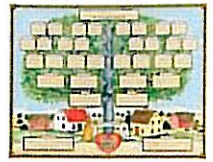


7.2 Genealogy - The Ransom Family



Background:

- The second genealogy we experimented with is that of the Ransom family.
- We took a different approach from that of the Amos Burr family (discussed in sheet 7.1).

The Challenge:

- A clutch of family tree fragments.
- A family reunion booklet for a distant branch of the family.
- Hundreds of photographs had already added to Kete, - but these were difficult to locate unless you knew the names ...



The Solution:

A different approach was used with the incomplete information, as Joann describes:

- Starting with a near empty family tree, I created a **topic** (Person- Genealogy) for **John Robert Ransom** - the first in the line to immigrate to New Zealand.

Topic: John Robert RANSOM

Topic Type: Person - genealogy

Immigrated to New Zealand with his wife Harriet, on the "Cornwall", arriving

Children	Parents	Grandparents	Great Grandparents
Ethelbert Knight Ransom	Vincent Christopher Ransom	John Robert Ransom	John Ransom
Harold John Ransom			Harriet Skipper
Lillian "Myrtle" Ransom		William Sowerby	
Roland James Ransom			
Arnold Reginald Ransom			
Oswald Edgar Ransom			

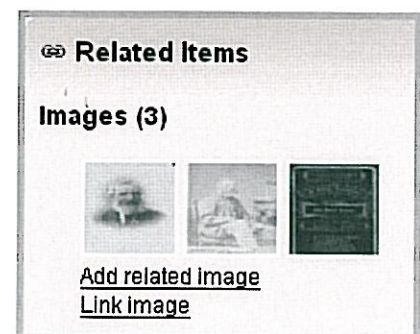
Then, as I went through the various fragments of genealogies, I **inserted lines** into the **table** (as detailed on sheet 6.2) and entered the people I knew of.

- Where I had quite good information, I **added related topics** for that individual, entering in as much detail as I could find.

I then created **hotlinks** in the table to **each new topic** -these are shown in *orange* - e.g. *Harriet Skipper* (see sheet 6.3 for details on how to do this).

Notes:

- ❖ Creating **tables** to show the relationships helped present the information in a clearer way than a solid paragraph of text would.
- ❖ Each time I created a person topic I would finish by running a **search** to **find and link to images** already existing in the Kete database - see sheet 4.2 for more details on linking.
- ❖ This approach is best suited to a family with long links in the district where the chances were high that images already existed in the database.



Continuing ...

③ Once I finished entering a descent line, I searched for individuals in the Kete database.


When I found *more than 1 image*, or found *something interesting in a caption* I would

- make a **topic** for that individual,
- tag it with "*descendent of John Robert and Harriet Ransom*",
- make **links** to relevant *images*,
- **hotlink** to the individual's topic from the main table.

Some individuals were able to have a **variety of different materials** added or linked to them - as illustrated by the topic for **Mary Jean (Jean) Ransom**:

Topic: Mary Jean (Jean) RANSOM

Topic Type: Person - genealogy
Daughter of Wilf and Nancy Ransom, sister of Stewart.



Jean graduated from Teachers College in Wellington? or Christchurch? c1943. She taught at Levin School until December 1949, then Poroutawhao School for 1950-1952. From 1963-1981 she taught at Levin East School before retiring.

Stewart Ransom	Wilf Ransom	Vincent Ransom
Jean Ransom	Nancy Kellock	Mary Ann Knight

Jean predeceased her brother Stewart, but upon his death family donated the collection which had been built by Wilf and Jean, to the Horowhenua Historical Society. Both had been active members of the Historical Society since the society's inception in the 1970s.

Tags
Mary Jean (Jean) RANSOM
Date of birth: 1923
Occupation: School Teacher
Last known residence: Winchester Street, Levin.
Place of death: Levin.
Buried where: Makomako Road cemetery, Levin.
Fathers name: Wilfred Hamilton (Wilf) RANSOM
Fathers date of birth: 06/04/1891
Fathers place of birth: Levin
Fathers occupation: Plumber
Fathers date of death: 05/09/1986
Place of birth: Levin

This topic has been linked to:


- **7 images**

- **5 topics**

- **6 audio clips** -that the Historical Society had already added to Kete.

Related Items

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Topics (5)

- Stewart Wilfred Nivison RANSOM
- Wilfred Hamilton (Wilf) Ransom
- William and Mary Ann Knight : Lower Hutt 1840 - 1990
- Agnes Thomson (Nancy) KELLOCK
- Ransom Family Collection
- Add related topic
- Link to related topic

Documents (0)

- Add related documents
- Link documents

Web Links (0)

- Add related web link
- Link web link

Audio (6)

- Miss Jean Ransom's recollections - c
- Miss Jean Ransom's recollections - d
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