

From 'Our House' to Yours

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Papakura

As Winter continues, it is an excellent time to review your research and see what you have missed. In May I was privileged to go to Crete, Greece for the 75th Anniversary of the Battle of Crete. My Dad and 2 of his brothers fought there. Fortunately they survived, but the horrors of what they saw continued for many years after. Many of their mates did not survive or were taken as Prisoners of War. This battle is important for 2 main reasons: it was the first time Germany used parachutists to invade and also the inhabitants of the island rose up against them in force. Men from the Allied Forces were hidden by the villagers and this often resulted in the brutal slaughter of the villagers themselves.

New Zealand, as well as being represented by the NZ Army leaders, also had 4 veterans in their late 90s attending. It was wonderful to see them at the Greek -New Zealand Memorial Service at Galatas Village on 20 May. Our veterans were treated like royalty. There is a very strong link between the Cretans and New Zealanders, and especially if you are family of soldiers who served in Crete.

Finally, what do you want to get out of belonging to this branch? For it to continue, we need your input. What do you want to hear about or perhaps visit?

Iris Taylor

Convener

Welcome back to all our travelers. We look forward to some interesting reminiscences.

At our last evening meeting a member had her car stolen (it was recovered shortly after) but please be aware and ensure your car is locked. Parking is also available in the Elizabeth Campbell Complex carpark accessed from Chapel Road. This area has lighting.

It has been suggested to the committee that a group of interested people may like to visit the NZSG Library Panmure for an orienteering visit. This will be during the daytime. If you are interested please let us know at the July meeting.

Meetings over the next Months

July 5th 7.30pm: This meeting will incorporate a “Quizmass” together with a Mid-Year Festive supper. Please bring a shared festive plate and enjoy a night of fun.

August Meetings

AUGUST IS FAMILY HISTORY MONTH.

There are many opportunities for you to participate and a wealth of information to be had.

August: 2nd 10am: at Our House. Using School records.

August 7.30pm at Our House. Raniera Kingi from the Sir Edmund Hillary Library speaks on resources for Whakapapa.

These two meetings are our normal meetings for the month. In addition to these meetings we are running the following meetings. Some of which are to be confirmed in the August newsletter.

Wednesday 3rd; 10th; 17th 24rd; 31st

The following are topics. Some dates yet to be confirmed.

Oral History: Writing your story. (3rd August)

Introduction to Legacy Family Tree Computer programme (10th August with Jane Brooker)

Land Records (24th August with Nicola Davies)

Immigration and Shipping

Searching in Australia

Research Day at the Papakura Library

20th August 10am to 3pm.

The Theme this year is: **“Telling our Stories”**

For this we are asking members to contribute with a short story display of an ancestor. These can be put on card together with photos. Please drop them off to Our House by the 14th of August so the committee can plan the display. This will also be a wonderful way to let others know who you are researching and maybe you will find more information for your tree.

Auckland Family History Expo 2016

Friday 12th August to Sunday 14th August
Hillsborough Room, Fickling Centre, Three Kings
546 Mt Albert Road

This event is free with the exception of Friday opening evening 5pm to 6pm. \$10 per person
6pm to 8pm keynote addresses by Dick Eastman and Shauna Hicks.

Further information at ‘What’s on Auckland Council website’

<http://www.aucklandlibraries.govt.nz/EN/Events/Events/pages/2016aucklandfamilyhistoryexpo.aspx>

Reading through the list of what is on offer, I am having trouble to fit all I want to do in.

At the June evening meeting Kathy McKay spoke to us on what resources and how to access them on the LDS website. This was a helpful talk. The LDS church in Rowandale Road in Manurewa is open for research and the reading of films that can be ordered through the website. Phone the Church on 2674597. Our thanks to Kathy for her time and knowledge.

Computer Group: meet on the 2nd Sunday of the month.

Next meeting is on the 10th of July at 1.30pm.

Our thanks to Edith Robinson for the donation of the book “Wartime Letters to and from Tenterden 1940-1946” Gives another insight into the ordinary lives and thoughts of everyday people. Thank you Edith.

Is anyone able to assist with this query?

"I have just purchased the Apple Mac program for family tree building "Mac Family Tree 8" which in my rather ignorant state believe this to be a newly published latest edition. Cost about \$44. Just working my way through it and possibly in several weeks I shall be able make intelligent comment. If anyone is using no.7 I would be interested to hear. Cheers Jim Kelly 2966466

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Some web sites for the newsletter:

<http://www.archives.presbyterian.org.nz/synodregionmarriages.htm>

covers North Otago Presbytery : Dunedin Presbytery Central Otago Presbytery : Clutha Presbytery : Maitai Presbytery Southland Presbytery : lists of the parishes concerned are under each heading. Well with a look

<http://canterburyphotography.blogspot.co.nz/>

has many photos of old soldiers and much more. Information is for all around New Zealand, give names of photographers, a list of places to look at on first page. You never know you may find one of yours

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~shipstonz/shipstonz.html> a list of ships only with some details etc.


<http://homepages.ihug.co.nz/~ashleigh/> 15 years of newspaper transcriptions from the Christchurch area by Beverley Evans, well worth looking at.

Thank you for these Jocelyn

PLEASE NOTE to all volunteers who do House Duty.....On Tuesdays where there is a meeting there will be **NO** Research morning. Why not come to the meeting instead? Also is there anyone who would like to volunteer to be house openers. This is another great way to get to know others researching and maybe get some of your own done too.

Find My Past has added more records.

Over
1,670,000
additional service records
released to commemorate
the centenary of the Battle
of the Somme. The
collection now includes the
records of Officers who
served during World War 1
and men who served with
the famous Household
Cavalry between 1801 and
1919.

An illustration of a man in a military uniform, possibly a messenger or a soldier, standing and holding a large scroll in his right hand and a bell in his left. He is wearing a brown jacket, a white shirt, dark shorts, and a cap with a plume. The background is a plain, light color.

Our House is open for research

A small door charge is required

Tuesday 9.00am to 12noon

Wednesday 7.30pm to 9.30pm

Saturday 1.00pm to 4.00pm

We also subscribe to these overseas Magazines.

“Who Do You Think You Are”

“Family Tree”

They are there in our library for your benefit.

Please use them as they contain great information.

Our trading table is always open. Come and browse. Also we collect printer ink cartridges. These are another way of us to raise funds for Our House.

I still need your stories for the newsletter. Your stories are invaluable and will make the newsletter interesting. . E-mail me (Cathy Owens) on owens@varteg.nz. Thank you. I hope to be inundated!

Best wishes to all who have had births, birthdays and other celebrations.

To those of you who have been unwell, a speedy recovery.

Also our sympathy to anyone who has had a recent bereavement.

Save travel to all those who are travelling be it worldwide or at home.

And welcome back to those recently returned.

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