



From 'Our House' to Yours

Papakura Branch: New Zealand Society of Genealogists



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Contributions, articles, topics, event dates etc for the next edition are always welcome. Please send to jane@cjarm.net no later than the **23rd July 2017**.

WHAT'S ON:

Saturday 1st July: [17FRC010 Getting the Best Out of Scotland's People](#) 10.00-1.30pm Computer Workshop \$20.00 Presenter: Bobbie Aymes. Control Click on link to NZSG website for more details.

July Meeting: 4th July 7.30pm: Cabinet Meeting! And mid winter supper. Intrigued? Come and find out what it's about.

He Pou Aroha Community Cenotaph - Discover Your Connection



This excellent resource from Auckland Museum will be at the Papakura Library from Tuesday July 6 to Thursday September 14.

Share your stories. Bring along your memorabilia which can be scanned in the digitisation kiosk and uploaded directly to Online Cenotaph.

<http://www.aucklandmuseum.com/war-memorial/online-cenotaph>

15th July 1.30pm The Onward Project (See last month's newsletter) a talk by Phil Beattie & Matt Pomeroy who run the project. The talk will be at the Franklin Historical Society Rooms in the Old Borough Council Building, (Plunket) Corner of Edinburgh Street & Wesley Street Pukekohe.

COMING UP IN AUGUST

There are extra sessions being run during Family History Month Please take note

Tuesday August 1st 10 am Bobby Aymes - Scottish records not on Scotland's People.

Thursday August 10th Fiona Brooker (no relation) – Extra! Extra! Read all about it! Newspapers all around the world are going digital. This talk covers accessing the newspapers hints and tips on how to search them and

then looks at how you can use them to add to your family history. Note this is not a usual meeting date. Fiona is tacking us on to her schedule at the Family History expo.

Friday August 11th Digital Scrapbooking workshop Panmure

Auckland Family History Expo

When: Friday 11 August, 5pm - 8pm
Saturday 12 August, 9am - 7pm
Sunday 13 August, 9am - 5pm

Where: Fickling Convention Centre, 546 Mt Albert Road, Three Kings.

Cost: Free. No booking required except opening event Friday. Tickets for Friday's event are \$15, booking essential as seats are limited.

Bookings open to public on June 1st.

<http://www.aucklandlibraries.govt.nz/EN/Events/Events/Pages/familyhistoryexpo.aspx>

Tuesday 15th August 50th Anniversary Luncheon. Tickets \$50. See NZSG website for more details
https://www.genealogy.org.nz/national-luncheon_1603

Wednesday 16th August 5.30 – 9.30 Extra long research session, help with your brick walls,

Saturday 26 August 2017: Research day at Papakura Library 9.30 am – 1pm

Last month's meetings.

Several members and an additional attendee who had seen the ad on Facebook enjoyed the replay of Viv Parker's introduction to Parish Records. We could do this sort of thing again. Let a committee member know if there is something you would like to see covered and we'll see if a video exists!

In the evening a number of items were taken out of the library and discussed – you don't know what we have until you look. There were a number of exclamations of I never knew we had that.

National Volunteers Week: 18th – 24th June A little late but the branch would like to thank all those members who give their time to help others and keep our branch running. Jan Fuller, Gail Gibson, Kay Rule, Anne Megget, Shirley Early, Jocelyn Bruton, Cathy Owens, Anne Tonar, Kara Oosterman, Fredda Martin, Iris Taylor, Jean Phillpotts, Gail Thompson, Jane Brooker, Ruva Walden, and all of you who turn up to meetings, support fundraising and help in so many different ways.

Talking of volunteers **Help wanted:** We have been given a few anniversary (centennial etc) books and pamphlets which are not indexed. We are looking for someone, or some people, who might be interested in helping with this task. If you have never done this sort of thing before, guidance will be given. If you would like to help please contact a committee member.

A response to the last newsletter and Shirley's article:

As a result of Shirley's article about Breakwater Against the Tide Carolyn Allington said "My family has been around the Papakura area for a reasonable amount of time and was wondering whether any got a mention in that book. My Uncle Noel recently passed away (my Dad's brother) and interesting readings from family members about Takanini and old brick and block laying many years ago. He was 87 and all those names are familiar. The Gables at 40 Opaheke Road is also very much part of our family history.

I have just been reading "Red and Black" - looking back. - the Centenary of the Papakura Rugby Club. *Another book in our library*

My Poppa (my Dad's father) was the President for the years 1957 to 1961 (unfortunately they spelt his name wrong on page 105) - he was OH Allington for Oswald Howard Allington. He was also life member 1957. On page 60 of that book, Kevin Barry (All Black) stayed at "The Gables" (house in my family). I met up with Kevin a couple of years ago and he wrote me some pages of what it was like living at the Gables back then."

Another gem from Shirley:

I have recently found a treasure trove of books in storage and of course they have captured my interest as they are about the district where my family settled in 1877 onwards Gisborne –

For example my great grandparents;

Edward O'Dwyer and his wife Mary arrived from County Limerick Ireland aboard the ship Otaki They lived in Auckland for some 4 months while Edward worked in a road construction gang waiting to get a passage to Napier to commence employment there.

Early in 1878 Edward and Mary left Auckland for Napier and new beginnings, the boat called into Gisborne for supplies and water and a chance for the passengers to stretch their legs. Edward and Mary disembarked and soon met some of their fellow Irish countrymen who suggested they would be better off staying in Gisborne rather than going on to Napier, as there was plenty of work and opportunities here. So this is how they became Gisborne residents in 1878. Had six children and Edward didn't die until 18 June 1951 aged 96 years.

Edward soon became interested in the Hotel trade and we see him as the lease holder and landlord of several hotels over the next 20 years, along with great accounts in 'Papers Past' of extra colourful interests and happenings.

Now the book of real interest that I just put in the pile was 'The 'Signor Kiwi' Saga' by Florence N Millar, I just thought that sounds interesting, and then on opening the first thing that caught my eye were the pictures, and oh my gosh there was my Great Aunt staring back at me, yes it was Johanna, daughter of Edward O'Dwyer, she had married Henry B Gardner taxi proprietor of Gisborne, instantly I had to read the book (in two nights) what a read it was all about their son Frank (my Mum's cousin) the blurb reads; "September 1943 – Italy surrenders – the Germans seize control – the Italian people seethe with resentment in the Carnic Alps a lone Kiwi Frank Gardiner from Gisborne after four escapes from POW custody, gathers around him a small group of Italian youths to resist the occupying power, and for eight charmed-life months Frank leads his men on 28 operations against the Germans".

It sure was an exciting read made even more so by being a family member. A real treasure I feel and of course now that we visit Gisborne regularly I have now made contact with the extended family.

Who Do You Think You Are? We are looking for a local name to research in a Who Do You Think You Are? type way. Do you have someone in your family? Have you been curious about a street name? Got a local brick wall? We also need a couple of volunteer researchers to join the team. Contact a committee member.

'In Memoriam - Mission Ground Cemetery 1840-2010'

In 2010 the first volume of stories about people buried at Whangarei's Mission Ground Cemetery was published.

All copies sold and the book has been out of print since the end of 2015.

A reprint is now available from Copy Press at http://shop.copypress.co.nz/shopn/spi//COPYP_1_NRE_15306

This version is pretty much an exact replica of the original.

The planned additions and amendments of the contents of volume one will be included in the second volume of stories now being compiled.

If you know of anyone who has been trying to secure a copy, please feel free to pass this information on.

Joan Leversedge Whangarei

Did you know? About **Ireland Reaching Out?** This article taken from the website;

A recent addition is an article about Samuel Meagher Hutchinson who came to New Zealand and became a manager of one of the Thames gold mines. <https://www.irelandxo.com/>

About Ireland XO

Are you of Irish Heritage? Would you like to find out more about where your ancestors came from and even connect with people still living in that place today?

Having Irish ancestry means that you share a unique heritage with over 70 million people worldwide. It is about a shared cultural identity that is celebrated for its art, music, storytelling and above all for the warmth of its people.

This genuine desire to connect is at the heart of Ireland Reaching Out. Our mission is to help people of Irish descent all over the world discover their place of origin and become a part of its global community. You may be surprised to learn that people still living in your ancestors' birthplace are also curious to hear the stories, and meet the descendants, of the people that left their community so many years ago.

All over the island of Ireland, people are looking to reconnect with descendants of Irish emigrants who are living all over the world. Time and geography may have separated us, but we all share a common heritage - a bond that cannot be broken and one that can now be rekindled and kept alive through modern technology.

Ireland Reaching Out is a FREE service. Our volunteers would be delighted to help you find out more about your Irish heritage and connect you with the Ireland of today. So why not *awaken your Irish spirit* - either by posting a message on the Community message board or by connecting with your Irish place of origin directly on their parish page on this website.

Something to think about: Relatives in Canada? Have you visited the **Library and Archives Canada website** <http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/genealogy/Pages/introduction.aspx>

Do you have these names in your tree?

CAMPLING Yarmouth, Norfolk, England

CODMAN Yarmouth, Norfolk, England
JIGGONS Felstead, Essex, England
POPAY Great Yarmouth, Norfolk. England
PORTWAY Great Yarmouth, Norfolk and Great Waltham, Essex, England
VASSAR Hevingham, Norfolk, England

All pre 1900

If so Iris Taylor taylor_iris@hotmail.com would love to hear from you.

Computer Group

Next meeting Sunday 9th July 1.30pm.

Legacy Sessions:

Next Wednesday Legacy session Wednesday 5th July 10 – 12.

Next Monday Legacy session Monday 10th July 1 -3

Held at ‘Our House’

Gold coin donation

Contact Jane Brooker at jane@cjarm.net or 296 0257

Don’t forget:

Trading Table: Bring along your excess produce, jams, genealogy bits and bobs, no longer needed books etc and support the branch.

Ink Cartridges: Only Canon and HP are accepted.

Headlines from the Magazines and Websites:

ENGLAND: FindMyPast adds over 200,000 Surrey institutional records Indexes to over 200,000 records from institutions in Surrey including poor law unions, workhouses, schools, infirmaries and gaols, dating from 1788 to 1939, have been added to FindMyPast.

IRELAND: Irish Poor Law removal records. Records of over a thousand Irish people who were displaced from parishes in England in 1859-1860 are now available The new Ancestry dataset, ‘Ireland, Poor Law Union Removals From England, 1859-1860’, includes digitised images of 1,898 records. They show the name of the head of household, their place of birth, the numbers of adults and children included in the warrant, the parish they were removed from, their destination port and any money they received.

BRITISH INDIA : Details of almost 10,000 European soldiers who served in British India have been uploaded to the Families in British India Society (FIBIS) database website. The information is taken from the Registers of Bengal Army European Soldiers for 1790-1839, held in the India Office Records at the British Library. The transcribed records include the names, ranks and date of arrival in Bengal of enlisted men, including casualties.

They were originally compiled at East India House, the headquarters of the East India Company, mainly from the muster rolls.

New in to Our Library: The Surnames of Ireland 6th Edition Edward MacLysaght

Have a name in Ireland but no idea where to start looking? This book may give you some hints. Suggestions are given of where names are found most commonly. I looked up some of the surnames in my tree and these were the entries. (I did have to have a dictionary to hand as well!)

FULTON: “A Scottish toponymic numerous in Ulster since the seventeenth century.

DELANEY (O) Dubhshlaine (dubh black – Slaine perhaps the river Slaney) The prefix O has been almost completely discarded in the anglicised version of the name. It appears as Delane in Mayo. Both now and in the past it is of Leix and Kilkenny. See Dolady – A family of County Leitrim where the name has sometimes been changed to Delaney.

(O) HANRATTY Hanraghty O LANrachtagh (anrachtach - unlawful) This is one of those names that is frequently mentioned in the Annals and are still predominantly located in their original habitat, viz Oriel – now chiefly Louth and Armagh.

July Edition Who Do You Think You Are? Magazine

Family History Microfilm Discontinuation

On September 1, 2017, FamilySearch will discontinue its microfilm distribution services. (The last day to order microfilm will be on August 31, 2017.)

The change is the result of significant progress made in FamilySearch’s microfilm digitization efforts and the obsolescence of microfilm technology.

<https://www.lds.org/callings/temple-and-family-history/familysearch-microfilm-discontinuation?lang=eng&cid=facebook-shared>

This is the link to the whole article.

If there are any errors, omissions or any comments about this newsletter please contact Jane Brooker jane@cjarm.net

Last Word



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