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Meetings are held on the 4th Thursday of each
month (February to November) at 7.30 pm,
in the Dr Gertrude Atmore Supper Room
of the Otaki Public Library,
corner Aotaki and Main Streets, Otaki.

**Please Note: When the Branch has a guest
speaker we have a gold coin collection.**

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OUR NEXT MEETING
Thursday 24th September 2020

Marriage research –
More than two names and a date

Looking at a variety of records: Intentions to Marry, banns, parish
and civil records, witnesses; clues in family baptisms, census and electoral rolls;
PaperPast for public notices and social reporting;
cemetery records and inscriptions.

(This meeting will only proceed if we are at Level 1 for Covid)

Committee news:

- **October Branch Meeting: David Smith will be speaking on:**
“Researching Te Horo’s Moonshine Timber Mill”.

The topic is the Te Horo Moonshine timber mill and Norman Campbell, who owned the mill and who was an important influence on the development and appearance of the Kapiti Coast today.

It will demonstrate how I have used a variety of genealogical and historical records to gather information and build a picture of the past.

○ **Let's Talk sessions:**

“Using DNA in Your Genealogical Research” presented by Anne McLellan will be on 20th October.

“Using Maps” presented by Len Nicholls will be on 17th November.

- The trip to Wellington City Archives has been postponed until next year! Hopefully things will be more stable then and we will try to arrange a trip early on.

Library Duty

Gail Hall	7 October	Len Nicholls	21 October
Glennis Balloch	14 October	Lois Coles	28 October

And: Anne McLellan Saturday 10 October

If you cannot do a duty day, please contact one of these members listed below to swap:

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Research items of interest



- [TheGenealogist's](#) Map Explorer™ which can help researchers find an ancestor's land and view how the landscape changed over time has been augmented by the addition of georeferenced Tithe Maps for Cheshire, Dorset, Hertfordshire, Kent, Lancashire, Lincolnshire, Norfolk, Staffordshire and Yorkshire West Riding.

TheGenealogist's Map Explorer™ displays maps for historical periods up to the modern day.

Map Explorer™ now features various colour and black and white Tithe maps as well as modern map base layers and historical maps which are all georeferenced to allow the user the ability to see how places change over the years. Map Explorer™ is a useful tool for browsing an ancestor's area to find other plots that they owned or occupied, while TheGenealogist's Master Search can be used to look for ancestors' plots across the tithe records and then view them on Map Explorer™.

The addition to Map Explorer™ this week of the black and white tithe maps for Cheshire, Dorset, Hertfordshire, Kent, Lancashire, Lincolnshire, Norfolk, Staffordshire and Yorkshire West Riding linked to the apportionment books will enable researchers to discover ancestors who both owned or occupied property between 1837 and the 1850s, with some additional altered apportionments in later years when property was sold or divided. The records allow you to find details of the plots, the owners of the land, as well as the occupiers at the time of the survey while also identifying the actual plots on the maps. Tithes usefully record all levels of society from large estate owners to occupiers of small plots such as a homestead or a cottage.

- The Isle of Man's newspapers archive is to remain permanently available on a free basis. Access to the site at <https://www.imuseum.im/newspapers/>
- [TheGenealogist](#) has just released over 260,000 records into its ever growing Poll Book Record Collection. This useful resource for family historians can be used to find the address of an ancestor's residence from the period before and after the census records. The newly released Poll Books range from 1747 to 1930 and join records that also cover periods between the census years.

The release allows researchers to:

- Find ancestors who had the vote
- Discover where ancestors were registered to cast their ballot
- See the nature of their qualification to vote, such as owning rateable property
- Search Poll Books that range from 1747 to the 1930s

The records cover 36 different registers of people who were entitled to vote and covers constituencies situated in Bath, Devon, Hampshire, Hertford, Kent, Lincolnshire, London, Monmouthshire, Northumberland, Rutland, Scotland, Shropshire, Somerset, Staffordshire, Suffolk and Surrey.

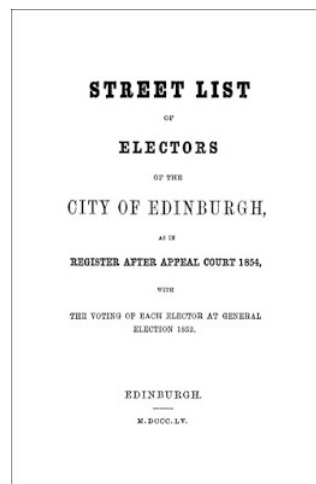
They join the millions of electoral resources on TheGenealogist which include Electoral registers, Voters Lists and Absentee Voters.

Read TheGenealogist's article at:

<https://www.thegenealogist.co.uk/featuredarticles/2020/poll-books-and-electoral-rolls-used-to-locate-ancestors-address-1296/>

COMMENT: From what I can see, the 'Scotland' collection is actually one book for Edinburgh! It's the **Street List of Electors of the City of Edinburgh** from 1854, available in the site's 'Polls and Electoral Rolls Searchable Books' database (rather than the similarly sounding 'Poll Books' database, which has no Scottish records). Certainly handy if you have ancestors in the capital in the mid-19th century!

Chris Paton



WALES

- Search Welsh probate records at [Findmypast](#)
For some time it has been possible to browse Findmypast's large collection of Welsh probate records from 1544-1858, but now you can search all 700,000 records in seconds! Follow this to find out what your Welsh ancestors left behind.

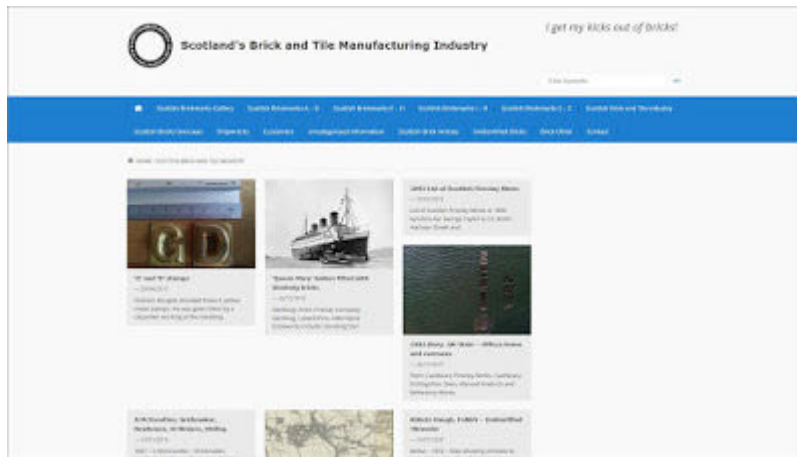


- www.scottishbrickhistory.co.uk - concerning the history of the Scottish brick and tile manufacturing industry.

It's a real labour of love put together by Mark Cranston, from Jedburgh, who won a Scottish Heritage Angel Award for his endeavour in 2016 (see www.scottishbrickhistory.co.uk/scottish-heritage-angel-awards-2016/), and carries sections detailing different manufactured bricks from across the country, as well as various articles on the history of the industry and those who worked in it (see www.scottishbrickhistory.co.uk/scottish-uncategorised-information/ for a list of brickmakers).

If your ancestors were brickmakers, builders, or if you just fancy a read through some fascinating related subjects, it's well worth a visit!

Chris Paton



- The **Church of Ireland Gazette Digitization Online Project** has today released editions covering the period from 1950-1959.

These issues, along with all editions digitised so far from 1856-1959, can be found on the Representative Church Body Library website at <https://eSearch.informa.ie/rcb>.



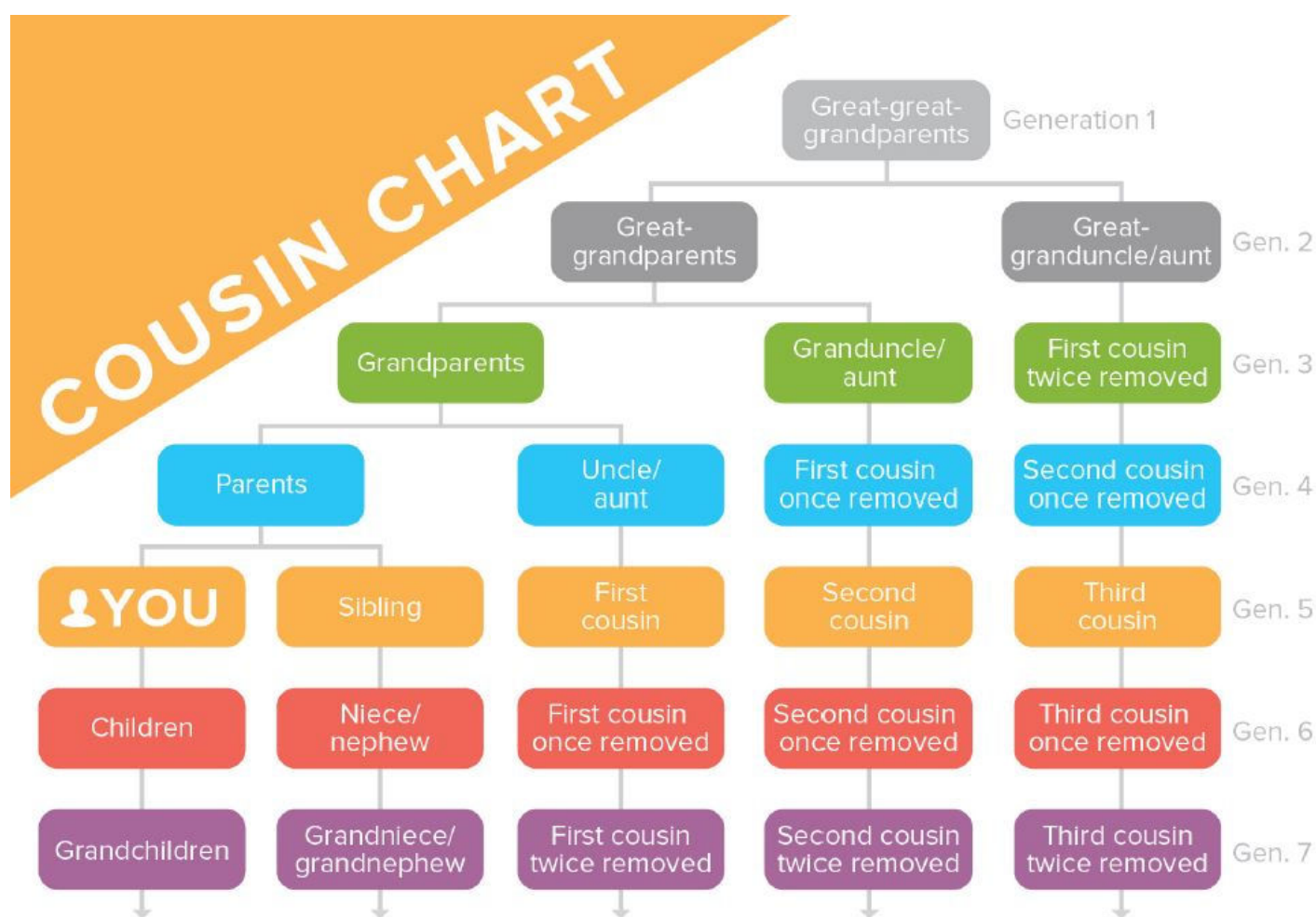


AUSTRALIA

- <https://www.records.nsw.gov.au/> New South Wales state archives
Fabulous site: The Collection documents the Government’s activities and functions from 1788 to today.

Gaol Inmates/Prisoners Photos Index 1870-1930 **It’s a new online database in Australia for convicts over the past 150 years that shows their pictures.**

And, always useful to have at hand:



familysearch.org