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About Shauna



Shauna has been tracing her family history since 1977 and worked in government for over 35 years, primarily in libraries and archives in Brisbane, Canberra and Melbourne. Since retiring from full time work, Shauna has operated Shauna Hicks History Enterprises, a part time research and consultancy business. In addition she has written a number of family history guides published by Unlock the Past.

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Shauna's publications, published by Unlock the Past: *What Was The Voyage Like?: A Brief Guide to Researching Convict and Immigrant Voyages to Australia and New Zealand*, (2010); *Your Family History Archives: A Brief Introduction*, (2010) *Family History on the Cheap* (2010); *Family & Local History Resource Directory for Victoria*, (2010); *It's Not All Online: A Guide to Genealogy Sources Offline*, (2011); *Trove: Discover Genealogy Treasure in the National Library of Australia*, (2012); *Finding Ancestors in Church Records: A Brief Guide to Resources*, (2012); *Tracing Mining Ancestors: A Brief Guide to Resources in Australia and New Zealand*, (2014); and *My Ancestor was in an Asylum: Brief Guide to Asylum Records in Australia and New Zealand*, (2014).

Her topics

Sporting Ancestors - Discovering Forgotten Athletes

All levels

Did your ancestors participate in sporting activities? Were they on the local cricket or football team or just play darts at the local pub? Were they keen anglers or swimmers? What about horse racing or regular track and field events? Digitised newspapers and sports archives allow us to learn more about the social lives of our ancestors.

Bring Your Ancestors to Life - Using Court of Petty Session Records

All levels

It is the small crimes that our ancestors committed that help us to really get to know them. These include crimes such as cattle stealing, drunkenness, disorderly conduct, using obscene language, assault, wife and/or child desertion, hawking goods without a license, theft, forgery, false pretences, insanity, and ill treatment of animals. This presentation highlights where to look for court records and personal case histories will illustrate why everyone should look for these records.