

GENEALOGY III RESEARCH: USUAL STRATEGIES

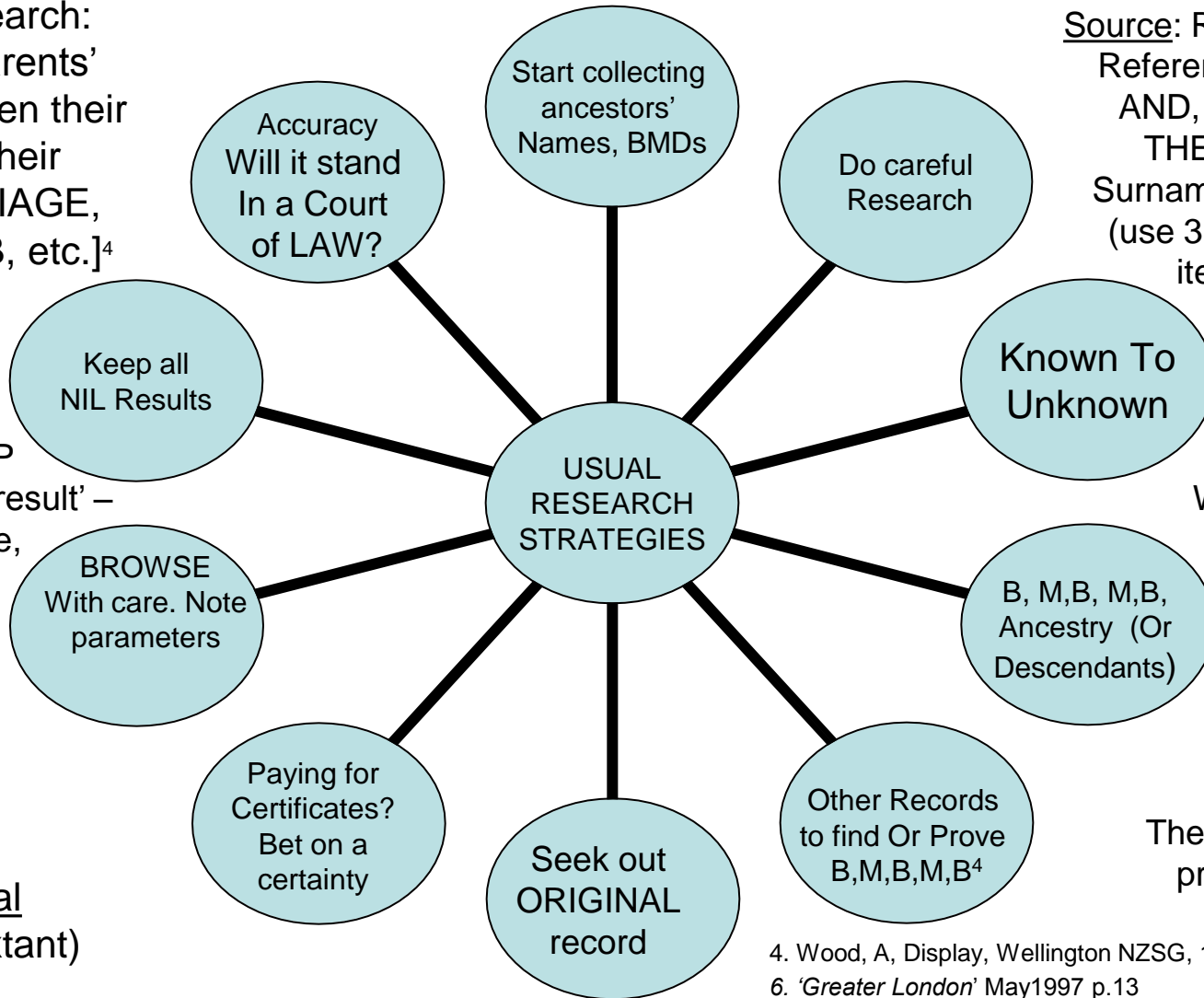
Ways to find and prove the family tree

DECIDE to get a Birth (or Marriage) Certificate, Or Trade Directory

ALWAYS NOTE

Source: Resource, Title,
Reference #s, Date/s.
AND, the date found
THEN VERBATIM:
Surname, Date range,
(use 3 dots if a larger
item) [& note Nil
Results]

ORDER of research:
BIRTH, then parents'
MARRIAGE, then their
BIRTHS, then their
parents' MARRIAGE,
etc. [B,M,B,M,B, etc.]⁴



Be aware
When "CLUES"
run out

Do Not be
'tied' to
paper records

The answer to one
problem leads to
two more!⁶

If not found, KEEP
LOOKING. A 'Nil result' –
means wrong time,
wrong place,
or wrong 'name'
[in the paper --
records]

ALWAYS
Sight original
record (if extant)

4. Wood, A, Display, Wellington NZSG, 1987

6. 'Greater London' May1997 p.13

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RESEARCH CYCLE

EVIDENCE WAITING : Different ways to find and prove the family tree.

Do go back to the original. To Achieve next B (or M), via a Sift & Sort **SLOW DOWN⁶⁵ Write**

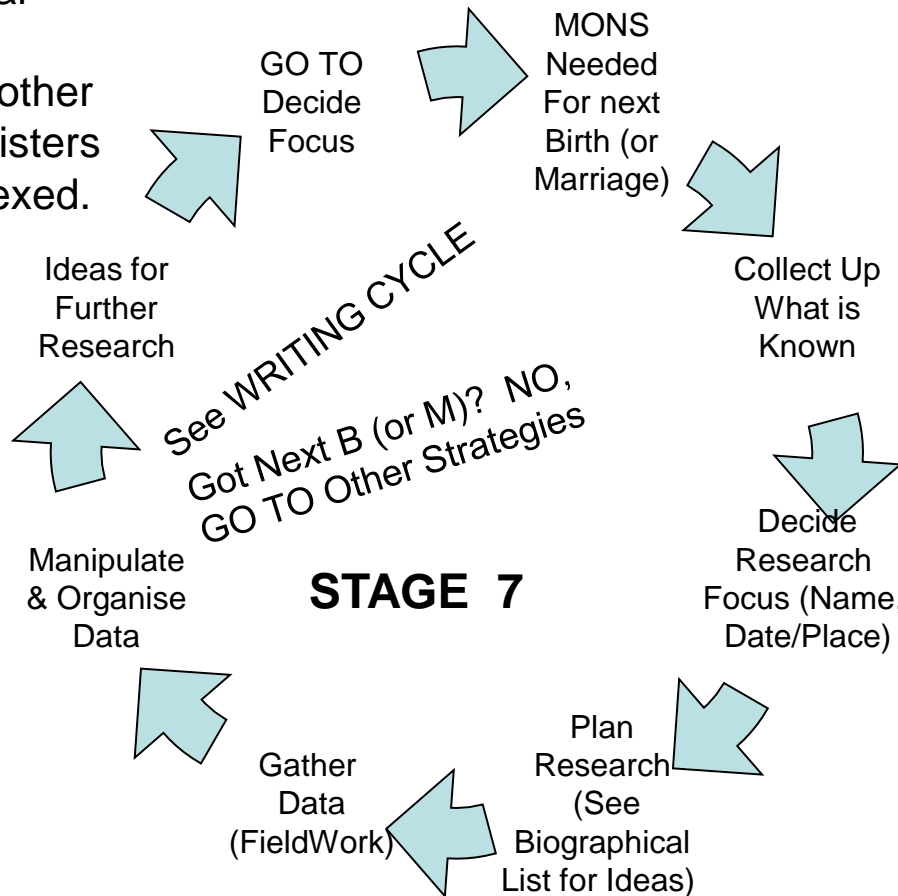
Computer indexed material may not have included occupations, residences, other relatives. Also, Some registers may not be computer-indexed.

While Gathering Data do a Count of each Surname (and for names like Smith, a count of the actual first name), e.g. x5 or >half column or X12 pages.⁶⁵

INACCURATE RESEARCH is better than not having it.⁶⁵

Make a checklist (local, in type of record order) or array (away, same but for each place, e.g. Cemeteries in Central Otago.)

70 Annal, D, Talk, Problem Solving, The National Archives, Kew, Aug 2008



down each search.

Who [or surname only & any variant/s]

Which place/s, Which years

Use +/- 20 years.

Use Soundex. Exact spelling switched off. (The IGI is good with surname variants.)

Use unusual first names with top 100 surnames.⁷⁰

[Exception: London densely populated.]

Clear all previous search Every search for a result

(i.e. bet on a certainty) – look in only places or records that are

possible.

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Two people can have same name and birth date but different birth places.

GENEALOGY III RESEARCH: CONSIDERATIONS

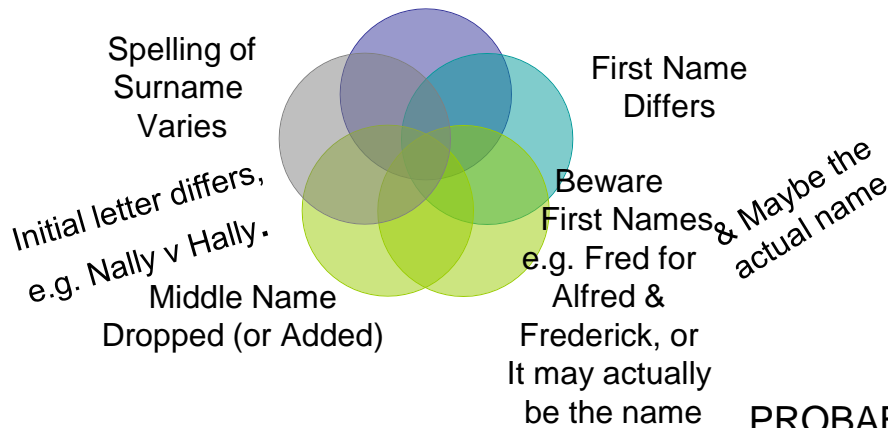
EVIDENCE WAITING : Things to think about when researching

STAGE 7

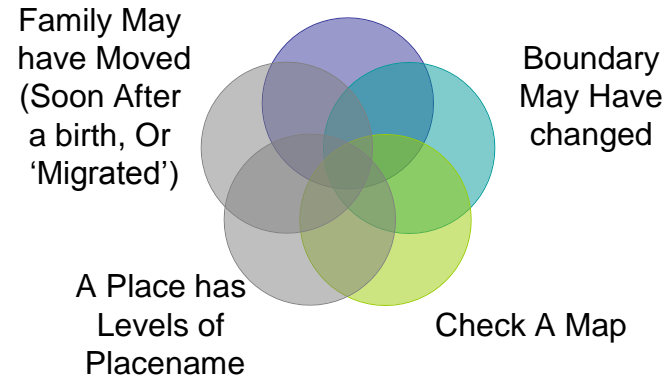
GENEALOGY IS A SCIENCE⁷²

– not like Mathematics, but like
Handwriting. Expertise helps.

NAME



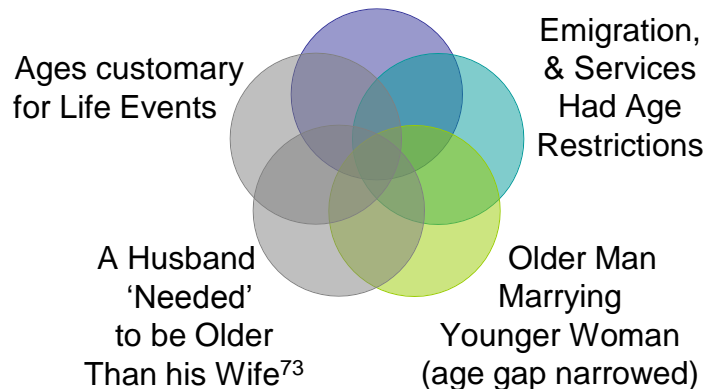
PLACE



PROBABILITIES

“MAKING IT FIT”

DATE



EVENT

