



# From 'Our House' to Yours

Papakura Branch: New Zealand Society of Genealogists



## December 2018

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### FOR YOUR DIARY

25 Sun	26 Mon Committee Meeting 7.00	27 Tues House open for research 10 -12	28 Wed House open for research 7.00 – 9.00	29 Thurs	30 Fri Papakura Library help with research 11-1	1 December Sat House open for research 1 – 4
2	3	4 Final meetings for year. 10 & 7 Family sayings, Christmas traditions. Bring a small plate	5 House open for research 7.00 – 9.00	6	7	8 House open for research 1 - 4
9 Computer Group Lunch 12.30	10 NZSG library closed for stocktake	11 House open for research 10 -12	12 House open for research 7.00 – 9.00	13	14	15 House open for research 1 – 4 House closes
16	17	18 No Research	19 No research	20	21 NZSG office & library closed	22 No Research
23	24	25 Christmas Day 	26 Boxing Day	27	28	29
30	31 New Year's Eve	1 January 2019 	2 House closed NZSG closed	3 Until	4 15 <sup>th</sup> 7 <sup>th</sup>	5 January January

**All evening activities start at 7pm**

## WHAT'S ON:

- Tuesday 4 December:**      **10am & 7pm End of year function:**  
Social event with chat about old family sayings and their meanings, Christmas family traditions. Please bring a small plate to share.
- Sunday 9 December:**      **Computer group Christmas lunch:** 12.30pm. email coming from Anne Megget re details for group members.
- Saturday 15 December:**      **Final research session for the year.**
- Tuesday 15 January 2019:** **House re-opens for research.**

## Treasurers Report: (Carmen apologises),

Hope you are all coping with the vagaries of the weather and the run up to Christmas. If you are going away have a great break and come back refreshed. Those of you looking for some down time to concentrate on genealogy, I hope you get your wish.

I enjoyed the DNA conference in Sydney and felt that I learned a little bit more about it all. (I still get very confused though) Speakers were various members of the Australian Society of Genealogists such as Louise Coakley, Kerry Farmer and Michelle Patient. (OZ Kiwi?). Maurice Gleeson and Diahann Southard did video presentations. Met some interesting people, including the Australian rep for the NZSG who has Papakura connections.

The Monday after the conference Michelle very kindly took me out to the NSW Archives which, while a great resource, are at the back of beyond to get to, unless you have a car. I had pre-ordered some wills to look at and found a few links to relatives which confirmed some suppositions I had made.

If you are like me, you will wish there were more hours in the day to deal with all the finds. This was highlighted when I got asked at short notice to help put some info together for a relative of Chris's who was having a reunion for a group of cousins descended from Chris's great aunt.

What I realised very rapidly: - I had *some* of the information in my family history programme, I *thought* I had more in than I actually did and certificates and photographs I was *sure* I had scanned and digitised and filed electronically I hadn't. They were at least in the folders they were supposed to be in.

It wasn't quite re-inventing the wheel, but at 3am one morning, I decided I had to get better organised! Hence the wish for more hours in the day. This may sound familiar to many of you.

Hopefully we will see many of you at the end of year functions on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>. If not have a good Christmas and New Year and Happy hunting (or organising in my case)

*Jane*



## Committee News:

**Christmas Raffle** – Non perishable items still wanted for the raffle. Please drop into the house or bring along on 4<sup>th</sup> December. Raffle will be drawn at evening meeting.

Work is progressing on leasing scanning equipment for digitising the cards.

# **WANTED.**

Volunteers to relieve for house duty. Wednesday Evenings, Saturday Afternoons, Tuesday Mornings.

Our pool of house openers is dwindling, and we really need some fresh blood to help out.

You are being asked to put your name forward to cover for someone normally rostered on, unable to do their session. It is not a regular commitment.

It is a great way to find out about what we have at the house, do your own research, meet and help others. Please email [janebaknz@outlook.com](mailto:janebaknz@outlook.com) if you are available.

## NZSG Panmure closing dates:

The Family Research Centre Library in Panmure will be closed from Monday the 10th of December for stock take.

The stock take is required every three years and as we have nearly 60,000 items in the library to check, will take two weeks to complete.

There is a large team headed by Robyn Williams who have volunteered for this mammoth undertaking and we thank them for this.

The office will still be open during this time.

Both the FRC Library and the office will be closed from the 21st of December until the 7th of January for the summer holiday break.

## Legacy Sessions:

Next Legacy sessions.	Monday	11 February 1 – 3	Held at ‘Our House’	\$3
	Wednesday	27 February 10 -12		

Contact Jane Brooker at [janebaknz@outlook.com](mailto:janebaknz@outlook.com) or 296 0257

**Legacy update:** An update to legacy was released on 21 November. You don't have to upgrade it usually just fixes a few bugs You can see what has been fixed by clicking on the revision history (RHS) from the Legacy home tab .

## DNA Group:

Chris Bailey did an excellent job of explaining several of the add on tools to help with DNA on 11<sup>th</sup> November, thank Chris. It is hoped to continue meeting approximately 3 monthly next year.

How many of you took advantage of all the Black Friday/Cyber Monday specials on DNA tests?

Remember to upload your raw data to My Heritage before 1<sup>st</sup> December for free.

**Have you ever wondered?** What the money your ancestors left in their wills would be worth today.

There is a site <https://www.measuringworth.com/calculators/ukcompare/>, which can give you an estimate of the relative worth of the amount. When you click on the link it takes you to a comparison for the British Pound, but in a panel on the left-hand side is a link for Australian values, the closest to New Zealand. It is just a guide though.

But I found it interesting that the £10 sterling my ancestor left in his will in 1736 to each of his daughters, would be about £1480 today in the UK and \$2775 in NZ. If one of those son's income was £10 a year it would be worth £18600 annual income today. (\$34886 NZ)

Even a will from 1955 leaving £100 to a grandson could be as much as \$3500 today in New Zealand.

In 2017, the relative *price* worth of £100 0s 0d from 1955 is:

\$3,360.00 using the **the Consumer Price Index**

\$3,540.00 using the **the GDP deflator**

In 2017, the relative *wage or income* worth of £100 0s 0d from 1955 is:

\$11,440.00 using the **the nominal GDP per capita**

\$8,230.00 using the **Average Weekly Earnings**

\$5,880.00 using the **National Minimum (Award) Wage**

In 2017, the relative *output* worth of £100 0s 0d from 1955 is:

\$30,400.00 using the **the nominal GDP**

This table is in Australian dollars.

## **Timelines and maps:**

When working on your tree, do you look up what was happening in the world at the time they were living, not just major world events such as WWI and 2. Where were the places they lived? What was life like for new emigrant women in New Zealand? Were your family affected by the flu pandemic? Were they living in London at the time of a coronation or one of the pea-souper fogs? At an even more grass root level. Were there floods in the area they lived in? Was there bad weather that damaged crops? Etc etc

There are a number of places to look for this sort of information. Newspaper reports are an easy source of information. Several places have their own websites describing life in older times. For major world events try <http://worldtimeline.info/> (You can scroll to the bottom of the page and select a time period to view)

Sites like [www.londonlives.org](http://www.londonlives.org), <https://collage.cityoflondon.gov.uk/>, <https://historic-liverpool.co.uk/>, can all give you a wider perspective with maps, information and pictures specific to the location.

The National Library of Scotland has a lot of maps <https://maps.nls.uk/> or have you looked at Scotland's Places? <https://scotlandspplaces.gov.uk>

Closer to home <https://teara.govt.nz/en/history> gives a potted history of NZ.

Please let me know if you have found other resources to 'colour in' your family so they can be passed on to others.

## **Coming Up:**

December Meetings: 'Old sayings and their meanings, Christmas traditions food, activities'. Bring a small plate.

February Meetings: Occupations. In your family, old names, want to know more.

## From around the websites and magazines:

### **Findmypast has announced new subscriptions. This is the blurb from the website.**

*“Three new subscriptions for new customers in Australia and New Zealand have been introduced on Findmypast. All three options, **Starter, Plus and Pro**, have been specifically tailored for family historians at different stages of their research. See below for details on what’s included in each new subscription.*

*Until now, record access has been distinguished by location. An **Australia and New Zealand** subscription offered all resources from those countries and a **World** subscription provided complete global access. For new customers we’ve simply changed the name of our top-level subscription from **World** to **Pro**.*

*If you’re an existing subscriber on an **Australia and New Zealand** or **World** subscription, nothing will change while you remain on your current subscription.”*

Latest additions to the site include Pennsylvania Cemetery & Burial 1700-1950 (Browse), England and Wales Ecclesiastical Dignitaries 1800-1840, British Dictionary of National Biography 1885-1904, Scotland Rolls of Honour 1914-1920

Who Do You Think You Are? Has articles on which DNA test is best for your family history research? How to find out about potters you may have in your family.

Ancestry has been updating some of their collections including some UK WWI pension ledgers, New York Marriage licences, Ontario Canada;,marriages, deaths and deaths overseas. They have added some records from the Ukraine and Nuremberg Germany.

TheGenealogist, (largely UK based) has added some school registers, Outbound passenger lists for the 1950s, some WWI records and have completed their Warwickshire Parish Record Project.

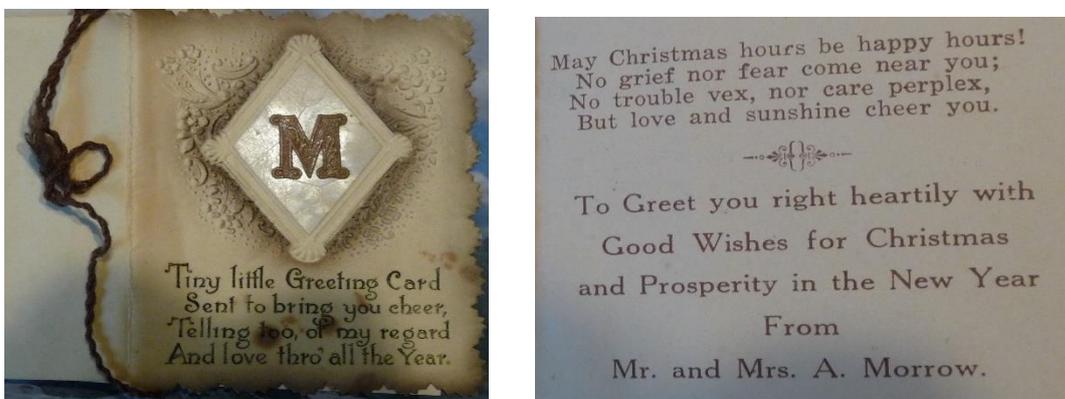
My Heritage has updated its Sweden Household Examination books 1860-1947, Ellis Island and other New York Passenger lists. New records include a 1787 and 1801 Denmark census, various US newspapers.

\*\* Remember if you are an Auckland Library subscriber you can use My Heritage at home.

**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.



Front and inside from a Christmas card sent from Tuakau circa 1917

**Last Word:**

Genealogy Resolutions for the New Year



With thanks to My Heritage Blog

If there are any errors, omissions or any comments about this newsletter please contact Jane Brooker [janebaknz@outlook.com](mailto:janebaknz@outlook.com)

Contributions, articles, topics, event dates etc. for the next edition are always welcome. Please send to [janebaknz@outlook.com](mailto:janebaknz@outlook.com) no later than **29 January 2019**.

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