ann's life at the 'Land of Nod', Kangaloola. There have been few family records passed down ... likely because

Louis was French and may have not written much English, and Ann could not write.

Their son Louis (2nd) and daughter Catherine died in their sixties so the next generation did not know them well to ascertain family details. That is an area for continued research. Researching Louis' involvement as a carrier of the gold money around the Tuena area is an area well worth exploring too.

Louis created a lasting presence ...

From his first brave steps off the French Faune ship in 1845 by himself—Louis Francois Drouet had a big life in Australia, surviving bushrangers, taking on a large family—with twenty grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren born and many Druetts' around the world now.⁵¹...

There are three generations of Louis Francois Drouet's/Druetts' buried in the Binda Cemetery—French Louis d. 1910 (aged 86) and Ann Drouet d. 1897 (aged 80) and is buried alongside her husband, Louis (2nd) d. 1922 (aged 66) and Louis (3rd) b.1888 and d. 1975 (aged 86) my grandfather.⁵²



Binda Find a Grave, Binda Cemetery, Luis and Ann Druett, Louis Druett d 18 July, 1910, Ann Druett d 25 May 1897.

SURNAME/S: DROUET, DRUETT, FAUVEL, LEGOUTEX, JOUET, GUIHOT, DRENT, LE BLANC, WHITE, CROKER, BERRELL, REYNOLDS, MCINTOSH

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STATE LIBRARY QUEENSLAND

Family History webcasts

The State Library of Queensland has some freely available family history webcasts online. These videos cover a range of dates and include various resources of interest to family historians. Topics include life events, travel and migration, time and place, and oral histories. Within these

topics, the videos cover family history collections, newspapers, house histories, land, shipping records, convict records, and births, deaths and marriage records. You can read more and watch the videos here: <https://www.slq.qld.gov.au/collections/family-history/family-history-webcasts>.

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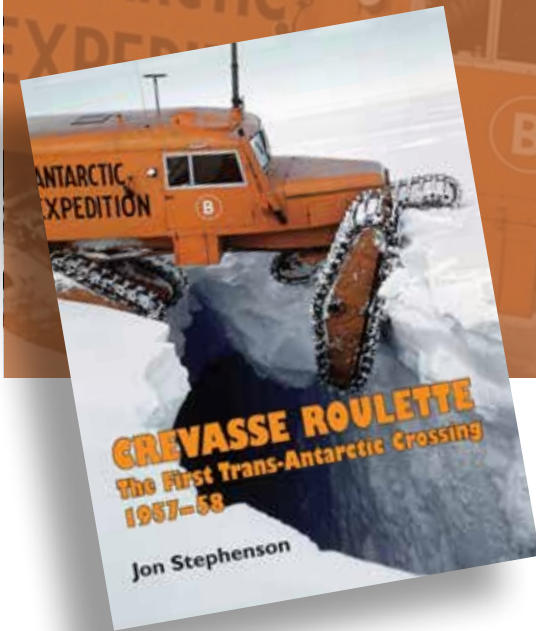
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BOOK REVIEW



CREVASSE ROULETTE

The First Trans-Antarctic Crossing
1957-58

BY JON STEPHENSON

Judy Valentine

THE BEST BOOK I'VE READ IN AGES

Crevasse Roulette – The First Trans-Antarctic Crossing 1957-58 by Jon Stephenson is most definitely the best book I've read in ages. Jon Stephenson was a geologist on that expedition. His book, published in 2009, consists of 192 pages, has 100 photographs and 41 maps. As well as giving his account of the Trans Antarctic expedition, its planning and its aftermath, he supplied a history of Antarctic exploration since James Cook's voyage in 1775 and an account of other Antarctic exploration and scientific studies. The photographs shown in the book are simply beautiful and were exhibited in Sydney in September 2007 in the 50th anniversary commemoration of Trans Antarctic Expedition and the Internal Geophysical Year.

Before telling you about the content of this book, I want to explain a little about the author. Jon Stephenson spent the first part of his career as a geologist in more temperate latitudes. He led expeditions to the Karakoram in West Pakistan and to Ambrym Island in the then New Hebrides, but over 30 years of his career was spent in volcanic field research in relatively remote parts of tropical North Queensland. Philip Jon Stephenson, always known as Jon, was born in 1936 and married my cousin Jennipher North in 1963. They had three daughters. Jennipher and Jon lived in Townsville and David and I used to visit them during our years of living there in the 1970's. Since the expedition, Jon has spent his

career teaching geology in West Pakistan and at the James Cook University in Townsville, where he is now an Honorary Research Associate.

Jon was completing his PhD in England when he was selected to become a geologist, and the sole Australian, on Vivian 'Bunny' Fuchs' Commonwealth Trans-Antarctic Expedition of 1955-58 (TAE). The Expedition was hailed as 'the last great journey'. Twelve men, 18 dogs and various machinery, set off from Shackleton Base on the Filchner Ice Shelf in the Weddell Sea to travel over 2000 miles via the South Pole and on to Scott Base on Ross Island in McMurdo Sound.

John Stephenson, Hall Lister, George Lowe, and Ken Blaiklock spent the winter at South Ice at 81.7°S located 275 miles from Shackleton and 500 miles from the South Pole. For the four of them it was one of the highlights and during the six-month period they became very close, and this very strong friendship has stood the test of time. Jon's writing is very descriptive and very easy for the reader to understand. I was particularly interested on how they built their hut. Jon stated *We first dug a pit the size of the hut to bury it for shelter out of the force of anticipated heavy winter blizzards. In the pit, about shoulder deep, we laid out the metal mats and aluminium I-beam framework. Between the four of us we bolted together the floor, wall panels, and roof. The panels were about four inches thick, faced with plywood and aluminium, with a curtain of 'rock wool' inside for insulation. There were three stoves and ventilation chimneys. We shovelled snow to bury the walls and roof and the wind rapidly deposited a dome of snow over the whole building. The door led out into a tunnel, and to reach the surface from the hut, there was trapdoor and a short ladder at the end of the tunnel, about 30 yards from the hut. We had tunnels for food and fuel stores. Later, I dug out a room for my snow studies. Hal created a vertical latrine pit by burning petrol outside in the tunnel, well away from the door. Hal's instruments*

and the mast carried a propeller-driven wind generator, linked to charge a bank of wet-cell batteries inside the hut. South Ice was almost always windy, and the generator hummed gently away, while if the wind got too strong, the propeller could be furlled.

Jon Stephenson and Ken Blaiklock were the drivers of the two teams of huskies. They left South Ice ahead of the main party, to reconnoitre the route ahead. On the way they built snow cairns to assist the vehicles to navigate through the heavy snow. Jon and Ken were the first to drive a team of dogs to the South Pole since Amundsen in 1911. They kept pace with the vehicles, and travelled 30 miles per day, strenuous work for the dogs. Jon stated, *Our dogs were very tired, even dispirited, and were lean and hungry. Their daily food consisted of a one-pound block of dog pemmican. They needed more. In hindsight, it should have been a pound and half. One of my dogs, a likeable rogue called Bouncer, had a neat way of slipping his harness. About this time, he discovered a box of 'man' pemmican on one of the sledges. Bouncer must have eaten several of the one-pound bars, and had not thought to share any with his mates! We enjoyed an airdrop of fresh food, including a cooked steak. I ate mine immediately, but Ken kept his for later. Unfortunately for Ken, Bouncer found it and ate it before Ken could stop him. Ken's rage was profound.*

On the last day to the pole Jon states, *My dogs were increasingly unhappy and I had difficulty keeping them moving, even though my sledge was now almost empty. They must have felt they had completed a marathon journey. Bouncer was quite reluctant to do much more than walk – indigestion, perhaps? Quite suddenly, the other dogs started acting as if they wanted to eat him. Some concerned dog-lovers picked him up and carried him in their Sno-Cat.*

The initial response to the TAE project was very negative due to the high risk crossing of the Weddell Sea to set up the base. Criticism was widespread of

possible catastrophic results should heavy vehicles fall into crevasses while traversing unknown areas. I guess you could say that this criticism could be justified, as there were numerous near catastrophes when Sno-Cats came precariously close to being swallowed by big crevasses. To quote Ken Blaiklock, *'Any Antarctic project carries risks and these have to be reduced by accepting careful procedures, in order to achieve results.'*

And so, they pressed onwards, and on the 19 January 1958 they completed their pioneering and hazardous journey by arriving at the South Pole. Bunny Fuchs estimated that it would take them 100 days to cover 2,000 miles. They did it in 99 days and travelled 2,150 miles.

I wish I could tell more about this extraordinary group of men—men of destiny whose love of Antarctica is as enormous as the continent itself but my time is up.

(This article was written in response to a set topic for Caloundra Scribblers - 20/5/2010)



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SHORT *Tales*

Jessica Stroja

BETTY SALE: GOLF CHAMPION, MOTOR CAR SALESWOMAN, AND A FINNISH RED CROSS VOLUNTEER

In 1940, Finland was fighting for its country's independence in the 'Winter War' that had commenced in late 1939. Finland desperately sought volunteers to assist on their front line, especially as ambulance personnel. One young woman from Tasmania found herself on the Finnish front line. Betty Sale was considered quite an unusual person according to reports at the time—she was a prize-winning golf champion, a motor car saleswoman, a member of the First Aid Nursing Yeomanry (a Women's Transport Service in the British Army), and was now volunteering with the Finnish Red Cross. But who was Betty?

Miss Betty Sale was an accomplished and well-known Tasmanian personality who often featured in Australian newspapers. The youngest daughter of a Hobart couple, Betty was described as a 'tall, brown-haired, smiling... sporting type of Australian girl' who was an Australian interstate golfer and was the women's golf champion of Tasmania.¹ She held the position of the first car saleswoman in Tasmania before taking up a similar role in England, and had been featured in an interview series titled 'careers for girls'. Prior to her involvement in the Finnish conflict, Betty donated her time to local fundraising endeavours and was well-known throughout her community in Tasmania and her earlier childhood home in New South Wales. Well-recognised in society pages, Betty had been a regular name in Tasmanian reporting for several years, however, it was her voluntary work on the Finnish battlefield that captured the attention of Australians.

While in Finland, Betty was based mostly at Savonlinna and 'worked for military hospitals (sometimes a 22-hour day), conveying Finnish patients over tracks with only sleigh marks to guide them'.² She worked directly with refugees and military casualties, and after six months in Finland returned to England via an arctic route. She was awarded both British and Finnish military honours for her work, much of which was shrouded in

secrecy, and could not be revealed. To receive Finnish war honours as an Australian woman was indeed a unique honour.

Betty continued her military work. She remained with the First Aid Nursing Yeomanry and served in England, North Africa, and the Middle East. While serving in Algeria in 1943, Betty met Henry Rigg, who was serving with the Royal Artillery. She later returned to Australia as a liaison officer after six years abroad and became reacquainted with Henry in Melbourne. In 1946, the couple were married in a quiet ceremony at St. Mary's Church, Kempton, Tasmania, both in military attire, and attended only by close family. Betty later returned to her interest in golf, and although many tried to ask about her military service, she frequently declined to speak on the topic. Certainly, she had captured the attention of many Australians. We can only imagine what she may have experienced but would not tell even her closest family and friends.



'Woman golf champion of Australia [Betty Sale] goes to Finland with ambulance unit,' c. 1941, Argus newspaper collection of war photographs, World War II. Image via State Library of Victoria.

¹ Australian Women's Weekly, 'Adventure Spurred Her On', 27 January 1940, p. 3

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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/>



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The New Zealand Society of Genealogists - Starting your family history can be daunting! Getting It Right is a series of learning resources with a New Zealand focus to help you with your family history research. <https://genealogy.org.nz/Getting-It-Right/10915/>

Genealogical Society Queensland - www.gsq.org.au/learn/web-links/

GSQ recognises that the internet is an important source of information for family historians. So we have included a directory of web sites that we believe will help members and visitors with their research. If there are web sites not included that you have found to be of some value, please let us know so that we can include them in our directory.

Merchant Navy Records and Resources

The GSQ Wednesday Morning Zoom groups July Learning Aid session was based on finding out more about investigating folk born in the mid 19th century in England who may have joined the Merchant Navy. The guide was developed through collaborative input, tracing English seafarers' lives across international waters, multiple jurisdictions, and administrative record-keeping systems spanning from the 1860s through the early 20th century.

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BLOG BEAT

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

June - July - August 2025

2 June 2025 - Yvonne Tunny

The Fever Ship Minerva.

Yvonne describes the ill-fated journey of her second great-grandparents from Berlin in 1838 when typhus struck their ship. They spent months in quarantine upon arrival before finally arriving to what is now Nundah, Brisbane.

9 June 2025 - Bobbie Edes

Mary Geary: The Market gardeners' daughter.

Bobbie writes about her Neville second great-grandmother who emigrated from London in 1857 with her husband and four children. They lived on the Southern Tableland goldfields in New South Wales for 14 years before settling at Little River, now Mongarlowe.

16 June 2025 - Geoff Doherty

This is going to be a bit of a "Do as I say – not as I Did" story. A cautionary tale perhaps..

Geoff shares travel mishaps from his recent visit to Ireland. Despite these issues, including not getting a Reader's Card beforehand, the new library/family history centre at Ennis provided valuable information on his Doherty family, and they enjoyed a nice holiday with sightseeing, visiting ancestral villages, and archives research.

23 June 2025 - Marg Doherty

The Temperance Pledge of days gone by

When Marg inherited a family bible from her Porter family of North Branch near Pittsworth, Queensland, she found little family information. However, she discovered a beautifully illustrated temperance pledge page signed by six Porter family members.

30 June 2025 - Jill Ball

Carey Bay- My One Place

Jill explains her desire to leave a large footprint for future generations through her one-place study, "Carey Bay 2283: People and Places – Past and Present." Initially feeling she lacked the time, she was recently inspired. Her blog outlines her reasoning, resources, and how she prepared, launched, and maintains her project.

6 July 2025 – Shauna Hicks

Walking in ancestral footsteps

Shauna found value in using the Ireland Reaching Out website on her big trip to Ireland in May this year. She planned four nights in Dublin and three in Belfast. Shauna found it emotional to stand at the altar where her two-times great-grandparents were married before coming to Queensland.

13 July 2025 – Beverley Murray

The Musings of a Family Historian

Beverley shares her struggle with writing about her maternal family, finding the structure to be the problem. Her blog explores various methods, including movies and a novel use

of AI to narrow down her plan, providing her with a starting point.

20 July – Dianne Edelman

My childhood homes

Dianne shares her experiences of living in various places, from Tugun and Tweed Heads to Proston, Jimboomba, Donnybrook and Chevallum. Her descriptions of these places and her entrepreneurial parent's work offer insight into life there, highlighting the importance and influence of where we live.

27 July – Pauleen Cass

Knowing your grandparents

Pauleen answers Randy Seaver's question on his blog Genea Musings about whether her grandparents knew their grandparents. This exercise prompts reflection on past family dynamics, the impact of being grandparented, and the effect of distance from parents' or grandparent's birthplaces on understanding ancestry.

3 August 2025 – Christine Leonard

Looking for Connections

Christine's post also looks at connections between families related by marriage. Her exploration of occupations and residence places for two of her ancestors, who both had an impact on their families, enriched and deepened her understanding of them and added context to their lives and personalities.

11 August 2025 - Yvonne Tunny

Missionary Encounters at Moreton Bay

Yvonne's story of her second great-grandparents, who joined a mission to the indigenous people at what is now the suburb of Nundah in 1838, explores interactions with the Turrbal people and suggests that despite well-meaning missionary goals, European cultural biases and differences in lifestyle and values led to misunderstandings and conflict.

18 August 2025 - Andrew Redfern

Why Addresses Matter in Family History

Andrew reflects on his late mother's address book, now a family heirloom. He highlights how address books and tools like Google Earth offer valuable insights for family historians. Using examples, despite challenges, he discusses how these resources can deepen investigations. He concludes by encouraging us to document our own address history.

25 August 2025 - Ross Hansen

A Tough Lady – Continuing the next genealogical journey

One of Ross's late wife's paternal great grandmothers was married to a serviceman. Ross tracked her from her marriage in the UK to the birth of children in Ireland and England. Then, using a timeline, he found documentary evidence, recognized inconsistencies and added context, showing she was indeed a resilient woman.

From the GSQ Librarian ...



Do you know that GSQ members are able to access issues of **eJournals** from other societies through **MyGSQ Exchange Journals**? These include various family history societies in England, Scotland, Ireland, Germany, USA, New Zealand and of course Australia. Issues are generally retained for around three years.

The library catalogue https://catalogue.gsq.org.au/cgi-bin/koha/opac-page.pl?page_id=28 provides a list of the other societies who send us copies of journals for members to access.

Should you be a GSQ member and would like to be notified when a new issue of any of these eJournals are received, please email the **Librarian** librarian@gsq.org.au. In the email, please advise the ones of interest and we will add you to an email alert.

Sandy Liddle

GSQ Catalogue

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SOME RECENT ACCESSIONS

MAY - JUNE - JULY 2025

BOOK Titles	Author	CALL No.
My mother's times : a collection of household hints providing glimpses of family life in Australia the early 1900s	Murray, Mary	AUS/105/049
Yungaburra State School, 1909-1984 : 75th anniversary	King, Ruth	QLD/210/884/KIN
A decade of centenaries : researching Ireland, 1912-23	Paton, Chris	IRL/310/009
A genealogist's guide to discovering your Irish ancestors : how to find and record your unique heritage	Radford, Dwight A	IRL/305/019
Eaglehawk and district pioneer register (Vols. 1, 2 & 5)	O'Donohue, Annette	VIC/515/007.01
Family history from newspapers	McLaughlin, Eve	ENG/310/ 018
Leicestershire parish registers. Marriages	Phillimore, WPW	LEI/805/005
Salute the brave : a pictorial record of Queensland war memorials	McIvor, Shirley	QLD/824/000/MCI
The charter towns of Ulster 400, 1613-2013	Clarke, Lorraine	WA/310/002
The story of the English : the Plantation of Ulster : heritage map and pocket history	Roulston, William	IRL/205/008
The story of the Presbyterians in Ulster : pocket history and heritage trail	Roulston, William	IRL/220/002
Townland atlas of Ulster	Kane, Andrew	IRL/905/004
Tracing your Huguenot ancestors : a guide for family historians	Chater, Kathy	WW/305/008
JOURNAL Titles	Date	CALL No.
Coontin kin : the quarterly journal of the Shetland Family History Society	No 133 (Mar 2025) No 134 (Jun 2025)	SHI/425/001
Glasgow & West of Scotland Family History Society journal	No 132 (Mar 2025)	LKS/425/001
Kith 'n' kin : newsletter of the West Gippsland Genealogical Society	Issue 113 (Jun 2025)	VIC/425/011
Progenitor : the official journal of the Genealogical Society of the Northern Territory	Vol 44 No 1 (Mar 2025)	NT/425/002
Te Reo : newsletter	Vol 32 No 2 (May 2025)	NZ/425/002.1



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Mt Gravatt Library - Ph: (07) 3403 7775

How did they get here? Immigration in Australia from 1788 onwards

Saturday 20th September 2025, 1:30pm - 3:30pm
Fairfield Library - Ph: (07) 3403 8615

Using Newspapers for Family History

Monday 20th October 2025, 1:00pm - 3:00pm
Chermside Library - Ph: (07) 3403 7202

Exploring occupations: How our ancestors earned their daily bread

Saturday 8th November 2025, 10:30am - 12:30pm
Coopers Plains Library - Ph: (07) 3403 1530



PROMPT FOR TELLING TINY STORIES

Past GSQ BLOG post - **By Tiggy Johnson**

There have been two deaths in my family this month and, as well as making me almost forget to write something for you, it got me thinking.

One of the people to have passed was my mother's aunt. I was fortunate enough to have visited her when I was in Melbourne in January, and after I learned of her passing, it made me want to sit down and write the stories she told me then (from the notes I made), as well as others that she somehow is associated with, including the date scones she'd made for me as a child.

The other death also made me think of a person's stories, and together, they reminded me of a book I bought earlier this year (I had hoped to give this person a copy). The book is 'Telling tiny stories' by Michelle Dicinoski, a Brisbane writer (though she has

now moved overseas). The book is full of prompts to get you started in writing about events in your life, and so is perfect for either the budding family historian or as a gift for members of their family that they'd like to know more about.

Some examples of the prompts:

'I thought I would never get over.....but I did.'

'I wish I'd never...'

'I first felt really grown up when...'

There are prompts for you to record stories from your childhood, things you think about now, as well as hopes for the future. There are also opportunities to insert special recipes, and to write whatever else might come to mind. What a wonderful way to ask family members to record their stories for you!



THE LAST WORD.

[GSQ • THE EDITOR]

Thank you for coming on the journey of the September issue of *Generation*! This issue would not have been possible without the amazing editorial team and each of the wonderful authors who contributed articles, columns, and updates. Thank you all for helping bring the issue to life and sharing these wonderful resources and stories with our readers. If you have been thinking about contributing an article to *Generation*, maybe now is the time to get in touch? Even if you just have some questions, we would love to talk to you.

It is coming up to that busy time of year when many of our interest and meetings groups prepare to take a break over Christmas. Don't worry, we will have one more issue of *Generation* for the year to keep you going until we return in 2026! We have some exciting articles planned for the next issue, including two entries from the Joan Reese Short Story Competition. These are not to be missed!

As I look at the articles and stories in this issue, it reminds me to never make assumptions in our

family history research journeys. Not even if we think we have reached the inevitable brick wall that cannot be navigated. It may take time—a lot of time! Sometimes it feels never-ending. But when we come across that wonderful piece to the puzzle, no matter how small, it gives us just that little bit more insight into the family we are researching. What fascinates me the most about this is that it brings us that little bit closer to the real person. Not just a name on the page, or on a memorial. The real person who is now one step closer to being remembered and not lost to time.

Thank you for joining us—we can't wait to welcome you to *Generation* again in December!

Jessica
Editor



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