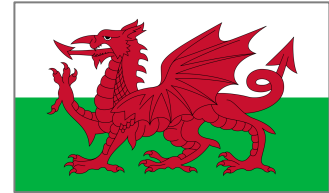


WELSH SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP



Our meetings

We are a small, friendly, interactive group.

Our focus is (mostly!) all things related to family history in Wales and the Welsh.

The group meets on the third Sunday of odd-numbered months. Email welsh@qfhs.org.au to receive the next meeting invitation with zoom link.

A typical meeting includes greetings, notices, member discussion, and often a short presentation. Comprehensive minutes are emailed following the meeting. Presentation notes are often uploaded to the QFHS website – see <https://www.qfhs.org.au/groups/welsh/>

What's different about researching the Welsh

- Language – Wales is a bilingual nation, both modern and earlier records are often written in Welsh
- Names – many more Welsh share a surname than elsewhere in the British Isles
- Patronymics – where surnames are derived from the father's first name, common in Wales until the mid to late-1800s
- Non-conformity – from the early 1800's about half the Welsh attended a non-conformist church rather than the Church of England
- Counties changed their names and their borders changed at various times
- Where are the records I need?

QFHS resources for researching the Welsh

- <https://www.qfhs.org.au/media/1422543/exploring-welsh-family-history-an-overview.pdf>
- Use our *library catalogue* to access many digital resources (*hint* search “Wales NOT new” to avoid NSW resources), many only available at our premises
- *Print library* – call numbers starting with Q, and others for “England and Wales” etc
- *Journals* – QFHS subscribes to a number of Welsh family history societies
- *Microform records* eg “Directory of North Wales 1835 and 1858”
- Welsh special interest group *folders of useful information*, held in Print library

Online resources elsewhere

GENUKI (Wales) – <https://www.genuki.org.uk/big/wal/>

Wales Genealogy (FamilySearch wiki) – https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Wales_Genealogy

Wales Languages (FamilySearch wiki) – https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Wales_Languages

National Library of Wales – <https://www.library.wales/>

National Library of Wales – Crimes, criminals and punishments
<https://crimeandpunishment.library.wales/>

Welsh Marriage bonds – <https://www.library.wales/catalogues-searching/catalogues/specialist-catalogues/marriage-bonds>

Welsh Wills before 1858 – <https://www.library.wales/discover/library-resources/wills>

Welsh Journals – <https://journals.library.wales/>

Welsh Newspapers – <https://newspapers.library.wales/>

Welsh tithe maps – <https://places.library.wales/>

National Library of Scotland – Maps – <https://maps.nls.uk/> (includes good maps for Wales)