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Meetings: 1st Tuesday each month at the branch rooms, *Moturoa Shopping Centre*.
Access from the Whiteley St car park.

Branch Library is open free to all members and to visitors for a small charge.

Library Hours: Monday 10am to 3pm; Wednesday 12 noon to 3pm;
Friday & Saturday 10am to 12 noon.

Next meeting: Tuesday 6th February: 6.30pm. Historic Walk around New Plymouth.

Walkers will need to gather outside Puke Ariki (main entrance) by 6.20 pm in order to start the first groups at 6.30. The other groups will probably leave at 5-minute intervals after that. The walk will take approximately 2 hours and, as there are some hills to climb, sensible shoes are required. The hill can be bypassed by anyone who can't manage hills very well. An umbrella may be useful - it is Taranaki - also a drink and/or a snack, if you feel you may need sustenance on the way!

Charge: \$5 per walker.

The branch library will be open for research by other members from 7pm.

Coming up:

- **March:** 6th March: *UK Trips and Research:* John Pickering & Michael Butler
24th: *Peter Nash:* NZSG resource and research meeting (replaces April meeting)
25th: NZSG Regional Meeting

News: Welcome to our new member: *John Elliott*

A course for beginners in genealogy is to be presented by committee members beginning on 26th February. This course has been generated from interest arising from the family exhibition at Puke Ariki.

The course is fully subscribed at present, so if there is sufficient interest a further course will be run later in the year.

Stratford Branch NZSG

You are invited to the Branch's 20th Birthday celebration!!!!!!!!!!!!



To celebrate the occasion, we are going to meet for a **Birthday** lunch

- Saturday 24 February 2007
 - Metro Café, Pioneer Village at 1pm
- and we are inviting you to join us for the afternoon.

The Metro Café menu will be available. Cost of your meal plus tea/coffee will be about \$15.00

RSVP to Carol Spragg c.spragg@xtra.co.nz
Ph 06 765 0465 by 10 February 2007

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Computer Group

The Computer Group meets at the branch rooms on the **third Sunday of each month**, excluding December and January at 1.30pm. There is a \$2.00 door charge.

All welcome.

Convenor: John Berntsen; **Secretary:** Bruce Bellini



Library news

The *NZ Burial Locator* is a directory containing over 1 million names. Its purpose is to assist in the location of a burial or death generally in New Zealand, but includes some that occurred overseas. This CD Rom is now available in the branch library.



It is not a complete transcription giving full details of the burial, but points the researcher to a source or sources which should have more detail.

Subs are now due!!

- Forms for payment are available from the branch website at <http://www.genealogynp.com>
- If you have any problems with this please contact Lea at Ph. 758 0130 or bellini@clear.net.nz

NZSG CONFERENCE

- to be held in Wellington over Queens Birthday Weekend 2007.

Have you registered yet? If you wish to take advantage of the 'early bird' fee you must register by 28 February.



Daily fees are offered, should you be unable to attend all three days. The two conference dinners are an optional extra. You can order packed lunches.

If you are not yet an NZSG member you can still attend the conference.

Download the conference registration form on the website at www.genealogy.org.nz

A list of all the diseases which struck England and may have been the cause of your relation's death.

Original source - "Encyclopedia of Plague and Pestilence"

1732-33, 1742-43, 1762, 1767, 1775-76, 1782 influenza
1751-53 smallpox
1788-89 influenza
1796 smallpox
1803 influenza
1816-19 typhus, smallpox
1825-26 smallpox
1830 influenza
1832 cholera
1833, 1836-37 influenza
1837-38 typhus
1837-40 smallpox
1847-48 typhus, influenza
1848-49, 1853-54, 1865-66 cholera
1871-72 smallpox
1899-1902 British typhoid epidemic in the Boer War
1901-02 smallpox

Contributed by John Berntsen

NZSG news

Library Catalogue

We are pleased to announce that the library catalogue is up and running again. We are once more looking forward to receiving members' requests to borrow items from the library and thank you for your patience in this matter.



Useful websites

Historic passenger lists of ships go online – details at Yahoo News
http://news.yahoo.com/s/nm/20070110/wr_nm/britain_passengers_dc

‘People looking to track ancestors who emigrated from British ports will from Wednesday be able to search online passenger lists of the ships that carried them to new lands.

Released by Britain's National Archives, the passenger manifests give an insight into all long-distance trips made by 30 million travelers from the country's ports between 1890 and 1960, including that of the Titanic which sank in 1912.

The records, available via commercial Web site ‘findmypast.com’ which was licensed by The National Archives, also show the passages of trans-European migrants.’

This new site is to be found at: <http://www.ancestorsonboard.com>

Note: ‘findmypast.com’ replaces the old ‘1837online’ at <http://www.findmypast.com/>

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The National Archives released the following press release at
<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/documents/13dec2006.pdf>

‘The Society of Genealogists met with TNA on 13 December and was delighted to learn that the effect of the decision means that The National Archives must supply SOME information from the 1911 in response to Freedom of Information (FOI) requests. Family Historians and other searchers will be able, from 17 January 2007, to pay for searches in the census from the TNA paid research service at a cost of £45 per address search. Sensitive information will be redacted (i.e. blacked out) from the census information given to the recipient.

Note that until the census is fully digitised searches can only be made using addresses and not surnames. Hence searches must be made using the special online census search request forms that will be made available on TNA’s web site in January.

See the 1911 FAQ <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/help/1911census/faq-foi.htm> for more information on making a search request. The Census will not be made available in microform nor will public access be allowed to the original returns.

TNA is developing a digitised online 1911 service and is speeding up the process. It hopes that a limited online search facility will be ready in 2009 with some key sensitive information (such as infirmity or mental condition) withheld until the release of the full census in 2012.

Genealogists will no doubt find the online search facility quicker, cheaper and easier to use than the paid search requests and will probably wait until the full index is available in 2009.’

Contributed by Michael Butler

*Contributions from members are always welcome for this newsletter.
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