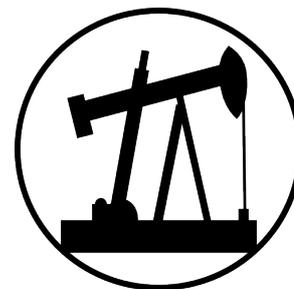




NZSG New Plymouth Branch Newsletter



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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
Computer Group: every third Sunday every 2nd month at 1:30pm at the Branch Rooms
 Open to everyone - \$2 door charge. Convenor – Bruce Bellini



Family History Open Day

with Jan Gow QSM

New Zealand's foremost genealogist explains how to research family history.

Saturday
27 October 2012

at New Plymouth Genealogy Branch Rooms,
Breakwater Road, Moturoa

9:00 am to 3:30 pm - \$5 entry fee

For more information, visit;

www.genealogynp.com

Next meeting: 7:30 pm Tuesday 2 Oct 2012

Where were they?



Sometimes people just don't appear in the census where they should be! It may be clear from other evidence that they really ought to be there, so where were they?

How do some people disappear from a census, and how can you find them?

Come along and enjoy hearing branch member Syd Beale relate a couple of stories about what happened with some of his lost and found relatives.

Convenor:
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Meetings: 7:30 pm, first Tuesday each month at branch rooms, Moturoa Shopping Centre access off Whiteley Street carpark

Email: newplymouth@genealogy.org.nz
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Last Meeting: Research Night

The September branch meeting was on a miserable night weatherwise so the gathering was a bit smaller than usual but the hardy souls present seemed to really enjoy the evening. We got into small groups and helped each other with research problems. Several of the members discovered resources in the branch library that they had never used before, which was part of what the evening was all about. It was also a nice social time.

Annette Larsen

November Meeting

On Tuesday 6 November, Tui Stonnell will be talking about her family history research

Christmas 2012

For our branch Christmas function this year, dinner will be at Fitzroy Golf Club on 25 November 2012. Cost is approximately \$25.

Mark this date in your calendar, and there will be more details in the next newsletter.

Empty Printer Cartridges

Please bring your empty printer cartridges in to the branch rooms. This includes any make or type, ink or laser.

Most brands can be recycled for cash. This can be a valuable source of income for the branch.

Empty Wine Boxes

Please bring in any empty wine boxes or similar to help us store our branch magazines in a tidy and secure manner.

Open Day 27 October 2012

In conjunction with the GCG anniversary, the branch is holding an open day on Saturday 27 October. No prior registration is required, just bring your lunch and \$5 entry. Morning and afternoon tea supplied.

09:00 doors open

morning tea

10:00 Jan Gow

11:00 Sharyn Guthrie

12:00 lunch (bring your own)

1:00 Michael Butler

2:00 Question time

2:30 Jan Gow

3:30 afternoon tea

Computer Group Anniversary

The New Plymouth computer group is celebrating its 20th anniversary on ;

27 & 28 October 2012

This weekend event will include a branch open day on Saturday, an celebratory dinner that evening and the GCG anniversary on Sunday. There will be several interesting and useful presentations by guest speakers, including keynote speaker Jan Gow, QSM.

Information and registration form available from the branch website:

www.genealogynp.com/gcg.html

Registrations close 30 September 2012.

Donated

Charles Le Breton has generously donated two book to the branch library. These are *Adam's Curse* and *The Seven Daughters of Eve*, both by Bryan Sykes.

Charles' review of *Adam's Curse* appeared in our July branch newsletter.



Book Review

Passageways: the story of a New Zealand family
by Ann Thwaite

Are you looking for inspiration and ideas for writing your own family history? This book from our branch library has encouraged me to begin writing my family story. It was also a very enjoyable read.

Ann Thwaite was born in England to New Zealand born parents, but she spent quite a few years living here as a child. All of her great grandparents on both sides of the family emigrated to New Zealand in the 19th century.

This is a story of a family of high achievers, many of whom made their mark on New Zealand history or were involved in important events. It is also a warm, engaging story of a large, lively family through the years from the 1850s in England to the 1940s in New Zealand.

Ann is an experienced writer and biographer, and she was fortunate in that on one side of her family there were plenty of diaries, letters and memoirs surviving. However, she and her brother David still had to do a huge amount of research. Ann decided not to reference her sources formally, but as part of her story she always talks about how and where she found her information.

Ann's own words sum it up beautifully. "Mine was not a particularly remarkable family. Yours is likely to be just as interesting. If you have found yourself thinking that as you read this book, sit down and start writing your own story. It may not be as easy as you think, but it's worth doing."

Janice Goldsworthy

Taranaki Scout History

A book on over one hundred years of scouting history in Taranaki has been produced by a team of ex-Scouters. However, this was a limited print run and there are only a few copies left. If you want one of these, please order it via the website.

www.taranakiscouthistory.com

NZ Probates at FamilySearch.org

In September, the FamilySearch website provided online access to over 740,000 NZ probate records.

www.familysearch.org

These images are of probates from 1878 to 1960 from the following courts;

- Blenheim Supreme Court
- Gisborne Supreme Court
- Masterton District Supreme Court
- Napier Supreme Court
- Nelson Supreme Court
- Timaru District Supreme Court
- Wanganui District Supreme Court

You need to browse the images and will need a probate number. If it has been indexed, you can find these on the NZSG Kiwi Index CD or at

www.archway.archives.govt.nz

Scotlands People turns 10

The family history website, ScotlandsPeople, celebrated its tenth birthday in September 2012.

ScotlandsPeople.gov.uk

Officially launched in mid-September 2002, ScotlandsPeople was one of the first genealogy sites to arrive on the web. The site now contains over 90 million digital records and corresponding images, and adds new sets of fully-searchable historical records on a regular basis.

With over one million registered users from across the world, the website remains the biggest online resource for Scottish census, birth, marriage and death records.

It is free to search the index, but payment is required to access images of the documents at ScotlandsPeople.



Some Websites Worth A Look

The four sites below are sites I have recently checked out. Have a play round yourself and see what you think!

www.aucklandcity.govt.nz/dbtw-wpd/heritageimages/index.htm

This site is well worth a look, particularly if you have Auckland family history research. It is an Auckland City Council library site and fully searchable. It seems to have some new features from when I last looked at it. I was impressed and did find a couple of useful photos. Not all the images are Auckland images and the site contains hundreds of photos of WW1 soldiers from the Auckland Weekly News. There are also some Boer War images. Lots of great photos of buildings too. Some of the images are free of copyright so this could be handy if you are publishing a family history.

www.localhistoryonline.shorelibraries.govt.nz

Another great site for Auckland pictures. The images are mainly of the North Shore and West Auckland/Waitakere area of Auckland. Also the Rodney area. Also there is a searchable index of some recent articles in community newspapers for these areas.

Early Auckland photographers can be searched by surnames, places, subjects or dates.

Irish research - newspapers

The NZSG website now has in the members area (under online newspapers), a link to Irish newspaper archives from the 1700s to the present day. These are fully searchable. Worth a look if you have Irish research.

www.gazettes-online.co.uk

London, Edinburgh and Belfast Gazettes -searchable.

Annette Larsen

Library News

Magazines received;

Your Family History (Oct, military special edition)

Family Tree (Oct)

Memories (Oct / Nov)

Newsletters received;

Blenheim, Canterbury, Hutt Valley, Nelson, Otaki, Palmerston North, Riccarton, Stratford, Wairarapa, Wellington



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

