

Whangarei Family History Computer Group

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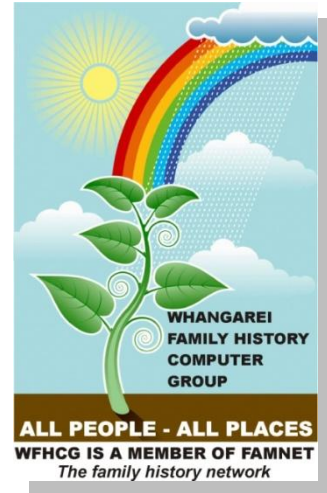
Thursday Eve **Saturday Morn**

Oct 9 Sep 20
Nov 13 Oct 18
Dec Christmas breakup on Saturday

Venues - Thursday evening 6 Augusta Place Whau Valley. 7.00 - 9.00 pm

Saturday meetings in **SeniorNet** rooms in James Street. Rooms open at 9.00, start at 9.30 and we finish by 1.00pm

Cost - \$2.00 each meeting or \$20.00pa.



Lessons

Aug 22/23/24 Whew what a weekend; full of information and congratulations on all the ancestors found. I have already sent out an email on the Retreat with Jan Gow, Salt Lake City 2 NZ northland.

The preparation and time spent getting this underway was considerable so, thank you to those who have sent their notes of appreciation.

Those who paid and prepared for the 3 day event received a flashdrive from Jan with her information to continue their search.

Sept 11th Thursday evening and 20th Saturday.

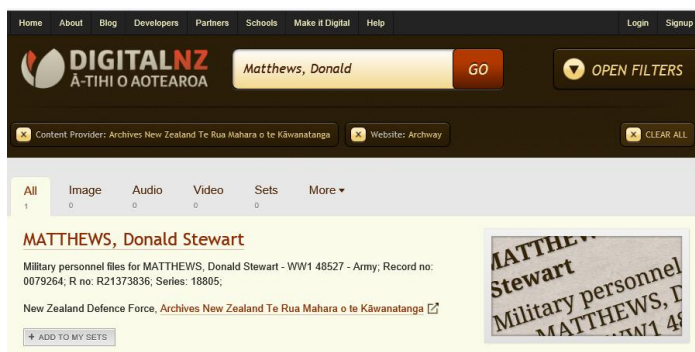
We are going to prepare for doing collaborative search on Saturdays. One person looking for a person or a family (but not your whole family tree) with 2, 3, 4 others searching online websites for any information.

Looking for family isn't easy; we all have found that out, but retracing your steps does help sometimes; or going out wide and doubling back. This means, don't dismiss a 3rd cousin twice removed as not being your direct line therefore you don't want to follow him/her because remember; that person leads back to where you are directly connected and may have that aha moment in their genealogy waiting for you.

Ancestors on the side branches sometimes were perhaps better off, did something to get themselves noticed, worked somewhere that kept archives and noted parents' names if for instance there was an apprenticeship which may take you back another generation so another step to find another record and so on back.

Websites

archives.govt.nz/world-war-one this has been set up to mark the centenary of WW1, a 141,000 NZ Defence Force records have been scanned and uploaded to the internet.



For the Archway site the name, Donald Stewart Matthews can be put in, but the information shown on this site says, Surname first.

There is no little icon showing a stack of coins or a dollar sign beside the record so it seems they are free to view.

The example is my Grandfather but I had already paid to view from the Cenotaph site so I don't know if definitely there isn't any cost but worth having a look in case.

The same article in the Who Do You Think You Are mag Sept 2014 has over a thousand photos of New Zealanders in the war covering 1917 & 1918 on bit.ly/VfW9k2 (when entering it you may go to the magazine site and have to click on it from there).

They are very clear and with a big screen some of the soldiers may be recognisable.

Irish Genealogy webinar series online next week.

The LDS Family History Library will be presenting a series of IGR webinars 15 -19 September. Free to all live online next week. Go to the website below for the information. Just remember that the Dublin time is 12 hours behind NZ so the Friday 19 Presbyterian Church records will be 5am Saturday morning.

<http://www.irishgenealogynews.com/2014/09/family-search-launches-irish-genealogy.html>

Wayne has downloaded several videos, most lasting about 30 minutes, of lessons from various sites such as google, on ways to research your family. He has offered copies to anyone who would like them. Bring along a flashdrive to the meetings and he will download them onto it so you can view at your own leisure.

Perhaps when some of them have been viewed it may be worth using one or some in our meeting times as a lesson.

Newsletters

National Archives UK have some interesting blogs this month so to view these some of the blogs go to: <http://blog.nationalarchives.gov.uk/blog/> and for the Podcasts go to the archives website for the Webinars

Blogs	Listen to our most recent podcasts**:
Sentenced to death: Private Thomas James Highgate	
My Tommy's War: An Eastender in the Lancers (part two)	Webinar: An introduction to medieval and early modern sources for family historians
Hard-working, unpaid and... very content	Webinar: Army musters – more than just accounts
Tales from the Special Operations Executive: Operation Remorse, part three	Did she kill him? Addiction, adultery and arsenic in Victorian Britain
Reburial of King Richard III	War and Peace conference: Closing remarks: the First World War and intelligence

I have to say most of the newsletters this month seem to be something to do with the Anniversary of WW1 and if you have a subscription to the Ancestry website you may have noticed along the top line, on the right hand side: "World War 1 **100**", if you click onto this heading the record access opens up.

Also in the Who Do You Think You Are Sept 2014 magazine, there is an article on the Heir Hunters launch of a new site. (Several of you will have seen the programme on Sky television). hha-bmd.com allows users to upload documents and share them with fellow researchers, including bdm certificates. By adding information, users earn 'credits' which can be 'spent' viewing documents added by others. Otherwise, it is a fee paying site. Maurice Clarke, managing director of the Heir Hunters Ass. says "the site provides an efficient and economical way of confirming vital facts about family research. As the volume of data grows we hope it will become a vital resource for anyone involved in genealogy."

Useful sites for Scottish research, (some pay to view)
fdca.org.uk The Friends of Dundee City Archives
www.nls.uk/digital-resources National Library of Scotland's licensed digital collections.
archive.scotsman.com The Scotsman (newspaper)
deceasedonline.com Deceased Online (particularly Aberdeenshire)
dsl.ac.uk Dictionary of the Scots Language
addressinghistory.edina.ac.uk Addressing History
scottishmilitaryresearch.co.uk The Scottish Military Research Group.
gcu.ac.uk/radicalglasgow Radical Glasgow
highlandstrathearn.com Papers In A Trunk

PS. Sunday afternoon I received a text from Jan Gow booking the weekend ending 27th September 2015 for the next **Salt Lake City to New Zealand in Northland**. Make a note in your diaries and more details will follow.



(Taken 2012 slc2nz)

(I haven't downloaded this year's yet.)

It is very short notice, but in October, about 27th, the Whangarei Library is having the Big Day In display and it would be an opportunity to show people what is on offer from the computer group. Hopefully I will receive an email from the library in the next 24 hours with details. September and October are very busy family-wise for me with birthdays starting today and going right through in time to start on Christmas so any ideas welcome and only having time will be the main problem.

The next meeting is Saturday 20th September at Senior Net's rooms above Orrs Pharmacy in James Street.

Senior Net Genealogy Senior Net has a Genealogy meeting once a month on the 4th Thursday, run by Jane Byrne so see her for details, if a Saturday or a Thursday evening doesn't suit, a mid-week day session may be of use.

Happy digging into your past to see where you came from.

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