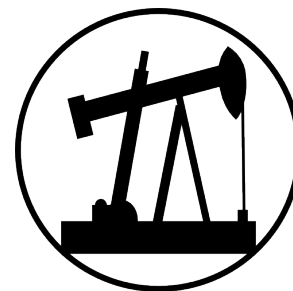




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Branch Newsletter



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Branch Library: Open free to members. A small charge to visitors.
Opening Hours: Monday: 10am to 3pm
 Wednesday: 12 noon to 3pm
 Saturday: 10am to 12 noon
Computer Group: every third Sunday every 2nd month at 1:30pm at the Branch Rooms
 Open to everyone - \$2 door charge. Convenor – Bruce Bellini

New to our Library

Still Building, by Willie Still

This book is an autobiography of Taranaki construction tycoon Willie Still. Published in 2011, this book covers a lot of history of the New Plymouth area over the second half of the twentieth century.

Your Family History

The branch has purchased a subscription to this UK magazine. Be sure to look through the copy at the rooms.



Any new books or magazines will be displayed in the rooms until the next branch meeting, after which they will be available for loan to members.

Next meeting: 7:30 pm Tuesday 3 April 2012

Genealogy Techniques

At the April branch meeting, Ian Handricks will present a talk on various techniques for genealogy research. This will include research techniques, book construction, publishing and presentation, sourcing of images and photograph restoration, DNA research, creative heritage publishing and some personal experiences in genealogy.

Ian has more than 40 years experience working on genealogy. His personal family tree has over 4 million names fully researched and Ian has published over 80 hard bound full colour books of family history. Over the last 15 years, he has given numerous talks on these subjects and others for interest groups throughout New Zealand. Ian also teaches genealogy, research techniques, photoshop and photo restoration methods.

www.ianhandricks.com

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Meetings: 7:30 pm, first Tuesday each month at branch rooms, Moturoa Shopping Centre access off Whiteley Street carpark

Email: newplymouth@genealogy.org.nz
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Last Meeting: New Plymouth Pioneers

At last month's meeting, Phyl Haarer spoke on her SMART family who immigrated to New Plymouth on the *Blenheim*.

Mr James Smart, a gentleman farmer from England, announced at the dinner table one night that they were moving to New Zealand. He paid 500 pounds for tickets for his whole family, the married children and servants, They expected to be going to an established settlement. But after suffering a horrendous, long journey they were horrified to be carried ashore by "naked natives" wearing grass skirts and to find no houses only rapu huts built along Ngamotu beach. The servants on landing in New Plymouth scarpered, never to be seen again. The 500 pounds was finally reimbursed after many attempts to get it back. The family settled on a farm on what is still called Smart Road today. Mr James Smart was killed when he was moving a house and it fell on him. Mr and Mrs Smart, her daughter Mary by her first marriage and husband Major Robert Parris are all buried in St Mary's Churchyard.

James Whitmore (1788-1819) and Mary Wills (1795-1871)

Daughter; Mary Whitmore (1814-1906)
She married Robert R Parris in 1838.

Children;

Mary Agnes (1839-1935) married 1859 Robert C Hamerton

Sarah Ann (1841-1885) 1865 Thomas E Hamerton

Ellen Orley (1844-1913) 1873 Edward T Morshead

Emma Jane (1846-1921) 1868 Henry R Richmond

William James (1848-1893) 1889 Dora L Booth

John (1855-1855)

James Pickford Smart (1792-1863) married
1819 Mary Whitmore (Wills) (1795-1871)

Children;

Sarah Wills (1817-1915) married 1848 Henry J Hardington

Elizabeth (1825-1902) 1845 Roger S Low

Ann (1819--) 1841 William D Murch

Anna Maria (1829-1910) 1849 Edwin Davy

Jane (1834-1928) never married

William JW (1838-1912) 1866 Mary Rossiter

Future Meetings

The next branch meeting will be our AGM, at 7:30 pm on Tuesday 1 May 2012. Following the AGM, Charles Le Breton will present a light hearted look at one name study.

For the June meeting, we plan a bring & tell evening.

42nd Annual General Meeting

The 2012 Annual General Meeting of the New Plymouth branch of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists will be held at 7:30pm on Tuesday 1 May 2012.

Your branch needs more volunteers to serve on the committee. This is a great chance to participate more with other branch members. It is not a big commitment, so please give it your serious consideration.

Please refer to the attached notice.

Swainson / Woods Photograph Collection

The Swainson / Woods Photograph Collection is a valuable set of historical photographs from the Taranaki region. These are rather old and in various states, some are in good condition and some are not.

Puke Ariki is undertaking a major conservation project to preserve these historical photographs. Stage 3 will make digital copies of the negatives available and searchable on line. This will make them fully accessible to the public.

Funding for this work is provided in the NPDC, draft Long Term Plan which is currently out for public submission.

Having these photographs available online will be a great resource for genealogists researching the Taranaki area. If you support NPDC funding this work, you may wish to make a submission on the draft Long Term Plan. Details are available on the NPDC website and submissions close 30 April 2012.

www.newplymouthnz.com



New Member

Warm welcome to Gail Tanner who has recently rejoined the branch.

Donated Books

Phyl Haarer has kindly donated some books to our branch library. These are *My Ancestor was in the British Army* and *My Ancestor was a Free Mason*. Phyl has also donated several Founder Society magazines and others.

These generous donations are greatly appreciated by the branch.

Tomb of English People

Some years ago, Duncan Balmer presented a talk to our branch based on his book, *The Whole Earth is the Tomb of English People*. This book explains that in every corner of the globe, you find something that was originally from England. This includes legal system, political system, mechanical inventions, methods for navigation and many more.

This book is now available in electronic format, so you can download and read it on a Kindle (apparently there is software available so you can read it on a computer). The ebook costs US\$3 and can be purchased from Amazon.

www.amazon.com

Dunedin Family History Group

The Dunedin Family History Group has recently celebrated its fourth anniversary.

The group covers all things genealogical and historical in Otago and Southland. Membership is free and there are 12 newsletters each year.

www.dunedinfamilyhistory.co.nz

Library News

Magazines received;

Memories (Apr/May)

Family Tree (March)

Your Family History (March)



Newsletters received;

Blenheim, Canterbury, Otaki, South Canterbury, Wellington

Southern England and East Anglia interest group

Computer Group

The next computer group meeting is at 1:30 pm, Sunday 20 May 2012, at the branch rooms.



Newsletter

If you have any comments or suggestions for the newsletter, please contact Peter Hewett at peter.hewett@gmail.com.



THE NEW PLYMOUTH BRANCH OF THE
NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY OF
GENEALOGISTS INC.

NOTICE of the 42nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

7:30PM TUESDAY 1ST MAY 2012

TO THE MEMBERS

THIRTY DAYS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE 42ND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE NEW PLYMOUTH BRANCH OF THE NEW ZEALAND GENEALOGY SOCIETY WILL BE HELD IN THE BRANCH ROOMS, MOTUROA, NEW PLYMOUTH AT 7.30PM ON 1ST MAY 2012.

Please note that proposing and seconding of nominations and voting on the election of Branch committee members is restricted to only Society members who are also members of the Branch.

Branch members wishing to move a Motion at the AGM shall provide a written copy to the Secretary prior to the meeting day.

Items on the AGENDA include:-

Confirmation of the Minutes of the 41st AGM held on 3rd May 2011.

Receipt of the Convener's Annual Report for the Year ended 31 March 2012.

Treasurer's Financial Report and Adoption of the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2012 reviewed by Lial Bredin, CA, the Independent Reviewer.

Appointment of an Independent Financial Reviewer for the ensuing year.

Setting of the Annual subscriptions and Meeting attendance door charge for the year ending on 31 March 2013.

Election of Branch Committee including Convener, Secretary, Treasurer and two or more other members.

Notices of Motion.

Presentation of Service Awards (if they have arrived)

General Business.

Closure of the AGM.

Presentation by Charles Le Breton, Light hearted look at One Name Study.

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SECRETARY
29TH March 2012