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**Beginners Practical
Introduction to Family
History**

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 2022 the year you connect with like-minded people and start to make sense of it all.

Beginners Practical Introduction to Family History consists of six sessions, each two hours in duration, delivered live via Zoom. The course will provide grounding to build your family tree looking at options in obtaining records or certificates from the major government agencies and organisations and ways to bring them together via electronic platforms.

There will be time allocated in each session for questions and answers. Optional activities to cement your learning will be provided after each session. 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 we will also touch on locating records in other countries and the skills you will learn can be applied to researching ancestors from anywhere in the world.

Over the course of the six sessions you will learn topics including:

- Key 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. Handouts of key points will be provided for each session. Session times are in Australian Eastern Daylight Time, aligned with Sydney-Canberra-Melbourne, Australia:

Session 1: Tuesday 16 Feb 2022, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM AEDT

Session 2: Tuesday 23 Feb 2022, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM AEDT

Session 3: Tuesday 9 March 2022, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM AEDT

Session 4: Tuesday 16 March 2022, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM AEDT

Session 5: Tuesday 23 March 2022, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM AEDT

This course complements **Family History Fundamentals** which delves more deeply into research methodology, sources and citations.

Registration: <https://www.sag.org.au/event-4633388>

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Cost: From \$150 for whole course

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