

**OTAKI BRANCH
(NZ SOCIETY OF GENEALOGISTS)
NEWSLETTER**

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Meetings are held on the 4th Thursday of each month (February to November) at 7.30 pm, in the **Dr Gertrude Atmore Supper Room** of the Otaki Public Library, corner Aotaki and Main Streets, Otaki.

Please Note: When the Branch has a guest speaker we have a gold coin collection.

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OUR NEXT MEETING IS:
Thursday 25th April 2019
7.30pm start

How a timeline works for your family stories

Committee news:



New Zealand Society of Genealogists Inc.
Otaki Branch

Notice of Annual General Meeting
To be held at 7:30pm on Thursday 23rd May 2019 in the
Dr Gertrude Atmore Supper Room, Otaki.

- **Computers at Otaki Library** – all the computers are running as they should and connecting to the library printer. We purchased one reconditioned one with a bigger hard drive than we had before at an excellent price. Our branch laptop is running fine now after some issues. We are planning to have one or two spare computers (cheap ones) as back up for any future failures. We very much appreciate Len’s work in getting everything running with our genealogy programmes, and sourcing replacement computers. Also thanks to Paul Stewart, a member, for his support too.
- Peter Burke has kindly donated a copy of his book “True to Ireland” to the branch. Anne Coury will give a brief review of the book at the next branch meeting, and it will then be accessioned into the library to be available for borrowing in due course.
- Membership is due to be renewed by the end of May, so get in early! Attached is the membership form, with details of payment options. It would be appreciated if you could fill in the form, including any areas you’re searching, and hand in to Gail Hall at a branch meeting, or scan and email to her.
- **DNA Folder.**
A Red Display Folder with DNA written on the front and, containing information on DNA Testing and other information was loaned to a Branch member. This folder is needed by the owner. If you have it, please put in the Branch Cupboard at the Library. Thank you.

Library Duty

Gail Hall	1 May	Anne Williams	22 May
Carol Moore	8 May	Glennis Balloch	29 May
Len Nicholls	15 May		
And Anne McLellan Saturday 11 May			

If you cannot do a duty day, please contact one of these members listed below to swap:

Sue Carroll 364 7263	Carol Moore 364 7159	Anne Williams 364 2300
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Research items of interest

For our new members, Findmypast.com, Ancestry.com, and [The Genealogist](http://TheGenealogist.com) are freely available on our computers at the Otaki Library. Just remember **NOT** to sign out of Findmypast OR The Genealogist, just click on the **red cross** at the right top of the screen, rather than Sign Out symbol.

If you find that Findmypast or The Genealogist has been signed out and you can’t get into it, contact a committee member.



UNITED KINGDOM

- www.workhouses.org.uk An 1861 survey naming 14,216 adults who had been workhouse inmates in England and Wales for 5+ years and reasons for being there.

Genealogix April 2019

- War Memorial site locations are shown, with links to see photographs, transcripts and setting.

Once you have found an ancestor's grave or memorial, you will now not only be able to see an image of it and read a transcript, but also understand exactly where it is in relation to towns, villages or cities on the historic or modern maps. This should make it easier for family historians to plan a visit to see where an ancestor is buried or commemorated.

TheGenealogist's powerful Map Explorer has been developed to view these georeferenced historic maps overlaid on top of modern background maps including those from Ordnance Survey and Bing Street maps, as well as a satellite view. With the Map Explorer you can search for an ancestor's property, discovering its site, even if the road has changed or is no longer there.

Alternatively, using the Master Search on TheGenealogist, having found your forebear listed on a War Memorial or graveyard, clicking through to the Map Explorer will show the War Memorial's or the cemetery's whereabouts on the various maps.

Chris Paton

- Just something I found out this week – when ordering an English certificate for births, deaths or marriages on the GRO (General Registry Office) site www.gro.gov.uk/gro, (once you've signed in), the first page has an option (called GRO indexes) to search if you don't have all the details and will bring up a mother's maiden name usually. If you find what you want you can then order the certificate.

However this option only goes up to births in 1918 and deaths to 1957. These are the ones that can be ordered as a PDF online as they have been digitised. After those dates you have to order the certificate by mail. All marriages have to be ordered by mail as they haven't been digitised.

The other option is to Place an Order and this has births, deaths and marriages. If you have found the date, volume and page number (eg on Family Search or Findmypast etc), you can enter it here and the dates will be more recent. If you're not sure of the exact date, they will search one year either side of a suggested date.

There are also further details about using their services and how to get the most from their records.

I was searching this week for a death and didn't know the date – it could have been anytime between 1945 and 1965 – and I couldn't find anything in the first search page. My recently found third cousin said the death occurred about 1958, and so I found it on Familysearch with the volume and page details. (I had previously sent away for a couple of certificates which weren't for the right guy!)

So being unable to find the death on the search page, I asked on the facebook page [AncestryFinders](#), and was helpfully directed to the Place an Order page where I could enter the details and order the certificate.

So now waiting for the mail!



NEW ZEALAND

- www.shetlandwellington.org.nz Information about the society, articles, photographs and interviews.
- ANZAC POW Free Men in Europe <http://www.anzacpow.com/>
This may be of interest to genealogists who had (ANZAC) family members as escaped POWS. Also includes a detailed map of European Prison Camps.

Thanks to Hutt Valley newsletter



➤ [New on Ancestry.com](#)

1900 Norway Census

The 1900 Norway Census was held on December 3rd and registered information for just over 2.2 million individuals residing in Norway at the time. Rather than listing people per household, forms were filled out for each individual, resulting in an extremely comprehensive census. Questions were identical to those asked in the 1891 census, aside from the spousal kinship question, which was dropped.

Rural enumeration districts were defined by municipality borders, and split into census tracts, mostly based on the school districts. One census taker, primarily a school teacher, was assigned to each tract. Local vicars chaired the rural census boards and in urban areas, the census was managed by the magistrate. The enumeration of sailors aboard Norwegian ships bound for or in Norwegian harbours at census time, as well as crews aboard foreign vessels in Norwegian harbors was carried out by customs officers.

This Collection

Users may find the following details for individuals found in the census (where available):

- Name
- Gender
- Relation to Head
- Marital Status
- Birth Date
- Birth Place
- Mental Illness
- Residence
- Nationality
- Language

1910 Norway Census

The 1910 Census was held on December 1st and registered information for just over 2.4 million individuals residing in Norway at the time. Forms were similar to those included in the 1900 census and, similar to that census, no agricultural survey was carried out.

One differentiation from 1900 was the lack of a census for seamen, which had been carried out for both the 1891 and 1900 census's. The 1910 census also expanded on questions regarding housing conditions and included new questions on returning Norwegian-Americans and unemployment. The organization of the census was by county, and further divided by town or city.

This Collection

Users may find the following details for individuals (where available):

- Name
- Gender
- Relation to Head
- Whether settled or nomadic
- Marital Status
- Birth Date
- Birth Place
- Residence

