



Papamoa Branch



1st **September** 2015



Happy 8th Birthday Papamoa Branch!!!

The Papamoa Branch of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists meets on the 2nd Monday of the month in the Tohora Room at the Papamoa Community Centre 10am–2pm.
The Doors open at 9.30 Door charge \$5.00

The next meeting is on Monday the 14th September 2015

The speaker is Gail Riddell whose presentation will be about DNA in Genealogy research. She is the NZ volunteer representative of Family Tree DNA in the USA who have the largest database of DNA results/matches in the world. Gail is a Chartered Accountant in Pukekohe in her non genealogical life.



September Speaker: Gail Riddell Profile

Topic: DNA Testing & Genealogy

"Gail is a well-known presenter of DNA in the New Zealand genetic genealogy circles and a frequent contributor to many genetic genealogical forums in the USA. She writes for a number of surname newsletters and her most recent and comprehensive (but basic) articles covering all DNA tests is located at http://www.famnet.org.nz/newsletters/FamNet/March_2015/Newsletter.htm#_Toc414387232

The American testing firm FamilyTree DNA - FTDNA - uses her as a roving Administrator and consequently she currently manages some 45 projects (38 Surnames and 5 geographical plus a Y-Haplogroup project plus others.

As an 'all-rounder', she is in heavy demand (which is why she operates so many projects), especially as she has made 2 aspects of DNA testing her specialty, these are Y-DNA (the surname line) and atDNA (the cousins lines) which she has taken well beyond the actual testing of Y-DNA and atDNA. She is not "into" either medical or forensic testing which are very different to genealogical testing (but confesses to having received her own medical reports from a particular test)". In a year or two, Gail intends to go "professional".

Almoner: Remember to notify Carole Bridge of sick or bereaved members.
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Genealogy Friendly: meets on the 4th Monday of the month. 1pm-3pm, in the Mako Room at the Papamoa Community Centre. **The next meeting will be on Monday 28th September, 2015.**
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The Convener's Comment



Greetings Everyone,

August Meeting Review

Fifty-one members and visitors attended our August meeting and were spell-bound by Lt Col. Dr. Cliff Simons, Military Historian, who gave an excellent presentation on the history behind the Gallipoli campaign and Chunuk Bair. Cliff lives locally and what a treasure in our midst.

It was a wonderful experience to listen to Cliff and be able to really understand, some of us for the first time, just how our New Zealand men and women were involved in this theatre of World War One. In the morning we saw the history of the Gallipoli campaign and the assault on Chunuk Bair encapsulated in wonderful historic drawings, pictures and photos unfold before our eyes. In the afternoon we were again caught up in Cliff's experiences of being present at the 100th Commemoration at Gallipoli in April this year when he and his wife Paula joined a special tour group to Gallipoli. Wonderful photos showing Anzac Cove and other parts of Turkey today brought us back to the present time. I feel we were so privileged to see this presentation and felt that all the bones in those unmarked graves were given flesh and life again.

August Family History Month at Papamoa Library

At the time of writing, our volunteers, Blue, Coral, Daphne, Elaine and I are half-way through the 10.00am – noon Friday sessions in the library. We have been delighted to be able to assist several people with their research. The library staff have welcomed us with open arms and have done everything they can to help.

A reminder that, if you do not have a personal subscription to Ancestry or Find My Past, there are library editions available at Papamoa library. You just need to get a librarian to log you into either of these sites on one of public computers. Please make the most of our local library facilities. There are Genealogy Reference books located near the Branch Fiche Cabinet/Fiche Readers in the library and also some "How To" books in the main library which can be borrowed. Dewey Code 929. Ask a librarian if you can't find them.

Coral Shearer's Workshops for Members

Coral's Workshops on "Writing your Life Story", "Getting the Most from your NZSG Membership" and "Using Family TreeMaker Software" are being very well attended. The committee really appreciate Coral's passion for helping our members and the time she has put into this series of workshops.

I now look forward to our September meeting where we will welcome our speaker Gail Riddell and learn more about DNA in Genealogy research.

Please refer to Gail's article on Pages 138 and 139 in the New Zealand Genealogist magazine, June 2015, Vol 46 No 353 to learn more about this fascinating topic.

In September we will also be celebrating the branch's 8th Birthday.

Yours in Family History

Betty Atkinson NZSG 17053

One of our members gave me the following wonderful site which will help us to identify medals in our families. <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nzlscant/defence.htm> Memories, Memorials, Medals. I recommend that you check this out. *The Editor.*

The Editor Drones On

Has Duck Shooting season finished?
When does the **Drone** season start?

What do you think would constitute a limit bag?

In ten years' time, when I am verging on being included in the Elderly category, I think I might get quite irate if my weekly grocery delivery gets shot out of the sky, especially if the eggs get broken.

(Oh no! I shall have chookies by then. I plan to be self-sufficient.)

If my sub-editor is still around then, I might have to put an extra padlock on his gun-case. He might find drone hunting quite entertaining in his dotage. I can visualize him in his rocking chair on the front porch, shot-gun waving up and down, and shouting out -

“Two with one shot.” I can see him in his workshop trying to modify his duck-caller.

I have yet to convince him that he will have to encompass modern technology.

One of our neighbours found a drone in his back yard, when he returned from holiday recently. He was a bit miffed that it didn't have a remote.

I get a bit paranoid when I think about the spa pool. We might have to make it drone proof.

Seriously though, drones are everywhere from the battlefield to the backyards of America. For such a simple concept, the possibilities for how we can use drones are vast and still being explored.

One of the most interesting ways to utilize drone technology is photography.

Photographer [Amos Chapple](#) knows this better than most.

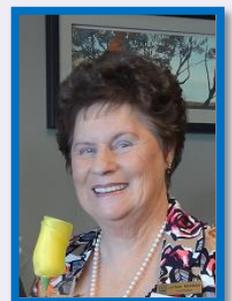
As soon as consumer drones came on the market, Chapple knew he needed one. After purchasing one and learning how to fly it, he began travelling the globe, photographing famous landmarks before such photography was made illegal.

"There was a window of about 18 months where it was possible to fly these things anywhere and people were excited to see it. I'm glad I made use of that time," Chapple told Business Insider. Now, with drone use illegal in many of these locations, his collections of beautiful drone images are some of the only aerial photos of their type. Chapple shared many of them with us and told the stories behind his shots. Check out more on [his site](#). Photographer Amos Chapple captures the world's most famous landmarks- from the Taj Mahal to the Kremlin – using a drone. www.designboom.com/.../amos-chapple-air-drone-photography-04-28-2...

How could you use a drone for your family history research?

Send your suggestions to

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Did you know?

In 2015 we grow one thumb-nail longer to make texting easier.

In 1815 our ancestors in Ireland grew one thumb-nail longer to peel potatoes.

Maybe this is why a broken nail is the No.1 feminine disaster, or do we have an hereditary memory?

Editor

The Librarian's Log



Shirley Youens

Millions of free Records on FamilySearch Can't Be Found via Search: Here's how to Access them

It is an overlooked fact that a vast amount of [FamilySearch's](#) collections cannot be found via the search on their site. Millions of free family history records are waiting to be discovered but have not yet been indexed and are, therefore, somewhat hard to find. These records are invaluable tools for genealogists and cover a wide range of locales and time periods so we thought we'd offer a quick rundown on how to access them.

But first a note about searching collections individually.

One of the most commonly overlooked tactics for successfully locating ancestors in online databases is to search collections individually. It's natural to want to check a site's entire database with one quick search—and many places do make this incredibly easy and quite accurate—but the truth is, no search function is perfect. Especially when looking for an ancestor with a common name, searching all resources at one time may mean some results are never returned or that certain results get overlooked. It happens all of the time.

So, when you're searching through records on FamilySearch this makes the process pretty painless. You can access all of their nearly [2000 collections right here](#). In this section you can scroll through databases or narrow your results easily by location or date.

The best part of this section, however, is the access to hundreds and hundreds of collections that have not yet been indexed. The images are online and free to view but no search function is in place.

This means that if you had gone to FamilySearch and looked for an ancestor who died in Alabama in 1890 you would have very possibly found a record from the [Alabama Deaths and Burials collection 1881 to 1952](#) (105,000+ indexed records), but you would not have seen a listing from the 300,000+no indexed probate records from the Alabama [Probate Records, 1809-1905](#).

Here's one: Or perhaps you're looking for immigration information for your ancestor James Marshall. FamilySearch has his naturalization record, but it has not yet been indexed (something done by a dedicated team of volunteers). Instead it can only be found by flipping through the 2+million records in the [New York, Southern District, U.S District Court Naturalization Records, 1824-1946](#) collection.

Here it is: Sound too daunting—browsing through all those records? It is. It's incredibly more difficult to dig through these images one-by-one to locate the file you need than it is to type a name in a search box—but in many ways it is also incredibly more satisfying and fascination to locate records this way. There is so much history to discover!

And FamilySearch does provide some help. You're certainly not expected to actually browse through 2 million records one-by-one. Images in a collection are often organized by type, date and location...often down to the county or town level. So if you come armed with at least some information you might just find what you're looking for.

Give it a try for yourself, but first take a look at the quick key we've made of FamilySearch's collections page. It'll help you better understand what each one has to offer.

Pink Arrow: Number or records in the collection—collections with a number have been indexed and are searchable by clicking on the title or via the main site search.

Green Arrow: "Browse Images" means that the collection has not been indexed. Click on this link or the title to look at the digitized records. Choose from the subsections provided to further narrow your results.

Red Arrow: Collections with this camera symbol mean that the original images are available on FamilySearch. This symbol shows for all non-indexed collections and many indexed collections. FamilySearch asks that you log in to view some records, but registration is free.

Blue Arrow: The symbol means that the original images are available, but are only present on an external website that FamilySearch provides a link to. Some of these images may require a fee to view.

Happy Searching and please share your discoveries in the comments!

Image: "President Roosevelt and party after nine hours ride through rain and mud, Rocky Mts., Col." 1905, [Library of Congress](#)

Family History Daily – website

Thank you to the Librarian Shirley Youens

FAMILY

There's a special kind of closeness that only families know
That begins with childhood trust and deepens as you grow
There's a special kind of happiness in sharing little things
The laughter, smiles and quiet talks that daily living brings
There's a special kind of comfort in knowing your family's there
To back you up, to cheer you up to understand and care
Of all the treasures life may bring your family means the most
And whether near or far apart that love will hold you close.

Author unknown



**Name this picture.
What are they singing?
(Best answer gets a chocolate fish)**



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*This will definitely put you in the mood  
To welcome SPRING!  
You'll love it!*

*Turn up your volume, view on full  
Screen, and aww at everything presented.*

**TURN ON SOUND**

**An English Garden –**

<https://www.youtube.com/embed/9H9IojB9iYY>



# Your best travel tips

**Last month we featured 7 best tips to make your trip stress free. Here are some more. Many thanks to those who responded.**

## **From our Technology Wiz.**

To stop unauthorised reading scanning of your cards, buy a wallet that has screening built-in or rap your cards in foil.

My cousin bought something in a NZ supermarket and decided to use the self-checkout, put her hand bag on the floor and when tried to process the purchase, and it would not go through. Found out the inbuilt scanner had 'seen' the tap and go credit card in her hand bag on the floor and processed the purchase through that.

I Was in Hanoi standing at an intersection – waiting to cross, when a motor cyclist came close and grabbed the smart phone off a woman using it to take a street scene picture. So to help stop your picture capturing device being stolen, use a real camera that you loop over your wrist. Cameras are also more robust.

If going on a genealogical research trip, back up your family tree on to a memory stick using a free fully featured family tree programme called ScionPC. The programme is GEDCOM compatible and is fully self-contained and thus, to get it to work, you only need to plug the memory stick into a computer. Memory sticks are robust and less likely to fail than a laptop or similar device. People I have spoken to have said it's OK, I have all the data backup on my smart phone.

**See above and smart phones only bend once!**

*Thank you to Mark McKinney*

## **A Traveller's 10 Commandments**

Here are ten of the wisest commandments ever commended to travellers:

1. Thou shalt not expect to find things as thou hast them at home, for thou has left home to find things different.
2. Thou shalt not take anything TOO seriously, for a care-free mind is the beginning of a fine holiday.
3. Thou shalt not let other tourists get on thy nerves, for thou art paying out good money to enjoy thyself.
4. Remember to take only half the clothes thou thinks thou needs – and twice the money.
5. Know at all times where thy passport is, for a person without a passport is a person without a country.
6. Remember that if we had been expected to stay in one place, we would have been created with roots.
7. Thou shalt not worry, for he that worrieth hath no pleasure – few things are ever fatal.
8. When in Rome, thou shalt be prepared to do somewhat as the Romans do.
9. Thou shalt not judge the people of a country by the one person who hast given thee trouble.
10. Remember thou are a guest in other lands, and he that treateth his host with respect shall be honoured.

*Thank you to Blue Hone*

***More next month.***

# The Librarian Logs again!

## Why It's Important to Use Desktop Family Tree SOFTWARE Geneosity.com 06.08.2015

Big name databases have all encouraged us to create our family trees online. And while this is fine, it is also limiting. You still need to have a software program on your hard drive on your desktop computer, laptop, pad or mobile device. Here's why:

**GEDCOM Files** Having a software program for your family tree allows you to create a GEDCOM file which then allows you to upload your tree to more than one site. This is important if you want to collaborate with others who are researching your ancestors. Not everyone can afford a subscription database. You can upload to: Ancestry, MyHeritage, FamilySearch, GenesReunited, Tribal Pages, WikiTree, Rootsweb, WeRelate, and The Next Generation. So if connecting and collaborating with "cousins" is something you are interested in, don't limit yourself to one online tree building site.

**Privacy** Having a software program allows you to set your privacy and when you chose to share or upload, you can control what gets shared and what doesn't.

**New Branches** Software programs allow you to enter information on living individuals which allows you to keep adding new branches to your tree, keeping it up to date.

**Multiple Databases** In a software program you can have more than one database. While I have my combined tree for all of my ancestors, either maternal or paternal, I also have two separate ones for friends that I have been assisting with their research. These are people who aren't interested in the research, but who are interested in having their family stories recorded. By using these separate databases, I have been able to create family history books for them to have lasting legacies for future generations, and I can also provide them with a GEDCOM on a USB stick that they can at some point pass on to a younger relative who may grasp the spark and be interested in starting to research. By having the GEDCOM, complete with attached certificates, photos and source citations, the newbie will be well on their way.

**Limited Access in Some Locations** If you only have a cloud-based tree, like the ones on the "build your family tree" websites, and you end up going to an archive to do research, you may find that the archive doesn't have Wifi, which will seriously limit your access to your own tree.

**Control Changes** Once your software program is installed, you have control. In order to anything to change, you either need to change it yourself, or upgrade to the newest version. Not so when cloud-based sites decide to make changes. None of their changes are under your control. You are completely at their mercy.

**Succession** If, Heaven forbid, anything happens to you and your family tree is on your computer, there is a greater chance of someone being able to take over and carry on your legacy. In order to do so with your cloud-based tree, the next person will need your login information and will need to be able to continue to be able to afford a subscription. If they decide to use your login information to download your tree, then what? The tree is useless if you don't have a software program that will allow you to open it.

It really doesn't matter which software programme you use. Really, it doesn't. Find one that you are comfortable with and that you can manipulate your way through quickly and you will be set for life. Which software isn't as important as having a software programme to begin with?

Here are some options (in no particular order and with no particular preference or recommendations made)

- **FamilyTree Maker**
- **Reunion**
- **Legacy**
- **Family Historian**
- **Rootsmagic**
- **Brother's Keeper**
- **Ancestral Quest**

Do some web-surfing to see what extra features these programmes might have that you consider important. ALL of them allow you to create a GEDCOM for sharing and uploading purposes. Some have fancy reports, some have book creators, and some allow photo albums. Most programmes are less than \$60 and that is a one-time only payout. Well worth the investment.

*Thank you to Shirley Youens*

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Hi Lorrimer

Page 174 of August 2015 Issue of The New Zealand Genealogist refers to Digitisation of the 1893 Women's Suffrage Petition.

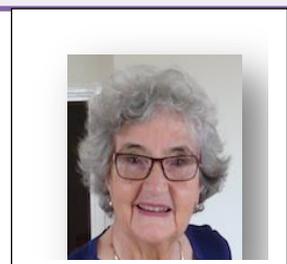
The links given in the magazine are complex but if you just go to Archway website and put in "The Digitised 1893 Women's Suffrage Petition" in the search field it will show you 554 items which can be browsed by district/area.

Cheers Betty

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**Next month at our October meeting we have a presentation by Jan Gow QSM.**

**Programme Topics:**

10.30am - 11.30am "Sight, Cite, Site"  
11.40am - 12.15pm "The Big Five"  
1.00pm - 2.00pm "Brick Walls"



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Tauranga Branch meets on the 1st Thursday of the month at St James Church Hall.

**3 September – Thursday, 7.30pm
Church."**

Vivienne Parker – "The Records of the English Parish

This is a YouTube presentation.

As it is also our 45th birthday, there will be cake for supper!



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The Editor: Lorrimer McAlister (my 35th issue)