

Family History Web Pages

Summary of a talk given to Auckland GCG group on 19 March 2005, with some additions.

- Genealogy is about sharing, which can be achieved by correspondence (letters & email) and by publishing (hard copy or electronic)
- Publishing your Family History usually leads to contact with other relatives and researchers
 - New contacts may provide new data, corrections, clarifications, and family stories.
- The web offers a method of publishing your family history that has production advantages-
 - Easily created or generated
 - Modest cost
 - Easily maintained
 - Automatically indexed by Google, giving great accessibility
- Review existing Family web pages, for ideas
 - "Google" search <YourSurname + YourPlaceName> to see what's there
 - Decide what you would like to publish
- **Three methods of publishing on the web-**
 - Word Processors nowadays usually have an option to "Export to HTML" (create a web page)
 - Create your page(s) with your Word Processor using text, tables, and pictures
 - Export to HTML
 - Use a Web Authoring program
 - Often referred to as [HTML Editors](#)
 - They are usually WYSIWYG (What you see is what you get)
 - Create your pages and save in a Folder/Directory
 - HTML Editors usually have a built-in FTP Client (to upload your pages to the Internet)
 - Generate web pages from a GEDCOM file
 - Select appropriate families in your Family History Program
 - Export a GEDCOM file
 - Review the GEDCOM file with a [GEDCOM Viewer](#), and adjust if necessary.
 - Use a [GEDCOM-to-HTML](#) program to generate web pages with a surname index
 - Whichever method you employ-
 - Open and review the result offline with your Web Browser
 - You may want to add a "home page" with general information and your contact details
 - When satisfied, use an "[FTP Client](#)" upload pages to your Web Hosting Service (e.g. your ISP)
 - Open and review the result online with your Web Browser.
- Now your family history is "on the Net" add the address (URL) to your email signature, to let others know.
- Think about supplementing your pages with detail about places, occupations, historical perspectives.
- Add links to other web-sites of common interest, where appropriate.
- If you are really **serious**, you can buy your own domain address (e.g. www.yourfamilyname.org.nz)

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