

From 'Our House' to Yours

Papakura Branch: New Zealand Society of Genealogists

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NOTICE BOARD

This month's Activities

Tuesday 4th September 2012 at 7.30pm Branch Meeting

Speaker - Lyn Whelan on Industrial Schools

Friday 28th September 2012

We are going to be at the library between 11am-1pm, this will be the last Friday of every month. We hope to be able to help anyone who has problems, wants to know how to get started with their genealogy and where to go to continue their research.

Join the Senior Citizens for a talk by Lyn Mc Onie at 1.00pm on 4th September at the Old Courthouse Building in Central Park. Lyn has worked at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City.

Future Dates

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

Tuesday 6th November 2012 at 7.30pm Branch Meeting – Michelle Patient, President of NZSG

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

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

We would like to welcome new members Alison, Don and Mark and look forward to seeing you at our meetings.

Open for Research

Our House

11 Opaheke Road
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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

Our aim for this month is for all our members to wear their name badges.

Do you need a new name badge? See Shirley, Jane or Jocelyn, we are happy to arrange for an NZSG one with your name and number on it. The cost is \$15.00

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

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Hi Everyone,

What a busy time August has been; FAMILY HISTORY is cool PASS IT ON!

I am not sure it is over yet - what with the Auckland Library Lockin still to come!

I do so hope that you have been able to attend some of the great sessions made available to everyone. I attended the Sir Edmund Hillary Library talk and Pukekohe meeting as well as managing to help Robyn put up a 'great display' in the shop window (next to Pryde's wool shop), hope you have at least seen that, not too late.

Remember a 'family tree' of yours at least three generations back would be great to bring along to the next meeting. Come on that is my August challenge to you all!

I have just interrupted my 'free' time on Ancestry.com.au. to write this message so it will be short as every minute counts!! I have found a relative of mine coming and going for five years on a shipping list, Australia - Hong Kong and back, wow, he was a '2nd Mate' on an Australian boat and the final post about him is he goes off to Canada to the gold rush, then he trips back and forth to Ireland, (my relatives have a gold nugget crudely set into a gold ring) so this is all the remains of William Woodney 2nd mate, seaman, born in Ireland in 1866, never married but enjoyed a great life.

Do hope that you too have discovered something this month and will come along to our meeting on Tuesday evening and share. This month we are having a very interesting evening with Lyn Whelan about Industrial Schools.

If you have time the Senior Net are also having a session on the 4 Sept with Lyn Mc Onie at 1pm and you are invited to attend this also

Happy Hunting, see you Tuesday evening

Shirley

Library News

Please check your book shelves for books and magazines belonging to the branch.

We have a number of items which have been out on loan for much longer than a month. Any magazines we need to replace cost \$15 each for back issues.

We hope to have a new version of '**They Came by Ship**' to add to the library shelves shortly.

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

Computer Group:

Come along and join with other members and find out more things that you can do in your genealogy programmes. Someone is always willing to help you get started if you are a newcomer. It is very informal and friendly. The members that come are at all different stages of research, as well as different levels of computer literacy.

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THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

SEPTEMBER

September the month:

This month was named from the Latin word for seven, meaning it was the seventh month in the old calendar, which began in March. Numa reduced the number of days to 29 and Julius Caesar returned it to 30. The Romans believed that September was looked after by the god Vulcan and expected September to be associated with fires, eruptions and volcanoes.

In the Northern hemisphere it is the month of the harvest in the Southern the month of spring.

The birthstone for September is the sapphire, which means clear thinking. The flowers are the forget-me-not, morning glory and aster.

September the name:

There are no occurrences of the surname September in the UK 1891 census, but it is found in US records notably Slave registers of former British colonial dependencies. It also appears in US federal censuses often with the person originating from Italy. The name also occurs in Australia, South Africa and some of the Caribbean islands.

September or Septima as a first name for a girl and Septimus or Septimas for a boy was not that uncommon, perhaps the seventh child in the family. There are thousands of people with the first name Septimus or Septima listed on FreeBMD.

Between 1837 and 1937, free BMD records 1 birth of a child with the surname September (in 1919) and 1 birth (1884) and 1 marriage (1912) for someone with the first name September as both occurred in the same registration district it is likely to be the same person. The NZ historical BDM site shows 1 birth for someone with the surname September, and 1 marriage between 1840 and 1832.

SEPTEMBER EVENTS:

2 Sep 1752: The British Empire adopted the Gregorian Calendar and in that year Sep 2nd was followed by Sep 14th. Does your family history programme allow for double dating?

2-6 Sep 1666: The great fire of London.

3 Sep 1939: War declared by Great Britain, France, Australia and New Zealand on Germany.

3 Sep 1958: Sir Brian Barratt-Boyes performed the first open heart surgery in NZ.

4 Sep 2010: Magnitude 7.1 earthquake rocks Christchurch.

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6 Sep 1948: New Zealand citizenship established. Prior to this all New Zealanders were classified as British subjects.

7 Sep: Independence Day in Brazil. Do you have any connections to Brazil in your family?

10 Sep 1914: Eruption on White Island killed 10 people. Were any of your ancestors involved?

11 Sep 2001: Attacks on the World Trade Centre and the Pentagon. USA

11 Sep 1928: First trans-Tasman flight. Charles Kingsford-Smith and Charles Ulm in their plane the *Southern Cross* landed at Wigram more than 14 hours after leaving Sydney. Did anyone you know, join the 30,000 who went to meet them?

12 Sep 1914: Minnie 43 miners were killed in an explosion at Ralph's mine in Huntly. Were any of your ancestors miners?

13 Sep 1933: Elizabeth McCombs became the first woman Member of Parliament winning the by-election for the seat of Lyttelton after the death of her husband.

15 Sep 1969: The first steel was produced from local iron sand at Glenbrook. How many of your relatives have worked at the steel mill?

16 Sep: Independence Day in Mexico.

19 Sep 1893: Women's suffrage day. New Zealand became the first country to grant all women the right to vote. Did you have a suffragette in your family?

21 Sep: Spring equinox in the southern hemisphere.

25 Sep 1819: Samuel Marsden notes in his diary that he had just planted 100 grape vines at Kerikeri. The start of the NZ wine industry?

27 Sep 1825: World's first passenger rail service began between Stockton and Darlington in the north of England. Many of our ancestors moved from agricultural work to working on the railways.

28 Sep 1899: NZ approved the sending of a contingent of mounted rifles to South Africa, to assist in the Boer War

29 Sep: Michaelmas Day. St Michael is the patron saint of the sea, of ships and boatmen and horses and horsemen.

30 Sep: Every year in England on the day after Michaelmas agricultural labourers presented themselves along with their tools at the nearest market town, to offer themselves for hire for the coming year. This tradition may be part of the reason your ancestors seemed to be surprisingly mobile.

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Websites to check out:

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~funeralnotices/B.html>

Taken from a wide variety of New Zealand resources, there is an email address where you can contact the compiler.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/> This is a great site for newspapers – I have found birth, marriage and death notices in Australia, you can sign in and correct any that have been indexed incorrectly, all sorts of newspapers from a wide area are included, well worth a look.

<http://www.rsa.org.nz/lost-trails> - RSA website postings for lost and found people, medals, photos etc.

www.natlib.govt.nz Papers Past additions during August: Dominion 1907-1920 Free Lance 1910-1920 Press 1915-1920 Te Puke Times 1913-1920 Thames Advertiser 1874-1899

<http://www.aucklandcity.govt.nz/dbtw-wpd/heritageimages/index.htm> photos from microfilms of the Auckland Star at Auckland City Library

News from elsewhere:

'In the heavens above' RNZAF aircrew training in Canada, by Ivan and Lorna LINDSEY published March 2012. A new book found in The Sir Edmund Hillary library. Airmen's reminiscences, has photos of ships they travelled on, planes they flew and also photos of various people. Found A J OSBORNE NZ414667 who was from Papakura telling his story.

'give me Taihape on a Saturday night' a reprint of this 1995 book by Denis Robertson has been updated and is now up until 2010. Not sure where it is available, but check out the libraries for it.

Papakura News from various resources:

New Zealand Gazette 6 January 1871 – Progress Report of the Flax Commissioners. Scraping: This was tried by Mr D COLE of Papakura, in 1860, who used a revolving drum, scraping the leaf against wood.

New Zealand Gazette 1 June 1869 issue 029 page 266 George GLARKSON of Papakura held 49 shares in "The Shotover Gold Mining Company, Registered"

The Complete NZ Distinguished Conduct Medal – by Alan J Polaschek – page 10 405 Col J H WHYTE, DSO, DCM born at Clevedon NZ 17 December 1876.

From NZSG Strays – New Zealand Observer, Thursday 10 March 1932 page 15 Mrs Lloyd FRANCIS is advertising St Anne's, The Wayside Tearooms, The Old Vicarage, Papakura

70 Years of C.W.I Achievement 1991 – Papakura branch was formed 28th September 1932 by Mrs BAGNALL Mrs E HOUGHTON nominated President, Mrs I BAULF, Secretary and Mrs CARTWRIGHT, Treasurer.

Some First day pupils at Takanini School 12th March 1923, Gladys and Victor ESCOLME, Joyce and Harry KNIGHT, Kathleen SMITH, Una, May and Eric Verner WATKIN, Jean PAUL, Kenton MORRIS, Neil FARRELL.

Members research

At the committee meeting last night it was mentioned that we should publicise the family surnames we are researching to perhaps find links with other members.

BAYLEY- originally from Cheshire. Came to Christchurch NZ in 1851 & eventually settled in the Nelson area. MacDonald - from Tyree, Argyl in Scotland. Came to NZ in the 1870's via Melbourne. Settled in the Taranaki area.

COLLECUTT (Collicot & other spellings) - from Ledbury in Herefordshire and also Staffordshire. He was a miner and lived in Waihi.

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BUCHAN - from Aberdeen, Scotland. Came to Otago then eventually reached Auckland. Lived in Whitford and also Pukekohe.

Other surnames that link to these are GROSSI, PAHL, RIDDLE, DYMOCK, CLEWS, CHAPMAN, WADE.

Please contact Chris Bayley at krispie48@gmail.com

2 committee members have already replied with information on his family.

JANS - Switzerland – New Zealand
POTROZ - Poland – New Zealand
EGAN - Ireland - America - Australia

ROWE – Wales South Africa - Australia
SAUNDERS - Scotland - South Africa

Please contact Nicola Davies at ndavies@ihug.co.nz

BROOKER (Kent), NEWMAN (Devon), BELL (Kent and London), NEWNHAM (Kent).
POTTER, STONE, FINCH, LETLEY, ROSE (all Kent),
HUMPHRIES / HUMPHREYS / HUMPHRESS, FISHER (Oxfordshire)
BACK, (Devon), FARR (Kent, Wiltshire), FERGUSON (Scotland)

Please contact Jane BROOKER jane@cjarm.net

What is a Genealogist?

A full-time detective, a thorough historian, an inveterate snoop; a confirmed diplomat; a keen observer; a hardened skeptic; an apt biographer; a qualified linguist; a part-time lawyer; a studious sociologist; an accurate reporter; a hieroglyphics expert – and a complete nut!

I do hope you have all managed to attend one of the Family History Month happenings. I did manage to visit the Sir Edmund Hillary Library for a talk by Marie Hickey regarding Newspapers. On Saturday it was 'A hot time in the old town tonight', by Lindsey Dawson at Panmure. This was very enjoyable with early photos and articles from newspapers on Early Auckland. Great to see that six members from Papakura attended this. Friday brings the Auckland Library Lockin and hope to see some of you there as well.

Had hoped to visit the Feilding branch, but unfortunately had the wrong week, did make it to the Eketahuna Museum which is only open Sundays 2-4pm. There is someone new in charge and they are trying to get things better organised. Also went to the Methodist Church at Hastwell, (Mauriceville North) a lovely little church on the top of a hill, well maintained and looked after.

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If any member needs a ride to our meetings, we have many willing people who would be able to collect you and take you home. Please get in touch if you would like a pick up and we will arrange it for you. Ring Shirley 2987888 or Jocelyn 2987985.

Always on the lookout for contributions to our newsletters. joandbruce@xtra.co.nz