

**SAGe - the monthly
newsletter of the
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Genealogists**

SAGe - May 2024

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In the News

2024 Croker Writing Competition - entries due 31 May

This year's theme is **A Special Family Connection** and you have until the end of the month to submit your entry. Full T&Cs and the entry form are available [here](#). The winning entry will be announced and published in the September *Descent*. The \$1,000 cash prize is made possible following the generous financial donation from Colin and Loas Croker, so if you have a

story to tell, this is your chance to tell it.

SAG AGM

A reminder to SAG members that our AGM will be held on Saturday 18 May from 3.00pm AEST. The meeting is to be held as a hybrid meeting - both in-person at our Library (Level 2, 379 Kent Street, Sydney, NSW 2000) and also online via the Zoom platform. Members are encouraged to attend, and registration is available for either those coming to Sydney or wanting to attend via Zoom link: [here](#)

The theme for this newsletter is: Scotland.

Check out these Web Tips

Undoubtedly the most useful website, [ScotlandsPeople](#), is the official government source of genealogical data for Scotland with over 90 million records. While it is a subscription site, researchers can download images for a fee of the fully indexed Scottish statutory records of births, deaths and marriage from 1855 to 2006, census records from 1841 to 1911 and indexes of the church baptisms, deaths and burials and marriages that took place from 1538 to 1854 as well as digitised wills and testaments from Scotland's National Archives and Scottish Catholic Archives records.

[Scotclans](#) - celebrating the craft and heritage of Scotland with an A-Z guide of clans and tartans, a history of clans and an extraordinary range of tartans and clan accessories to purchase.

[Scottish Mining](#) - a database with over 22,00 names, devoted to the history of coal, iron ore and shale mining in Scotland, compiled from old reports, gazetteers and newspaper articles. It contains information on all aspects of life in mining towns and villages, such as working conditions, accidents, strikes, housing, health and leisure.

in the Library

The SAG Library at 2/379 Kent Street holds a vast array of material relating to Scotland and our Scottish ancestors. A select list can be found below.

Books

Bain, Robert, The Clans and Tartans of Scotland **P5/95/1**

Clerk, John (1993) History of the Union of Scotland and England **P3/3/506**

Collection of Epitaphs and Monumental Inscriptions, Chiefly in Scotland (1834) **P7/11/2**

County Maps of Scotland **Y/P8/42/4**

Cox, Michael, Exploring Scottish History: A Directory of Resource Centres for Scottish Local and National History in Scotland **P2/2/3**

Gandy, Michael (1996) Catholic Family History: A Bibliography for Scotland **P2/10/5**

Gardner, David E., Harland, Derek and Smith, Frank (1962) A Genealogical Atlas of Scotland **P8/42/2**

Levitt, Ian (1988) Government and Social Conditions in Scotland, 1845-1919 **P3/3/501**

McGregor, Iona (2000) Getting Married in Scotland **P3/30/6**

Meikle, Henry (1947) Scotland: A Description of Scotland and Scottish Life **P3/1/14**

Moir, D. G. (1973) The early Maps of Scotland: to 1850 **P8/42/2**

The Scottish Nation: Surnames, Families, Literature, Honours and a Biographical History of the People of Scotland (1869) **P5/30/1a**

Tracing Your Scottish Ancestors: A Guide to Ancestry Research in the National Archives of Scotland (2009) **P2/11/6**

Pamphlets

Civil Parish Map Index of Scotland **P8/42/Pam.1**

The Legal System of Scotland **P3/1/Pam.1**

Mitchell, Angus (1991) Burial Grounds in Scotland: An Index of Unpublished Monumental Inscriptions **P2/10/Pam.11**

The Parishes, Registers and Registrars of Scotland **P2/10/Pam.14**

Personal Names in Scotland **P2/32/Pam.1**

Poor relief in Scotland: Historical Background, Document Extracts and Copies **P3/30/Pam.1**

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](#)

Tue 14 May 10.30am - 11.30am AEDT

Family History Connect | Cemetery Records

 Locating the last resting places of our family is often an important part of our family history research. Finding the records associated with the passing of your ancestors can provide valuable genealogical information to add to your family's story.

Society volunteer Geoff Bovard will explore sources that will help you learn more about your ancestors. Geoff will discuss with participants the types of records that you might find relating to your deceased ancestors and will guide participants through the resources available at the SAG Library including books and electronic resources, as well as some other online sources.

This is a members only event that will take place in person at our

Family History Research Centre & Library.

Bookings are essential for this session.

This is a face-to-face session and will not be recorded.

Find out more and
register

Tue 21 May 10.30am - 11.30am AEDT &

Tue 21 May 1.30pm - 2.30pm AEST

Family History Connect | *Mapping your Ancestors*
Show – don't tell!!

Replace lengthy descriptions of places with a simple map and improve your family stories. Using maps will give a sense of place and the setting of your family story. Maps can show the family's position in the world, their local environment or the path of their travels.

Learn about maps using different content and sources. The second part of the session shows how to display your ancestor's lives using Google Maps and how this can then be shared with others.

Join Society volunteer Jeff Madsen to explore ways in which you can map your ancestors as this session follows on from the recent series on NSW Land Records.

Limit of 8 participants.

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This is a face-to-face session and will not be recorded.

Find out more and
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Sat 25 May 10.00am - 12.00pm AEDT

Caribbean Research Group - Meeting Leads: Sally Byatt & Vanessa Cassin

Calling all SAG members and friends with Caribbean ancestry or interests! After a bit of a hiatus we are looking to restart our Caribbean Research Interest Group.

Join guest facilitator Sally Byatt and SAG Education Manager Vanessa Cassin as we discuss all things Caribbean.

Everyone is welcome to attend and, as SAG Research Groups are collaborative, we ask that all attendees please help their fellow researchers by offering suggestions of how to progress their research or simply share any resources you may be aware of which may help.

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

Find out more and register

Online Shop



[Tracing Your Scottish Ancestry through Church & State Records](#)

by Chris Paton

\$47.00





Discovery Scottish Land Records
- 2nd Edition

by Chris Paton

\$15.00

Order online 24/7 or call 02 9247 3953
