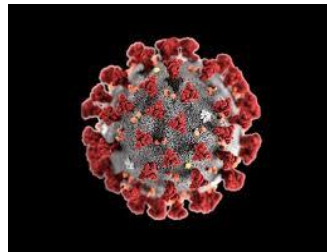


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Next Meeting

To be advised.

The Isite & Hokonui Heritage Center are now 'A Building Site' and not available for meetings. We will be in touch.

Co-vid 19 and Lockdown –

Without any meetings, shopping and appointments, everyone had time to achieve many projects. i.e sort and clean out the garage, wardrobes, clean all kitchen cupboards. Convenor Elaine enjoyed amazing genealogy research on webinars. I actually loved being housebound with a lovely resident granddaughter who set up her office on the dining table and did the supermarket shopping. My car didn't move for 9 weeks and grass even had the audacity to grow in the drive!. Thankfully the car started when I was allowed out, but it was weird to feel brave on level 2.

Tragically a member of the Finlayson family died in Dunedin hospital of the Co vid virus aged 62. there was not even a sympathy card in Gore supermarkets.

I have procrastinated over finishing the Finlayson history book (1665 - 2020) for years and the enforced lockdown was a perfect time to contact many of the relations by phone or email. They were all at home and in lockdown! The computer office tidy up is still waiting, and now I have even more paper to sort, discard or file.

The last months have been so drastically different for everyone and it is a credit to all New Zealanders that we appear to have hopefully eliminated the virus and had such a low death rate.

Papers Past

<https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/newspapers>

Latest additions to Newspapers (April 2020):

- Gisborne Times (1901-1937)
- Hokitika Guardian (1917-1940)
- Opotiki News (1938-1950)
- Saturday Advertiser (Jul 1875-1878)
- Wanganui Chronicle (1860-1869)

Thanks to Hutt Valley branch

Catch-up from our Convenor Elaine

It was great having time to watch webinars during lockdown. Another bonus for me was that my Ancestry DNA results had just arrived. By now I have given many of them a coloured dot or two and know how to work DNA Painter.

But my favourite is looking up possible names on **Wikitree** and hoping that someone has listed their Gedmatch number. Following the number is "compare" and when you click on it you can add your own Gedmatch number, click "Add" then "compare" and it takes you straight to the One to One Comparison page on Gedmatch. Awesome! I am using it as an elimination tool for lines I am unsure of.

Hope you have all enjoyed the enforced holiday and managed to get a bit of research done. Look forward to seeing you all again when we are able to.

Elaine



Go through your family tree again right from the beginning and check with what is now online – you may be surprised!

*If using Legacy, check the dates and information is also accurate on drop line charts.

• <https://midland-ancestors.uk/> Have ancestors in Warwickshire, Staffordshire, Worcestershire and Birmingham? *This may be the site for you.*

• **Find my past** has added 1.2 million records for Kent ancestors as well as the Bombay Gazette

newspaper from India. Remember you can access FMP from home currently with Hokonui Heritage Research Center (when it re opens).

• **National Archives in Kew** are offering free access to digital records during the UK lockdown normally £3.50 plus

<https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/about/news/digital-downloads/> BUT if you are an NZSG member many of these were free via your member benefits.

• **REMEMBER** if you have been doing a lot of work on your tree during lockdown (lucky you, if you have) Back it up to more than one place – three is best.

• **If you use Legacy and similarly**, have been adding lots of info, run a check repair and compact file. Reset your relationship calculator.

• Have you sourced where things came from? Certificates, book reference, an aunt, cousin, bible internet site, ScotlandsPeople district books etc.

Websites

Ireland Reaching Out <https://irelandxo.com/> has Samuel Lewis' Gazetteer for all counties, and as it was written before the famine it has interesting information which would be pertinent to the research of many. The Co. Antrim section had interesting information about the linen trade.

Ever looked up an address on an English death certificate and wondered where it was? Hospitals were frequently shown by a street address rather than the name of a hospital? A really useful site is <https://ezitis.myzen.co.uk/> The address for the web page **Lost Hospitals of London**.

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

□ Scotland's 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/aq.asp#OnlineIndex> Thanks to Papakura Branch

• Go through your photographs both hard copy and digital. Put names to those you can identify.

• Scan or photograph physical photographs and put in folders by surname or family group or whatever system works for you, on your computer

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Emigration



it doesn't matter when your ancestors emigrated so long as you can identify some of the relatives they left behind in Britain - they're the ancestors of your

British cousins, and if you can find them, and/or their descendants, on the 1881 Census you could be just minutes away from discovering a 'lost cousin' *X Lost Cousins*

Births Deaths and Marriages Victoria

www.bdm.vic.gov.au

Downloadable, historical certificates are now \$20 each: **save \$4.50 per certificate**.

Births 1853- 100 years before today's date

Marriages 1853 – 60 years before today's date

Deaths 1853 – 30 years before today's date

My DNA results have finally arrived. Time to create a tree, and check the names out against other Ancestry trees.