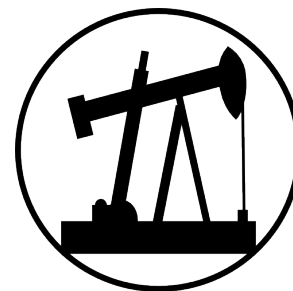




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New Plymouth

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Branch Library: Open free to members. A small charge to visitors.
Opening Hours: Monday: 10am to 3pm (but not open Easter Monday, 1 April)
 Wednesday: 12 noon to 3pm
 Saturday: 10am to 12 noon

AGM

Next month, we will hold the branch Annual General Meeting (that is; at 7:30pm on Tuesday 7 May 2013).

Your branch needs more volunteers to serve on the committee. This is a great chance participate more with other branch members. It is not a big commitment, so please give it your serious consideration.

Formal notice of the AGM is attached to this newsletter.

Next meeting: 7:30 pm Tuesday 2 Apr 2013

Dicky Noodles

It is unlikely that anyone who is interested in genealogy or New Zealand history will not have read the *Life and Death* column in the Daily News on Tuesdays, or the occasional Saturday feature on early Taranaki and its pioneers written by Graeme Duckett.

At our April meeting, he will describe his search for the origins of a notable local character known as Dicky Noodles. Not his real name but the one he was known by.

Starting with only the assumed name, Graeme pursued his search to uncover the true identity and life story of Dicky Noodles. The search ranged throughout New Zealand, the world and particularly Norway, tracking down family members who had no idea where Dicky went. Sadly the journey ended at an unmarked grave in the paupers' area of Te Henui cemetery.

Graeme's work has led to the production of a 300 page manuscript which ends with an exciting development which nobody could have envisaged.

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

Committee: Judy Berntsen
 Anne Brophy
 Margaret Gregory
 Charles Le Breton
 Ailsa McCrone
 Bev Mulqueen

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Meetings: 7:30 pm, first Tuesday each month at branch rooms, Moturoa Shopping Centre access off Whiteley Street carpark

Email: newplymouth@genealogy.org.nz
Website: www.genealogynp.com

Last Meeting: Press Display & Slide Scanner

At our March branch meeting, Charles Le Breton described the Press Display facility provided by Puke Ariki. This gives access to current editions of over 2000 newspapers around the world. It also has previous editions going back a month or two.

Bev Mulqueen demonstrated the use of the branch slide scanner. This is available for members to hire so they can scan their slides at home.

Projects

Several projects are being undertaken by some of our branch members.

The Photo News are currently being indexed.

These are well under way with over half already completed.

The Envelope Collection is also being added to on a monthly basis.

1999 Newspaper BDMs have also recently been finalised. There are still some BDMs requiring indexing so if you are able to assist, please contact Marilyn Reid (06) 758 6930.

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 at present.

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



From the acting Convenor

We have this month got two 4 drawer filing cabinets for Marilyn Reid to use for her filing. These two cost us morning tea for the staff at the old power station. Thank you to Peter for letting us know about the cabinets and Fay for viewing them and arranging for them to be delivered.

The last two month's meetings have gone off well, with good turnouts. Thanks to all who helped make these two meetings a success. Our May meeting will be the AGM. We have a speaker from Puke Ariki. We will be asking for some more members for the committee. It is not very onerous and look forward to some new faces. We need more committee members so that when someone is away, we have enough present to make a quorum.

On the 27 April, we are holding a Pot Luck tea at our rooms and afterwards the President, Michelle Patient, and Barbara Wyley (a council member) will give a talk on the NZSG and its proposed future. So could we please have a good turnout.

We have arranged for our members to go to Puke Ariki and view the behind the scenes tour of the Swainson/Woods collection which is being held on Wednesday 24 April at 7pm. We are to meet in the foyer of the museum.

If you have not filled in your research name list or family tree please do so and send them either to Judy or Fay. You can drop them into the rooms or post them to P O Box 429, New Plymouth 4340.

John Berntsen

New Member

The branch extends a warm welcome to Sue Pritchard, who has recently joined the branch.



Puke Ariki & Swainson Woods Collection

Puke Ariki is working through the restoration and digitising of the historical photographs taken between 1923 and 1997 by Swainson's Studios and the Bernard Woods Studio. An exhibition of this collection is on display from 13 April to 28 July.

Recognising the branch's part in rescuing these old photographs, Puke Ariki is offering branch members a behind the scenes look at the collection.

This visit will be at Puke Ariki, commencing at 7:00 pm on Wednesday 24 April 2013.

President's Visit

On Saturday 27 April, our branch will host a visit by the President of NZSG, Michelle Patient.

We need two billets for two ladies, Michelle Patient and Barbara Wyley (a member of NZSG Council). If you are able to help by providing accommodation on Saturday evening, please contact John Berntsen.

Did you know?

The Reverend William Bolland who was the first vicar of St Mary's church in New Plymouth compiled a church register between 1842 and 1844 of the male population of the young settlement who professed to be Anglican. Details include the parish of their baptism and marriage and are therefore a source of information about their lives before immigration.

Although these records are now kept in Auckland, copies can be requested from St Mary's Cathedral.



Neville Richards

How many genealogical mailing list members does it take to change a light bulb?

One to change the light bulb and to post that the light bulb has been changed.

Fourteen to share similar experiences of changing light bulbs and how the light bulb could have been changed differently.

Seven to caution about the dangers of changing light bulbs.

Seven more to point out spelling/grammar errors in posts about changing light bulbs.

Five to flame the spell checkers.

Three to correct spelling/grammar flames.

Six to argue over whether it's "lightbulb" or "light bulb" ... another six to condemn those six as stupid.

Fifteen to claim experience in the lighting industry and give the correct spelling.

Nineteen to post that this group is not about light bulbs and to please take this discussion to a lightbulb (or light bulb) forum.

Eleven to defend the posting to the group saying that we all use light bulbs and therefore the posts are relevant to this group.

Thirty six to debate which method of changing light bulbs is superior, where to buy the best light bulbs, what brand of light bulbs work best for this technique and what brands are faulty.

Seven to post URLs where one can see examples of different light bulbs.

Three to post about links they found from the URLs that are relevant to this group which makes light bulbs relevant to this group.

Thirteen to link all posts to date, quote them in their entirety including all headers and signatures, and add "Me too".

Five to post to the group that they will no longer post because they cannot handle the light bulb controversy.

Four to say "didn't we go through this already a short time ago?"

Thirteen to say "do a Google search on light bulbs before posting questions about light bulbs".

Three to tell a funny story about their cat and a light bulb.

AND

One group lurker to respond to the original post 6 months from now and start it all over again



from PapersPast

JOHNNY HEKI AN IRISHMAN!

Wellington Independent, Volume II, Issue 99, 23 September 1846, Page 3

JOHNNY HEKI AN IRISHMAN!

The following appeared in the *Cork Southern Reporter*, in sober seriousness:

“We published some time since accounts which had been received from New Zealand, giving particulars of two pitched battles which had been fought between the British troops and the natives, under the command of a chief named Henie Heki. Some very curious particulars have since transpired respecting this savage (?) chief. In the first place, the *Tipperary Vindicator* positively asserts that Henie is a Tipperary man, a native of the townland of Lisbony, in the parish of Nenagh, where all his family reside. He was originally a private in the 5th Dragoon Guards, but having been harshly treated, he deserted, and was adopted chief and general by the natives, to the daughter of whose king he is married.”

After this, we presume, Tomati Waka will hail for Dublin. We have yet to learn what part of Ireland claims Rau-paraha and Rangihaeata, or what regiment they deserted from!

Oamaru Cemetery Records

The cemetery records for the Oamaru Cemetery and Oamaru Lawn Cemetery are now available on line. The records can be searched at the Waitaki District Council website.

www.waitaki.govt.nz/services/SitePages/CemeteriesSearch.aspx

Funeral Service Sheets

The branch is compiling a collection of funeral service sheets. Any donations of these for the collection are most appreciated.

The collection is available for research at the branch rooms.

Members' Interests

The page of members' interests on the branch website has been updated. This is a good way to learn of other people who are researching the same ancestors.

www.genealogynp.com/members.html

Library News

Magazines received;

Your Family History (Mar Apr)

Family Tree (Apr)

Memories (Apr May)

Newsletters received;

Blenheim, Canterbury, Hutt Valley, Otaki, Palmerston North, Nelson, Riccarton, Stratford, Wairarapa, Wanganui, Wellington



Newsletter

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



THE NEW PLYMOUTH BRANCH OF THE
NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY OF
GENEALOGISTS INC.

NOTICE of the 43RD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

7.30PM TUESDAY 7TH MAY 2013

TO THE MEMBERS

THIRTY DAYS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE 43RD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE NEW PLYMOUTH BRANCH OF THE NEW ZEALAND GENEALOGY SOCIETY WILL BE HELD IN THE BRANCH ROOMS, MOTUROA, NEW PLYMOUTH AT 7.30PM ON 7TH MAY 2013.

Please note that proposing and seconding of nominations and voting on the election of Branch committee members is restricted to only Society members who are also members of the Branch.

Branch members wishing to move a Motion at the AGM shall provide a written copy to the Secretary prior to the meeting day.

Items on the AGENDA include:-

Confirmation of the Minutes of the 42nd AGM held on 1st May 2012
Receipt of the Convener's Annual Report for the Year ended 31st March 2013.
Treasurer's Financial Report and Adoption of the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2013 reviewed by Malcolm Potts, the Independent Reviewer.
Appointment of an Independent Financial Reviewer for the ensuing year.
Setting of the Annual subscriptions and Meeting attendance door charge for the year ending on 31st March 2014.
Election of Branch Committee including Convener, Secretary, Treasurer and two or more other members.
Notices of Motion.
Presentation of Service Awards (if they have arrived)
General Business.
Closure of the AGM.
Presentation by Mike Gooch, Puke Ariki.

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SECRETARY
26th March 2013