EZITREE Plus
Family History Software

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Welcome to the final Port Macquarie Ezitree Users Group Meeting for 2011. The meeting dates for 2012 are as follows:

24th March 2012	28th April 2012	26th May 2012
22nd September 2012	27th October 2012	24th November 2012

Today I will going back over many of the Ezitree functions which were demonstrated over the past 12 months.

Recent News:
Passwords Again:
Passwords are the first line of defence in protecting your computer and the information it contains. Every computer you own should require a password to allow it to be accessed. However, you then **MUST** have a password that is not easy to guess. Have you ever wondered what words are included in the top 25 **WORST** (read unsecure) passwords for 2011:

password	123456	qwerty	abc123	monkey	letmein
trustno1	111111	123123	superman	passw0rd	qazwsx

Thailand and Hard Disk Drives
Thinking of buying an external hard disk drive in the next few months? Well, don't leave it too much longer as the October floods in Thailand have severely affected the manufacture of the world's supply of hard disk drives and you can expect prices to be on the rise – up to three times what they were a few months ago. For example, Western Digital makes about 30 per cent of all hard drives in the world and 60 per cent of its drive-manufacturing capacity was under water. It is expected there will be hard disk drive shortage well into 2012. Cause and effect!

London 1909 from the Air: www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2057093/Google-Earth-view-London--circa-1909.html
Forget Google Earth! Go to this newspaper website and view images of London in 1909 together with their modern counterparts, from the air. These extremely clear images were made by Sir Norman Lockyer when he flew over London in 1909 in a helium balloon at a height of 500 feet. The images include Buckingham Palace, Westminster and South Kensington.

Google News Archives: http://news.google.com/newspapers
Some years ago Google commenced digitising historical newspapers from around the world, especially from USA. Unfortunately, they have now stopped perhaps because of the enormity of the task. However, they did manage to scan a large number of newspapers and make them available on the internet. Included in these was the Sydney Morning Herald. Whilst these newspapers are NOT searchable, the Sydney Morning Herald does go up to the end of 1989. Therefore, armed with the right date say from the Ryerson Index, it is still quite easy to find a particular death notice using this resource. One benefit over using the SMH Archives link on the State Library website is that the Google images are so much clearer.

Family Search website: www.familysearch.org
Don't forget to make regular visits to the FREE website with 2.34 billion records. Recently, browsable images were added to the New Zealand Probate records, together with browsable images from Cornwall parish registers and nearly half a million new records of Warwickshire parish registers.

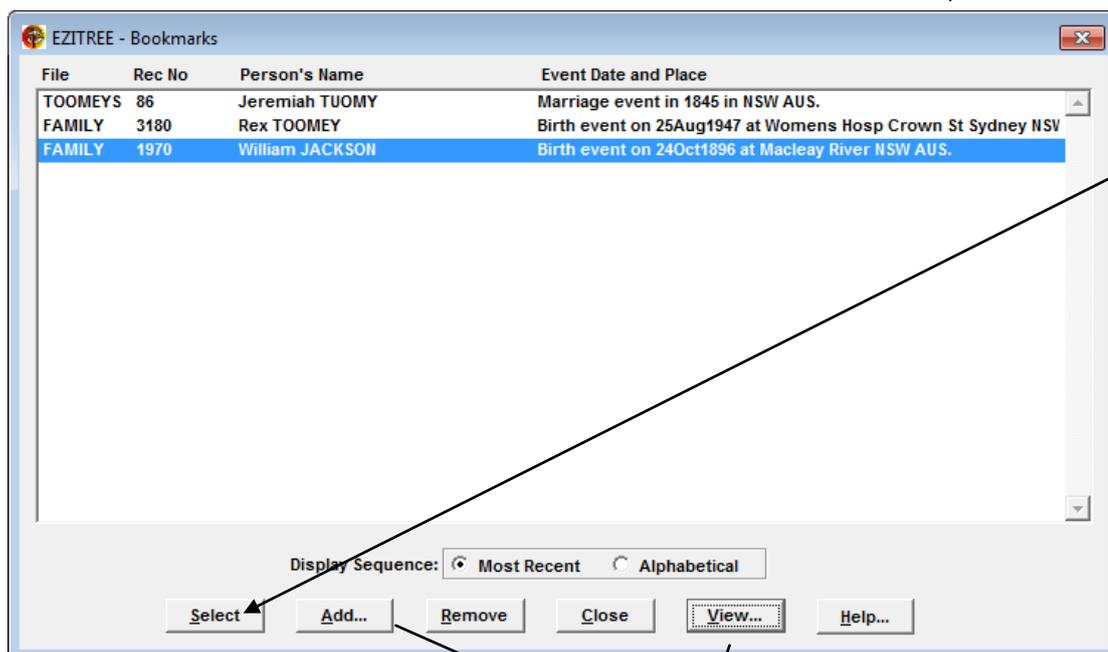### Irish Family History Foundation: http://www.rootsireland.ie/
This great site has recently added 35,000 records from the Monaghan Family History Centre. Unfortunately, none of the Catholic records are earlier than 1835 whilst the earliest Church of Ireland records go back to 1736. Whilst this is a pay-to-view site, it does have over 18 million Irish records on-line which means it is worth a visit.

Today's Quick Tutorial – Bookmarks

Often when doing family history, there will be persons whose records are required to be opened on a regular basis. These persons may be the earliest known member of a particular family or they may be somebody with an interesting or well documented history currently under research.

To find these records, it is easy enough to open the window which locates persons by record number or names. However, this does involve some effort of remembering which record is required, clicking the relevant option in Ezitree, typing in a person's last then first names, then finally opening the required window. In Ezitree, there is a 'bookmark' option whereby a list of records may be stored for easy access.
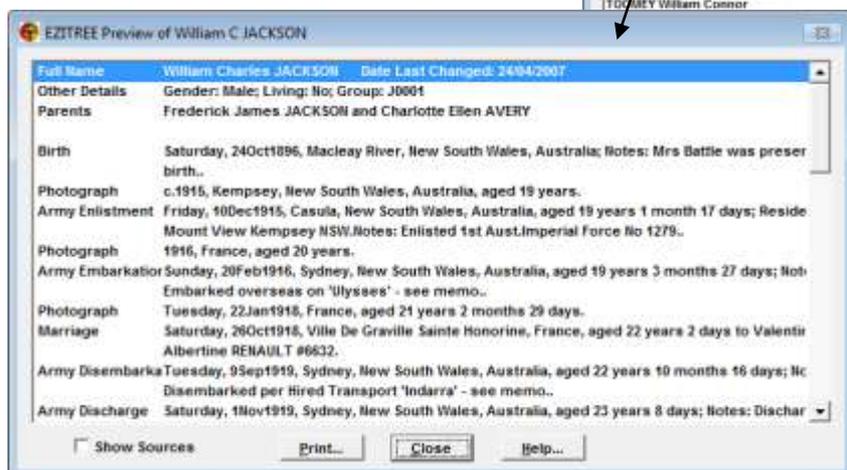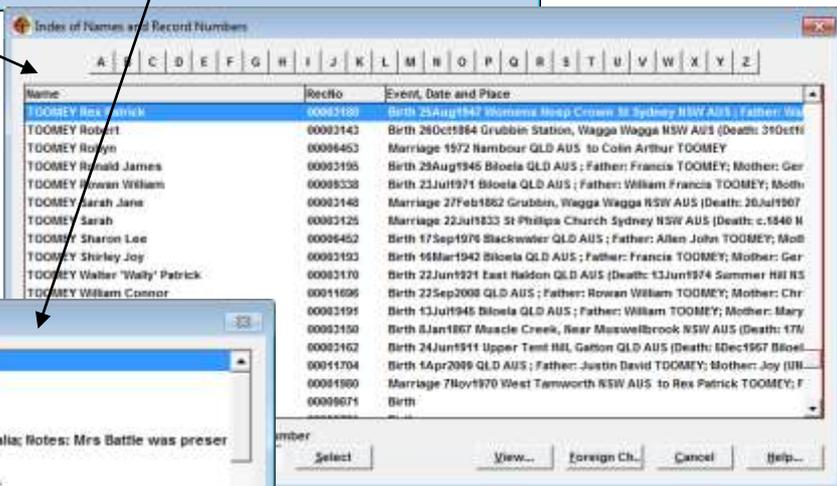
To open the Ezitree Bookmark window, click the 'Select' menu option, then the 'Bookmark' item. The Ezitree Bookmark window is opened showing a list of records in the list box. Alternatively, the window may be opened by clicking the Bookmark option in the Ezitree toolbar.

From this window, a record may be opened by a single click in the list box followed by the [Select] button being clicked. A faster method is to double click the required person in the list box. Because records across all data files may be stored in the Bookmark window, the records from other files may be opened this way which makes this a very simple way to navigate across different data files.

To add a new record to the Bookmark list, click the [Add] button. This will open the Select a Record by Name or Record Number window from where the desired person may be selected.

Click the [Remove] button to delete a record from the Bookmarked list.

If the required record is in the current data file, clicking the [View] button will open Preview window where more information about the record in the selection list may be viewed. This may assist in determining if that is the correct person to [Select].