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Image of Jane Day and daughters from the SAG Collection.

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In the News

Roots Tech 2024 has begun!

We know that many of you have already started to watch sessions from this year's Roots Tech 2024 conference - one for your playlist is Gemma Beswick and Alexandra Mountain giving an overview of the international reach of the Society's collection - to view go to [this link](#). And enjoy the further hundreds of hours of FREE online conference!

Recognising female SAG officers past & present

The first council of the Society was fortunate in the 1930s to have Miss Maughan, Miss Osburne-Lilly, and Miss Yeo (Vice-President) as part of its executive. The current Board of Directors is fortunate to include President, Melissa Hulbert, and Vice-President, Janette Pelosi - you can read more about our Directors [here](#).

Croker Prize opening soon!

Look out for our next issue of *Descent* in your in-box/post box as we announce the theme for the 2024 Annual Croker Prize for Biography. Remember, entries close on 31 May.

Save the date/AGM

We will be sending out further information in the coming weeks regarding our 2024 annual general meeting, which will be held on Saturday 18 May from 3pm AEST. You can either attend in the Library (at level 2, 379 Kent Street) or online via Zoom.

The theme for this newsletter is: Women.

Check out these Web Tips

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The freedoms of women today cannot be appreciated without an understanding of the determination of our [suffragette](#) ancestors, those women who engaged in direct action and civil disobedience to fight for the right to vote in public elections in the UK. While campaigning was largely put on hold for the duration of WWI, their ground work, together with the seismic shift in women's working experience during the war, changed the position and voice of women in society forever.

[TIME'S 100 Women of the Year](#) project seeks to redress the imbalance of women on the cover of this iconic magazine. For 72 years, TIME named a Man of the Year, generally a President, Prime Minister or a titan of industry as these were the kinds of men who have wielded influence over the world. After changing the title to Person of the Year, only 11 women have graced the cover. 89 new TIME covers have been designed to level the playing field and it's interesting to see who made the cut.

Throughout history, women have made extraordinary contributions to their societies. Some are well known, some less so, but all have been trail-blazers. [Women's footprints in History](#) explores a small selection of these women, presented in an interactive way with confronting statistics on the worldwide reality for many women and girls today.

in the Library

The SAG Library and Research Centre has a great collection of resources on women, particularly in colonial times. Here are just a few of the interesting titles we hold:

Bagnall, Kate & Martinez, Julia T, *Locating Chinese women: historical mobility between China and Australia* [A3/20/149](#)

Bramble, Christine, *Sisters of the Valley: First World War nurses from Newcastle and the Hunter Region* [B3/70/4](#)

Forsyth, Kate & Murrell, Belinda, *Searching for Charlotte: the fascinating story of Australia's first children's author* [A6/ATK/6](#)

Frost, Lucy, *Abandoned women: Scottish convicts exiled beyond the seas* [D3/23/20](#)

Hardie, Elsbeth, *The girl who stole stockings: the true story of Susannah Noon and the women of the convict ship Friends* [A3/23/75](#)

Harrison, Jennifer, *Shackled: female convicts at Moreton Bay 1826-1839*
[H3/23/1](#)

Ingham, Mary, *Tracing service women ancestors: a guide for family historians* [M2/10/139](#)

Isaacs, Jennifer, *Pioneer women of the bush and outback* [A3/30/79](#)

Kyle, Dr Noeline, *Women's business: midwives on the mid North Coast of*

New South Wales to 1950, a study of Armidale, Kempsey and Port Macquarie B3/44/22

Newby, Jennifer, Women's lives: researching women's social history 1800-1939 M3/30/17

Potter, Lesley, Mistress of her profession: colonial midwives of Sydney. 1788-1901 B3/44/23

Powell, Jocelyn ed., Women of Hornsby Shire: selected lives B4.077/35/1

Rushen, Elizabeth, Colonial duchesses: the migration of Irish women to New South Wales before the great famine B3/20/6

Rushen, Elizabeth & McIntyre, Perry, Fair game: Australia's first immigrant women A3/20/131

Rushen, Elizabeth & McIntyre, Perry, The merchant's women A3/20/123

Schaefer, Charlotte, Death in a Colonial Australian family: a genealogical study of death, focusing on mothers who died young, across four generations of a family Thesis/A6/SLA/1

Smith, Babette, Defiant voices: how Australia's female convicts challenged authority: 1788-1853 A3/23/79

Women of Ryde Committee of the Ryde District Historical Society Inc., Women of Ryde: not only Granny Smith B5/90/130

in the Archives

As any family historian knows, uncovering the histories of female ancestors is a difficult task for a variety of reasons. Our archive, filled with the fruits of the hard work by family historians for generations, could hold a breakthrough for your brick wall involving women ancestors. The manuscript and image collection holds the research notes, family trees, and biographies of thousands of families, given to us to preserve the research for future family historians. As such, we have a large amount of research regarding women and their descendants, often painstakingly recorded after much angst in uncovering their story. To search for a specific ancestor, use the Basic Search function on our online catalogue:

www.sag.org.au/midas and see what results show up!

We accept donations of original records and artefacts relating to women and other under documented ancestors. If you have original materials that you are considering donating, please contact the Archives Manager at archives@sag.org.au

Don't miss these upcoming events

All of our events continue to be delivered online, through Zoom. **For up to date information about our events, always check the Events page of the SAG website.**

With the exception of some DNA events where there may be privacy issues, **all of our webinars are recorded**, so even if you cannot attend at the scheduled time you can still book and receive the recording. Most of our events are open to **non-members** as well as members. However, members pay a discount price and can purchase season tickets.

You must book for all events except for the Friday Hang Out sessions.

Unless an event is fully booked, if you are paying online via PayPal, you can usually register for a session up until the time the event is due to start. As soon as your payment is processed you will receive an email containing the Zoom joining link. The event listing will state if registrations are closing earlier for any reason.

If you are a member, make sure you are logged into the website to claim the member rate, or call us on (02) 9247 3953 to make a booking over the phone.

Every Friday 4.00pm-5.00pm AEDT

Hang out with the SAG - All members welcome

SAG members can hang out every Friday afternoon at 4pm and chat about family history. Hang outs are free and you can join using the link via the MEMBER AREA of the website - you will need to **log in** to the Website.

[Find out more](#)

Tues 12 March 7.00pm - 9.00pm AEDT

Irish Research Group

Please Note: There has been a change in the program for this meeting. The talk on John Grenham's Enhanced Townland Maps has been postponed until the next meeting on 11 June. We apologise for any inconvenience this change may cause to anyone.

Our County presentation from Dale Fogarty will be on Cork. Other presentations are 'The Consequences of Following a Family History Research Hint – A Personal Story' from Sally Skulte.

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Thurs 14 March 10.30am - 12.30pm AEDT

Writing Group - Elizabeth Capelin & Emily Purser

1. Claire McGregor (editor) talks about the practicalities of getting a family history book written & published; Q&A

2. Discussion:

- a) how are you going on your projects?
- b) what have you written this month?
- c) what do you want to know from more experienced writers?

3. Top writing & editing Tips

About The Writing Group:

Are you interested in writing about your family history but need a bit more motivation or encouragement?

Come along to The Writing Group and work on your writing skills in a fun and supportive atmosphere. The group meets via Zoom on the second Thursday of each month and has a varied program of activities and speakers designed to help you progress your project/s - whatever style of writing you are interested in!

In addition to the group meetings there is an optional forum utilising the Basecamp website where group attendees can discuss writing projects and share ideas between meetings.

Come and join us, new attendees are always welcome.

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Sat 16 March 10.00am -12.00pm AEDT

Legacy Software Users Group - Danielle Lautrec

Topic: Back to basics – Setting up your family file, customising the appearance, saving, backing up, importing and printing, and much more

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Our Legacy Group sessions are suitable for beginners and also experienced users. If you have been using Legacy for a while, bring along your tips to share with others in the group. Copies of the slides and some exercises to practice will also be provided.

This event will be held via the ZOOM Platform.

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Sat 16 March 3.00pm - 5.00pm AEDT

Colonial Australia Research group - Lorraine Luks, Kristine Newton and Sharon Shelley

Topic: The Unruly Rural Rush

Very quickly colonists moved inland - the squatters and pastoralists, followed by shepherds and stockmen. Small towns sprung up with trades people and shop keepers to provide to the needs of the rural population.

Join us as we delve into this unruly rural rush - the next stage of colonial settlement in Australia.

Do you have rural family in your tree? We'd love to hear your story. Check our Discussion Forum on the CARG webpage to see how you can bring the rural rush to life in our meeting.

Or contact us on colonialaustgroup@gmail.com

All are welcome to attend our meetings and contribute to our Research Guide.

This event will be held via the ZOOM Platform.

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