Should your Local History Society being using a Family History database for local history?

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A Family History Database can
- Keep pioneers/early settlers/residents in family groups
- Highlight family relationships
- Track events
- Search and sort your people according to need
- Tag people with a specific tag or event
- Help you to collaborate group research efforts

You need to do this if you are
- Researching and compiling
  - A publication
  - Tour of any kind
  - An Exhibition
- Researching a person or family for an article or story
- Just want to keep track of who lived where and when, and what they did while they were living there.

Lynne recommends Legacy Family Tree www.legacyfamilytree.com over other family history databases, for the following reasons
- Legacy Family Tree is a family history program or database that makes it extremely easy to store information about people.
- The standard edition of Legacy Family Tree is free. You can opt to pay to upgrade to the deluxe edition.
- Legacy Family Tree is easily downloaded from the Internet - you don't have to go anywhere to get it.
- There is a lot of helpful information to get you started - written guides and videos, a lot of which are also free.

Which edition do you want to download?

Legacy is available in two editions to accommodate your genealogy needs:

- Download Legacy 8.0 Standard Edition (free)
- Download Legacy 8.0 Deluxe Edition
- Legacy 8.0 Deluxe (from $29.95)

Which Legacy edition is right for you? Read the differences in detail below.

Standard Edition
FREE! Download Now

Deluxe Edition
Purchase from $29.95

Lynne provided information on how to download Legacy Family Tree and how to enter people into the database. Legacy Family Tree will prompt you if a person by that name is already in the database and you can either accept or reject this suggestion.

Lynne stressed the first golden rule of Family History - females, whether married or not, are always entered under their maiden name. Her second golden rule of Family History is to cite your source because 'Family History without sources is just mythology!' Legacy Family Tree enables you to add your source to all the categories of information - birth, baptism, marriage, death, burial site etc. For instance the source of your information on a person's death might be the death certificate or their Probate papers.

Legacy Family Tree allows you to view your information in various formats -
- Family view - where you can see the vital statistics of the parents and children at a glance
- Pedigree view - shows several generations at once;
- Descendent view - shows a person and their children, grand children and great grand children etc
- Chronology view - a person's life as a timeline

Legacy Family Tree - eleven handy tools

1. Relationship Calculator - Legacy Family Tree works out the relationships between people in the database even complicated ones. You may have found out that William provided a reference for Agnes. How did William know Agnes? Legacy Family Tree could tell you that William was the husband of Agnes's finance James's aunt Mary. Thus William and Mary are married. Mary is the aunt of James and James is engaged to Agnes.

2. Tagging - you can tag individuals with relevant tags e.g. Great War so you can find all your Great War soldiers in the database.

3. Media Gallery - you can add photographs.

4. Charting - Legacy Family Tree creates charts or family trees. Great for family reunions.

5. Web pages - it will create web pages for you which you can view in a browser.

6. Instant Internet Searches - your Legacy Family Tree search translates into an Ancestry search (providing you have an Ancestry subscription) thus no need to enter the search terms twice.

7. Timelines - find out what else was happening in the world in the year a person was born e.g who was the Prime Minister, the Eureka Rebellion happened that year. You can also add local events to a timeline.

8. Lists - create lists e.g a list of people born in a particular town or were buried in a particular cemetery.

9. Instant mapping - Legacy Family Tree has inbuilt maps.

10. Statistics - create reports to find out, for example, who had the longest marriage or families with more than ten children or the average age people were married at.

11. Apps for Android and Apple - Legacy Family Tree has Apps for Apple and Android, so you can take the database anywhere.