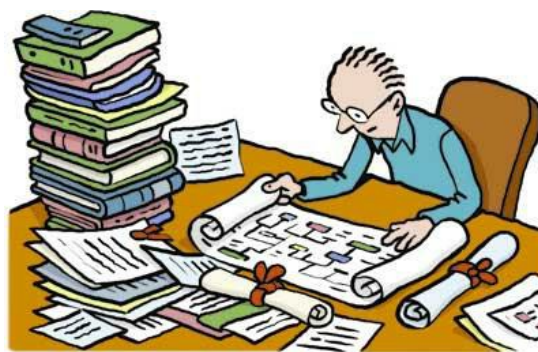




NZ SOCIETY OF GENEALOGISTS SOUTH CANTERBURY BRANCH NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE EDITOR

Carol Bell



Another Canterbury genealogy expo lost to Covid! It's starting to look like a conspiracy. But once again our wonderful organisers produced a hastily-cobbled-together Zoom expo and we got a full day of talks from NZ and international speakers. These talks are so inspirational and so helpful for basic information. I recommend them and it is lovely to be able to take advantage of them in the comfort of home. I didn't have to drive to Christchurch at 6.30am and I didn't have to try to find a park in the middle of Christchurch on a Friday. And I didn't have to drive home after dark on Saturday. Win-win! I made notes for you all, which make up a large part of this newsletter.

On the home front I'm experiencing family history in action with a grandson and his family staying with us for 12 weeks. The babies are 17 and five months old so we have a very busy household. I did have plans to look at the newsletter and think about updating it but I haven't had too much time to think recently. To help with that would you all let me know what you would like to see and how you think we can best serve your needs through the newsletter. I'm happy to take your suggestions on board. Contact me on carolbel49@gmail.com

The "Writing up your Family History" group meets every Wednesday 1-3pm. If you would like help getting your research to the final stage contact me.

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,

With a return to Level 1, the branch has been able to resume normal meetings again. Pleasing to see so many turning up again and I think the members were grateful to be able to get out and about. At the last meeting I gave a presentation on adoption, where to look, who to access and the rules and regulations on obtaining information. I was able to show two examples that were done without the benefit of DNA, just using good investigative skills and in some cases, serendipity in finding the missing parents.

Our indexing group is back at work again working through the Betts funeral cards. Again this small group have enjoyed being able to work together again on a very busy project.

Our Sunday help desk has also gone back into action, being available at the South Canterbury Museum every Sunday between 1.30 and 4.30pm. An enthusiastic team of members are available to help those in need. A lot of people went online over lockdown but now need help to sort out their family trees.



Hot on the trail.



WHAT'S HAPPENING?



Lucy Marshall, NZSG member #1, passed away on Tuesday 6 October 2020 aged 90. As the founding member of the society, Lucy will always hold a treasured place in both NZSG history, and our members' hearts and thoughts. Her simple action in writing to a Henderson newspaper in 1967 inviting a response from others interested in researching family history led to the establishment of NZSG. Thousands of members since then have enjoyed pursuing their passion for family history with the support and guidance of like-minded people, and the wide-ranging resources the society has developed.

FamilySearch has announced that the RootsTech 2021 conference previously planned for February 3–6, 2021, in Salt Lake City, Utah, will now be held on February 25–27, 2021, as a free, virtual event online. RootsTech Connect 2021 will enable attendees to participate from around the world and will feature inspiring keynote speakers, dozens of classes in multiple languages, and a virtual marketplace. Reserve your place today at [RootsTech.org](https://www.familysearch.org/rootsconnect)

<https://media.familysearch.org/familysearch-announces-rootstech-connect-2021-a-free-global-virtual-event/>

Salvation Army records: On 30 June NZSG were advised by the Salvation Army that they were closing The Salvation Army Family tracing Service. In place of that service they will continue to assist adoptees who were born at Salvation Army Bethany Hospitals and their birth parents to find and reconnect with each other. This service will be available by contacting

Email: bethanyrecords@salvationarmy.org.nz

Phone: 04 382 0710

Salvation Army formerly operated six maternity homes/hospitals between 1897 and 2011. The names changed over time and eventually all came to be known as Bethany. The locations were:

- * Auckland Bethany
- * Napier Bethany
- * Gisborne Bethany – Edward Murphy Memorial Maternity Home
- * Wellington Bethany
- * Christchurch Bethany
- * Dunedin Bethany – Redroofs Hospital

The Salvation Army hold the surviving records for each hospital and are pleased to assist relatives with records requests. They can also assist adoptees and birth parents to reconnect with each other. Unfortunately some of the records are very sparse.

PLANS FOR THE YEAR

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| 13 October: | Peter Jones from Salisbury Park Crematorium |
| 10 November: | Cemetery walk Pleasant Point |
| 8 December: | Christmas meeting |





FAMILY TREE MAGAZINE

Are you on the round robin for the Family Tree magazine?

This monthly British-based magazine is available for a fraction of the subscription price on a round-robin basis - price dictated by the number of participants. It has articles to cover all UK-based interests from beginners aids to ongoing support for the more experienced researcher, but also occasionally covers research for Europe, the Americas and anywhere there is a research interest.

There are sections for one-to-one advice for anyone who cares to write in, and a photo service which identifies and dates your photos. It also offers up-to-date genealogy news - the September issue is circulating now so the latest updates in the big websites are all covered. Articles cover, among other things, tracing your tree back to Tudor times, criminal ancestors restored to the fold, using the census and how to trace hospital records.

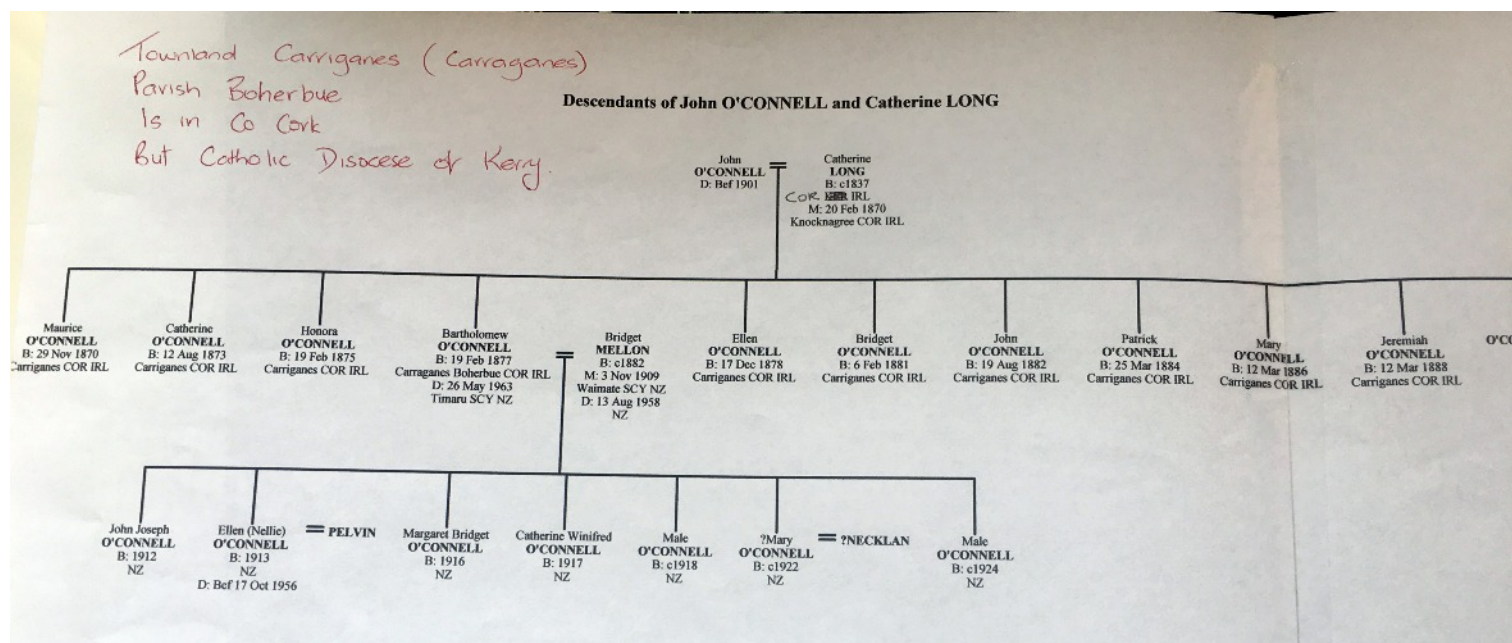
Back copies are also available in our library. Contact Teresa to join the reading list on 688-9034.

RECOGNISE ANY NAMES?

If any person were to have a connection to this tree I would be pleased to hear from them.

Jenny Baldwin

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CHRISTCHURCH FAMILY HISTORY VIRTUAL EXPO

15 AUGUST 2020

Find My Past

With Myko Clelland



Find My Past is the home of British and Irish records - this is their area of concentration. It's the site to use for UK research and to date is offering 12 billion records. As you type into the search engine it gives you a running total of results which can be reduced by filtering down to manageable levels. You can search by category, or search baptismal records with just the names of parents to get a full view of a family. Try searching by category and related records will pop up. Use the search radius to bring you within a set number of miles from your target area. This is particularly useful for farm labourers and seasonal workers who tended to move each spring in the 1700-1800s. Remember that almost half of the population of Britain did not die in the parish in which they were born.

Investigate Find My Past's A-Z of Record Sets which uses OCR (optical character recognition) and is not in the main search. It's useful for postal directories, almanacs, electoral rolls - there are 220 million entries for the 1832-1932 period, keeping in mind that few were entitled to vote in those early days. There are almost 1000 local and national title newspapers, both Catholic and Protestant in Ireland which tends to give vastly differing perspectives on some stories, and they are adding more each week. Newspapers and periodicals are also not in the main index.

Find My Past is releasing new records every week. It has a good selection of Catholic records - more than Scotland's People for Scotland - military records 1760-1920, 10 million Scottish records have been added since January and it has the maps to go with the numbers on Griffiths Valuation.

Story to Book

With Fiona Brooker



Fiona Brooker is an NZSG member from Christchurch who runs the Memories in Time website fostering, among other things, the publication of family history. She spoke about the three step plan towards publication - plan, illustrate, publish.

Plan who you are going to write for and what you are going to write about, she says. Think about who needs it. This reminds me of the note reporters used to have above their keyboards: "So what, who cares?" Make your writing relevant. Don't try anything too big to start with - try a 20-page photobook.

Illustrate - Take a topic like family Christmases, family houses, immigrants in your family, heirlooms. Or write about us today for your family in the future - talk about what we have from the past, who knitted the jerseys in family photos, show your rates



bill to give them a land record, scan junk mail, talk about family traditions. The word ethnography was mentioned, which Wikipedia describes as a specific kind of written observational science which provides an account of a particular culture, society, or community. The fieldwork usually involves spending a year or more in another society, living with the local people and learning about their ways of life. Sounds very much like family history in action! Introduce timelines - tell your descendants what happened each year, in the family, nationally and internationally, scan spreadsheets for family groups. Try writing 100 words per page for a photobook - introduce a new family ancestor on each page with photos and 100 words. Ask relatives about your photos to see if they can add detail. Sort photos and scan - and perhaps give your relatives the originals or the scans - it's always a good backup. Also scan letters, documents and maps for use. Think about recording your Covid or lockdown stories. These are going to be of huge interest in the generations to come. The comment was made: This is the decade of earthquakes and Covid. Significant indeed! In 100 years it will still be talked about.

Publish - Try a small book through one of the publishing companies like Diamond Photos, Snapfish, Vistaprint, Momento. See what sizes and shapes they offer as part of your planning stage. Or you can create your book in Word then convert to PDF then JPG, or in PagePlus to straight to JPG and import into your photobook as one image. This is not as hard as it sounds - ask in your group for help. Or try a blog, or scrapbooking, or digital scrapbooking. What suits you best?

Make time for yourself to do this. If necessary make an appointment for yourself - Tuesdays and Thursdays 7pm to 9pm is family history writing time. Please do not disturb! Fiona finished with an endearing quote: Remember why you started - that'll help you finish. She has guidelines on her Memories in Time website.

Christchurch Family History Centre

With Valerie Anderson



Valerie outlined what was available at the Christchurch Family History Centre - much the same as in Timaru - research help for beginners, help with Family Search, access to Ancestry, Find My Past, My Heritage, free access to digitised books and the ability to view microfilms online. Family Search also offers a useful fanchart facility from the shared tree that numbers sources and shows data problems.

The website was also discussed. It is free to anyone who creates an account. The LDS Church has been collecting historical records for over 100 years. It offers research guides and the ability to search via a map. Many records are not yet indexed so it pays to read the available films and look in image-only historical records, and newspapers. Two sites available through Family Search are Virtual Pedigree and Puzilla, both highly recommended.

Passenger and Immigration Research

With Curt B Witcher

Genealogy Centre Manager at Allen County Public Library, Fort Wayne, Indiana, USA

Curt Witcher believes that the best way to approach the search for passenger and immigration records is backwards - finding your ancestor first in the country they went to will lead you to their arrival in the new country and the leaving of the old. It is sounder research methodology, he says. Mr Witcher's expertise is in the United States, but he makes the point that the methodology applies throughout the world and also that with DNA even New Zealanders are finding American cousins that they need to trace back.



There are three steps to the approach, he says - settling down, arriving and leaving. It's easier to find your ancestor in the country they went to which can then lead you to where they came from and how.

Settling down records are plentiful. You should be able to find records based where your ancestor lived - his religion, ethnicity, occupation and geographical location. Look for historical gazetteers, county and town histories, ethnic histories, local and regional histories, newspapers, family papers and documents, letters and diaries. There might be organisational and institutional records, saving bank records, county immigrant publications and cemetery records.

Arriving documents will include passenger lists and manifests, hospital records, detainee lists, alien registrations, oaths of allegiance, naturalisations. Remember to look at the whole list - you may later find that neighbours and cousins are important. Look for transcribed lists, websites, newspapers, local record transcriptions. Try www.stevemorse.org for US passenger lists.

5,620,000 people immigrated to the US from 16th century to the mid 20th century.

Leaving documents were created in the country of origin. Look for letters of manumission, the sale of property, permits to emigrate, indentures, work permits, travel documents, emigrant lists. Survey your area's history. Had your European ancestors completed their military service? There will be papers for that. Most European emigrants transited through Bremen or Hamburg - know what laws governed European countries. Hamburg passports are on Family Search. Look also for newspaper advertisements calling for emigrants.

Ancestry DNA

With Michelle Patient



Stats first from Michelle Patient - there are 24 billion records on Ancestry and 18 million DNA samples. They have records from over 80 countries. You can find information about places and people. The ethnicity estimates covers a different time frame to your paper trail, going much further back in time. Check for people here and use the ethnicity estimate to pinpoint unknown matches. These are autosomal tests only and useful for finding relatives on all lines. The tests are gender neutral and are good for confirming assumptions you have made as well as giving clues to help break down brick walls. Michelle reviewed the DNA match windows and ThruLines and talked about the latest innovations.

Using Maps to Enhance your Research

With Edwina Swingler

Edwina Swingler gave a fascinating talk on the types of maps that can enhance research: Topographical including Ordnance Survey maps which can be used as a reference as you research; thematic which include social interactions; land maps and general reference like road maps. Ordnance Survey maps show a given point in time. They are not county or region based and so ignore changing boundaries. Estate maps can be useful for ancestors on the move, eg shepherds moving from farm to farm. The Alan Godfrey series of maps was recommended <https://www.alangodfreymaps.co.uk/> This site has over 3000 maps of UK and Ireland and can be enlarged so even individual houses can be identified. Caledonian maps <http://www.caledonianmaps.co.uk/> covers Scotland and has Ordnance Survey, township and county maps. <http://www.askaboutireland.ie/griffith-valuation/> supports Griffiths Valuation of

Ireland. The Genealogist website has integrated maps to help find a place. They are now adding record sets to their maps. It's useful to use collaborative evidence in your research - directories, local histories, gazetteers and memoirs can contribute to the Ordnance Survey. A case study showed that someone found in the 1841 census who reports to be not born in the county can be found in the 1851 census for a place of birth, which leads to Phillimore's Atlas and Index of Parish Registers then the National Library of Scotland: Maps which has a wide variety of maps including estate, county and Ordnance maps, military maps and coastal charts and town plans <https://maps.nls.uk/> An interesting site for those researching London during the Blitz is <http://bombsight.org/>. Charles Booth's poverty maps <https://booth.lse.ac.uk/> give another view of London and the site includes police notes and names. New Zealand-focused searches can look at National Archives on Archway, the National Library, LINZ <http://www.mapspast.org.nz/>, NZ History for recruiting districts, local museums and libraries, councils for land settlement maps, Wise Guides, vintage road maps, cemeteries and electoral rolls. These will all add to our sense of place and help us to understand how our ancestors worked and where they lived. Edwina's website is <http://www.footprintsandkeys.com/>



Online Irish Family History

With John Grenham

Discussion began with what was lost in 1922 - Censuses 1821, 31, 41, 51 were 98% destroyed, Church of Ireland parish registers, court records back to 13th century, deeds back to 1174, military records from 18th century, transportation records, wills back to 1500 and land transfers from 17th century. And that's not an exhaustive list. Saved were non-Church of Ireland Prs, Griffiths Valuations, 1901 and 1911 censuses <http://census.nationalarchives.ie/> GRO 1901-1911. These are online but also available on Ancestry and Find My Past which takes variant spellings and wildcard searches. <https://www.logainm.ie/en/> explains district electoral divisions and map boundaries, the GRO has BDMs which are available at <https://irishgenealogy.ie/> and family search. For Northern Ireland GRO records are on <https://www.rootsireland.ie/> and <https://geni.nidirect.gov.uk/>. It pays to search all avenues - all sites have mistakes and omissions but won't have the same mistakes. If church records are involved always look at the original - there can be much more information that doesn't fit the format of the online provider. Look at <https://registers.nli.ie/> for Roman Catholic entries, <https://www.rootsireland.ie/>, <https://irishgenealogy.ie/>, volunteer transcripts, family search, Ancestry and Find My Past. Newspapers from 1822 are in the British Library. Use the Griffiths Valuation 1847-64 as a census substitute - it gives all occupiers of property from the big houses to small fields. The first column refers to maps and houses and can be deciphered on askaboutireland which can overlay on a satellite map. <https://historicgraves.com/> can also be useful. John Grenham's website is <https://johngrenham.com/>





OLWYN'S SOUTH CANTERBURY WEBSITE

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

World War Two Servicemen

Please contribute photos of WW2 servicemen on the Auckland War Memorial Museum site.

<https://www.aucklandmuseum.com/war-memorial/online-cenotaph>

Go through your Dad's photograph albums and share. The best part of genealogy is sharing. Dating war photos depends what part of journey the soldier is on. If it is the start it is most likely someone from home, if it is later then maybe a comrade. Albury – Fairlie men. Egypt – Maadi Camp 1942. Rodney McLean, Joe Casey, Hugh Morrison, Godfrey Bray. Godfrey signed up as Godley Victor Bray. To his mates he was known by Vic.



During WW2 the introduction of conscription meant that every man between 19 and 45 was liable for service. A man drawn in a ballot was deemed to be transferred to the armed forces on the day following publication of his name in the Gazette. Volunteering for Army service ceased from 22 July 1940, although entry to the Navy and Air Force remained voluntary. From January 1942 workers could be manpowered or directed to essential industries. The call up lists in the NZ Gazette are



online and free to search. <http://www.nzlii.org/forms/search1.html> Search this phrase Notice as to Men called up under the National Service

From the back of a newspaper clipping. From Monday next June 2 1941 newspapers in New Zealand will be reduced in size. All newsprint is now imported from Canada. Provincial newspapers were required to publish not more than 80 per cent of the number of pages published during the corresponding months of 1938. "The Timaru Herald" will be permitted to published a maximum of 57 pages a week or an average of 9½pages a day. Readers may be assured however that a full overseas news service will be maintained and New Zealand and local events will be covered. Any reduction necessary in the general services will be made only in items as the children's page, sporting activities and reprint articles and certain regular features.



MEMBERS' INTERESTS

from Carole Cowan

CROFT	ENGLAND	Devon Teignmouth	pre1872
CRONIN	IRELAND	Kerry Dingle	pre1860
CROSS	ENGLAND	Cheshire Weston Point	pre1900
CROWLEY	IRELAND	Limerick Kilcosgriff	pre1870
CROWLEY	IRELAND	Limerick Shanagolden	pre1870
CROWLEY	NEW ZEALAND	Otago Arrowtown	1868+
CULLEM/CULLUM	ENGLAND	Lincolnshire Grimsby	
CULLEN	ENGLAND	Somerset Huish Episcopi	1700+
CULLEN	ENGLAND	Somerset High Ham	1700-1850
CULLEN	ENGLAND	Somerset Huish Episcopi	1775-1875
CULLEN	NEW ZEALAND	Sth Canterbury Timaru	1865+
CULLOTY/COLLOTY	IRELAND Kerry	Currovough, Tralee	1883+
CUTHBERTSON	ENGLAND	Yorkshire Topcliffe	All
CUTHBERTSON	NEW ZEALAND	Otago Dunedin	1863+
CUTHBERTSON	NEW ZEALAND	Otago Hilderthorpe, Oamaru	1863+
DALY	N/IRELAND	Tyrone Carrickmore	pre1860
DALY	NEW ZEALAND		
DAVIDSON	ENGLAND	Cumberland Bewcastle	All
DAVIDSON	ENGLAND	Cumberland Stapleton	All
DAVIDSON	NEW ZEALAND	Mid Canterbury Ashburton/Hinds	1874+
DAVIDSON	SCOTLAND	Dumfries Middlebie	1780+
DAVIS	ENGLAND	Gloucestershire Deehurst/Church Downs	1800+
DAVIS	ENGLAND		pre1900
DAVIS	NEW ZEALAND	Sth Canterbury Temuka	1870+
DAVIS	NEW ZEALAND	Otago Port Chalmers	1886
DAVIS	NEW ZEALAND	Sth Canterbury Temuka	1975+
DAWSON	ENGLAND	Norfolk Massingham	1700-1900
De BEER	AUSTRALIA	Victoria Melbourne	
De BEER	NEW ZEALAND	Central Otago Queenstown	1860-1900
DEANS	IRELAND	County Derry Tamlaght Finlagan	1820s

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 2020 :

Balclutha – July-August **#01/09/20**

Cambridge – September **#28/08/20**; October **#30/09/20**

Canterbury – August **#10/08/20**; September **#05/09/20**; October **#03/10/20**

Dunedin – September-October **#04/10/20**

Gore – August **#07/08/20**; September **#29/08/20**

Hutt Valley – July **#05/07/20**; August/September **#10/08/20**

Kilbirnie – September **#25/08/20**; October **#24/09/20**

New Plymouth – September **#28/08/20**; October **#04/10/20**

Oamaru – August **#10/08/20**; September **#11/09/20**

Otaki – September **#20/09/20**

Porirua – October **#04/10/20**

South Canterbury – July-August 2020

South Waikato – September **#28/08/20**; October **#26/09/20**

Southland – August **#24/08/20**

Wairarapa – September **#05/09/20**; October **#26/09/20**

Wellington – August **#21/07/20**; September **#18/09/20**

Whanganui – July-September **#28/09/2020**



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 – March 2020, April 2020 [donated]

On a Bronze Tussocked Terrace: The Burkes Pass Cemetery – compiled by Elizabeth Angelo-Roxborough and Jane Batchelor [DH166] [donated]

***The following title has been culled from our branch library.
If you would like it before it is given to a book sale,
please contact Teresa before 31 October 2020.***

The History of a Little Town: The Story of Billericay - Essex - George Walker

MUSEUM SUNDAY ROSTER

It has been decided that if one person cannot do duty on their allocated day then rather than trying to arrange a swap, which can be difficult at times, we can have just one person on-site, keeping in mind that there will be a museum volunteer also present. If you can't do your allocated duty please advise your duty partner so they know they are going to be on their own. If you are uncomfortable doing a duty on your own please ring Janette on 684-5327 and she will find you a partner.

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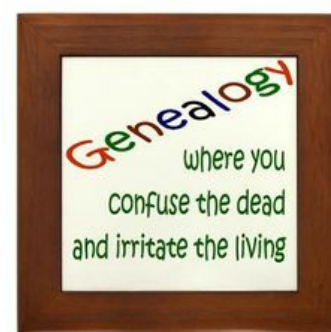
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