

Story Maps

South Australia

Mapping events, travel routes and places of significance in a person's life can provide a different perspective to a history.

The software that you use to create story maps will geocode the location that you want to plot, eg. latitude and longitude. The geocode is used to plot a position onto the map.



Geocoding is the process of converting addresses (like a street address) into geographic coordinates (like latitude and longitude), which you can use to place markers on a map, or position the map. (GoogleMaps Platform > Geocoding API)

Free software or internet based mapping applications generally require you to register your details or create a login.

Most applications will allow you to add the location markers, images and text description. Some will allow free hand drawing, image overlays, video and the export of the map as an image or pdf file.

Web based applications allow you to publish or share your map with a URL.

Some applications will allow your collection of locations to be exported in a KML (Keyhole Markup Language) format. This allows you to import your collection into other compatible software.

KML is a file format used to display geographic data in an Earth browser such as Google Earth. (https://developers.google.com/kml/documentation/kml_tut)

FREE Software

- Google MyMaps <https://www.google.com/maps/about/mymaps/>
MyMaps help <https://support.google.com/mymaps/?hl=en#topic=3188329>
- Google Earth <https://www.google.com/earth/>
Google Earth Help <https://support.google.com/earth#topic=7364880>
- ArcGIS <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/>
- StoryMapJS <https://storymap.knightlab.com/#overview>
- Historypin <https://www.historypin.org/en/>

PAID Software

- Map My Family Tree <https://genealogysupplies.com/product/Windows-Genealogy-Software/Map-My-Family-Tree/>
- Family Atlas <https://www.rootsmagic.com/Family-Atlas/>

Various Family tree software packages also include maps.

Useful Mapping Links

- Plan SA - <https://sappa.plan.sa.gov.au/>
- State Library of SA, Mapping sources for South Australian History - <https://guides.slsa.sa.gov.au/SAmapping>
- State Library of SA, Hundred maps - https://maps.collections.slsa.sa.gov.au/series/hundreds_SA_63360/
- History Trust of SA, SA History Hub, Maps & Plans - <https://sahistoryhub.history.sa.gov.au/map-and-plans>
- SA Government, Map viewers & portals - https://data.sa.gov.au/useful_links
- SA Integrated Land Information Service (SAILIS) - SA Land title searches - <https://sailis.lssa.com.au/home/auth/login>
SAILIS Help - <https://sailis.lssa.com.au/home/help/display>
Tutorials, youtube channel - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOYNx3irUhF55Qussl0VgsA>