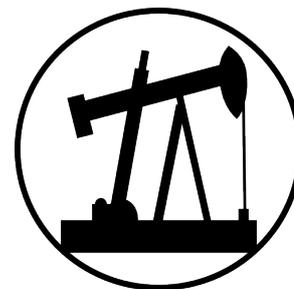




NZSG New Plymouth Branch Newsletter



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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 (library closed on 5 May for Regional Meeting)
Computer Group: every third Sunday every 2nd month at 1:30pm at the Branch Rooms
 Open to everyone - \$2 door charge. Convenor – Bruce Bellini

Regional Meeting

At 10:30 am on Saturday 5 May, the NZSG regional meeting will be held at the New Plymouth NZSG rooms.

This meeting is for the Taranaki region, including the branches from New Plymouth, Waitara, Inglewood, Stratford and Hawera.

From NZSG, Michelle Patient and Joseph Gillard will be attending this meeting. Michelle is standing for NZSG President, so this is a chance to ask her opinion on any topic that interests you.

All members welcome to attend this meeting. It is a great chance to learn more about current topics being considered in NZSG.

Please bring a plate for a shared lunch.

Next meeting: 7:30 pm Tuesday 1 May 2012

One Name Study A Light Hearted Look

One name study is a particular branch of genealogy, where research is focused on just one surname. Typically this means all people with that name, regardless of whether they are known to be related or not.



Charles Le Breton's talk will be light hearted, because his is not a formal one name study. It is more one based around the wider Le Breton family as they have spread from the Channel Islands to several continents around the world. This is not a whole lot of tedious facts, but hopefully something a little bit more entertaining.

Branch AGM

Our branch AGM will be held on 1 May, as advertised in the last newsletter.

Please bring a plate for supper!

Convenor:
Secretary: Fay Eaton 751 1045
Treasurer: John Berntsen 753 9188

Committee: Judy Berntsen
 Anne Brophy
 Charles Le Breton
 Ailsa McCrone
 Bev Mulqueen

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Last Meeting: Genealogy Techniques

At the April branch meeting, Ian Handricks gave a talk about his 40 years as a genealogist and publisher of family histories. The PowerPoint presentation entitled *The Parisian Head Seller's Legacy*, (see below!!) was full of humour and lively discussion. He described, how discovering genealogy, gives you a sense of identity.

The Handricks family originated in the Ural Mountains of Russia. From there, they went to France but got caught up in the French Revolution where they made a living selling guillotined heads before fleeing to Australia and New Zealand. Ian's grandparents were entertainers who toured New Zealand and the world with their own theatrical company. It was on one such tour, that his father, an electrician and his mother, a ballerina, met and married.

His personal family tree has over 4 million names, all fully researched and because of its size, it was discovered that some members present, were related. His genealogy programme of choice is an older version of Family Tree Maker which he described as fast, reliable and less complicated.

Ian stressed that when writing a family history, it was important to make it interesting and a unique 'one-off'. As well as writing an easy-to-read account, you could do other things to hold the reader's attention. Such as incorporating the signatures of your ancestors, which can be obtained from legal documents, or letters you may have. Don't be afraid to use full page photographs, and to include photos of the family home, as well as family pets. Use theme pages and heraldry. Genetic heritage can be traced using old maps, but livened up by inserting the flags of the appropriate countries. You could also superimpose photos onto a background of appropriate newspaper clippings, maps, or a tree of your choice, etc.

When preparing a book, he pointed out how necessary it was to use a font you are happy with and stick to it throughout. There was nothing more off-putting than using different sized fonts!

Ian researches, prepares and publishes books for people, and a number of these were available for members to browse through. His web site, www.ianhandricks.com has helpful information and links to different genealogy sites

which he uses. Clicking on the Links tab will open Genealogy Links to 50 such sites. Another suggestion was using the Image tab on Google and entering your surname.

Ian finished his presentation by demonstrating his new iPad which he now uses exclusively for his genealogy.

Ailsa McCrone

Future Meetings

For branch meeting on 5 June, we plan a bring & tell evening.

NZSG Constitution Review: Update

It has come to the attention of Council that some NZSG branches are looking at making changes to their branch based on the draft constitution submitted by the Constitution Review Committee (CRC).

Until the constitution is voted on at a future date, there is NO REQUIREMENT for any changes to be made. All branches continue to operate under the existing NZSG constitution.

Council would like to advise that, as and when, the draft constitution will be put to a vote, clear guidelines will be provided to all members and branches.

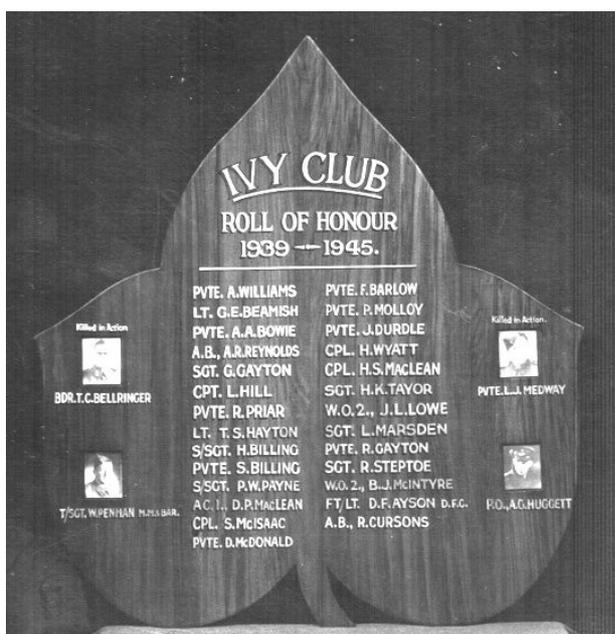
Please contact the NZSG Office Manager should you have any further queries.

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The Ivy Club

The Ivy Club was formed in the 1930s by a group of young men who were nearly all working as tradesmen in New Plymouth. The club was set up in the basement of the home of the father of Alb., Ces, and Les Burgess on a corner of Glen Almond St and Belt Rd. Members met regularly, played cards and socialised. An annual sports meet was held at Back Beach and post war annual family picnics were held until about the late 1940s. My parents owned two brass vases for many years, engraved with the Ivy Club logo, which were given to them, by members of the club, as a wedding present.



My father, Alex Bowie stored this photo for many years but where the board went to is a mystery, and likely to remain so. The names on the Honours Board recorded those who fought overseas and those, who like my father, were conscripted but remained in NZ.

The surnames listed on the board include some well known New Plymouth names:

Bellringer	Gayton
Smart	Huggett
Penman	Durdle
Beamish	Mclsaac
Medway	Billing

The complete list of names is on display at our SG rooms along with an enlargement of this photo. If anyone has further information about the group, I would be pleased to hear about it. The information about the formation of the club was given to me a couple of years ago by Stuart Hayton who died last year.

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GCG 20th Anniversary

The New Plymouth Genealogy Computer Group will hold its 20th anniversary on the weekend of 28 October 2012.

The anniversary will be held at the New Plymouth branch rooms, with a dinner on the Saturday evening. Our guest speaker is Jan Gow (the famous New Zealand genealogist).

We have had positive responses from many previous GCG members, so we are looking forward to a great event. For more information, please contact Bruce Bellini.

NZSG Website

The NZSG website has recently won two awards;

- overall winner of Best Family History Website for 2011
- best Overseas Family History Website 2011, by Federation of Family History Societies.

www.genealogy.org.nz

Donation

Phyl Haarer has generously donated the book *Basic Sources for Family History 1; Back to the early 1800s*. The branch would like to thank Phyl for this much appreciated addition to our library.



Library CDs

Our branch library has a great range of resources for members to consult. Here is a list of CDs held in the library.

- The First Title Holders of Land in the Counties of Cumberland & Northumberland
- Australian Vital Records Index 1788-1905
- Family Archives – Index to Griffith's Valuation of Ireland 1848-1864
- 1851 British Census (Devon, Norfolk, and Warwick only)
- Conference and Lecture Tour May-June 2003 by Dr Christopher T Watts, FSG
- Vital Records Index North America
- New Zealand WW1 Service Personnel and Reserves Index WAR CENSUS
- Pedigree Resource Files Indexes
- The London 1891 Census
- British Isles Vital Records Indexes
- 1881 British Census & National Index
- Cemeteries Index – Wanganui Rangitikei Region
- Pigot & Co 1830 Directory Combined Edition (2 CD set)
- Argyll Courts
- Early Auckland Births & Deaths
- The School List for Christ's College Grammar School 1850-1921
- NZ Electoral Roll 1893
- Atlas & Cyclopaedia of Ireland 1904
- BBS Index
- The London 1891 Census Index
- NZ Electoral Roll 1881
- NZ Marriages 1836-1956
- NZ Burial Locator
- Samuel Lewis' Topographical Dictionary of England 1859
- Early Wellington Settlers
- Cyclopaedia of New Zealand, Wellington Vol 1
- Cyclopaedia of New Zealand, Auckland Vol 2
- Cyclopaedia of New Zealand, Canterbury Vol 3
- Cyclopaedia of New Zealand, Otago & Southland Vol 4
- Cyclopaedia of New Zealand, Nelson, Marlborough & Westland Vol 5

- Cyclopaedia of New Zealand, Hawkes Bay, Taranaki & Wellington Vol 6
- The Universal British Directory, 1793-1798
- National Gazetteer of Great Britain & Ireland
- Getting Published with Publish Me
- Daily News Births, Deaths & Engagements 2001
- Daily News Births, Deaths & Engagements 2000
- Rolfe – Faull family tree
- Henderson Family tree 2009
- Henderson Family tree 2008
- Passenger Lists – Victoria, Australia
- Outwards to New Zealand 1852-1923
- NZ Electoral Roll 1911
- Discharged in New Zealand: Soldiers of the Imperial Foot Regiments discharged in NZ 1840-1870
- NZ Early Settlers Locator

Library News

Magazines received;

Family Tree (April)

Tracing Family History (April)

The NZ Genealogist (March/April)



Newsletters received;

Blenheim, Canterbury, Stratford, South Canterbury, Hawke's Bay, Hutt Valley, Otaki, Wairarapa, Wanganui, Wellington

Computer Group

The next computer group meeting is at 1:30 pm, Sunday 20 May 2012, at the branch rooms. This is the GCG's AGM.



Newsletter

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

