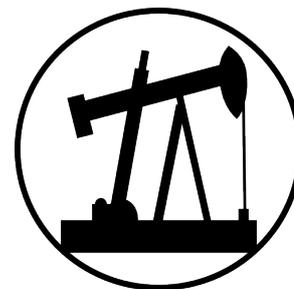




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Branch Library: Open free to members. A small charge to visitors.
Opening Hours: Monday: 10am to 3pm (closed 3 June, Queen's Birthday)
Wednesday: 12 noon to 3pm
Saturday: 10am to 12 noon

Branch Subs

It's that time of year again; the branch subscriptions for 2013/14 are now due.

At the AGM, the branch decided to keep the subscription rates at the same level. The rates are as follows.

\$30 single

\$40 joint

\$20 living outside Taranaki

The branch subscriptions are important for providing our branch with the funds needed to deliver various services for our members.

Please pay the subscription to Judy Berntsen by 1 July 2013. Payment details are available on the subscription form, and this is available on the branch website.

Next meeting: 7:30 pm Tuesday 4 June 2013

Jones Family of Warea

At the June branch meeting, Rae O'Grady will relate the story of Samuel Frederick Jones 1858-1905 and his wife Margaret (Keogh) 1867-1948, who settled in Warea towards the end of the 19th century.

Margaret was tragically widowed in 1905 just six weeks before the birth of her seventh child but over the next 40 years became known widely in Taranaki as a successful farmer.

With related genealogical research, this is sure to present a fascinating tale.

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Last Meeting: Milk Solids

At our May meeting (AGM) our guest speaker was Ron Lambert, well-known Taranaki historian and senior researcher at Puke Ariki. His topic – the importance of the dairy industry in Taranaki and a special look at how the dairy scene has changed here in the province. Ron grew up in rural Inglewood not too far away from the Moa dairy factory. His talk was accompanied by a presentation of some wonderful photos (often with Mt Egmont in the background) of the old dairy factories scattered throughout Taranaki.

About 111 dairy factories remain, no longer used for processing milk, cheese or butter, and many abandoned. Nine have disappeared for good. Thankfully we have the photos to remind us of those earlier times. Ron has spent a lot of time finding and recording the dairy factories of Taranaki before they disappear from our landscape altogether.

In the 1960s, tankers started collecting milk from the farms as higher standards of hygiene were demanded for exporting. Mergers, resulting in the disappearance of the small dairy factory, are matched by the decline of our rural communities. Our good Taranaki rural roads remain a feature of our dairy areas, however.

Nowadays of course, the milk is taken by tanker to the Fonterra factory at Hawera, Whareroa being one of the world's largest dairy factories. It processes about 14 million litres of milk a day, if I heard Ron correctly. The old factories are now used for fertiliser storage, for small businesses and some have been renovated and are now private homes.

Our thanks go to Ron for giving us this history of the dairy industry here in Taranaki and the changes over the years and for helping preserve a vital part of our local history. For those who missed the talk, information is available on the Puke Ariki website under the title *Milk Solids*. [Check it out](#). Photos of the dairy factories can also be found in this article. Ron also said Massey University had a number of dairy factory records.

Annette Larsen

Convenor's Report

The AGM over, thanks to the returning members on the committee, but we still could do with more members. Someone who will remain nameless decided that seeing I have been the Acting Convenor for some time I should take over the job and drop the Acting. Nothing will change. We had a good talk after the AGM by Ron Lambert which is summarised later in this newsletter.

We bought a slide film scanner for everyone to use, but so far only one person has used it. Before we purchased it, quite a few members said they would be interested in using it. It is there for your use so please do make use of it.

We have our Regional meeting coming up on 8 June at Waitara. If you want to come along and see what is going on with the NZSG and how their AGM went, come along and bring a plate for a shared lunch. The next Regional Meeting will be at our branch.

Please note: Your subscription is now due, please pay as soon as possible.

The projects that the committee is looking into are:

1. New outside sign
2. Internet
3. May be replacement of computers
4. Sound system for meetings

If you can think of any other projects you would like the committee to look into, please let us know.

That's all for this month.

John Berntsen



July Meeting: Brick Walls

For our July branch meeting, we have a return of this popular event; a workshop evening on research blocks that people have come up against.

If you have hit a brick wall in some part of your research, or have a problem finding information on a particular ancestor, bring it along for this workshop. The idea is to pool resources and expertise, to find a way through any challenges.

Many of our members are very knowledgeable about various aspects of genealogy research. They will likely have ideas on how you can get through your brick wall, or someone may have already overcome a similar issue.

So get together all the information you have on your troublesome person, and bring it along to the July meeting.

NZ Soldiers in the Great War

The Onward Project aims to publish a photo of every member of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force that served overseas between 1914 and 1918.

Already the project has published volume 1 with 4,100 portrait photographs, and work is well under way on volume 2. With some 103,000 photos to find, this is a huge job!

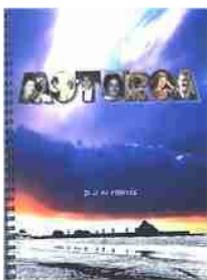
Donations of photographs are sought from anyone who may have images that could be used in the project. The project is compiling photographs from as many sources as possible, and input from person collections is essential.

More information is available at the project website.

www.fairdinkumbooks.com/#!news-and-events/c1pz

Book Review: Moturoa by Don & Noel Harris

Not your usual tale with a defined story line but some interesting sounding chapters e.g. Once upon a time; At the beach; Fun'n'games; Skool time; Going to town; Working class; Down at the wharf; Achy Breakie; Between the cultures and Heroes/hard cases to get the reading juices



warmed up.

Published in 2007, this book is mainly about the people who lived in the area of Moturoa called Tigertown through their own eyes. Tigertown as many of you will know can be loosely described as the area bounded by South Road from the Moturoa shops to and along Ngamotu Road then down Paritutu Road including the adjoining coastal zone. The book relates in particular to the people who inhabited the bottom ends of Pioneer and Ngamotu Roads and the adjoining streets including Moturoa School, then down to Ngamotu Beach as it existed prior to the building of the Lee Breakwater.

It starts with a timeline from pre-history to the 1960s but from then on is largely based around short and sometimes multiple contributions from the locals of the day: many of whom are now deceased. Interspersed throughout the book are the personal experiences of the authors from early school days to adulthood and beyond including some of the mischief they got up to. It also provides a glimpse of what Moturoa must have been like so many years ago before much of the development that exists today.

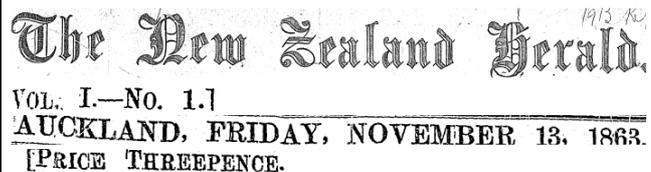
The book has been in our library for a while but I have recently acquired a more recent edition. Excuse me then if you have already read. Apart from general reading it should be of interest to people who grew up in the area. Many of the names I am sure will be familiar as will be the numerous photos.

Charles Le Breton

NZ Herald before 1924

The PapersPast website is run by the National Library of New Zealand and provides on line access to historical New Zealand newspapers.

More old newspapers are being progressively added to the collection. Recent additions include the New Zealand Herald from 1885 to 1924. If you have Auckland research in this period, it could be well worth checking this out.



Canterbury Look-up offer

I have recently acquired two books on Mid-Canterbury subjects. See details below.

If anybody has an interest in the subjects I would be more than happy to do a look-up for whatever you are looking for. Please give me a ring on Phone 7512879 if you are interested or perhaps need some more information.

A brief description of the books involved is as follows:

Hinds and surrounding areas compiled by Lorraine Baughan with help from the Hinds History Group

I bought this book as my family had two freehold farms around 1880 in the vicinity but was disappointed in the information provided at this early time. There was a bit of information about the early Crown runs but little about the subsequent subdivision that no doubt preceded my family's activities. There is a lot of information about the general community however especially from 1900 through to modern times. Unfortunately there is no index.

Tradewhere? - A Historical Business Directory of Central Ashburton 1878 - 1910 by VT Hanson

A much more comprehensive book in terms of specific listings with a good index although not much information about many of the businesses. A good starting point perhaps. I found a reference to my grandfather's coal and wood merchant business. A bonus however that somehow missed the index was a reference to one of my cousin's great grandfather's business so you never know what may pop out of the wood work.

Charles Le Breton

Joanna's World is missing

This book is missing. Annette has lent someone her copy of *Joanna's World* but the book has not returned. If anyone has it, can you please return it to Annette as soon as possible, as it is precious to her. Thank you.

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 at present.

These will be recycled to generate some income for the branch.



Wine Boxes

Our branch library needs more empty cardboard wine boxes to store various items such as magazines.

If you have any of these, please bring them along to the branch rooms.

Slide / Negative Scanner

The branch negative / slide scanner is available for hire to members for use at home. The cost is \$5 a week for up to two weeks.



To hire (or book) this scanner, please contact the person on duty at the rooms during normal opening hours.

Library News

Magazines received;

Family History (June)

Family tree (June)

Memories (June / July)

Newsletters received;

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



Newsletter

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

