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Meetings: 1st Tuesday each month at the branch rooms, *Moturoa Shopping Centre*.
 Access from the Whiteley St car park.

The Branch Library is open free to all members and to visitors for a small charge.

Library Hours: Monday 10am to 3pm; Wednesday 12 noon to 3pm;
 Friday & Saturday 10am to 12 noon.

Please note: Library is only open to **12pm** on Monday 5th June (Holiday)

Next meeting:

June 6th 7.30pm.:

Bill Irving will speak on - '**Historical Directories - The Yellow Pages of Victorian Life**'



Trade and commercial directories are an untapped major source of information about Victorian and Edwardian Britain. These are the earliest examples of routine listing of people who were not gentry, did not own land but belonged to the professions, owned a business, were local government officials or master tradesmen, and who would probably be called the middle classes.

Thus we have an untapped source of names and address that are not linked to the census or other government records, and provide information about our ancestors' lives that are available from no other source.

Coming up:

- **July:** NZ Society of Genealogists Conference report
- **August:** Genealogical Gems from members.
- **September:** To be decided
- **October:** Peter Nash, Executive Officer NZSG

News: Welcome to new members: Heather & Robert Tudor

May meeting:

About 30 people took advantage of the chance to visit the New Plymouth LDS Family History Centre in Mangorei Rd. It was an informal time and a chance not only to see the resources held there, but a time to talk to each other about our genealogy problems and successes.

The Family History Centre holds many microfiche and films, including the St Cath's Index --BDMs up to 1920. Also the " Ancestry. com " site proved very popular. It includes online census images for 1841 through to 1901 inclusive.

Many also found things of personal interest in the books and folders on display.

Thank you Judy Berntsen and Sid Beale for organising and helping make it such a good evening.

A very small number chose to go to our Moturoa rooms on the night to do research.

Library news

Don't forget to check out the genealogy books on offer at Puke Ariki. Here are three of the most recent titles I have discovered.



My ancestor was a bastard: a family historian's guide to sources for illegitimacy in England and Wales/ Ruth Paley.
(Puke Ariki has other titles in this series)

The Genealogists Internet / Peter Christian.
3rd expanded edition

Find your family on the Internet : a New Zealand Guide / Ros Henry
Reviewed in the New Zealand Genealogist, May/Jun 2006

If you are an NZSG Member there are great resources available to you from the Family Research Centre in Auckland. You can check the Library Catalogue through the NZSG web page.

Newsletters received from Canterbury, Stratford, Nelson,, Wairarapa, Blenheim , Matamata and Wellington branches.

Marilyn Armitstead - Librarian

Computer Group

The Computer Group meets at the branch rooms on the **third Sunday of each month**, excluding December and January at 1.30pm. There is a \$2.00 door charge. All welcome.

Convenor: John Berntsen; **Secretary:** Bruce Bellini; **Treasurer:** Lorraine Austin

Projects

Contact **Marilyn Reid** - Phone 758 6930, if you can help in any way with indexing or checking. There are several projects on-going where help is needed. You don't have to be an expert typist – just careful and keen!



FAMILY HISTORY CENTRE

322 Mangorei Rd
Phone 06 758 9646

PLEASE NOTE NEW TIMES

Hours: Tuesday/Thursday 9am –12.40pm; Wednesday 1pm – 3pm;
Saturday 1pm - 4pm *Except* when closed THIRD SATURDAY each month
Closed evenings



Internet & related sources

There is a lot of activity on this list as it is “2006 YEAR OF THE WAR BRIDE”
WARBRIDES-L@rootsweb.com

Val Wood's book: *War Brides: They Followed their Hearts to New Zealand*, Random Century New Zealand, 1991, is an account of the war brides who went to New Zealand after the First and Second World Wars. Val's mother was a war bride from WW1.

Cenotaph database

The Cenotaph database contains details of more than 35,000 deceased New Zealand service personnel. Most of those men and women included died during times of active service from the South African War through to the present day, and especially including the two world wars. Find out more and search the database at:

<http://www.aucklandmuseum.com/databases/general/BasicSearch.aspx?DatasetID=251>

NZ Genealogy Interests Directory Websites –

Free websites allowing you to find others researching your surnames.

New Zealand site: www.nzgid.com.

The Australian site which is fairly new can be found at www.ausgid.com

Irish Proverb

“You’ll never plough a field by turning it over in your mind.”

Canterbury Branch Newsletter, May 2006.

FOR SALE: The New Plymouth Branch of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists Inc. and the New Plymouth Genealogy Computer Group offer for sale the following research **CD ROMs**.

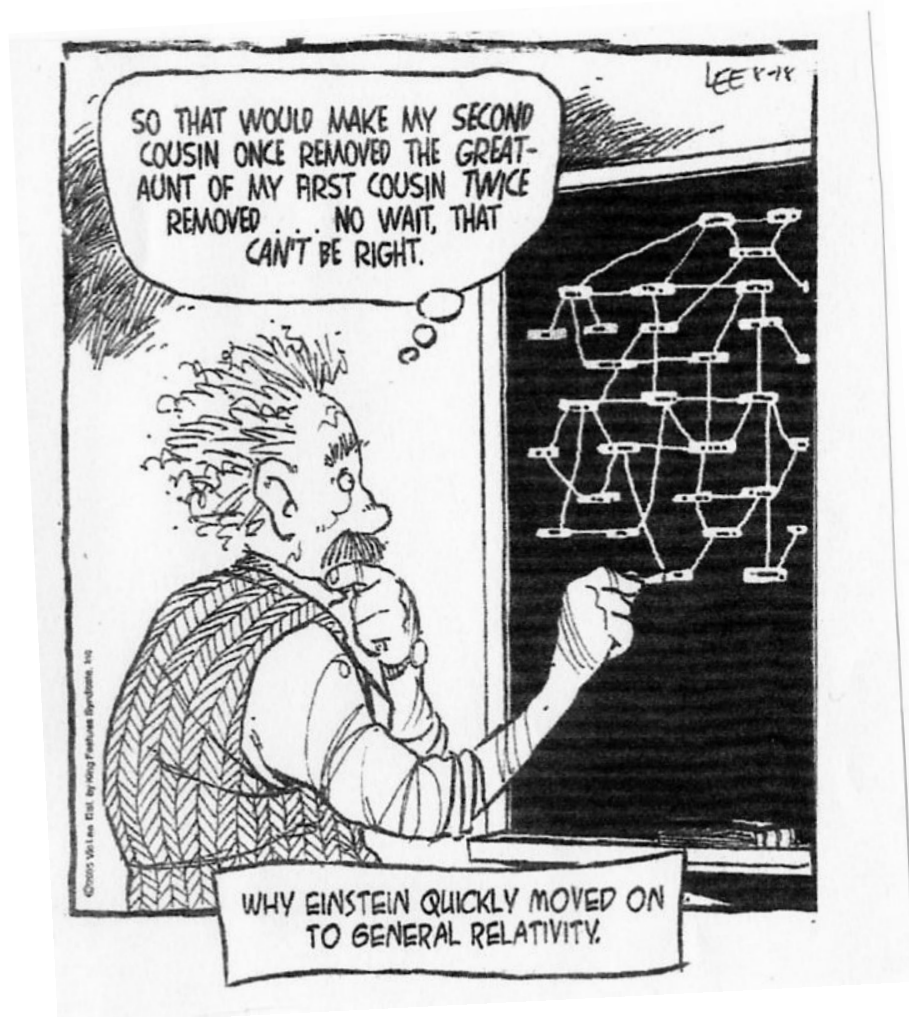
1. **Shipping Index 1852-1890** (indexes of passenger arrivals and departures from the local ports of Taranaki, New Zealand)
2. **Birth, Death and Marriage Notices 1852-1890** (indexes of BDM notices from Taranaki Herald).
3. **Early New Plymouth Land Records** (Early New Plymouth Township Land Records, Wills attached to early Crown Grants, Police Census for 1846 and 1852)

COST: \$(NZ) 15.00 per CDROM

Ordering CD ROMs:

- Please include payment with your order.
- Cheques can be made out to: New Plymouth Genealogy Branch. Postage is included for N.Z. only.
- If ordering from overseas please include \$(NZ)5.00 for the cost of postage

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Contributions from members are always welcome for this newsletter.
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