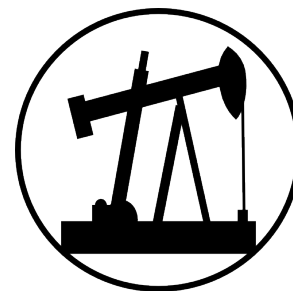




NZSG New Plymouth Branch Newsletter



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Branch Library: Open free to members. A small charge to visitors.
Opening Hours: Monday: 10am to 3pm (but closed on Labour Day, 28 October)
 Wednesday: 12 noon to 3pm
 Saturday: 10am to 12 noon

Christmas Dinner



The branch Christmas dinner will be at 6:30 pm on Sunday 1 December at the Fitzroy Golf Club. This will follow a similar format to the popular 2012 dinner. The cost is \$27 a head. Check out the menu posted at the branch rooms.

RSVP by 18 November!

Please pay when making your booking on the sheet at the branch rooms.

Next meeting: 7:30 pm Tuesday 1 Oct 2013

PAPERSPAST

[PapersPast](#) is the on-line collection of historical New Zealand newspapers, provided by the National Library. It is a great resource for anyone researching New Zealand history.

Some of the old newspaper articles can be quite interesting or amusing.

So please bring along your favourite clippings from PapersPast to share at our October branch meeting. And be there to hear what unusual and funny stories others have found in these old newspapers.

Taranaki



Herald.

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Last Meeting: Double Feature

Fro our September meeting, we had two topics presented. Margaret Gregory discussed some coincidences from her research, and Karen Crowe and Sharyn Guthrie provided an overview of the 2013 Family History Fair.

Family History Fair

The NZSG Family History Fair was in Auckland from 2 to 4 August 2013. Despite a massive fail with the internet connection at the Vodafone Events Centre, the fair provided lots of interesting and useful stuff for genealogists.

Guest speaker Jo Appleby from the University of Leicester talked about the recent research work on Richard III, and the discovery of his grave under a carpark.

The First World War Centenary Programme is preparing for the centenary of WW1. There is lots on the website, and input from the public is invited.

ww100.govt.nz

FamilySearch has a popular set of questions to help prompt people to record their history.

familysearch.org/blog/en/52-questions-52-weeks

Coincidences

The subject for my talk at the September meeting was "Coincidences".

About 20 years ago, I was clearing out my parents' house. On the wall in their lounge was a large framed photo of a gentleman. He was not related to my family as I remembered as a child my dad had referred to the photo of his best friend that died in WW2.

There was no name or date on the back of the photo so just had to go on my memory. I had left the area 50 years ago but I knew the gentleman's brother had died many years ago. The brother had 2 daughters but the surname was of no use to me as I presumed both daughters had married. One night a surname came to me so I spent all one afternoon at the genealogy rooms going through electoral rolls. Sure enough a name and address seemed feasible so I wrote a letter. Not long after I

received a phone call and sure enough all the details seemed correct. The photo was subsequently returned to them. The family were delighted and thanked me for rehoming the photo. I was so delighted, it could have easily been thrown out.

Another incident recently was that I was working with a colleague and we started talking about the area that we grew up in which happened to be in the same farming valley. She had left as a small child but other family members remained farming in the area. I had only known my colleague by her married name so there was no reference to the family that were still farming.

Over a period of a week we had exchanged many notes and history books of the area and discussed names that we both knew, I learned that I had known her cousin for many years as he had married my cousin.

Margaret Gregory

November Meeting:

At our November branch meeting, Phillip Duke will be talking about the Berridge family. This meeting is on Tuesday 5 November 2013.

New Members

The branch extends a warm welcome to our new members; Jill McKillop, Denise Duke and Judy Lander.

Family History Fair 2015

The next NZSG Family History Fair will be held at the Vodafone Events Centre, Auckland in June 2015.

This is the same venue as 2013, but the internet connection will be fixed for the 2015 fair. The NZSG AGM will be held in conjunction with the fair.



Convenor's Report

Last month's meeting was very interesting with a talk by Margaret Gregory on coincidences, and Karen Crowe & Sharyn Guthrie talking about the Family History Fair held in Auckland. The next Family History Fair is again to be held in June 2015 at the Vodafone Events Centre and it is going to incorporate the AGM. Next year's AGM is to be held in Wellington at the Wellington Girls College up the road from the National Archives and National Library, very handy for research.

We have bought 2 new CDs; 5 Electoral Rolls and WW1 updated rolls.

Also our subscription to Your Family History has changed to Discover Your History and we also have subscribed to "Who do you think you are".

You will notice we have changed our subject for Tuesday's meeting, due to Neville Richards being unavailable to give his talk. It has been postponed until next year sometime.

We have 2 books for sale: Research Notebook and a How to do Research. These would suit our beginners and the price is: Notebook \$8.00, Research Book \$17.00, but if you buy the 2 it is only \$20.00. Please be in and help our funds. Application form on table at the rooms.

Also bookings are now being taken for our Christmas Dinner which is being held on 1 December at the Fitzroy Golf Club, price \$27 per head. Drinks from 6pm, eat at 6:30pm. Money to be paid by 18 November.

We would like to see a good turnout this year. Last year was very enjoyable and we all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves, so lets make this year one to remember.

John Berntsen

Migrants to New Plymouth

The Auckland University publishes the New Zealand Journal of History, containing academic papers on New Zealand history. This is available on line.

www.nzjh.auckland.ac.nz

A paper that may be of interest is *Migrants to New Plymouth 1840-1843* by Raewyn Dalziel.

www.nzjh.auckland.ac.nz/docs/1991/NZJH_25_2_04.pdf

This is Woodville

Joan McIntyre has written this book with the history of the 81 original town sections of Woodville. It is indexed with the names of people known to be associated with these sections.

The book costs \$69 plus \$7 P&P, and is available from kj.mcintyre@xtra.co.nz.

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.



Slide / Negative Scanner

The branch negative / slide scanner is available for hire to members for use at home. The cost is \$5 a week for up to two weeks.

To hire (or book) this scanner, please contact the person on duty at the rooms during normal opening hours.



Library News

Magazines received;

Family Tree (Sept, Oct)

Discover Your History (Sept)

Memories (Oct/Nov)

Newsletters received;

Blenheim, Canterbury, Hutt Valley, Nelson, Otaki, Wairarapa, Wellington



Newsletter

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

