



NZSG New Plymouth Branch Newsletter



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Branch Library: Open free to members. A small charge to visitors.
Opening Hours: Monday: 10 am to 12:30 pm
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Family History Month

August is New Zealand's Family History Month. Many talks, workshops, tours and research opportunities are being held by libraries, archives, museums and family history groups around the country. Check out the [NZSG website](#) for details.

We will have a family history display at the Puke Ariki library for a week from 31 July. This covers the first six ships of English settlers to New Plymouth, and passenger lists so that people can look up their ancestors.

A big thank you to Bev Mulqueen for putting this display together!

Next meeting: 7:30 pm Tuesday 2 Aug 2016

The Early English Immigrants

For family history month, and our focus will be on the first English settlers in New Plymouth. They arrived here about 175 years ago, in 1841 and 1842.

At our August meeting, Mike Gooch from Puke Ariki will be talking about these early settlers. He will also be explaining some of the resources held by Puke Ariki. These resources can be valuable if you are researching ancestors from early New Plymouth.

If you have any resources relating to these immigrant families, please bring it along to the branch meeting. This could be any old documents, information, photos, etc.

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access off Whiteley Street carpark

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Last Event: Maladies, Malaises and More

At our July meeting, Jackie Sewell explained some of the illnesses and causes of death that you might come across in family history research.

Medicine was quite different back in the 18th and 19th centuries. Some of the diseases and causes of death recorded back then go by a different name, or maybe they do not even occur much. Some less common examples of causes of death included "overjoy", and "visitation of God".

September Meeting: WW2

At the branch meeting on 6 September, Annette Larsen will be talking about some research she has done recently into an ancestor who was in the RNZAF and saw active service in WW2. He was involved in bombing raids over Germany.

Daytime Meetings

As announced at the July branch meeting, we will be holding some daytime meetings this winter. These are in addition to the regular Tuesday meetings. They probably won't be the same presentation as at the Tuesday meeting, but will be a similar topic.

Date: Sunday 21 August

Time: 1:30 pm

This meeting's topic is the first English ships to New Plymouth. We will also cover any computer or genealogy related questions you may have, so bring them along.

Branch Projects

Our branch projects team can always do with some more members to help with transcribing and indexing of historical records. If you are able to help, please contact Lorraine (751 1795) or Pat George (757 5434).

Convenor's Report

On behalf of our Branch members I would like to thank our Secretary for all the midnight oil he has been burning lately to complete the annual Charity Service Return.

Due to the amendments to the act last year, this year the return requires additional information and a separate "Performance Review" which in effect adds another six pages of information to be collected.

I wonder if all this extra work will have any benefit to the day to day workings of our Branch?

On a more positive note, you will see that we have some very interesting Guest Speakers and topics being covered in the upcoming monthly meetings, and I look forward to hearing them all.

Bruce Bellini
Branch Convenor

Epson Printer Cartridges

Do you know anyone who uses an Epson printer? Mary Boekman says that she bought a set of inks for her printer, but the wrong ones. She is selling these for \$50 (the blue one has already been opened, not used, but it may still be OK).

The type is 73N ink and photo paper pack for:

C79, C90, C110, CX3900, cx4900, CX5500, CX5900, CX6900F, CX7300, CX8300, CX9300, NX220, T20, T21, TX100, TX110, TX200, TX210, TX400, TX410, TX550W

If you are interested, contact Mary at bboekman@xtra.co.nz

Legacy Help

We're having a short break this month, and the next in Marilyn's series of Legacy sessions will be on Sunday 11 September 2016 at 1:30pm in the Branch Rooms.

Please contact Marilyn Armitstead for further information or if you have any questions. Phone: 757 2599 or email g.armitstead@xtra.co.nz



Digital newspapers in genealogy research

NZ's [paperspast](#), Australia's [Trove](#), and the [British newspaper archive](#) are favourite tools for my research. More and more old newspapers are being regularly put on these sites. Recently I returned to the Trove site and put in a name that I have entered before. To my great surprise and delight there was a new entry – a death notice. In the death notice was the inclusion of a daughter that I had never heard of. The death notice gave her married surname too.

Entering this daughter's name in findmypast, I found that the daughter had been born in New Zealand. I was puzzled as I thought her parents had never moved from Australia. Next look-up was the NZSG Index. I struck gold – this child I had never heard of was born in Hawera, of all places.

Stranger and stranger. The NZSG Index had her entered in the Sth Taranaki Birth Index, and it told me she was illegitimate and adopted by my Australian family connection. Why had Joseph and Alice come over from Victoria, Australia to Hawera to adopt a child? The next day I had a brain wave. (Don't get many of those!)

Alice's sister, Mary, was a midwife in Hawera for a few years before moving to Hawkes Bay, and, on checking the electoral roll, my theory was confirmed. Yes, Mary was in Hawera in 1912 and was running a maternity home there. Eureka!

This Australian couple had one other child, George, that I know of, and I have his death date but have never been able to find a record of George's birth. Could it be that he was adopted too and his birth name altered? Quite feasible.

I have filled out my family tree wonderfully through newspaper articles and particularly death notices. The message of this article is to revisit sites, even if you have searched them before. You never know what new material you will find. Also, in genealogy research, some lateral thinking is often rewarded.

Annette Larsen

Hurleyville 125 Jubilee

The Hurleyville school and district are holding their 125th Jubilee on 10 and 11 March 2017.

Hurleyville is on SH3 between Hawera and Patea.

The Jubilee organising committee would like to receive expressions of interests as soon as possible. They are also interested in getting copies of any old photos or stories, as a book is planned.

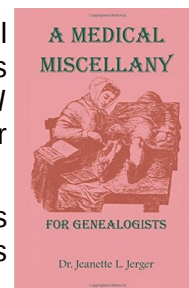
Please send an email to the committee at jubilee125@hurleyville.school.nz or Julie Ryde at julesmar@xtra.co.nz.



Donations

The branch thanks Jackie Sewell for her generous donation of this book to our library: *A Medical Miscellany for Genealogists*, Dr Jeanette Jerger, 2006.

Thank you to Neville Richards who donated the cake that was raffled at the last branch meeting.



Genealogy Links Page

The two computers at the branch rooms have been set up to show this page of genealogy links when the browser is opened.

genealogynp.com/links.html

This page is on the branch website, so anyone can access it. Just click the link above.

This is intended to be just a basic set of genealogy sites. If you think another site is better than one of the ones already there, please let Peter Hewett know.



Library Roster: August

Monday 10 am to 12:30 pm
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Mon 1 Charles Le Breton
Tue 2 Branch meeting – 7:30pm
Wed 3 Ailsa McCrone
Sat 6 Mike Merrick
Mon 8 Anne Brophy
Wed 10 Jill Jackson
Sat 13 Karen Crowe
Mon 15 Lorraine Austin
Wed 17 Judy Berntsen
Sat 20 Marilyn Armistead
Mon 22 Lea and / or Bruce Bellini
Wed 24 Elly Harrison
Sat 27 Ailsa McCrone
Mon 29 Annette Larsen
Tue 30 Committee Meeting
Wed 31 Neville Richards

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.

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.



Branch Newsletters

The newsletters of many NZSG branches are available on line. Some can be downloaded from the NZSG website while other branches have newsletters available from their own websites. Start at the NZSG web page below and click the link to the branch you want.

www.genealogy.org.nz/NZSG-Branches--Area-Contacts_55.aspx

Some branches send their newsletters to us. These are printed and kept in folders on the shelves at the back of our branch rooms.

The other newsletters can be worth reading as they often have helpful tips and good information for genealogy research.

Library News

Magazines received;

Family Tree (Aug)

Memories (Aug/Sept)

Who Do You Think You Are (Aug)



Newsletters received;

Canterbury, Dunedin, Gore, Hawke's Bay, Hutt Valley, Kapiti, Nelson, Otaki, Palmerston North, Papamoa, Porirua, Riccarton, South Waikato / Tokoroa, Stratford, Wairarapa, Wellington

Newsletter

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

