



Beginners Practical Introduction to Family History

Online 7 session course commencing 10 April 2024 and 26 September 2024

OR

Face-to-face workshop 30-31 August 2024 in Sydney

Would you like to investigate your family history but have no idea where to start or have you previously signed up to an online platform

but felt overwhelmed by all the information available?

If this is you why not make 2024 the year you connect with like-minded people and start to make sense of it all.

The Society of Australian Genealogists, Australia's oldest family history society, is excited to announce that we will be running our "Beginners Practical Introduction to Family History" course as a 7-session online course commencing on 10 April 2024, and again on 26 September 2024.

We will also be running the course as a face-to-face workshop over Friday 30 August and Saturday 31 August during National Family History Month.

Completing this course will provide you with a practical toolkit to utilise, ensuring your tree branches grow from solid roots.

While the course will focus on records available in Australia, North America, the United Kingdom and Ireland the skills you will learn can be applied to researching ancestors from anywhere in the world.

Over the course of the seven sessions / two days you will learn about:

- Fundamental Tools - family history software platforms, file organisation, research plans
- Traditional records (document based) research – types of records, locating records
- Electronic databases – Ancestry, FamilySearch, MyHeritage, Findmypast and more
- Oral History – preparation and techniques for interviewing family members
- Other resources such as Family History Societies, online forums and education options
- Introduction to DNA research including legal and ethical considerations
- Various ways to chart, share and publish your findings, including privacy and copyright concerns

The course will include demonstrations of various websites and handouts will be provided.

Course fees

- Course only – SAG members \$209, non-members \$320
- Course plus one year SAG membership (one off joining fee will be waived) Full membership \$299, Student membership \$239
- Affiliate society member price - \$260

Lead Facilitator: Vanessa Cassin

Vanessa is the Society's Education Manager responsible for the management, development and co-ordination of the SAG Education Program. Vanessa has a professional background in education and training gained from the university sector and public service, including time at the office of NSW Trustee & Guardian. Vanessa's qualifications include a Bachelor of Arts (Social Science) from the University of Technology, Sydney, a Diploma of Training & Assessment Systems, a Certificate IV in Training and Assessment, and the Society's Certificate in Genealogical Research.