

ROBERT NASH

About Robert



Robert was born in London and is descended from a family of Huguenot silkweavers who left the city of Sedan in the Ardennes and settled in Spitalfields in the early 18th century. He was educated at the universities of Cambridge and Oxford and taught English for many years in both England and Australia. He migrated to Australia in 1991, and taught English as a Foreign Language until he retired in 2011. His obsession with the Huguenots started in about 1999, and since then he has been researching Australians of Huguenot ancestry in particular, discovering many fascinating individuals in the process. Robert is a member of the SAG, a Life-

Fellow of the Huguenot Society of Great Britain and Ireland, and the Honorary-Secretary and a Founding Member of the Huguenot Society of Australia. He has written numerous articles on the Huguenots, Huguenot-descendants in Australia and Huguenot genealogy for Australians. These have been published in *Descent* (SAG journal), *Australian Family Tree Connections Magazine*, *Ancestor* (GSV journal), *Genealogists' Magazine* (Journal of GB Society of Genealogists) and the *Proceedings of the Huguenot society of GB*. He also edited (and part-wrote) the book, '*The Hidden Thread: Huguenot Families in Australia*' which is the definitive work on the subject.

His topic

Across the centuries – the Huguenots and their Australian descendants. 'Reaching out to almost-forgotten Huguenot ancestors, a guide for Australians.'

Beginner

Who were the Huguenots? This talk will explain the story of the Protestants of France, how many of them fled persecution, and how their descendants have spread all over the world, including Australia. It will give some practical advice on genealogical research for anyone who thinks they might have some Huguenot ancestry lurking in their family tree.