



Family History is Booming - From the serious to time fillers. There is free access to:

- Ancestry.com at home. Use your Eurobodalla library card
- The National Archives (UK) digital downloads £3.50 but are free if you sign in as a user
- Webinars and online events from archives, libraries, societies, Findmypast, Legacy Family Tree, YouTube and lots more
- Activities to pass time and relieve boredom

Finding relevant free access records

- Choose a country
- Look at what is available nationally
- Then look at county or state level
- Then look at local regional level
- If you are a member of a family history society check what they are offering – Zoom meetings – free access to paid resources

TIP: In Australia free home access may cease as restrictions ease. Use it sooner rather than later.

<https://www.esc.nsw.gov.au/council-services/community-services/library-and-information-services>

Eurobodalla Library and Information Services

Select *Browse the catalogue*. On the left side bar select *Member login*. Log in using your library card and password. Then you can access Ancestry from home.

www.nationalarchives.gov.uk

The National Archives (UK) digital downloads £3.50 but are free if you sign in as a user. These cover:

- First and Second World War records, including medal index cards
- Military records, including unit war diaries
- Royal and Merchant Navy records, including Royal Marine service records
- Wills from the Prerogative Court of Canterbury 1384-1858 most relate to the south of England
- Migration records, including aliens' registration cards and naturalisation case papers
- 20th century Cabinet Papers and Security Service files
- Domesday Book

Maximum order limit of 50 documents in a 30-day period. More information and help

<https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/about/news/digital-downloads/>

<https://www.records.nsw.gov.au/archives/webinars>

NSW State Archives and Records

There are four live webinars in November 2020. You need to register to 'attend' a live webinar. Past webinars are recorded and available in the Webinar Library so you can view them at a time convenient to you.

<https://tinyurl.com/yxcldv8j>

Chau Chak Wing Museum, Zoom Backgrounds

Sydney's newest museum brings together art, science, history and ancient cultures at the University of Sydney. There is a diverse selection of Zoom backgrounds.



<https://www.flickr.com/photos/state-records-nsw/albums/72157715201902923>

NSW State Archives and Records has 43 historical images on Flickr you can use as Zoom backgrounds. There are some amazing images here and they are worth a look even if you do not want a Zoom background. My choice - Picton Viaduct over Stonequarry Creek, NSW, 1870

This image is one of 64 from an album of photographs gifted to Queen Victoria at Windsor Castle in 1882 on behalf of the people of NSW. There are 64 photographic images of sites and scenes in Sydney and regional NSW designed to promote NSW as a progressive and desirable place, and to consolidate its position within the British Empire. The album was described as a 'graceful tribute of loyalty' to Queen Victoria. Today the whereabouts of the original album is unknown.

In 2019 NSW State Archives curated an exhibition, *The Queen's Album*, to mark the 200th anniversary of the birth of Queen Victoria. It explores this unique story and you can view the exhibition content via the State Archives and Records e-catalogue at <https://tinyurl.com/y4aojzm7>

www.records.nsw.gov.au/archives/magazine/jigsaws

NSW State Archives and Records - Jigsaws

Take some time to relax and puzzle away or make each puzzle as challenging, as you like by choosing the number of pieces to play 9 – 1024 pieces. This is a desktop jigsaw app and may not work on your mobile device (a mobile app is in development). For help click on the ? symbol in the top right hand corner of the puzzles.

www.rootstech.org

RootsTech Connect - 25 - 27 February, 2021

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