



NZSG New Plymouth Branch Newsletter



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Opening Hours: Monday: 10am to 3pm
Wednesday: 12 noon to 3pm
Saturday: 10am to 12 noon

HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYBODY

Hope you all had a great Christmas and have the New Year off to a good start.

Please note I am filling in for Peter Hewett for this month only as he and his family are away on holiday.

Kindly bear with me.

The Editor (very temporary)

Next meeting:

The next branch meeting will be held at 7:30 pm on Tuesday 3 February 2015.

David Harrop will be our guest speaker - he has researched and written a book -

'The Wanganui Maxwells: A Family History 1814-1966'.

David gained a Kevin McAnulty award at the 2013 NZSG conference for this publication.

Clearly it is a well documented story that gives a good insight into the early development of the Wanganui/ South Taranaki area and should provide a sound basis for a most informative talk. One not to be missed.

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Last Event: Christmas Dinner

A number of members and their wives enjoyed a great Christmas Dinner at the Fitzroy Golf Club.

Pity a few more were not able to partake of this most enjoyable celebration and meal but the pre-Christmas season is always a pressing one for such events. Perhaps more will be able to make it next year.

The grocery raffle was drawn during the course of the evening.

Congratulations to the three winners:

1st. Lloyd Rosewarne

2nd Ian Hay

3rd Glenys Guild

All prizes have been up-lifted.

Our group made \$197 out of this raffle and the November Christmas Cake raffle so thank you to all those who donated to the prize pool.

Reminder: Perhaps a New Year Resolution?

As stated at recent a branch meeting even if you have no intention of taking a paid membership in the likes of Ancestry.com free registration is well worth while. Apart from being able to search the indexes, full or partial access offers continue to be made periodically. Advice of new records also occurs.

Remember too monthly access fees are often available. These can be a very economical way forward if you just have a few searches to complete. Alternatively the library edition of Ancestry is available free at Pukeariki – Taranaki Research Centre.

Lost Cousins genealogy programme

One of our members - Sarah Knowles; is a member of Lost Cousins. She thought you might be interested to take a look around the site.

Just click the link below (or paste it into your browser):

<http://www.lostcousins.com/?ref=LCF581646648>

Whether experienced researcher or new to family history, it can help extend your knowledge by putting you in contact with others who share common ancestors or interests.

For anyone who has never attempted to trace their family tree, it is a great place to start! There's a free Ancestor Chart that you can download and fill in and a superb Beginners Guide. You can get these even if you don't decide to register!

Everyone, no matter how experienced, runs into a 'brick wall' eventually. If you can't find a cousin who knows the answer that's the time to ask the LostCousins buddies for help. The buddies are LostCousins members who have volunteered to help other members in their spare time.

How much does all this cost? It needn't cost you a penny - it's free to register and basic membership is also free. This includes a great newsletter.

If you decide to register, please enter the referral code LCF581646648 so that Sarah knows you've joined.

Sarah has asked us to pass on this message and highly recommends it for connecting with distant relatives who are also researching their family tree. She has found it most useful for British, Irish, Canadian and US research.

Funeral sheets

Please remember these are held by the library and can be a great source of information. More are being added all the time.

Convenor's Report

Well another year has stated. I hope you all had a relaxing time over Christmas and had a nice break.

I want to thank all the members who came to our Christmas dinner. I hope you all enjoyed yourselves.

This year NZSG will issue Kiwi Index V2 and it will be on a USB stick.

The NZSG AGM is on 27 June 2015 at the Auckland show grounds.

The Family History Fair is on 7 – 9 August at Alexandra Park, Auckland.

The District Keys are now on the NZSG website.

It is proposed that Version 3 is to be put on the NZSG website.

I hope to see you all next Tuesday night at our rooms for our first meeting of the year.

John Berntsen
Convenor

Honeyfield Property 1860s

If anyone has any information in respect of the location of property owned by the Honeyfield family in New Plymouth from the 1860s onward, please contact me. A descendant has requested this for a family reunion early next year. Thanks.

Lea Bellini
bbellini@clear.net.nz

WW1 Puke Ariki News

The programme for the WW1 commemoration in April is nearing completion and hopefully will be available for the next newsletter. One event still to be confirmed is a session on WW1 records held by the library pencilled in for 6 May 2015. This will be of interest to many of our members.

Unidentified Photo

Are you able to identify the people in this photo? It was found in a box of family photos in New Plymouth. If so, please contact Judy Berntsen.



Reminder: Franklin Family History Open Day

Saturday 14 February 2015 - Fourteen different repositories will be open on from 9am to 3pm, offering an amazing range of resources, displays and activities.

See the last newsletter for details if you are interested.

Branch rule reminders

Use of USB sticks/flash drives on branch computers - Please note that no USB sticks/flash drives are to be used. This is to avoid risk of virus infection and copyright infringement.

Library books – Please ensure you note your phone number on library cards when taking out books. All books to be returned within one month and new magazines within 2 weeks so as many people as possible can see these while they are still relatively new.

Library Roster: December / January

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

Mon 2 Charles Le Breton / Bev Mulqueen
Tues 3 Branch meeting
Wed 4 Jill Jackson
Sat 7 Mike Merrick
Mon 9 Ailsa McCrone / Syd-Cela Beale
Wed 11 Jill Harvey
Sat 14 Lea/Bruce Bellini
Mon 16 Charles Le Breton / Bev Mulqueen
Wed 18 Margaret Gregory
Sat 21 Karen Crowe
Mon 23 Lorraine Austin / Anne Brophy
Tues 24 Committee meeting 7pm
Wed 25 Judy Berntsen
Sat 28 Marilyn Armistead

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.

Remember the library is now connected to the internet so you can access the likes of Papers Past while researching your family history. It does not however provide access to paid genealogy sites.

Beginning Genealogy sessions by Marilyn Armistead

Marilyn is prepared to run some more sessions depending on demand. She will wait to gauge interest at the February Branch meeting so please let her know if you are interested.

For further information, please contact Marilyn Armitstead – Phone 7572599 or g.armistead@xtra.co.nz

CENOTAPH DATABASE

Just days ago the enhanced CENOTAPH DATABASE at the Auckland War Memorial Museum went live on:

<http://www.aucklandmuseum.com/war-memorial/online-cenotaph>

Don't expect to see all the new records and the photos that have been submitted to be up there though – they have a massive queue to work through but the work is underway.

Take the opportunity to LEAVE A POPPY at the name of your relative – you will find this at the bottom of the record.

Don't forget that Cenotaph II has the capability for you to load your own sourced information and photos.

This is a huge step forward and gives everyone the opportunity to add their own information directly and not have to send it by email and wait for the Armoury staff and volunteers to process it. We should see an explosive amount of content!!

PAPERSPAST RELEASES

In December the following additions were made:

- . Bruce Herald (1906-1920)
- . Bush Advocate (1910-1912)
- . Hot Lakes Chronicle (1895-1897)
- . Inangahua Times (1907-1919)
- . Wairarapa Age (1906-1920)

NEW SERVICE FOR NZSG MEMBERS

The District Keys for NZ Births and Deaths on microfiche are now available on the NZSG Website. Go to www.genealogy.org.nz and login as a member. Hover over the "Members Area" on the main menu, then "District Keys" on the submenu. If you are not sure how to use a District Keys please ask a NZSG member.

NZSG KIWI INDEX

The latest version of the Kiwi Index is due to be released shortly. These will be provided on USB drives and include many new records. An announcement will be made when these will be available for purchase.

A useful article courtesy National Archives

How do I preserve my family papers?

Paper preservation requires proper storage and safe handling practices. Your family documents will last longer if they are stored in a stable environment, similar to that which we find comfortable for ourselves: 60-70 degrees F; 40-50% relative humidity (RH); with clean air and good circulation. High heat and moisture accelerate the chemical processes that result in embrittlement and discoloration to the paper. Damp environments may also result in mold growth and/or be conducive to pests that might use the documents for food or nesting material. Therefore, the central part of your home provides a safer storage environment than a hot attic or damp basement.

Light is also damaging to paper, especially that which contains high proportions of ultra violet, i.e., fluorescent and natural day light. The effects of light exposure are cumulative and irreversible; they promote chemical degradation in the paper and fade inks. It is not recommended to permanently display valuable documents for this reason. Color photocopies or photographs work well as surrogates.

Family papers should be stored in appropriate sized enclosures, such as a folder, box, portfolio, etc., that will provide physical protection as well as protection from light and dust. The enclosure itself should be made of stable permanent quality materials that will not contribute to the document's deterioration. See Mary Lynn Ritzenthaler's [Preservation of Archival Records: Holdings Maintenance at the National Archives](#) for details regarding enclosure specifications, and for easy-to-follow directions on preservation handling procedures for long term storage.

Donations

The branch gratefully acknowledges the donation by Annette and Ian Larsen of several extra chairs for the library.

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

New items received since last newsletter.

Magazines received;

Memories Feb/Mar 2015

Family Tree Christmas 2014 and Jan 2015

Who do you think you are Dec 2014 and Jan, Feb 2015

The genealogist Dec 2014

Newsletters received;

Hawkes Bay, Hutt Valley, Otaki, Stratford, Wellington, Wanganui, Tauranga



Genealogy books for sale

Family history notebook \$8

Your Family's History \$15

or both for \$20

Copies available from the Librarian

Newsletter

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