



From 'Our House' to Yours

Papakura Branch: New Zealand Society of Genealogists



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Convenor's Comment

March seems to have arrived quite quickly. I always think of March being the "Irish Month" as St Patrick's Day on the 17th falls in the middle of the month. As children at a Catholic School we got the day off school too. I have many Irish Ancestors on both my Mum's and Dad's sides. All these from Southern Ireland. On my Mum's side, my Fencible Ancestors were from the far south while on my Dad's side they were from the Dublin area. My husband's Irish Ancestors hail from Bangor in the North.

When I was working, one of our Contractors (Irish) always filled out the 17th March as a day off for St Patrick's Day while the 18th was entered as "getting over St Patrick's Day", and therefore also marked as a day off.

Iris
Convenor

Branch Subscriptions Final Reminder!!!!!!!!!!

If you have not done so by the 31st of March, this will be your LAST newsletters. These subscriptions assist the branch with the costs of running 'Our House' Power, insurance, purchase of new resources etc. Thank you to all who have paid. March Meeting 7.30pm: Geraldine O'Reilly speaks about the "Irish Servant Girl"

This is a power point presentation covering the Irish Servant girls in the Colony and covers a period of 60 years in New Zealand.

April Meetings: 10am: NZSG Webmaster.

7.30pm: To be Advised

May Meeting 7.30pm: This is our Annual General Meeting. Please consider standing on the committee. Your views are important. And being a committee member gives more insight into the structure of New Zealand Genealogy Society and also you will be playing an important part for the future of Genealogists.

Our speaker will be Jane Brooker who will speak on “*Are you researching – or wasting your time and money?*”

A talk based on, she says, bitter experience and with many helpful tips.

Volunteers Needed. The rooms need to be open for the public as part of our contract with the council and we are needing volunteers to assist. We need to be open Tuesdays 10am to 12, Wednesdays 7.30pm to 9.30pm, and Saturdays 1pm to 4pm. If you can assist you will be most welcome.

Garage Sale

To also assist with funds the Papakura branch will be holding the annual Garage Sale and Sausage Sizzle on 1st of April. Please, as our storage space is limited, bring your items on Friday night 31st March from 5pm.

This will be held at ‘our house’ at 8am. Cakes and preserves accepted but these must be securely wrapped and labelled. Produce, bric-a-brack, Books etc. **No electrical goods**

Books that are Absent With Out Leave!

We still have a number of books and resources outstanding. It is a mammoth task to catalogue and match books with index cards. Below is a list of some books that are missing. Please check to see if any have been tucked in the back of your bookshelves.

- Beginnings Vol 5 by Paul Titchener
- Passenger List of Brother’s Pride
- Gallipoli
- List of Early Settlers 1839-1845
- Raglan
- Auckland’s South Eastern Bulwark by Ian Barton
- Whaling and Sealing at the Chatham Island by Rhys Richards
- The kauri and the Willow by Elsie Locke
- Good Old Days Special issue Sum. 1974
- Gladstone Centennial 1887-1987
- Early days in Franklin by Nona Morris

Thank you to Beverly and Peter Booker who recently dropped off a number of resource books. The will be available once they are catalogued.

Irish Interest Group: celebrate their 30th Anniversary at the NZSG Family Research Centre, 159 Queens Road, Panmure. Friday 17th March to 19th March 2017.

Registrations close Monday 13th March. Inquiries to: IrishSIG@genealogy.org.nz

NZSG Conference

The next great event is the New Zealand Society of Genealogists' Conference and Annual General Meeting. This year it will be held at the Alexandra Park Function Centre, Greenlane West, Auckland. Beginning on Saturday 3rd of June to Monday 5th of June with Dinner on Friday 2nd June.

Register online at the NZSG Website www.genealogy.org.nz or at reception in the Family Research Centre, 159 Queens Road, Panmure, Auckland. Or alternatively pick up a leaflet and post.

The Theme of the Conference Is: **"Looking forward to the past"**

Day attendance is possible, just check on the NZSG website to see which day has speakers you are interested in hearing.

More information on the NZSG Website. For costs: look under "shop" tab. For information on the conference look under "News" tab.

The AGM on Sunday 4th June from 9.30am to 12.30 can be attended, provided you are a financial member of the NZSG, without attending the Conference.

Computer Group

This group holds informal meetings on the 2nd Sunday of each month from 1.30pm at 'Our House' These cover problem solving and general tips for computer uses as well as Family History Support.

Next computer group meeting Sunday 12th March 1.30pm

Legacy Sessions:

Held at 'Our House'

Monday 12th March 10am to 12

Wednesday 22nd March 10 -12

Monday 27th March 1pm to 3pm

Many a problem has been solved here.

There is a small coin charge.

Contact Jane Brooker at jane@cjarm.net or on 299 8749

Trading Table

Our trading table is always open. During meetings and in Research times. Your produce and purchases are valuable for funds. It is surprising the extent of items.

Latest updates on Papers Past

Ashburton Guardian (1879-1886)
Horowhenua Chronicle/Levin Chronicle (1921-1930)
Manawatu Herald (1902-1920)
Mareikura (1911-1913)
Matuhi (1903-1906)
Northern Advocate (1926-1930)
Otago Witness (1910-1915)
Samoanische Zeitung/Samoa Times (1921-1930)
Sun (July 1919)
Taranaki Herald (1910-1920)

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.

We also receive newsletters from around New Zealand. Including:

Hutt Valley,

Kapiti,

New Plymouth,

Fielding,

Blenheim

Hibiscus Coast.

Otakie

Porirua

Many of these newsletters, which are available at “Our House” have interesting stories from their members. Their finds and challenges.

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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