



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

Family History Month

August is NZSG Family History Month.



Family history month is a good time to reflect on our knowledge and to assist our many new members accelerate their research.

The August and September meetings are intended to help this sharing of tips, knowledge and expertise. Please make the most of the help on offer, and be active in contributing where you can.

Next meeting: 7:30 pm Tuesday 5 Aug 2014

Internet

In many ways, the internet is a double edged sword when it comes to genealogy. There is lots of misleading and inaccurate information that can distract and undermine your research. But there is also a wealth of useful information. So, where are the best places to find the reliable information? At the August meeting, Charles Le Breton will talk about some of the favourite genealogy websites.

Please bring along the address of any website you have found particularly useful, to share with others.

And bring along a pen and paper if you wish to note down any useful websites. The links will also be posted on the branch website.



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Last Event: Computer Security

At the July meeting, Peter Hewett talked on things you should consider to keep your computer safe. Here is a summary, with links.

Be informed - Learn a bit about your computer and internet security. A good NZ site for this is [Netsafe](#). Other sites are [ConnectSmart](#), [StaySmartOnline](#), [Tools for a safer PC](#), [Wikipedia](#), [Schneier](#), [Cluley](#).

Backup your data - Regularly backup your data to a separate device. And keep a copy at a separate location if you can. This also helps recover from physical disasters such as fire, flood, theft, etc.

In some ways, this is the most important of all the protections listed here. The others can fail, and when they do, you will need your backup to restore your system. Software can be replaced, but invariably your data is not replaceable.

Update software - Ensure that software updates are installed for your operating system and for the software that you use. Usually the operating system and some software will automatically check for updates. For some software, you might have to manually check.

Passwords - Use strong passwords, and use a different password for each website. In particular, use strong and different passwords for your email and for any websites involving money. Read these [password dos and donts](#) and check [how secure is your password?](#)

To keep track of all those passwords, consider using a password manager. If you are using a password manager in your browser, use one with a master password (such as Firefox).

Never give your username and password to anyone, not even your bank.

Home network - Set wifi passphrase (WPA2), set the SSID and change the default admin password. Disable remote admin access (it should be off by default).

Browser extensions - Browser plugins and extensions like Adblock+ and noscript can stop malware distributed as advertising.

Email safety - Don't be careful when you click on links in emails, even if they come from people you know. Be wary of email attachments. Be wary of anything urgent or too good to be true.

Social media - Watch what you post on

Facebook, Twitter, Google+, forums, etc. Check your privacy settings on these sites.

Antivirus - Used to detect Windows malware, but it can only find stuff it already knows about. Keep the definition files up to date.

This summary and the links are also on a page at the branch website.

genealogy.org.nz/security.html

Convenor's Report

Judy and I are here on the Gold Coast at present staying with our daughter and family.

Well I hope all those who came to July's meeting enjoyed Peter's talk on computer safety, and I even learnt a thing or two, so I hope you all got something from it.

We still have got quite a few subs outstanding. As it is three months now since the AGM, all subs should have been paid by now. But on the other hand, those who have not yet paid have now lost their \$5 early bird discount, meaning the fee for single members is now \$35.00, \$45.00 for couples, and \$20 for outside Taranaki members. If you no longer wish to remain a member of our branch please send a written note of resignation or an email of your resignation to newplymouth@genealogy.org.nz.

I would like to see more members making use of our library. We now have the internet up and running. A reminder the hours are: Monday 10-3pm, Wednesday 12-noon, and Saturday 10-12 noon.

Look forward to seeing you down at the rooms.

John Berntsen

Convenor

Christmas Raffle

The branch is going to hold a Christmas hamper raffle this year. Members are asked to bring along a donation of non-perishable goods each month from August.



Future meetings

The meeting on 2 September will cover internet resources in small groups so you get a closer look at things. Each group will be looking at a different web site, including demonstration of some pay to use sites. The current line up includes;

- FindMyPast with Marilyn Armitstead
- Ancestry with Sarah Knowles
- PapersPast with Bev Mulqueen
- FamilySearch with Ailsa McCrone

If you have a suggestion or request, or would like to lead a group, please contact Charles at charlesx@xtra.co.nz or 751 2879.

At the October meeting, two different genealogy programmes will be demonstrated.

- Gramps with Peter Hewett
- Reunion with Neville Richards

War Grave Photographs

The British War Graves website is providing a free service through which anyone can request a photograph of the grave or memorial of a relative who was killed in WW1 or WW2. You need to know the location of burial or memorial of your relative. This can be found through the CWGC website www.cwgc.org.

Once you have the required information go to the BWG website www.britishwargraves.co.uk.

There you will find a list of cemeteries located in various countries. If the cemetery you are looking for is listed then the chances are there will be a photograph of your relative's grave or memorial available.

Scroll down the list of cemeteries and you will find the contact form. Open that and complete it with as much information as you can e.g. name, location, regiment, service number etc. Then submit the form.

I received a lovely clear photo of my relative's grave and a photo of the cemetery in France where he is buried. That arrived by email two days after I ordered it. An excellent service and it's free!

Janice Goldsworthy

Stratford Exhibition

The "We will remember them" exhibition opens on Monday 28 July, 7:30pm at the Percy Thomson Gallery, Miranda St, Stratford. It will be open 10am-4pm every day until 23 August 2014.

A World War 1 Story

Private Arthur Blanchard was called up for war time service in World War 1 on 16 May 1916 as reinforcements for B Company.



He was attested at Trentham and sent to England on the troop ship SS Pakaha on 23 September 1916. He disembarked at Devonport England on 18 November 1916 and was transferred to Sling Camp prior to his departure for Europe's fighting fields.

At his final parade at Codford on 30 November he was graded unfit for military service. The reason..... HE HAD FLAT FEET. He sailed from England on 13 January 1917, arriving back in New Zealand on 7 March 1917 where he was discharged. LUCKY OR WHAT ?

This information was sent to Neville Richards from personal records held at the Ministry Defence in Wellington.

Neville Richards



Library Roster: August

Monday 10 am to 3 pm
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Sat 2 Mike Merrick
Mon 4 Charles Le Breton / Bev Mulqueen
Tues 5 Branch meeting – 7:30 PM Speakers
– Charles Le Breton – useful free genealogy
websites
Wed 6 Elly Harrison
Sat 9 Ailsa McCrone
Mon 11 Lorraine Austin / Ailsa McCrone
Wed 13 Jill Harvey
Sat 16 Neville Richards
Mon 18 Annette Larsen / Cela-Syd Beale
Wed 20 Jill Jackson
Sat 23 Marilyn Armitstead
Mon 25 Peter Winter / Anne Brophy
Tues 26 Committee meeting 7pm
Wed 27 Fay Eaton
Sat 30 Lea / Bruce Bellini

For those 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 10 August.

This month, the topic is settings options and the menu bars. Demonstrations will use the Legacy software.

For further information, please contact Marilyn Armitstead.

Jury Family History

Len Jury has kindly donated a copy of *Memories*, a family history of the Jury family. This is available in the branch library.

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.



Library News

Magazines received;
Family Tree (July, Aug)
Who do you think you are (Aug)
Memories (Aug/Sept)



Newsletters received;
Blenheim, Canterbury, Hutt Valley, Hawkes Bay, Nelson, Otaki, Palmerston North, Riccarton, Stratford, Wairarapa

Newsletter

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

