

AFFHO

NEWSFLASH

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New Nick Vine Hall Award criteria announced!

VALE ROSEMARY

It was with saddened hearts that AFFHO heard of the sudden passing of our President, Ms Rosemary McKenzie, in October. Rosemary was a passionate advocate of family history, a tireless leader of AFFHO, a devoted mother and friend, and an explorer of travel, board games, fashion, and technology.

The Council expresses its deepest sympathies to Rosemary's family, friends, Family History Australian Capital Territory (HAGSOC) colleagues, and to any of the wider family history community who knew her.



AFFHO NOTICES

The next Newsflash is scheduled for 1 March 2023. Please send contributions, events, and reminders to editor@affho.org

NICK VINE HALL AWARDS 2024

As we get towards the end of 2023, it is time to think about which of your 2023 journals or newsletters you want to submit to the judges.

There are a few changes to previous years.

Firstly, due to declining society membership numbers, the categories have been amended.

Category A – for societies with less than 200 members

Category B – for societies with 200 or more members

Secondly, all submissions are in a digital format and are to be submitted by 30 April 2024.

Thirdly, we have three new judges for the 2024 Awards:

- Rachel Croucher VIC
- Sandra Hayward WA
- Therese Lynch ACT

All are professional members of the Association of Professional Genealogists and bring a variety of experiences and skills to the judging panel.

Fourthly, the revised criteria for judging and information on nominating is on the AFFHO website.

I look forward to receiving all your nominations next year. Any questions please contact me.

Shauna Hicks

Nick Vine Hall Awards Convenor

SEEKING NATIONAL FAMILY HISTORY MONTH COORDINATOR!

AFFHO is seeking expressions of interest to become the 2024 National Family History Month Coordinator. The Coordinator volunteers closely with Council, the WebMaster and member organisations to develop, coordinate, and promote National Family History Month in August.

The AFFHO Council wishes to express its sincere thanks to Alexandra Daw for her tireless efforts!

Please contact president@affho.org if interested.

AFFHO NOTICES

*The AFFHO Council wishes
you all a safe holiday
period, with lots of
opportunities for family
history research.*

SEEKING AFFHO WEBMASTER!

The AFFHO Council is seeking a Volunteer WebMaster: The WebMaster:

- Advises Council on issues relating to technology, AFFHO websites, and NFHM
- Maintains the AFFHO and NFHM websites, such as updating sponsorship and competition website pages
- Manages social media, such as Facebook

Helpful skills and experience include:

- Good computer skills including an understanding of websites, hosting, domain names and social media.
- Being able to use Cpanel to manage mailing lists, Emails, and identifying possible security issues.
- Familiarity with Joomla, or similar Content systems.
- Programming skills are not required, but they are beneficial.
- Social media content creation and monitoring

The role will suit someone living in Australia or New Zealand, but is not a pre-requisite.

The role is available now, with the incumbent available for a hand-over . Training is available from the outgoing WebMaster.

Please contact president@affho.org if interested.

Australasian Federation of Family History Organisations

GPO Box 1394, Canberra, ACT, 2601 www.affho.org Contact: president@affho.org

Membership

Full membership is open to any organisation based in Australasia, which satisfies the Council it is primarily concerned with family history, genealogy, heraldry or allied subjects.

Associate membership is open to any organisation which satisfies the Council that it is interested in family history, genealogy, heraldry or allied subjects.

AFFHO Council

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AFFHO Officers

June Penny	Public Officer and Archivist
Vacant	National Family History Month Coordinator
Shauna Hicks	Nick Vine Hall Award Coordinator
Jan Squire	Webmaster



Saturday
20 January 2024
3 February
10 February
@ 1:00 PM AEST



Family History Fundamentals

An online course from the Genealogical Society of Queensland

About the course

Start your family history research on a solid foundation. Presenters are experienced GSQ researchers. All sessions to be recorded and available until 10 March.

What does it cost?

Earlybird rate until 30 December

GSQ/QFHS members \$70

Non-members \$85

After 30 December

GSQ/QFHS members \$80

Non-members \$95

Course program

Virtual event via Zoom

Payment

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GSQ/QFHS Members \$70

Non-members \$85

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GSQ/QFHS members \$80

Non-members \$95

Book & pay online:

www.gsq.org.au/events/

20 Jan Where to start, basics of family history research.

· What is the research process; First basic records in Australia, UK & Ireland. Basic overseas records.

3 Feb Basic records in Australia & UK. ·Practicalities of research and recording the results. Q & A

10 Feb Finding aids, primary & secondary records. ·other sources of information ie newspapers, wills, connecting with others and online and physical resources; citations. Q & A.

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Genealogical Society
Of Queensland



15 FEB
9:00 AM
AEST
In person @ GSQ
&
via ZOOM



Irish Mini Seminar with Ulster Historical Foundation



Program

- *Using landed estate records: tracing families in the 18th & 19th century.*
- *Using the Registry of Deeds: an important source for 18th century research.*
- *Newspapers as a source for Irish research.*
- *The Ulster Plantation and sources for finding 17th century families in Ireland (not just Ulster).*
- *All sessions will be recorded and available for one month after the event to registered attendees.*

About the UHF

Ulster Historical Foundation has been helping people to trace their Irish and Ulster ancestors for 65+ years, and is one of the most experienced, long established and highly reputable organisations in Ireland in the field of Irish family history.

Staff from the Ulster Historical Foundation Fintan Mullan and Gillian Hunt will present a seminar on Irish and Scots-Irish genealogy for beginners and active family historians.

Bookings & payment

Early Bird Price if booked by
11 December 2023:

GSQ/QFHS Members \$40

Non-members \$50

Price from 12 December 2023:

GSQ/QFHS Members \$50

Non-members \$60

Book online at: www.gsq.org.au/events/

Payment may be made by:

Credit card (online, by phoning GSQ)

07 3349 6072 or at GSQ

Cash (at GSQ)

Bank transfer (note details at time of
ordering) OR

Cheque by post: GSQ, PO Box 1467,
Carindale, QLD 4152

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The Joan Reese Memorial Short Story Competition

The Joan Reese Memorial Short Story Competition recognizes the contribution of Joan Reese in the significant provision of access to NSW Colonial records and her support of GSQ and its members over many years. The winning stories appear in subsequent issues of the Society's quarterly journal *Generation*.

The topic for the Joan Reese Memorial Short Story Competition in 2024 is 'A short story from your family history research'.

We discover many interesting stories when researching our family history. These stories may relate to an individual ancestor, an event which impacted on our ancestors' lives or how we solved a mystery or overcome a brickwall. Share your story with the readers of *Generation*. What was its significance to your family and your research? This should be clearly explained.

The prize for the winning entry is \$200 and GSQ looks forward to reading your stories. See the GSQ website for the conditions of entry. www.gsq.org.au/gsq-events/writing-competition.

Closing date for receipt of entries: 3 June 2024

Anyone requiring further information should address enquiries to Pauline Williams at info@gsq.org.au.





UNCOVERING YOUR IRISH ANCESTRY- **ULSTER** ROOTS

Tuesday 20th February 2024
9.30 am - 4.30 pm in the Cook
Community Centre or via Zoom

Our speakers:

Richard Reid - Tales of Gweedore, Dromore, and the Belfast Workhouse

Perry McIntyre - Researching Orphan Girls in Ulster Workhouses

Fintan Mullan - The Ulster Plantation and Sources for Finding Seventeenth-Century Families in Ireland (not just Ulster)

and Using Irish Wills and Testamentary Records

Gillian Hunt - The Great Famine in Ireland



See
familyhistoryact.org.au
for more details.

Swing-Rioters

Under the Southern Cross

In the winter of 1830-31, thousands of men and women in southeast England took part in the Swing Riots – the greatest machine-breaking episode in English history. The riots were a protest against the living conditions of the agricultural labourers. They were accompanied by demands for money, acts of arson and especially the breaking of threshing machines and other implements that threatened their livelihood.

The government quickly clamped down on these protestors, with the result that some 355 were transported to Van Diemens Land and 149 to New South Wales. While some returned to England after emancipation, many stayed and raised families in Tasmanian and New South Wales. A significant number also moved from Tasmania to settle in Victoria.

The late Geoffrey Sharman left behind years of reach into the Swing-rioters and the Hobart Branch of the Tasmanian Family History Society Inc. has published this work. You can find it on the branch's website here:
www.hobart.tasfhs.org/swing-rioters/riots_index.php.

Each swing-rioter has a statistical page and some have more detailed individual histories. Descendants of those who established families in Australia are invited to contribute to this on-going work by adding the story of their individual swing-rioter.



Genealogy SA is proud to present a full-day seminar delivered by two international experts in Irish research from the Ulster Historical Foundation, Gillian Hunt and Fintan Mullan. The seminar will cover key genealogical records for the whole island of Ireland.

Featuring a broad range of topics, the seminar will include many aspects of Irish & Scots-Irish research including church records, townlands & land records, workhouse records and much more.

Join us for this rare opportunity to hear, in Adelaide, these international experts in the field of Irish family history research.

Visit: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1117729>

Researching your Irish and Scots-Irish Family History

a full-day seminar with

The Ulster Historical Foundation

Sunday 11 February 2024



Genealogy SA
Helping find your family history



Western Australia is scattered with the remains of abandoned settlements. Many West Australians once lived in the boom and bust mining towns of the goldfields, worked on the vast railway network that covered much of the state, laboured cutting and sawing timber in the forests of giant trees, carved out lives on small farms in Soldier Settlements, or lived in sleepy towns that serviced far-flung farming communities.

Towns that were once thriving are now deserted and, in many cases, little if anything remains.

2029 will mark two significant milestones for Western Ancestor readers – the Bicentenary of European settlement of Western Australia and the 50th anniversary of FHWA. To mark these events, the Society (FHWA) has launched a project to collect everything we can find about the people who lived in these ghost towns of Western Australia, so their stories are not forgotten.

This is a massive project as multiple primary and secondary sources need to be examined and indexed for more than 530 ghost towns! If you would like to volunteer your time, please visit:

<https://ghostswa.au/>

www.facebook.com/groups/ghostswa



People of Western Australia's Ghost Towns