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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.

Next meeting:

- **August 1st:** ‘Genealogical Gems’ – members sharing their special genealogy stories or items.

If you have an especially interesting ancestor, a special family heirloom or a good research story, come along and share it with the group. These evenings have been interesting, informative and lot of fun in the past. This is your chance to talk about your uncle who was a pirate or how you found a whole branch of your family you didn’t know existed.

If possible, please contact our Convenor, Annette, if you plan to contribute.

Coming up:

- **September:** To be decided
- **October:** *Peter Nash*, Executive Officer NZSG, will visit to speak about the society’s resources including the NZ Gazette searchable index, which he will bring with him.
- **November:** A.G.M. & *Ray Watembach* ‘Polish Settlers of Taranaki & European Research’
- **December:** Christmas Dinner

News: Welcome to our new members: *Barry Sefton; Mr & Mrs J Skilling.*

July meeting: NZSG Conference report.

The 2006 conference of the NZSG was held at Hamilton at Queen's Birthday weekend. The theme was 'Settling the Waikato and beyond' with a particular emphasis on military history and research.

Annette and Janice who attended the conference reported to the branch meeting about what they saw and learnt at conference.

There were the usual excellent speakers, including this year Chris Pugsley- military historian, Richard Reid - Irish/Australian historian, Shauna Hicks from Victoria Archives and many others.

Highlights were the research resources brought along by Special Interest Groups like the Scottish group. There weren't enough hours in the day to make full use of all these treasures and take in all the great speakers.

The topics covered by speakers ranged from Gallipoli to Gold Mining to Setting up your own Website.

Details of the talks given and the resources named in these are available in the book of Conference Proceedings which is held in our library.

One thing which was very obvious from all the speakers and resources there was how much genealogy these days involves the use of computers and the internet.

Of special note were:

- Looking for Australian Ancestors. (On-line Archives for all states in Australia – growing every day.)
- Your Irish family and the British Parliamentary Papers. (A new resource available on-line)
- Where did my Ancestors live? Insight into the records of LINZ (Ronald Hermon)
- Archway- Archives New Zealand Online Finding Aid System.
- NZSG Cemetery Records. (Peter Nash)
- Genealogy with Pictures – Digital photography for genealogists. (Keith Vautier)
- Family History Resources at Archives New Zealand. (Graham Langton)
- Publishing your family history on the Internet. (Peter Sim)

Conference next year is in Wellington. This promises to be a special conference as it will celebrate the 40th birthday of the Society.

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.

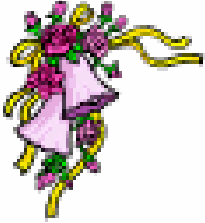


Convenor: John Berntsen; **Secretary:** Bruce Bellini; **Treasurer:** Lorraine Austin

Genealogical Puzzle

Answer to last month's puzzle - *married 1949, died 1992. , born 1922, married 1950, died 1990.*
From the Irish Interest Group newsletter June 2006.

Marriage Announcement with a Difference!



On the 21st ultimo, by the Rev. Mr. Snooks, grandfather of the bride,
Mr. **William David Smith**, Chimney Sweep, only son of John William Smith, Esq.,
formerly Principal Crossing Sweeper in London, President of the Shoe Black Society,
and

Vice President of the Anti-Poking Your Nose into other People's Business Society,
now holding a Government Appointment in Norfolk Island, having left his Country
for his Country's good,

to Miss **Anastasia Leonora Robinson**, second daughter of Phoebe Robinson, wife of John Robinson,
Green Grocer and General Carrier, late of St. Giles, London-all of the South.

[Source: Wellington Independent, 4/10/1862, page 3, column 1.]

Contributed by Judy Bernsten

Internet sources

New Plymouth Burial database -Cemetery Search

Online cemetery search is now available to locate the burial records of people buried in New Plymouth District - Includes the Crematorium

www.newplymouthnz.com/AtoZOfCouncilServices/CemeteriesAndCrematorium

FAMILY HISTORY CENTRE NEWS

The centre has a new director: Reg Williams. Good news for genealogists. Reg will be carrying on the great work done by his late wife Midge.

Hours: Tuesday/Thursday 9am –12.pm; Wednesday 1pm – 3pm;
Saturday 1pm - 4pm *Except* when closed THIRD SATURDAY each month

Closed evenings

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Doing research on the Web is like using a library assembled piecemeal by pack rats and vandalized nightly. - Roger Ebert

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Library news

Newsletters from outside New Zealand

If you explore the library shelves below the books you will find newsletters and magazines from outside New Zealand.



The bad news is that many of them are quite old, but of course you will find articles of interest. The good news is some members are now placing recent issues of their own copies in the library.

Some of the titles we have so far are:

- Midlands and North West News (NZSG)
- North East England Interest Group (NZSG)
- Southern England Interest Group (NZSG)
- Suffolk Roots - Suffolk FHS
- Oxfordshire Family Historian - Oxfordshire FHS

Newsletters received this month from Stratford, Blenheim, Canterbury, Nelson, Hawkes Bay, Wairarapa, Wellington NZSG branches and Eltham Historical Society.

Found on an East Dalhousie tombstone, Nova Scotia, the following:

Here lies Ezekial Aikle
Age 102
The Good Die Young



From the Scottish Interest Group NZSG newsletter

Contributions from members are always welcome for this newsletter.
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