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In the News

Family History Month wrapped up for 2024

Thank you to our speakers, hosts, and audience across our activities during this year's family history month! Also, if you missed out on our special event series, ***Which ancestor would you like to meet?***, recordings of episodes 1 and 2 are available in the Webinar Library section of the [Member Area](#) which much more content.

22 August Member Forum - Thank you

Thank you to our Honorary Treasurer Cheryl and all those that were able to attend the most recent Member Forum event with a focus on Society finances. The presentation is available in the [Member Area](#) of the website.

Vanessa is on leave

Just to let everyone know that our Education Manager Vanessa will be on leave for most of September - if you need support with our Education Program, please contact us via admin (at) sag.org.au or telephone the office on (02) 9247 3953.

Looking ahead "In Search of...the Inheritance" conference & *Descent*

We would welcome speakers and writers to come forward to support our 23 November virtual conference and tie-in *Descent* issue on issues around understanding wills, probate and related records for family history. The deadline for *Descent* submission is 15 October with details via [this link](#).

2025 Celtic event!

The 2025 Australian Celtic Festival in Glen Innes is themed on Brittany,

Cornwall, and Wales - see [this link](#) for details.

The theme for this newsletter is: Wales and islands.

Check out these Web Tips

FamilySearch has a very helpful page on [Wales](#), providing quick links to a vast number of sources, any of which may prove invaluable in tracking down your Welsh ancestry.

[The National Library of Wales](#) has an extensive list of digital material available for public access available through their [specialist catalogues](#) portal. Welsh newspapers, Dictionary of Welsh Biography, Welsh ballads, estate records, wills and marriage bonds are just some of the records available.

The [Isle of Man Archives](#) were originally created in the 1880's to research and care for the Ancient Monuments of the Island. Over the years, museum, library, archive and art gallery functions have been added and, in the 1950's, formally became the National Trust for the Isle of Man. The [Research Guide](#) is particularly helpful in explaining what's available and the people [search](#) is a simple way to conduct simple searches.

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.

Bartrum, Peter C (1983) Welsh genealogies A.D. 1400-1500 volumes 2-18 **Q5/14/2-18**

Davies, Rosemary (1998) Family history research in Glamorgan **Q2.8/10/Pam.1**

Durie, Bruce (2012) Welsh genealogy **Q2/10/3**

Edwards-Hamilton, Gerald (1986) In search of Welsh ancestry **Q2/1/1**

Evans, Beryl (2015) Tracing your Welsh ancestors: a guide for family historians **Q2/10/4**

Fieldhouse, Ben and Dunn, Jackie (1999, 1999, 2002) "and they worked us to death": Casualties of the Mines – Vol 1 – 3 **Q7/5/Pam.1(a), Q7/5/Pam.1(b), Q7/5/Pam.1(c)**

Gandy, Michael (1996) Catholic Family History: A Bibliography for Wales **Q2/10/2**

Istance, Jean and Cann, E. E. (1996) Researching family history in Wales **Q2/1/3**

Kelly, Lindsay (1923) Kelly's directory of Monmouthshire & South Wales with Coloured Maps 1928 **Q8.10 1 1923**

Lloyd, John Edward and Jenkins, R. T. (1959) The dictionary of Welsh biography down to 1940 **Q5/30/1959**

Rowlands, John and Sheila (1996) The surnames of Wales for family historians and others () **Q2/30/1**

Rowlands, John and Sheila eds. (1998) Welsh family history: a guide to research **Q2/1/2**

Rowlands, John and Sheila eds. (1999) Second stages in researching Welsh ancestry **Q2/1/4**

Williams, C. J. Watts-Williams, J. (1986) Parish registers of Wales **Q2/10/13**

in the Archives

A reminder that our archives remain closed as we continue to deal with external contractors to remediate the moisture problems in the basement at Richmond Villa. Progress has been slow, but recent reports have been more positive, with a way forward for all parties.

Please continue to search our MIDAS catalogue and note which files you would like to see - limited retrievals can be undertaken if the material has been digitised. Rest assured all files housed in the compactus are undamaged.

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](#)

Thurs 5 September 2.00pm - 3.00pm AEDT

Exploring the Collectanea Topographica et Genealogica

The Collectanea is a series of volumes which were published in the 1830s and 40s which can be downloaded from Internet Archive. They arose out of the antiquarian movement and contain many previously unpublished documents and data but they are a minefield to negotiate if you don't know what you're looking at. Patrice Connelly will steer you through how to use the books, introduce you to the compilers, examine the contents and deal with a few weird looking things that you'll come across. The three-volume sequel to the Collectanea will also be discussed, as well as a nice little adjunct resource which you may or may not have seen before.

This event will be held via the ZOOM Platform.

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

[Find out more and register](#)

Thurs 12 September 10.30am - 12.30pm AEDT

The Writing Group - Elizabeth Capelin and Emily Purser

Anne Blythe-Cooper will talk about her writing process, including for the novel *The Shape of Water*, which “takes the brute facts of history and weaves them into a narrative thread that is no longer purely historical, but also not quite purely fictional. It focuses on the life of Sophia Degraives, wife to Peter Degraives, the founder of Cascade Brewery and one of Tasmania’s most prominent early entrepreneurs. Like many other historical wives living in the shadow of their husbands, Sophia has received little scholarly attention over the years. *The Shape of Water* sets about righting this injustice.”

This session will be held online via the Zoom platform.

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Sat 21 September 10.30am - 12.30pm AEDT

DNA Research Group - Tools in Practice - Veronica Williams & Danielle Lautrec

The DNA Research Group - Tools in Practice is a collaborative group designed to assist researchers with the analysis and interpretation of genetic genealogy results.

The group is designed to meet the needs of attendees with an intermediate level of knowledge of genetic genealogy.

This session will be held online via the Zoom platform.

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

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Sat 21 September 1.30am - 3.30pm AEDT

DNA Research Discussion Group - Veronica Williams & Danielle Lautrec

This session will be a facilitated discussion session. It requires pre-work by participants and information and discussion questions will be distributed before the meeting. All participants are expected to contribute to the discussion

Skill level: Advanced

Facilitator: Sharon Watson

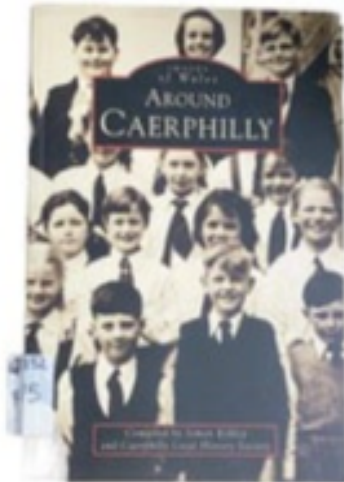
Please note: The topics and tools discussed at this group are pitched at an advanced level and the Research Discussion Group meetings are not recommended for those just beginning their DNA journey.

This is an online session using the ZOOM platform.

It will NOT be recorded due to privacy reasons, so you should only book if you can attend live.

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Around Caerphilly](#)

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[Unlock The Past Handy Guide -
Welsh given names](#)