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NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY OF GENEALOGISTS

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MEETINGS are held at Marlborough Park Hall, Chartwell Ave. Glenfield.

Day Meetings: 1pm – 3-30pm: First Monday of the month,
February to December

Night Meetings: 7-30pm– 9.30pm: Third Tuesday of the month
February to November

North Shore Branch Resource Room at Marlborough Park Hall is open on
Wednesday from 1pm – 3pm.

On Monday meeting days it will open at 12-30pm:

On Tuesday meeting nights it will open at 6-45pm



Convenor's Report

The branch's 35th Anniversary Lunch was on Saturday 21st September at 12 noon at McHugh's in Devonport. 31 members attended including Lucy Marshall our society's founder, Member No.1. Also present were a few of our foundation members including our first secretary/treasurer Kay Lumsden. We were sat at four round tables and the food was so enjoyable that I didn't need tea that night - does that sound like I overate? Unfortunately the acoustics were not good and did little to baffle the sound. As there were a number of birthday parties and other groups in the venue I had a bit of difficulty being heard when we got to the more formal proceedings. On behalf of the Branch I presented a NZSG Service Award to Louise Collinette and a NZSG Certificate of Appreciation to Pam Hamblin. Six out of nine of our living Life Members attended and five were presented with the blue Life Member Badges that we have started giving this past two years. A new Life Membership was awarded to Alan Taylor for his long service as 'backroom support'. A great reminder of our past history as a branch were the two photograph albums created over the years by June Taylor, one of activities and another of special occasions. I heard a number of exclamations of 'Oh don't we look young there!' Those present signed a new page in the special occasions album and photos taken by my daughter (visiting from Brisbane) will be added soon.

At the September day meeting we had Roger Shearer the NZSG webmaster talk to us about how he became involved and what the extent of his responsibilities are. As he had access to the internet on his computer he showed us some of the tricks for utilising the NZSG site. Unfortunately the new loudspeaker system that he was christening didn't work as the portable device had a fault. I have taken it back and hope to have a replacement up and working at the next day meeting. Very embarrassing but luckily Roger is used to talking so he can be heard – he is an ex-headmaster!

At the September night meeting which was for sharing interesting discoveries there were only nine members present. However we gathered in the Resource Room around the table with a cup of tea and heard some very interesting stories. Those present also discussed their concerns for

the future of the club and made suggestions to try and attract present and new members to make better use of what we have and increase rather than decrease services. Can you spare 2 hours a month for the branch? We are still looking for someone to do duty in the Resource Room on the third Wednesday of the month from 1-3pm.

I will not be at the October night meeting and November day meeting as I am off to see my 16 month old grand daughters in New Jersey. I will leave you in the capable hands of the committee.

Raewyn

MEETINGS CALENDAR

Monday 7th October 2013 – Day

Speaker – Desma Howarth

Subject – Embroidery Tour of Ireland

Tuesday 15th October 2013 – Evening

Share where your ancestors lived

Monday 4th November 2013 – Day

Speaker – Lisa Truttman

Subject – Boyd's Zoo
Auckland,s first zoo

Tuesday 19th November 2013 – Evening

FINAL NIGHT GET-GETHER

Speaker – Raewyn Nevin

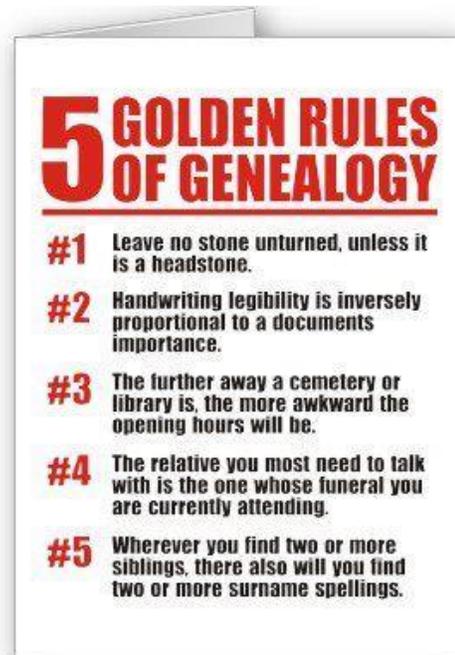
Subject – “What our ancestors died of.”

*All welcome to a festive evening
Please bring a plate*

Found in Taranaki Herald 8th January 1896

NOTICE RE BRIDGES

PUBLIC NOTICE is given by the Taranaki County Council that the whole of the BRIDGES within the Taranaki County are (more or less) DANGEROUS, and persons are hereby cautioned against taking heavy loads or driving Mobs of Cattle across, which, if done, will be at their own risk. C. T. MILLS, Clerk



Sent in by Shona Michie

Family Search .com

Family Search has recently added more lists of Passengers arriving in New Zealand as well as adding some lists of Passengers leaving

*Welcome to New Member
We are pleased to welcome Shirley Hansen
who has recently joined our Branch*

NEW AT THE BRANCH LIBRARY

Dunedin Family History Group – September 2013 Newsletter:-

Contents.

Lived once, buried twice
 Birth and Death Act 1875
 Rejects on War Memorials
 Stirling
 Inch Clutha
 Lovell's Flat
 Temerance Hall, Moray Place, Dunedin
 Lowburn Ferry Punt
 Sandymount
 Southland's Un-solved Murder
 Central Otago News
 Scottish Monumental Inscriptions
 Irish Monumental Inscriptions
 Four generations of the British Royal Family
 St Lukes Anglican Church
 St James Presbyterian Church
 Caversham Baptist Church, Dunedin
 Dundas Street Primitive Methodist Church, Dunedin
 Mosgiel Methodist Church
 Bretheren of the Loyal Mosgiel Lodge

Hutt Valley Branch NZSG – September 2013 News and Views

Contents includes

Italian Settlers in Hutt Valley
 History of the Gear Meat Company
 How to access letters filed with Wills of UK soldiers who died between 1850 and 1986
 WW1 Kiwi Soldiers Diaries to go on line

Wellington Branch NZSG – August 2013 Newsletter

Contents includes

Useful websites etc
 Making the most of Birth, Marriage and Death Certificates
 (No damage done to Branch resources in recent earthquakes)

Wellington Branch NZSG – September 2013 Newsletter

Contents includes

Convenor's travels and research in Ireland
 Nick Perrin on Bolton Street Cemetery - www.boltoncemetery.org.nz
 Review of book "Eavesdropping on Jane Austen's England" by Roy and Lesley Adkins. How it was for ordinary people.

Kilbirnie Branch NZSG – September 2013 Genealogix

Contents includes

Report on talk by representatives of Salvation Army Archives
 FamilySearch update NZ immigration passenger lists

Kilbirnie Branch NZSG – October 2013 Genealogix

Contents includes

Parish Chest – Treasures to be found
 Roving Reporter in Sussex, England.

Dunedin Branch NZSG – September/October 2013

Contents includes

Advert for Travel Nelson to London – 1842 version
 WW1 Nurses
 Christchurch Catholic Records
 When Tragedy Strikes

UK SCHOOL RECORDS

The Archives and Records Association (UK & Ireland) - ARA - has signed a deal, on behalf of a large number of archives and schools, with digital publishing experts brightsolid to publish online for the first time millions of school records from England and Wales.

The registers span the period 1870-1914 and cover every region of England and Wales. They contain details of particular interest to the family historian, including name of the school and the pupil, their date of birth, year of admission to the school and the name of a parent or guardian. Teachers are also listed and Industrial School registers are included in the collection.

40% off all records on rootsireland.ie

Rootsireland.ie is delighted to announce that all records will have a discount of 40% until Sunday, October 13th 2013 (midnight IrishTime/GMT). You can purchase any record for just 15 credits instead of the usual 25 credits.

To obtain this offer just go to the following site and login using your existing IFHF login details.
<http://www.rootsireland.ie>

We now have over 20 million records online.

Remember that you can purchase and spend your credit at any of the IFHF online centres.

Please check out our interactive map to see which centres are currently live.

If you have any questions or comments please check our Online Help and if this does not provide an answer, then do not hesitate to contact us or one of the county centres.

At Branch Library continued:-

FAMILY TREE MAGAZINE OCTOBER 2013

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Changing Times – page 10
 Feeling stuck? Try these solutions – page 14
 Discover Family Search – page 20
 Visiting the National Maritime Museum – page 24
 What's not online – page 28
 Ancestors' organizations – page 34
 Migration to the colonies – page 42
 Research skills – page 46
 Survival of the richest? – page 58

ENUMERATOR'S ERRORS

There is an old saying that "An enumerator's error is not an error", which, put simply, means that census transcribers are told to transcribe exactly what they see in the original schedules and NOT what they think it ought to be. This applies equally to searchers who think - or even know - that the enumerator made a mistake because of other evidence in their possession. It's no good submitting a correction to Ancestry, Findmypast or any of the other census providers and expecting them to change it if, in fact, the transcriber has correctly transcribed the enumerator's original record.

Today I came across an absolute classic example of what I'm talking about.

I was interested in one LEONARD STOREY who, for 40 years from 1860 to 1900, was clerk and cashier to the Halifax Co-operative Industrial Society. I have no personal connection but I found him because I have on CD an interesting history of the society published in 1901 to mark the 50th jubilee and there is a photo of Mr Storey as the frontispiece, a fine-looking gentleman with a handsome white beard. I can rarely see mention of someone like this without my natural genealogist's instinct kicks in and I want to know more about them!

Leonard Storey was born in Halifax circa 1831/2, son of George Storey. He was a schoolmaster at Hunslet (1851 census) before being appointed to the Halifax Co-op as its clerk and chief cashier. He married Sarah PEASE at Pontefract in 1864. I found Leonard in every census from 1841-1891, before and after his marriage, albeit with a little "creative thinking" in a couple of cases. However, could I find him in 1901? No, though I couldn't find a death for him or Sarah.

Eventually I found him at Hackney, London, by using one of my old familiar tricks, i.e. leaving out the surname altogether and just entering the forename Leonard, the birth year 1832 plus or minus 2 years, and the birth place as Halifax. However, it wasn't as simple as that for, to my surprise, he had been enumerated as Leonard PEASE, his wife's maiden surname !!! I had no doubt this was him because the age was right, he was born in Halifax and described as a retired cashier. Moreover, his wife Sarah was there too with him but as Sarah STOREY, born Pontefract.

What was the explanation? The head of the household was Ernest George Pease, a schoolmaster, with wife Annie and 3 children. I looked at the image and saw instantly what had happened! Under Ernest's surname the enumerator had put a "do" (ditto) for the wife and the children. But he had also put "ditto" alongside Leonard's name, who was shown as Ernest's father-in-law, then Leonard's wife Sarah was in her own married name of Storey. I discovered that Ernest George Pease had married Annie Storey at Halifax in 1891, Annie almost certainly being the daughter of Leonard and Sarah, so maybe she'd married her cousin.

A classic cock-up on the part of the enumerator but whoever had transcribed and indexed it as Leonard Pease (and it was the same at both Ancestry and Findmypast) was quite correct because that was what the enumerator had written in his book and clearly shown as such in the image.

I offer this little "teach-in" in the hope that it will enable researchers to think laterally when you can't find a missing ancestor in the censuses. Is it possible as, in this case, the enumerator made an error and they were recorded in some other name? Do, then, remember the "trick" of leaving out the surname and entering what other information you know, i.e. first name(s), approximate birth date, birth place, occupation etc. You may well find the person you seek recorded in some garbled version of the name or, as with Leonard Storey, the wrong name altogether!

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Roy Stockdill
Genealogical researcher, writer & lecturer
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Family history lunchtime series at Auckland City Library

When: Fortnightly on Wednesdays from February to November, 12pm - 1pm unless otherwise stated

Where: [Central City Library, Whare Wānanga, Level 2](#)

Cost: Free

Booking: To secure your place, please contact the [Central Auckland Research Centre](#) on 09 307 7771, or complete our [online booking form](#)

Bohemian settlers of Puhoi with Jenny Schollum

Wednesday, 9 October, 12pm - 1pm

After a four-month journey from their Bohemian homeland (then part of the Austrian Empire - now the Czech Republic), the first group of 83 immigrants bound for Puhoi reached Auckland on the sailing vessel War Spirit. Find out why they came, what they found and how they built a successful village in less than 20 years.

Oral history for family historians with Sue Berman

Wednesday 23 October, 12pm - 1pm

Come share ideas and hear about current family history projects from Sue Berman, Oral Historian at Auckland Libraries. Explore the dynamics of interviews, review the best practice of recording and gather great life stories.

