

31 Genealogy Activities for Researchers During National Family History Month August 2013

The activities suggested for genealogy and family history researchers are designed to suggest new avenues of research and to progress your family history. They are in no particular order and you can choose to do as many or as few as you want.

I will be blogging each activity throughout August and you can follow my blog SHHE Genie Rambles <http://www.shaunahicks.com.au/shhe-genie-rambles> for further suggestions on each activity.

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<http://diaryofanaustraliangenealogist.blogspot.com.au/> for my adventures throughout NFHM August 2013

1	Visit your local library and explore the genealogy and local history sections	
2	Visit your State library and see what genealogical information they hold. If distant, do a virtual visit	
3	Apply for a State library card so that you can use their e-resources at home	
4	Apply for a National Library of Australia e-resources card and explore genealogy resources online at home http://www.nla.gov.au/app/eresources/	
5	Visit your local historical society or a virtual visit to a local historical society where your ancestors lived	
6	Visit your State Archive and see what resources they hold And look at their fact sheets and guides. If distant, do a virtual visit. Don't forget the National Archives of Australia http://www.naa.gov.au/ - they are a NFHM sponsor with lots of online resources.	
7	Plan to attend a NFHM event in your area. If none, suggest your local society hold an event next year	
8	Visit your local genealogy/family history society and see what resources they hold	
9	If you are not a member, think about joining or perhaps join a society near where your ancestors lived	
10	Tombstones may have more information - have you looked to see if your ancestors had tombstones	
11	Did any family members fight in the South African (Boer War) 1899-1902?	
12	Did any family members fight in WW1?	
13	Did any family members fight in WW2?	
14	Check out Twitter https://twitter.com/ to see the latest genealogy news - use the hash tags #genealogy or #familyhistory and don't forget #NFHM13	
15	Visit the NFHM Facebook page for updates throughout the month https://www.facebook.com/	

16	Attend or listen to a webinar	
17	Read a family history blog	
18	Start your own genealogy blog writing stories about individual ancestors or families	
19	Have another look at that brick wall - construct a time line of known facts and relook at everything	
20	Did your ancestors own land?	
21	Did they leave probate records?	
22	What about their school years - was it one school or did they move around?	
23	Visit your local newsagent and see what genealogy and family history magazines they have. <i>Australian Family Tree Connections</i> http://www.aftc.com.au/ and <i>Inside History Magazine</i> http://www.insidehistory.com.au/ are both sponsors of NFHM	
24	Subscription databases such as Ancestry http://www.ancestry.com.au/ and Findmypast http://www.findmypast.com.au/ are often available at your local council library or your genealogy library - book a session time and see what you can discover. Both are sponsors of NFHM	
25	Check out the Gould Genealogy & History http://www.gould.com.au/ online catalogue and be ready when the family ask what you want for Christmas/birthday etc. Another sponsor of NFHM	
26	Explore the new FamilySearch https://familysearch.org/ and perhaps do one of their tutorials. Also a sponsor of NFHM	
27	Join Trove http://trove.nla.gov.au/ and correct newspaper text after you make that exciting family discovery	
28	Plan to attend the next AFFHO congress in Canberra in 2015 http://www.congress2015.org.au/	
29	Make sure all your photos are identified (both print copies and online) and explore Picasa's facial recognition capability http://picasa.google.com.au/	
30	Make a start on writing up your family history or perhaps just one family's stories	
31	Start planning a family reunion or a family gathering	
Congratulations we hope that you have made some great research discoveries!		

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