



# From 'Our House' to Yours

Papakura Branch: New Zealand Society of Genealogists



## October 2018

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### FOR YOUR DIARY

Sun 30 Sep	Mon 1 Oct	Tues 2	Wed 3	Thurs 4	Fri 5	Sat 6
		Branch Meetings 10am 7.00pm Wills, probates	House open for research 7.00 – 9.00		European Interest Group 4 – 10pm NZSG Panmure	House open for research 1 – 4
7	Legacy 1 - 3pm	House open for research 10 -12	House open for research 7.00 – 9.00	11	12	13 House open for research 1 - 4
14 COMPUTER GROUP 1.30	15	16 House open for research 10 -12	17 House open for research 7.00 – 9.00	18	19	20 House open for research 1 – 4
21	22	23 House open for research 10 -12	24 House open for research 7.00 – 9.00	25	26 Papakura Library research help 11-1	27 House open for research 1 – 4
28	29 Committee Meeting 7.00	30 House open for research 10 -12	21 House open for research 7.00 – 9.00	1 Nov	2	3 House open for research 1 – 4

**All evening activities start at 7pm**

## WHAT'S ON:

**Tuesday 2 October:**

**10am/7pm Meat on the bones: Wills and probates**

What can you learn, where to look, trying to read them. Have you had a breakthrough thanks to a will?

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>**

**“Hatched, Matched and Dispatched”** in the Selwyn Library 8 St Stephens Ave, Parnell. Entry is \$10.pp and tea will be available in the Monteith centre across the road. Enquiries ph. 09 524 0241 or [frbridgman@xtra.co.nz](mailto:frbridgman@xtra.co.nz) The library is itself historic, being built in 1862 and not normally open to the public

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October:**

**1pm – 3pm**

**Legacy Help Session**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October:**

**1.30pm**

**Computer Group**

## Convenors Report:

Greetings everyone,

So, this coming weekend is Daylight Savings again!! Yay 😊

What has been happening this month? We had lock down at the Family Research Centre in Panmure. A lovely dinner and a very enjoyable evening. Still to find time to visit again and continue more research.

We celebrated the Suffragettes by way of a lovely evening that was held at ‘Our House’ on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September. Thank you very much to our lovely guest speaker Elizabeth Donald, who shared some very gorgeous pictures of her family history and interesting stories about the times they endured. I would like to make a special mention for two awesome ladies who helped make this evening the success it was. Fredda, for setting the scene for the evening with the lovely decorations, they looked spectacular. Gloria, your hard work for assisting with the planning and having everything organised and ready to go for all of us. A very big thank you from me!

Below is a picture of Elizabeth, holding a very precious picture of an original family home.



For me, my excitement was hearing from a distant family member who came across my DNA report and recognised that we are related, we are now in contact and going to assist each other with our family research, very exciting 😊

Kindest Regards

From the desk and thoughts of Carmen Parris-Oswald (nee Parris)

## **Committee News:**

Just a reminder, that it is \$3 for all members to attend activities at 'Our House' \$5 non members (first visit free)

You may have noticed the house is looking a bit more cared for lately. Auckland Council have been carrying out a number of maintenance tasks for us and there are more on the way.

Work on finding the best scanner for the digitisation project is ongoing with some input from a techno guy, internet will be available at Our House hopefully in the near future.

## **Who Knew?**

There is a Worshipful Company of Parish Clerks covering the parishes in the City of London. One of the oldest London Guilds

<https://www.londonparishclerks.com/>

The site has a list of all the Company's parishes: - 97 within the Walls and 16 outside the Walls. If you click on the name of the church you are interested in it gives you a brief history of the church.

There are some maps of the parishes and other little bits of information although I couldn't get the map to show the churches that still exist and which don't and which are ruins. There are also a series of photographs of parish boundary markers.

## **Collaboration, attending talks and asking for advice DOES work:**

Two really good 'finds' by branch members

### 1) From Rodney Price

My maternal grandfather Andrew Heinrich Stone was born in Norway in 1882. He came to New Zealand in September 1901. I understood that his parents were Carl Johann Steen / Marie Josephine Hemmingsen, and that Andrew changed his name from Steen to Stone upon arrival in New Zealand. I didn't have any years of birth or death for his parents.

Andrew married Barbara Ann Stenhouse in New Zealand in 1908.

I was aware that Andrew had applied for naturalization in 1914. I wrote away to Archives in Wellington and got a copy of the file with his application. In his hand-written application he stated that he was born at Christiania, Norway, on 6 November 1882. Christiania was the former name of Oslo. In a letter dated 7 January 1915, Internal Affairs acknowledged his letter, but advised that no Letters of Naturalisation would be issued while the War was on, and that they would consider it further once the War was over. Unfortunately, Andrew died in 1918 from the influenza epidemic before naturalization could be granted.

I wanted to find more details about his parents. A lady at 'Our House' recommended that I consult with Shirley Early because she has a strong Norway connection. I contacted Shirley and she suggested that I raise my query with [norway@rootschat.com](mailto:norway@rootschat.com), which I did. The following morning, I received an amazing reply. The names of the parents were not as I thought but were Karl Johan Hansen / Marie Josefine Theodora Henningsen. Andrew's name at birth was Andreas Martinus Hansen born 6 November 1882 - the same date as per his application for naturalization. The correspondent at rootschat sent me a copy of his birth record, and a copy of his parents' marriage record. He also mentioned that

there was a record of Andrew emigrating to New York in 1901 before continuing his journey to New Zealand.

I am just so elated with this discovery. I understand from the correspondents that changes of names as such were quite common in Norway. It would have been quite beyond my ability to fathom this out. I am so grateful to Norway Rootschat, and Shirley Early, for the help they have given. But the amazing thing was - I lodged the query late at night, and the answer was there the next morning.

*A great story Rodney – thank you so much for sharing and a big thumbs up to Shirley Early.*

2) And another great find after attending a talk, by another member, Olwyn Bourne

Her cousin was adopted at birth. The cousin found her mother (deceased) after applying for her birth certificate, which led her to Olwyn.

After seeing Maurice Gleeson’s talk on “Using DNA to Find Unknown parents”, Olwyn started putting his suggestion into practice and this is the result: - Finding first a common surname and working her way through the families, within 6 weeks she found the father (deceased) and started building the family tree to hopefully find living relatives..... Olwyn has recently met up with 2 of her cousin’s half-brothers (no doubt). So exciting! (and proof that even with DNA matches you still need to do the hard yards of good old research to confirm it all).

*What a great result Olwyn, it must have taken a fair bit of time to put it all together but the pay off was no doubt worth every minute.*

**Have stories you would be willing to share or want some help?**

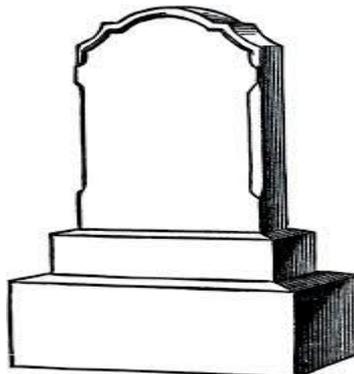
**Send them in so they can go in the newsletter.**

**Remember this goes to branches all over the country, you never know where you may get help.**

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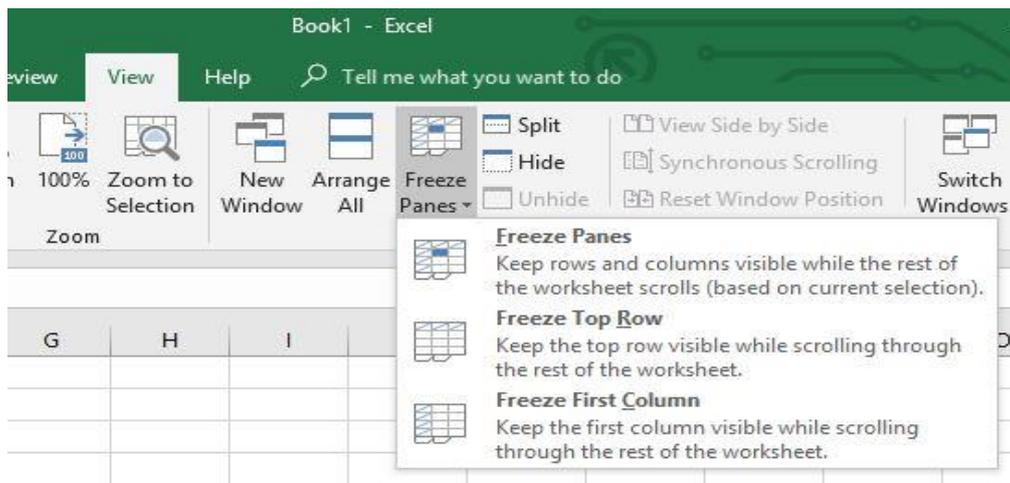
## **Canadian Headstones:**

If you are stuck trying to find headstones in Canada with Find-a-Grave try Canadian Headstones <http://canadianheadstones.com/> you may strike it lucky.



## **Did you know?**

Do you use Excel to compare information with DNA results or other genealogical information? Do you know about the Freeze panes field?



Been to a great archive or site, heard a good speaker, found a wonderful resource? Let the committee know - we are looking at planning for next year. Do you want more meat on the bones? What?

## **A trick or two?**

Next time there is a free weekend, or you are visiting the library.

English research tip: With Ancestry now adding the 1939 register to its online resources I have been 'hinted' about several relatives on that site who do not appear in name searches on Find My Past. I make a note of who the people are and what the reference is (under the source citation on the record transcription page e.g. RG101/piece no) also the address if possible.

Unfortunately, Ancestry have not seen fit to add the rest of the citation (Findmypast ref is RG101/piece no/item/line no) so armed with the information from Ancestry I go to the advanced search on Findmypast put in the piece number and the street address and that often gives me the information I am looking for. I have managed to track down several elusive rellies that way.

Have any tips for using the websites? Let us know

## **NZSG Member Benefits:**



## **Coming Up:**

November: The end of the 'War to end all Wars' Armistice Day 11 Nov 1918  
December Meetings Traditional sayings and family expressions, and their meanings. Bring a plate.

## **Legacy Sessions:**

Next Legacy sessions. Monday 8 October 1 – 3  
Wednesday 14 November 10 – 12 Held at 'Our House' \$3

Contact Jane Brooker at [jane@cjarm.net](mailto:jane@cjarm.net) or 296 0257

## **From around the websites and magazines:**

Who Do You Think You Are? September Magazine has a fascinating article about children who were evacuated during WWII. Have you heard of Operation Pied Piper? The *City of Benares*? The Children's Overseas Reception Board (CORB) evacuated 2,664 children: 1,532 to Canada, 577 to Australia, 353 to South Africa, and 202 to New Zealand in 3 months in 1940. There are several resources suggested for tracing these children in the article.

It is 70 years since the NHS began in the UK. And 500 years since the Royal College of Physicians started!

Suggestions for researching health professionals are in an article from April 2018 WDYTYA? Magazine and there are 6 great sites. [http://www.whodoyouthinkyouaremagazine.com/blog/6-best-websites-tracing-medical-](http://www.whodoyouthinkyouaremagazine.com/blog/6-best-websites-tracing-medical-history?utm_source=Adestra&utm_medium=Email&utm_content=WHOD&utm_campaign=Newsletter%2020%2F09%2F18_116476_Who%20Do%20You%20Think%20You%20Are%3F_Newsletters)

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Ancestry has updated many of their databases including:- [Australia and New Zealand, Obituary Index, 2004-2018](#) and [Australia, Newspaper Vital Notices, 1831-2001](#)

Findmypast has added, amongst others: - Ireland, Dublin Metropolitan Police Prisoners Books 1905-1908 and 1911-1918, Ireland, Dublin Metropolitan Police general register 1837-1925, Montgomeryshire Memorial Inscriptions, Scotland, Edinburgh Temperance Pledges 1886-1908, Scotland, Shetland, Tingwall List of Inhabitants 1785 Jersey, German Occupation Identity Cards 1940-1945, Jersey, German Occupation Prosecutions 1940-1945

If you were a previous subscriber to Findmypast you may have received an email telling you that records you may have put in your 'records' but not downloaded to your computer will not be available without a subscription after October 1<sup>st</sup>.

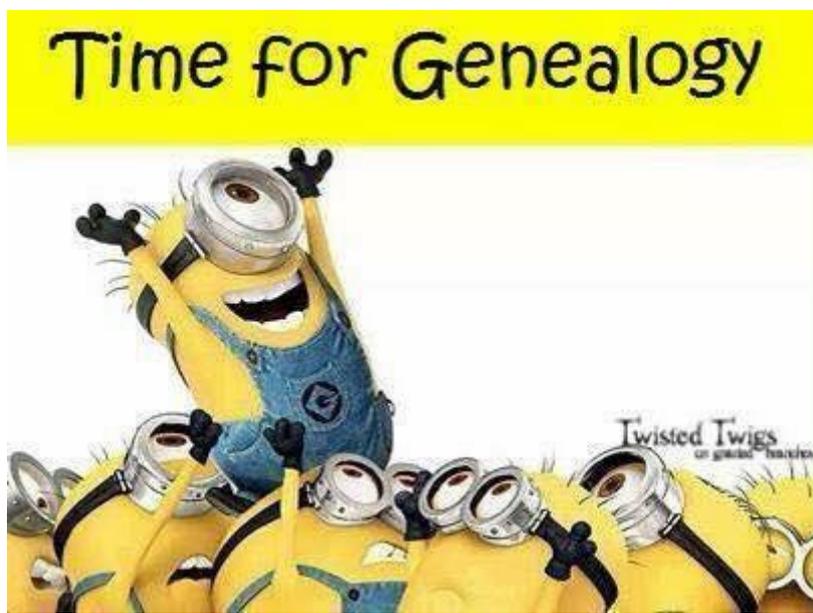
The British Newspaper Archive has added the Tavistock Gazette and many pages to other existing publications. Also available on Findmypast.

**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.

**Sharing:** A problem shared is a problem halved. Hit a brick wall? Come and have a chat at one of our meetings and see if others have any suggestions, or come to one of our research sessions and have one on one help.

**Last Word:**



**If there are any errors, omissions or any comments about this newsletter please contact Jane Brooker [jane@cjarm.net](mailto:jane@cjarm.net)**

Contributions, articles, topics, event dates etc. for the next edition are always welcome. Please send to [jane@cjarm.net](mailto:jane@cjarm.net) no later than the **24 September 2018.**

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