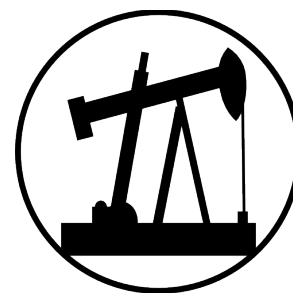




NZSG New Plymouth Branch Newsletter



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Branch Library: Open free to members. A small charge to visitors.
Opening Hours: Monday: 10am to 3pm
 Wednesday: 12 noon to 3pm
 Saturday: 10am to 12 noon (closed 13 September for regional meeting)

Christmas Raffle

The branch is running a Christmas hamper raffle this year. Members are asked to bring along a donation of non-perishable goods to each monthly branch meeting.



Next meeting: 7:30 pm Tuesday 2 Sep 2014

Internet

As a follow on from last month's theme, the September meeting will cover a number of internet resources including some paid sites. The intention is to split into several small groups so you can get a closer look at things, ask questions and hopefully have time for some actual searches. Each group will be looking at a different web site, including so please give some thought as to what may be most useful.

- FindMyPast, Marilyn Armitstead
- Ancestry.com, Sarah Knowles + 2 others if demand requires
- PapersPast, Charles Le Breton
- FamilySearch, Ailsa McCrone
- British newspapers online, Annette Larsen
- Windows snipping tool, Ailsa McCrone

If you have a suggestion or request, or would like to lead another group, please contact Charles at charlesx@xtra.co.nz or 751 2879.

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Last Event: Genealogy Websites

At the August meeting, Charles Le Breton presented a selection of websites that are useful for genealogy.

General

[Cyndi's List](#), [Roots Web](#), [GENUKI](#), [FamilySearch](#), [Ancestry](#)

New Zealand

[PapersPast](#), Puke Ariki [Taranaki Research Centre](#) and [E-Resources](#), [NZSG](#), [Famnet](#), [NZ Archives](#)

Australia

[Trove](#)

Great Britain

[British Newspaper Archive](#)

Channel Islands

[Jerripedia](#), [Donkipedia](#), [the Island wiki](#)

Military

[Commonwealth War Graves](#), [British East India](#), [St Helena Islands](#)

Others

[National Archives](#), [Historical Directories](#), [FreeBMD](#), [Federation of Family History Societies](#), [Online Parish Clerk](#), [Rootsweb](#), [Rootschat](#), [One name studies](#), [Old maps](#), [Old maps online](#), [Locating London's past](#), [Charles Booth](#), [Britain through time](#), [The Gazette](#), [The Workhouse](#), [Old Bailey online](#), [London lives](#), [Connected Histories](#), [Church of England](#), [British India Society](#), [War Graves Photographic Project](#), [British Army](#), [London's livery companies](#), [UK burials](#), [Gravestone photos](#), [Medieval Genealogy](#), [Peerage of Britain](#), [BBC history](#), [British history](#), [Family history show](#), [Mad about genealogy](#), [amemorytree](#), [genealogy-index](#), [kiwicelts](#), [Pearl's pad](#), [Ireland reaching out](#), [Orkney genealogy](#), [Presbyterian archives](#), [shadows of time](#)

These links are available on this page at the branch website.

genealogynp.com/links2014.html

Convenor's Report

I hope all your research is going well. I haven't been able to get into mine since returning from Australia.

I understand last month's programme was very interesting. It has been a blow having missed so many meetings this year.

I have just found another site; it's new to the CWGC and called Discover 14-18. It looks interesting.

You will see in the notice in this month's newsletter, we are having our Christmas Function at the Fitzroy Golf Club rooms on Tuesday 9 December, starting at 6pm for drinks and a chat, before commencing our meal. Please make a note of this date in your diaries. We look forward to having a good turnout.

John Berntsen

Convenor

Future meetings

At the October meeting, two different genealogy programmes will be demonstrated.

- Gramps with Peter Hewett
- Reunion with Neville Richards

There are many different genealogy software programmes available, and although the basics are much the same, some offer a range of different features and user interfaces.

[Reunion](#) is made to run on Apple devices (iMac, macbook, iPhone and iPad).

[Gramps](#) is an open source programme, available for Windows, mac and Linux.

NZSG Regional Meeting

The next regional meeting will be held at the New Plymouth branch rooms

Date: Saturday 13 September

Time: 10am for tea, 10:30 for meeting

NZSG members are welcome to attend. Please bring a plate for a shared lunch.



Branch Christmas Dinner

The branch Christmas dinner will be held at 6:00 pm on Tuesday 9 December 2014. This will be at the Fitzroy Golf Club, Record Street.

New Member

The branch extends a very warm welcome to Pat George, who has recently rejoined. Pat made some major contributions to the branch when she was a member a few years ago, so it is great to see her back.

TMG Discontinued

[The Master Genealogist](#) is a genealogy software programme for Windows, and was first available in 1993.

Recently, TMG author Bob Velke [announced](#) that development and support would cease at the end of 2014. The software should continue to work for users, and support may be available from other users via internet forums.

Bob Velke has released a document detailing TMG's internal file structure and will make his GenBridge conversion software available so that developers can produce software to import TMG data to other programmes. For example, [tmg2gramps](#) has been developed to convert data files for use with Gramps.



Condolences

The branch regrets to advise the three members have passed away recently.

Jocelyn Fisher

May Simmers

Richard Walsh

Photonews Requirements

As most of you will know, Marilyn Reid and her team have spent hundreds of hours indexing the Photonews Magazines that we have in the library. We now have an extra 105,000 database entries in the Taranaki Biographical Index (TBI) as a result.

If you have not tried, I highly recommend a search if you lived in New Plymouth from 1956-1981. The Catchers Magazine that has also been indexed covered a small period of 1998 as well.

Apart from being a very useful tool, it will hopefully help preserve these valuable items long into the future. Remember that the TBI is just an index so it will just refer you to the issue and page number. This means however that people do not need to go thumbing through numerous issues.

During the course of the above task however, a number of pages have been found missing while some are in very poor condition and need replacing. If you can help with the following issues or find any, please let me know – Charles Le Breton, Phone 7512879 or charlesx@xtra.co.nz

Issue Number	Date of publication
1	21-2-1956
7	8-8-1957
14	20-3-1958
24	18-12-1958
	plus pictorial supplement
27	16-4-1959
28	14-5-1959
43	4-3-1960
115	30-10-1965
118	19-2-1966
145	18-5-1968
146	15-6-1968
Vol. 17 Issue 4	18-4-1973
Vol. 18 Issue 2	19-2-1974
Vol.18 Issue 4	17-4-1974
Vol. 19 Issue 2	19-2-1975
Vol.21 Issue 1 – 12	Dec-1980
Vol. 22 Issue 12	18-2-1981



Library Roster: September

Monday 10 am to 3 pm
Wednesday 12 noon to 3 pm
Saturday 10 am to 12 noon

Mon 1 Syd Beale / Charles Le Breton
Tues 2 Branch meeting – 7:30pm We will split up into several small groups with each leader having access to paid site – e.g. Ancestry, Find my Past, British Newspaper Archives.
Wed 3 Elly Harrison
Sat 6 Mike Merrick
Mon 8 Charles Le Breton / Bev Mulqueen
Wed 10 Jill Harvey
Sat 13 NZSG regional meeting
Mon 15 Lorraine Austin / Bev Mulqueen
Wed 17 Jill Jackson
Sat 20 Lea / Bruce Bellini
Mon 22 Annette Larsen / Ailsa McCrone
Wed 24 Fay Eaton
Sat 27 Marilyn Armitstead
Mon 29 Peter Winter / Anne Brophy
Tue 30 Committee meeting 7pm

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.

Beginning Genealogy

The next session on learning genealogy will be run by Marilyn Armitstead at the branch rooms, at 1:30 pm on Sunday 7 September.

This month, the topic is searching the Legacy database and creating reports. Demonstrations will use the Legacy software.

For further information, please contact Marilyn Armitstead.

Library Donation

The branch gratefully acknowledges the recent donation by Ailsa McCrone of the book; *Surnames of Ireland*, by Edward MacLysaght, 1999.

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.



Library News

Several genealogy magazines are available from the branch library. If you are borrowing these, please return them promptly so that others can also enjoy them.



Magazines received;

Who do you think you are (summer)
Genealogist (August)

Newsletters received;

Blenheim, Canterbury, Hamilton, Hutt Valley, Nelson, Otaki, Palmerston North, Riccarton, South Canterbury, Stratford, Tauranga, Wairarapa, Wanganui, Wellington, Whangarei

Newsletter

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

