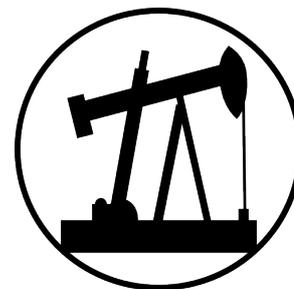




# NZSG New Plymouth Branch Newsletter



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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

## Christmas 2012

For our branch Christmas function this year, dinner will be at Fitzroy Golf Club on 25 November 2012. Cost is \$25.

We will be assembling at the bar around 6pm and sit down to dinner at 6:30pm. If you wish to attend please put your name on the list at the rooms, and pay the librarian on duty your money, or alternately you could post your confirmation of attendance along with a cheque for \$25 to

P O Box 429,  
New Plymouth, 4340.

Confirmation of attendance is needed by 17 November.



Next meeting: 7:30 pm Tuesday 6 Nov 2012

## Publishing Research

At our November meeting, Tui Stonnell will be talking about her family history research, leading to her publishing a book about her husband's mother.

Tui has written about eight novels and biographies, though not all have been published. These include several stories for young adults and some for children. She has her own publishing house since no publisher was interested in her books (historical novels are certainly not in the genres they were looking for). The books are in most high school and public libraries throughout New Zealand. Her most recent books are the Kaipara Trilogy and now, just published, *Lucie, the story of Mendl Creative Dance*.

Tui teaches computer to the elderly, and also takes classes for meditation and delivers on-line classes for healing.

**Convenor:**  
**Secretary:** Fay Eaton 751 1045  
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**Meetings:** 7:30 pm, first Tuesday each month at branch rooms, Moturoa Shopping Centre access off Whiteley Street carpark

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## Last Meeting: Where were they?

At the October meeting, Syd Beale spoke on the topic *Where were they* based on the fact that some ancestors were hard to find on the British Censuses.

Syd started work on his family history about 1996 and recalled going to the LDS Church in Mangorei Road to use the Family History Centre (FHC) records and fiche and film readers. Initially there were no computer facilities for family research.

British Censuses for 1841 to 1911 are now on line with Ancestry.com and other pay to view sites (and it is great that we now have access at Puke Ariki). A few sites such as familysearch and FreeCen have some free census records.

Syd reminded us that the census records show:

- The address (from 1851)
- The person is alive – have not seen a census with a dead person listed
- age
- marital status
- occupation
- neighbours
- in some years the politically incorrect distinction: blind, deaf, imbecile

Syd gave an overview of his father's side of the family back to Daniel Beale born in 1815. He showed his father's birth certificates – an original in 1911 and the 1930 copy made for the Unemployment Insurance Act – assume father needed this for work.

Syd trolled through the 1881 census fiche for the three counties of Birmingham without finding his Beale family. Finally the family was found recorded as BEADLE in the 1891 census. It was not a transcription error.

This was the first major lesson that the spelling may change and in this case it would appear to be due to a misunderstanding. Did Syd's great-grandfather have a speech impediment?

It is important to check the neighbours on the census records. On the 1901 census, Syd's great grandfather and grandfather were living in St Mark's Street, Birmingham. Living next door with a yard in between was Syd's future grandmother. Syd also showed us photographs typical of the housing and the courtyard.

Daniel Beale, born in 1815, also had several other children. Charles Daniel Beale and his sister, Matilda, were both located on the 1881 census, but there was no trace on the 1891 census and the search was on to locate them.

Charles Daniel married Augusta in 1883 and Matilda married Enos HYDE also in 1883. The siblings each had a child in 1883 after quite short pregnancies! There were no records of deaths in Birmingham and still no record on the 1891 census.

Whilst looking in the Aberdeen Society library in 2003 Syd found an index in a book of Records of Bounty Ships to Australia. The siblings were both found listed in the book as sailing from Plymouth to Sydney in 1883 on a sailing ship called the Dharwar. There was a film of the ship's register and Syd was able to find some of the details of the voyage. The history of Bounty ships and the reasons for the Government to encourage people to emigrate can easily be searched online.

Following up NSW records online, Syd wrote to Tweed Head's Historical Society and found that the president was a relative descended from Charles Daniel! She sent several photographs and Syd showed a studio photo of the young family taken in 1888.

So what happened to Matilda HYDE? The ship's register stated that she had a child on board that died and was buried at sea.

Check all facts and records. In reality Matilda had a boy in Birmingham in September 1883 and in 1891 he was living with an aunt. The father Enos HYDE was living in Newcastle on Tyne with a young daughter. It was found that Matilda died in Newcastle in 1890 so missed the census. Who sailed on the Dharwar, under the name HYDE?!

Now Syd introduced Frederick DEWICK, his mother's great grandfather born in 1828. He was found on 1841 and 1871 censuses. Again the 1881 census did not appear to have a record of Frederick and his family. The names of Frederick's wife and children, however, had been established from a family bible held by a cousin.

On checking the 1901 census, a son, Ernest, was found age 21 so he should have been on the 1881 census. Celia looked for Ernest, age 2, on the 1881 census CD-ROM and found the



family under the name of BUTTON! Syd then searched for BUTTON and DEWICK and pieced together the life and occupations of the man. In 1861 he had both names on the enumerator sheet with the word "alias" between the names. He appeared to use both names as he wished.

It appears that this man was serving in the East India Company in 1851. Professional researchers did not find Frederick DEWICK but as William BUTTON, he was discharged with pension in 1856.

Frederick Dewick had married Elizabeth in 1847 and no trace of her in 1851 or a death in UK has yet been found. Frederick then married Sarah, Syd's ancestor, in 1859. Frederick DEWICK died in 1905 and a short obituary was found in the local newspaper.

Syd finished with an emphasis on patience to add to the research guides of why, what, when, where, how and who.

Annette Larsen

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### December Meeting

It is proposed to hold a branch meeting on Tuesday 4 December, subject to confirmation at the next meeting. (In December, we usually just have the Christmas dinner, but this year it is in November.)

The topic is old photos of bearded ancestors; with members to bring along an old photo or two to show.



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### Members Interests

The branch web site has [a page](#) listing members' research interests. The idea is that other people researching the same families can get in touch.

But the web site page is way out of date and is going to be refreshed. If you would like to advise your research interests on the page, please tell Judy Berntsen or Peter Hewett.

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### Open Day 27 October 2012

The Open Day was very well attended with around 60 people turning up, which resulted in 5 new members. Jan Gow, Sharyn Guthrie, and Michael Butler all gave us entertaining talks.

Thank you to all the ladies who helped with morning & afternoon teas, washed and dried dishes, showed prospective members around the library and manned the registration desk. I also wish to thank Annette who did the introduction which I was too lazy to do.

John Berntsen

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### Computer Group Anniversary

The New Plymouth computer group celebrated its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary on 27 & 28 October.

An open day was held on the Saturday, with talks by Jan Gow, Michael Butler and Sharyn Guthrie. Links and material from these talks are available from the [branch website](#).

The anniversary dinner was held on the Saturday evening, with a ceremonial cutting of the cake!

On Sunday, Murray Evans, Bruce Bellini and Jan Gow made presentations covering some historical and modern aspects of computing for genealogy.

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### Regional Meeting

The next regional meeting will be held at 10:30 am on Saturday 10 November at Community House, 52 Juliet St, Stratford. NZSG members are welcome to attend. Please bring a plate for shared lunch.

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### Christmas Break

The branch rooms will be closed over the Christmas / New Year period.

Last day for 2012: Saturday 15 December

First day for 2013: Monday 21 January



## Book Review

Seven Daughters of Eve,  
by Bryan Sykes

This review follows my previous one on *Adam's Curse* (although the subject was published first). Also the earlier talk by Ian Handricks about genealogy and how DNA can help with family research. *The Seven Daughters of Eve* is about the female line (mitochondria or mDNA) rather than the male Y Chromosome.

As the title suggests, the central theme is about how the author came to his conclusion relating to our female ancestors. Essentially most Europeans through DNA can trace their hereditary back to one of seven women – Ursula, Xenia, Helena, Velda, Tara, Katrine and Jasmine. These women did not all live at the same time or place but the story of each is recounted in some detail.

It discusses human evolution from Neanderthal and Cro - Magnon to Homo Sapien plus how, why and when each stage was reached. Also our progression from hunter/gatherers to modern day city dwellers aided by the domestication of animals, development and growing of crops.

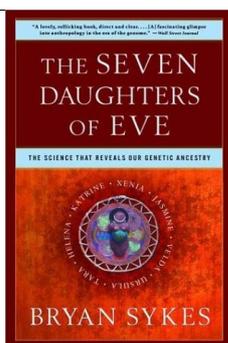
The development of reliable methods to assess DNA using early remains such as the Ice, Boxgrove, Cheddar, Peking and Java Man and how the extraction of useful samples contributed and led to all sorts of uses for this important resource are related. Interesting accounts of the work of various scientists with often opposing views and how these were reconciled or eventually discounted add greatly to the authenticity of the account.

These two books have now been donated to the library so I hope some of you will find them an interesting read. Do not expect them however to extend your genealogy experience in anyway except in the broadest context.

Charles Le Breton

## New Members

The branch warmly welcomes five new members who have joined this month. They are Kathryn Bridger, Jean Barnett, Margaret Lay, George Mason, Helen Stack and Hazel Sullivan.



## Why you are you: 2012

Kapiti Genealogy presents its 2012 production; Virtues from the Past with Dame Kate Harcourt. There will be two showings; 2pm and 7:30pm on Sunday 2 December 2012.

Dame Kate is a well known actor and broadcaster. In this show, she shares a journey through time with stories of her ancestors, her family and her life. There will be a foyer display of Dame Kate's family history and career highlights.

Tickets are \$20 and include a cuppa or glass of wine at interval. Book at the Inglewood Book Centre, phone (06) 756 7032.

More information available at;

[www.kapitigen.org](http://www.kapitigen.org)



## Library News

Magazines received;

Family History (Oct)

Family Tree (Oct, Nov)

The Genealogist (Sept/Oct)

Memories (Oct/Nov)

Newsletters received;

Blenheim, Canterbury, Hawkes Bay, Hutt Valley, Inglewood, Nelson, Otaki, Palmerston North, Porirua, Riccarton, South Canterbury, Stratford, Wairarapa, Wanganui, Wellington, Whakatane



## Computer Group

The next computer group meeting is at 1:30 pm, Sunday 9 December 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](mailto:peter.hewett@gmail.com).

