



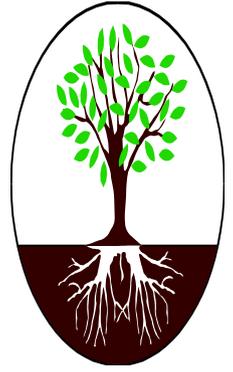
# NZSG—CAMBRIDGE BRANCH

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February 2020

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Branch meetings on 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the Month  
Feb – Nov room open from 7.00 pm  
Venue: Cambridge Health & Community Centre,  
22a Taylor St, Cambridge



## Convenor Comment:

Hello Branch members and welcome to the first genealogy newsletter for 2020!

I'm looking forward to us all getting together again and sharing about the successes or otherwise of our fascinating hobby! If you are like me you may not have a great big success to report, but what we hope is that you will come to the meeting prepared to share the little incidents that have popped up and led you to understand something more about your wider family. Remember, too, that experiences and knowledge we share may help someone else who feels like they have lost their research way. I'm hoping this will encourage you all to join us on February 10<sup>th</sup>!

Best regards,  
Nancy Cooke, convenor



♥ 10 February 2020 ♥

## Success Stories Big or Small

Bring along any successes you have had and how you found them to share

7.30pm @ Cambridge Health Centre  
Door Fee \$4.00

## Introduction to Family History

**Where:** Room 17 in the Health & Community Centre

**When:** Saturday 29 Feb 2020 Time: 10.00am

**Cost:** \$5.00 members \$10.00 non-members

**R.S.V.P.** to Bruce 823 0012

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*Mayflower*  
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**2020 marks the 400th anniversary of the sailing of the Mayflower from Plymouth UK to Plymouth Massachusetts USA**

<https://www.mayflower400uk.org/>

This is a unique opportunity to commemorate the legacy of the passengers and crew who undertook the journey and to highlight their stories and heritage, which is embedded in communities across the UK, US and Netherlands.

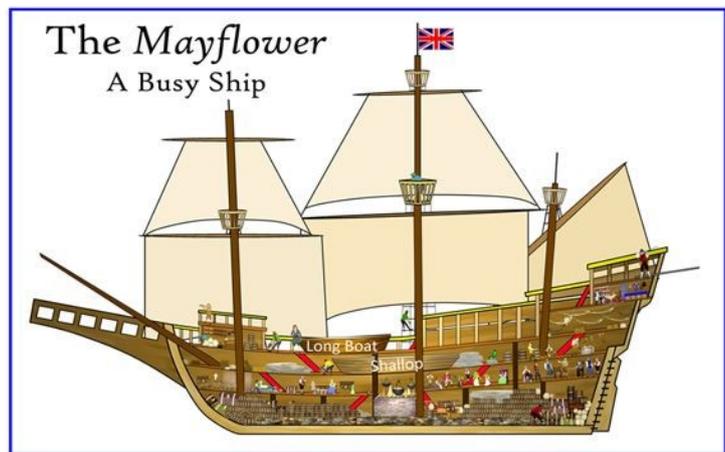
The Mayflower 400 programme has been created to leverage this opportunity, aligning 11 core destinations in England with wider local, national and international partners and over 20 million US citizens descended from the Mayflower. It will deliver a world-class series of events, public art and wider content that will commemorate this exceptional voyage and provide a major ongoing impact across the partnership, knitting together communities, inspiring creativity and culture, driving economic growth, and promoting understanding and education. This is a unique opportunity to commemorate the legacy of the passengers and crew who undertook the journey and to highlight their stories and heritage, which is embedded in communities across the UK, US and Netherlands.

**PILGRIM ROOTS** <http://www.pilgrimroots.co.uk/home/>

The Pilgrim Roots region covers Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire and South Yorkshire. Four centuries ago, a small group, who can trace their roots to the Bassetlaw area decided to leave England in search of religious freedom. They sailed first to Holland, and later some of them sailed to America on board the Mayflower.

Pilgrim Roots is regional partnership that is part of the national Mayflower 400 partnership, working collectively to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower's voyage and the stories associated with it—including the roots of the Separatists who became Pilgrims, through themes of tolerance, freedom, journeys and migration.

Pilgrims' heritage is shared across four nations—the UK, the Netherlands, the Wampanoag and the USA.



**Our Research Room: Room 17**

Open in February on  
Wednesday 12 Feb and  
Thursday 27 Feb from 10am.



# ARCHIVES NZ Changes to our Reading Room service

<https://archives.govt.nz/>

You may be aware that here at Archives New Zealand Te Rua Mahara o te Kāwanatanga, we've been working to turn our Archives 2057 strategy into a reality. We are now into year three of our transformation and over the past couple of years we've achieved a great deal and are beginning to experience some of the rewards of that hard work.

From Monday 2 March 2020, the opening hours for our reading rooms across the country will change. Our new hours will be 9am – 1pm for our Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin reading rooms. This change does not impact on our remote research services.

I want to signal this change now, so those who travel from across New Zealand, and from overseas to carry out their research in our reading rooms, can plan their research trips accordingly. To help make research time more efficient, we will be halving the retrieval time to a 30-minute turnaround in Wellington, to align with our regional offices.

We're making these changes to support the demand for our services. Over the last 10 years we have seen a steady decrease in the number of people visiting our reading rooms. This correlates with an increase in the number of customers we are serving online.

Our vision to be a vibrant, trusted, national archive is seated in our ability to provide a modern service that meets our customer's needs.

Reducing reading room hours allows us to put our energy into digitising records and making them available online. This provides better access for a greater number of users. We are well underway with providing these with the June 2019 launch of our new website and the work of our Digitisation Programme, now in its third year of operation. Since 2017, we've made available over 385,000 digitised items, comprised of over 6 million images.

I understand that this announcement will be disappointing to some of our supporters. This has been a hard decision to make but one that will support long-term benefits for all our valued users.

Further information about this change can be found on our website. To learn more about our direction for the future of Archives take a look at our 2057 strategy.

Nāku noa, nā  
Richard Foy  
Chief Archivist  
November 2019



## New Zealand Society of Genealogists

Did you know our Pedigree Chart & Family Group Sheets (both single & double page) are now available as fillable PDFs? Instead of printing them and filling them in by hand, you can now type directly into the form and save it to your computer. <https://www.genealogy.org.nz/forms-and-charts-228>

New Zealand Society of Genealogists Inc.  
FAMILY HISTORY - PRESERVING OUR PAST FOR THE FUTURE

### PEDIGREE CHART

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE PREPARED: \_\_\_\_\_

1 BORN WHERE DIED WHERE MARRIED WHERE  
NAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: INDIVIDUAL NO 1 ON THIS SHEET IS THE SAME AS NO. \_\_\_\_\_ ON SHEET \_\_\_\_\_

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# Finding your birth parents in NZ

<https://www.govt.nz/>

If you were born in NZ and you're adopted, once you turn 20 you can request your original birth certificate, and any information about your adoption records held by Oranga Tamariki—Ministry for Children.



## Getting your original birth certificate

Once you're 20 you can get a copy of your original birth certificate, which shows the details of your birth before your adoption. This may include the details of both your birth mother and birth father.

It costs \$15.30 to order a copy of your original birth certificate. This includes postage anywhere in the world.

[Request for pre-adoptive New Zealand birth certificate form BDM451 \(PDF 771KB\)](#)

[Request for pre-adoptive New Zealand birth certificate form BDM451 accessible alternative \(txt 12KB\)](#)

If you were adopted before 1 March 1986 and you're living in New Zealand, your birth certificate won't be sent directly to you. Instead you need to nominate an adoption counsellor who will receive it for you. You can choose either an independent counsellor or someone from the Oranga Tamariki—Ministry for Children. A list of approved counsellors is included with the form.

When your counsellor receives your birth certificate they will contact you to talk about what you'd like to do next. Their role is to give you information, assistance and support. They can't withhold any information you're entitled to, and can often give you helpful advice about how to find and contact your biological parents.

If you live outside New Zealand you don't need to choose a counsellor. Your birth certificate will be sent directly to you.

If you were adopted on or after 1 March 1986, you'll be offered counselling but you can ask for your birth certificate to be sent directly to you.

## Oranga Tamariki—Ministry for Children, records

You can ask Oranga Tamariki—Ministry for Children for any information they have about your adoption.

To do this, contact an adoption social worker and give them a copy of your original birth certificate. They'll find your adoption records and give you any details recorded at the time of your placement.

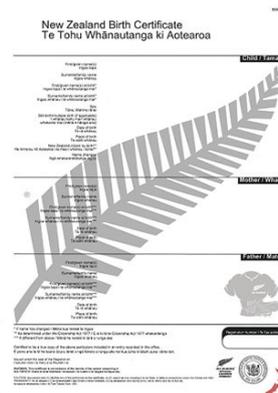
Freephone: [0508 326 459](tel:0508326459) Email: [webadoption@ot.govt.nz](mailto:webadoption@ot.govt.nz)

## Contacting your birth parents

Once you have your original birth certificate, you might want to contact your birth parents.

Your counsellor can help you search for them and decide how you'd like to approach them. You may choose to contact your birth parents yourself, or ask someone to mediate.

More information can be found on the following site: <https://www.govt.nz/browse/family-and-whanau/adoption-and-fostering/finding-your-birth-parents/>



## Graeme Mackenzie, the Scottish Genealogist,

Speaking tour of NZ for March 2020 has been cancelled due to



### WWI site archived

The Lives of the First World War digital memorial project, launched in 2014 to commemorate the WW1 centenary, has been archived.

Led by the Imperial War Museums between 12 May 2014 and 29 March 2010, more than 150,000 people contributed to the project. Researchers can search the site for free at <https://livesofthefirstworldwar.iwm.org.uk/>

### Book review:

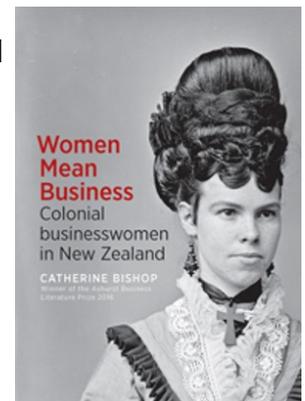
#### “Women Mean Business – Colonial businesswomen in New Zealand.”

Catherine Bishop, the vivacious and interesting speaker at our November Branch meeting, is the author of this impressive book, published in the latter part of 2019.

I purchased a copy of Catherine’s book and read it with interest and a sense of awe! It’s a big book, and quite heavy to hold. It’s printed in a readable font on nice paper and contains quite a number of black and white, good quality illustrations.

The women in this book are presented in a very interesting way and cover all walks of life and all sorts of occupations. This is the kind of book you might want to dip into over and over again, and always you might discover something new and fascinating.

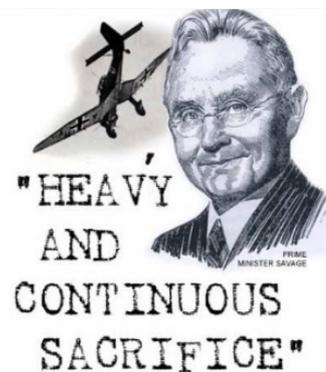
The book contains just over 400 pages, but the actual stories occupy quite a bit less. There is a small section explaining abbreviations used, about 50 pages of detailed notes about sources, places, people and quotations. There are 22 pages of primary and secondary bibliography and a 21 page index. Very impressive! If you would like to read this book, please contact me to arrange a loan. Nancy Cooke, ph 8277359, 021 2323159 .



### New Zealand Military History Conference

13-15 February 2020 Massey University , Wallace St, Wellington

#### 'Heavy and Continuous Sacrifice': New Zealand, its Allies and the Second World War'



The keynote Speaker is Dr Jonathan Fennell from King’s College, London , an expert on the Commonwealth armies in the Second World War. Other overseas participants include Dr Claire Cookson-Hills (Queen’s University, Kingston, Canada). Dr Robert Engen (Canadian Defence College), Dr Mark Johnston (Scotch College, Melbourne) and Dr Aaron Pegram (Australian War Memorial). About 30 other papers will examine a wide range of topics.

For more information refer to their website:

<https://phanza.org.nz/new-zealand-military-history-conference-february-2020/>

## Events for 2020

Feb—Waipa Libraries Heritage Month

10 Feb—Family History Successes—

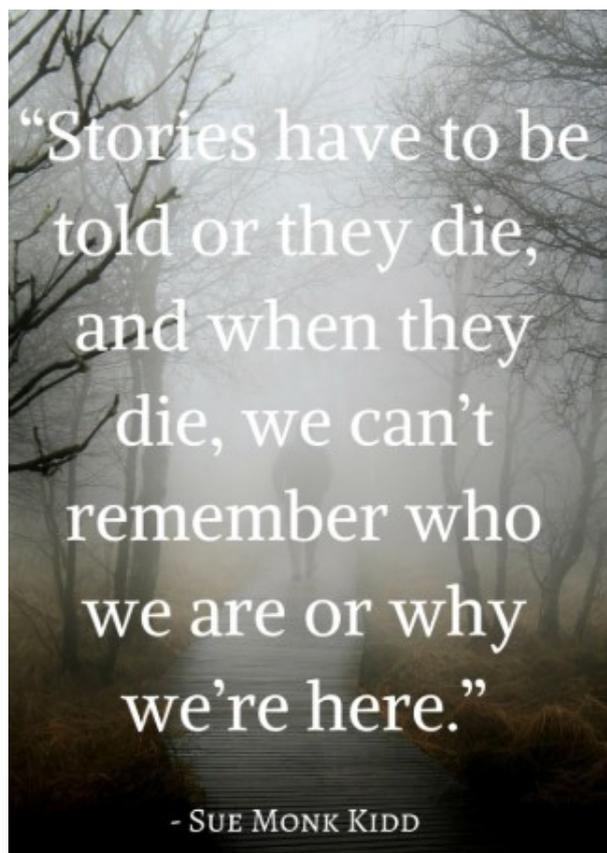
29 Feb—Introduction to Family History 10am

Mar—Cemetery Month

9 Mar— to be confirmed

16 Mar— Kae Lewis—**NZ Goldfields** in General from 9.30am Chartwell Co-operating Parish, cnr Comries Rd and Bellmount Ave, Chartwell Hamilton

Apr—AGM to be confirmed



## Waipa Libraries Heritage Month—February 2020

Cambridge Central Heritage Walk—Fri 7 Feb

ENZED history Online Workshop—Thu 13 Feb Cambridge 6.30pm

Good Grief, Granny's gone! - Sat 15 Feb Cambridge 10am—12pm

NZ Remembrance Army Talk—Wed 19 Feb Te Awamutu Library 6.30pm—7.30pm

Plough of the Pakeha—Cambridge 1864-1874—Tues 25 Feb at 6.30pm

Limited numbers. Registration required.

**Check out more info and register at** <https://www.waipalibraries.org.nz/>

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