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Convener's Comment

UPDATE FOR MEMBERS:

We have moved forward with our merger with Inglewood by having a combined meeting on Saturday 22nd when the proposed Rules were approved by members of both groups and the first combined Committee was elected.

We now have to wait for the Rules of our new Society to be approved by Charities Services before we progress further.

In effect, our Stratford Group of Taranaki Central Family and local History Society will operate as we have in the past, with the addition of increased co-operation and some combined meetings with Inglewood members.

Carol

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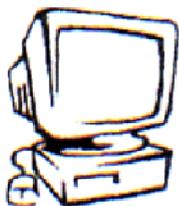
Next Branch Meeting—Wednesday 13th Sept at 7.30pm. Rooms open at 7pm for research.

Branch Rooms

The Stratford Branch Rooms open
Tuesdays and Fridays from 10am – 3pm;
Saturdays 12 noon -2pm.

Our Branch Newsletter is now available each month
on our web page-

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Web Sites

Bomber Command

Records and details of almost 58,000 men, who lost their lives in World War 2. This has been cross referenced from CWGC, Internationals Rolls of honour, National Squadron Ass. Chorley Volume, and prisoner war records. Searchable by name, provides age, rank, squadron, date of death, service number, details of decorations, aircraft service number. Free launch this September..

<http://internationalbcc.co.uk/history-archive/losses-database/> -

BRITISH INDIA

Details of almost 10,000 European soldiers who served in British India have been uploaded to the Families in British India Society (FIBIS) database website. The information is taken from the Registers of Bengal Army European Soldiers for 1790-1839, held in the India Office Records at the British Library. The transcribed records include the names, ranks and date of arrival in Bengal of enlisted men, including casualties. They were originally compiled at East India House, the headquarters of the East India Company, mainly from the muster rolls.

(Thanks to Papakura Branch)

[http://www.kaelewis.com/Goldminer's Database](http://www.kaelewis.com/Goldminer'sDatabase). Search the names of over 50000 goldminers from the goldrushes of New Zealand spanning the years 1861 to 1872.

<https://www.irelandxo.com/> Discover your place of origin in Ireland. Stay connected to your home parish in Ireland. Ireland XO Chronicles - Upload people, photos, record important events, and link them to landmarks and places in Ireland. Choose from XO People, XO Buildings or XO Timeline to get

Do remember to save used HP & Canon printer Cartridges and hand them in to the group . They provide an excellent fund raiser. The sales of books on trademe are going well. Thanks to Carol for her efforts .

How the wrong information ends up on your family tree

"Even when we are experienced, genealogy can be an informational nightmare. It's bad enough trying to make sense of foreign, inaccurate or missing primary sources, but we must also contend with imperfect personal memories and simple human error. Then, with our trees and the trees of millions of others being freely available online, one mistake can become multiplied thousands of times over." Genealogist Lynn Serafinn discusses 15 common ways we make mistakes in genealogy, and offers tips on how to separate fact from fiction in your family history.

<http://trentinogenealogy.com/2017/04/how-the-wrong-information-ends-up-in-your-family-tree/>

Air Force Museum Archive, Wigram

Nina Finigan shares the musings of Simon Moody, Manager. "Museum practice sometimes clashes with archives and records ways of doing things. Striving to find common areas of interest is therefore very important. But archives and research libraries are so vital to museums. They are the brain, the memory and the holders of whakapapa within GLAMS organisations. Without them, museums can have a sort of dementia, a loss of contact between the collections, their stories and their users." Read the whole article here:

<https://www.tuskculture.com/tuakana/2017/6/29/simon-moody>

(from Feilding newsletter)

Murphy's Law of Genealogy

When leaving town for genealogical research, you will always find information on the ancestor for whom you brought no notes.



Twisted Twigs on Gnarled Branches

(from Wellington Newsletter)

We receive copies of branch newsletters from all over New Zealand. If anyone would like to see those we have at the moment, please email Maureen and I will send them on to you. If you don't have email let me know and I will get a copy printed for you. My email address is: mearmstrong@kinect.co.nz

Snippets

Welsh tithe records free online

Last September Peter at Lost Cousins mentioned the Cynefin project at the National Library of Wales was aiming to repair and digitise around 1,200 tithe maps and transcribe over 30,000 pages of index documents with the help of a small army of diligent volunteers. The project is now complete, and the records can be found at a new website set up by the National Library of Wales. Best of all, it's free!

Returned from the Front project tracks WW1 grave markers—

We're all familiar, even if only from photographs, with the Portland stone memorials that are massed in seemingly endless rows and columns in war cemeteries - but they weren't the first grave markers. Typically soldiers who were killed were buried in small local cemeteries, their graves marked with simple wooden crosses - and some 10,000 of them were sent to the soldiers' families after the war. The Returned from the Front project aims to track down the surviving markers. Look them up at their website – thereturned.co.uk

Genealogy

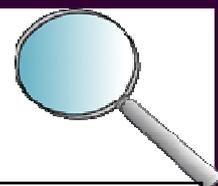
(WGF Millar (1970)
I notice genealogists
Have held a meeting here;
The seekers of the family trees
They make the past look clear---
(Not all of us, alas, are of
the caste of Vere de Vere.)

For some of us have secrets of
The past we love to keep'
'Twere better far to let still lie
Ancestral dogs asleep ----
For many Scottish forebears stole
The neighbour farmers' sheep.

Australians have an edge on us
(Though some perhaps are bludgers)
For they have come of super-stock
With few, if any, smudges
They should be good, their ancestors
Were sent out by good judges.

Genealogy, I see
In Southland is the vogue;
They'll search for you your family tree
(Great-grandad was a rogue) ----
Another forbear stole the sheep,
One was an unfrocked minister,
And somewhere on the 'scutcheon is
What's known as the bar sinister ----

So when they talk of family trees,
My eagerness is dampened;
(My present coat-of-arms consists
Of two taxpayers rampant).
(from *Southland Branch Lines*)



Who Would Be An Editor?

*If we print jokes people
say we're silly
If we don't, people say
we're too serious
If we clip things from
other magazines,
we're too lazy
If we don't, we're too
conceited to use other
material
If we don't print every
word of all contribu-
tions we don't appreci-
ate true genius
If we change a contri-
bution, we're too criti-
cal
If we don't we're
blamed for loose edit-
ing
Now, like it or not,
someone will say we
have stolen this from
some other publication
We Have!
(from *Porirua Newslet-
ter*)*

Big 4: Comparing Ancestry, findmypast, FamilySearch and MyHeritage

If you've ever wondered which of the 'Big Four' genealogical datasites you should consult, then this Rootstech video presentation should be compulsory viewing. Presenter Sunny Morton (a contributing editor to Family Tree Magazine in the USA) looks at each of the four in turn and assesses their strengths and weaknesses/differences.

Her thesis is that they may all need to be consulted at different times by conscientious genealogists. There is no "one size fits all" - the sites compliment one another. In the 1- hour long video, she covers and compares historical records, geographic records strength, user-submitted family trees, DNA profiles, and comparative costs, all with good information shown on slides.

In the second half, Sunny looks at each in turn and lists site highlights, favourite collections, and a 'you should know' checklist. She finishes with a question : *if somebody asks me where to* - then suggests the best site to satisfy the question.

Her presentation is supported by more than 30 slides projected onto a giant screen. She is a personable presenter; her delivery is clear. It is excellent and well-recommended viewing. The link is : <https://www.rootstech.org/videos/sunny-morton> Time – 1 hour 5 mins.

HARRIET WAS A FRIENDLY GIRL!

My great great grandmother, Harriet BADRICK, was born in October 1813 at Rossway near Great Berkhamstead in Hertfordshire. She was the sixth daughter and eleventh child in a family of fourteen children. Twelve of the children survived to reach adulthood, living at Hawridge in Buckinghamshire. Her father, Samuel BADRICK, a farm labourer, was married to Hannah GARNER.

The family were non-Conformists—Baptists recorded in the Chesham Lower Meeting House. I have often wondered how on earth they managed to fit into the very small cottages that were available at that time.

Hawridge was a very small place—the population never exceeded 200. The BADRICK family and their GARNER cousins made up a fair percentage of that population.

I know nothing of Harriet's early years but I suppose she worked locally and did straw-plaiting as did most of the women. On the 18th November 1835 her first child was born. This child, George, was apparently the acknowledged son of Daniel WHITE, being baptised as his son on 2nd January 1842 at Hawridge.

Daniel and Harriet married on 6th February 1837 at Hawridge, and their second child, Elizabeth, was born a few months later. Harriet's trials now really began! On 6th March 1838 Daniel WHITE was charged with housebreaking and sentenced to 10 years imprisonment for stealing three sheets and two silver teaspoons. He apparently confronted the house-holder and said he was taking them because his family was starving and that man had plenty! After sentencing he was held on the prison hulk, '*Ganymede*' at Woolwich prior to transportation three years later. He was sent to New South Wales on the '*John Barry*' in 1842.

In the meantime we find Harriet and the two children back with her mum and dad and her youngest brother, John, who was apparently a soldier. Interestingly in this record she is BADRICK again—the 1841 Census.

Well, Folks, this is the opening salvo—more next month.

Lesley.

Members' Queries:

Do you have any brick walls with which you need help? Don't know where else to look? Well, come along to the Rooms at Stratford Community House, Juliet street, next to the Anglican Church. We are there on Tuesdays and Fridays from 10am to 3pm, and Saturdays 12 noon to 2pm. We'll do our best to help you find answers. We have a lot of local school, Church and cemetery records available, also Electoral Rolls for several years.