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**Family History
Fundamentals**

Just started your family history or need a refresher? The Family History Fundamentals course is a three part online course delving into detail regarding best practical research methodologies in genealogy. The course consists of three sessions and can either be used to establish key genealogical principles and practices, or as a refresher for those with more experience. For that reason this course has no prerequisites. The course will include an e-workbook for each of the three sessions which includes exercises, templates, checklists and list of resources.

Part 1: Getting Started
The first of the three-part session primarily uncovers the principles of family history research, with a particular emphasis on understanding the diversity between types of sources. The session will demonstrate numerous forms of charting and the necessary information required for each. It will then demonstrate search techniques, including reference to diverse repositories and instruction on how to best utilise them your research. To end, the session will discuss the importance of appropriate research planning as well as methods to achieve success.

Part 2: Analysing the evidence
Part two will enhance the theoretical grounding gathered from part one as it focuses on the practical aspects of genealogy. A detailed breakdown of source analysis will demonstrate how to recognise errors and overcome research challenges, ensuring that the sources help your research to its full potential. The session will also cover handwriting analysis and increase your problem-solving capabilities.

Part 3: Documenting and presenting
Part three is focussed on how to share your discoveries with other researchers, including: charts, software, reports, books and online, allowing you to choose a method that best suits you. This session differentiates between documentation and presentation, and what is required in the correct execution of both. An important final step is how to ensure your citation process is as easy as can be.

This course complements **Beginners Practical Introduction to Family History** which provides grounding in obtaining records and building a family tree.

Family History Fundamentals is usually run at least twice a year with timings below listed in Australian Eastern Standard Time, aligned with Sydney-Canberra-Melbourne, Australia. The next sessions are:
Part 1: Tuesday 12 April, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM AEST
Part 2: Tuesday 10 May, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM AEST
Part 3: Tuesday 14 June, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM AEST

Registration: **https://www.sag.org.au/event-4603434**
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Cost: From $75 for the whole course (or you can book the individual parts as one-offs)
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