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Branch Library: Open free to members. A small charge to visitors.
Opening Hours: Wednesday: 12 noon to 3 pm
 Saturday: 10 am to 12 noon

South Taranaki
HERITAGE & FAMILY HISTORY WEEK

28 March-3 April 2020

Programme of Events

walks | Talks | Open Days | Tours | Workshops | Exhibitions
 and much more

Organised by the Hāwera Genealogy Society
 email: Hawera@genealogy.org.nz

Next meeting: 7:30 pm Tuesday 3 Mar 2020

Computer Safety

Computers and the internet are used for everything these days, especially genealogy. But there is also some risk of fraud, scams or other criminal activity on the internet.

Rachel Hooker is fraud specialist at TSB, and at our March meeting she will be talking to us about cyber security. She will explain what to look for and will provide some practical measures that we can use to keep safe with our modern technology.



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Meetings: 7:30 pm, first Tuesday each month at branch rooms, Moturoa Shopping Centre access is off the Whiteley Street car park
Email: newplymouth@genealogy.org.nz
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Last Event: Okato Historical Society

For our first meeting of the year, 22 of our members took the opportunity to travel out to Okato to visit the Okato and Districts Historical Society (47 Cumming St, Okato). The society had its beginnings in 1996 and worked then out of someone's home. The brief was to conserve and store safely photos, news clippings and memorabilia for the area from Oakura to Pungarehu and some places beyond and around. These records are now housed in the Okato Community Trust building that was once home of the Masonic Lodge. Some finance has come from community grants to help with this task.

A small group of enthusiastic volunteers are doing wonders and I was impressed with what is available there. If you have family connections with that coastal part of Taranaki a visit is well worth while. (I even found my husband's baptismal registration in an old church register dating back to 1905!) That part of coastal Taranaki is steeped in important history and now that NZ schools are to include more of our country's history in the syllabus, this Okato group are looking to play a role in this and are talking already to the local school.

Hours are usually Wednesday mornings 9:30-12 noon and Tuesday evenings (while daylight saving is on) from 6:30 pm. Otherwise, the rooms are open by appointment. (Contact: Meg Cardiff, 752 4566, Okato).

This trip was an enjoyable evening and we thank the volunteers there who looked after us so well.

I would like also to thank the Society for the gift to our New Plymouth Branch of two books for our library: *Tataraimaka 1847-1993*, *The First 146 Years*. Also for the book *The Centenary of St Paul's Church Okato and Okato Methodist Church (St Luke's)*. Great to have these!

Annette Larsen



Miriam "Min" White at the Okato rooms.

Convenor's Report

Lea and I have just returned from our summer holiday, a trip to the sunny Coromandel peninsular in our caravan. The weather was wonderful and sunny for us holiday makers, but the dry conditions up that way were obvious and no doubt a worry for the locals. Fields of dry brown grass were everywhere, and on closer inspection large cracks were found in the ground, some up to 50mm wide, making crazy patterns. Returning home to green Taranaki brought home just how dry that part of the North Island has become.

Being genealogists, we just had to visit the cemetery in Colville, and our daughter, who was travelling with us, reminded us that as a child, when we went on holiday to a new town, we always had to find the local cemetery, school and museums.

This seemingly innocent visit to the Colville, or Cabbage Bay cemetery, as it was known, motivated Lea to record and research one of the more common family names used on the headstones and the results are shown elsewhere in this newsletter.

Bruce Bellini
Branch Convenor

Legacy Users Group

These interactive sessions cover how to use the Legacy family tree software, including how to use features, troubleshooting, tips & tricks and sharing of experiences and thoughts.

The sessions are held at the branch rooms, and are run by Marilyn Armitstead. The dates planned for 2020 are 5 April, 7 June, 9 August and 4 October. Each is on a Sunday afternoon at 1:30pm. Door charge \$2.

Next Event: 5 April 2020

For our April meeting, bring along something interesting, different or unusual about your ancestors. We have a data projector and laptop available, so you can bring along a memory stick. Or bring along something physical or printed. Any questions; contact Bruce.



DNA Discovery 2020

Christchurch: 21 & 22 March

Wellington: 27 & 28 March

Presentations by international DNA experts Blaine Bettinger and Angie Bush. Further details and tickets at:

www.eventbrite.co.nz

Email: dnadiscovery2020@gmail.com



Researching Resources Open Day

Where: Palmerston North
Kilwinning Lodge, Church Street

When: Saturday 14 March, 9:30am – 4:00pm

Entry: \$5

Speakers include:

- Archives NZ: Richard Foy
- National Library: Joan McCracken
- Papers Past: Emerson Vandy
- NZSG: Sarah Hewitt
- Manawatu Land Records: Down Chambers
- Palmerston North Library: Maria Shiva

The open day will have stands for English, Irish and Scottish resources, Maori Services, Feilding archives and Levin Library genealogical resources.

For more information, contact Rose at 06 359 1952 or email randd.rohde@gmail.com.

Christchurch Family History Expo 2020

14 & 15 August 2020

Turanga Central Library, Christchurch

Are you interested in being a speaker or exhibitor at this event? Expressions of interest close 15 March. Please contact chchfhexpo@gmail.com for information and to register interest.

Researching Colville Cemetery

Colville took its name from the cape which Captain Cook named after Rear Admiral Lord Colville. However Colville was also known as Cabbage Bay, possibly because of the abundance of cabbage trees.

The cemetery itself is known as Cabbage Bay Cemetery. It is a few kilometres out of town high on a hill. There is a small shelter with a map of the grave sites, indicating that there are quite a few more that are not marked. The Thames-Coromandel District Council has a website quite unlike any I have seen before. There are 80 records of known graves. Of these, 6 relate to Goudie. Wikipedia mentions the name of Goudie as early identities.

Out of curiosity I decided to see how these 6 graves related. The names are: Thomas Cuthbert Goudie, Sarah Bessie Goudie, Thomas Ernest Goudie, Hermina Edith Goudie, Elsie Margaret Goudie and John Crawford Goudie.

To help sort the names out, I used [Ancestry](#), [google search on names](#), [Geni](#), [historical BDM](#), [Paperspast](#).

The earliest grave belonged to Sarah Bessie Goudie, the wife of Thomas Cuthbert Goudie. Sarah died in 1912 aged 44. Her husband Thomas Cuthbert Goudie died in 1920 aged 79. Historical BDM shows the birth of 5 children to Thomas and Sarah, following their marriage in 1893. It is not known when Thomas came to New Zealand.

One of their children was Thomas Ernest Goudie whose wife was Hermina Edith Goudie. The last 2 graves were for John Crawford Goudie and his wife Elsie Margaret Goudie. John was a grandson of Thomas Cuthbert and Sarah Bessie Goudie.

So, by merely using various sites on the internet I have ascertained the relationship of the 6 members of the Goudie family buried in the Cabbage Bay Cemetery at Colville.

Lea Bellini



Library Roster: March

Wednesday 12 noon to 3 pm
Saturday 10 am to 12 noon

Wed 4 Charles Le Breton
Sat 7 Karen Crowe
Wed 11 Ailsa McCrone
Sat 14 Jill Jackson
Wed 18 Neville Richards
Sat 21 Lea & Bruce Bellini
Wed 25 Fay Eaton
Sat 28 Marilyn Armitstead

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.

South Taranaki Heritage & Family History Week

28 March to 3 April 2020

Lots of activities spread over the week, in Hawera and around the South Taranaki district.

Click [this link](#) to download the programme of events for the week.

For further information, please email hawera@genealogy.org.nz



Computer Group Meeting

The next genealogy computer group meeting will be held at 1:30pm on Sunday 22 March.



We will talk about some matters relating to computers and genealogy. And there will be some time to discuss questions and issues, so bring along any challenges or puzzles you have with computers and genealogy.

Internet Connection

The internet connection for our branch rooms is generously sponsored by Primowireless.



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Who Do You Think You Are (Mar)



Newsletters received;

Balclutha, Canterbury, Gore, Hawkes Bay, Kapiti, Nelson, Otaki, Palmerston North, Southland, South Waikato, Wairarapa

If you would like an email copy of newsletters from another branch, please contact Peter Hewett. Many of the newsletters are also available from the NZSG website.

www.genealogy.org.nz/branches--area-contacts_55

Newsletter

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

