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*Sometimes I think that I understand  
everything.*

*Then I regain consciousness.*

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## **Editorial Notes**

Once again we find ourselves in lockdown due to a rapidly spreading virus which at worst can kill. This is very disheartening as we tend to be confined to our homes with little or no contact with friends.

However, this can be a challenging time as to occupy ourselves we need to keep busy. For instance, your editor's family tree has never been so comprehensive, especially with the library offering free access to the Ancestry database from home. Other people have the time to create different things depending on their respective talents such as knitting, photography, writing and so on.

Another thing which is a positive is that this newsletter has been prepared using Open Office writer which was recommended in a recent Mailchimp newsletter. Previous newsletters have been prepared with WPS office which, now that I have revisited Open Office, looks very ordinary.

The committee is meeting on Monday and we will be deciding about re-opening for tutorials and other meetings. The Genealogy group have their usual meeting on Tuesday as there are usually fewer than 10 people attending. We will let you know when other meetings plus the Tuesday tuition sessions will recommence in due course.

## **Special Interest Group Meetings**

### **Camera and Photo Workshop Group**

The next Camera Group meeting is on Thursday September 17<sup>th</sup> at 9.30am provided we have not asked to stay at home and not congregate.

We are looking to increase our knowledge on the digital enhancement of photographs with some practical excersizes.

### **Genealogy Group**

The Genealogy Group will meet next on Tuesday September 1<sup>st</sup>. at 1.00pm. Maybe wear a mask and remember to social distance. We will investigate different websites for historical information about our ancestors.

### **Tuesday Tutorials**

These tutorials will be held each Tuesday from 10am to 12 noon once we have re-opened for business. Please bring any questions you may have to these sessions. Bring your laptop or tablet if you use one.

### **Apple Mac Group**

Meets on the first, third and fourth Thursdays from 9.00am to 11.30am. We can discuss items of interest from the information sent to us by John. These will commence once we are open for business. For further information contact John Rose; [<jlrose@ix.net.nz>](mailto:jlrose@ix.net.nz)

**General Meetings.** The next meeting is scheduled to be on 10<sup>th</sup> September at 10.30am at which we have a speaker from the library. He will talk about E-books and other on line library resources. The library has access to a large genealogy database. This will not occur if meeting rules are not relaxed.

### **Link to SeniorNet Specials**

**Don't forget to regularly check the Federation website to find out what's going on in the rest of New Zealand. For the latest special offers go to this site-- <http://www.seniornet.org.nz/specials.asp>**

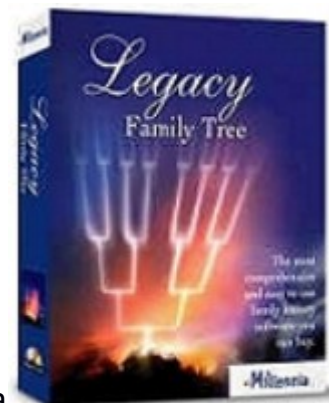


## Who are your Unknown Relatives?

One of the fascinating things about Genealogical research is coming across people who are indirectly related to you whom you didn't know about. For instance one of your editors school teachers was a distant cousin. I think he knew the relationship but as a young person this information went right over my head until I recently found him in the enlarged family tree. There is a huge database of information available to enable historical research on line.

The Genealogy interest group promote the use of the Legacy programme to store information on ancestral family members. This is one of several genealogical programmes available for research. Legacy has the advantage of being connected to several other databases of interest, namely, Family Search, My Heritage, Find a Grave plus tools to build historical notes and hints to assist the user with their research. Your local library has an active historical research information source with free access to Ancestry, My Heritage, Find my Past, plus access to British historical records. Some of this information is only available when in the library although during the Covid lockdowns you can access Ancestry and Find my Past from your home.

The Genealogy interest group meets at 1.00pm on the first Tuesday of each month and a summary of topics discussed is provided after each meeting. Members are welcome to attend a meeting to check out what we do.



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### **Thought for the Day**

**You can  
always tell  
when  
politicians  
are  
bending  
the truth -**

**Their lips  
move.**

