

9th Unlock the Past cruise program 8-10 December 2014

<i>2 nights out of Brisbane on Legend of the Seas</i>			
Day 1 – Tuesday 8 December 2015 – depart from Brisbane 6pm			
		Conference room A-B - Deck 3	Conference room C-D - Deck 3
12noon?		boarding and registration in conference room A-B throughout the afternoon	
4.00pm		MEET & GREET - speaker introductions and cruise/conference introduction note: this time is subject to change depending on the safety drill timing	
5.00pm?		safety drill – time estimated only	
6.00pm		SCHEDULED DEPARTURE TIME – 6pm	
6.15pm		dinner	
8.00pm	9.20pm	Life and death in the newspapers - S. Ryan	
9.00pm		free time or Legend entertainment	
Day 2 – Wednesday 9 December – at sea			
9.00am	9.45am	Aspects of migration - S. Ryan	
9.50am	10.35am	Google the genealogist's friend - H. Smith	Beyond just indexes - R. Kopittke
10.35am	11.00am	break & bookshop	
11.00am	11.45am	Stories from the records - S. Ryan	
11.50am	12.30pm	Fishing for cousins: using blogs for bait - H. Smith	Locating your ancestor's place of origin in Germany - E. Kopittke
12.30pm	1.30pm	lunch break	
1.30pm	2.15pm	Electoral rolls: tips and traps - R. Kopittke	
2.20pm	3.05pm	Researching your health history - H. Smith	Early Germans in Brisbane - E. Kopittke
3.05pm	3.30pm	break & bookshop	
3.30pm	4.15pm	Finding WW 1 soldiers - S. Ryan	
4.20pm	5.00pm	Directories and almanacs - R. Kopittke	Maps and gazetteers for German research - E. Kopittke
5.00pm	5.45pm	Bookshop & Research Help Zone	
6.15pm		dinner	
8.00pm	8.50pm	WINDUP & PRIZES – I want to be a widow woman - H. Smith	
9.00pm		free time or Legend entertainment	
Day 3 – Thursday 10 December 2015 – arrive Brisbane 6.00am			
Questions must be within the time allowed for each talk—or held to ask in a Research Help session No audio or video recording of any session is allowed without permission of the presenter			

Research Help Zone—for some people this is the most valuable part of our program. This provides an opportunity for you to meet one-on-one or in small groups with an expert to answer your questions and help you with your research. Should any expert have more than two people interested in seeing them in a single session they may limit the time for each inquirer to 10-15 minutes. These will generally be one-on-one with an expert, but if more than one person is interested in the same thing (e.g. a genealogy program or online database) they can be with a small group. Here is a list of experts available and the areas they can advise on. Only one period of 45 minutes is possible on a short cruise like this.

Stephanie Ryan

- Queensland research
- researching in the State Library of Queensland
- newspapers/Trove
- migration

- Scottish research
- directories
- electoral rolls
- government gazettes
- online education options

Eric Kopittke

- German research
- Danish research
- Sussex research
- Queensland research
- FamilySearch
- Lutherans in Australia

Helen Smith

- Queensland research
- Australian research
- Kent research
- Oxfordshire research
- brickwalls research
- DNA
- archaic medical terms
- causes of death
- online research
- blogging
- one name studies
- one place studies
- Google for genealogy
- social media
- World War I research
- The Master Genealogist

Rosemary Kopittke

- Australian research
- Queensland research
- Derbyshire research
- Family Historian
- Findmypast
- MyHeritage
- TheGenealogist
- Google for genealogy

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Eric Kopittke (QLD)—Eric has been researching his family history in Australia, Germany, England and Wales since 1985. In the same year he joined the Queensland Family History Society where he has been convenor of the Central European Group for over 20 years. He is also President of the Baptist Heritage Queensland.

Academically, he studied at the University of Queensland where he was awarded a Bachelor of Science (Physics and Mathematics), a Bachelor of Arts (Geography and Computer Science) and a Diploma of Education. He recently retired after teaching Physics and Mathematics at St Peters Lutheran College, Indooroopilly.

He regularly speaks at family history societies and at other events. In June 2012 he spoke on German research at the New Zealand Society of Genealogists Conference.

Eric has received the Queensland FHS Award for Services to Family History (1990); was made a Fellow of the Queensland FHS (2000); and in 2006 was awarded the AFFHO Award for Meritorious Services to Family History.

Eric's talks

• Locating your ancestor's place of origin in Germany

Finding your German immigrant ancestor's place of origin is essential if any research into his or her forebears is to be undertaken. This presentation looks at the use of records from Australia and elsewhere to determine your German ancestor's place of origin.

• Early Germans in Brisbane

Germans have been influential in the development of the Brisbane region. In this presentation a number of these nineteenth century influences are described.

• Maps and gazetteers for German research

Maps and gazetteers are important in any family history research. This presentation describes how to access a number of such resources relevant to modern day Germany as well as to the historical German Empire.

Rosemary Kopittke (QLD)—Rosemary has been tracing her family history since 1985. A statistician by training, she has worked in that field as an hydrologist, teacher and biometrician. Her tertiary qualifications include a BSc (Mathematics) and BA (Computer Science) both from the University of Queensland. More recently she has completed the Certificate in Genealogical Studies (English Records) with the National Institute for Genealogical Studies. She currently works as a consultant for Gould Genealogy & History, is regularly invited to speak at events in Australia and New Zealand and has presented on all the Unlock the Past cruises.

She has published numerous indexes to cemeteries and government records though is probably best known for her work with husband Eric on the *Emigrants from Hamburg to Australasia 1850-1879* publication. She is editor of Unlock the Past publications and author and contributor to several.

A member of the Australasian Federation of Family History Organisations (AFFHO) Council from 2009 to 2013 and a current member of the Queensland FHS Management Committee, Rosemary is a Fellow of the Queensland Family History Society and in 2006 received the AFFHO Award for Meritorious Services to Family History.

Rosemary's talks

• Beyond just indexes

Too often researchers construct much of their family trees just using indexes instead of examining the original documents which gave rise to the indexes. This presentation examines some of the critical information lost when we don't bother to do the research fully and follow through the hints given to us by the indexes.

• Directories and almanacs

This presentation looks at the wide range of directories and almanacs available in Australia and overseas and why you should use them when compiling your family history.

• Electoral rolls: tips and traps

When doing research electoral rolls can be very useful but we need to be aware who was eligible to vote at various times and the traps that can catch us out.

Stephanie Ryan (QLD)—Stephanie has been the Senior Librarian in Family History at the State Library of Queensland for over 18 years. Previously she was a high school teacher and teacher-librarian. She has participated in radio and television programs and been

interviewed for newspaper and magazine articles in this capacity. She contributes to the State Library of Queensland's blogs and writes articles on family history from time to time. The family history staff run presentations for societies, libraries and the general public, manage several dozen information guides available on the web as well as a collection of Useful websites for family historians, produce specialist indexes available on the family history home page and provide a free enquiry service of up to 2 hours per enquiry for Queenslanders backed by the extensive collections of the state's main library. Increasingly the State Library's resources are being digitised and made freely available. Check the website www.slq.qld.gov.au/resources/family-history for further information on this service.

Stephanie's talks

• Life and death in the newspapers

Newspapers available including, but also beyond, Trove; databases such as the British Newspaper Archive, 19th Century newspapers and the Times Digital Archive; the value and problems associated with particular notices including obituaries, golden anniversaries and other biographical pieces.

• Aspects of migration

Chain migration: shipping lists including interstate; newspaper records; Trove and the British Newspaper Archive; overcoming problems using a comparison of Findmypast record and state records; some Irish and German issues.

• Stories from the records

building a picture of a family and overcoming research problems using various records including some which are unexpected.

• Finding WW 1 soldiers

Basic strategy with some problems to solve.

Helen Smith (QLD)—helenismithresearch.blogspot.com.au.

Helen has been researching her family since 1986 when her mother lamented the fact she had never known her grandfather, George Howard Busby. Helen found some information and a newspaper photo of him, was hooked and has been addicted ever since with research in Australia, England and Ireland. She is researching the surname Quedstedt anywhere, anytime and has registered the name with the Guild of One-Name Studies.

She is the author of *Death certificates and archaic medical terms* and has written for Inside History, Australian Family Tree Connections and other family history journals as well as scientific publications. She is the author of a number of blogs which can be accessed via <http://helenismithresearch.blogspot.com.au> She has spoken to a wide variety of audiences including all the Unlock the Past cruises, Unlock the Past expos and roadshow.

Professionally, she is a Molecular Epidemiologist specialising in Public Health Microbiology and has a strong interest in infectious diseases and Public Health through the ages. She has a Graduate Diploma in Public Health, Bachelor Applied Science: Medical Laboratory Science and Associate Diploma in Clinical Laboratory Techniques. She is currently studying with the National Institute for Genealogical Studies towards the Certificate in Genealogical Studies: English Records.

Helen's talks

• Google the genealogists friend

As family history researchers we all use at least the Google search features. There are a number of helpful extra search features but Google is not just a search engine with a suite of tools just right for the family history researcher.

• Researching your health history

We all have a family history and we all have a history of health within our family. Having a knowledge of any health issues that have arisen in your blood relatives in the past may help you and your descendants have a healthier future. The life you save may be your own.

• Fishing for cousins: using blogs as bait

As genealogists we research our family history and want to contact people who are interested in our families as they may have the letters and photos of shared ancestors we don't possess. How to attract those cousins? Write a blog! Getting started is easy and we'll talk some tips and tricks to writing "cousin bait" posts.

• I want to be a widow woman

A light hearted look at why it was better to be a widow than married in England in the mid 1800s.