

From 'Our House' to Yours

Papakura Branch: New Zealand Society of Genealogists

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NOTICE BOARD

This month's Activities

Tuesday 2nd October 2012 at 7.30pm Branch Meeting - '**Research Potpourri**' Papakura, Fencibles, New Zealand Service Medal and much more.

Future Dates

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.

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 picked up and we will arrange it for you. Ring Shirley 2987888 or Jocelyn 2987985.

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

Please remember your name badge.

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,

Another month flies by - and 'daylight' saving time starts this weekend - so summer is on its way!
September is always a strange month isn't it. Lots of birthdays - well in my family anyway.

I must admit I have been researching quite a lot on the 'internet' sites - since I was at the Auckland Library Lock-In. I have found some really interesting material, especially as I am now able to research some of the sites via the Library, very exciting. Have you registered your Library Card and got your internet access number? Well worth doing.

I had a few comments about our Genealogy display in Pryde's shop. Just now looking forward to some new members. Have you thought of bringing along a friend to our meeting? Would be so good to have a bit of 'fresh' blood.

Our Trading table is a great success at the meetings, what with fresh produce, books, preserves and other odds and ends there is something for everyone. So if you have something to donate we would be grateful. Helps to boost our funds and of course remember to bring along an extra dollar to purchase.

If you have not been well we all hope that you are on the improve list now and to those who have had a recent 'birthday' best wishes also and of course our condolences if you have recently lost a loved one.

Some interesting times coming up so keep an eye out and if you have any suggestions please don't be shy to suggest or ask the committee

I so look forward to seeing you at our meeting next week - or if you have something more urgent remember 'Our house' is open for research during the week.

See you Tuesday evening - happy hunting

Cheers
Shirley

Library News

Additions: Reprinted copy of '***They Came by Ship***' the story of Bombay. This book is reference only but the old version may be borrowed. The Bombay Lions have undertaken this project and the 3rd print run is underway now. The Lions offer a free look up service as the book has no index. Contact Murray Sutton: sutton.ms@xtra.co.nz
Book costs \$35 + postage if you would like your own copy, or the Pokeno bacon shop in Pokeno village will have them when reprinted.

Donated by the Papakura Historical Society. '*Papakura and Districts Historical Society celebrates 50 years 1962 – 2012*'

October issue of *Family Tree Magazine*.

Your Family History Military Special 2012 Issue 32

The electoral roll room has been tidied and sorted and we have been able to add the 2008, 2010 and 2011 electoral rolls. **Please note** not all electorates are available and all are for reference only. Do not remove from electoral roll room.

Other branches "Newsletters" are in the file in the library for anyone to look at. They have some interesting articles in them.

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PLEASE SEARCH YOUR SHELVES FOR THESE BOOKS AND MAGAZINES

- Recollections 1850 -1920 Sketch History of Remuera
- Awhitu History
- Papakura High School Magazine 1971
- Ghost Towns of New Zealand
- Tracing Family History Dec 10 no 8
- Tracing Family History no 12
- 4 issues of NZ Memories Magazine Numbers 80, 89, 91 and 93
- Inside History No 3

Newly donated to the branch library '*A Fencible Family*' (Alexander SUTHERLAND and Elizabeth FITZGERALD) by Annette Larsen.

The SUTHERLAND family were among the early settlers of Drury. They and the HALL family of Hunua are documented in this book.

Note from author "I hope this booklet will help any future researchers on these families"

I would love to hear from anyone researching the SUTHERLAND'S or HALL'S, who may be interested in a copy of the book or who just wants to contact me.

There are only a limited number of copies and I'm selling them at \$10 per copy plus \$2 postage.

Mrs Annette Larsen NZSG 16882 ahandian@xtra.co.nz "

The branch would like to thank Mrs Larsen for her kind donation.

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 newcomer .

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.

Members research

MORROW, Gisborne, London, Liverpool. BLACK, Glasgow, Gisborne. BAINES, New Zealand , London, Northamptonshire, Leicestershire. BRAINES, Northamptonshire. TERREY, London, Hampshire. MARTIN, Warwickshire. MILLIS/MILLS, London. BELL, Lancashire. HENNRITTY/HENRATTY, Newry, Clonallan, Ireland. DELANEY, FULTON, Ireland. JACKSON, CALLENDAR, FULTON, Scotland.

Contact Chris MORROW at jane@cjarm.net

ESSEN, WILLS, DRAPER, CROSS, TOMALIN, Northamptonshire. PAGE, Northamptshire,Australia, New Zealand. CIVIL, Northumberland, Northamptonshire, New Zealand. SNELL, Cornwall, Prince Edward Island, South Australia, New Zealand. REEKIE, Fifeshire Scotland, London, Australia, New Zealand

Contact Jocelyn Bruton at joandbruce@xtra.co.nz

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

OCTOBER

October the month:

This month was named from the Latin word for eight, meaning it was the eighth month in the old calendar, which began in March.

The birthstones for October are the opal and the pink tourmaline. The flower is the calendula.

October the name:

There are no occurrences of the surname October in the UK 1891 census. In 1881 a theatre scene shifter gave the name Frederick October he was living in a 'common lodging house' in Chelsea and apparently was born in Bloomsbury.

Between 1837 and 1947, free BMD records 3 births of children with the first name of October (in 1893, 1901 and 1942) all 3 of these children had deaths registered in the same quarter. A child named Octobera Nerquis Edwards (1897) was a little luckier with a marriage registered in 1925. From the marriage record Octobera was a girl, she married Herbert Rees. Free BMD do not seem to have a death registered for her so perhaps she emigrated or changed her name! In Dec Q 1891 October Clements married Thomas Booth in Wales and she died in 1953.

Between 1961 and 1996 11 children were born in England and Wales with the surname October. Find my past parish records collection has 4 children born between 1691 and 1732. There were 12 marriages between 1953 and 1999.

The NZ historical BDM site shows no births, deaths or marriages for someone with the surname October, between 1840 and 1932.

OCTOBER EVENTS:

1 Oct: National Day in People's Republic of China. Do you have links to China in your family?

1 Oct 1908 Henry Ford's Model T was put on sale for the first time. How many old photos do you have with one of these in them?

2 Oct 1869 Mahatma Ghandi was born in Porbandar, India.

3 Oct 1990: East and West Germany were reunited.

4 Oct 1582: The Gregorian Calendar was adopted in Catholic countries after a decree from Pope Gregory 13th. It was not until 1752 that Britain and the American colonies followed suit.

4 Oct 1957: The Russians launched the first ever satellite, Sputnik, into space.

6 Oct 1927: The first talking movie the Jazz Singer starring Al Jolson opened in New York.

9 Oct 1967: The end of the 6 o'clock swill.

11 Oct 1899: The Boer War between the Boers in South Africa and the British Empire began. NZ troops were sent to assist in this war. Was one of your ancestors there?

11 Oct 1861: The first Cobb & Co coach service ran to the Otago goldfields reducing the trip from 2 days to 9 hours.

12 Oct 1917: New Zealand's worst day in WW1. Passchendaele more than 2700 New Zealanders were left dead, wounded or missing. Did you have a relative who was there?

13 Oct 1884: Greenwich was established as the universal time from which standard times around the world are calculated.

14 Oct 1066: The Battle of Hastings saw an influx of Norman families into Britain and as a result many families have a French connection in their past.

16 Oct 1853: The Crimean War began. Many more men were killed by disease following battle rather than by the war wound itself. Florence Nightingale established better sanitation methods and this saw the development of nursing as a career. Do you have nurses in your tree?

16 Oct 1936: Jean Batten completed the flight from Britain to New Zealand in 11 days 45 minutes. Was one of your relatives one of the 6000 who turned up at Mangere to meet her?

24 Oct 1913: Events in Wellington around this date led to the Great Strike of 1913 which eventually involved unionists from all over the country. Do you have trade unionists in your family?

26 Oct 1942: The Women Jurors Act allowed women to sit on juries in New Zealand. Do you know anyone women who served on a jury in those early days?

28 Oct 1890: The first labour day in New Zealand celebrating the struggle for an 8 hour working day.

Websites to check out:

<http://www.waihimuseum.co.nz/> Waihi History, Underground Gold and Silver Mining Waihi Arts Centre & Museum. Well worth looking at this website. You can download a form to fill in if you have family before 1920, which they will add to their data base of early families.

<http://www.coraweb.com.au/> This site is mainly for Australian Genealogy, has many links to all sorts of indexes, well worth a look also has other countries but as in depth.

www.records.nsw.gov.au then go to Keyname search, you can search the indexes here at no cost which gives you all the references you need, you can choose to pay for them, some are not available, but at least you can sort out the ones that belong to you.

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www.onlineparishclerks.org.uk Some member counties are Cornwall, Devon, Dorset, Warwickshire, Wiltshire Essex. There could be more by now. They will answer questions for you by email for no charge.

<http://wargraves.co.nz> War graves and memorials in New Zealand searchable by region. Gives you cemetery names and then details of the people buried there.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2198127/Quick-Response-QR-Beyond-grave-A-funeral-director-launches-revolutionary-way-loved-ones-memory-alive-interactive-headstones.html>

Try this site – sent by my daughter, you just never know what they will do next.

News from elsewhere:

Just read about this free magazine <http://irishlivesremembered.com/magazines.html>

Can be downloaded in PDF format or viewed on tablet or mobile devices

Internal Affairs Historic BMD Data: A member living in the UK, emailed through the following notice "the Department of Internal Affairs Historic BMD data site has updated the pre-1875 birth information to include parent's forenames. This is a huge leap forward and I was immediately able to locate four missing children. I knew that they had been born and approximately when but with a common surname there were hundreds of possibilities. Publication of the parental forenames now makes the job very easy. Previously, pre-1875 parental forenames only appeared if somebody had ordered a certificate. From e - Kit

Papakura News from various resources:

'Golden Jubilee 1955 Papakura Bowling Club' – advertisements for: Green's Garage, Wunda Bar, Papakura Nurseries, C R Chadwick Ltd, Peats Dry Cleaning, Papakura Stationers, A J Rhind (Timber Merchants), Colin Haynes (Butcher), Cyril Holton (Tironui Garage), Ralph's Butchery, King Bros (Carriers) Ruge's Fruit Shop, Johnstone & Smith (Chemists), P C Johnson (Coal & Firewood) Universal Bookshop, Stobie & Son (Tyres) C W Pilkington (Flowers, Plants) F A Parker (Garage) Ron Ridley (Delicatessen) This is just a few.

From 'Rotary in New Zealand', published 1955 – Papakura Rotary Number 7098, formed October 26 1948 Presidents: N M Pryde, H E Mc Entee, C H Amies, S D Rice, L G Jerram, R H Mellsop, H R Laird.

From 'Proceedings of The Grand Lodge of New Zealand' 1927 – Papakura Number 58: J B Page, Rank P.M. In Memoriam - Bro. P Hemming Died – no death date given. Has 15 pages of In Memoriams so could be worth a look to see if yours are included.

As from the September 28th we are going to be at the library between 11am-1pm , this will be the last Friday in 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. We do hope some of you can join us. They have wireless available to use, so you can bring your lap tops to use as well.

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