

## Genealogy Snippets:

Genealogy is one of the fastest growing 'hobbies' in the Western world and with Internet access to many records on line growing daily one wonders where the need is for the written paper trail as we used to know it. Well the Internet can only tell us so much and sometimes, in fact often, there is a need to front up at a research facility in person to search original documents to glean the information which will confirm, deny or simply give us a clue to follow up. Needless to say these documents also provide an insight into the lives of our predecessors and allow us to tell their stories.

It was for the above reasons that in 2009/10 the MacLeod Society (SA) objected to the moving of our South Australian documents Interstate to be housed in Melbourne, Sydney, Canberra or Perth and the closure of our National Archives Reading Room. Our efforts, together with those of many other interest groups and individuals, against the loss of NAA presence in our State, resulted in the Government agreeing to co-location with other local institutions. Adelaide, Darwin and Hobart's closure of their National Archives Offices was averted.

**The National Archives' Adelaide Office Reading Room** has now moved to the South Australian Archives Centre and was opened for research on 5 April 2011. The new location is housed together with the **State Records of SA** at:-

26-28 Leigh Street, Adelaide SA 5000

phone (08) 8204 8787 fax (08) 8204 8793

Reading room open Tuesday-Friday 9.30am-3.30pm. Full reference services available Wednesday to Friday.

The National Archives of Australia Website states that the "*Preparation of a comprehensive guide to South Australian records held in the Adelaide office and other National Archives locations will commence shortly.*" The offices are easy to get to being more centrally located close to the train, bus and tram and within easy reach of lunching facilities. I recommend that you make arrangements before your visit to ensure that the documents you want are available in SA. For further information go to [www.naa.gov.au](http://www.naa.gov.au)

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During the *About Time: South Australia's History Festival* to be held in May 2011 to celebrate the 175th anniversary of the foundation of South Australia, visitors to the **South Australian Genealogy & Heraldry Society Library** will be admitted free of charge for one visit (usually \$25 per day), during normal public opening hours.

The SAGHS Library has the largest genealogical collection in South Australia in the form of printed material, card indexes, research folders, microform (fiche & film) and computer based records. The collection includes other Australian states and territories, New Zealand, United Kingdom, Europe, North America, South Africa and Germanic Europe. Internet access is also available to some subscription database sites.

The Library is staffed by volunteers and while they are not expected to do the research for visitors to the Library, they can usually provide assistance to those requiring direction in their research.

The Library is situated at 201 Unley Road, Unley SA (between Fairford and Cremorne Streets) and the opening hours are:

Tuesday	10.30am - 9.00pm
Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday	10.30am - 4.30pm
Sunday (2nd & 4th)	1.00pm - 4.30pm

For further information please call the SAGHS Library 08 8272 4222 or see the website [www.saghs.org.au](http://www.saghs.org.au)

If you want to know more about **About Time: South Australia's History Festival** visit your local library and pick up a copy of the programme, 95 pages of events, many of them free and featured in both city and country SA, or go to the website [www.abouttime.sa.gov.au](http://www.abouttime.sa.gov.au)

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**ScotlandsPeople** the official Scottish genealogy resource with a large online database, has recently launched the 1911 Census of Scotland online. The records include the name, address, age, occupation, birthplace and marital status of everyone counted in the 1911 census including children. To view an index entry for the 1911 Census it costs 1 credit, an image costs 5 credits, there is no subscription available to ScotlandsPeople. For further information [www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk](http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk)

I was lucky enough to spend an afternoon at the ScotlandsPeople Centre in Edinburgh last year, at a free two hour introductory session which included the use of the database. If you are visiting Edinburgh it is well worth a visit to the centre, housed in magnificent Georgian and 19th Century buildings which have been restored and upgraded to state of the art facilities. It can be found at the east end of Princes Street opposite the Balmoral Hotel and a day's research can be done for 15GBP or you can take advantage of the free *taster session*.

Happy searching,

*Doreen*