

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 July 2019
7.30pm start

“Wish you were here”
FAMILY LINKS THROUGH POSTCARDS
AND GREETING CARDS
Share your stories!

Committee news:

- The Otaki Genealogy group and the Otaki Library are having a combined exhibition on heirlooms all through August. Check it out!
- The next genealogy training session will be on Tuesday 20 August, 1pm – 3pm, at the Supper Room. There will be a \$3.00 charge to cover the cost of hiring the venue.

Anne Smith will be discussing English records, particularly parish records before 1837.

Research in England after Civil Registration in 1837 and the advent of Census records from 1841 makes genealogical research online relatively easy. However, before 1837 we have to rely on other records,

usually Parish Registers. Even worse, being in a distant country, we have to rely on digitised records, unless we have the good fortune to visit England.

Anne will talk about the history and origins of these records, their contents, and interpretation of them, and where to find them. Other types of records may also be helpful, and these will be mentioned.

The application of Parish Registers will be illustrated using some personal cases.

Further information about the session will be sent out nearer to the date. Please RSVP to Anne McLellan at annesapphire@yahoo.co.nz

- Our last branch meeting had members bringing various family heirlooms, from a quilt started by Sue's mother and finished by herself and her daughters, to a cylinder phonograph (from Len, see below). There was also a painting, glass tumblers, an ebony elephant, a menu from the early 1900s and a number of other interesting items.



- In August we hope to have the Territorial Archivist from the Salvation Army Heritage Centre and Archives speak to us about their Family Tracing Service.

Library Duty

Frances Milne	7 August	Lois Coles	14 August
Gail Hall	21 August	Carol Moore	28 August

And: Anne McLellan Saturday 10 August

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](#) 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.



IRELAND

➤ **[Findmypast: Donegal Workhouses Registers and Minute Books](#)**

Search for your Irish ancestry through more than 400,000 new and exclusive records from the Donegal workhouses. The records include admission and discharge registers as well as board of guardians' minute books. The books span from 1840 to 1922, comprise records from 7 poor law unions across Donegal and join our growing collection of Irish Work House and Poor Law records. These records are also available to browse. The unions covered include Ballyshannon, Donegal, Dunfanaghy, Glentis, Inishowen, Letterkenny, Milford, and Stranorlar. The original records are held by the Donegal County Council and have been digitised through a partnership with Findmypast. Within the collection, you will find a wide variety of records.



SCOTLAND

➤ **[Findmypast: Scotland, Highlands and Islands Assisted Emigration 1852-1857](#)**

Search the names of those who received assistance from the Highlands and Islands Emigration Society in emigrating from the Highlands of Scotland for Australia. Each transcript will reveal when your ancestor's dates and ports of both departure and arrival, their age and residence, the ship they sailed on, the name of their sponsor and the amount they received.

➤ **[Findmypast: Scotland, Highland Poor Law 1845-1929](#)**

Find out if your Highland ancestors fell on hard times with more than 9,000 new poverty relief records. These detailed transcripts can reveal a wide range of information about your ancestors, a description of the relief they received, location, their occupation, residence, earnings, the names and earnings of their relatives, how poor they actually were and the nature of their disability (if disabled).

➤ **[Scotland Presbyterian & Protestant Church Records, 1736-1990](#)**

[Familysearch](#) has records of Free, United Presbyterian, United Free and Other Protestant Churches in Scotland from 1736-1990 originally filmed at the National Archives of Scotland, CH3 series.

➤ Glasgow City Archives has announced that items digitised at its First World War digitisation day earlier this year on April 10th, for the University of Oxford-run **Lest We Forget** project, are now freely available to view online at <http://lwf.it.ox.ac.uk/s/lest-we-forget/item-set/6928>.

The materials available include photographs, letters, diaries, newspaper cuttings, medals, an oral history recording and more.

Further items from Britain (including Aberdeen, Stonehaven and Edinburgh), and the Isle of Man, are available at <http://lwf.it.ox.ac.uk/s/lest-we-forget/page/welcome>.



ENGLAND

- Norfolk parish registers and bastardy records added to [TheGenealogist](#)
TheGenealogist has released over half a million new parish records for Norfolk into their Parish Records collection. In addition to containing the uniquely transcribed records of Baptism, Marriages and Burials with images for over 250 parishes, these records also include some fascinating Bastardy bonds, Examinations, Warrants and Orders. With this release family historians will be able to find the details of ancestors baptised, married and buried as well as those that had children born out of wedlock in this East Anglian county.



AUSTRALIA

- Australia, South Australia, Prison Records, 1838-1912
[Familysearch](#) has Prison records compiled from Adelaide, Redruth, Gladstone, and Port Lincoln Gaols. Yatala Labour Prison is also represented. Information on prisoners include alias, admission date, age, and birth place where recorded.



NEW ZEALAND

- RSA Review

'Lost Trails' may be able to help – it's worth trying

Looking for somebody or something with a services/military connection of any sort? You could be searching for information on a person, people or military unit, or service-related information, or about how to return or acquire medals and memorabilia, or a long-lost service mate, or something entirely different. All you have to do is send us the information and we'll run it in the next available RSA Review (the Review is published in March, June, September and December). Send details of your quest by: email – dion@waterfordpress.co.nz; post – RSA Review, P.O.Box 19-593, Christchurch 8421; phone – 03 9835505.

Thanks to Papakura newsletter



NETHERLANDS

- Always good information from this source. If you are researching in the Netherlands and its territories, check this out. [DUTCHGENEALOGY.NL](#)