

Papamoa Branch

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NEWSLETTER

The Papamoa Branch of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists **will meet this month on 3rd Monday of the month, owing to the public holiday. We meet in the Tohora Room at the Papamoa Community Centre, 10am – 2pm. The doors open at 9.30am, the entry is \$3.00**

The next Meeting is on the 15th February 2016

The February meeting will be a **research day** so bring along your “brick walls” and necessary information so that we can help you. **See next page for info.**

Beginners will be welcome and catered for.

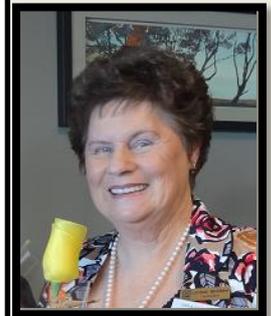
A Happy New Year of Researching your Family History and having fun and fellowship.

The holiday season is over, but here in Papamoa we have that beach holiday atmosphere all the year round. Our Branch is known to be friendly, welcoming and helpful. Don't be afraid to ask for help.

Let the Committee members know what you would like for your Branch and your **Newsletter.**

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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 22nd February 2016.** Contact: Daphne Friis Ph.575 4674 daphnef@clear.net.nz



Programme - Research Day 15th February 2016



10.00 am Brief Branch meeting

10.15 am Morning Tea Break

10.30 am – Move around the various tables of your choice.

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| • Ancestry website | Christine Clement |
| • Archives New Zealand | Betty Atkinson |
| • Australia | Elaine Downs |
| • Beginners Tips AM only | Lorrimer McAlister |
| • England | Daphne Friis |
| • Family Search website | Elaine Downs |
| • Find My Past website | Daphne Friis |
| • Find a Grave website | Elaine Downs |
| • Finding records on the Fiche in the Library | Blue Hone |
| • Ireland | Jill Spooner or Daphne |
| • London | Daphne Friis |
| • NZBDM Historical website & New Zealand Research | Helen Riddell |
| • Papers Past website | Betty or Helen |
| • Scandinavia | Carole Bridge |
| • Scotland & Scotland's People website | Betty Atkinson |
| • Tips on Planning a Family Reunion PM only | Jan Saxton |

The Branch Library will also be open for browsing and/or borrowing books.

Who do you need to help you?

All Day: - to 2.00pm

Elaine Downs – Australian Research, Family Search website, Find A Grave website

Christine Clement – Using Ancestry website

Helen Riddell – New Zealand Research – NZBDM Historical Records, Papers Past

Carole Bridge – Scandinavian Research

Daphne Friis – UK Research, Find My Past website, also Ireland

Betty Atkinson – Scottish Research + Scotland's People website / Archives NZ

Jill Spooner – Irish Research

Morning only

Lorrimer McAlister – Beginners Tips

Blue Hone – Using the Fiche in the library

Afternoon only- 1.00pm

Jan Saxton – Tips on planning a Family Reunion

To get the most out of the day please prepare beforehand and we will do our best to help you further your research results.

Please be aware that other members may be waiting to see the helper you are talking to so please be sensitive to others' needs.

The Convener's Comment

Betty Atkinson betty.ra.atkinson@xtra.co.nz



New Year Greetings to All,

Hoping that 2016 will bring all branch members a successful year of research with new friendships formed in the process and old friendships strengthened.

December 2015 Meeting Review

We had 56 in attendance at our final meeting of the year. We welcomed new member Jean McLennan into the fold and it was great to have Ngareta Payne, Papamoa Library Team Leader and Sylvia Wilmshurst, the Community Centre Manager join us as well.

Everyone present enjoyed the fun Quiz put together by our member Annette McLachlan and the highest scorers received a reward of a chocolate bar. We also enjoyed hearing members sharing their stories of their family Christmas traditions. After a sumptuous morning tea supplied by members the Christmas Raffles were drawn. Thanks must go to members for contributing to the delicious morning tea and the raffle prizes, to Blue Hone for organising the raffle draws and to Shirley Youens and Gloria Davies who ensured the prizes were well wrapped and presented!

Papamoa Library

Remember that if you need help between meetings four of our members are on duty on the last Friday of the month between 10.00am and noon. February 29th is the next day there.

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 ask a librarian to log you into either of these sites on one of the public computers. Please make the most of our local library facilities.

February 2016 meeting

At the time of writing planning is underway for a Branch research day to be held on Monday 15th February. Further information is available elsewhere in this newsletter.

To get the most out of the day please prepare beforehand and we will do our best to help you further your research results.

New meeting hours

After discussions with Sylvia, the Community Centre Manager, our finish time for future meetings from now on will be 2.00pm – pack away chairs and be out by 2.15pm. This change is to accommodate the group booking which follows ours.

Finally, I would like to remind everyone that there is a **branch Facebook group**.

Not many have taken the opportunity to join it but the more who do the more useful it will become as an additional research tool. Here we can all help one another.

If you have trouble finding it (search for: '**Papamoa Branch of the NZSG**'), please send me an email and I will send a link for you to join. This is a closed group so you need to request to join.

Looking forward to seeing you soon.

Betty Atkinson NZSG 17053

**Coral Shearer has a new address: 4 Patton Place, Tairua. 3508
Her mobile phone is 021 331414. Coral will still be attending our meetings when she can.**

Information on Family Tree Maker Desktop Software

Posted by Kendall Hulet

Following the last Family Tree Maker desktop software announcement, we've seen your outpouring of comments, questions and the concerns you have raised. I've read through many of your comments personally, and I want you to know that we truly value you as customers and your feedback.

Here are three key things I'd like to re-assure you after reading through your comments:

1. We are fully committed to supporting Family Tree Maker through at least the end of 2016 with all available support from member services, including technical issues, product issues, updates and attention to the product. You will be able to use the software, exactly as you do now, including TreeSync, for at least the next year.
2. We are exploring possible relationships with other desktop software solutions that would make it possible for their products to integrate with Ancestry.
3. We are exploring options to bring more reports and related functionality from Family Tree Maker into the online service. Stay tuned for updates on this over the coming year. We've put together an FAQ to address many of the other questions you've raised. Our member services team is also available for further questions.

What happens to Family Tree Maker at the end of next year?

We are committed to helping our users through this transition. Towards the end of 2016, we will assess our progress toward a smooth transition for our customers and review our support commitment at that time.

After January 1st 2017, features that require connectivity to Ancestry, such as TreeSlarc, uploading and downloading trees and media, and Web Search, may no longer be supported. Most Family Tree Maker features are designed to work offline, and should continue to function unless a change on your computer, such as an operating system update, causes the functionality to break.

Will features such as charts, reporting and publishing be made available on Ancestry?

We are continuously exploring new options to make the experience better for all users and currently we're looking into ways to bring desired features from Family Tree Maker into the online experience - such as report functionality or the ability to replace one instance of a change throughout your entire family tree.

Will third party providers be able to integrate with Ancestry family trees?

We are exploring possible relationships with other desktop software solutions that would make it possible for their products to integrate with Ancestry API. Stay tuned.

What happens to the Family Tree I've created using Family Tree Maker? Will it continue to be accessible?

You will continue to be able to access your data through the desktop software beyond Jan 1st 2017, however over time there will be a gradual degradation of features. You can always export your tree and save it.

When will you stop selling Family Tree Maker software?

We will stop selling the desktop software on December 31st 2015, however we will continue to fully support Family Tree Maker at least one full year until January 1st 2017. Until January 7th 2017 you will be able to continue to use the product and its full functionality, as you do today.

Which versions of Family Tree Maker will Ancestry continue to support?

Ancestry will continue to support all versions of Family Tree Maker at their current functionality until January 1, 2017.

Will I be able to download my full tree?

You can continue to download trees as a GEDCOM file. Users can also download and save historical records and media attached to individuals in their family trees.

Is Ancestry looking to sell Family Tree Maker, as you did with MyCanvas?

Presently there are no plans to sell Family Tree Maker software.

Kendall Hulet has served as Senior Vice President of Product Management at Ancestry since March 2015. Kendall was deeply involved in the Ancestry Family Tree system that has led to the creation of over 70 million family trees containing six billion ancestors; and the creation of the award winning Ancestry mobile app, which has been downloaded more than 12 million times.

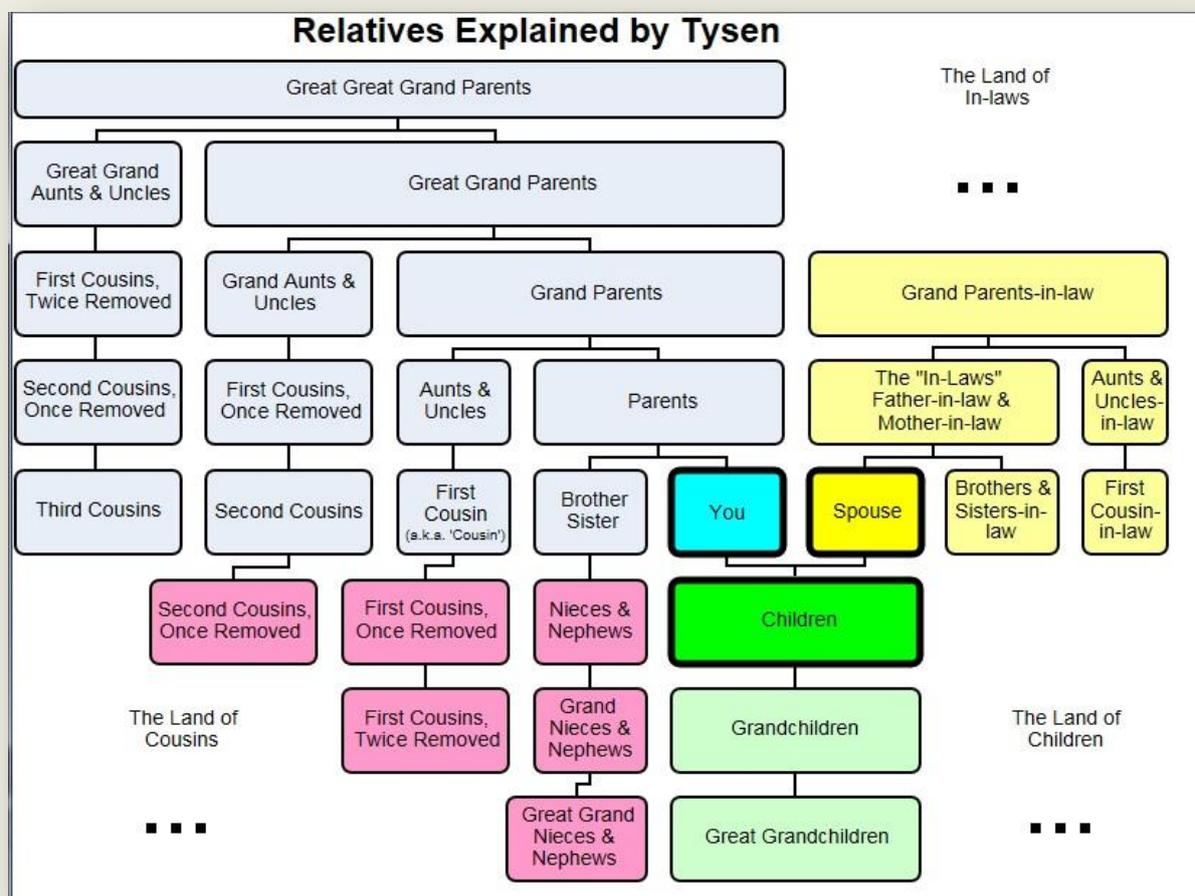
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Letter to the Editor

Hi, I saw this looking for something else and thought it was quite good and might be a useful to some members including me. The extracted picture is attached and the URL to the original is attached

https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Relatives_Chart.svg

Regards, Mark.



EARLY WELLINGTON and my OMG MOMENT

by Barry Bean

I've always had a fascination for an area of Wellington called Mount Cook/ Te Aro. Not that I ever lived there. I was born in Lower Hutt and raised in Ngaio. However I attended Wellington Technical College in the footsteps of my father and brother. The college was located in the Mount Cook area so some of my formative adolescent years were spent in that area.

Mount Cook/ Te Aro is bounded by Buckle Street, Kent & Cambridge Terraces, Willis St. and the harbour. Te Aro Flats were inhabited by Maori when the early settlers started arriving during the 1800's. Mount Cook/ Te Aro became settled/ developed very quickly with its proximity to the harbour.

Why did the area hold my interest? It contained an amazing mix of historical landmarks. Dominion Museum (1930), NZ Defence HQ (1840), Carillion & National War Memorial (1932) (recently upgraded for the 100 th Anniversary of Gallipoli), Government House (1910), Basin Reserve (1866 following the 1855 Wairarapa earthquake), Mount Cook Police Station (1894),Haitaitai Tunnels (1907 & 1931), Wellington City Milk Depot (1931), not to forget "The Prison" (1871).

"The Prison" was to have 6 wings, each 3 stories plus basement. A 20ft surrounding wall was planned. By 1874 one wing was completed. There was a public outcry against this "ugly edifice in a prominent position". Historians likened it to " the Alcatraz Prison plonked where the Dominion Museum was eventually built." The Prison was never completed, never held permanent inmates. It became part of the Military Defence HQ after Premier Seddon declared it would never be used as a prison. (Photo (1930) shows a broad view of the Mount Cook area. The Prison Wing is just below the skyline about 1/3rd the way across the photo from the left.) Also in the landmark mix of Mount Cook was Haining St. and in Tory St. the City Milk Depot.

Haining St. was infamous in our young eyes. Home to a large proportion of Wellington's Chinese Community it was called "The most notorious slum area in New Zealand" in the 1911 Edition of the Auckland Weekly News." It was said if you went near that drab, narrow, little street you might be kidnapped, boiled in a copper and made into preserved ginger."

There were rumours of warring groups, of white slave traders. Even in the mid 1950's we used to dare each other to run down the street. The tumbledown houses were seen as "dens of inequity, scenes of illegal gambling and Opium trade ". It all made for a powerful urban myth. Over the years inspections by City Officials and the Police found little to back the claims being made.

The City Milk Depot was like a magnet for our impressionable minds. After school we would go there and marvel at the mechanical process that was pumping bottles of milk out at a huge rate. The workers were kind to us, didn't seem to mind that we were there. The "odd" bottle of milk was often slipped our way.

Mount Cook/ Te Aro holds a special memory for me and still does to this day. So 50 years later I decided to trace my forebears with a start to my Genealogical Research. I had hardly any knowledge of my extended family. Not sure why it was that my parents "kept to themselves. " As youngsters we had scant knowledge of our extended family. Starting as advised by those with a background in research I hunted for my Grand and Great Grandparents.

It wasn't long before I had my OMG experience. Around the late 1800's my Great Grand Mother Harriett had been living for about 11 years off Tory St in Alma Lane (demolished in 1931 to build the City Milk Depot). Harriett had landed in Wellington in 1880, aged 18, alone and pregnant. She had lived in a Tory St. boarding house to start with. Sadly Harriett died aged 35 from the miscarriage of her 6th child.

My Grand Mother Marion was born in 1887 to Harriett at home in Alma Lane where that Milk Depot was eventually built. (2nd photo is of Alma Lane properties, 1930. My Great Grand Parents and their 5 children had lived in No. 12 – the house on the right).

OMG This revelation was like a bolt out of the blue. As a teenager I with my friends had made the Mount Cook area a place for discovery and recreation unaware that this was the very place where my forebears had lived their lives 70 years before. I could have been sitting and watching the milk bottling process on the very spot where their house once stood. This was an incredibly moving moment of realisation for me. **It's certainly moments like this that increased my desire to continue with my research into the lives and interests of my forebears.**



Bruce Ralston – Editor – The New Zealand Genealogist

Some of you may have observed that the theme of the June 2016 issue of *The New Zealand Genealogist* is a geographical one covering your region. There are several opportunities here.

1. Write something about what your branch is up to family history-wise-projects, education, meetings, achievements etc.
2. A chance to encourage your members to put pen on paper (or the modern equivalent) and write something about their ancestors in this region. And maybe there is a branch opportunity here to support writing skills as part of your programme.
3. Let the NZSG membership at large know something about a special resource (library, archive, publication, history) that may assist their own research. See the article on “How to... on page 256 of the December 2015 issue for a suggested structure.

We really need your article content by **3 March**. And we need branch report content by **17 March**. So please spread the word. It will be much appreciated. Contact me if you need any clarifications.

Bruce.

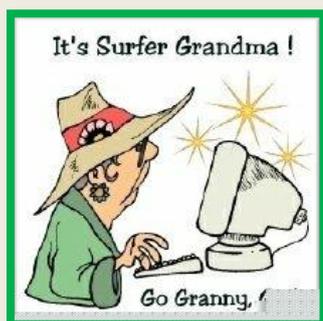
GENEALOGISTS PSALM (Psalm 23)

**Genealogy is my pastime - I shall not stray.
It maketh me to lie down and examine half buried tombstones,
It leadeth me into still courthouses,
It restoreth my ancestral knowledge.
It leadeth me into the paths of census records
And ships passenger lists
For my surnames sake.
Yet though I wade through the shadows
Of research libraries & microfilm readers,
I shall fear no discouragement,
For a strong urge is with me.
The curiosity and motivation they comfort me.
It demandeth preparation of storage space
For the acquisition of countless documents.
It anointeth my head with burning midnight oil.
My family group sheets runneth over.
Surely birth marriage & death dates
Shall follow me all the days of my life
And I shall dwell in the house of a family history seeker forever.**

Amen

Author Unknown

Thank you to Shirley Youens



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The Editor: Lorrimer McAlister (my 39th issue)