



LJS FAMILY HISTORY SERVICES



Hello, I'm Lyn Smith, a professional genealogist who is eager to help you uncover your family's history. With over 35 years of experience in family history research, I expanded my expertise by completing a Diploma in Family History through the University of Tasmania in 2024. In 2025, I will further my qualifications in 2025 by undertaking the Society of Australian Genealogists' Certificate of Family Research.

Before transitioning to genealogy as a career, I spent nearly 40 years as a dedicated primary school teacher. I bring the same commitment, organization, and enthusiasm to genealogy, ensuring a thorough and personalized approach to every project.

What does a genealogist do? Wikipedia describes it well: *'Genealogists use oral interviews, historical records, genetic analysis, and other records to obtain information about a family and demonstrate the kinship and*

pedigrees of its members. The results are often displayed in charts or written as narratives. The field of family history is broader than genealogy, encompassing not just lineage but also family and community history and biography.'

As a first-generation Australian, I have extensive experience conducting British genealogical research. My studies through the University of Tasmania have deepened my expertise in Australian research, and I am open to researching in any English-speaking country with accessible records.

Integrity is at the heart of my practice—if I feel I cannot assist with your project, I will let you know upfront.

Here are some of the ways I can assist you:

- Conducting Family History Research, including detailed source references
- Tracing your ancestors and locating details about their lives
- Providing information on the places where they lived
- Exploring the social context of their occupations and locations during their time
- Investigating migration history (where records are available)
- Creating Family Trees for display
- Obtaining Birth, Death, and Marriage certificates for your ancestors
- Digitizing and labeling historic photos
- Conducting and transcribing oral family history interviews
- Supplying blank family history recording documents, such as pedigree charts, family group records, and communication logs for you to continue your research (free links after a min of 3 hours paid research)
- Offering Family History-related merchandise
- Delivering Family History presentations to clubs and retirement villages

I'd be delighted to hear from you if you're interested in exploring your family history. Let's discuss how I can assist with your research and documentation.

Feel free to visit our website at www.ljsfamilyhistoryservices.com and contact me by mail at PO Box 8008, Ferntree Gully, 3156, or via email at ljs.familyhistoryservices@gmail.com.

Once you've completed our research questionnaire and received a quotation for the proposed work, we can arrange an online meeting or call to discuss your specific needs before payment.

Warm regards,

Lyn