

# *From 'Our House' to Yours*

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**Welcome to Spring!**

## **NOTICE BOARD**

### **This month's Activities**

**September 2<sup>nd</sup>** –see what treasures we have to offer at Our House – to find out about your NZ Family and More! You could be pleasantly surprised – we have microfiche; have you ever searched the IGI (International Genealogical Index) for your family? There are CD's covering census, marriage records and burial records to name just three sources. We have a wonderful library; covering local as well as international information and what about all the other records in the folders and magazines and of course our card index! The committee are sure we can whet your appetite here and you will want to come back for more. We look forward to seeing you 7.30pm Tuesday evening.

### **Future Dates:**

**October 7<sup>th</sup> Celebrating Labour Day – Family Occupations – what work did your ancestors do?**

**November 4<sup>th</sup> Myths and Mysteries in your family.**

**December 2<sup>nd</sup> Christmas!**

### **HELP SESSION - LAST FRIDAY OF MONTH:**

Jocelyn will be at the Sir Edmund Hillary 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 .

### **TRADING TABLE;**

Please remember we have 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.

**RAFFLE;** Do not forget our raffle at each meeting, this also helps defer some of our costs, it is always an interesting prize.

### **WANTED:**

Newsletter articles queries would be very welcome too! Wow we have had four this month – keep it up, thanks

**CHARGES;** for our meetings are \$3.00 and to research at other times is \$2.00. Photocopying is .20c per copy.

### **WE SHARE**

Our best wishes to those who have had births, birthdays and other celebrations, to those of you who have been under the weather, a speedy recovery, also our sincere sympathy to anyone who has had a recent bereavement

### **THANK YOU**

Would just like to thank the volunteers who did host the Family History Month Activities; they did such a great job and were so willing to share their prepared notes and information. Thank you very much from everyone. .

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## Our House 11 Opaheke Road Papakura is Open for Research

Tuesday	9.00am to 12 noon.	The Computer Group meet
Wednesday	7.30pm to 9.30pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday 1.30pm to 4.00pm
Saturday	1.00pm to 4.00pm	

You are all invited to attend these sessions – a great chance to do some research with one on one help  
A small door charge is required.

### A NOTE FROM OUR CONVENOR;

Greetings everyone, Hope you have survived Family History Month, it was a busy but exciting time? Do hope you managed to attend a couple of workshops and enjoy the new skills you may have gained. I only missed the 'beginner's one, so think I did well and learned some valuable tips too. Welcome to our newcomers, hope you continue to come along and enjoy.

No it is not time for a rest, because we all need to put into practise what we have learned. I really do feel like I have been to Ireland, England and Scotland. (dream a little) but one thing I have achieved is new folders with my certificates and wills tidied up, actually I did not realize I had so many, what about you? I have even managed to add the facts that I am in possession of such documents to 'my sources' in Legacy; so it has been a worthwhile month for me.

I have a new computer and what a task, not hooked up until this week and now have to come to grips with it – should be easy – but there are so many new 'words' I need a new tech dictionary! Also things are in different places. Should have let the technician just swap it over, but I said 'oh we can do that.' Taking so long but will get there in the end. Just need a little more time like a week!! Will not be beaten though.

Spring time is almost here. Even the weather is getting 'slightly warmer' let's all have a Spring Clean and get back to some Family Genealogy. Hope you will come along to our meeting on Tuesday night and see just what treasures we have to offer at 11 Opaheke Road.

In conclusion I would just like to say a big thank you to Jane for her extra input into organizing Family History month and to everyone else who also contributed thank you all. Without a doubt it has been a huge success and an enjoyable time too. We have managed to put on a great time for all. Let's hope September is a little more relaxed and you can catch up with your own happenings. Have a great month.

Keep well

Shirley Early Convenor 2014

### August 2014

**Did you realize that there were Five Fridays, Five Saturdays and Five Sundays in August? To add insult to injury Daylight Savings time begins on 28 September!! Good side it is the beginning of Summer!!!!!!**

### AREA OF INTEREST FAMILY RESERCH FORM

Have you completed the form yet? We would like for you to bring this back – perhaps to the meeting on Tuesday night as we would like to put them in a folder and you may be surprised who else is researching your name too!

### IS THERE ANYONE WILLING TO BECOME A HOUSEOPENER?

We have a vacancy – are you interested in helping out – not an onerous job – and you get to do your research if not too busy how cool is that? Please consider as we do need an extra helper. Thanks



The number of NZ Soldiers killed in WW1 was the highest per capita for the British Empire. **Gallipoli Invasion Map** Over 100,000 New Zealanders served overseas in the First World War, many of the young men had never left home before. More than 18,000 died as a result of the war and over 40,000 more were wounded.

**FindMyPast** has recently added 2 other genealogy websites to its stable: Mocavo and Origins. Mocavo is a specialist genealogical search engine. Origins has concentrated on English probates & wills along with some Irish and Scottish datasets..

**Scotland's People** has added 31,000 Wills of Scottish Soldiers. 26,000 of these wills are those of soldiers who died in World War One. The other 5000 wills are mostly from the Second World War but there are about 300 from earlier times (e.g. Boer War). Mostly these wills are from soldiers' pay books or other army forms, so unlike the normal wills to be seen on this site, are in the will maker's own handwriting.

In April the General Register Office of **Northern Ireland** began offering online access to historic Birth, death and marriage details. The time restrictions are 100 years for births, 75 years for marriages [i.e. 1939] and 50 years ago for deaths. A basic search of the index can be carried out for free. Credits have to be bought for a more detailed search of the index or to view the full registration details. However, unlike in Scotland, the actual registrations cannot be printed nor can they be downloaded, only viewed. This means you have to transcribe these details yourself. The website is:  
[www.nidirect.gov.uk/family-history](http://www.nidirect.gov.uk/family-history)

However, the good news is that the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland allows free access to the calendar of wills; which gives details of address, occupations date of death, value of effects and name(s) and occupations of executor(s).  
Sincere thanks to Riccarton branch

Soldiers' Wills, 1914 – 1918  
Calendars of Wills and Administrations, 1858 – 1922  
Just click on a blue links, this goes to an **explanation about information on the database**, to the right click on **search** which then takes you to a form, put in a name and see if you get any hits. You may be pleasantly surprised!!!!

31,000 Soldiers' Wills are added to ScotlandsPeople website 26,000 of these wills were made by ordinary Scottish soldiers who died in the Great War, and there are almost 5,000 from Scots soldiers serving in all theatres during the Second World War – there are also several hundred from the Boer War and Korean War, and others from conflicts between 1857 and 1964.



### **Family history for Smart Phones !**

Some of us have recently purchased smart phones : which are in effect full blown computers.

Most genealogy software programs are now offering Apps. or software you can download for free that allows you to have your data on a Smartphone or Iphone.

My Heritage has an upgrade to Family Tree Builder version 7 with a cellphone app. which will allow you to view and edit your tree using their mobile App. Roots Magic has also developed an app for both Iphone and Android smart phones.

Check to see if your preferred software has this ability.

*Thanks to Ashburton for this great site*

## SOME GREAT WEB SITES

Stratford District Council has headstone photos in its online cemetery database.

<http://www.stratford.govt.nz/council/facilities/cemeteries/>

<http://www.timeanddate.com/> allows you to get a calendar for any country and any year between 1 to 3999

<http://nzetc.victoria.ac.nz/tm/scholarly/name-401540.html> Turton's books referring to Land Deeds

<http://search.ancestry.com.au/search/db.aspx?dbid=1929> WW1 - Conscientious Objector - list on Ancestry

[http://www.bdm.nsw.gov.au/bdm\\_fh.html](http://www.bdm.nsw.gov.au/bdm_fh.html) New South Wales

<http://www.qld.gov.au/law/births-deaths-marriages-and-divorces/family-history-research/research/> Queensland

<http://www.bdm.vic.gov.au/> Victoria

<http://www.bdm.dotag.wa.gov.au/apps/pioneersindex/default.aspx?uid=9125-2873-5779-1388> Western Australia

<http://www.genealogysa.org.au/resources/online-databases.html> South Australia, index searches at Genealogy SA

<http://ryersonindex.net/search.php> The Ryerson Index is a project where many people index death and funeral notices etc in many newspapers, not complete by any means but a very useful tool

<http://tributes.heraldsun.com.au/obituaries/heraldsun-au/> Many recent death notices can be found through the sites of some of the larger current newspapers, for example The Herald Sun in Melbourne

<http://tributes.couriermail.com.au/obituaries/couriermail-au/> The Courier Mail in Brisbane

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/search?adv=y> Many older newspapers have been digitised and searches can be made on the National Library of Australia site Trove, the latest newspapers covered to about 1954 or 1955. Their facility is similar to your Papers Past in NZ, but has the advantage that text "read" by OCR software can be corrected.

### ***First Pensions:***

*New Zealand was the first country in the British Commonwealth to provide pensions to the elderly. The Old Age Pensions Act of 1898 provided £18 per year for "the deserving poor" subject to a means test and 25 years residence. In 1911 Widows pensions were introduced, in 1912 pensions were provided to Maori War Veterans, and in 1915 to Miners with Phthisis and in 1924 to the Blind.*

## REMINDER

**FOUR WEEKS** is the maximum borrow time and no more than **FOUR ITEMS** to be borrowed at a time. Consider others please.

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**PLEASE SEARCH YOUR SHELVES, DESK AND UNDER THE BED FOR BOOKS AND MAGAZINES BELONGING TO THE BRANCH.**

There are many books and magazines missing from the Library

**Our Library News:**

The Ladies have been having a rest from books and cards – but no doubt are ready to get back into it now the busy times have settled down a little.

Sir Edmund Hillary Library;

Thanks for the great support during Family History month and I am sure we will be able to combine more projects in the near future.

Cool site;

<http://www.familytreecircles.com/the-cambridge-new-zealand-home-guard-roll-index-m-34104.html>

**Some last minute reminders;**

We are still collecting used ink cartridges for recycling – we have a box at the house where you can leave them, thanks .

**Remember we have space in the newsletter for you** to advertise a 'brick wall' or just a query or even a great find. You are most welcome to send your article for inclusion.

**WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM YOUR BRANCH?**

Our committee of 7 cannot do everything. (Though we get left with the washing up regularly). If you have ideas for speakers, topics to be covered, visits, fundraising ideas, are willing to take on a task – let us know

PS. The decision on the Internet at Our House has been put on hold meanwhile – due to lack of interest.

**MEMBERS OF THE PAPAKURA 2014 COMMITTEE.**

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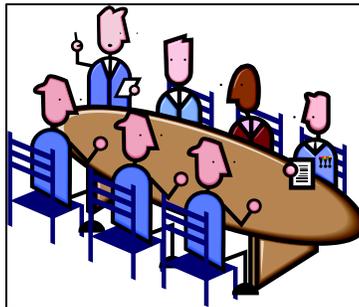
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Apologies for the lateness of this newsletter, I needed to revert back to my old computer - Everything went wrong and I have almost run out of time or patience! SE