



From 'Our House' to Yours

Papakura Branch: New Zealand Society of Genealogists



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FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 1 st Oct	Mon 2	Tue 3	Wed 4	Thurs 5	Fri 6	Sat 7
		Meetings Am - Films Pm Who do you think you are?	House open for research 7.30 – 9.30			House open for research 1 – 4pm
8 Computer Group 1.30	9	10 House open for research 10 – 12 noon	11 House open for research 7.30 – 9.30	12	13	14 House open for research 1 – 4pm NZSG Panmure Beginning your Whakapapa journey
15	19	17 House open for research 10 – 12 noon	18 House open for research 6 – 9 Extended hours		20	21 House open for research 1 – 4pm
22 NZSG Panmure Finding Family in New Zealand	23	24 House open for research 10 – 12 noon	25 House open for research 7.30 – 9.30	26	27 Papakura Library & Branch help 11am – 1pm	28 House open for research 1 – 4pm
29 NZSG Panmure Session 4 Jan Gow	30	31 House open for research 10 – 12 noon	1 November House open for research 7.30 – 9.30	2	3	4 House open for research 1 – 4pm

Shirley will be doing next month's newsletter while I am away, please send items to s.early@xtra.co.nz

WHAT'S ON:

Tuesday 3rd October Who Do You Think You Are? Morning and night.

Sunday 8th 1.30pm Computer Group At our House

Tuesday 10th - Bruce Ralston & Julie MacDonald, Writing your family histories

Time: 10.00am Venue: Franklin: The Centre, 10 Massey Ave, Pukekohe

Tuesday 10th - Geraldene O'Reilly, Wanted - Servant girls in the Colony

Time: 7.00pm Venue: Franklin: The Centre, 10 Massey Ave, Pukekohe

Saturday 14th - [Lorraine Rice, Beginning your Whakapapa Journey](#)

Time: 10.00-12 noon

Venue: Family Research Centre, 1st Floor, 159 Queens Road, Panmure

Cost: Classroom Workshop \$15.00 - Booking Required

Sunday 22nd - [Robyn Williams, Finding Family in New Zealand](#)

Venue: Family Research Centre, 1st Floor, 159 Queens Road, Panmure

Cost: Classroom Workshop \$20.00 - Booking Required

Friday 27 October 11am – 1pm: At Papakura Library help with family history

Saturday 29th - [Jan Gow, Using the 3 Ps → Preparation → Participation → Preservation 4/4 \(Website Forms\)](#)

Time: 10.00am-1.30pm

Venue: Family Research Centre, 1st Floor, 159 Queens Road, Panmure

Cost: Computer Workshop \$20.00 - Booking Required

COMING UP IN

November: Twilight Cemetery Walk

December: Christmas Function Please start collecting non perishable items for our monster Christmas Raffle

No Legacy Sessions in October:

Convenors Report:

Hi All,

Spring is in the air, it's nice to see the pink blossoms on the trees and a few daffodils out and about. I know my gladiolus have just starting sprouting. Also the warmer days are nice as well.

Starting on September 30th till 15th October is the Auckland Heritage festival, the theme this year is waterways to highways, so go check it out.

October meetings will feature a fun night at the movies.

In November, we are prepping for a twilight cemetery tour, if you have someone interesting in the Papakura cemetery, please let me know.

It's short and sweet this month.

Kind regards and happy hunting.

Gail



Shirley's Bits and Pieces

JUST BECAUSE!!

Well I too have been having a busy month, with all my tripping backwards and forwards, but feet now back on Papakura soil for 3 weeks at least,

I was in Gisborne and decided to 'cast my special vote' there, hence I too am probably holding the decision up!! But I was very 'active' or is it 'proactive' and had to cast my vote on Women's Suffrage Day, (19 September 2017) 124 years later, just because I knew my Great Grandmothers on both sides are on the Women's Suffrage Petition roll, thought it was the proper thing to do. Felt good too and I have lots of great aunts who are there as well and also **Bella Phoebe Woodney**, she must belong to me but I have no idea who she is, or where she disappeared to, she was residing in Wellington, and signed the petition, did she need to be here for some time? She is now my new project and my "summer mystery."

You can or you may have already searched the roll and find ladies in your family who were eligible to vote in 1893. These are on line at the site here and there is a huge amount of history that you can also study and see how these ancestors fought to be the first in the WORLD to get the VOTE!

<https://nzhistory.govt.nz/media/photo/suffrage-petition-1893>

Changing Email address? Please let us know if you are changing your email from Clear or Ihug or one of the other Vodafone email addresses.

Did You Know? There is a gateway portal for New Zealand family history research.
<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~sooty/nzsites.html>

Have you? Got ancestors in Scotland? Have you ever looked at the Statistical Accounts of Scotland website for a snapshot of the parish your ancestor came from?

Visit <http://stataccscot.edina.ac.uk/static/statacc/dist/home> From the home page, type your parish in the search box. You will get a page of results with numbers and if you click those it looks as if you have to sign in and pay to view. But if you choose what you want to look at from the *associated places box*, it takes you to a page with a map. Again if you click on the top right hand box it takes you to a description of the parish in either 1794 or 1845 usually written by the minister. You probably won't find your name unless they were landowners, but the descriptions of the living conditions, industry, schools etc can give you a real glimpse of what life was like.

The map can be scrolled around so you can see other locations nearby, the parish is also outlined

Are you Genealogically prepared? In light of Hurricane Irma, The Mexican Earthquake, floods here, bushfires in Australia, not to mention burglary, fire, computer mishaps and planning for the future, it seems a good time to reflect on our own plans and preparations.

Some questions to get you thinking -

Do you have a 'what if' plan?

Do you have your documents, photographs and treasured artefacts in an easy to pick up and move form?

If they can't be moved easily do you have secure storage?

Do you have copies digital and paper of the important things?

Do you back up regularly in several places?

The future – what happens when you aren't around anymore?

Are you going to distribute your data – to relatives, other researchers, donate or bequeath to NZSG (digital library) or museum?

Slightly less dramatic, but have you planned for expansion? More boxes, cabinets, room for more binders, enough memory on your computer.

I'm sure you can think of other scenarios.

Did You Know? If you are using the UK GRO indexes to find age at death prior to 1865 remember that ages at death aren't always shown correctly for infants; a child shown as 7 years old according to the indexes might in fact have been 7 months, 7 weeks, 7 days, or even 7 hours old at the time of their death.

Irish Ancestors? Have you visited Ireland Reaching Out? This is the blurb from their website.

<https://www.irelandxo.com/ireland-xo>

Ireland Reaching Out is a volunteer and community-based, non-profit initiative building vibrant lasting links between the global Irish Diaspora and their communities of origin in Ireland.

If you haven't added your Irish ancestor to their parish of origin yet, why not give it a try? If you don't have much information to go on, just include what you do know. Once their name is in the XO Chronicles, it's only a matter of time before someone else adds more details.

Norfolk Ancestors? Newly released registers of the freemen of Norwich currently covering 1714 – present day but will eventually start from 1317. <http://nfro.norwichfreemen.org.uk/>

Convicted criminals? The stories of convicted criminals, including those sentenced to transportation, can now be uncovered on a new free history website.

[Digital Panopticon](#) is part of a project by the University of Liverpool, University of Sheffield, University of Oxford, University of Sussex and University of Tasmania in Australia.

Named after an 18th century theoretical prison where all the inmates can be watched by one guard, it includes information on the lives of 90,000 individuals convicted of crimes at the Old Bailey between 1780 and 1925, many of whom were transported to Australia.

Don't forget the Old Bailey web site too <https://www.oldbaileyonline.org/> The Proceedings of the Old Bailey, 1674-1913. A fully searchable edition of the largest body of texts detailing the lives of non-elite people ever published, containing 197,745 criminal trials held at London's central criminal court.

New in to Our Library:

September Issue Who Do You Think You Are?

October Issue Family Tree Magazine

Next Legacy Sessions:

November Sessions Wednesday 8th November 10 - 12
 Monday 20th November 1 - 3

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.

Christmas Raffle: Non perishable items for our Christmas Raffle. Will be drawn at evening meeting on 5th December

Hooked on Genealogy Tours
Presents
SLC 2 NZ
October Labour Weekend
Auckland

Have you ever thought you would love to
research in Salt Lake City?

Hours of concentrated research with facilitators on hand?
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From the Magazines and Websites:

FindMyPast: Has added Dublin electoral rolls between 1908 and 1915

New records have been added to their Bristol, Gloucestershire records for baptisms, marriages and burials

British Newspaper Archive:

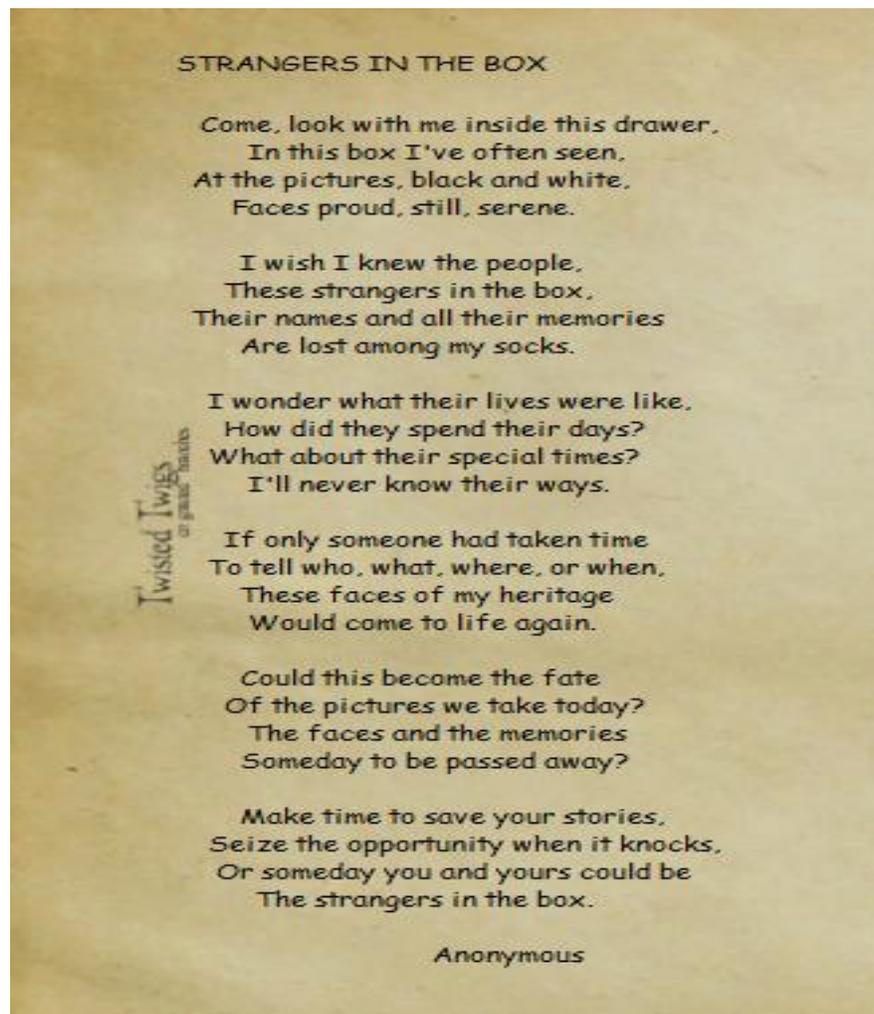
Has added The Atlas 1830 – 1838 this paper published news from home (UK) and abroad and had a dedicated column for India.

Ancestry: According to their home page, new record sets include:-

- [Australia and New Zealand, Find A Grave Index, 1800s-Current](#)
- [Australia and New Zealand, Obituary Index, 2004-2017](#)
- [Australia, Newspaper Vital Notices, 1841-2001](#)
- [New South Wales, Australia, Index to Deceased Estate Files, 1859-1958](#)
- [Australia, Births and Baptisms, 1792-1981](#)
- [New South Wales, Australia, Criminal Court Records, 1830-1945](#)

Don't forget The Genealogist is free to access at Auckland libraries and at Panmure and has different search abilities and some unique data sets.

Last Word



What do you do with your photographs?

If there are any errors, omissions or any comments about this newsletter please contact Jane Brooker
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