

Genealogical Society

of the

Northern Territory Inc

THE FAMILY HISTORY PLACE

INFORMATION ON OUR

FAMILY HISTORY

LIBRARY

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY INC.

Patron: His Honour the Honourable Austin Asche AC QC

WHY JOIN A GENEALOGICAL OR FAMILY HISTROY SOCIETY?

It is very difficult to do research without access to specialised reference books, Birth Death and Marriage indexes (BDMs), shipping, cemetery, electoral rolls and a host of other material which will help fill the 'gaps' in your search. Whilst the internet is a great place to find information, the information you do find needs to be verified. Often mistakes are made, particularly on websites, this can send you off chasing someone who is not even remotely connected to your family or if they are the relationships may not be correct. Often people grab at names because they have someone in their family with a particular name living in or near the same area, it should never be assumed that information is correct, you should look at two or three other sources to confirm that the information is correct.

Through the Society's collection of books, journals, maps, CD ROMs, microfiche and microfilm and access to our subscription databases, like Ancestry & Findmypast, you will be able to reconstruct your family tree. You will increase your knowledge on how your ancestors lived, where they lived, their occupations and interests and perhaps find out why they moved from one town to another or to another country.

NON MEMBERS may use the Library upon payment of a \$20.00 fee, per day or part thereof. If after paying, the \$20.00 fee the visitor decides to join the Society, the \$10.00 joining fee will be waived providing an application is made within the same week the visit took place.

VISITORS accompanying members must be introduced to the Duty Librarian at the front desk, sign the attendance register and pay the \$20.00 fee if they use any of the Library's resources.

YEARLY FEES

The membership year is from 1 July through to 30 June.

- Family membership means two members at the one address.
- Country membership means members living beyond Batchelor in the Northern Territory.
- Those membership categories marked with * maybe used in conjunction with the Northern Territory Seniors Card to receive a 10% discount.

- Payment:- cheque, cash, bank transfer BSB 035 306 Account 229051 (Wespac Casuarina) Quote Surname as a reference so we know who is making the payment.

JOINING FEE (for one address)	FEE	\$10.00
FAMILY*	F	\$48.00 for 1 st person plus \$40 per additional family member at same address
SINGLE*	S	\$48.00
FAMILY COUNTRY (living beyond Batchelor in the Northern Territory)	FC	\$33.00 for 1 st person plus \$25 per additional family member at same address
SINGLE COUNTRY	SC	\$33.00
FAMILY PENSIONER (C'wealth)	FP	\$33.00 for 1 st person plus \$25 per additional family pensioner at same address
SINGLE PENSIONER (C'wealth)	SP	\$33.00
OVERSEAS – JOURNAL ONLY		AUD \$25.00

COUNTRY MEMBERSHIP

Country membership applies to people living beyond Batchelor outside the Darwin Rural area (includes all Australian States and the ACT). As a Country Member you may request assistance on particular research problems, or you may require some information from one of our resources eg microfiche index, CD, findmypast database etc. The Society offers Country membership four free hours of research in a financial year. Additional research can be carried out on your behalf above the four hour limit, but this will attract a research fee of \$16.50 per hour, which is half the normal research fee.

Country Members may also borrow Journals via the post. Members are responsible for the postage from and to Darwin. eJournals are available through our website (not all societies have ejournals – as yet). More on journal below.

The Society also has a supply of duplicate issues of past Journals from other Societies, these do not have to be returned to GSNT, if you live in the Darwin

area you can pick these journals up from our Library, or Country Members can send an email or contact the Secretary by phone or text.

WHEN DOES THE MEMBERSHIP YEAR BEGIN?

Regardless of when you join the Society all fees become due on 1st July. This does not apply if you join at the end of April and before the 1st July when the full membership fee year is charged, thus by joining at this time there is a gain of up to an additional three months by paying the 12 month fee as a new member. Your membership would not be due again until the next year when 1 July comes around again.

If you join the Society after the 1st January, half the yearly fee will apply.

If an existing membership is renewed part way through a financial year (1 July to 30 June), full membership fees apply. The next renewal date would be 1 July - eg pay renewal fee in December, renewal date will be the following 1st of July.

BENEFITS OF GSNT MEMBERSHIP

Our Library Collection includes indexes, significant number of reference books eg family history, gazetteers, maps, electoral rolls, armed forces, overseas countries, "how to" books on a variety of subjects. They can be found on books, microfiche, microfilm and CDs – often it requires you to search what we have in these four categories.

Four issues per year of our GSNT journal *Progenitor*. Members are encouraged to submit articles on their research, eg how a particular record was found, a short family history of no more than four A4 pages, how information was found on a school or ship index etc, worthwhile websites explored, websites giving a synopsis of what can be found and some hints.

We exchange **ejournals** with many other societies – these are available on our website. To sign in click in the red login box at the top right hand side of the www.gsnt.org.au website the member tab becomes visible when you sign in, click on members, wait a second or two and besides the Member tab will be an arrow, click on exchange journals – there are many to read.

Login is – **user name** this is your membership number and your **password** is your first name, if you have a problems logging in please contact gsntinc@bigpond.net.au or text or phone the Secretary on 0412 018 015.

Loan of **Exchange Journals** from other major Societies – journals are informative and can help your own research significantly. Try Journals outside of the area of your search – remember members in other Societies are like us –

they are looking for family not only in Australia but overseas there maybe an interesting story or information which will be helpful to you.

Free publication of research interest, both in our Journal *Progenitor*, and our online Members Interests' included in our website under the tab for Research and Resources

Discounts on Family History events managed by GSNT

Reciprocal rights with major societies – conditions apply

eg – non members of a visiting Society may not be able to search some collections of that Society. Member's using reciprocal arrangements must live outside of the state they are visiting.

The Society of Australian Genealogists (NSW)

Genealogical Society of Queensland (Qld)

Queensland Family History Society Inc (Qld)

South Australian Genealogy & Heraldry Society Inc (SA)

Heraldry & Genealogy Society of Canberra (ACT)

Western Australian Genealogical Society Inc (WA)

Genealogical Society of Victoria Inc (Vic)

Australian Institute of Genealogical Studies Inc (Vic)

New Zealand Society of Genealogists (NZ)

(Please ensure you present you current GSNT membership card)

Free access to pay per view internet sites in our Library

Ancestry – all sites

Findmypast.com.au

Findmypast.ie

Findmypast.co.uk

(see explanation Subscription Databases)

Free GSNT email Newsletters – informative news on websites, indexes, books and events. From time to time we receive emails from Ancestry, Findmypast, other Societies, Libraries and Archives, about new indexes, new procedures for researching, these can be passed on immediately to our members via our email Newsletter. If you want the most up-to-date information, please ensure you add your email address to your “Application for membership”, if you have already completed this form, send an email to gsntinc@bigpond.net.au which is the Society's official email address requesting your email address be added to the

database. We do not include visible email addresses in our Newsletters, therefore your address is not disclosed to others. All information contained in application forms is stored in our Membership Database which has restricted access. The original Membership form is kept in a locked cabinet. No information is shared with any organisation or person.

GSNT is an Affiliate FamilySearch Centre of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, films/microfiche can be ordered on line to be viewed in our Library. If you need help to order we can assist you.

Knowledgeable and friendly Duty Librarians will help you with your research and assist with the use of our equipment.

Ability to print from our computers and photocopy printed material, all at reasonable rates.

Ability to scan documents – Copyright must be observed

Research for Non-members

A fee of \$AU 33.00 per hour will be charged for research. Payment for the first hour of research must be received in Australian currency before research will begin. If a research enquiry extends beyond one hour, GSNT will contact the enquirer with an estimate of any additional time or cost required; and request permission to go ahead. Additional charges for expenses such as photocopying may be incurred, and will be invoiced to the enquirer.

SOCIETY LIBRARY HOURS:

Monday	9.30 am	to	5.15 pm
Tuesday	9.30 am	to	5.15 pm
Saturday	1.00 pm	to	5.30 pm

The Library is closed after the second Saturday in December and reopens on the last Saturday in January each year. The Library is also **closed** on all **public holidays**.

STREET ADDRESS: Unit 4, 84 Smith street Darwin NT 0800 – our doorway is opposite the in/out ramp of the Chinatown Carpark. Street parking is available in Smith Street, however there is a 2 hour maximum time in this Zone A parking (\$2.50 per hr), Lindsay Street (at the side of our building where the school playground is located) is Zone B parking – 3 hour limit at \$1.80 per hour, or the Chinatown Carpark charges \$1.50 per hour, free parking on Saturday and Sunday.



Public transport (bus stop) which is near the corner of Smith & Briggs Street, this bus stop is just past the Darwin Entertainment Centre. Short walk down Briggs Street to Smith Street, turn right, we are on the other side of the road. Our building has two entrances and we are the second entrance opposite the Chinatown Carpark. To catch the bus to return home, walk out of our building turn left into Whitfield Street, short walk down to Cavenagh Street, and the Woolworths Bus Stop is over to the right.

POSTAL ADDRESS: PO Box 37212 Winnellie NT 0821

TELEPHONE NUMBER: 08 89817363

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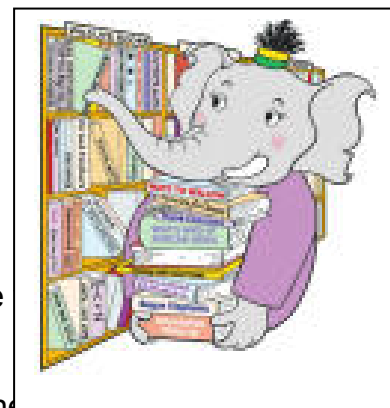
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OUR SOCIETY IS A REGISTERED CHARITY WITH THE ACNC (Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission) <https://www.acnc.gov.au/> -
Donations to our Library are tax deductible.

WHAT IS AVAILABLE FOR A BEGINNER

If you are a newcomer to genealogy, the library has for sale the publication "Family History for Beginners". This is an excellent book published by The Heraldry and Genealogy Society of Canberra.

Volunteers work in our Library helping members with their research queries, please ensure that if you need assistance relevant documents/or references from where family information was found is given to the Volunteer, this will help to know what records need to be looked at next to further your search.



Check our information stand just inside the main door (to the right), or the counter for Notices. We have a second hand bookshelf which is located at the front entrance to the left. Coloured dots on the books indicate the price

SUBSCRIPTION DATABASES eg *findmypast & Ancestry websites*

These databases are a genealogy reference library created for the family history market, they are available on line through our Library. The databases

contain various forms of information, for example, Census Returns where the original Census form can be viewed, birth death and marriage records, both these sites constantly add to their collection, both have Newsletters which you can subscribe to. *A tip here*, when you look at a census return or original church records, always opt to look at the original and not just the typed list. Mistakes can be made by the transcribers and sometimes important information has been left off the typed copy.

The Society pays a subscription for some databases and offers these for use to our members, there is no further payment required, it is part of your membership.

COMPUTERS

To use a computer, there is a sign in book at the front counter. The majority of times there are sufficient computers to cater for our member's needs. However, if all computers are in use, a timeframe of 45 minutes for each user will be put in place, this will only happen if another member is waiting to use the computers.

REFERENCE BOOKS:

In the Reference Section of our Library, books are sorted into categories, e.g. Shipping, Armed Services, Convicts etc. Australian material is sorted by state. If a book covers several states or subjects it will be found in the 'General Reference' section.

Books in the 'General Reference' category may cover many subjects, some give useful addresses for such things as Railway Historical Records, Police etc.

The International collection of books is clearly marked with the name of the country concerned.

LIBRARY CATALOGUE

Our CDs, Microfiche and Microfilm have been catalogued on a database so that you can search for a particular subject, name or place. Once your search is completed you will be able to go straight to the referenced source.

The catalogue is made up of two parts – the first part is identifying the location, eg NSW, VIC, UNITED KINGDOM etc, our system has assigned alpha letters to each state/territory or country.

For example B = NSW, C = VIC, H = QLD.

The next part of the reference is the subject and this is broken down into two distinct set of numbers eg 7 = Vital Records eg Birth, Death, Marriage, Cemetery etc, this number is followed by the sub classification which tells us if eg it is a cemetery record or a birth, death or marriage record.

To put all these parts together if you were looking for a death in NSW the reference would be B.7.005, if you were looking for a death in VIC the reference would be C.7.005, if the reference was a cemetery it would be B.7.011 or for VIC C.7.011

The classification is the same for all records no matter what state or country you searching, it is just the alpha number that would be different.

RESEARCH DIRECTORIES:

The Genealogical Research Directory (GRD) is no longer published, but is still a great source for browsing names being researched world wide and the added bonus is that it has a contact name and address. The earlier GRD's do not have email addresses, just postal address. A significant number of the latter years supply an email address. This publication was printed yearly from 1981 to 2007.

These Directories should be searched year by year – in 2006 a researcher may have only published the maternal side of the family, the next year it may have been the paternal side and next year it may only be those new names the researcher has found in the last three years.

If you find an entry that may match your research you can contact that contributor. If the only address for contact is a postal one, please send a stamped addressed envelope with your query.

Various Societies throughout Australia publish their own directories of 'Members Interests' and these are also well worth checking.

Telephone books are another useful tool for research and the Library has a collection of these, (and is always looking to expand the collection).

WHAT YOU CAN BORROW:

Exchange journals from other Societies **are the only items available for loan.**

Members are permitted to borrow three journals for a maximum of two weeks at a time. The blue or white library card for each journal must be completed and placed in the box provided on one of the shelves. If a journal is lost whilst on loan, the member will be required to pay for a replacement copy which is usually around \$3.00 each.

**No reference books, CD's, microfilm or microfiche
from the our Library may be borrowed**

MICROFICHE/FILM/CD ROM:

Microfiche/microfilm were used frequently by organisations like ours to publish their indexes, many of these indexes have not be republished in another format and therefore are overlooked by many researchers, thus missing vital information. In recent years CD ROM is being used almost exclusively, this allows an easier search, but is it the only way to search!. Our Library has a growing collection and like microfiche/microfilm these do not receive the same importance to researchers who look more towards online databases. Our CD Collection is stored in our file server which allows members immediate access whilst using our computers.

Some examples of other microform records are: cemetery records, monumental inscriptions, Post Office directories, convict records, complete list of the first AIF and other conflicts, shipping lists, the NSW Genealogical Kit, New Zealand records and the IGI. (International Genealogical Index) – this is an old copy but like BDMs very useful when you are trying to find someone who is not found in a web search.

If you are searching for BDM's in NSW prior to 1856 or Tasmania prior to 1900 you do not need to purchase a certificate, we have these on microfilm. Early Qld, Tasmania, Victoria and NT Census records are stored in a “Digger” program which is easy to search. What you can see in this program, in most cases, is more than what is available through the online indexes now available at the various Birth Death & Marriage Registry Office’s websites, it maybe enough so you do not have to purchase a certificate.

DUTY LIBRARIANS:

The Duty Librarians are rostered to work in our Library on an entirely volunteer basis and have varying levels of knowledge and experience.

All Librarians are on duty to provide guidance if required. If as a member of the Society you are able to spare a few hours to work in the Library, please contact the Secretary. Remember we are all still learning, no one becomes an expert overnight and assisting others will expand your knowledge in a much shorter time. We thank those members who give their time to assist others.

PHOTOCOPYING/PRINTING

Subject to copyright legislation and the rarity, weight or condition of items, photocopies of pages from reference books may be made. Do not press books onto the photocopy glass as this damages the spine of the book and pages become loose.

This Library has purchased microfiche/microfilm/CD's with photocopy restrictions as a condition of sale. The first page of any index usually contains information about any restriction. These restrictions are to be observed by all members.

Photocopying is 30 cents per A4 page, printouts from the computer are more expensive because of the ink cartridges – 50 cents per copy.

SUGGESTIONS if you have any constructive suggestions to improve our Library please do not hesitate to contact the Secretary

FOR SALE - OUR SOCIETY'S PUBLICATIONS

Our Society has been very active in publishing Northern Territory Indexes to assist others in researching their Territory ancestors. A full price list is available. If you are travelling interstate and your travels includes visits to other family history libraries please take some copies of our price list to distribute.

REFRESHMENTS

Tea and coffee is available, 50c per cup in the 'Honesty Tin' near the tea making facilities. Soft drinks (\$1.50) are in the fridge with a tin for payment. Packets of biscuits are supplied by members, so if you enjoy biscuits please remember to bring a packet in occasionally.

HOUSEKEEPING RULES:

Like any organisation there are a few rules that you should be aware of, they are designed so that each member is given the same consideration.

Front desk

- All members are to sign the attendance book located at the front desk. This book records the member's name and membership number and time of arrival and departure from the Library. This is also used if we are required to make an emergency evacuation.

Computer Booking

- the COMPUTER BOOKING REGISTER is kept on the front counter next to the attendance book.
- there is one page for each Library session.
- the page is divided into time slots of $\frac{3}{4}$ of an hour.
- each computer is numbered.

- Icons on the desk top for subscription databases, just click on the icon
- No computer settings are to be changed regardless of how experienced you might be in computer technology.

Microfiche

- Some series of fiche have several indexes – for instance you could have B.7.005.1 This means that the index is from the NSW drawer, it is a BDM (7.005) and the 1 represents the number within that series, this will be quicker for you to record if you are using microfiche
- Microfiche are not to be removed from their protective covers – leave them in the cover as it will make no difference to your ability to clearly read the microfiche.
- The reference cards with numbers on them are in a basket on the microfiche cabinet, these are to be used to mark where you have taken a microfiche from, there are three cards in each bundle, eg 1.0, 1.1 and 1.2, these should be used to mark the place of up to three microfiche taken from the drawers, when putting back the microfiche ensure that the fiche is the correct place for that index by checking the name of the fiche and the fiche number. Please put the elastic band is put back on the three cards so they are kept together. It is also another way of noticing whether all fiche have been returned to the drawers.

OTHER

- food and drink are not be consumed whilst operating a computer or microfiche/microfilm reader or whilst reading Library books. Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea can be consumed whilst sitting at the library tables.
- Internet access is available on the Library's computers, however this access is for family history sites only. Members are not to use any social networking sites, nor various provider sites to check their personal emails.
- Smoking is not permitted within the Library building.
- It is preferred that only pencils be used within the Library.
- Library users should exercise care when handling material and are responsible for damage caused through mishandling. Users should be particularly careful to avoid placing weight upon or writing upon Library materials. Do not press down on the spine of the book if you are photocopying a page.

- Library users are requested to be mindful of the needs of other users when conducting conversations in the Library, loud conversations distract others when they are concentrating on indexes and searching for information.
- Microfilms are to be rewound back onto the original roll. If the microfilm is not rewound, the next member then has a film that is back to front and upside down on the roll, this takes a lot of time to sort out.
- Microfiche and microfilm readers should be turned off if you are not using them. The globes for these machines are anywhere from \$15 to \$25 each, so it is imperative that we get as much life out of them as possible.

CHILDREN:

If you bring children to the library it is YOUR responsibility to ensure that they DO NOT handle the library equipment nor annoy other members.

OTHER SOURCES IN DARWIN

Darwin City Council Libraries

Four public libraries are located in the metropolitan area – the two major Libraries are:

Casuarina Library – Bradshaw Tce Casuarina – telephone 89279655

City Library – Civic Centre Darwin - telephone 89300563

Smaller Libraries are located at:-

Karama Library – Kalymnos Drive Karama – telephone 89272505

Nightcliff Library – Pavonia Place Nightcliff – telephone 89851682

Palmerston City Council Library – Palmerston – telephone 89359999

Taminmin Community Library – located within the grounds of the Taminmin High School – telephone 89881200

Regional Libraries – eg Nhulunbuy, Adelaide River, Jabiru, Pine Creek, Katherine, Alice Springs

All Council Libraries have a range of reference books available which would assist you in your research. As well, there is access to computers and the internet. If you find a book title you are interested in for your family research you may find it sitting on the shelf in your local library. If the Library does not carry a book you are looking for you maybe able to borrow it on “inter-library loan” from another Library.

From time to time Libraries run training sessions on a range of topics which could further assist you with your research.

Darwin Family History Centre (part of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints)-: corner of Trower and Sabine Roads, Nightcliff.
Telephone 89 480 818 during Library hours.

GSNT is an Affiliate FamilySearch Centre of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, films/microfiche can be ordered on line to be viewed in our Library. Their website world wide is www.familysearch.org If you need help to order we can assist you - visit us during our Library during opening times of:-
Monday and Tuesday 9.30am to 5.15 and Saturday 1pm to 5.30

The Northern Territory Library - Parliament House - has a wealth of information in book/microfiche/film form. You can view copies of old interstate newspapers on microfilm. Reference material unavailable in the Northern Territory can be ordered from interstate on your behalf (interlibrary loans – there is no cost).

NT University Library - Casuarina Campus -: This Library also has considerable reference resources. It has the added advantage that it is open from 1pm to 6pm on Saturdays and Sundays. The hours alter during the Christmas/New Year and semester holidays. Anyone can use the reference section of this library, however you may not borrow material unless you have paid the membership fee, there is a small charge for photocopying.

National Archives of Australia (NAA) and the Northern Territory Archives (NTA) are co-located at the National Archives Kelsey Street Millner, the building is known as “**The Northern Territory Archives Centre**” - reference material available is available through the “Search Room”. Please ring the Archives if you are planning to visit – they will then ensure what you are wanting to look at is available when you arrive. Copies of a range of Fact Sheets covering many major topics are available.

Office hours are Monday – Friday 9:00am-4:30pm. A shared reference service is open from Tuesday – Friday 9:00am-4:30pm.

Darwin Military Museum

The Darwin Military Museum was founded in the mid 1960s by Lieutenant Colonel Jack Haydon and members of the Northern Territory branch of the Royal Australian Artillery Association.

The Association, through its numerous contacts, soon started accumulating war memorabilia from all over the Territory. Since then, several notable local collectors have also contributed greatly to the museum’s exhibits. The museum

was Darwin's very first and is housed in the original concrete command post bunker, used by the army to command the two massive 9.2" guns nearby.

Address – 5434 Alec Fong Lim Drive East Point Darwin

Email: info@darwinmilitarymuseum.com.au

Opening Hours - 9:30am - 5pm, 7 days a week.

Closed - Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Years Day, Good Friday

Telephone 8981 9702