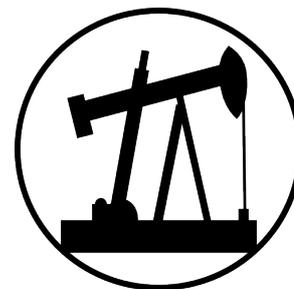




NZSG New Plymouth Branch Newsletter



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Opening Hours: Monday: 10am to 3pm
 Wednesday: 12 noon to 3pm
 Saturday: 10am to 12 noon

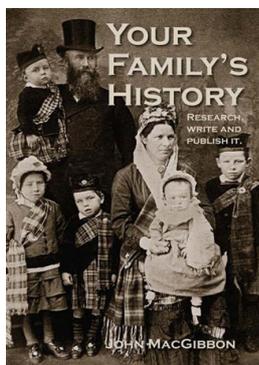
Books for sale

Two books are available for purchase through the branch.

- *Your Family's History* by John MacGibbon: \$15 (see the book review on page 3 of this newsletter)
- Family History Notebook, a notebook for recording your research: \$8.

Or just \$20 for both!

The books are available to view at the branch rooms.



Next meeting: 7:30 pm Tuesday 3 Sept 2013

At the September meeting, we have short talks from two branch members.

Family History Fair 2013

Karen Crowe will report on the NZSG annual Family History Fair held in Auckland earlier in August.

Coincidences

Margaret Gregory will talk about some of her experiences with research. She tracked down the living descendants of a man in an old photo, and shared research with someone she met who turned out to have the same birthplace and to share many acquaintances and some relatives.

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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
Website: www.genealogynp.com

Last Meeting: Photobook

At the August branch meeting, there was a talk on the use of digital Photobooks for family history publications by Charles Le Breton

Digital photobooks have been around for some time. More recently you may have seen deals on Grabone, Treatme and at local retail stores.

I have not priced the retail store ones but some of the others while sounding fairly cheap can be quite expensive if you wish to add pages. One recent offer provided for 20 pages for \$40 but additional pages were the same price per page. For a 60 page book you would be therefore looking at \$120 – not so cheap after all. It therefore pays to look at the number of pages provided and any additional costs.

Last year while putting together a book for my immediate family, I thought of the idea of utilising one of these photobook programmes for a combined pictorial and print publication. Comments by other members on some of the above specials encouraged me to do a bit of comparing.

From the examples I have seen, many are of good quality and available in a number of formats, sizes, both hard and soft covered. There appears to be no premium for colour. Some at least also have attributes to enable you to add extra features. My talk was about two such examples which I considered have some merit for the type of publication envisaged.

My-books - www.my-books.co.nz

I initially saw this as part of one of the aforementioned specials. For more information I was referred to the above website. I found many extras were available but they were more akin to a scrapbook publication than a traditional book. If this is of interest I suggest you have a look at website and download the free application. Full prices are provided. Additional features include – autoflow, photo tools, a variety of themes and graphics plus numerous text, touch-up and design tools.

Photobook - www.photobook.co.nz

My wife has now produced two publications with this programme and we have others under preparation. The first was a straight photobook with captions. The second however used the pictorial and print idea mentioned. For those that saw the examples provided at our branch

meeting many positive comments were received. If anybody else would like to see these please or have other questions do not hesitate to ring me on 7512879. Two fellow members have already done so.

In short this website also provided a free download of a template that is well suited to both types of application. The cost is reasonable in my opinion with a 60 page hard cover book being about \$80-90 with discounts provided for multiple copies.

Features included are fairly basic but sufficient for the purpose intended. The font can be changed but not the size. Bold, italic and a spellchecker are available.

Charles Le Breton

Convenor's Report

Well the fair is over. What a long weekend, opening Friday 9:30am to 7pm, Saturday & Sunday 10 – 5pm. We shared a stand with Hawera and both branches were kept busy. Judy took a lot of research queries to do when she got home. She has finished now. The fair had its fair share of problems mainly the internet not functioning properly. The venue was the Vodafone stadium.

I understand Charles entertained you all on his talk on photo book, I am sorry I missed it.

Last Saturday we hosted the Regional Meeting, and thank you to Ailsa, Margaret, Bev & Judy for their help in setting up and running the meeting. The main points which came up from the council were:

Waiving joining fee for members rejoining. New rules for recognition certificates. Two CDs, WW1 update and NZ Elections, (five significant rolls ie 1881, 1893, 1896, 1911 & 1925) are now available. NZSG now has a new Editor, and also have a new Honorary Solicitor.

Also a forthcoming event in Hawera. Kapiti Coast Branch is putting on (WDUTYA) on the life of Rodger Fox. It is set to music provided by members of his band which is still going strong. It is to be held on 15 November, and entry is \$20.

John Berntsen



October Meeting:

At the branch meeting on 1 October, Neville Richards will talk about his research trip this year to Cornwall.

Christmas 2013

The branch Christmas dinner will be at 6:30 pm on Sunday 1 December at the Fitzroy Golf Club. This will follow a similar format to the popular 2012 dinner. The cost is \$27 a head. Check out the menu posted at the branch rooms.

Puke Ariki - Library

Remember that Puke Ariki provides access to the library edition of ancestry.com. This doesn't have quite as much as the personal account you pay for, but it does have lots of historical material and can be very useful (and free).

New Members

The branch extends a warm welcome to our new members; Sheryl Corbett and Lynn Mills.

Rejoining NZSG

The NZSG Council has waived the joining fee for members rejoining during August, September and October 2013. In lieu of the new member's pack, members rejoining will receive a letter confirming their membership number and information on members' services. We'd be delighted to welcome back former members and reallocate their previous membership number (even if they can't recall the number the membership staff will be able to locate it). They can rejoin via the website. From 1 August a link will be found on the home page to take them to the rejoining form. Former members without computer access can obtain an application form from their local NZSG Branch, by phoning the NZSG (09 570 4248 ext 6), or by writing to:

Attention: Membership
NZ Society of Genealogists Inc
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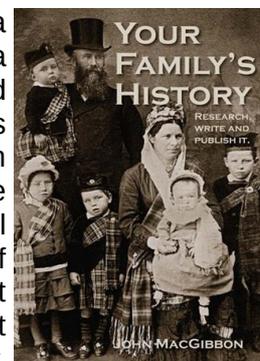
Review: Your Family's History

YOUR FAMILY'S HISTORY...

RESEARCH WRITE AND PUBLISH IT

Author... John McGibbon

This booklet, written by a New Zealander, a genealogist and "professional wordsmith", is a very readable and I am sure newcomers to the study of family history will find it a welcome source of information. While the first section is mainly directed at the newcomer to genealogy,



I am sure many more experienced family historians will find worthwhile suggestions and reminders.

As a person who is writing up my family history I found the advice on writing family stories, presentation, and use of graphics very worthwhile with many new ideas (new to me that is) and sound advice.

For those who are thinking of publishing their stories there is equally worthwhile advice on all aspects of the publishing process.

I wholeheartedly recommend this book to all who are undertaking family research or the writing and publishing of their endeavours.

Bev Mulqueen

2014 Programme

The branch committee is compiling the programme of branch meetings and events for 2014, and is seeking suggestions and requests. We want to run events that are interesting and useful to our members. If you have any ideas or requests for topics to be covered, please tell a committee member.

Historical Statistics

Statistics New Zealand has digitised some historical publications, including yearbooks from 1893 to 2010 and census reports from 1871 to 1916.

www.stats.govt.nz/digitisedcollections



Free Websites for Genealogy

Here are a collection of websites that you may find useful for genealogy research. It is based on a list in the South Canterbury newsletter.

nationalarchives.gov.uk

genuki.org.uk

freebmd.org.uk

www.ukbmd.org.uk/online_parish_clerk

rootschat.com

old-maps.co.uk

locatinglondon.org

visionofbritain.org.uk

workhouses.org.uk

londonlives.org

theclergydatabase.org.uk

twgpp.org

www.cwgc.org

londonroll.org

gravestonephotos.com

thepeerage.com

british-history.ac.uk

historicaldirectories.org

ffhs.org.uk

rootsweb.ancestry.com

one-name.org

oldmapsonline.org

booth.lse.ac.uk

www.london-gazette.co.uk

www.oldbaileyonline.org

www.connectedhistories.org

www.fibis.org

1914-1918.net

deceasedonline.co.uk

medievalgenealogy.org.uk

www.bbc.co.uk/history/0/

familyhistoryshow.net

www.madaboutgenealogy.com

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.



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.



Photographic Exhibition - Stratford

Until 29 September, the Percy Thomson Gallery in Stratford is exhibiting *Hard on the Heels* (photos of the All Blacks by Peter Bush) and *Top of the Shots* (a selection from the Swainson Woods collection).

percythomsongallery.org.nz

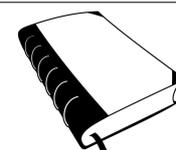
Library News

Magazines received;

The Genealogist (August)

Newsletters received;

Blenheim, Canterbury, Hutt Valley, Nelson, Otaki, Porirua, Riccarton, South Canterbury, Wairarapa, Wanganui, Wellington



Newsletter

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

