



# Papamoa Branch

## Newsletter

November  
2015



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

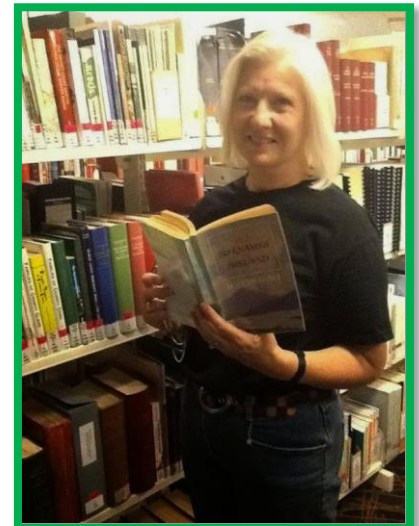
**The next meeting is on Monday the 9th November 2015**



### IRISH RESEARCH

Well known New Zealand Genealogist Geraldene O'Reilly will be speaking at this meeting about researching your ancestors in Ireland.

Geraldene is much in demand as a speaker on Irish Genealogy and is the Convenor of the Irish Interest Group, of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists.



**Céad míle fáilte**

**A hundred thousand welcomes**

**Geraldene O'Reilly**

**The Librarian says, "Remember, Remember to return any Library Books, Maps, and CDs etc. before the Christmas holidays!"**

**Almoner:** Please notify Carole Bridge of sick or bereaved members.  
Phone: 578 1144 Email: [kenrole@xtra.co.nz](mailto:kenrole@xtra.co.nz)

**Genealogy Friendly** meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month. 1pm-3pm, in the Mako Room at the Papamoa Community Centre.

**The next meeting will be on Monday 23rd November, 2015.**

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## The Convener's Comment

**Betty Atkinson** [betty.ra.atkinson@xtra.co.nz](mailto:betty.ra.atkinson@xtra.co.nz)

Greetings Everyone,

### **October Meeting Review**

Attendance was 64 which included four new members.

Welcome Barbara Divehall, Alison Hacking, Shirley Shilling and Jackie Gallagher. I hope you will enjoy and learn much about researching from attendance at future meetings. Members are always keen to help others.

Jan Gow's three presentations on Sight, Site, Cite; The Big Five and Brick Walls were well received. Our "three course dinner" left everyone satisfied!

### **Papamoa Library**

Four branch members will be at the library between 10.00am and 12.00 noon on Friday 27 November. Please feel welcome to pop in if you want some help with your research.

Don't forget, you can use the library editions of Ancestry or Find My Past at any time the library is open. The charge is \$4.00 per hour plus printing costs and 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.

This month thanks must go to Jan Saxton for organising a successful and enjoyable trip to New Plymouth for Taranaki Research. Five members enjoyed a great time of friendship and research together.

Thanks also to Coral Shearer who has run successful workshops for members over the past few months. Thanks for the time you have so freely given in preparation and taking these. About one quarter of members have participated in one or more of these workshops.

It is great to have members offering their talents, experience and help in so many ways.

### **Next meeting**

Those of us with research in Ireland are waiting expectantly for our November speaker, Geraldene O'Reilly to take us on a research journey. Even if you don't have Irish ancestors you will be bound to learn much about research techniques from Geraldene.

### **Plans for Branch 2016 programme**

The committee are continuing to investigate speakers for next year but mark your diary for a planned Research Day at our February meeting. More about this later. Coral has also offered to take some workshops next year.

If you have a particular topic you would like covered, please contact me or one of the committee members.

**Yours in Family History,  
Betty Atkinson NZSG 17053**

**Christmas Raffle: Please bring along non-perishable goodies for the Christmas raffle to our October & November meetings.**

**Our Librarian Shirley Youens has kindly offered to assemble the baskets, so she will be pleased to get your donations in advance.**

**Tickets will be selling at November & December meetings.**



## Trip to New Plymouth

Berris, Betty, Dawn Groves, Dawn Pugh and I were all up early on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October for our trip to New Plymouth. Great everyone was waiting it was the driver who was running late. A bit of evasive driving was needed in the Mahoenui Hills when a black vehicle was coming towards us with all four of his tyres over the white line. A scream from the driver and a bit of gravel and we were all safe. We had a stop in Pio Pio for a bite to eat and to use the toilet. We were in New Plymouth at about 12.30 pm so another bite to eat and off to the reading room at Puke Ariki. Sue Page met us, gave us a tour of the library and we set about searching.



Jan Saxton

We all had finds and Berris was delighted to finally see the diary she had been searching for. It had been transcribed so she got photo copies of it. As I was also in the room with her, her squeals of delight were great to hear. After dinner at Cobb and Co we tumbled into bed reasonably early. The waitress here told us Hawera Intermediate had burned. I had been a first day pupil there so that was sad to hear.

Up early and Dawn Groves and I went to the super market for milk, newspaper, bananas and yoghurt. Off to the New Plymouth Branch at Moturoa at 10am. They had extended their hours for us and put on more helpers. What wonderful records and rooms they have. Lots are just indexes but great to find a family members name on them. They have all of the Photo Weekly magazines of Taranaki so both Dawns spent time looking for photos in them. I found their school records useful to trace where my Grandmother went when she left my Grandfather.

Back to the Motel at 3pm for a breather then down town to go through a display the NZ Army had in three containers on WW1. Well worth a look. Then back to Puke Ariki as it was their late night. More searching and happy people. Betty got lots of information on the 65<sup>th</sup> Regiment to add meat to the bones of her family. As we were researched out we decided not to stay until 9pm. One of the ladies at the library recommended a lovely restaurant for dinner.

Thursday I had to go to the funeral of a dear friend so everyone was left to their own devices. Dawn Groves walked to Pukekura Park then along the lovely board walk New Plymouth has. Berris caught up with a sister-in-law. Betty met with an old friend and went to an organ recital. Dawn Pugh did a reminiscent walk around the streets where she used to live then went back to Puke Ariki. We all met at New World at 2pm and headed home. Not much talking on the way home but I think everyone was happy with the treasures they found. I would love to do it again.

### *Thank you to Jan Saxton*

Sean is the vicar of a Protestant parish on the border of Northern Ireland and Patrick is the priest at the Roman Catholic Church across the road. One day they are seen together, erecting a sign which says, "THE END IS NEAR, TURN YOURSELF AROUND NOW, BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE."

As a car speeds past them the driver leans out his window and yells,

"Leave people alone, you religious nutters. We don't need your lectures."

From around the next curve they hear screeching tyres and a big splash.

Shaking his head, Father Patrick says,

"Do ya tink maybe da sign should just say, **"Bridge Closed?"**"

*Thank you to Antoon Moonen the Editor of WHOMP. (Issue 1) [www.whomp.nz](http://www.whomp.nz)*



# Letters to the Editor

**From:** Michelle Patient  
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**Sent:** Wednesday, March 18, 2015 11:52 AM  
**To:** Lorrimer; Jenny Martin  
**Subject:** Irish dance for a newsletter?



BFN  
OOROO  
Michelle  
  
[Family History is Cool...pass it on!](#)

Just saw this on Facebook and thought of you both.

[A Boy Starts Dancing Alone – When The Girl Joins In, Everyone Stops To Look.](#)

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## From Daphne's Newsletter, (with an Irish twist)

From Mark - may thanks for these websites - maps are a great help when doing your research.

Maps / street directories Belfast and other areas of Northern Ireland

[https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?err=1&msa=0&mid=zWC5zbm3DDTw.k6Lj\\_Z72NVAk](https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?err=1&msa=0&mid=zWC5zbm3DDTw.k6Lj_Z72NVAk)

<http://www.lennonwylie.co.uk/BSD1877.htm>

<http://streetdirectories.proni.gov.uk/>

[http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~jeanmccarthy36/belfast\\_maps.htm](http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~jeanmccarthy36/belfast_maps.htm)

## NORTHERN IRELAND - Purchasing Certificates.

<https://geni.nidirect.gov.uk/Account/LogIn>

This is the website that I use when purchasing certificates. The cost is very cheap and you are able to browse

You have to buy credits.

Please remember that you can't just print the certificate copy off - you need to use your snipping tool and then save

*Many thanks to Daphne Friis & Mark McKinney*

Here is an interesting site from Mark about the fencibles in Auckland.  
Have a look at this web site < <http://www.nzfenciblesociety.org.nz> >



## Last Men to leave Gallipoli



*Thank you to Daphne Friis*

# Anzac timeline



## Events of the Gallipoli Campaign November & December 1915

### 4 November 1915

- Lord Kitchener, refusing initially to accept the advice to evacuate, dismissed General Monro and appointed Lieutenant-General Sir William Birdwood as commander of the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force. Kitchener then left London to see Gallipoli for himself.

### 12 November 1915

- On 12, 13 and 14 November Lord Kitchener inspected positions at Helles, Anzac and Suvla.

### 15 November 1915

- Winston Churchill, one of the main architects of the Gallipoli campaign, resigned from the British Government and went to serve with the British army in France.

### 17 November 1915

- A gale smashed landing piers at Helles and Anzac. Captain Pawson, the Military Landing Officer at Helles, wrote:

All along the beach above the roar of the waves could be heard the crash of the great barges as the sea hurled them again and again against the shore.

### 22 November 1915

- Lord Kitchener advised that Gallipoli should be evacuated. This would involve taking off more than 93,000 troops, 200 guns and more than 5,000 animals as well as vast quantities of stores and ammunition.

### 27 November 1915

- On 27 and 28 November, severe rain and thunderstorms, which turned into blizzards, hit Gallipoli. More than 280 men died and there were 16,000 cases of frostbite and exposure.

### 7 December 1915

Although local planning had been proceeding since 22 November, the British government finally gave approval for the evacuation of the Anzac and Suvla positions. Helles was to be retained for the moment.

### 9 December 1915

By this date the Anzac garrison had been reduced to 36,000 men. Between 9 & 18 December a gradual evacuation, mainly at night, of a further 16,000 troops & equipment from Anzac took place.

*The rest of December Timeline next month.*



HISTORIC  
**Athenree**  
Homestead



Please come along to our amazing  
**2015 CHRISTMAS FAIR**  
Sunday 29 November  
from 10 – 2 pm

and enjoy the stalls, sausage sizzle and  
Famous Athenree Homestead Teas!!  
**360 Athenree Road, Cnr SH2**

**HOMESTEAD REIGNS SUPREME**

**Congratulations to the Athenree Homestead Trust – the supreme winner of the 2015 Trustpower Western Bay of Plenty Community Awards.**

The trust took top honours at last week's annual awards ceremony, at Omokoroa Settlers Hall, and will next represent the Bay of Plenty at the 2015 Trustpower National community Awards in Dunedin next March.

The trust has been working to restore Athenree Homestead, paying tribute to the history of the area and the role played by the Stewart family in Katikati's settlement.

The Trust received a framed certificate, a trophy and \$1,500 in prize money at the awards, presented by Western Bay Mayor Ross Paterson.



*Thank you to Dawn Pugh*

## MY ELUSIVE ANCESTOR

I went searching for an ancestor. I cannot find him still.  
He moved around from place to place and did not leave a will.  
He married where a courthouse burned. He mended all his fences.  
He avoided any man who came to take the U.S. Census.

He always kept his luggage packed, this man who had no fame.  
And every 20 years or so, this rascal changed his name.  
His parents came from Europe. They should be upon some list  
of passengers to U.S.A., but somehow they got missed.

And no one else in this world is searching for this man.  
So, I play geneasolitaire to find him if I can.  
I'm told he's buried in a plot, with tombstone he was blessed;  
but the weather took engraving, and some vandals took the rest.

He died before the county clerks decided to keep records.  
No Family Bible has emerged, in spite of all my efforts.  
To top it off this ancestor, who caused me many groans,  
Just to give me one more pain, betrothed a girl named JONES.

*by Merrell Kenworthy*

*Thank you to Daphne Friis*

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## Premature Obituary

### **Your Editor's dead!!!**

A few days ago I was asked the question  
“Have you put your own name in google?” So last night, very late, and very tired, I typed in -  
**Lorrimer Carlie McAlister.** The result blew me away. It turns out I'm deceased!

The question now is,  
“how do I get reincarnated?”

### **(Was the cause of death, crashing headlong into a Brick Wall?)**

Apparently someone in the family has put me into one of their family trees as deceased.  
When I finally went to bed and informed the Sub-Editor husband. He said,  
“Well you're quite warm for a corpse.” And, “I hope I don't have to pay back your pension.”

To quote Mark Twain---

“The reports of my death have been greatly exaggerated.”

p.s. **This article has been written by a ghost writer!!**

*The Editor*



# Memories from our childhood:

Here is a ditty we used to sing when travelling through the farm, or when confronted by a gate.

**Shut the gate,  
Bother the gate,  
Gee Up Neddy.**

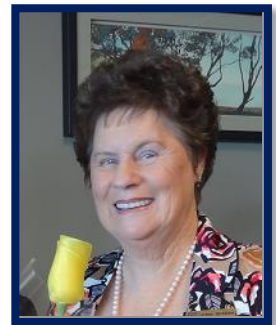


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The Sub Editor's comment was that, originally this came from a comedian's song. Do you have any dittys, songs or sayings from your childhood? Please send them in (and remember keep it clean.)

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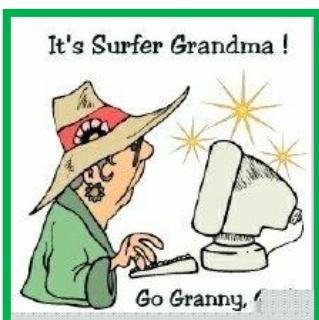


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**Next Month's meeting:** Our final meeting for the year will be a Morning tea. Please bring a small plate of food to share & dress in the spirit of Christmas.

**The December meeting is on Monday the 14<sup>th</sup> December 2015**

Members, who wish to, can give a 5 minute presentation on a family Christmas tradition. Alternatively you can speak about your Favourite Ancestor. The meeting will start with a brief business meeting. Raffle prize draws.

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**Tauranga Branch: 5 November – Thursday 7.30pm**      **Speaker – Roger Shearer – “Everything you wanted to know about the NZSG website, but were too afraid to ask.”**  
Roger is the webmaster for the New Zealand Society of Genealogists. He will be speaking about the website, what is in it, important things for NZSG members to know, how branches can get the best out of the website and talk about any issues members may have with the website. Also if anyone has a question they would like answered, Roger is happy to have those sent to him in advance.



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**The Editor: Lorrimer McAlister (my 37th issue)**