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Welcome once again one and all. As I sit here typing, the sun has finally broken through and is promising to stay around for a while. So I'm glad to put aside the online research with its copious amounts of follow-up writing and head out to explore the sites that were important to my ancestors. There is something very uplifting about standing in the place that your parents, grandparents or even many greats grandparents built with their own hands. It's a chance to honour their achievements and to be amazed given the conditions, equipment and, often, lack of formal education. Perhaps you have done this as well and it has formed part of your family history.

Our postponed **Street Stall** will be happening this weekend - Sat 13th – from 8am in front of the church. All donations can be dropped off at the meeting on Friday or at the stall early on Saturday. Come along and help if you can. Also, consider letting friends know about it. Hopefully the weather will be kinder to us this time.

This month's meeting of the Family History Society will be held on **Friday 12th July 2024 at 10am** in our usual meeting place, the small hall behind the Presbyterian Church, right in the centre of town. Visitors are warmly welcome! Morning Tea will be served costing \$2 for tea/coffee and a biscuit.

This month's presentation will be given by Helen Allan. She will present Ideas on Writing Your Family History.

Membership for 2024 is \$50 for an individual or \$60 for a joint or family membership. If you are new to the Society, then get your membership form online from our website or Facebook page or pick one up from Ian at the meeting. Also, there is an additional postage fee if you prefer to have your 'Explorer' magazine posted rather than picking it up at our meetings. Our mailing fee is \$15.

Trade table - Our trade table will not be operating this month as we will be collecting items for the stall.

Library News

As you would be aware, we have much less space for our resources at the Library than we used to. Now that we have had a chance to get all our books back into the Library, Helen and Ann have begun the massive task of going through them to cull books in order to manage the space more effectively. THANK YOU! Ann will be bringing boxes of these to our meetings before they are discarded.

Ian is now volunteering up at Katoomba on a Tuesday morning and has had quite a few people attend.

Explorer's Tree Magazine

Unfortunately, Jan was unwell last month so the June issue of our magazines will be at our meeting on Friday. If you have something to contribute to upcoming issues of The Explorers' Tree magazines please send your work in a Word Document, with photos or images as attachments to Jan Koperberg. j.koperberg@bigpond.com for upcoming". Remember to include references and sources if they come with the article.

Next month's meeting of the Family History Society will be held on **9th August 2024 at 10am** in our usual meeting place, the small hall behind the Presbyterian Church. The guest speaker will be Ann Krasny. Her topic is "Sharing Family History at a Family Reunion."

If you have any suggestions for speakers or topics for next year, would you please let someone on the committee know. Thank you.

Upcoming Events:

- *The Home Curator*: 31 July - 9.00am to 12.30pm. Blue Mountains Association of Cultural Heritage Organisations Inc (BMACHO). Do you have special objects you want to preserve into the future? Whether you are a family historian, private collector or just have special objects you want to know how to care for there is something in this workshop for you. Learn about organising, preserving and sharing to a professional standard so that you can ensure your shoebox of papers or photos or a house or shed filled with your favourite objects, will survive. Bring along small objects, photos and documents (or images if they are too large or too fragile) for professional advice and clues to help you discover the best ways to identify and care for them.

Where: CMS Conference Centre, 8 Violet Street, Katoomba.

Cost: \$25

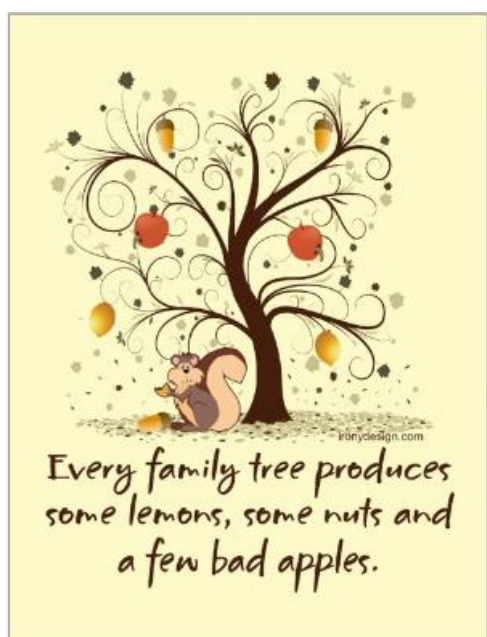
Bookings: Humanitix <https://events.humanitix.com/the-home-curator>

- Ian is speaking: 5 October –at the Nepean FHS meeting.

Research Tips

- Looking for German ancestors: ARCHION opens the door to digitized images of over 150,000 historical church records. <https://www.archion.de/de/archion-entdecken/erste-schritte>
- Family Search: While the world tree cannot be trusted to be accurate, the sources and resources are incredible. Use the following link to find sources specific for a particular country in the world. https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Main_Page
- National Archives of most countries are accessible. However many of them lack the depth and accessibility that we experience in Australia.

Just for Fun



See you Friday.
Tanya