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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

Branch Subs

The branch annual subscription is now due. Please note that there is a \$5 discount if paid by 31 July 2014.

	Before 31 July	Full annual subs
Single	\$30	\$35
Household	\$40	\$45
Outside Taranaki	\$20	\$25

Please use the subscription form. This is available for download from the branch website, or at the rooms. The methods for payment are detailed on the form.

Next meeting: 7:30 pm Tuesday 1 July 2014

Computer security

The July branch meeting will focus on things you can do to keep your computer safe. Most people use computers extensively for their genealogy work, and they are great for researching, emailing other researchers, recording your data and other purposes.

Keeping your computer safe from the bad guys out there doesn't have to be confusing. In this talk, Peter Hewett will cover some of the simple things that you should consider to keep your computer safe.



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Last Event: Scanning Photographs

The June branch meeting topic was scanning photographs for genealogy, and included a demonstration of scanning and manipulating images.

Many genealogy programmes allow you to enter a photo with each person. But most old photos are groups. At the meeting, I showed how you can crop a scanned photo to give just the mugshot of a person. Adding these to your database really helps bring it to life.

It can also be useful to take photos of people from different photos, crop and put side by side to better compare the images. This can help checking for family resemblance, or if it is the same person in both photos.

Scanning also means you can send photos to relatives for identification or dating purposes. I share things with a contact in Ireland and one in Scotland with [Dropbox](#). I have also put photos in KEEPSAFE, a feature of [GenesReunited](#).

Scrap booking your photos is a great way of leaving something a bit special for your family.

Your scanner probably came with some image processing software, and your computer operating system will have some image viewer and this usually has some ability to manipulate photos. And there is some more sophisticated software available, with cost ranging from free to very expensive.

It pays to take care of old photos, to ensure that they do not deteriorate. Check that they are stored in acid free envelopes or sleeves. Scan old newspapers as the print can fade over time. And check the condition of photos in storage, to ensure that they aren't getting damaged by damp, silverfish or whatever.

For professional restoring of photos, I have used Roger French Photographic shop on Devon St.

For photocopying, a Warehouse Stationery card is a good idea. It works out at about 8c per A4 copy.

Turn your old slides into photos before they deteriorate. Use the machine available from our branch library. It is very easy to use. Ask the duty librarian for help, if necessary.

Dating old photos can be tricky. Use what info you have of the family and any clues in the photograph. You might find these websites to be

helpful (or just use a search engine);

genealogy.about.com/od/photo_dating

freepages.family.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~victorianphotographs

familychronicle.com/dating.htm

The branch library has two books that could help when working with photographs. The magazines that the branch subscribes to are also worth checking as they can contain useful articles.

- *Crafting Your Own Heritage Album*, Bev Kirschner Braun
- *Dating Old Photographs*, 2nd Edition, Robert Pols

Annette Larsen

Convenor's Report

Another month nearly gone, soon it will be summer.

The AGM and Conference in Wellington was well run and Dr Patricia Fitzgerald was the most interesting speaker I have heard in years. Her knowledge on DNA and using it was beyond me. She kept the room entertained.

We did a little research at the National Library and Archives. They have changed both of them around and we got lost trying to find where to do your research.

The NZSG committee has been published in E Kit and online so I won't write it out again. The next Kiwi Index is coming out later this year and I understand it will be on a USB stick. Oh I forgot, the Conference Proceedings are on a USB stick, but I will copy them onto the computer.

I have set No. 1 computer up with the TBI and most CDs, it does not have a password and is connected to the Internet. No. 2 has nothing on it except Office Professional 2013, so if you use that computer don't complain if you can't find anything.

Well that is all for now.

John Berntsen

Convenor



Taranaki Biographical Index

The TBI has recently been upgraded to v27 and now has over 650,000 records. Recent additions include *PhotoNews* July 1956 to February 1981, Vospers funeral records 1933 to 1945 and Boons funeral records September 1920 to April 1944.

The TBI is an index of published and transcribed material on the history of the New Plymouth and Taranaki area. This is available for reference on the computers at the branch rooms. As well, there is a mail order look up service available for a donation.

Library Resource : London 1891 Census

For those who have ancestors in London and do not have ready access to the census, this resource is available in our Branch Library. It is fast and efficient and you can print out the information you find. Sometimes the images of the census enumerators books are difficult to read, but using zoom on the computer can help with this.

Follow the instructions in the white folder, which is held near the computers. Just be careful that when you print you need to use the File: Print Menu option, so that you can select which pages to print. Make sure you select "current page" or a range of pages. (Do not use the Print icon button. This will print the whole file.) There is a per page charge for printing on the branch printer.

Marilyn Armitstead

Findmypast buys Origins

The amalgamation of genealogy companies continues with the announcement by Findmypast.co.uk that it has recently purchased Origins.net. Origins is one of the earlier online companies and focuses on UK and Irish records.

Both Origins and Findmypast are subscription based services.

Richards v Richards

From the Wellington Dominion newspaper, April 1916;

William Henry Richards is an elderly gentleman with a semi detached wife, named Ada Georgina. This was a very short sprint and the candidate for the divorce stakes cantered in an easy winner.

Mr Petherick was the trainer and the oats and the chaff of the affair when sifted out amounted to this that Ada Georgina had heard the call of the wild, or the bag pipes or something and she scooted off with one Campbell.

William COULD GIVE NO REASON FOR HER GOING. She just went and she had been camping with Campbell ever since.

Mr Petherick produced a document which had been signed by the erring ones and in which they admitted there err.

William got a decree nisi.

Neville Richards

(no relation to the people in the story)

New Members

The branch warmly welcomes these new members; John and Carol Demchy.

Dunedin Cemeteries Online

The headstone photos for Broad Bay, Macandrew Bay and Portobello cemeteries are now online on the Dunedin City Council website.

There are also a further 5000 photos for Andersons Bay cemetery online on the same site, mainly for 1950s to 1970s.

www.dunedin.govt.nz/facilities/cemeteries/

Newspapers for Genealogy

The online archives of historic newspapers are great for genealogy research. These include [NZ paperspast](#), [Australian Trove](#) and the [British newspaper archive](#). These are being continuously updated, so don't forget to go back on a regular basis. I have just done that and found exciting new information.

Annette Larsen



Library Roster: June

Monday	10 am to 3 pm
Wednesday	12 noon to 3 pm
Saturday	10 am to 12 noon
Wed 2	Jill Jackson
Sat 5	Mike Merrick
Mon 7	Charles Le Breton / Neville Richards
Wed 9	Elly Harrison
Sat 12	Ailsa McCrone
Mon 14	Charles Le Breton / Annette Larsen
Wed 16	Margaret Gregory
Sat 19	Lea / Bruce Bellini
Mon 21	Lorraine Austin / Ailsa McCrone
Wed 23	Jill Harvey
Sat 26	Marilyn Armitstead
Mon 28	Peter Winter / Anne Brophy
Tues 29	Committee meeting 7pm
Wed 30	Fay Eaton

For those who are new to genealogy and/or want help knocking down those brick walls, this is an excellent time and place to have our experts help you. Our helpers can show you what is available in the library and how to go about finding what you are looking for.

Beginning Genealogy

The next session on learning genealogy will be run by Marilyn Armitstead at the branch rooms, at 1:30 pm on Sunday 6 July.

This will cover changing the labels on the display screens and some fast ways of entering data. Demonstrations will use the Legacy software.

For further information, please contact Marilyn Armitstead.

Branch Subscription

Just a timely reminder that there are a total of 74 members not paid, and a reminder that the \$5 discount offer for early payment expires at the end of July. Payment of your sub would be appreciated.

Judy Berntsen

Ashburton Cemeteries Online

The Ashburton District Council recently updated it's Cemeteries page on its website. It now has an advanced search page, which includes searching for the following plus much more.

- * Surname
- * Burials between burial dates
- * Burials with certain death dates
- * Search only one cemetery
- * Certain area / block in a cemetery

Also a camera pops up in the index, if there is a headstone photo available. These photos have been made available by the Ashburton District Family History Group. Currently headstone photos are available for the Hinds, Waterton, Winslow Cemeteries.

Photos are currently being added weekly for the Ashburton Cemetery. At the present time they are available for the Old Lawn and most of the New lawn sections up to plot 3200.

Headstone photos for the RSA sections are being added over the next few weeks, followed by the older parts for the Ashburton Cemetery as time permits.

Judy Berntsen

Library News

Magazines received;

Family Tree (June)

Who do you think you are (July)

The Genealogist (June)

The Discover Your History magazine is no longer available.



Newsletters received;

Blenheim, Canterbury, Hamilton, Hutt Valley, Matamata, Nelson, Otaki, Palmerston North, Papakura, Riccarton, Stratford, Wairarapa, Wanganui, Wellington, Whakatane, Whangarei

Newsletter

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

