



From 'Our House' to Yours

Papakura Branch: New Zealand Society of Genealogists



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FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 1 st Aug	Wed 2	Thur 3	Fri 4	Sat 5	Sun 6	Mon 7
Meeting 10am Bobby Amyes What's not on Scotland's People 7.30pm 'Back to Basics	House open for research 7.30 – 9.30pm NZSG Central European Research 10am	NZSG Tracy Little The NZSG website		House open for research 1 – 4 Legacy workshop 12 -4		He Pou Aroha Community Cenotaph at Papakura Library from 4th Jul to 14th Sep
8 House open for research 10 – 12 am	9 Legacy 10 - 12 House open for research 7.30 – 9.30	10 Extra, Extra, Read All About It! Fiona Brooker 7.30 pm	11 Family History weekend starts 5pm	12 House open for research 1 – 4 Family History weekend	13 Family History weekend	14
15 House open for research 10 – 12 NZSG anniversary lunch	16 Extra long research session 5.30 – 9.30pm	17	18	19 House open for research 1 - 4	20	21
22 House open for research 10 – 12	23 House open for research 7.30 – 9.30pm	24	25 Papakura Library & Branch help with Research 11am – 1pm	26 Combined Research day at Papakura Library 10am-1pm	27	28
29 10am Murray Reid Searching for my BUNKER family	30 House open for research 7.30 – 9.30pm	31	1 September	2	3	4

Items in Red are extra sessions this month only

WHAT'S ON:

Tuesday 1st August 10am Bobbie Amyes What's not on Scotland's People for Research. There are many records in Scotland to help you with finding your family; you are not restricted to Scotland's People. At our House

7.30pm: Back to Basics: Filling in the colour and writing the story of your ancestors At our House

Saturday 5th August 1 - 4 Legacy Family Tree Programme Workshop What is it? How to use it. Features you might not be aware of. Problem solving. Bring your laptop/notebook for a hands on session.

Thursday August 10th 7.30 pm Fiona Brooker – **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.** At our House

Friday 11th August, 9.30 - 12.30pm.

Presenter: Fiona Brooker [Friday 11th - Fiona Brooker, Digital Scrapbooking 101](#)

Control click on link to take you to the NZSG shop

Friday 11th August, 1.00pm - 4.00pm

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Friday 11 August, 5pm - 8pm Auckland Family History Expo Fickling Convention Centre, 546 Mt Albert Road, Three Kings.

Saturday 12 August, 9am - 7pm Auckland Family History Expo Fickling Convention Centre, 546 Mt Albert Road, Three Kings.

Sunday 13 August, 9am - 5pm Auckland Family History Expo 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.

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

Ample parking in car parks around Three Kings shopping centre, the Fickling Convention Centre and surrounding side streets.

Computer Group Please note as this coincides with the Family History Expo There will be NO Computer Group this month - next meeting Sunday 10th September.

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 5.30pm – 9.30pm Extra long research session, help with your brick walls,

Saturday 26 August 10am – 1pm: Combined Research day at Papakura Library

Tuesday 29th August: 10am Murray Reid, Attempting to find the origins of my *BUNKER* ancestor has been a journey involving *First Fleeters/ Famous whalers/Fires at sea*. Murray is an NZSG member now living in our area. **Note this is not a usual meeting date.**

Convenors Report:

Family history month is upon us; August is shaping up to be a fantastic month, with a range of guest speakers at our own Papakura branch, and an excellent range of overseas speakers at the Auckland library family history fair, as well as research days. We should have a great month.

I am looking forward attending to the National luncheon on Tuesday 15th August at Alexandra Park, a great way to celebrate the achievements of the society. I have some seats available in my car if anyone wishes to join me. Another highlight will be the digital scrapbooking workshop at the N.Z.S.G.

Hope the winter chills have kept at bay for everyone, as spring will be here soon.

Looking forward to a great month, as I also turn the big 50 this month.

Gail

COMING UP IN SEPTEMBER September's meeting: '**Fathers**' Tuesday 5th September 7.30pm Memories, pictures, artifacts etc

Last month's meeting.

Disappointingly only a few members turned out to enjoy a supper of home-made soup and bread. With a brief introduction to the bio index cards as an additional highlight. One person even found themselves on the cards! Have you?

Bernice Blackmore: 8 members of the branch attended Bernice's funeral at the Bethesda Rest Home Manukau on 14th July. Bernice was a long time member of NZSG, going to North Shore, Auckland and Papakura Branches. Her knowledge and advice were willingly shared with many. One of her grandson's is taking over her research to ensure it is not lost.

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.

Did you know? You can create a blank Family Tree Chart in Excel. Open Excel click on File – New. In the top box type in 'Family Tree' and you will be able to download a 5 generation blank chart to add to your templates. Depending on which version of Excel you have, you may get more than 1 chart option.



Shirley's Bits and Pieces

Once Removed – 2nd Cousin Twice Removed - What does it mean?

“For example, your father’s first cousin is your first cousin, once removed. This is because your father’s first cousin is one generation younger than your grandparents and you are two generations younger than your grandparents, ‘according to [Genealogy](#)’. This one-generation difference equals ‘once removed.’ Twice removed means that there is a two-generation difference. You are two generations younger than a first cousin of your grandmother, so you and your grandmother’s first cousin are first cousins, twice removed.

Once you get your brain to stop spinning, just look at a chart. It will help you understand.

Remembering what my Dad’s cousin’s children are in relation to me is always a tricky one for me. Using a chart, I can see that they are my second cousins and their kids? My second cousins once removed and their kids? Second cousins *twice* removed. (**Google charts there are plenty to choose from**)

I have been researching my family for nearly 40 years, and finally have met some of the ‘Living’ members not really known to me, it is so cool, especially my Dad’s 1st cousin once removed (one generation between) Elizabeth Ann Savage (Ann). She is my ‘second cousin’, and lives in a retirement village in Tauranga with her husband, we call in to see them when passing and I get an email and reply every week; they are in their mid-80’s so this is marvellous. Ann is very interested in genealogy and has given me great family tree information helping to fill the gaps, along with copies of family photos which I would never have found. She is descended from my grandmother’s eldest sister’s daughter so has all the hand-me-downs, including the photo albums and much more information than I would have ever hoped for. (Treasures seem to be handed down the female line!).

My advice to everyone is go sideways a bit and seek out 1st or 2nd Cousins of your parents if you are lucky enough to find them still living for they surely, especially the females have the keys to unlock the locked doors.

(Names in this family; DAVIS- JAMIESON- SAVAGE- RAINE //DAVIS- WOODNEY- THORSTENSEN – EARLY).

(I think it is easier to have a calculator on your Tree Program and it is done for you)!

Why Are We So Interested In Our Roots

The deep-rooted interest in our ancestry is partly shaped by evolutionary forces, Strassmann said. Humans care about family members because they share some of our genes.

“People can pass on their genes either by having their own offspring, or by helping their kin to reproduce,” Beverly Strassmann, a University of Michigan anthropologist, told [Live Science](#).

In other words, understanding and connecting with our family members can increase the chance of survival for our bloodline.

Beyond that, our interest in genealogy may also be derived from royalty. People needed to understand their ancestry to justify their position in society or on the throne.

“The fascination goes back to antiquity,” Eviatar Zerubavel, a sociologist at Rutgers University, told LiveScience. “Royalty, for example, and nobility were very obsessed with creating genealogies that would link them to heroes.”

Shirley Early

Speakers at Family History Expo: From Auckland Library website

Chris Paton. Originally from Northern Ireland, Chris Paton is a Scottish-based professional genealogist, running the Scotland's Greatest Story ancestral research service.

Chris writes the daily The GENES Blog (GEnalogy News and EventS), as well as his own personal genealogy blog.

Helen Smith. Australian Helen Smith is a professional family historian who lectures, teaches, writes and carries out client research. She is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists and the Genealogical Speakers Guild. Helen is president of the Southern Suburbs Branch of the Genealogical Society of Queensland.

Dirk Weissleder. Dirk is a genealogy consultant and national chairman of the Deutsche Arbeitsgemeinschaft Genealogischer Verbände (DAGV). He is President of the Federation of Family Associations (Bund der Familienverbände, BdF).

Exhibitors: Ancestry, Auckland Council Libraries, Auckland War Memorial Museum, Beehive Books/HOG Tours, Chinese genealogy researchers, Families in British India (FIBIS), FamilySearch, FamNet/Jazz Software, Guild of One Name Studies (GOONS), Kippenberger Research Library - National Army Museum - Waiouru, Indian genealogy / West Research Centre, My Heritage, New Zealand Fencible Society Inc, New Zealand Micrographics/Recollect, New Zealand Military Historical Society, New Zealand Society of Genealogists Head Office and Interest Groups: English, European, Irish, Maori, Pacific Island, Scottish; Unlock the Past/Gould Genealogy; Wales – New Zealand Family History Society.

Have you heard of?

Wordle: Wordle is a toy for generating “word clouds” from text that you provide. The clouds give greater prominence to words that appear more frequently in the source text. You can tweak your clouds with different fonts, layouts, and colour schemes. The images you create with Wordle are yours to use however you like. You can print them out, or save them to your own desktop to use as you wish.

I made a wordle of the most frequently occurring surnames in my family tree. This is what it looked like



The site to create your own Wordle is <http://www.wordle.net> You need to be running Java for this to work. Some internet browsers will not allow this to work, Internet Explorer certainly does. (Not Edge, click on start and find Internet Explorer in the Apps List)

Something to think about: What are **you** doing to help make records available for future genealogists? This branch was involved in the indexing of school records, funeral directors records and many other pieces of information to assist others. Many now on the Kiwi Index. Some are working on the branch bio index to prepare for digitisation and make it more available. But there are some records held locally, which will not see the light of day unless we as a group take on a project. What should/can we do? Do you know of some local records that have not been looked at yet?

New in to Our Library:

July Edition Family Tree Magazine

Missing:

The following 2 books are missing from the library Do you have them? Please return.

Book Number 505 Landfall Nelson by Sailing Ship 1642 – 1842 by June E Neale

Book Number 583 Marlborough a Provincial History by A D McIntosh

Legacy Sessions:

Next Wednesday Legacy session. Wednesday 9th Aug 10 – 12.

No Monday meeting in August but we are holding a workshop on Saturday 5th August 12 – 4pm for those who can't attend during the week, to introduce Legacy and help with problems and queries

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.

Do you know what the GLAMI's are? - Galleries, Libraries, Archives, and Museums Innovations Award. These recognize and celebrate the most innovative projects in the cultural heritage sector of the past year. Wonderful places for photos and information to enrich your family history or family tree. Which institutions have you found helpful? Perhaps we should nominate some local archives/libraries/museums and galleries ourselves.

From the Magazines and Websites: Focus on parish registers

FreeReg, <https://www.freereg.org.uk/> Transcriptions

Genuki, <http://www.genuki.org.uk/> Gateway

Online Parish Clerks. http://ukbmd.org.uk/online_parish_clerk Gateway

Dusty Docs has links to Free websites in the British Isles containing Parish records <http://dustydocs.com/>

Gateway similar to Cindy's List

The [Internet Archive](http://www.internetarchive.org/) has digital copies of some published parish register transcripts and indexes

If you have Lincolnshire Ancestors this site might help <https://www.lincstothepast.com/>

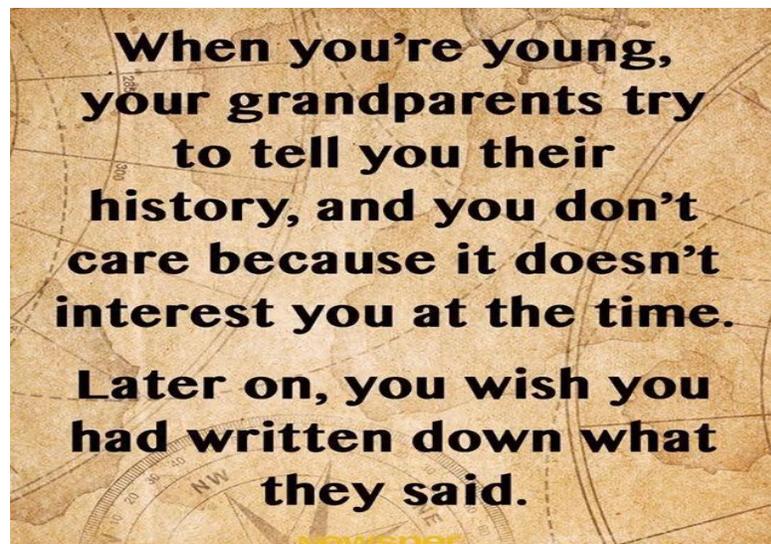
Ancestors from the Medway Towns in Kent (Rochester Diocese Records not indexed but browsable)
http://cityark.medway.gov.uk/query/results/?Mode=Search&PathList=/Z4a_Medway_Ancestors/

Find My Past has added Somerset Indexes for Baptisms, Banns, Marriages and Burials. They also have Catholic records

If there are any errors, omissions or any comments about this newsletter please contact Jane Brooker
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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 **27th Aug 2017**.

Last Word



Twisted Twigs on Gnarled Branches Genealogy

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