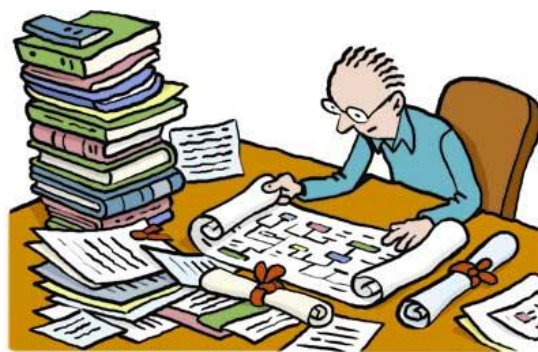




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FROM THE EDITOR

Carol Bell



This newsletter is sent in a time and state foreign to anything any of us have experienced. What interesting and astounding times we are living through. Our descendants will talk about this time - I hope all you good genealogists are keeping a lockdown diary. I'm expecting another great-grandchild in two weeks - born into lockdown! And my first great-grandchild has just turned one without wider family or fuss. What milestones for them both to tell their grandchildren.

The February meeting outlined for me that people want practical help and direction from this group, so this newsletter is focusing on just that. So what is the next step for you? Do you need basic help to get started, are you on the way but in a mess, or are you looking for a way to present your findings? We are using the present quiet time to formulate plans.

I went looking for a newsletter article recently and had a long, frustrating search through six years of issues trying to find what I needed. So I have created an index and I hope it will be useful to you too. If you see anything you'd like to read just send me an email at carolbel49@gmail.com and I can send you the relevant newsletter. There might be things published a few years ago that would be useful in your research. Also in the list is the database of South Canterbury schools including years of registers held and school histories available. If you'd like a copy of this database to help with your South Canterbury research let me know. I can send that out too. And now we have an online version of our own library catalogue. Have a browse - already I can see several things I'd like to pursue. Let's make this our year to focus! We've got plenty of time.

CONVENER'S REPORT



from Liz Shea



NZ Society of Genealogists <http://www.genealogy.org.nz/>

South Canterbury genealogical resources <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nzlscant/resources.htm>

Hi everyone,

It is strange to find oneself being part of history in the making with the impact of Covid19 making life very different from three weeks ago. We have all read about the 1918 pandemic and found people who died during this time and it seemed so long ago, but suddenly we are in the middle of something very similar.

Thank goodness we closed down our Sunday service and transcription teams and cancelled branch meetings before we would have been forced to under Alert 4. It was important to keep our members safe and, while difficult at the time, it turned out to be the best thing we did.

I am working from home and finding I am just as busy as if I was still in the office, but missing the fun and laughter of close contact with fellow workers. Now we have regular Zoom or Teamtalk meetings instead which are an excellent way to make contact. A number of organisations are live streaming events such as church services, funerals and exercise classes. Perhaps this is the way of the future for our branch as well.

With a bit more spare time at the weekends, I am revisiting my family tree in conjunction with a cousin in England who is also in lockdown at home. We are trying to track an elusive great grandmother, Mary Jane Allen. We think she was born in 1855 and appears with our great grandfather, William Joseph Gallington in the 1881 census. They had 13 children, although not all survived childhood, but they never married as William Joseph was already married to someone else!! After extensive searching, we found her death, listed under Allen, but there are still some issues with finding her parents. There were three Mary Jane Allens born about the same time, in roughly the same area and they all seem to have some connections to the Gallington/Allen family. Looking forward to the 1921 census which may give us Mary Jane's actual birth date, she died in 1936 before the 1939 census which has been helpful in the past.

I hope everyone else is taking this time to spend a bit more time on research and perhaps fleshing out some of the stories around those people. Paperspast and Trove are expanding all the time and overseas newspapers are offering a month's free subscription for those with English ancestors. Many other sites have also offered free services or expanded what they currently offer, so it's a good time to do some extra research, all from the comfort of your own space.

Happy searching, keep at home, keep safe and be kind, especially if you have to pop into the supermarket for supplies.

We are all in this together that's for sure.

LESLEY TENNENT

Some members may not be aware that our secretary Lesley Tennent suffered the sudden loss of her husband at the end of March. Some of us have sent emails but such a shattering blow deserves to be recognised in a much more tangible form. Normally we would have at least sent flowers. Unfortunately this cannot happen in the present restrictive circumstances so until we can more adequately show our concern, love and support we will send Lesley a virtual hug to let her know we are thinking of her. Stay strong Lesley.

sending virtual hug



VIRTUAL MAGAZINE

NZSG members please note that the April edition of our society's magazine was not dispatched before lockdown and the process is now not considered an essential service. Consequently the magazine has been made available online. Go to <https://www.genealogy.org.nz/> and log in with your user name and password. The magazine is available on the home page.

YOUR FAMILY TREE EXPLAINED

Follow this link to have the tricky parts of your family tree explained and have a laugh at the same time. You'll have to concentrate! It's fast! But if you stick with it the next video tells you how to become the Pope!!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PM79Epw_cp8&fbclid=IwAR1jMrlDgcCgxLMfUlf2DMf7argwSUpH_j81NzyPwa16QPSOGMnzdmfbFEQ

SHARED CM PROJECT

Michelle Patient says on the NZ DNA Users Group on Facebook: Genealogist Blaine Bettinger's Shared cM Project has resulted in significant volumes of statistical data providing ranges of cM shared for a large range of relationships. Leah LaPerle Larkin has developed probability information which Jonny Perl has incorporated into an online website tool which is useful for visualizing where possible relationships sit on a chart.

<http://dnainter.com/tools/sharedcmv4>

PRINTER INK CARTRIDGES

Robyn Davidson has printer ink cartridges to give away, bought for printer she no longer uses.

Epson 73N	-	Magenta
Epson 73N	-	Yellow
Epson 73N	-	Black
Epson 133	-	Black
Epson 133	-	Yellow
Epson 138	-	Black

These cartridges have never been opened.

If anyone is interested please email Robyn at na.re.davidson@xtra.co.nz. She can put their name / names on them and will sort delivery after we are back to normal.

*A case study on Rosehaugh in Scotland. It's gone now, but was very impressive. Over the years I have visited the site and village four different times. Avoch has the biggest population of Jacks per head in the world. The study shows how to bring the history of a house and its owners together into one paper. It also has deep meaning to me and the Jack family who were owners of Rosehaugh, because the local village of Avoch, in the Black Isles where Rosehaugh was located, is part of the legend prophesied by the Brahan Seer through the actions of these Rosehaugh Jacks. Asperger's Syndrome runs down our Jack male line and this could be an early diagnosis of this, plus the Seer prophecy that the fishermen will own the village of Avoch, which was made possible by these Jacks. (Notes, appendices, bibliography etc available on request) - **Dave Jack Msc QG***

ROSEHAUGH

Avoch, Black Isles, Scotland



Abstract

This is a brief history of Rosehaugh or the lands of Pittanochtie, through a study of its various owners, being mainly that of two family lines of Mackenzies connected by marriage who owned Rosehaugh from 1660s till 1865 and the Fletchers (formally Jacks from Elgin), owning from 1865 till 1954. The house/mansion and estate were moulded by these individuals through the eyes of some well-known architects of the time, like Alexander Ross and William Flockhart, to suit and reflect their style and passion for architecture, and landscaping.



Rosehaugh Mansion about 1906-7

During my study, I sensed that the Mackenzies used the house as a home, while James Fletcher's acquisition appears that of just his gathering of assets, not merely in need a roof over his head. In contrast, his son James Douglas Fletcher, created the masterpiece we see above by throwing large amounts of money and passion at the project.

It is sad to say that by the mid 1950s, Rosehaugh's inheritors were not in need of such a fine establishment. Anyone that was potentially interested within the limited buyers' market of the day, were certainly put off by the escalating costs of large amounts of well overdue maintenance. In the end this Scottish treasure was demolished, never standing in its magnificent final form for more than 60 years.

The MacKenzies

Sir George Mackenzie. 1636-1691 A young man of exceptional gifts, he studied at Aberdeen and St Andrews universities, attained the Scottish bar in 1656 and forged a brilliant legal career. He was Lord Advocate in 1677 and stood for parliament as his father had been before him, elected member for Ross in 1669. By this time he had acquired, by grant, the lands of Pittanochtie, a name used since medieval times, also called the lands of Rosehaugh. Knighted in 1674 he took the title 'Sir George Mackenzie of Rosehaugh'. The writer of the Old Statistical Accounts of 1793 said "The property is said to be named from a small stream that follows a bank where a great many sweetbriars and wild roses used to grow and that Sir George MacKenzie was very fond of this walk and that he used to call it rudeness and want of taste if any of his friends rode on horseback along them".

More on this story in the next newsletter

TIPS ON THINGS TO DO WHILE SELF-ISOLATING

COURTESY NZSG'S E-KIT

Go through your family tree again right from the beginning and check with what is now on line – you may be surprised - I have my family tree on Roots Magic and use that as my master AND then add stuff from all the other sites available

Try the NZSG Members Resources – https://www.genealogy.org.nz/members-resources_1705

The Online Newspapers and Discovery – UK National Archives are especially useful

Maybe take out a sub to a pay-to-view site with a friend

Try the British Newspapers pay-to-view website

<https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/account/subscribe>

Try the Australian Trove site – they go later than New Zealand papers on line -
<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/>

New Zealand Online sites are at
<https://www.sooty.nz/nzsites.html>

Remember it's cheaper to spend \$100 on Scotlands People than it is to go to Scotland

The Irish site which even has FREE certificates
<https://www.irishgenealogy.ie/en/>

With the UK Birth certificates the GRO site often gives you the mother's maiden name – See How to get the most out of the GRO for Family History at
<https://www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/certificates/faq.asp#OnlineIndex>

Start to become paperless and go through all your old genealogical papers and see what you can scan or throw out. You may find stuff that you've had for years that didn't mean anything at the time

Start scanning all your photographs and saving them to the cloud or a hard drive – and of course sorted in categories

Read all those genealogical help guides that you have never got around to reading including the manual for your genealogical computing program

Futurelearn offers at least 360 FREE online courses run by various universities including genealogy <https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/genealogy>

Start or even finish writing that family history book you have been meaning to for ages

Write an article for the NZSG magazine or your branch newsletter, or even the local newspaper, historical society etc of your ancestors

Start your daughter in law/son in law, next door neighbor, work mate's family tree for them

Watch episodes of Who Do You Think You Are on You Tube, Sky etc

Help with an NZSG project - https://www.genealogy.org.nz/National_Projects_390.aspx

Keep positive, keep in touch with friends/neighbours etc and be kind



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50 FREE WEBSITES

Lois has found this website recently while browsing the web. How lucky are we to have this much free! The website is US based although the list does cover European sources too, but a lot of our collateral lines will have gone to the US and many of our DNA matches will be based there. Don't discount anything.

<https://familyhistorydaily.com/genealogy-resources/50-free-genealogy-sites/>

1. FamilySearch: largest collection of free genealogical records in the world

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/>

2. WikiTree: enormous collaborative family tree

<https://www.wikitree.com/>

3. Fulton History: historical newspapers from the US and Canada

<https://fultonhistory.com/>

4. Find a Grave: locate your ancestors in cemeteries across the globe

<https://www.findagrave.com/>

5. Google News Archive: millions of archived newspaper pages

<https://news.google.com/newspapers>

6. US National Archives: official US National Archives site, many free genealogy databases and resources

<https://www.archives.gov/>

7. Automated Genealogy: indexes of the Canadian census

<http://www.automatedgenealogy.com/>

8. FreeBMD: civil registration index of births, marriages and deaths for England and Wales

<https://www.freebmd.org.uk/cgi/search.pl>

9. USGenWeb Project: massive free genealogy resource directory by US state and county

<http://usgenweb.org/>

10. WorldGenWeb Project: genealogy resources by country and region, not to miss

<http://worldgenweb.org/>

11. Cyndi's List: highly respected directory of free genealogy resources and databases online

<https://www.cyndislist.com/>

12. Library and Archives Canada: official archives of Canada, census records and more

<http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/Pages/home.aspx>

13. Ellis Island: immigration records, free indexes and original records, fee to download copies

<https://www.libertyellisfoundation.org/>

14. FreeReg: baptism, marriage, and burial records from parish registers of the UK

<https://www.freereg.org.uk/>

15. POWVETS: WWII POW search for prisoners of war held in German camps.

<http://powvets.com/>

16. RootsWeb: world's largest genealogy community, huge amount of free information

<https://www.rootsweb.com/>

17. Castle Garden: immigration records, pre Ellis Island

<http://www.castlegarden.org/searcher.php>

18. Chronicling America: giant database of archived US newspapers from the Library of Congress

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/>

19. Dead Fred: genealogy photo archive

<https://deadfred.com/>

20. African Heritage Project: records on former slaves, freedpersons and their descendants

<http://www.africanaheritage.com/>

21. Immigrant Ancestors Project: emigration registers for locating birthplaces of immigrants in their native countries

http://immigrants.byu.edu/main_page

22. Daughters of the American Revolution: military service records and more

<https://www.dar.org/national-society/genealogy>

23. JewishGen: Jewish ancestry research

<https://www.jewishgen.org/new/>

24. FreeCEN: transcribed census records from the UK

<https://www.freecen.org.uk/>

25. Access Genealogy: vast family history directories and more, good Native American resources

<https://accessgenealogy.com/>

26. British Library, India Office: records on British and European people in India pre 1950

<https://indiafamily.bl.uk/UI/>

27. Guild of One-Name Studies: extensive surname research site

<https://one-name.org/>

28. Genealogy Trails: transcribed genealogical records from across the U.S.

<http://genealogytrails.com/>

29. NativeWeb Genealogy: list of Native American genealogy resources and searchable databases

http://www.nativeweb.org/resources/genealogy_tracing_roots_/

30. Viximus: member submitted biographical information

<http://www.viximus.com/>

31. WieWasWie: for researching ancestors from the Netherlands

<https://www.wiewaswie.nl/>

32. UK National Archives: official National Archives of the UK

<https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/help-with-your-research/>

33. The National Archives of Ireland: official National Archives of Ireland

<https://genealogy.nationalarchives.ie/>

34. GENUKI: reference library of genealogical resources for the UK and Ireland

<http://www.genuki.org.uk/>

35. German Genealogy Server: German ancestry research (many sections in German)

<https://www.compgen.de/>

36. Preserve the Pensions: War of 1812 pension records access

<https://fgs.org/community/preserve-the-pensions/>

37. Civil War Soldiers and Sailors System: Civil War records from the National Park Service

<https://www.nps.gov/civilwar/soldiers-and-sailors-database.htm>

38. LitvakSIG: Lithuanian-Jewish genealogy databases and resources

<https://www.litvaksig.org/>

39. Italian Genealogical Group: Italian American genealogy resources and databases

<https://italianguen.org/>

40. Internet Archive: a large amount of information useful to genealogists, but you'll need to do some digging

<https://archive.org/>

41. Billion Graves: headstone records

<https://billiongraves.com/>

42. Open Library: good place to find family history books, search for surnames or locations

<https://openlibrary.org/>

43. GenDisasters: for researching disasters and other events your ancestors might have been involved in

<http://www3.gendisasters.com/>

44. RomanyGenes: Romanichal ancestry research

<http://romanygenes.com/>

45. Patriot and Grave Index: revolutionary war graves registry and patriot index from the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

<https://sarpatriots.sar.org/>

46. Illinois Digital Newspaper Collection: vast number of archived US newspapers

<https://idnc.library.illinois.edu/>

47. Seventh-day Adventist Obituary Database: hundreds of thousands of obituary entries

<https://www.andrews.edu/library/ASDAL/sdapiobits.html>

48. Släktdata: genealogy records for Sweden (in Swedish)

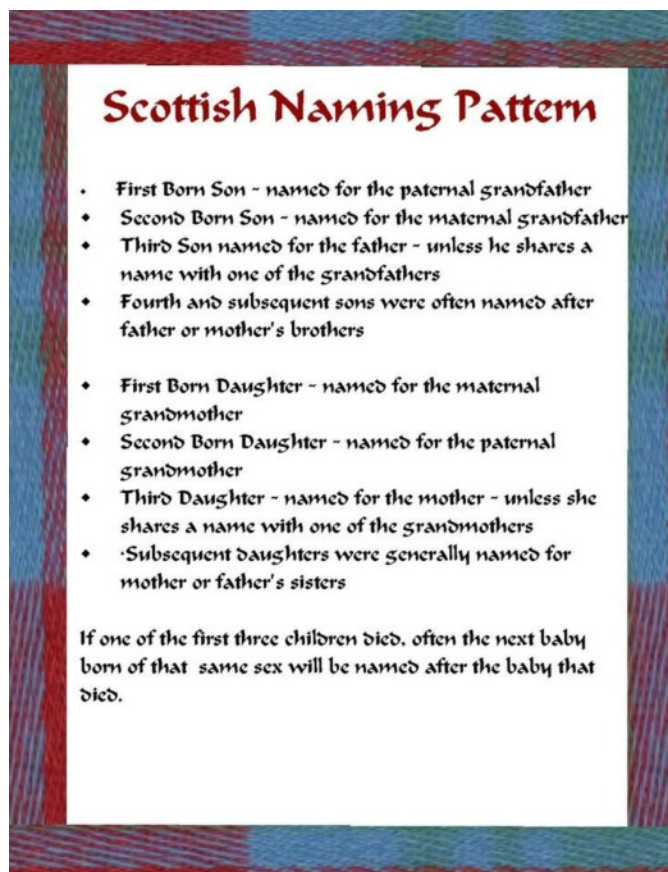
<https://www.arkivdigital.net/swedish-genealogy#arkivdigital-and-slaktdata>

49. Hispanic Genealogy: wonderful list of resources for researching Hispanic ancestry

<http://www.hispanicgenealogy.com/>

50: Free Genealogy Search Engine: search hundreds of free genealogy resources at one time on Family History Daily

<https://familyhistorydaily.com/free-genealogy-search-engine/>





OLWYN'S SOUTH CANTERBURY WEBSITE

Note the new URL <https://sites.rootsweb.com/~nzlscant/>

Today we are stronger apart. People are socially distancing at home and family history is taking off again. Some are out there doing crowd sourcing projects like counting penguins or helping with the indexing of the Macdonald Dictionary eg

<https://www.zooniverse.org/projects/christopherthomson/macdonald-dictionary>

Others are helping trying to identify WW1 soldiers.

<https://www.facebook.com/Unknown-Warriors-of-the-NZEF-1629775073978020/> and

forwarding photos of WW1 soldiers to the Onward Project.



On the NZ mailing list

<https://groups.io/g/newzealand> some are keen on repatriating orphaned postcards cards. To search mailing list go to messages. Thousands of postcards were mailed in NZ before 1918 when postage was half a penny, and one penny for overseas. Postage rates increased after WW1. In many cases people sent a postcard where today we would text them now.

Trademe, delcampe and ebay have many postcards but many sellers don't show the back of the card. An individual postcard can be part of a series of correspondence. There is a good postcard collection online at Dear Elsie. Many postcards were not sent through the mail but collected into albums.

<https://dearelsie.wordpress.com/2014/07/11/postcard-250/>

Who is in this postcard? On the back [3/133A.] Jas. Millen Mental Hosp., ChCh aka James McMillen MacAndrew from Matura, a Temp. Sergeant He had signed up under his mother's maiden name and single, but left a wife in Dunedin. Does anyone have James in their family line? Contact

olwynbw@gmail.com

The Latin motto In arduis fidelis of the NZEF Medical Corps means 'faithful in adversity.'



MEMBERS' INTERESTS

from Carole Cowan

ADAIR	SCOTLAND Glasgow	pre1851
AIRD	SCOTLAND Inverness	1800s
ALLAN	IRELAND Tipperary	abt 1847
ALLCHURCH	ENGLAND Cumberland Millo	1880s
ALLEN	ENGLAND Cornwall Gwennap	pre1870
ARCHBOLD	ENGLAND Northumberland Chatton	1730-1850
ARCHBOLD	ENGLAND Northumberland Cornhill-on-Tweed	pre1740
ARMSTRONG	SCOTLAND Dumfries Middlebie	1780+
ARTHUR	SCOTLAND West Lothian Bathgate	1820
AULESBROOK	ENGLAND Leicestershire	1800s
BADDCOCK	ENGLAND	
BADDCOCK	NEW ZEALAND	
BATTCOCK	ENGLAND	
BATTCOCK	NEW ZEALAND	
BAIN	NEW ZEALAND Otago Oamaru	1860+
BAIN	NEW ZEALAND Sth Canterbury Ikawa	1860+
BAIN	SCOTLAND Berweckshire Greenlaw	1790+
BAIN	SCOTLAND Galashiels	1700-1800s
BAKER	ENGLAND Suffolk	All
BALL	ENGLAND Derbyshire	pre1860
BARRETT	CHANNEL IS Jersey	1837
BARRETT	ENGLAND Cornwall St Austell	1850+
BARRETT	ENGLAND Hampshire Portsea	1850s
BARRETT	ENGLAND Surrey Vauxhall	1870s
BARRETT	NEW ZEALAND Sth Canterbury Temuka	1875+
BARRETT	NEW ZEALAND Wellington	1891+
BARROWMAN	SCOTLAND Lanarkshire Tollcross, Glasgow	All
BASTIAN	AUSTRALIA Victoria Eaglehawk	pre1890
BASTIAN	ENGLAND Cornwall Gwennap	pre1850
BAYLY	ENGLAND Hants	1800s
BEARD	ENGLAND Gloucestershire	1720+

Any member wishing to have their surname interests published in this newsletter or who wishes to add or delete names from their present list, please contact Carole Cowan, phone 03 684-5491 or ce.cowan@xtra.co.nz



LIBRARY REPORT

from Teresa Scott

South Canterbury Branch Library - recent accessions include:

Branch newsletters 2019, 2020 :

Balclutha – January/February #27/02/2020

Cambridge – February #30/01/2020; March #29/02/20

Canterbury – February #07/02/2020; March #05/03/2020; April #02/04/2020

Feilding – March #07/03/20

Gore – February #25/02/2020; March #26/02/2020

Hawke's Bay – February #01/02/2020; April #02/04/2020

Hawera – February/March #03/03/2020

Hutt Valley – February #10/03/2020; March #10/03/2020

Kilbirnie – February #31/01/20; March #26/02/20; April #01/04/20

New Plymouth – February #01/02/2020; March #27/02/20

Oamaru – February #10/02/2020; March #09/03/20

Otaki – February #22/02/2020; March #22/03/20

Papamoa – March #05/03/2020

South Canterbury – January-February 2020

South Waikato – February #31/01/2020; March #29/02/20; April #25/03/20

Southland – February #03/02/2020

Wairarapa – February #03/02/2020; March #25/02/20; April #02/04/20

Whanganui – January-March #25/03/20

Those newsletters marked # & date are held by Teresa Scott for three months from receipt; request for forwarding must be made within three months



Family Tree Magazine – September 2019, October 2019, December 2019 [donated]

Find Your Family on the Internet (A New Zealand Guide) – Ros Henry [GIG36] [donated]

Our branch library

We have many useful and valuable resources in our library – books and magazines, photocopied and transcribed records, CDs and computer records, microfiches, and more.

Please use these resources, respect and take care of them.

Only branch members may borrow branch material. There is no charge for borrowing books and magazines from our branch library. If you are borrowing, you must do this on a Sunday through the duty member and ensure that the material borrowed is recorded by the duty member in the exercise book. When items are returned the duty member will sign them out. "Reference" records (most in Miscellaneous Records, Parish Records, Shipping, CDs, microfiches) may not be borrowed. If you have a need to take away a reference resource, this may well be possible by arrangement with the librarian only. Records held in the storeroom (such as the recently donated plan/map for St Mary's Esk Valley Churchyard) are for the most part "Reference" and must be requested. Only three committee members are authorized to access the storage area.

If you are browsing, please return items to the correct place on the shelves.

The library catalogue (orange spine label) is shelved near the filing cabinet. There are forms available for getting extracts from school records and parish records (no cost for branch members).

Return of any resources 'borrowed' without recording in the book would be much appreciated. This may be done anonymously. It is disappointing to find some valuable reference books missing.

MUSEUM SUNDAY ROSTER

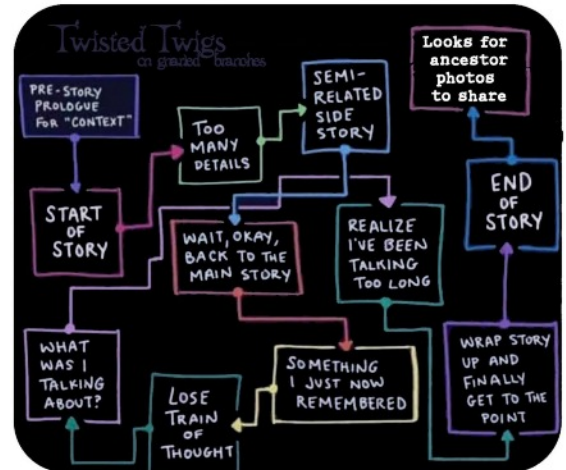
Research help at the museum has been suspended for the duration of the emergency.



How a normal person tells a story about their ancestors



How family historians share a story about their ancestors



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