



NZSG New Plymouth Branch Newsletter



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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

Family History Month

August is family history month across New Zealand. This year, NZSG is celebrating 50 years since it started in 1967.

In New Plymouth, we have these activities planned.

- Wed 9 Aug branch meeting, talk on DNA by Michelle Patient
- Sat 12 Aug open day
- Tue 15 Aug NZSG 50th anniversary lunch



Next meeting: 7:30 pm Tuesday 4 July 2017

The Boneless Boy

Tracking ancestors can be difficult at the best of times, and even more so if they move around. Come along to hear Ann Evans talk about her research challenge! He had Irish parents and was born in Australia, where he joined the circus.

After travelling with the circus around Australia and New Zealand, he then went to USA, and then back to Australia and NZ. He had an amazing life and met some very interesting people.



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Last Event: Genealogy Library Update

At our June meeting Marilyn Armitstead, who looks after our library, spoke to us about our genealogy library and changes that are being made.

Marilyn, with the help of a small group of helpers, looks after our library in a very professional way. A library qualification and her background in computer data management means that she does a thorough job.

We have not got as much space as we once had, and thus some reorganisation has had to take place. Duplicate, outdated and other material that doesn't meet the new policy guidelines has been removed.

Library catalogue and TBI – Marilyn aims to have a record on the library computer for everything that is in the rooms. The entries on the two databases are at present being linked.

There has been a physical rearrangement too of our collection. Material has been grouped in logical sets where possible.

Marilyn outlined some of the special material in our collection. There will also soon be a glass case collection for special books and, in some cases, fragile material.

Attention was drawn to Ann Evans generous donation of a number of books from her personal genealogy library. These are all able to be taken out, and cover a huge range of topics. Hopefully our members will explore this area and make good use of the material.

Marilyn mentioned our library catalogue which is available on [our web page](#). (CTRL F) gives one the ability to search the 42 pages of the catalogue. Also mentioned were the Puke Ariki library catalogue and the NZSG Research Centre catalogue. Two National Library websites were mentioned: [Papers Past](#) and the index to NZ magazines and newspapers: [innz.natlib.govt.nz](#).

Other websites mentioned were: [www.nzetc.org](#) (Full text books) and [nzresearch.org.nz](#) (Recent research from NZ institutions).

Thank you, Marilyn, and helpers, for all the effort put into making our genealogy library one to be proud of! Our projects and indexing are ongoing.

Annette Larsen

Convenor's Report

Well this week we have buried the ghost of the last Americas Cup disaster! Well done Team New Zealand! This brings back memories of the 1995 challenge when Black Magic defeated Young America on 13 May 1995. On that day Lea and I, together with several other members of our branch, attended the NZSG conference "130 Years of Central Government in Wellington" at the CIT in Upper Hutt and we remember that day well. The last race brought to a halt the lecture we were attending at the time. It is the only time we can remember a session stopping. Great cheers and jubiliations!

Your Committee is delighted to announce that as part of Family History Month, Michelle Patient will be presenting a workshop on Wednesday 9 August from 10am to 4pm at our branch rooms. The subject is "DNA and Family History". Are you wondering if DNA testing will help you in your genealogy research or have you recently received your results and aren't sure what to do next? Then this seminar day is for you! Michelle will explore this new genealogy tool, show how the evidence provided can be an essential addition to everyone's genealogy toolbox.

The programme will be as follows:

- An introduction to DNA
- Morning tea
- What the results look like
- Lunch
- First steps in analysis
- Afternoon tea
- Useful tools and techniques

Morning and afternoon tea will be provided. But you will need to make your own arrangements for lunch. The kitchen facilities are available. The entry cost will be \$10, and we hope there will be a raffle of a DNA kit.

Bruce Bellini
Branch Convenor

Thank you

Thank you to Helen Stack for donating a large number of new A4 envelopes. Our library team will be delighted.



Legacy Help

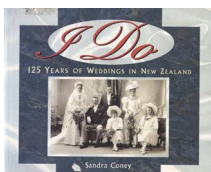
The next in Marilyn's series of Legacy sessions will be on Sunday 9 July 2017 at 1:30pm in the Branch Rooms. Future meetings are planned for every second month; 10 September and 12 November.

Please note that there is a \$2 door charge.

Please contact Marilyn Armitstead for further information or if you have any questions. Phone: 757 2599 or email g.armitstead@xtra.co.nz

I Do. 125 Years of Weddings in New Zealand

This 1995 book by Sandra Coney is in the Ann Evans collection and a useful addition to our library.



The book traces the wedding through photographs depicting styles and changes and reflecting an era. It is very readable and the author looks at trends and traditions, the origin of rituals, the fashions and social climate of each era which are mirrored in the photographs. Over those 125 years society has changed greatly.

It is a useful book for trying to date old wedding photos that you might have in your keeping. Deciding the decade for a photo may help you work out who the people are in it, or at least eliminate who it isn't.

Annette Larsen

Computer Group Meeting

The genealogy computer group held a meeting in the branch rooms on Sunday 18 June.

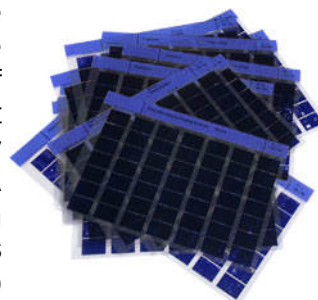
After checking Bruce's aircraft photos, we discussed converting Family Tree Maker files from an obsolete version.



The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday 20 August. For any enquiries, please contact Peter Hewett or Bruce Bellini.

Microfiche Acquisition

Although microfiche are no longer the dominant source of genealogical data that they used to be, they are still very useful. A lot of the information held on microfiche has not made its way onto the internet.



The branch is delighted to announce that it has received another 115 sets, amounting to 1021 fiche due to the generosity of Ann Evans (whom you may recall donated a large number of books to us). These fiche cover a range of countries and a range of topics. Attached to this newsletter is a list of these new items.

In our branch library, we now have 523 sets, totalling 16,090 microfiche. A full catalogue is available in the rooms and on our branch website. These don't just relate to Taranaki or New Zealand but a big proportion of the Western world. Have a look, you may be surprised what you might find for your research!

Sentenced to Death

"A parish in Yorkshire had records in their burial index for living people that the rector believed to be 'spiritually dead', for reasons such as talking through the service or being discovered displaying a little too much affection on a rare late-evening inspection of the church!"

found in a Tunbridge Wells Family History Society Journal

(I saw the following on a display board near Lyell in the South Island! Lyell is a ghost town now but was a thriving centre of gold-mining in the old days.)

"After a death in Lyell, there would be drinks in a hotel before the coffin was carried up the hill to the cemetery. The track was uneven and often the coffin and its contents would drop into the creek and empty its contents. The journey would restart once the contents were replaced in the coffin."

submitted by Annette Larsen



Library Roster: July

Monday 10 am to 12:30 pm
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Sat 1 Karen Crowe
Mon 3 Annette Larsen
Tues 4 Branch meeting, 7:30pm, Ann Evans on a famous circus performer ancestor.
Wed 5 Jill Jackson
Sat 8 Elly Harrison
Mon 10 Charles Le Breton
Wed 12 Ailsa McCrone
Sat 15 Lea / Bruce Bellini
Mon 17 Lorraine Austin
Wed 19 Neville Richards
Sat 22 Charles Le Breton
Mon 24 Ann Brophy
Tues 25 Committee meeting
Wed 26 Ailsa McCrone
Sat 29 Mike Merrick

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.

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.



A4 Envelopes Please

If you have any used A4 envelopes, please consider donating these to the branch library. They are used for filing library materials.

Library News

Magazines received;
Family Tree (June/July)
Genealogist (June)
Who do you think you are (July)



Newsletters received;
Canterbury, Feilding, Hutt Valley, Nelson, Otaki, Palmerston North, Papakura, Papamoa, Riccarton, South Canterbury, Southland, South Waikato, Stratford, Wairarapa, Wellington, Whanganui

If you would like an email copy of newsletters from another branch, please contact Peter Hewett. Many of the newsletters are also available from the NZSG website.

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Newsletter

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



New Plymouth Branch NZSG – Microfiche added to collection, June 2017

Country	Description	Dates covered	No of fiche
AUS	Tasmania Tombstone & Memorial Inscriptions Tasmania		26
AUS	Tasmania Cornelian Bay Cemetery Hobart		7
AUS	Queensland Irish & Cornish Immigration Moreton Bay, Queensland 1848-59	1848-1859	2
AUS	NSW, Index to Passengers into the Port of Newcastle	1865-1881	2
AUS	NSW Kiama Independent BDM, Obit	1863-1919	1
AUS	NSW Barrier Miner Business Directory	1891	2
AUS	NSW Barrier Miner Business Directory Broken Hill	1892	2
AUS	NSW Border Post Almanac	1878, 1898, 1908	3
AUS	NSW Bradshaws Almanac & General Guide	1864	2
AUS	NSW Bradshaws Almanac	1869	1
AUS	NSW The Directory for the town of Bathurst NSW	1862	1
AUS	NSW The Gazetteer of NSW	1866	5
AUS	NSW Harris Town & Country Guide to NSW	1884	2
AUS	NSW Pastoral Possessions of NSW	1889	5
AUS	NSW Sands NSW	1889-90	13
AUS	NSW Parliamentary Returns of Landowners	1885	8
AUS	NSW Slaters Directory	1858-59	
AUS	NSW Supreme Court of NSW Probate Index	1800-1982	167
AUS	Victoria Teachers	1880-81	1
AUS	Victoria Old Melbourne Cemetery	1837-1922	7
AUS	Victoria Geelong St. Augustine Orphanage	1867-1878	2
AUS	Victoria Cyclopedia of Victoria	1903-05	24
AUS	Victoria Port Phillip Gov. Gazette	1843-51	58
AUS	Victoria Index to Victorian Railway Employees of the 19th C.	19th C.	7
AUS	Victoria South Bourke and Mornington Journal, Genealogical References	1877-1900	2
AUS	Victoria Bailliere'e Victorian Directory	1868-81	49
AUS	Victoria Passengers from Overseas to Port Phillip pre 1852	pre 1852	6
AUS	Victoria Ballarat new Cemetery Register		6
AUS	Victoria Ballarat old Cemetery Register		3
AUS	Victoria Ballarat Cremation Register		2
AUS	Victoria The Old Melbourne Cemetery	1866-1917	2
AUS	Victoria Alberton Cemetery	1862-1990	3
AUS	Victoria Cheltenham Cemetery		12
AUS	Victoria Public Servants Victoria	1884	1
AUS	Immigrants from Hamburg to Australia	1860-69	2
S.A.	Boer War List around Pretoria	1900	1
SCO	McKirdy Index Clackmannon Deaths	1855-75	5
SCO	McKirdy Index Kinross Deaths	1855-75	2
SCO	McKirdy Index Sutherland Deaths	1855-75	5

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SCO	McKirdy Index Lanark Deaths	1855-1857	28
SCO	McKirdy Index Bute Deaths 1855 – 1875	1855-75	12
SCO	John Tait's Directory for Glasgow and District	1783	1
IRL	Laois, Meath, Carlow, Offaly, Kerry – Tithe Defaulters	1831	1
IRL	Donegal Death Index		3
IRL	Lewis's Topographical Dictionary of Ireland		13
IRL	Directory of Ireland 1868	1868	12
IRL	Ireland – Alphabetical Townland Index	1861	8
IRL	Ireland Townland Maps – Co. Down		2
IRL	Ireland – Index to Irish Wills Vol. 1	1909	2
IRL	Antrim - Bassets 1888 Antrim Directory	1888	4
IRL	Dublin Shaws 1850 Directory	1850	4
ENG	Northumberland UA Ritson & Sons Ltd, Roll of Honour WW1	1914-18	1
ENG	Northumberland Memorial & Record European War Pease & Partners	1914-18	1
ENG	Northumberland Newcastle Index to Newcastle Quarter Sessions	1818-55, 1867-1876	16
ENG	Northumberland Monumental Inscriptions - Newcastle - Gosforth, Longbenion, Newburn, Newcastle (A) Convent/Good Shepherd, (B) St. Ann's, (C) St. Pauls & Wallsend		1
ENG	Northumberland Slaters Directory	1854	1
ENG	Wiltshire Poll	1772	2
ENG	London City of London Burials	1813-53	3
ENG	London The London Herald - index to BDMs and bankrupts	1805	2
ENG	London St. Bartholomew the Less, Burial	1547-1848	5
ENG	London St. Bartholomew the Less, Baptism	1547-1894	5
ENG	London St. Bartholomew the Less, Marriages 1547 – 1837, Banns 1754 – 1941	1547-1941	5
ENG	London Index to the bank of England Will Extracts	1807-45	6
ENG	London County Council War Service	1914-18	2
ENG	Middlesex Southall News and Norwood Advertiser	1885-88	8
ENG	Dorsetshire Pigots Directory	1830	1
ENG	Dorset Directory of Dorset	1867	4
ENG	Dorset Poll Book	1807	2
ENG	Dorset Wills Proved in the PCC	1821-58	2
ENG	Nottinghamshire Directory of Nottinghamshire (North)	1868	1
ENG	Hampshire 1830 Pigots Directory	1830	2
ENG	Hampshire Slaters Directory	1852	1
ENG	Hampshire Directory of Hampshire	1859	4
ENG	Hampshire - Isle of Wight	1859	1
ENG	Hampshire - Southampton Owners of Land	1873	1
ENG	Suffolk Pigots Directory	1830	1
ENG	Suffolk Directory of Suffolk	1844	5
ENG	Suffolk Directory of Suffolk	1896	8

Country	Description	Dates covered	No of fiche
ENG	Cambridgeshire Directory of Cambridgeshire	1839	2
ENG	Cambridgeshire – 1851 Gazetteer and Directory	1851	5
ENG	Leistershire Directory Leistershire		2
ENG	Lancashire Directory of Lancashire		6
ENG	Lincolnshire History Gazetteer and Directory Lincolnshire		6
ENG	Shropshire History Gazetteer and Directory of Shropshire		5
ENG	Somerset Pigots Directory 1830 Somersetshire	1830	2
ENG	Warwickshire Directory of Warwickshire and Birmingham		8
ENG	Staffordshire History Gazetteer and Directory of Staffordshire		5
ENG	Warwickshire 1830 Pigots Directory	1830	2
ENG	Lancashire Preston, St. Saviours with St. James Memorial Stone		3
ENG	General - The British Army in Australia 1788 – 1870	1788-1870	2
WALES	North Wales – Slaters Directory 1858-59	1858-59	1
WALES	South Wales – Slaters Directory 1858-59	1858-59	1
ENG	Lancashire 1830 Pigots Directory	1830	5
NZ	Early Auckland Marriages from 1848 Volume 1	from 1848	2
NZ	Otago and part Southland, New Zealand Presbyterian Marriages at Knox College, Dunedin	1848 - 1920	11
NZ	Otago/Southland - Index to Groom & Brides Catholic	1855 - 1920	4
NZ	Otago/Southland - Index to Groom & Brides Anglican	1841 - 1920	5
NZ	Sacramental Registers Panmure Roman Catholic Registers		1
NZ	Sacramental Registers Howick Roman Catholic Registers		1
NZ	Tuckett Index of Hutt Valley cemetery Records		2
NZ	Old Colonists Jubilee Reunion, Auckland	1842 - 92	1
NZ	NZ Electoral Rolls	1853-64	14
NZ	NZ Electoral Rolls	1865-66	6
NZ	NZ Electoral Rolls	1869-70	9
NZ	NZ Electoral Rolls	1871-72	9
NZ	NZ Electoral Rolls	1874-75	11
NZ	NZ Electoral Rolls	1894	39
NZ	NZ Electoral Rolls	1899	53
NZ	NZ Electoral Rolls	1928	136
ENG	England - General - Honour the Light Brigade: An index to the book By William H Lummis & Kenneth G Wynn		1
NZ	Chronicals of the NZEF	1916 - 1919	22
NZ	Index to New Zealanders who served in other Forces during World War 1		2
ENG	Dorsetshire 39th Dorsetshire Reg. of Foot		3
ENG	England - General - East India Co List 1821		2
ENG	England - General - East India Co List 1831		2