

# Christchurch Family History Expo Programme

**Friday 20 August 2021**

Welcome Function - Finding Ancestors in British Employment Records (Myko Clelland)

**Saturday 21 August 2021**

	Spark Place Ground Floor	Activities Room Level 1	Teaching Space Level 2
10.30am – 11.20am	Thorough Searches on Ancestry.com (Jason Reeve)	Beginning Scottish Research (Emma Maxwell)	Introduction to Online Resources (Library : Tuakiri   Identity)
11.30am – 12.20pm	Hidden Gems in Family Search: (Mike Higgins)	Family Recipe Books (Jane Teal)	Who's Been Sleeping in My House? (Library : Tuakiri   Identity)
12.30pm – 1.20pm	Canterbury Stories (Library: Simon Daisley)	Using DNA to Solve Unknown Parentage: (Michelle Leonard)	
<b>RESEARCH TIME – Visit our Exhibitors and Explore the Library's Resources Library Archives "OPEN HOUSE" 1.00 – 4.00pm, Research Room, Level 2</b>			
2.00pm – 2.50pm	Writing Life Stories Your Way (Jo Bailey)	Apps to Use with FamilySearch Trees (Valerie Anderson)	Fleshing out your Family Tree (Library : Tuakiri   Identity)
3.00pm-3.50pm	Preserving Your Family Treasures (Kathleen Stringer)	Introduction to What Are The Odds? (WATO) (Leah La Perle)	Ancestry Tips & Tricks (Jason Reeve / Michelle Patient)
4.00pm-4.50pm	Researching English Ancestors (Seonaid Harvey)	First Steps to Whakapapa (Library : Māori Services)	Using FamilySearch (Valerie Anderson)

**Sunday 22 August**

Time	Spark Place Ground Floor	Activities Room Level 1	Teaching Space Level 2
10.30am – 11.20am	The Kiwi Flies (Jacqui Bridges)	Combining DNA & Traditional Research: Scottish Case Studies (Michelle Leonard)	Introduction to Online Resources (Library : Tuakiri   Identity)
11.30am – 12.20pm	Ancestry DNA (Michelle Patient)	Arrival of Polish Immigrants (Margaret Copland)	Plan to Publish – Word Tips for Sharing Stories (Jenny Lowe)
12.30pm – 1.20pm	Location Location Location (Edwina Swingler)	Understanding Kirk Session Records (Emma Maxwell)	How to Find a Burial (Library : Tuakiri   Identity)
<b>RESEARCH TIME – Visit our Exhibitors and Explore the Library's Resources</b>			
2.00pm – 2.50pm	Four More Sources for NZ Research (Fiona Brooker)	Early Canterbury Schools (Rae Wilson)	Exploring our Digital Heritage (Library : Tuakiri Identity)
3.00pm-3.50pm	Where to now (Fiona Lees)	From WW1 Unknown Grave to 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Named Grave (Michelle Leonard)	

**NB: All sessions in Spark Place and the Activity Room are free. Bookings are not required. Please arrive early to secure a seat.**

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## IN THE EXHIBITION HALL

Ancestry	Family History Society of New Zealand	New Zealand Micrographics
Ancestry ProGenealogists	Footprints and Keys	NZ Society of Genealogists
Christchurch City Libraries	Guild of One Name Studies	NZ Society of Genealogists – Canterbury Branch
FamilySearch	Memories in Time	European Interest Group
Family History Centre	Methodist Church of New Zealand Archives	

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## TOPIC SUMMARIES

### Friday 20 August

**International Webinar: Finding ancestors in British Employment records** (Myko Clelland) Our ancestors' occupations can provide a host of records to teach us more about family history. This presentation asks where can we look to find more detail about what our relations did, and how it can help us to tell more of a story of their lives.

### Saturday 21 August

**Thorough Searches on Ancestry.com** (Jason Reeve) How do you effectively use the Ancestry.com general search, or card catalogue? What are wildcard searches or "exact/sounds-like" filters?

**International Webinar: Beginning Scottish Research** (Emma Maxwell) We all have to start our research somewhere. In this presentation, we will focus on the basic records such as post-1855 birth, death and marriage records on ScotlandsPeople. We will learn what information is recorded and how to search these records. We will also look at some money-saving tips on ScotlandsPeople by understanding references.

**Introduction to Online Resources** (Library: Tuakiri | Identity) A brief introduction to the range of online resources available from Christchurch City Libraries, including Ancestry, Find My Past, Papers Past, My Heritage and more.

**Hidden Gems in FamilySearch** (Mike Higgins) This workshop will cover a variety of ways to search for information on the FamilySearch.org website, including searching the Family Tree, the catalogue for online digitised microfilm, digital images not yet indexed and many more. Aimed at new to intermediate users.

**Family Recipe Books – What can they tell you?** (Jane Teal) Family history can tell us who owned the recipe books but where did the recipes come from? What were the favourites and why? This talk will help to answer these questions, but also suggest ways of preserving these documents.

**Who's Been Sleeping in My House?** (Library: Tuakiri | Identity) Ever wondered about the people who once lived under the same roof as you? Who were they, what did they do? Are there any skeletons in the closet that reveal fascinating secrets? In this 2-hour session we show you how to find answers to these questions to uncover the social history of your house.

**Canterbury Stories** (Library: Digital Content) Simon Daisley, Community Stories Liaison Librarian, will give a presentation on Canterbury Stories, Christchurch City Libraries digital heritage repository. This repository allows us to collect and present online collections from our digitised archives, publications, photographs, and community. Included in these collections are material which can aid family history research.

**International Webinar: Using DNA to Solve Unknown Parentage** (Michelle Leonard) DNA testing has revolutionized the options available to those with unknown parentage or other unknown ancestor mysteries and this presentation will explain how to use DNA results to solve these previously unsolvable conundrums. Michelle will walk you through the process from choosing the correct tests to working with DNA results when you have no known family history information as reference. She will provide practical demonstrations of the most important techniques and practices required and genuine case studies and success stories will be included to show how DNA testing used in conjunction with traditional research can provide much sought after answers.

**Writing Life Stories Your Way** (Jo Bailey) In this presentation, Christchurch author, editor and publisher, Jo Bailey will discuss the importance of getting personal and family stories into print and provide some tips for how to do this in a way that is unique to you. You will leave the talk with a "Road Map" of key steps you can fill in during the presentation, to help you define what you want to write, work through the research, interviewing, writing and editing process, and figure out how you want to present, publish or print your story.

**Apps to Use with FamilySearch** (Valerie Anderson) The incredible *Virtual Pedigree* app to display huge pedigrees online, of ancestors or descendants. *Relative Finder*- to see how you are related to famous deceased people, and then to see who else they in turn are related to. Filter to scientists, sports people, actors, royalty, presidents etc.

**Fleshing out your Family Tree** (Library: Tuakiri | Identity) Explore Christchurch City Libraries' specialist resources to contextualise and enrich your family history research. Did your ancestor belong to a club? What school did they attend? Where did they live? Delve into our resources for a glimpse into their real lives.

**Preserving Your Family Treasures** (Kathleen Stringer) This presentation covers the best ways to handle, store and preserve items that may be associated with your research. These treasures include textiles, photographs, paper, medals etc Participants are invited to bring photographs or items they want help with.

**International Webinar: Introduction to "What Are the Odds?" (WATO)** (Leah La Perle) Fitting one person into a known tree of their autosomal DNA matches is a common challenge in genetic genealogy. The connection might be masked by an adoption or unknown parentage a generation or two back in time. "What Are the Odds?" (WATO) is a revolutionary new tool at DNAPainter.com that allows you to test different hypotheses for where the "target person" fits into a documented tree. Hypotheses are ranked relative to one another, allowing you to better focus your research efforts and testing dollars. Better yet, it works using only shared cM amounts, so there is no need for a chromosome browser. This talk will provide a general overview of the tool, how to use it, and how to interpret the results.

**Ancestry Tips & Tricks** (Jason Reeve or Michelle Patient) Ancestry is the world's largest family history resource. With expert help, learn how to get the most out of this incredibly rich resource.

**Researching English Ancestors** (Seonaid Harvey) If you've traced your family history back to England then here's some tips to further your research.

**First Steps to Whakapapa** (Library: Māori Services Team) Sharing stories around journeys into whakapapa and ways of working.

**Using FamilySearch** (Valerie Anderson) How to use FamilySearch.org and how the local Family History Centre can help with your genealogy researching.

## Sunday 22 August

**The Kiwi Flies** (Jacqui Bridges) This presentation will cover the key elements of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists, key aspects in NZSG's technology upgrade and digital environment with particular emphasis on Kiwi Collection going online record collections which will get you further in your family history.

**International Webinar: Combining DNA and Traditional Research: Scottish Case Studies** (Michelle Leonard) DNA testing has exploded onto the genealogy scene in recent years and is now one of the most important tools available to advance family tree research. In order to successfully use DNA testing for genealogy, however, it's essential to combine it with traditional research. This presentation will concentrate on several in-depth Scottish case studies that demonstrate what can be achieved when you combine long-established research methods with DNA test results. These case studies will cover verification of family tree lines, the breaking of brick walls, the testing of hypotheses and the solving of hitherto unfathomable mysteries.

**Introduction to Online Resources** (Library: Tuakiri|Identity) A brief introduction to the range of online resources available from Christchurch City Libraries, including Ancestry, Find My Past, Papers Past, My Heritage and more.

**Ancestry DNA** (Michelle Patient) Had your DNA tested? Not sure what to do next or what it all means? Michelle will explore some fundamental steps to get the most out of your AncestryDNA results, as well as tips and hints for extracting genealogy evidence to help further your research.

**Arrival of Polish Immigrants** (Margaret Copland) Nearly 150 years ago, fifteen families from Prussian-occupied Poland arrived in Lyttelton, on the *Friedeburg*. They came with a range of education, skills & occupations and most became market gardeners in Marshland. This is their story

**Plan to Publish – Word Tips for Sharing Stories** (Jenny Lowe) This session will help you get the most out of tools such as Microsoft Word to get some of your research off the shelves and out of the computer to share with friends and family. A journey from planning to publishing a family history book.

**Location Location Location** (Edwina Swingler) This session will provide information on how to add colour and meaning to your ancestors lives by learning more about the social and economic history of where they lived, worked and raised their children. It becomes more personal when the past comes alive with this background information.

**International Webinar: Understanding Kirk Session Records** (Emma Maxwell) Newly released on ScotlandsPeople, the Kirk Session records are a basic building block to family history research. With few indexes and many unfamiliar terms, how can we best go about using these records? In this presentation, we will look at exactly what a 'Kirk Session' is, what records they create and how we access and search them.

**How to Find a Burial** (Library: Tuakiri|Identity) Investigate Library resources such as Church Register Indexes, Cemeteries Database, Tombstone transcripts and cemeteries maps to locate burials.

**Four More Sources for New Zealand Research** (Fiona Brooker) Add some more detail to your New Zealand Family History by checking four more sources for your research: Military records, NZ Electoral Rolls, The Suffrage Petition and the Cyclopedia of New Zealand.

**Early Canterbury Schools** (Rae Wilson) Schooling became compulsory in 1875 and student details were recorded in registers. The NZSG has compiled lists from old attendance register back to 1861. These early records are a wonderful way to trace your ancestors and where they lived.

**Exploring Our Digital Heritage** (Library: Tuakiri|Identity) Christchurch City Libraries has a wealth of digital resources including books, images, stories and archival materials. Explore the likes of Canterbury Stories, the Discovery Wall, ArchivesSpace and so much more.

**Where to Now?** (Fiona Lees) Now you are starting along your journey following your Family History, you may need some help and ideas along the way. Some tips on what to do, where to look and who to ask for help.

**International Webinar: From WW1 Unknown Grave to 21<sup>st</sup> Century Known Grave** (Michelle Leonard) In May 2008 250 WWI soldiers were uncovered in a mass grave in France and this led to a ground-breaking project to uncover their identities via DNA testing, anthropological data and genealogical research. This presentation will tell the story of the Fromelles Project with a specific focus on how genealogical detective work helped to identify and provide named graves for many of these soldiers. It will also tell the stories of some of the fallen and give a brief explanation of how to research WW1 soldiers and trace DNA appropriate relatives.

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