

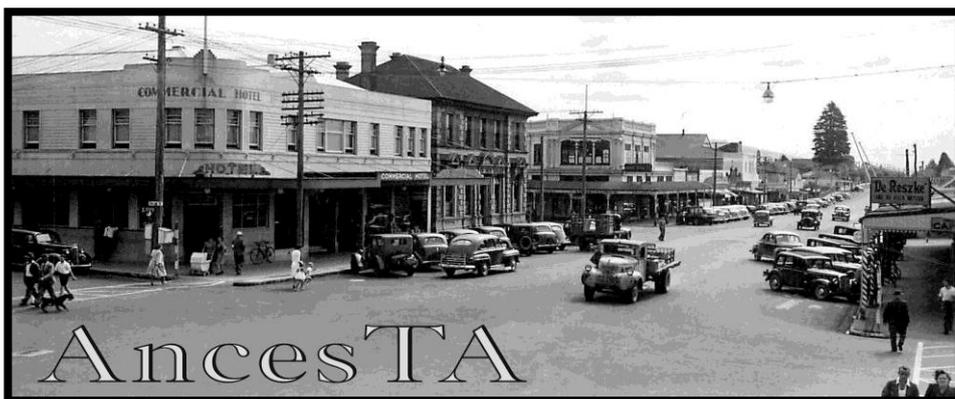
Newsletter



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Meetings are held at the **St John Ambulance Hall** on Palmer Street, Te Awamutu, at 7.30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month – February to December.

Visitors most welcome. There is a \$2 door charge for casual visitors.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 7th August. Land research in NZ with Lyn Williams

September Meeting: Tuesday 4th September. An overview of family history software programs, with a special focus on Legacy

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Club News!

Welcome to the August, 2018 newsletter.

August meeting:

Lyn Williams is back with us talking about how to access the land records.

If you weren't already aware of it, August is Family History month in the NZ genealogy world. Our branch hasn't always got on board with this in the past but several opportunities have come our way.

Tuesday 14 August, 6pm St John Ambulance Hall: Kerry Farmer will be talking about *Lesser Known Scottish Records*. \$5 entry also gets you three chances to win a 12 month MyHeritage Premium Plus subscription + data plan valued at over \$300

And if you are in Auckland on the weekend of 10-12 August then head for the Auckland Family History Expo at the Fickling Centre in Onehunga. International speakers include Diane Loosle from the Family History Library in Salt Lake City and Kerry Farmer from Australia. This is always a great event, with the speakers alone worth going for. Check out the link for further information:

<https://www.aucklandlibraries.govt.nz/pages/family-history-expo.aspx>



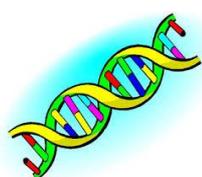
Exiting find at the Library – All for FREE! – from Linda

Did you know that if you go to the Waipa District Library site: <https://www.waipalibraries.org.nz/> and **CLICK** on *Online Databases*, that you will come up with 24 online Library Databases to search.

One of them interested me the most!! My Heritage - so I clicked on the link, entered my library card number and clicked on the My Heritage Library Edition link and lo and behold, I could search their database. I even found my own Birth Registration and I'm not even 100 years old!

Check it out!

DNA Support Group Meeting



Saturday, 15 September (note: this is different to previously advertised)

This will be in two sessions – 1 x advanced session and 1 x beginners' session.

Advanced Session – 10am – 12.30pm. Focus on using Gedmatch and DNA Painter. We can also cover ftDNA and MyHeritage analytical tools if there is demand. Aimed at those who have already done some analytical work and want to extend their learning. We would also like as many of the advanced learners to stay for the afternoon session so they can help the beginners with one-on-one.

Beginners' Session – 1pm – 4pm. Focus will be on beginners and those just starting out.



For King & Country

If you missed the Te Awamutu viewing of *For King & Country New Zealand First World War on Film* you may have another opportunity to see it in Cambridge later in the year. We will keep you informed of dates once they are confirmed. If you had ancestors who served in WW1 then the film is well worth seeing.

Indexing Project



Several years ago the branch was involved in indexing the obituaries in the Te Awamutu Courier. These were done by John Dudley up to 1945 but they need checking as our processes were not as robust then as they are now. We are looking for a couple of motivated volunteers who can spend time in the Museum working on this.

The project is in two parts:

1. To extend the indexing from 1945 through to the present
2. To check the pre-1945 indexing for errors and omissions

Both these projects will be very useful in supporting the CBD and Cemetery tour projects we are currently working on, as well as contributing to branch and museum resources and the NZSG Kiwi Index.

If you are interested please contact Sandra on Sandra@metcalfe.co.nz or phone 021 206 9119

“Hereditiy might be better spelled as heir-edity”

Family History Q&A

(adapted from January 2018 Family History magazine)

Part 6: Ethics

1. Does it matter if I copy someone else's family tree?
 - A. If you would feel aggrieved if someone copied your tree, then yes it does matter! But more important than that, there are two crucial reasons why you shouldn't. Firstly, you have no idea how accurate the other person's research is. Secondly, you are denying yourself the opportunity and fun of investigating your own family history.
2. What can I do if someone copies my research?
 - A. Facts cannot be copyright but research can. Depending on your level of grievance, you could ask them completely to cease using your material (eg on their blog or website), or that they credit the research to you. Ultimately if you have the same research then you are more likely to be relations, so an amicable solution could be the best route to go.
3. What do I need to know about copyright?
 - A. To stay on the right side of the law, don't use copies of records without permission. Permission may be specific – for instance an archive may give you permission to copy a record for your personal use but not for your book. Permission needs to be acknowledged
4. How careful do I need to be with details of living people?
 - A. You need to be very careful. To be on the safe side, avoid making public personal details of living people. Identity theft is a very real issue.
5. I've created a website and am wondering how I protect the privacy of living people? (21)
 - A. The safest way is to not publish anything about them. If you are using your website to attract long-lost relations, you will both be able to determine whether you are related by matching ancestor's details. There is no need to mention the living.



Finding free records on **FamilySearch**

In issue 141 of the *Who Do You think You Are?* magazine there is an article all about finding records on FamilySearch.

Adapted from this article

Previously FamilySearch was known for transcribed records from more than 100 countries but not for digital images however there are now more than two billion images to be found on the site. It can be tricky to find the record you are looking for and you probably search collections on the Historical Records database. But the images there only make up about 60 percent of the images on FamilySearch.

The other 40 percent can be found in the FamilySearch Catalog (formerly FamilySearch Library Catalog). And most of these can be seen from home when signed in with a free FamilySearch account except those

with restrictions by some archives and record holders which can be viewed at an LDS Family History Centre.

Learning to use this source of digitised record images is vital. In 2017 363 million images were added to images accessed only through the Catalog and it is highly likely that by the end of this year more than half the images available on FamilySearch will be through the Catalog.

Remember also that FamilySearch is not just adding British records but images and transcriptions from around the globe.

How to find images in the FamilySearch Catalog

1. Start the search	2. Search by place	3. View images	4. Visit in person
<p>Sign into FamilySearch. Hover your cursor over 'Search' on the menu bar of the home page, then choose 'Catalog'. The most useful way to search are by place or by keyword, although you can use author or title if you want to locate a book.</p>	<p>Suppose you want to see records from Grantham in Lincolnshire. A place search for Grantham gives you a list of types of records available for that location. If you choose 'Church records' you can see the 10 different record sets available.</p>	<p>Select a record set. Scroll past the catalogue description and you'll see the film numbers/digital numbers associated with the registers. A camera icon means images are available to view, download and print, but a camera with a key means it's restricted.</p>	<p>If the image is restricted you can only see it at an affiliate library or a Family History Centre – we have a main centre at Temple View near Hamilton, also in Hamilton and in Te Awamutu.</p>



Aging

This was posted up on a Facebook group I belong to, and I thought would be worth sharing, as it has good advice to follow – John Graham

<p>1. It's time to use the money you saved up. Use it and enjoy it. Don't just keep it for those who may have no notion of the sacrifices you made to get it. Remember there is nothing more dangerous than a son or daughter-in-law with big ideas for your hard-earned capital. Warning: This is also a bad time for investments, even if it seems wonderful or fool-proof. They only bring problems and worries. This is a time for you to enjoy some peace and quiet.</p> <p>2. Stop worrying about the financial situation of your children and grandchildren, and don't feel bad spending your money on yourself. You've taken care of them for many years, and you've taught them what you could. You gave them an education, food, shelter and support. The responsibility is now theirs to earn their own money.</p> <p>3. Keep a healthy life, without great physical effort. Do moderate exercise (like walking every day), eat well and get your sleep. It's easy to become sick, and it gets harder to remain healthy. That is why you need to keep yourself in good shape and be aware of your medical and physical needs. Keep in touch</p>	<p>13. Do not surrender to the temptation of living with your children or grandchildren (if you have a financial choice, that is). Sure, being surrounded by family sounds great, but we all need our privacy. They need theirs and you need yours. If you've lost your partner (our deepest condolences), then find a person to move in with you and help out. Even then, do so only if you feel you really need the help or do not want to live alone.</p> <p>14. Don't abandon your hobbies. If you don't have any, make new ones. You can travel, hike, cook, read, dance. You can adopt a cat or a dog, grow a garden, play cards, checkers, chess, dominoes, golf. You can paint, volunteer or just collect certain items. Find something you like and spend some real time having fun with it.</p> <p>15. Even if you don't feel like it, try to accept invitations. Baptisms, graduations, birthdays, weddings, conferences. Try to go. Get out of the house, meet people you haven't seen in a while, experience something new (or something old). But don't get upset when you're not invited. Some events</p>
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<p>with your doctor, do tests even when you're feeling well. Stay informed.</p> <p>4. Always buy the best, most beautiful items for your significant other. The key goal is to enjoy your money with your partner. One day one of you will miss the other, and the money will not provide any comfort then, enjoy it together.</p> <p>5. Don't stress over the little things. You've already overcome so much in your life. You have good memories and bad ones, but the important thing is the present. Don't let the past drag you down and don't let the future frighten you. Feel good in the now. Small issues will soon be forgotten.</p> <p>6. Regardless of age, always keep love alive. Love your partner, love life, love your family, love your neighbour and remember: "A man is not old as long as he has intelligence and affection."</p> <p>7. Be proud, both inside and out. Don't stop going to your hair salon or barber, do your nails, go to the dermatologist and the dentist, keep your perfumes and creams well stocked. When you are well-maintained on the outside, it seeps in, making you feel proud and strong.</p> <p>8. Don't lose sight of fashion trends for your age, but keep your own sense of style. There's nothing worse than an older person trying to wear the current fashion among youngsters. You've developed your own sense of what looks good on you – keep it and be proud of it. It's part of who you are.</p> <p>9. ALWAYS stay up-to-date. Read newspapers, watch the news. Go online and read what people are saying. Make sure you have an active email account and try to use some of those social networks. You'll be surprised what old friends you'll meet. Keeping in touch with what is going on and with the people you know is important at any age.</p> <p>10. Respect the younger generation and their opinions. They may not have the same ideals as you, but they are the future, and will take the world in their direction. Give advice, not criticism, and try to remind them that yesterday's wisdom still applies today.</p> <p>11. Never use the phrase: "In my time." Your time is now. As long as you're alive, you are part of this time. You may have been younger, but you are still you now, having fun and enjoying life.</p> <p>12. Some people embrace their golden years, while others become bitter and surly. Life is too short to waste your days on the latter. Spend your time with positive, cheerful people, it'll rub off on you and your days will seem that much better. Spending your time with bitter people will make you older and harder to be around.</p>	<p>are limited by resources, and not everyone can be hosted. The important thing is to leave the house from time to time. Go to museums, go walk through a field. Get out there.</p> <p>16. Be a conversationalist. Talk less and listen more. Some people go on and on about the past, not caring if their listeners are really interested. That's a great way of reducing their desire to speak with you. Listen first and answer questions, but don't go off into long stories unless asked to. Speak in courteous tones and try not to complain or criticise too much unless you really need to. Try to accept situations as they are. Everyone is going through the same things, and people have a low tolerance for hearing complaints. Always find some good things to say as well.</p> <p>17. Pain and discomfort go hand in hand with getting older. Try not to dwell on them but accept them as a part of the cycle of life we're all going through. Try to minimize them in your mind. They are not who you are, they are something that life added to you. If they become your entire focus, you lose sight of the person you used to be.</p> <p>18. If you've been offended by someone – forgive them. If you've offended someone - apologise. Don't drag around resentment with you. It only serves to make you sad and bitter. It doesn't matter who was right. Someone once said: "Holding a grudge is like taking poison and expecting the other person to die." Don't take that poison. Forgive, forget and move on with your life.</p> <p>19. If you have a strong belief, savour it. But don't waste your time trying to convince others. They will make their own choices no matter what you tell them, and it will only bring you frustration. Live your faith and set an example. Live true to your beliefs and let that memory sway them.</p> <p>20. Laugh. Laugh A LOT. Laugh at everything. Remember, you are one of the lucky ones. You managed to have a life, a long one. Many never get to this age, never get to experience a full life. But you did. So what's not to laugh about? Find the humour in your situation.</p> <p>21. Take no notice of what others say about you and even less notice of what they might be thinking. They'll do it anyway, and you should have pride in yourself and what you've achieved. Let them talk and don't worry. They have no idea about your history, your memories and the life you've lived so far. There's still much to be written, so get busy writing and don't waste time thinking about what others might think. Now is the time to be at rest, at peace and as happy as you can be!</p>
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Do not regret growing older. It's a privilege denied to many!