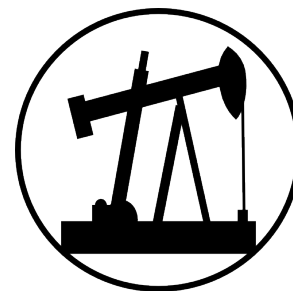




NZSG

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

Christmas Dinner



The branch Christmas dinner will be at 6:30 pm on Sunday 1 December at the Fitzroy Golf Club. This will follow a similar format to the popular 2012 dinner. The cost is \$27 a head. Check out the menu posted at the branch rooms.

RSVP by 18 November!

Please pay when making your booking on the sheet at the branch rooms. It is preferred if you can please bring your money in an envelope with your name on the outside, and hand it to Judy on meeting night.

Next meeting: 7:30 pm Tuesday 5 Nov 2013

Berridge Family

At our November meeting, Philip Duke will talk about the more recent origins of the Berridge and associated families in England, their travel to New Zealand in 1851/52 and settlement firstly at Omata and then New Plymouth.

The arrival of the Hoby family (first marriage of a Berridge in NZ) in 1852, and their settlement at Bell Block will be included as well as detailed coverage of the first three generations in New Zealand up to the 1920s and the date of death of the last of the second generation arrivals. Finally sources of information will be covered, both for English background and NZ settlement.

Please bring a plate of food for a shared supper.



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Last Meeting: PapersPast

At our October meeting, members shared items they had found PapersPast. Generally, people had to do something notable to get a mention in the newspaper, but what was published as news a century or more ago isn't the same as what we see in today's papers.

The items included several of sporting events and court cases.

An article titled *Cup vs Plate* covered a court case resulted from ladies fighting in the kitchen. It included a colourful and detailed description of how throwing crockery led to an injury.

Another article reported that a father obtained a court order on all licensed premises forbidding them to sell liquor to his son.

Other articles covered clairvoyance, unlicensed liquor production, drownings, rowing races and others.

If you are lucky enough to have one of your ancestors feature in one of the old newspapers in PapersPast, it can provide an interesting insight into their life and times.

NZSG Strategic Review 2013

The NZSG is developing a strategic plan for the next 3 – 4 years. A discussion document has been produced and was emailed to branch members on 28 October. Comments have been invited and are due with NZSG on 8 November.

If you have any comments or input to the NZSG planning process, please contact a branch committee member.

Gravestones at St Mary's

The gravestones at St Mary's cathedral are an important memorial to New Plymouth's history. However, some of the headstones are in a poor condition and (branch member) John Pickering is organising restoration efforts.

John is also seeking information on the people buried at St Mary's. If one of your ancestors is buried there, or you have some information, please get in touch with John at spick@xtra.co.nz or (06) 758 4952.

The restoration also needs funds, so all donations are gratefully received.

Convenor's Report

Well Christmas is nearly here. Have you put your names down for the Xmas dinner at the Fitzroy Golf Club? Please put your name on the list in the rooms and pay at the same time. The cost is \$27, the Golf Club Rooms open for drinks at 6pm, dinner at 6:30pm.

The committee and members pass on to May Simmers their condolences on the sad loss of her husband Alistair. They were past members of the Computer Group and also our branch.

We have just got a grant from Internal Affairs, so we are going ahead with the internet connection at the rooms. More about it when I know more.

All NZSG members will by now have received a copy of a Strategic Plan. Could you please make it easy for your committee by giving us your views on the questions asked and send them through to me at the email address provided in the email?

On 15 November at the Memorial Theatre in Hawera, Rodger Fox will be performing. See the flyer on page 4 of this newsletter. The cost is \$20 and bookings are at South Taranaki i-SITE.

This month will be our last branch meeting for the year, so could everyone please bring along a small plate of food for supper. I hope to see a good attendance at the meeting.

John Berntsen

from the Christchurch Press 14 May 1927

To have used as a doorstep the tombstone of one of the earliest and most distinguished settlers of Nelson province has been the experience of Mr T. Newman, of Brightwater, Nelson. The slab of stone, which has served this purpose for many years, was turned over the other day and was found to bear an inscription "Sacred to the memory of Richard Kindersley NEWCOMBE" now remembered as the founder of the "Newcombe" Scholarship at Nelson College. He was 53 when he died in 1865 and known to have been a resident in Nelson in 1843. After the Wairau massacre Mr Newcombe took a leading part in exercising the settlers in the use of firearms. He also took a prominent part in the trouble with the Maoris at happy Valley, Nelson, in the stormy days of 1845 and was also in the field at the time of Heke's



rebellion.

It remains a matter of conjecture how the tombstone came to be removed from the grave, except that the tomb was opened when Mrs Newcombe died in 1868. The stone has been repolished by masons and has been deposited under the care of the Bishop of Nelson in the Chapel of the Holy Evangelists, Bishopdale, Nelson.

Births, Deaths and Marriages Online

www.bdmonline.dia.govt.nz

Have you been unable to find a birth, death or marriage that you know should be on this website?

This is a great service but unfortunately there are many errors in the indexes on the site. I attended a seminar at the Family History Fair where the organizers stated that they know there are thousands of transcription errors.

It doesn't help that you can only find a registration if the name has been recorded exactly as you enter it to search.

In one example I was looking for a marriage for DANAHAY but couldn't find it online, although I knew it should be there. I found it by looking for the spouse. The bride's name had been entered as DANABAY.

In another case, the birth was recorded on the microfiche indexes as QUINLAN but again could not be found online. This time I emailed the BDM people explaining my problem. They were very helpful and quickly found the birth recorded as DUNCAN.

In both cases the BDM people were happy to check the original records and then amend the website index.

Janice Goldsworthy

Christmas Break

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

Last day for 2013 Saturday 14 December

First day for 2014 Monday 20 January

Empty Printer Cartridges

Please bring your empty printer cartridges in to the branch rooms. These can be either ink jet or laser cartridges, but **we can only use HP or Canon types of cartridges.**

These will be recycled to generate some income for the branch.



Regional Meeting

The next regional meeting will be at 10:30am on 7 December at Inglewood. Members are welcome to attend, please arrive from 10am.

Slide / Negative Scanner

The branch negative / slide scanner is available for hire to members for use at home. The cost is \$5 a week for up to two weeks.

To hire (or book) this scanner, please contact the person on duty at the rooms during normal opening hours.



Library News

Magazines received;

Genealogist (Oct)

Discover Your History (Oct)

Who do you think you are (Nov)

Tracing Family History (Scottish Special)

Newsletters received;

Blenheim, Canterbury, Hamilton, Hawkes Bay, Hutt Valley, Matamata, Nelson, Otaki, Palmerston North, Porirua, Riccarton, South Canterbury, Wairarapa, Wellington, Whanganui



Newsletter

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



FAMILY JAZZ

A story of three musical Fox generations

RODGER FOX

jazzman and trombonist, takes a trip down the memory lane of his ancestors accompanied by his jazz quintet



***Special guests:
Hawera Brass Band***

***Hawera Memorial
Theatre***

***7.30pm Friday
15 November 2013***

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