

From 'Our House' to Yours

Papakura Branch: New Zealand Society of Genealogists

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NOTICE BOARD

August 2012

Family History Month – Family History is Cool, Pass it on.

Friday 3rd August 2012 at 2pm Venue: Papakura Library
Using Heritage Newspapers to Enrich Your Research.
Staff from the Auckland Research Centre will take this meeting

Tuesday 7th August 2012 at 7.30pm Branch Meeting
Join us at the 'The Genealogists Olympics'

11-31 August 2012 A static display in the empty shop on Broadway next to the Wool shop. Make sure you have a look

Wednesday 15th August 2012 at 6.00pm-7.30pm at Papakura Library. Hands on Ancestry and Findmypast. There will be 6 public computers available.

Sunday 26th August 2012 at Pukekohe Library
"Day with Jan Gow" NZSG members \$5.00
Others \$20.00
Tea and coffee supplied BYO lunch. RSVP appreciated to valq@actrix.co.nz

Friday 31st August 2012 8pm-8am
Auckland City Library "Lockin" bookings Essential.

Future Dates

Tuesday 4th September 2012 at 7.30pm Branch Meeting
Speaker - Lyn Whelan on Industrial Schools

Tuesday 2nd October 2012 at 7.30pm Branch Meeting to be advised

Tuesday 6th November 2012 at 7.30pm Branch Meeting – Michelle Patient

Trading Table: Please remember we are now having this at all meetings and your support would be appreciated, produce, books, plants etc. most welcome.

Open for Research

Our House

11 Opaheke Road
Papakura

Tuesdays
9:00am to 12:00pm

Wednesdays
7:30pm to 9:30pm

Saturdays
1:00pm to 4:00pm

Computer Group
3rd Sunday
1:30pm to 4:00pm

Small glass jars suitable for jams and pickles can be left at Our House. Thanks

Please keep bringing your used printer cartridges to meetings. We send them for recycling to raise funds for the branch

Our best wishes to those who have had births, birthdays, anniversaries and bereavements in your family and too those of you who have been under the weather, a speedy recovery.

Thank you to David MILLAR, who has water blasted the paths, walkway and cleaned out the guttering.

Thanks to the anonymous donor of The Family Tree magazines.

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From the Convenor

Hi Everyone,

Another month has passed by and we are really on the way to 'Spring' let's hope! August being Family History Month there is certainly a lot going on, Papakura Branch has also arranged a busy timetable for you too with displays and meetings in special places and with special people, I hope you can take advantage of these and come along.

Our Branch is doing a big drive for new members, so if you have a friend who is just a 'little' bit interested" in genealogy do bring them along to a meeting or watch this space for we have some plans coming up. Everyone has a family tree of sorts it just needs a little bit of information to help it mature and we are so hoping to help do this, as you know our resources are wonderful and do need to be used.

I recently went to Gisborne for a few days - but didn't take any genealogy - oh dear was I lost - had two people visit me and no quick reference for them, no computer, so have had to email them information on my return. What does this say, I need an Ipad? laptop? or just a better memory? I did take my camera so at least I have a photo or two. Guess we should always be prepared.

Well I hope this finds you well and looking forward to seeing you at our meeting on Tuesday night.

Happy Hunting

Shirley

Library News

Please can we all remember that library borrowing is for one month only. It would be appreciated if all overdue books and magazines were returned ASAP as Kay and Jane are updating our library catalogue.

Please place all returned books and magazines, in the box provided, once you have put the card back in the pocket, this will help us with our reorganisation. Thank you.

The August editions of ***Family Tree Magazine*** and ***Your Family History*** have arrived and are available for borrowing. An article by Nick Barrett speaker at the recent NZSG conference about his visit features in ***Your Family History***. Copy on notice board in meeting room. Just arrived also ***New Zealand Memories***.

A very generous donation from Gordon Byron of; ***Old and New London Illustrated. A narrative of its history, its people and its places; Westminster and the Western Suburbs. Vol. IV by Edward Walford***; has been rebound and can be looked at in the library. This is an old book and too precious to go out on loan. Thank you very much Gordon.

Also recently donated; ***Tracing the History of Houses by Trevor Yorke***: This book focuses on British housing styles, but may help you work out the age of a house you have in a photo and date the photograph.

Joys and Sorrows, The Clutha Leader 1874-1900 this is a CD. ***The Levin Chronicle 'An Index' 1926-1939*** ***Shannon News*** - 37 fiche has indexes Clubs, organisations, business adverts, district elections.

IF YOU BORROW A MAGAZINE PLEASE RETURN PROMPTLY, OTHERS ARE WAITING.

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Computer Group:

Most of us are Legacy users, but there are still a couple who use PAF. We just share websites, hints to get the best out of Legacy, other programmes to help with research, and any CDs we have learned about.

Sometimes set ourselves personal goals or set "homework", if we have learned of something new and we go home and use it and report back at the next meeting on the pros and cons. Just stuff like that really. It's just very informal and friendly. The members that come are at all different stages of research, as well as different levels of computer literacy. It's really just anything to do with computers and genealogy combined.

Websites to check out:

Wills and Probates from Blenheim, Canterbury, Hawkes Bay, Marlborough, Napier and Nelson: [FamilySearch](#) has now made available the Wills and Probates from Blenheim, Canterbury, Hawkes Bay, Marlborough, Napier and Nelson. The images are browse only, by region and date range. Gisborne will be added in the near future.

To find: [Log on FamilySearch](#) - Under Records by Location, select New Zealand and Australia, Under Collections select Probate & Court and follow the prompts through (from e-KIT)

NZSG www.genealogy.org.nz do you get e-KIT a monthly newsletter from the Society. It is worthwhile to find out what events are on, plus many other things as well. Send an e mail to office.manager@genealogy.org.nz.

www.polishheritage.co.nz Polish Heritage Trust Museum 125 Elliot Street, Howick 2014 Auckland ph/fax + 09 533 3530 email phtmuseum@ihug.co.nz have a look and see what they are offering they have many events on at various times. (Thanks Lois)

www.archway.archives.govt.nz/ Have you checked recently to see if your soldiers records are now digitised. Many more than a couple of months ago.

www.aucklandcitylibraries.com/whatson/familyhistory/Family-history-lock-in.aspx Try this to see if any spaces left for lock-in

<http://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/cgi-bin/paperspast> - Latest additions •Auckland Star (1927-1945) ; •New Zealand Herald (1863-1884) More NZ Herald to come later - released in chunks up to 1945

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3dQLKYIsOzA> The Ministry for Culture and Heritage has recently finished producing a collection of 140 Roadside Stories, short 4-5 minute videos about some significant places throughout New Zealand. One of the stories is about Rangiriri, which you can view here: And then do a search for other places of interest. Mercer, Waikato River, Glenbrook (Thanks Christine)

<http://www.aucklandcitylibraries.com/whatson/familyhistory/familyhistoryseries.aspx> Look at his site for events for Family History Month. Some events you need to make a booking for.

www.freereg.org.uk This Parish register site is being updated all the time and it is worthwhile checking it out monthly to see if the parish you are looking for has been indexed. Northamptonshire is being coordinated from New Zealand

<http://austcemindex.com/inscriptions.php> a marvellous site, has Headstone photos and details, have just found a complete family on here. Just need to type in the surname and they come up from all different cemeteries.

www.amemorytree.co.nz A Memory Tree is NZ's largest and most comprehensive website holding death information. If a death has been published in a leading newspaper you can locate accurate, up-to-date information about the person here. [Summaries](#) of all published death notices are available. We update our records hourly and list 97% of all deaths.

Our online **obituary database** offers up-to-date **death notice information** obtained from funeral homes and daily newspapers in New Zealand. Visitors can see where all the public notices for the deceased person appeared in the newspaper. This is recorded and available for viewing at any time in the near, or distant, future. Search our database of all the names published in newspaper notices since December 2006.'

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THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

AUGUST

August the month:

This month was originally named Sextilis in Latin, because it was the sixth month in the original ten-month Roman Calendar, when March was the first month of the year. About 700 BC it became the eighth month when January and February were added to the year before March by King Numa Pompilius, who also gave it 29 days. Julius Caesar added two days when he created the Julian Calendar in 45BC, giving it its modern length of 31 days. In 8 BC it was renamed in honour of Augustus.

The birthstone for August is the peridot or onyx. The flower is the gladioli or poppy, meaning beauty, strength of character, love, marriage and family.

August the name:

The surname August or Augustine probably derives from St Augustine and in England it fell from popularity at the time of the reformation. The earliest known recording of the name is believed to be John Augustyne in the hundred rolls for Cambridge in 1272.

August as a first name for a boy was quite common in the time of Victoria, but it was more commonly Augustus, which means venerable. For girls it was Augusta. The name August was given to many Polish kings and it remains popular there and in German speaking countries. Variations on the name are Augustine, Augie, Austin, Gus and Guss.

Between 1837 and 1937, free BMD records 249 marriages involving people with the surname August, 387 births and 227 deaths. The NZ historical BDM site shows 67 births, 54 deaths between 1840 and 1940 and 47 marriages between 1840 and 1832.

In the 1891 England and Wales census, there were 185 families with the surname AUGUST, 75 in London, 36 in Surrey, 20 in Kent, 13 in Hampshire, with the remainder scattered in 1's and 2's in several other counties.

Immigration figures to the United States shows most AUGUST families came from Germany, Sweden and France.

August EVENTS:

AUGUST IS FAMILY HISTORY MONTH: FAMILY HISTORY IS COOL PASS IT ON.

1 Aug 1838: slavery abolished in Jamaica. Do you have any slaves or slavers in your tree?

3 Aug 1492: Christopher Columbus set sail to find a westerly route to the Far East

6 Aug 1945: 1st atomic bomb dropped over Hiroshima.

7 Aug 1908: 1st train runs the length of the North Island main trunk line. Although not finished a group of parliamentarians travelled from Wellington to Auckland to meet the American Navy's great white fleet.

8 Aug 1915: Wellington Battalion captures Chunuk Bair

10 Aug 1840: HMS Britomart arrived at Akaroa and raised the Union Jack ahead of the French. We might be speaking French instead of English.

12 Aug 1895 Minnie Dean became the first and only woman to be hanged by law in New Zealand.

13 Aug 1961: Berlin wall came into existence. Do you have family who were divided by the wall?

17 Aug 1839: NZ Company ship the Tory arrived in Queen Charlotte Sound before sailing on to Wellington. This ship carried members of the Company sent to smooth the way for the following migrant ships. The Tory channel is named after this boat.

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23 Aug 1947: 118 single people aged between 20 and 35 arrived aboard the Rangitata as the first draft of assisted migrants since the war. A total of 77,000 people arrived between 1847 and 1975 under this scheme. Do you have family who came to NZ under this scheme or were you one yourself?

24 Aug 79AD Vesuvius erupted and destroyed Pompeii, Stabiae and Herculaneum

26 Aug 1911 the New Zealand coat of arms was warranted by King George V

31 Aug 1997 Princess Diana died in a car crash in Paris

News from elsewhere: From the Hawera Branch

We have all the South Taranaki Death notices from 1936 until 2001 then we have all of Taranaki Death notices too current. From 2001 we have newspaper births and wedding Anniversaries. We are indexing all the school booklets, jubilee, centennial etc. We have funeral service sheets and these are indexed. We have indexed and photographed headstones at Pihama, Waihi, Okaiawa and Otakeho Cemeteries. We have an envelope project with articles that have appeared in the local papers in the area, The Taranaki Daily News, South Taranaki Star, Coastal News, Patea Mail and the Stratford Press where it relates to South Taranaki. and any other items that relate to South Taranaki.

Otago Mounted Rifles are in need of diaries, letters and photographs of the Otago Mounted Rifles Regiment. The history of the Otago Mounted Rifles is being compiled. The project seeks to identify and copy all unpublished historical information about the Regiment. If you can help, please contact: Brian Connor connors@clear.net.nz or George Davis george.davis@otago.ac.nz

This article was in The Auckland Star 13 September 1934

PUKEKOHE TEAMS.

The South Auckland inter-union competitions will be concluded next Saturday, when Pukekohe and Franklin meet in the finals of both the senior A and the senior B grades. The senior A final will be played at Tuakau and the senior B at Pukekohe, and, as none of these teams has been defeated this season, some interesting football should be witnessed. The Pukekohe sides will be:—

Senior B —Backs: C. Laurie, W. Taylor (Old Boys), N. Cootes, G. McClune (Patumahoe), D. Seaborne, E. Dix, S. Cartwright (White Star) Forwards: A. Keane, O. Wolfsbauer (Old Boys), W. Smith, Orsulich, N. Kidd (White Star), C. Goldsworthy, T. Pringle, C. Woodney (Patumahoe).

Papakura News from Papers Past

Auckland Star, Volume LXXIII, Issue 101, 1 May 1942, Page 3

Miss Jean KIRK, who is Papakura's first postwoman, is a granddaughter of the late Mr James KIRK, after whom Kirk's Bush is named.

Auckland Star, Volume XXI, Issue 4147, 13 October 1883, Page 2

EWAN—CROSKERY.—On the 1th October, at Kiri Kiri, Papakura, by the Rev. Thos. Norrie, John, eldest son of Mr Robert Ewan, of Dunedin, to Sarah Jane, eldest daughter of Mr James Croskery, of Papakura.

Auckland Star, Volume XXXVIII, Issue 206, 29 August 1907, Page 8

COLE.—On August 6th to Mr and Mrs E S. Cole of Papakura, a son.

New Zealand Herald, Volume XIV, Issue 4805, 11 April 1877, Page 7

SHANAGHAN-WILLIS – On March 2, at the Episcopalian Church, Papakura, by the Rev R A HALL, William SHANAGHAN, Clerk R M. Court, Papakura to Sara May, eldest daughter of Mr Robert WILLIS, Papakura. Has anyone any idea where this Church may have been?

There are plenty of things to be found if you take the time to look, found a motor cycle crash concerning my late father-in-law and his sister. Another of a cousin hit as a pedestrian on Grafton bridge, which resulted in losing his leg. Social news, included names of people attending a ball for the local Basketball Club, who exhibited at the Garden shows.

Grandmother was selling the piano, complete with borer for 20 pound. Wonder if it was sold.

Bits and Pieces

Have you looked at our indexing cards, they cover Papakura, Manurewa, Brookby, Drury, Karaka, Ramarama, Clevedon, Runciman etc., included are birth, marriage, death and anniversary notices, books of the area, school records, baptisms, soldiers etc. Well worth a look.

Can anyone name the shops in Papakura, from the dairy at the corner of Wood Street to the Hotel at the corner of Elliott Street, and any information about the people who owned, or worked in them?

Would you like to tell us about your research, names of people who you are looking for, a question that other members may be able to assist you with.

I am interested to know if anyone has researched Prison records around 1911-1912 and what information they were able to obtain. This is for a family in Australia who have found their grandfather sentenced to prison at this time in Auckland.

All information can be sent to joandbruce@xtra.co.nz

The committee all look forward to seeing you on Tuesday at 'The Genealogists Olympics'.