



SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIAN

**GENEALOGISTS**

**Beginners Practical  
Introduction to Family  
History**

**Would you like to investigate your family history but have no idea where to start? Have you previously signed up to an online platform but felt overwhelmed by all the information available? If this is you, why not make 2023 the year you connect with like-minded people and start your family history research!**

**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

This course complements **Beginners Family History Research Methods (Family History Fundamentals)** which delves more deeply into research methodology, sources and citations.

**Facilitator:** Vanessa Cassin, Education Manager, Society of Australian Genealogists

**Cost:** From \$150 for whole course

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