

Lost In Death



We have a wonderful line up of speakers presenting webinars on the theme of death.

Don't worry if you cannot watch them live – all registered attendees will receive the recordings, which can be watched at any time

Saturday 2nd & Sunday 3rd June 2018

Saturday

10.00am – 11.00am

The Ryerson Index - John Graham

The Ryerson Index is a free index to death notices appearing in Australian newspapers. John Graham will show how to use the index and the benefits for your family history.

11.30am – 12.30am

Where there's a will: Probate packets and related records in the NSW State Archives – Gail Davis, NSW State Archives

Probate and other records can provide a wealth of genealogical information, from names and dates to details of estates and personal possessions passed down through the family. Gail Davis will focus on probate packets, deceased estate files and records of wills held in the NSW State archives collection, and how to find them.

01.30pm – 02.30pm

Make Haste and Go Fetch the Coroner! - Dr Catie Gilchrist

In colonial Sydney, strange, sudden and suspicious deaths were always investigated by the City Coroner and a jury of twelve laymen. Remarkably, every institutional death was also investigated by a coronial inquest be it a death in hospital, an asylum or in gaol. This presentation looks at the sources Dr Catie Gilchrist has used to follow the coronial career of Henry Shiell who served as the City of Sydney Coroner from 1866 until his own untimely death in January 1889. From coronial verdicts, to newspapers reports and funeral notices, court cases and gravestones the presentation will look at the often fragmentary traces left of lives that became subject to a coronial inquest. How people died often revealed the ways that people had also lived.

03.00pm – 04.00pm

War Death Records and Cemeteries - Neil C. Smith

With over 24 years Australian Regular Army experience, Neil Smith understands military jargon and the various organisational and recording systems employed by the Army, Navy and Air Force. Neil will provide an insight into records associated with the death of your military ancestors and where to find them.

Sunday

10.00am – 11.30am

Documents of Death - Helen V Smith

As genealogists we know we need to "kill off " our research subjects and usually do this with a death certificate. There are many other death related documents and records that can enhance our knowledge of our ancestor's life and death.

12.00 noon – 12.30pm

Online sources for cemetery records – Danielle Lautrec

The Ryerson Index and sites like Trove are just the beginning. This session will examine some other websites which are useful for tracking down where the deceased are buried.

1.30pm – 2.30pm

Buried Treasures at the SAG – Heather Garnsey

SAG members have been actively gathering and recording cemetery records since the 1940s and sometimes that makes our record the best one to check. This session will introduce you to the range of cemetery and associated material we hold, and show you how to locate it in our collections.

3.00pm – 3.45pm

Panel session

A panel of some of the speakers from the Lost In weekend will discuss issues arising from the presentations. Attendees will be invited to email questions or issues to education@sag.org.au

