



# NZSG

## New Plymouth

### Branch Newsletter



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**Branch Library:** Open free to members. A small charge to visitors.  
**Opening Hours:** Monday: 10 am to 12:30 pm (closed 14 & 28 March, Taranaki Day & Easter)  
 Wednesday: 12 noon to 3 pm  
 Saturday: 10 am to 12 noon (closed 26 March for Easter)

## Branch Officers

Our branch is lucky to have many members who do various important jobs to keep things running. It works on the principle that many hands make light work.

However, we just need a few more people to join the committee, as some existing members who have been on for a long time are standing down this year.

Nominations are open for convenor, secretary and committee members. Please talk with any current committee member if you can help or have any questions.



Next meeting: 7:30 pm Tuesday 1 Mar 2016

## Old Occupations

I am sure many of you have come across old occupations that were not immediately obvious when viewing census records, certificates, articles etc. related to your genealogy research.

Sometimes they relate to long lost jobs in the mining, textile or other industry, or maybe the job now has a different name. It gets even worse if you ancestors were from a non-English speaking country such as Germany or one that used to be non-English speaking like Wales or the Channel Islands.

Charles Le Breton will provide some information he has found and add in a few examples of his own.

Other members are invited to bring along examples or questions they have unearthed. Better still, some photos of your ancestor at work would be great.

**Convenor:** John Berntsen 753 9188  
**Secretary:** Fay Eaton 751 1045  
**Treasurer:** Neville Richards

**Committee:** Judy Berntsen  
 Jill Jackson  
 Charles Le Breton  
 Ailsa McCrone  
 Bev Mulqueen  
 Jackie Sewell

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

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### Last Event: UK Research

At our February meeting, branch member Sarah Knowles presented the various sources that she has used for her UK research.

Using her mother-in-law's family in Middlesex as a case study, Sarah showed us the sources that she used and where these can be found. These included some free websites, as well as pay to use sites like Ancestry and Find My Past.

The sites demonstrated included;

[London Metropolitan Archives](#)

[City of Westminster Archives](#)

[National Archives](#)

[Family Search](#)

[Proceedings of Old Bailey](#)

[British Newspaper archives](#)

[Probate registry](#)

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### Next Meeting: 5 April 2016

[RootsTech](#) is an enormous conference about genealogy held at Salt Lake City in USA. The 2016 conference was held in February, and branch member Sharyn Guthrie was there! At our April meeting, she will tell us about her adventures at RootsTech 2016.

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### Family Tree Maker

As noted in the last newsletter, Ancestry.com, owner of the Family Tree Maker software has ceased sales and support will stop at the end of 2016. Some more developments have happened since then.

[MacKiev](#) is buying FTM and will continue developing and selling it. FTM will continue to integrate with ancestry.com for hints and tree synchronising.

[RootsMagic](#) software will integrate with ancestry.com, and provide hints, searches and tree synchronising with ancestry.com. RootsMagic is offering a [discount deal](#) for FTM users.

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### Convenor's Report

Well the AGM is coming up fast (May). We still have not had any volunteers. We need 3 more people to cover Judy and Fay who are resigning. The Secretary's position has been filled for the next year by Charles. So please give a committee member your name if you would like to serve on our Committee.

Lorraine our hard working indexing co-ordinator would like some more volunteers to help inputting. It's the indexing that builds up our TBI which people can pay to look at, and the donations we get which help to keep our subs down. If you can help please ring Lorraine on 7511795 or else see a committee member at a meeting.

We had planned a site visit to St Mary's to look at the restored headstones. Unfortunately the weather looks too risky, so instead we will talk about old occupations (including some with weird or obscure names).

In conjunction with Hawera & Stratford branches we are bringing Gail Riddell down from Auckland to give us a talk on DNA. This will be held in the New Plymouth Branch rooms. At present this is set down for 22 May, but will be confirmed with time and date later. This will be a broader coverage, not like Christine Clement's talk on Sunday at Stratford, 28 February, which will be on the Ancestry produced system. The time and place for this one is at the Community House, Stratford at 1pm.

John Berntsen  
Convenor

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### Canon Ink Cartridges

Do you have a HP or Canon printer?

Some unused printer cartridges have been donated to the branch. These are available for a donation.



- 1 Canon 521 yellow
- 1 Canon BCI-24B black
- 2 Canon PG 40 black
- 1 HP C1816A photo
- 1 HP 57 colour



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## Branch Projects

Our branch projects team can always do with some more members to help with transcribing and indexing of historical records. If you are able to help, please contact Loraine (753 4069) or Pat George (757 5434).

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## Pearn Family – 1841 to 2016

This month, it is 175 years since the arrival of the *William Bryan*, the first of the English settler ships to arrive at New Plymouth.

Jonathan and Elizabeth Pearn were among these settlers. A gathering of their descendants is being held on Easter Saturday to celebrate the 175 year anniversary.

Descendant surnames include Heal, Riley, Beadle, Crozier, Drury, Greiner, Miles, Roberts, Seamark and Snell.

When: from 10:30am

Date: Saturday 26 March

Where: Mangorei Hall, SH3 & Kent Road

The event will include displays, books, photos, family trees and more. A family history database will be available to update records. A more formal presentation is planned for 2:00 pm.

For further information, please contact Christine Grace [chrisgrace47@gmail.com](mailto:chrisgrace47@gmail.com) or Marlene Williamson [marlenew155@gmail.com](mailto:marlenew155@gmail.com).



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## Additions to Papers Past

Recent additions to Papers Past (December 2015) include these publications:

- Aotearoa : he Nupepa ma nga Tangata Maori (1892)
- Aotearoa, or the Maori Recorder (1861-1862)
- Cromwell Argus (1869-1920)
- Dunstan Times (1866-1948)
- Kopara (1913-1921)
- Lake County Mail (1947-1948)
- Lake County Press (1872-1928)
- Lake Wakatip Mail (1921-1947)
- Maori Record : a journal devoted to the advancement of the Maori people (1904-1907)
- Mt Benger Mail (1921-1941)
- Pipiwharauoa (1898-1913)
- Press (1936-1945)
- Star (1918-1920)
- Toa Takitini (1921-1932)

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## Thanks

The Committee would like to thank Annette & Ian Larsen for hosting Michelle Patient in December. Your offer was very welcome. Thank you.

The Committee would also like to thank Margaret Gregory for standing in for Judy on the door, at the last meeting. Judy was taken ill and in Taranaki Base Hospital. Thanks Margaret.



## Library Roster: February

Monday 10 am to 12:30 pm

Wednesday 12 noon to 3 pm

Saturday 10 am to 12 noon

Tues 1 Branch meeting

Wed 2 Jill Jackson

Sat 5 Mike Merrick

Mon 7 Lorraine Austin

Wed 9 Judy Berntsen

Sat 12 Karen Crowe

Mon 14 Closed - Taranaki Anniversary

Wed 16 Neville Richards

Sat 19 Marilyn Armistead

Mon 21 Ann Brophy

Wed 23 Elly Harrison

Sat 26 Closed - Easter Weekend

Mon 28 Closed - Easter Monday

Tues 29 Committee Meeting

Wed 30 Ailsa McCrone

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.

## 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.



## Donation

The branch gratefully acknowledges Shirley Thomson's donation of old copies of *Who Do You Think You Are* magazines.

## Library News

Magazines received;

Family Tree (Feb)

Genealogist (Feb)

Who Do You Think You Are (Feb)



Newsletters received;

Canterbury, Hawke's Bay, Nelson, Otaki, Palmerston North, South Canterbury, Stratford, Tauranga, Wairarapa, Wellington

## Newsletter

If you have any comments or suggestions for the newsletter, please contact Peter Hewett at [peter.hewett@gmail.com](mailto:peter.hewett@gmail.com).

