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May Calendar

Thursday, 3 May
10:00am - 4.00pm
Mid-Week Research Open Day

Monday, 7 May
7:00pm - 8.30pm
Legacy Users Group Meeting

Thursday, 10 May
10:00am - 4.00pm
Mid-Week Research Open Day

Friday, 11 May
10:00am - 4.00pm
History Month Research Day at Playford Library

Saturday, 12 May
1:00pm - 4.00pm
Committee Meeting - Research Day

Thursday, 17 May
10:00am - 4.00pm
Mid-Week Research Open Day

Friday, 18 May
9:00am - 4.45pm
History Month Family History Seminar - Richmond

Friday, 18 May
6.30pm - 9.00pm
Family Tree Maker Workshop - Richmond

Saturday, 19 May
9:00am - 4.45pm
History Month Family History Seminar - Richmond

Thursday, 24 May
10:00am - 4.00pm
Mid-Week Research Open Day

Saturday, 26 May
1:00pm - 4.00pm
Colin Withall – Origins and Meanings of English Surnames

Thursday, 31 May
10:00am - 4.00pm
Mid-Week Research Open Day

From the Committee

Hello Members,

Here is your May Newsletter which we hope you will enjoy. MAY is History Month with a few activities which we have highlighted in our Diary printed on the left hand side of this page. As you can see on Friday the 11th May, in conjunction with the City of Playford, we will be visiting the Elizabeth Library to help anyone with queries and research on family history.

Gould Genealogy and Unlock the Past will be hosting another History Seminar on Friday and Saturday 18-19 May 2018, from 9am-4.45pm at the City Mazda Stadium (West Adelaide Football Club) 57 Milner Road, Richmond SA. Presenters and fees are listed further in our newsletter. It looks like it will be a busy two days with lots of interesting speakers. We will have three tables so come and say hello. If you access our Facebook page, you will see more information as well as other interesting posts.



We are fast approaching the end of our financial year as a Group with June being our last month for 2017/2018. The committee will be organizing the usual Annual General Meeting in July, with a few changes ahead in the next financial year. If you feel you can contribute to the group in any way, either by way of giving up a couple of hours of your time by helping as a volunteer, or writing a story for the newsletter, then please contact any member of the committee. Our researchers are still on hand every Thursday to help you, so take advantage of your membership before the year runs out.

Thank You.

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Exploring family & local history - Adelaide 2018

English family history research - researching a health history
pandemic influenza in Australia in 1918-19 with a South Australian focus
Freemasons - DNA - military - Lutheran migrants - adoption & foster records
historical gems from the streets of Adelaide
getting the most out of your photos - Family Tree Maker workshop
This two-day Exploring family & local history seminar is part of South Australia's History Festival 2018, a month-long program of over 600 events – tours, talks, walks, exhibitions, concerts – about all kinds of history.

4 top reasons to be there

1. LEARN - over two days to learn from leading historians and genealogists
2. A WIDE VARIETY OF TOPICS - something for everyone
3. NETWORK - two days to interact with exhibitors and others with similar interests
4. SAVE - with seminar specials and hundreds of \$\$\$ worth of prizes

When and where

Friday and Saturday 18-19 May 2018, 9am-4.45pm
City Mazda Stadium (West Adelaide Football Club) 57 Milner Road, Richmond SA

Presenters

Principal speaker

Helen Smith (Qld) - popular speaker at events in Australia, New Zealand, the UK, US and Canada

Other speakers

Nancy Baldock (Genealogy SA)

John Donaldson (Vic)

Doug Elms (Vic)

Rob Hamilton (Vic)

Adam Kauschke (Lutheran Archives)

Neil Smith (Vic) - military historian

Dr Jeff Nicholas - author of Behind the Streets of Adelaide

Anthony Laube & Stamos Ganiaris (State Library of South Australia)

Booking

PRE-BOOKED (by Tue 15 May) \$87 for both days, \$57 for one day
(pre-book to be in the prize draw for several hundred \$\$\$ in prizes)

ON THE DAY \$90 for both days, \$60 for one day.

FAMILY TREE MAKER WORKSHOP - Friday evening

- included in a full-day or two-day booking
- \$27 if done on its own - pre-booked by 15 May
- \$30 if done on its own - booked at the event

(note: the FTM workshop not give entry into the prize on its own does draw)

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Convict Ancestors

Want to know more about the nation's convict past?

Convict Ancestors will use the wealth of expertise in convict history at the University of Tasmania to walk students through Australia's UNESCO-listed convict archive. It will include important information on how to read and interpret convict records as well as a host of tips for making sense of trial records and information gleaned from other judicial and penal series. This unit is a must for anyone interested in the nation's convict past. Online: Convict Ancestors is part of a fully online suite of units which enable flexible study. It is one of five foundation-level units available in the Diploma of Family History. Students must complete four foundation-level units and four 100-level units to complete the Diploma.

From 2018, HECS Scholarships may be available for domestic students[^] that cover 75% (up to 100% for new Diploma of Family History students) of the tuition fees* for Convict Ancestors. HECS-HELP is available for domestic students wishing to defer remaining fees. * Conditions apply. See Fees & Scholarships for details.

Free access to Ancestry.com Library: Gain free access to billions of historical documents, millions of historical photos, plus local narratives, oral histories and other resources that span from the 1500s to the 2000s.

What you will learn.

On successful completion of this unit you will be:

Familiar with the wide range of historic records available to locate individual convicts transported to the Australian penal colonies and to trace their life course experiences.

Able to read, transcribe, and understand key material presented within convict records.

Able to situate the experiences of individual convicts within a relevant wider context and convey this information to a wider audience.

Apply Now Fees & Scholarships Frequently Asked Questions Diploma of Family History

Next Intake: 9 Apr – 1 Jun 2018

General Enquiries:

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More detail at:

<http://www.utas.edu.au/arts-law-education/study/convict-ancestors>

South Australian Gazettes

http://www5.austlii.edu.au/au/other/sa_gazette/

There have been a few sites around over the past few years regarding South Australian Gazettes, as well as being on social media from time to time. Here is another which gives you a bit of light reading!

A New Genealogy Magazine is on the newsagents shelves.



“Traces magazine is for anyone interested in this country’s history, from ancient Indigenous heritage to European settlement, local history, artefacts and family genealogy.

Launched in December 2017, Traces is the only quarterly printed magazine dedicated to providing its readers with insight into the latest historical research, news, events and heritage projects taking place around Australia. The expert voices of historians, researchers, heritage professionals, genealogists and journalists uncover the fascinating characters and stories of our past.”

For more information, to subscribe, or buy a copy of Traces (if your local newsagent doesn’t stock them) be sure to check out: <https://www.tracesmagazine.com.au/>,

and follow them on [Facebook](#) to keep up with the latest Australian history-related news.

Some of the topics covered in Issue 1 are ...

- Getting started on your family tree
- the wrecking of the ‘Batavia’
- Indigenous convicts
- the Brennan & Geraghty’s Store Museum which really is ‘a store that time forgot’
- discover the history of Silverton, New South Wales
- Caring for your precious textiles
- learn how to date old photos through fashion
- read all about ‘the masher’
- info on the Historic Houses Association of Australia
- discover the wealth of history that is housed in the Prahran Mechanics Institute.

(taken by Kind Permission from Alona Tester’s Blog). <https://www.lonetester.com/>

Thousands of U.K. Catholic Records to Become Available in a New Online Database.

Thousands of Catholic records will become available in a new database. However, the date it will appear online has not yet been announced. According to an article in *Who Do You Think You Are Magazine*:

“A new database listing over a quarter of a million English Roman Catholics has been created by the Catholic Family History Society (CFHS). The Margaret Higgins Database is compiled by an Australian monk, Brother Rory Higgins FSC, and named after his mother. It holds indexed records of 275,000 people living between 1607 and 1840.”

At various times, Catholics were forbidden from voting, joining the army or standing for Parliament, and their rights to own property were severely limited. However, between 1778 and 1829 a series of Roman Catholic Relief Acts introduced greater civil rights.

The Margaret Higgins Database holds indexed records of 275,000 people living between 1607 and 1840. The database brings together original, printed and published material for the first time, and was launched at a CFHS seminar in London on 7 October.

The database is searchable by surname, first name, occupation, age and other details. It will be available to purchase for £10+P&P later this year, and will eventually be published online.

You can read more in an article by Rosemary Collins in *Who Do You Think You Are Magazine* at: www.whodoyouthinkyouaremagazine.com

Source: Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter

Adrift in Spencer's Gulf.

South Australian Register Wednesday 19th July 1882 (Adelaide, SA : 1839 - 1900)

Some anxiety was recently felt on account of a party of five men — David Hunter, A. J. Muller, J. R. Hopkins, R. Ransom, and Jas. Malone — who it was feared had been drowned in Spencers Gulf.

The men were under engagement to the Sir Joseph Banks Guano Company to collect guano on the Dangerous Reef Island, and they were left there by the ketch Stormbird with a month's provisions. After being there for some weeks, and waiting in vain for a vessel to call for the produce, they sailed away for Port Lincoln in an old boat, 19 feet long, which they had taken to the island with them. From Port Lincoln they received instructions to return to Port Adelaide by the next steamer. They started away for the Dangerous Reef Island again for their clothes and bedding. They reached it in safety, and after getting their things on board tried hard to return to Port Lincoln, but the waves were too strong, and, after being in great danger of drowning, they were thrown on Spilaby Island. No word being heard of them for some days, vessels went out in search, and after having been on the island for nine days the sufferers were rescued by the Yatala.

The following particulars of the disaster were given by one of the party: On Friday morning at daylight the party left Port Lincoln for Dangerous Reef Island for their clothes and bedding. The glass was very low when they left, and it had been blowing fearfully the day before. The reason they ventured against such odds was that their few things were valuable, and they under-estimated the danger. They arrived safely at the island, stowed the boat, and put off: While doing so the wind shifted to the north-west, and they found that they could not fetch Port Lincoln, though they tried for it for a long time. The more they tried the more they got to the leeward, and then they bore up for Strickland Island, but they could not fetch that either. The only chance that remained was to bear away for Spilaby Island, a little further to the northward. They reached it late on Friday night, and landed on the north side. Before they could get to the beach the boat was making water, and shipped heavy seas. A hundred yards away from the line of water she shipped a sea, which knocked her broad side in. The next thing was that the contents of the boat were washed out and the party thrown into the surf. They scrambled out, and the next morning they found a few of their goods, but the boat was a wreck. All they had with them to eat were a few biscuits and some flour, but the island had some sheep.

Having killed some of these they found some rainwater about a mile off. They managed to exist for nine days and saw no vessel pass by, and had no means of escape till the tug

called. There was nothing near but rocks and shoals and running reefs, with breakers and white foam all around. They were glad to welcome the Yatala's boat, which fetched the castaways off on the Saturday afternoon.

Something you might not have heard before!

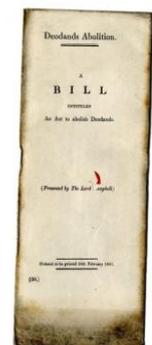
What is a Deodand ? A deodand was an object or instrument forfeited by its owner for causing a person's death. Anything from a horse to a haystack could become a deodand. The term can be translated as "to be given to God," and the concept can be traced all the way back to the 11th century! The law was finally abolished by Parliament in 1846.

Before 1066, animals and objects causing serious damage or even death were called *banes* and were handed over directly to the victim in a practice known as [noxal surrender](#). Early legislation also directed people to pay specific sums of money, called [wergild](#), as compensation for actions that resulted in someone else's death. The common law of deodand (sometimes 'deodant') stated that if the property of one person caused death or injury, it, or its value, was forfeit. If you study old newspapers, you will find plenty of accounts of inquests in which the law is invoked following a death caused by horses, oxen, boats, carts or machinery. The property was forfeit to the Crown, or a fine was levied. This was then supposed to be donated to some religious or charitable cause, usually alms for the poor.



The transition from bane to deodand remains obscure. By the second half of the thirteenth century, however, the [coroner's rolls](#) are replete with references to vats, tubs, horses, carts, boats, stones, trees, etc. The rules were not easily explained but the law distinguished, for instance, between a thing in motion and a thing standing still. If a horse or other animal is in motion and killed a person, whether infant or adult, or if a cart ran over him, it was forfeited as a deodand. On the other hand, if a death was caused by falling from a cart or a horse at rest, the law made the chattel a deodand. If that person was killed as an adult, but not if he were below the years of discretion.

Deodands were still being forfeited throughout the 16th and 17th centuries, although not as frequently as before. Some scholars think the practice died out completely in the 18th century. Others speculated that deodands had become nominal assessment that were routinely levied. Another possibility is that the practice was receiving less official attention because the profits from deodands were no longer going into royal coffers. By then, the crown had long sold off the rights to deodands from most jurisdictions to lords, townships and corporations.



(extracted from Northumberland Archives website and Google Wikipaedia)



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