

# Christchurch Family History VIRTUAL Expo

Join us via Zoom!

6.00pm - 8.00pm, Friday 20 August

9.00am - 5.00pm, Saturday 21 August

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## Useful Information

### How to Join us Online

Click on the Expo Registration Link's below. This will take you to the Zoom website where you can register for the expo. To attend both day's you will need to register twice. Do this now.

[Friday - Expo Registration Link](#)

[Saturday – Expo Registration Link](#)

If you haven't been to a Zoom meeting before, registration will include downloading some software to make Zoom work on your computer.

After completing registration Zoom will send you an email with the link to the actual expo entry. This is the link that you will click on to join us live on Friday & Saturday.

We do have some limit on the numbers that we can have attend via Zoom, but we're hoping that this won't be an issue for the day.

When you first join, and if you are early, you may find yourself in our waiting room. We'll let you in as soon as we have everything sorted in the room for the day.

We recommend you test your speakers and microphone before joining the room (Zoom will ask you to do this).

When you first enter your video and microphone will be muted. Our preference is for these to remain muted during the day to help with bandwidth for those on slower internet and also to prevent interruptions while speakers are giving their presentations.

During a session you can use the chat to ask questions or make comments and our hosts will be monitoring this for questions for the speakers.

If at any stage you need to leave and then want to come back you can click on the same expo entry link. However please note we do have limited numbers which may mean that you are unable to return.

This is a live event with the exception of the International Webinars that were pre-recorded. Time permitting, question and answer sessions will be available at the end of the local sessions. No recordings of the sessions will be available after the event.

**Teaching Space and Other Sessions:** We are in the early stages of planning to offer those sessions not included today at a later date. Watch out for details of a 'In person' expo in early 2022.

**Raffle Tickets:** We have been given a number of raffle prizes for the expo which we will now be giving away during the day. As we will not be able to sell tickets to raise funds for future events, you are invited to make a donation by going to <https://memoriesintime.co.nz/pages/christchurch-family-history-expo-2021>

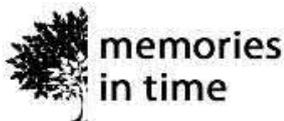
**Thank you to Sponsors:** The Expo is supported by the Christchurch City Libraries (CCC), Ancestry, Family Search, NZ Society of Genealogists, Ted Gilbert Literary Trust and Memories in Time.

We want thank all those who have donated raffle prizes: Ancestry, My Heritage, NZ Society of Genealogists (NZSG), Memories in Time, Legacy Family Tree Webinars, NZSG Canterbury Branch NZ Micrographics, Diamond Photo, Leah Larkin and Michelle Leonard.

**Evaluation:** We want to hear your thoughts about the Expo, so we can think about other events in the future. We will send out a short Evaluation Form following the Online Expo Day.

**Questions:** Any questions please contact us at: [chchfhexpo@gmail.com](mailto:chchfhexpo@gmail.com)

**Thank you for joining our Virtual Expo.  
We hope to bring you an 'in person' event in 2022.**



## Friday 20 August 2021

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6.00pm **Zoom Room Opens**

6.30pm **International: Myko Clelland, Find My Past: *Finding Ancestors in British Employment Records*.** 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.

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## Saturday 21 August 2021

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9.00am **Room Opens**

9.20am **Welcome from Christchurch City Libraries and Memories in Time**

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9.30am **International: Emma Maxwell: *Understanding Scottish Kirk Sessions*.** 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 what a 'Kirk Session' is, what records they create, and how we access and search them.

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10.30am **International: Michelle Leonard: *Using DNA to Solve Unknown Parentage*.** DNA testing has revolutionized the options available to those with unknown parentage or other ancestor mysteries and this presentation will explain how to use DNA results to solve these previously unsolvable conundrums. Michelle will provide practical demonstrations of the most important techniques and practices required, with case studies and success stories to show how DNA testing together with traditional research can provide much sought after answers.

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11.30am **International: Jason Reeve: *Thorough Searches on Ancestry.com*.** How do you effectively use the Ancestry.com general search, or card catalogue? What are wildcard searches or "exact/sounds-like" filters?

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12.30pm **Lunch Break**

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1.00pm **Mike Higgins: *Hidden Gems in FamilySearch*.** The 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 released and many more. New to intermediate users.

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2.00pm **Michelle Patient: *Exploring English Ancestors from Afar*.** Have you found family who came from England? What records should you look for? Where can you find them online? How different are they compared to New Zealand records? Michelle will show you the way she researches her English lines.

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3.00pm **International: Leah Larkin: *WATO (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 focus your research. This talk will provide a general overview of the tool, how to use it, and how to interpret the results.

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4.00pm **Fiona Brooker: *Four More Sources for New Zealand Research*.** 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.

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