

**Clan Little Society is a Board Incorporated in New Zealand under the Charitable Trusts Act 1957 and aims to:-**

\*Foster interest in and celebrate Little family history throughout the Southern Hemisphere.

\*Promote fellowship and awareness of kinship between all present day descendants of the Clan Little.

\*Support or encourage research, investigation and preservation of Scottish History, Heritage and Culture, particularly as it relates to Little's of old from the Border regions and Dumfriesshire, South West Scotland.

\*Work collaboratively with other Caledonian societies plus Scottish Clan organizations in sharing and celebrating our common heritage and culture.

\*Encourage the study of genealogy, family history, heritage and culture through information sharing or oral history preservation.

\*Provide continuance of interests in perpetuity for the non-Incorporated entity originally established in New Zealand as a Branch of Clan Little Society (Scotland) and conveniently operated as Clan Little New Zealand & Australia (CLSNZA)

^Prepare, print and publish such literature and resources as may be desirable or necessary.

\*Establish, maintain and administer a fund of money for the use of Clan Little Society.



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# Getting Started

## In family history



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## **Beginning:**

Much of our genealogical information begins when we recall a visit or conversation.

Often we don't gather information simply because we never ask for it.

Before engaging in a conversation or going in search of information it's worth spending a few minutes thinking through and recalling what you already know.

A mind map is a diagram outlining information and is often created around a single word or text statement which is placed in the centre and ideas, words and concepts are added often randomly to create a big picture of possibilities. The use of diagrams to visually "map" information is very old. These pictorial methods capture knowledge and have a long history. Some of the earliest examples of such graphical records were developed by Porphyry of Tyros, a noted thinker of the 3rd century, as he graphically visualized the concept categories of Aristotle.

## **Plan:**

Disorganisation can lead to both confusion and loss of opportunity.

As with any 'Shopping' trip make a list of what you need to get. A successful **Family Historian** will remain connected to family particularly the older generation.

**Some basic questions to have set in your own mind include:-**

1. Where and when was I born?
2. Who are my parents?
3. Who are or were my grandparents?
4. How long have we been in New Zealand?
5. From where and how did we get here?
6. Who are my Uncles & Aunties?
7. Who and where are my Cousins?
8. What have people worked at what, where and when?
9. Are there any Official public or Government records such as Defence Forces, Civil Registration or School Rolls?
10. Are there Legends or Folklore?

## **Questions:**

Questions and answers are the basis for gathering family history or genealogical information. **By simply asking questions, we learn and can share what we know.**

It's easy to become overwhelmed by the number of questions you need answered. The further back in time we go the more questions will arise but remember -

- The key is to decide on one person or a family and ask **the** questions who, where, when, why, what and how?
- The importance of keeping a permanent notation of findings with date and source can't be over-estimated.
- The openly considerate, attentive and sensitive Family Historian will never out stay a welcome, make assumptions be judgmental or discourteous.
- The History of an Individual or Family shared is for sharing.

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