



Henley and Grange Historical Society

A Guide to Researching Your House History

Interested in learning about the history of your house?

To begin, you can explore books and photographs to pinpoint architectural elements that could help determine your house's age and research former residents and the evolution of the neighbourhood over the years using maps, photos, directories, and electoral rolls.

Information from local historical societies can help too and this **Guide to Researching Your House History** outlines what the H&GHS can and cannot do to make your research journey as smooth as possible.

HOW WE CAN HELP YOU

1. ONLINE RESOURCE GUIDES:

We have handpicked the most useful links on our website that detail various resources available for house history research. These include:

- **State Library of South Australia: Researching the history of a house**
[Basic information that you may want to put together before you explore any further]
<https://guides.slsa.sa.gov.au/HouseHistory>
- **State Records of South Australia**
[Access to records about houses, land ownership and management]
<https://www.archives.sa.gov.au/finding-information/discover-our-collection/house-and-land/house-or-property-history>
- **South Australian Integrated Land Information System (SAILIS)**
[Provides up to date information about land and property in South Australia – *fees may apply*]
<https://www.landservices.com.au/products-and-services/sailis-factsheets-and-support>
- **Land Services SA**
[Access to a property location browser to view land administration details, details of certificate of title, and valuation reference numbers – *fees may apply*]
<https://landservices.com.au/>
- **South Australian Property and Planning Atlas (SAPPA)**
[SA mapping and aerial photographic resource site]
<https://sappa.plan.sa.gov.au/>
- **SA Heritage Places Database Search**
[Identify South Australian places and objects of heritage]
<https://maps.sa.gov.au/heritagesearch/HeritageSearchLocation.aspx>

- **City of Charles Sturt**
[Building plans including floor and site plans]
<https://charlessturt.sa.gov.au>

[Access the Ancestry Library Edition - an online database of genealogy resources from Ancestry.com. *You must be a member of a SA Library to use*]
<https://www.charlessturt.sa.gov.au/community/library/collections-and-resources/researching-family-history>
- **National Archives of Australia (Record Search)**
[Search portal for names, organisation, photo, passenger arrivals etc]
<https://naa.gov.au>
- **National Library of Australia**
[Video on tracing the history of your house]
<https://www.nla.gov.au/stories/video/tracing-history-your-house>
- **Trove**
[A portal to digital collections from Australian GLAM institutions, the media, government, and community organisations]
<https://trove.nla.gov.au>

Additional help resources on how to navigate and find information on some of these sites will be published on our website over time.

2. **ACCESS THE H&GHS COLLECTION:**

If you are a member of the H&GHS you are welcome to visit our History Room on a Thursday morning (or by appointment at another mutually agreeable time) to browse through our collection of photographs, maps, books, and other resources. See our [website](#) for the location.

3. **MEETINGS AND EVENTS:**

The H&GHS periodically hold meetings for our members and public events at Henley and Grange markets. Members in attendance can offer starting advice on where to look for specific types of information.

4. **NETWORKING:**

We may be able to connect you with other amateur researchers who might have similar interests or have already worked on related projects. This can be a valuable way to share insights and information.

WHAT WE CANNOT DO

1. **EXTENSIVE RESEARCH ON YOUR BEHALF:**

Due to the high volume of requests and limited volunteer resources, we cannot conduct in-depth research for you. Our role is to guide and support your own research efforts.

2. **DETAILED ANCESTRAL SEARCHES:**

While we can provide tips and resources, we do not have the capacity to carry out detailed genealogical searches or compile family trees for individuals.

3. **VALUATIONS OR LEGAL ADVICE:**

We are not able to provide property valuations, legal advice, or services related to property transactions. For such matters, we recommend consulting a qualified professional.

4. **DIGITISING RECORDS:**

We cannot digitise personal records or archives on your behalf. However, we can suggest local services that offer digitisation.

5. **VERIFICATION OF INFORMATION:**

We are unable to verify the accuracy of historical or genealogical data you may uncover. It's important to cross-check information using multiple sources and to approach all findings with a critical eye.

HOW TO GET STARTED

1. **VISIT THE LINKS ON THIS GUIDE:** These links provide important resources to begin your research.
2. **VISIT THE H&GHS WEBSITE:** Explore the public sections of [H&GHS website](#) where you can find stories of local people, places, transport and events, download PDFs of the first 20 H&GHS journals (1980 – 1999), search all our journals (1980 – current), and purchase our special publication *'Telling the Stories'* which have many houses in Henley & Grange described or photographed in them. *'Telling the Stories'* is also available for loan from local public libraries.
3. **BECOME A H&GHS MEMBER:** A one-year membership subscription to the H&GHS is \$20 (individual) and \$30 (family). We offer members:
 - A print copy of our annual Journal, included in the membership fee.
 - Four general meetings a year at which guest speakers give interesting talks on local or state history matters.
 - An opportunity to meet other members with extensive historical knowledge of Henley Beach and Grange.
 - Participation in tours of historical sites.
 - Access to the H&GHS collection of resources (by appointment).
 - Additional resources on our MEMBERS ONLY website page.

We hope this guide helps you in your historical research of your house. Happy researching!

Sincerely,

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