



**FAMILY
HISTORY**
IN THE ACT

HERALDRY & GENEALOGY SOCIETY OF CANBERRA

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Our interest groups cover a wide range of topics and geographic areas. All are very active, willing to share their ideas and knowledge and welcome new members. These groups include:

- Computer;
- Continental;
- Convict;
- Early Australia;
- East Anglia;
- Heraldry;
- Irish;
- London;
- North of England;
- Scottish;
- South of England; and
- Writers.

SOFTWARE USER GROUPS

- Family Tree Maker
- Legacy
- The Master Genealogist
- Reunion

LIBRARY OPENING HOURS

The HAGSOC Library is open:

11am to 2pm on Tuesday and Thursday;

10am to 3.30pm on Wednesday; and

2pm to 5pm on Saturday and Sunday.

The Library is closed on Public Holidays and for a few days over the Christmas/New Year period. Check the website for details.

Telephone: 02 6251 7004

Facsimile: 02 6251 5002

Website: www.familyhistoryact.org.au

Email: secretary@familyhistoryact.org.au

Postal address: PO Box 152 Jamison Centre ACT 2614



Would you like
guidance & support
in your research?

WE CAN HELP YOU



LIBRARY:
Cook Community Hub
7/41 Templeton Street, Cook ACT



OUR HISTORY

The Society was founded in 1964 to promote and encourage the study and preservation of family history, genealogy, heraldry and allied subjects, and to assist members & others in research in these areas.

OUR VOLUNTEERS

The Society is run entirely by volunteers who give generously of their time, expertise and goodwill to provide a service for all members.

www.familyhistoryact.org.au

FINDING YOUR HISTORY

Family history is a popular hobby where you can achieve fantastic results. Today, as the ongoing internet and digital revolution offers more and more access to information about the past, you can be confident that you will succeed in finding ancestors. Your chances of success are also much improved if you have access to the resources and the people of a family history society.

The Heraldry & Genealogy Society of Canberra offers access to a wide range of resources—many not available on the internet—as well as the opportunity to meet and work with others who share your interest in researching family history. Through them, and the education and interest groups that are an integral part of our Society, you will develop the skills, knowledge and expertise needed for success in this fast growing hobby.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Meetings are held on the 1st Tuesday of each month (except January), commencing at 7.30pm in the Cook Community Hall. Please see our website for details. Guests and visitors are welcome.

EDUCATION SESSIONS/WORKSHOPS

Our education program includes beginner sessions, family research guidance and workshop or seminar topics given by experts to help you develop your family history research skills. This includes the knowledge of social history within which our ancestors lived.

THE LIBRARY

The Society's Library holds a comprehensive collection of resources to support members with their family history research. The collection includes books, personal papers, CDs, microfilm, microfiche and digital databases, some of which are not held elsewhere in Canberra.

The library also holds a large collection of Family History journals from Australian and overseas Family History Societies. This includes our quarterly journal ***The Ancestral Searcher***, which is full of informative stories, useful tips and ideas.

The range of library information includes:

- General guides to tracing your family history;
- Records and resources for all Australian States;
- Records for family research published by overseas Family History Societies;
- Cemetery records for Australian states, United Kingdom & Ireland; and
- The Brian Maher Collection of records and information on Irish families in Southern NSW.

All resources are included in the Library catalogue, which can be accessed via our web site.

Friendly, experienced volunteer family historians staff the library and can provide guidance and suggestions to assist you in your research.

Non-members may use the library by purchasing a Reader's Ticket valid for one, seven or 28 days.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the Society is open to all with an interest in family history, genealogy and heraldry. Members have free use of the Library and discounts on fee-based workshops or seminars. There are a number of options for membership:

- Single membership;
- Family or joint membership; and
- Pensioner (single or couple).

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- Use of the Society Library and all its resources
- Interest Groups where you can share with and learn from others with similar interests
- Software User Groups to help you make the best of your Family History Programs
- Our quarterly journal, ***The Ancestral Searcher***
- Monthly e-newsletter with news of family history events and latest resources, locally and around the world
- LDS Film service
- Certificate Service for purchasing English BMD Certificates
- Assistance in solving Brick Walls, including discussions with experts
- Reciprocal rights to some other Australian Family History Societies
- Access to our expert Research Officer