



# NZSG

## New Plymouth

### Branch Newsletter



Number 300

May 2016

**Branch Library:** Open free to members. A small charge to visitors.  
**Opening Hours:** Monday: 10 am to 12:30 pm  
 Wednesday: 12 noon to 3 pm  
 Saturday: 10 am to 12 noon

## 2016 Branch AGM

At the branch meeting on 3 May, we will be holding our annual general meeting.

Nominations are open for convenor, secretary and committee members.

The branch relies on volunteers to keep things running. We just need a few more people to join the committee. Please talk with any current committee member if you can help or have any questions.

Documents for the AGM are distributed to members with this newsletter.

- minutes of the 2015 AGM
- Convenor's report
- Treasurer's report.

Please print your own copy of these documents if you want to have a paper copy at the meeting.

The AGM will be held at 7:30 pm, followed by Michelle O'Neil's talk.

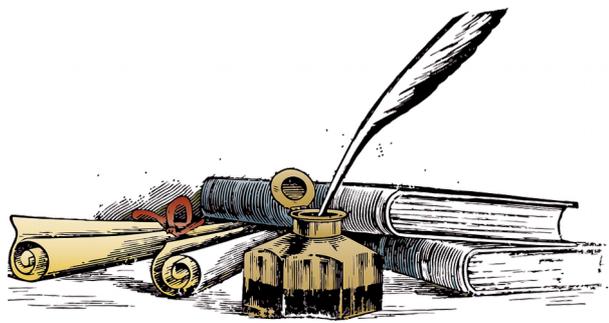
Next meeting: 7:30 pm Tuesday 3 May 2016

## Wills and Probates

Wills! How do these work? And what happens when the deceased person didn't have one?

At our May meeting, Michelle O'Neil and Trina Jury from the Public Trust Office will tell us about wills and how these are managed.

Please bring along any questions you have about family history research using wills and probates, and any general questions you have about wills.



**Convenor:** John Berntsen 753 9188  
**Secretary:** Fay Eaton 751 1045  
**Treasurer:** Neville Richards

**Committee:** Judy Berntsen  
 Jill Jackson  
 Charles Le Breton  
 Ailsa McCrone  
 Bev Mulqueen  
 Jackie Sewell

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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 Event: RootsTech 2016

[RootsTech](#) is an enormous conference about technology relating to genealogy, held at Salt Lake City in USA. This is technology meets genealogy, with thousands of people, lots of vendors and heaps of presentations about new and different technology applied to genealogy.

At our April meeting, Sharyn Guthrie talked about her trip to Salt Lake City for the 2016 conference in February.

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### DNA Workshop

Genealogy DNA specialist Gail Riddell will be here on Sunday 22 May to explain all aspects of using DNA for family history research. She has conducted a series of similar presentations at other branches around New Zealand. This session is a joint one with the Inglewood, Stratford and Hawera branches.

Date: Sunday 22 May

Time: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Cost: \$5 a head

Please bring a plate for a shared lunch.

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### Legacy Help

The next in the series of monthly informal Legacy sessions will be on Sunday 8 May 2016 at 1:30pm in the Branch Rooms. These are held regularly on the Sunday after the branch meeting.

Please contact Marilyn Armitstead for further information or if you have any questions. Phone: 7572599 or email [g.armitstead@xtra.co.nz](mailto:g.armitstead@xtra.co.nz)

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### European Research

If you have European research, check out the [GenTeam](#) website. This site has a large collection of databases and indices, mostly relating to what is now Austria and to neighbouring regions.

[www.genteam.eu](http://www.genteam.eu)

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### Printer Ink Cartridges

Do you have a HP or Canon printer?

Some unused printer cartridges have been donated to the branch. These are available for a donation.



- 1 Canon 521 yellow
- 1 Canon BCI-24B black
- 2 Canon PG 40 black
- 1 HP C1816A photo
- 1 HP 57 colour

replacement cartridges for Canon PGI525 black  
replacement cartridges for Canon CLI526 colour

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### NZSG Postal Ballot

A new set of rules has been prepared for the NZSG. Voting on this change is by postal ballot, and NZSG members will have received their voting papers with the Autumn 2016 edition of *The Genealogist*. Completed voting forms are due back to the Returning Officers by 4pm, Friday 20 May 2016.

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### Recognise anyone?

This is a photo of some NCOs of the 2nd Battalion of the NZ Rifle Brigade - "The Dinks".



At the centre of the back row is Sgt. Charlie Webster, son of WD Webster of Fulford Street New Plymouth. But who are the others?

If you can recognise anyone, please let Judy Berntsen know.



## Library Roster: May

Monday 10 am to 12:30 pm  
Wednesday 12 noon to 3 pm  
Saturday 10 am to 12 noon

Mon 2 Charles Le Breton  
Tues 3 Branch meeting 7:30pm – AGM  
Wed 4 Jill Jackson  
Sat 7 Karen Crowe  
Mon 9 Ann Brophy  
Wed 11 Elly Harrison  
Sat 14 Mike Merrick  
Mon 16 Ailsa McCrone  
Wed 18 Neville Richards  
Sat 21 Lea and/or Bruce Bellini  
Mon 23 Lorraine Austin  
Wed 25 Judy Berntsen  
Sat 28 Marilyn Armistead  
Mon 30 Annette Larsen  
Tues 31 Committee Meeting

For those new to genealogy and/or want help knocking down those brick walls, this is an excellent time and place to have our experts help you. Our helpers can show you what is available in the library and how to go about finding what you are looking for.

## Branch Projects

Our branch projects team can always do with some more members to help with transcribing and indexing of historical records. If you are able to help, please contact Loraine (753 4069) or Pat George (757 5434).

## Donations

The branch gratefully acknowledges Ann Evans' donation to our library of four boxes of genealogy related books.

## 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.



## FindMyPast Discount

The FindMyPast website offers a \$70 discount for NZSG members renewing their annual subscriptions. To get this discount;

1. ensure that your FMP account is not set to automatically renew your subscription
2. ensure that your FMP subscription has expired
3. enter the code NZSG2015 when paying the next annual subscription.

## Library News

Magazines received;

Family Tree (May)

Memories (April / May)

Genealogist (April)

Who Do You Think You Are (May)

Newsletters received;

Canterbury, Dunedin, Hawke's Bay, Kapiti, Nelson, Otaki, Palmerston North, Riccarton, South Canterbury, Stratford, Tauranga, Wairarapa, Wellington



## 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).

