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From the Committee

Hello Members,

We would like to welcome our newer members to the group and look forward to seeing you at our regular meetings. We hope you will get some positive information from being a member. If you have any concerns, please contact us and we will do our best to help you.

Last month both our Legacy and FTM groups were well attended, with lots of information being passed around. If any of our members who don't use a computer program for your family trees but would like to do so, why not come along to one or both of the groups to see what can be done. It's a very good way of organising your trees. Our Thursday research days continue to be popular. If any member (or non-member for that matter) would like to come along on any Thursday between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm and have a chat to our volunteer staff, we will try and help you. Please browse through our library to see if there is anything you would like to borrow.

This year has been especially hot so we have a Thursday hot day policy in place, if the temperature is around the 36-37+ degree mark, then we will open at the earlier time of 9 a.m. and close at lunchtime around 1.00 pm. Hopefully we have seen the last of the very hot days which were really uncomfortable for everyone in the old building.

The 14th Australasian Congress on Genealogy and Heraldry (26-30 March 2015) in Canberra is just over 12 months away and we need to know if any members are interested in attending this important genealogical event. If so, please speak to a Committee Member as soon as possible, so we can put together an email list of interested parties. We already have a number of members planning to attend and are starting to look at accommodation.

Our first Speaker Saturday was very well attended with lots of interest in the Pioneer Association of South Australia. Leaflets for this organisation can be found at Ann Street.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 st Mar.						1 st Mar. Scrapbooking Workshop Afternoon 1 pm – 4 pm
	3 rd Mar. 			6 th Mar. Mid-Week Open Day 10 am – 4 pm		8 th Mar. Research and Networking Day 1 pm – 4 pm Committee Meeting 2 pm
9 th Mar. Dublin History Group Research and Networking Day 1 pm – 4 pm				13 th Mar. Mid-Week Open Day 10 am – 4 pm		15 th Mar. 
				20 th Mar. Mid-Week Open Day 10 am – 4 pm		22 th Mar. Research and Networking Day 1 pm – 4 pm Guest Speaker 1.30 pm
				27 th Mar. Mid-Week Open Day 10 am – 4 pm		

Australian Birth, Death and Marriage Records

This is an article written for the Ballarat and District Genealogical Society by Carmel Reynen, who kindly shared it with us.

How many times do we get told or tell people to always check original sources. Birth, Death and Marriages indexes are a wonderful source, however it is still very easy to be steered in the wrong direction with indexes. An example of this I found recently where a fellow who settled in the Western District had his parents listed on his death certificate. This was fine and both had rather unusual names so had to be them. This was also reflected on a number of trees on Ancestry and each had followed on from those parents, as they were also in Western District, in fact the same town. However, I was not convinced of this, something was not right, his age did not fit comfortably with these parents. He had married in Victoria so I downloaded his marriage certificate.

The name of his mother was not quite the same, very similar and could have been a spelling mistake, as they happen often, but a search of the English records found his birth in England along with his parents and census records. The couple who were in the same town as he was in Victoria were different people. Without the original source people were on the wrong track. So where do you get these certificates. Australia has these state by state and the information differs as well.

While the Registry began recording births, marriages and deaths occurring in Victoria from 1853, it also holds records of church baptisms, marriages and burials dating back to 1836.

These records are available for public access via VicHeritage™, the Registry's historical research unit. - See more at: <http://www.bdm.vic.gov.au/home/family+history/search+your+family+history/>

While the records from 1836 - 1853 are from NSW, these certificates can be obtained from The Ballarat and District Genealogical Society Inc. computers at Ballarat Library. The indexes are also available from the Library or can be searched for online at .99c per page, and once you have your registration details from the index, certificates can be purchased at \$20 each. These can be downloaded from BDM website, just go to historical certificates uncertified. Otherwise you are able to write to BDM for a copy of these certificates.

New South Wales

Indexes are on-line at: http://www.bdm.nsw.gov.au/bdm_fh.html.

Family history certificates are unrestricted, so no identification is required for:

- Registry records from 1856 to ...
 - births over 100 years
 - deaths over 30 years
 - marriages over 50 years.
- Early church records (1788 - 1855 baptism, marriage, burial)

Search over 18 million records for free...

- After viewing search results, your option is to purchase a certificate and obtain all the information available. By supplying a registration number, you get a discounted fee of \$31.00 (normally \$44.00).
- We use the latest high security technology to protect your personal and financial details. On-line certificates are posted by standard mail and do not incur postage fees.

If you don't want to order online, you have the option to complete a Family history application form and mail it in. Again, if you supply the registration number, you receive the discounted fee.

Family history transcription agents provide full and partial transcriptions, or verification of details. A good idea if you only need the facts, and not full certified copies of certificates.

For more details and fees, see below.

- Marilyn Rowan | Tel 61 (2) 4658 1206 | Fax 61 (2) 4658 1296
Email marilyn@marbract.com.au | Web www.nswtranscriptions.com.au
- Joy Murrin | Tel 61 (2) 9585 1187 | Fax 61 (2) 9585 1486
Email joy@joymurrin.com.au | Web www.joymurrin.com.au
- Laurie Turtle | Tel 61 (2) 4573 1559 | Fax 61 (2) 4573 0536
Email lturtle@iprimus.com.au | Web home.iprimus.com.au/lturtle

Queensland

<https://www.qld.gov.au/law/births-deaths-marriages-and-divorces/family-history-research/>

Here you can search the indexes free, and can also download a certificate on line for \$20.

Available birth records

- 1825 to 1890 images and certificates
- 1891 to 1913 certificates

Available death records

- 1825 to 1890 images and certificates
- 1891 to 1898 certificates only
- 1899 to 1915 images or certificates
- 1916 to 1964 certificates only
- 1965 to 1979 images and certificates
- 1980 to 1983 certificates only

Available marriage records

- 1825 to 1889 images and certificates
- 1890 to 1938 certificates only

Western Australia

The registry offers free online historic index searching of births, deaths and marriages from 1841.

At <http://www.bdm.dotag.wa.gov.au/apps/pioneersindex/default.aspx>

If you successfully find an entry and would like to order a copy, click on the 'order' link alongside the search result. This will pop up a new window with an order form (PDF) pre-populated with the relevant details.

Birth, death or marriage certificate at least 75 years old, when the registration number and registration district are provided - \$31

From here, either:

- enter the applicant's details online, save the application form to your local drive and print
- print the application form and complete the applicant's details offline.

Then:

- sign and post the form with a cheque or money order* to the postal address listed on the form; or
 - sign, complete credit card details and post the form to the postal address listed on the form.
- * Cheques or money orders should be made payable to the Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages. Overseas applicants must pay in Australian dollars using an international money order or bank draft.

Note: Orders cannot be submitted by fax, email, telephone or online.

South Australia

<http://www.genealogysa.org.au/resources/online-databases.html>

What You Can Search

You are about to search the following Genealogy SA databases:

- Newspaper Birth Notices Index from 1960 onwards
- Newspaper Death Notices Index from 1972 onwards
- South Australia Cemeteries Index
- Birth Registration Certificates Index 1842 - 1928
- Death Registration Certificates Index 1842 - 1972
- Marriage Registration Certificates Index 1842 – 1937

The default name setting is for an exact search. An exact search will give a null result if there are leading or embedded blanks in the name, and also apostrophes or other punctuation symbols. Potential clients need to be aware that a range of certificate styles have been used over the years, with each different version holding different amounts of information. The cost is \$22 per transcription request, Member discounts apply.

Full certificate prices are \$44.75 with no discounts for Family History.from:

<http://www.cbs.sa.gov.au/wcm/births-deaths-marriages-2/>

Tasmania

http://www.justice.tas.gov.au/bdm/family_history/researching_family_trees

These indexes are available at the Library in the Australiana Room Ballarat. These may also be available at your local Library. The certificates are also attached to these. Search in Tasmania is expensive so asking at your local library is best

Registration of births, deaths and marriages commenced in 1839 in Tasmania, the first Australian colony to take over the function previously conducted by the Churches.

The Registry holds and can produce certificates for:

- church records (burials, baptisms and marriages) from 1803 - 1839
- birth, death and marriage registrations from 1839 to date

Access to birth records is available to anyone after 100 years. Access to marriage records is available to anyone after 75 years. Access to death records is available to anyone after 25 years.

Please Note: The Tasmanian Registry does not have an online search facility to access birth, death and marriage records.

Legacy Family Tree receives Tree Share Certification from FamilySearch

The following was written by the folks at the Millennia Corporation, producers of Legacy Family Tree, a genealogy program for Windows:

We are pleased to announce that our Legacy Family Tree software has received "Tree Share" certification from FamilySearch, and is now the only genealogy software to be both FamilySearch Family Tree certified and include built-in Research Guidance to help researchers continue their efforts even beyond FamilySearch.



What is FamilySearch Family Tree?

FamilySearch Family Tree is the latest offering from FamilySearch which helps researchers to publish and share their genealogical findings and collaborate with others. It is free and available to everyone. Legacy Family Tree makes the experience of working with FamilySearch Family Tree easier by letting you share information back and forth between the two (completely optional). For LDS users, Legacy adds the ability to more easily keep track of the additional information and ordinance reservation.

What is Legacy's Research Guidance?

When you have exhausted the resources of FamilySearch, Legacy's built-in Research Guidance takes you to the next step. It analyzes what is already known about your ancestor, and then builds a prioritized custom To Do List for you. It suggests the best records to help you solve your research problems, explains what you would expect in the new records, and points you to the right repository or website. Many of the suggestions even provide the specific call number at the Family History Library. For more information, watch the Research Guidance section of the Legacy for Beginners video here.

How do I get started with Legacy's FamilySearch tools?

If you do not yet have Legacy 8, download the free edition (FamilySearch tools are available at no charge) or purchase the Deluxe edition.

If you already have Legacy 8 on your computer, click on the link in the Updates section of the Legacy Home tab or click here. After installing the update, look for the FamilySearch button in your main toolbar. If it is not there after installing the next update, go to Options > Customize > General Settings > FamilySearch to turn it on.

You can learn more about Legacy Family Tree at <http://www.legacyfamilytree.com/>.

2.5 Million New British in India records released.



Findmypast has just published over 2.5 million records detailing the lives of the British in India from 1698 to 1947. The collection, released in partnership with the British Library, offers an unrivalled opportunity to explore family history on the subcontinent.

The newly-released records cast light on the careers and family lives of expats, the significance of the East India Company, the offices of power, infant mortality, Anglo Indian marriages, family relationships, and the lives of women in India. The details of expats' lives and deaths are documented in a variety of records ranging from returns of baptisms, marriages and burials, civil and military pensions and wills.

Just today, findmypast have released a story using records from this collection covered widely by the national press (including The Times, The Daily Mail and The Sun) revealing that David Cameron and Al Murray are in fact 6th cousins, related through the novelist William Thackeray.

The British in India collection includes:

- British India Office birth and baptism records 1698-1947
- British India Office deaths and burials 1749-1947
- Indian Office wills and probate records 1749-1957
- India Office East India Company and Civil Service pensions 1749-1947
- East India Company cadet papers
- Applications for the civil service

Source: Find My Past Blog <http://blog.findmypast.co.uk/>

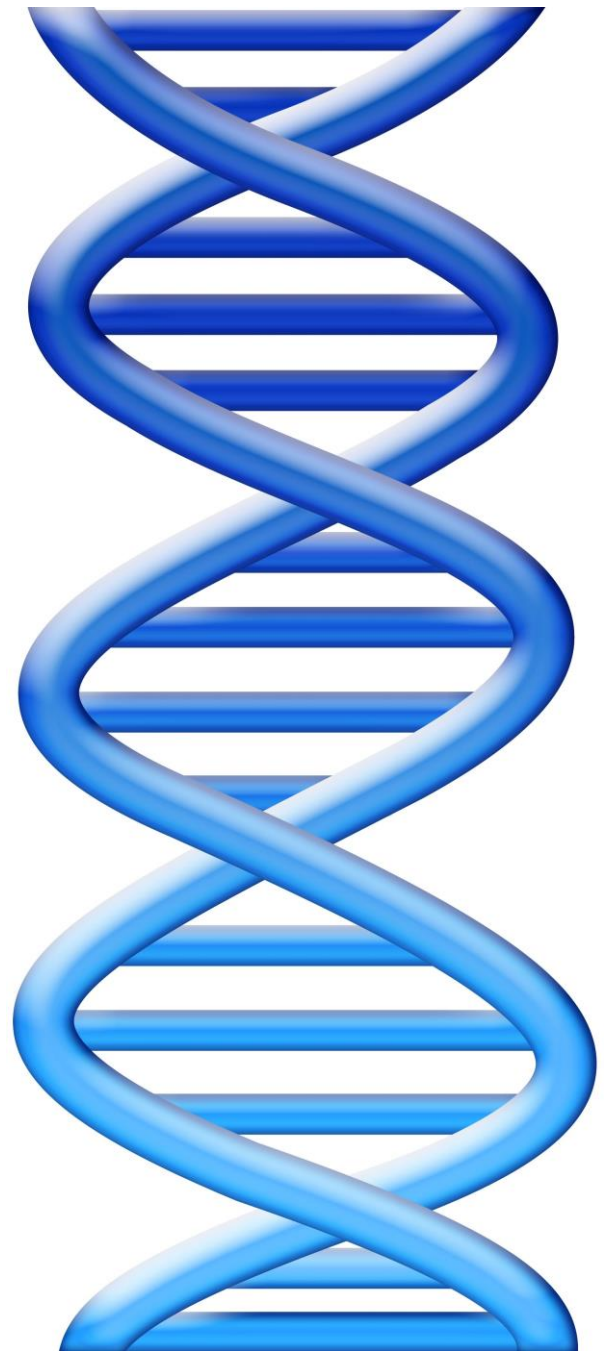
1.30 pm Saturday 22nd March

DNA in Family History Research

Richard Merry of The Guild of One Name Studies will Discuss this Subject.



Do you wonder about your ancestors? Does your personal connection to historic events intrigue you? Are you curious about what your genetic code can tell you about you and your past? DNA puts you on the path to personal discovery with DNA tests focused on answering these questions and more.



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