



New Plymouth Genealogy Society Incorporated

Newsletter

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	Reduce risk – Stay safe All events are under Covid-19 protection framework Society rooms are open: Monday and Saturday	<small>New Zealand Government</small>
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Merry Christmas

The interim society committee would like to wish all our members and their families a very Merry Christmas and all the very best for 2022!

The society rooms will be closed over the Christmas / new Year period.

Last day for 2021 Saturday 18 December
First day for 2022 Monday 10 January

Next meeting: 7:30pm Tuesday 7 Dec 2021

End of Year 2021

The last event of the year is an informal meeting. Our resident quizmaster will run a fun genealogy quiz, and there will be a Christmas supper.

2021 has been disruptive for everyone, so come along for this final event of the year.

Since this will be operating under the Covid traffic light system, everyone coming into the rooms must be fully vaccinated. This is to protect the health of our members and their families.

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Convenor's Report

Welcome to the first addition of the Newsletter of the newly Incorporated New Plymouth Genealogy Society Inc. Yep, that's right. We are all set up and incorporated in our own right and soon, once the paperwork is approved, we will also be a charitable entity.

I'd like to thank all my committee members for their full support in making this change happen. And, of course, you – our members – who have wholeheartedly supported our move to a stand-alone entity.

What does the separation from NZSG mean for the members of our group? Very little with change. Your membership has been transferred to the new entity. We will still have our AGM in May; our financial year stays the same. The most noticeable change will be our name.

If you are an individual member of the NZSG there is no change to that membership. We do not expect anyone to leave the NZSG just because we are no longer affiliated. We encourage you to continue your membership and support them as much as you can.

But enough of officialdom. It's Christmas soon and what better way to kick off the season than to have a celebratory get together at our rooms on Tuesday Night 7th December. I, as (apparently) the resident Quiz Master will be hosting a fun quiz with lots of goodies for prizes, and we'll have a supper of Christmas nibbles along with our tea and coffee.

Please come along and help us celebrate this huge milestone in the history of our group. We'd love to see you.

Gail Tanner
Society Convenor

Branch matters

At the Extraordinary General Meeting on 2 November, the New Plymouth branch voted to disaffiliate from the NZSG and form an independent group.

This move was to protect and preserve the family history records and services that have been built up over years by the New Plymouth group.

The New Plymouth Genealogy Society was incorporated on 18 November 2021. Now, the interim committee is working to set up all the arrangements for running the society.

News and information will be available from the society website genealogynp.com.

WILLIAM DAVID HOSIE 1919 – 1985

Seeking any relatives or descendants

Amongst the collection of books in the library, Marilyn and I rediscovered 5 photo albums. Of these, one is a beautiful wedding album which has photos and wedding invitations in it and is indexed on the Taranaki Biographical Index. It was put together by Jenny Woods and is a delight to look through. It is now residing on the shelves next to the folders of newspaper clippings. Have a look at it.

This article, however, relates to 3 other albums which appear to have been a memento of a trip that William HOSIE did in 1953. He sailed from Auckland to Liverpool on board the "Tamaroa" arriving in England on 28 May 1953. All 3 albums appear to relate to this trip. The 3 albums are very well arranged and most have captions for the photos which are mainly scenic. One photo is noted "Brian Howlett's sister and her daughter 16/06/1953". Another one is of a ship named Tamaroa. A further photo is entitled "109 Cottimore Lane". Marilyn and I googled it and found the same house which is in Walton-on-Thames.

We would like to find any relative of William. My search started with one album having "W D Hosie, Napier 1953" inside the front cover. From that I found a William D Hosie in Ancestry as a passenger on the Tamaroa. Various other records show he had family who lived in Taranaki. His father was David HOSIE and David died in 1929 in Waitara. William's mother was Amy Lake CASE and she died in Napier in 1978. He had 2 sisters, one being Ellen Jean HOSIE who married Patrick BEATTIE and had 2 children both of whom died young. Ellen died in 1988 and Patrick in 1977. William's second sister was Amy Myrtle HOSIE who married Roy Douglas FERGUSSON in 1934. He died in 1935 aged 37. I can't see that they had any children.

We don't know how these albums arrived in our rooms but we think we have had them over 20 years. Our plea is if you know where they came from or know of any relatives of William David HOSIE, please let us know. It would be lovely to share these albums with family.

Lea Bellini

Who was Manual Woodard?

In 1993, I transcribed my Nana's (Ethel Roberts nee Harris) "daily text book" which is held by a cousin of mine. This diary was bought from Clark & Co, booksellers, stationer's and fancy dealers, Milton Road, Gravesend (UK). It is in the form of a daily text book called "What saith the Master" and for each day of the year there is a quote from the bible.

It has been quite helpful in my research of Nana and Grandad Roberts's family as she has many birthdays listed – unfortunately although the day and month is shown, the year of birth is not. Nana has also noted other events, such as when her daughter, my aunty went to teacher's training college and when my father, her son, went overseas during WWII.

Anyway the reason for this article is one Manuel Woodard. Manuel's name is shown in Nana's book on August 16. For many years I have wondered who he was. I assumed that he was born on 16 August in some unknown year. In fact his surname was also unknown to me for many many years.

As time went by and resources became available online, I discovered my grandfather, Bertie Roberts had 5 brothers and sisters (I in my innocence had thought he must have been an only child as no one ever mentioned otherwise). As I do, I idly look at various sites including Ancestry for random names from time to time. From that I found that Bertie had a younger sister, Eva. Further searching found an Eva Roberts who travelled to Canada in 1912, but I was never sure that this was my relative. She was shown as a domestic aged 19. The age was right. I then found a marriage certificate on Ancestry for a marriage of Frederick James Woodard to Eveline Roberts formerly of Gravesend, in 1913. They married in Hamilton, Wentworth, Canada. Hamilton is on the shores of Lake Ontario. Eveline's parents were shown as William Roberts and Catherine Russell. That is definitely my grandfather's sister. So her birth was registered as Eva (GRO index), she travelled to Canada as Eva but married as Eveline.

That was far as I could get. I still hadn't found Manuel. That was back in 2015. Today I was looking at Ancestry hints for my father, Keith Roberts. Normally I automatically delete any hints that relate to other people's ancestry trees – why? I just do as usually they are just copies of copies of copies and I can't be bothered sorting out which one is the first. Anyway this time I looked and one of the trees was named the Riddle/ Woodard family tree. I remembered I had a bit of a Woodard mystery, so I looked at it. Aha there was a family tree for Eveline

Roberts who married Frederick James Woodard. It showed their two sons, Manuel born 16 August 1914 in Ontario, Canada and Oliver Woodard born 5 December 1917 in Surrey, UK. Attached to the family tree was a record of Manuel's birth. So now I know who the mysterious Manuel Woodard was in Nana's book. He is the nephew of my grandad and my first cousin once removed. What I find strange is that Nana has Manuel's birth in her book but not his younger Oliver who was born 3 years later in Surrey, England.

Lea Bellini

NZSG – What branch disaffiliation means

With over 4000 people who are members, the NZSG is largely funded from member subscriptions, and its services are provided to these members.



Also, there are about 60 branches and special interest groups affiliated with NZSG. These operate themselves mostly independently, and they receive no funding and little in the way of services from NZSG.

The recent NZSG financial issues have highlighted that if NZSG went into liquidation or administration, there could be a call on branch funds. Branch funds are modest, and not enough to save NZSG, but this could wipe out the branch.

So, the branch is exposed to significant risk, outside its control, while receiving little benefit from affiliation with NZSG. Considering this situation, the New Plymouth branch decided to disaffiliate and for an independent group.

It is different for individuals. We all benefit by having a strong and effective national body for genealogy. Many of our branch members are also members of NZSG, and still are members after the branch has disaffiliated.

If you aren't already a member of NZSG, please consider joining. The benefits and services available to members are listed on the [NZSG website](#) and the annual subscription is \$100 for single membership.

And if you are a member, consider supporting NZSG by buying products like the Kiwi index online, or making a donation.

Library Roster: December / January

Monday 10 am to 12:30 pm
Saturday 10 am to 12 noon

Sat 4 Dec Karen Crowe
Mon 6 Dec Charles Le Breton
Sat 11 Dec Gail Tanner
Mon 13 Dec Lorraine Austin
Sat 18 Dec Lea Bellini
Mon 10 Jan Graeme Jury
Sat 15 Jan Lea Bellini
Mon 17 Jan Annette Larsen
Sat 22 Jan Sharyn Guthrie
Mon 24 Jan Jill Jackson
Sat 29 Jan Karen Crowe
Mon 31 Jan Lorraine Austin

Covid-19 Protection Framework

The society is operating a vaccination policy under the Covid-19 traffic light system. Please follow the applicable rules.

- Stay home if you have any symptoms (dry cough, short of breath, loss of smell, etc).
- Only come to the rooms if you are fully vaccinated.
- Wash your hands and any surfaces you touch.
- Wear a face mask when at the branch rooms.
- Use the COVID-19 app with the QR code and record your name in the attendance book.
- Keep at least 1m from anyone else at the rooms.
- Bring your own pen, paper, laptop, etc.
- Please get vaccinated.



There is more information on the Covid response at the official website covid19.govt.nz.

Internet Connection

The internet connection for our branch rooms is generously sponsored by Primo.



Please consider Primo for your internet service. Ring them on 0800 123 774 or visit their website:

primo.nz

Christmas New Year Break

As usual, the branch rooms will not be open over the Christmas / New Year period.

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Access to the rooms can be arranged by appointment.

Library News

Magazines received;

Who Do You Think You Are (Oct)

Newsletters received;

Balclutha, Canterbury, Feilding, Gore, Hawera, Hutt Valley, Kapiti, Otaki, Palmerston North, Porirua, Riccarton, Wairarapa, Wellington

If you would like an email copy of newsletters from another branch, please contact Peter Hewett. Many of the newsletters are also available from the NZSG website.

www.genealogy.org.nz/branches--area-contacts_55



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