



EVENT EXTRA

November 2023

A reminder - most of our events continue to be delivered online using Zoom.

When you register for an event, the confirmation email will contain information about how to join the event online.

The majority of our webinars are recorded, so even if you cannot attend at the scheduled time you can still book and receive the recording. If you have any difficulties, let us know and we will assist you. The event listing will advise you if an event **will not be recorded**.

The links in this newsletter take you to the event listing for more information about each event. If you are a member, you then need to log into the website to book at the member rate. You can also book by calling us on (02) 9247 3953.

Tue 14 Nov 7.30pm - 9.30pm AEDT

Irish Research Group - Led by Marianne Spencer Young, Kathleen Hackett, Alan Jones & Sally Skulte

Looking forward to having you attend our next SAG Irish Research Group. We are pleased to be able to have our SAG Librarian, Karlie, as well as our SAG Archivist, Alex, attend our group to tell us about the extensive Irish resources in both the SAG Library and SAG Archives.

Given the success and interest of her previous County presentation on Galway, Kathleen Hackett will be talking about Tipperary County. We also have a guest speaker, Edwin (Ed) Carr, who has kindly agreed to discuss his recently published book. 'Castlebar to Leichhardt. A Carr Family History'

(2023). I'm sure this will be of interest to many of us.

This session will be recorded for those who are unable to attend live.

[More information](#)

Thu 16 Nov 10.30am - 12.30pm AEDT

Reunion and Mac Support Group - Led by Danny O'Neill and Dale Fogarty

Reunion is a great genealogy program for Mac users that allows you to easily document and display information about your family. It features a navigable graphic Tree View in the form of an hourglass or ancestor chart, allowing you to navigate to everyone in your tree. It also has a variety of visually appealing, high quality charts and other useful reports, and an outstanding help manual.

The group coordinators Danny O'Neill and Dale Fogarty aim to work collaboratively with its members on how to best use all the features of Reunion and how to resolve any Reunion or Mac-related issues that you may have.

This session will be recorded for those who are unable to attend live.

[More information](#)

Sat 18 Nov 12.30pm - 2.30pm AEDT

Scottish Research Group - Led by Diana Pecar, Elizabeth Gordon and Sally Skulte

Brian Maclachlan will take us through a picture of life in a Scottish poor house (workhouse) and will take us through the available records and some websites that will be helpful to members looking for relatives that may have been provided for by poor houses.

Following this, Lorna Steele-McGinn will take us through the Highland Clearances and the impact on our forebears of this tumultuous period of Scottish history.

This session will be recorded for those who are unable to attend live.

[More information](#)

Sat 18 Nov 3.00pm - 5.00pm AEDT

Colonial Australia Research Group - Led by Lorraine Luks and Kristine Newton

Sources & Resources

Michelle Goldsmith, a diploma candidate at the Society, has generously offered to share the sources and resources she found while undertaking her study. We're always searching for new information sources and Michelle's insights should give our research options a HUGE boost.

Arrival Brickwalls – A Second Look

In our June meeting we met several members with ancestor arrivals they could not locate. In our discussion many suggestions and leads were offered.

Our members will return and let us know how they've gone in their research and whether – fingers crossed - they've made progress, or perhaps a Breakthrough.

This session will be recorded for those who are unable to attend live.

[More information](#)

Tue 21 Nov 11.00am - 12.00pm AEDT

Family History Connect | One 'Focus' Studies

Focusing on a single surname, or a specific geographic location, or an individual event explores part of the intricate web that links our family stories to the world in which they lived. You have probably heard about one name and one place studies, but there are other focal points that can become a major part of researching family history.

This introduction to 'One Focus Studies' will explore what such studies entail and, through mutual input, lead to fresh avenues that you might wish to follow.

This Family History Connect session is being held on Zoom.

This is a members only event. Bookings are essential for this session.

[More information](#)

Fri 24 Nov 7.55pm - 9.05pm AEDT

Sat 25 Nov 9.45am - 4.30pm AEDT

ONLINE CONFERENCE

In Search of...DNA Connections

Join us for a virtual conference dedicated to uncovering information and resources about DNA.

Presentations will include using the Leeds Method to sort matches plus more advanced topics such as Y-DNA and mtDNA.

This event will commence with a one-hour Friday evening session, followed by further presentations on the Saturday.

Speakers include:

- Martin McDowell
- Fiona Brooker
- Louise Coakley
- Mags Gauden

This conference will be recorded, so you can attend live or watch later.

Please note that some recordings will only be available for 2 weeks after they are made available. This will be noted on the program where applicable.

[More information](#)

Mon 27 Nov 7.30pm - 9.00pm AEDT

Let's Talk About...One Name/Place Studies - Facilitated by Jennie Fairs

Speakers to be listed soon!

Do you have a question you are desperate to have answered? Why not submit it in advance. Click on the link to send us your question now <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SAG-Talk-about-question>

This is an online session using the ZOOM platform.

This webinar will be recorded, so you can either watch it live or watch it later

[More information](#)

Wed 29 Nov 7.30pm - 9.00pm AEDT

AI and IT for Family History Interest Group - Led by Andrew Redfern

Join us for a 'prototype' meeting to explore the possibility of starting an AI and IT Interest Group at the SAG.

Presenter of our recent series of AI webinars, Andrew Redfern, will facilitate the meeting where we will be looking for ideas to take this group forward and volunteers to assist with leading the group

This session will be recorded so you can join live or watch the recording later.

[More information](#)

Thu 30 Nov 7.30pm - 8.30pm AEDT

Obscure Place Names and Parish Maps - Jeff Madsen

Frustrated with not finding the place named on your ancestor's certificate? Unable to find the localities mentioned in Probate papers or Deceased Estate documents?

This session will demonstrate some of the varied reasons why that place name may have eluded you.

It will also cover:

- Resources available to assist you in finding your locality in New South Wales
- Background to NSW Parish maps
- Viewing Parish maps in the HLRV (Historic Land Records Viewer)
- Download or print the selected Parish map to your computer

This webinar will be recorded so you can join live or watch the recording later.

[More information](#)

Fri 1 Dec 9.30am - 4.00pm AEDT

FACE TO FACE WORKSHOP

Writing Family History Workshop - Dr Betty O'Neill

Join well-known family historian and published author, Dr Betty O'Neill for a one-day introductory workshop on Writing family history.

Are you curious about your ancestors? Do you have a fascinating great-aunt you'd like to write about? Or maybe some lost relatives, secrets, lies or family mysteries to investigate? Betty's questioning and researching turned out to be a bit of a detective story and yours could too!

The workshop will be limited to 16 participants.

Registrations close Wednesday 29 November 2023.

This workshop will be held at SAG Research Centre and Library, Level 2/379 Kent Street Sydney

[More Information](#)

Tue 5 Dec 10.00am - 11.00am AEDT

Family History Connect | Beginners tips for the Library catalogue

Our new 'members-only' series, *Family History Connect*, will feature themed sessions focused on a particular area of genealogy research.

Sessions are generally facilitated by one of the Society's wonderful volunteers and will take place in-person at our Family History Research Centre & Library (2/379 Kent Street, Sydney NSW). These sessions are open to all current members of the Society.

These group sessions will be an opportunity for you have a greater understanding of how to effectively search the library catalogue.

This session of *Family History Connect | Beginners tips for the Library catalogue* will be facilitated by the Society's Library staff.

This is a members only event. Bookings are essential for this session.

This Family History Connect session will be held at SAG Research Centre and Library, Level 2/379 Kent Street Sydney

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Sat 9 Dec 10.00am - 12.00pm AEDT

Legacy Software Users Group - Led by Danielle Lautrec

Topic: Groups, tags, hashtags

Explore how to group people in Legacy, based on commonalities, and how to use these groups to facilitate your research and documentation. Learn about focus groups, search groups, tags and hashtags. This will be an interactive online workshop session, with examples for you to try during the session or afterwards in your own time.

This session will be recorded so you can join live or watch the recording later.

[More Information](#)

Sat 9 Dec 12.30pm - 2.30pm AEDT

USA and Canada Research Interest Group - Led by Melissa Hulbert, Thistle Anderson, Larry Czarnik & Suzanne Hyde

Topic: Holiday/Christmas/New Year themes

Come join us and celebrate the last meeting for 2023 on December 9 12:30 PM - 2:30 PM.

Put your thinking caps on as there will be a group discussion on how Holidays /Christmas/New Year traditions/practices have been or are celebrated either in the US, Canada or continued here in Australia.

We will also have presentations on the state of Tennessee and ancestors in the military.

This session will be recorded so you can join live or watch the recording later.

[More Information](#)

Sat 9 Dec 3.00pm - 5.00pm AEDT

English Research Group - Led by Diana Pecar, Linda Radulovitch and Annesley Watson

Counties: Oxfordshire and Hertfordshire

As usual, these short county presentations provide some general information about the county including the flag, its history and any flag or county day which is celebrated. Presenters should include a relevant and useful selection of sources (not expected to be exhaustive) that may be available for family history research in the county being presented.

Topic: Brick Walls

The procedure to submit your brick wall is set out in the [Guide to Brick Walls](#).

We ask that your information be submitted by either Powerpoint (preferred option) or via a Word document - only one page - **by Thursday 30th November**.

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