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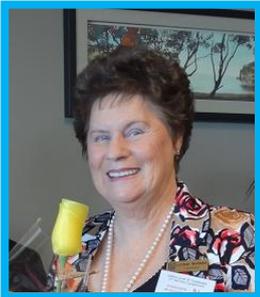
August
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History
Month

NEWSLETTER

The Papamoa Branch of the NZSG 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.

The next meeting will be on Monday the 8th August, 2016. Entry \$3.00.

Programme: Our Speaker is Annette McLachlan (See Profile Page 3)
Subject: 'The 35 year hunt for Aunt Merritt'



Welcome to the Family History Month Edition, and a special welcome to our new members. Please email me if you have any contributions for the newsletter. All genealogy and family history articles and humour will be gratefully received. We are looking forward to Annette's presentation. Annette and I used to belong to the Hamilton Branch many years ago, so we wondered why we knew one another when we met over here at U3A in recent times.

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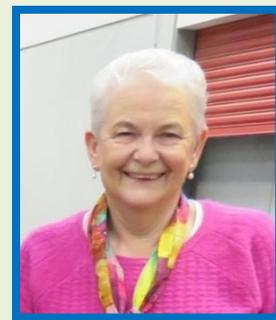
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Genealogy Friendly: meets on the 3rd Monday of the month, 1pm-3pm, in the Mako Room at the Papamoa Community Centre.
The next meeting will be on the 15th August 2016.
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The Convener's Comment

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July Meeting Review

At this meeting Coral Shearer introduced us to the new (beta) version of the Papers Past website. Members who had brought devices were able to hook into the community centre WiFi and get assistance in finding their way around the site.

This proved to be a timely topic as later in the week the site went live on the new version! Coral also showed us the MacKiev website for those who are Family TreeMaker users. MacKiev are the new owners of FTM. See their website at: <http://www.mackiev.com/ftm/index.html>.

After the business meeting and before Coral's presentation several members shared about recent research successes which were interesting and inspiring.

The fee "take it or leave it table" proved to be a great success. Some members had brought along genealogically related items they no longer needed which proved to be treasures to other. I was amazed at how many items appeared then disappeared! There were empty file folders, genealogy and family history magazines, a small filing system, books, maps and more. We will do the same next month if you have any items you want to move on which may be useful to others. As we don't have a lot of storage space, will dispose of anything which doesn't get taken each month.

Research assistance

Don't forget the last Friday of each month in Papamoa Library for assistance with your research. Branch volunteers are there from 10.00 am until 12.00 noon. Next one is on **Friday 26th August**.

August – Family History Month

The NZSG theme for this year's family history month is "Sharing Our Stories." We will have a display in the Papamoa Library which will reflect this theme.

The programme for the rest of the year

8th August – Annette McLachlan – see elsewhere in this newsletter

12th September – Jan Gow – topics to be finalised

10th October – Christine Clement – Sooty's Website

14th November – Pam Hamlyn – Scottish Research

12th December – Christmas meeting

NZSG Certificates Collection

We are hoping some of you will spend a rainy winter's day copying some of your families' births, deaths and marriage records so that we may contribute these to the NZSG collection. Bring them to the next meeting and we will send them off in bulk to the Collection Contribution Officer, June Stratford.

2017 Programme

We hope to hold another Research Day and also have some speakers in the pipeline.

This is your branch so please talk to me or a committee member if you have a topic you would like covered in the programme for next year.

Finally, by the time you read this some of you will have been on one of the tours of the NZ Research Room at Tauranga Library which Helen Riddell so kindly organised for the Branch. I hope you all benefitted in some way and a big thank you to Helen for her time spent organising it.

See you soon,

Betty NZSG 17053



August Speaker

Annette McLachlan

Annette was born and educated in Hamilton. She has spent the majority of her working life in law related jobs.

Annette researched for 10 years on her own, before joining NZSG in 1980. She attended the lively and informative NZSG meetings in Hamilton and has attended conferences.

Annette moved to Paihia, Bay of Islands for a period of seven years. As no group existed there at the time, she was forced to rely on her own researching abilities, keeping up to date with genealogy through the NZSG magazine. Fortunately while working in Kaikohe for three of those years, she did extensive Scottish research at the Family History Centre during her lunch breaks.

The majority of Annette's research has been the "old" way, without the benefit of computerised records.

Annette moved back to Hamilton for three years, and then moved to Tauranga 20 years ago. She retired two years ago and is now able to spend time on her research.

Annette's presentation in August will cover two aspects:

1. An exercise in lateral thinking for beginners
2. "Researching beyond 1841 – the 35 year hunt for Aunt Merritt"

This covers:

- Your initial family story – is it fact or fiction?
- Obtain proof from two different sources
- Don't assume – check and recheck
- Ask yourself – have I done enough to prove that fact?

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*Hi Lorrimer,*

**Here is a link (below) to American National Archives to put in the Newsletter. Thanks to Christine Clement.**

**<https://aad.archives.gov/aad/>**

**Christine Clement Te Puke NEW ZEALAND [cmclement@clear.net.nz](mailto:cmclement@clear.net.nz)**

**: Here is a link for the Family History Expo in Auckland which I spoke about at the last branch meeting.**

**[The Auckland Family History Expo](#)**

**Go for the full weekend or just Saturday or Sunday.  
Choose from one of three sessions scheduled for each time slot.**

**I'll be there and might see you there too?**

***Betty***



## Jorgen Jorgenson

Jorgen Jorgenson has gone down in history as the most famous and adventurous prisoner who ever came to Tasmania, and story of his life strains the credulous and almost baffles the imagination. He was a practised liar, but the facts of his career cannot be denied.

Born in Copenhagen in 1780, his family connections were scientific. His father, who bore the same name, was watch and clock maker to the Court of Denmark: his brother Urban published an exhaustive treatise on “Measurement of Time;” his nephew Louis wrote a series of standard works on “The Art of Watchmaking.” Jorgen was given a good schooling, but spent his spare time at the Copenhagen docks, and at the age of 14 was apprenticed to an English collier brig. He then signed on as seaman on a South Sea Whaler bound for the Cape of Good Hope. He had adventures in plenty on the South African coast, and in 1800 joined the brig “*Lady Nelson*” on her first voyage from England to New South Wales.

From Sydney he undertook several whaling voyages, and in 1803 sailed as mate in the “*Lady Nelson*” when she brought Lieut. Bowen to found the settlement at Risdon, and served with Collins’ expedition to found Hobart the following February. Later, amid the adventures which seemed to dog his tracks, he reached England, and came under the patronage of Sir Joseph Banks, the famous botanist, and Sir William J. Hooker, Director of the Royal Gardens, Kew. Through their influence he was entrusted with a mission from the British Government to France, Germany and Poland, but having acquired a fatal taste for gambling, failed ingloriously, and, on one charge and another, found he in various gaols.

He returned to Denmark and was given command of the privateer “*Admiral Jul.*” (21 guns) in the war against England. His vessel was taken by the British warship “*Sappho,*” and while a prisoner of war on parole he accepted the offer of Sir John Phelps, a London merchant, to take a ship loaded with merchandise to Iceland, where the people were suffering from lack of supplies because of the war. When he commanded a second merchantman, “*Margaret and Anne,*” on the same mission, comic opera stepped in.

Iceland was Danish territory, under the governorship of Count Tramp, and Jorgenson decided that it needed “liberating.” One quiet Sunday morning, when most of the people of Reykjavik were at church, the “*Liberator*” and his sailors went to the Governor’s residence, seized Count Tramp, and made him a prisoner on the ship. When the inhabitants came out of church, Iceland was a Sovereign State, and Jorgenson had declared himself King. His reign was marked by prompt, humane and efficient measures, and the Icelanders didn’t worry much about the change.

Eleven weeks after the “revolution,” however, the British sloop of war “*Talbot*” arrived. The commander, Capt. Alexander Jones, had no sense of humour, and summarily arrested the “King” and returned him to London, where he was charged, not with having made himself King of Iceland, but with having left England without permission while a prisoner on parole.

After several squalid but picturesque episodes, he was sentenced to seven years’ transportation for illegally selling the furniture at his lodgings. He was not transported, thanks to the influence of powerful friends, but released on condition he left the country within a month. Jorgenson overstayed the month, spending the time in gambling and riotous living, and was again arrested and sentenced to death. The sentence was commuted to Transportation for life, and he sailed in the “*Woodman*” for Tasmania in 1825. His lucky star still shone brightly, however. He was assisting as dispenser when the doctor died suddenly, and he had medical charge of the ship as far as the Cape of Good Hope.

He sighted Hobart in May, 1826, for the first time since he had assisted to found it nearly a quarter of a century before. In Tasmania he had a varied career. His star began to descend the day he married, however, for his wife was a hot-tempered, overbearing woman, and after he was appointed a constable at Oatlands and other places, he often appeared in the streets in full flight from his irate spouse. The sight was regarded as regular entertainment by the inhabitants.

Jorgenson was the first white man to sight Lake St. Clair, but he never attained any prominence in public affairs. He was a voluminous and instructive writer. His published works include “State of Christianity in Otaheite,” “Travels Through France and Germany,” “The Religion of Christ the Religion of Nature,” “Observations on the Funded System,” and numerous articles and critiques in newspapers. Many of his writings are unpublished, including “The Adventures of Thomas Walter,” “The Kingdom of Shandaria,” “Historical Account of a Revolution in Iceland in the Year 1809,” two plays, and some comedies. Some of the unpublished material is in the vein of Daniel Defoe and Dean Swift, and one of his plays is reminiscent of “Hamlet.”

Jorgen Jorgenson died in the Hobart Hospital in 1845, at 65 years of age; a man of remarkable genius, who would have made his mark in history had he not lived so recklessly; a man to whom adventure was a bride, life a gamble between pride and disgrace; but a man fated by his own vices.

Extract from “**Shadow Over Tasmania,**”

By Coultman Smith (chapter seven, page 83.)

# Tauranga Library starting tomorrow

| <b>Family History Month Speaker Series (Free)</b><br>Interesting family history presentations, a different topic each week.<br>Ground floor of the Tauranga Library |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| 2 August<br><br>12noon – 1pm                                                                                                                                        | <b>The long Journey</b><br><b>Speaker:</b> Paul Farrell<br>They were lost for nearly 40 years - but now rare war medals belonging to one of Tauranga's early settlers have been restored to their family.                                                                                                       |
| 9 August<br><br>12noon – 1pm                                                                                                                                        | <b>Uncovering Scottish Ancestors</b><br><b>Speaker:</b> Morag Hughson<br>Morag's research in to the people of the Island of Unst in Shetland Islands and the records available for researching Scottish ancestors.                                                                                              |
| 16 August<br><br>12noon – 1pm                                                                                                                                       | <b>The History Behind Street Names</b><br><b>Speaker:</b> Alison Carey<br>From sources as varied as electoral rolls, the Turnbull library, "marvellous" maps and the "thousands and thousands" of plans deposited with the city council, Alison has tracked down how the street names in Lower Hutt came about. |
| 23 August<br><br>12noon – 1pm                                                                                                                                       | <b>On the Record</b><br><b>Speaker:</b> Bev Hodges<br>In every community there are people who have knowledge and skills to share. Through documenting their memories and stories, the past comes to life in the present, filled with vivid images of people, places, and events.                                |
| Every Friday in August<br><br>1.30 – 4.00pm                                                                                                                         | <b>Genealogy Research Support</b><br>An experience Genealogist will be on site to help individuals with their research using library resources. <b>FREE</b><br>NZ Room 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Tauranga Library                                                                                                   |
| Wednesday August 3<br><br>12.15 – 12.45                                                                                                                             | <b>Demonstration of the Online Cenotaph</b><br>Discover your connection to those who have served, lay a virtual poppy and share your war related letters, medals, diaries and other memorabilia which will be digitised for future generations.<br>NZ Room 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Tauranga Library               |
| Friday August 12<br><br>10am – 12 noon                                                                                                                              | <b>Genealogy for Beginners</b><br>Get started on your family history research with our introduction to the processes and resources used by genealogists. <b>FREE</b><br><b>Booking essential</b>                                                                                                                |
| Friday August 5<br>Wednesday August 17<br>10 – 12.00 pm                                                                                                             | <b>Guided Library Tour for Genealogists</b><br>Take a tour of the library focussing on the family history resources. Our experienced guide will show you the secrets of the Library beneath the surface. <b>FREE</b><br><b>Booking essential</b>                                                                |
| Saturday August 13<br>10am – 3pm                                                                                                                                    | <b>Lest we Forget</b><br>Introduction to recording oral history. This is a hands on workshop where you will learn what you need to get started and how to conduct and record the interview.<br><b>Cost \$40. Booking essential</b>                                                                              |
| Thursday August 18<br>5.00pm – 9.00pm                                                                                                                               | <b>A Night in History</b><br>This is a night for experienced genealogists to have access to the library's genealogy research resources. Bring a plate of finger food to share for dinner. <b>Cost \$10</b><br><b>Booking essential</b>                                                                          |



## The Family Tree

We've got a family album,  
Like a family tree,  
A thrill to turn the pages,  
The pictures we can see,  
Starting off with grands and greats,  
Like a book of history.  
A journey through the times,  
Fashions start to alter,  
Moustaches come and go,  
Ladies skirts skip up and down,  
A proper fashion show,  
Top hats turn to boaters,  
To caps then none at all,  
Ladies bonnets disappear,  
And so does granny's shawl,  
Pictures change to colour,  
Black and white have gone,  
A different place, a different time,  
So much to look upon,  
But what is so amazing,  
Is the likeness we can see,  
Showing up the genes,  
Right through the family tree.

*Thank you to Elaine Downs*

[www.kentarchaeology.org.uk](http://www.kentarchaeology.org.uk)

Kent Archaeological Society has nearly 16,000 pages of indexed memorial Inscription records.

The inscriptions were transcribed in the country's parish churches and graveyards up to 250 years ago and the stones have since been destroyed or become illegible.

[www.bathbmd.org.uk](http://www.bathbmd.org.uk)

Complete index of births, marriages and deaths for the Bath district between 1837 and 2007. Based on the original data held by the local register offices and therefore do not include the errors that have been identified in the secondary indexes available at the GRO (General Register Office).

[www.ukbmd.org.uk](http://www.ukbmd.org.uk)

Regional BMD indexes. An oldie but goodie – and still more being data added all the time.

*Taken from 'Who Do You Think You Are? Magazine....*

*Thank you Helen Riddell*

**Hi Lorrimer,**

**A few ways to search on Google, which we discussed a little at the meeting on Monday.**

**Using speech marks.**

"William Skudder" will bring up those 2 words together, not William at the top of a page and Skudder at the bottom of the page, separated.

Especially good to use speech marks on Papers Past (NZ newspapers) and Trove (Australian newspapers) - it brings the 2 words together.

**Using an asterisk - \***

"William \* Skudder" will bring up William Henry Skudder.

**AND, OR and NOT (must use capital letters).**

AND - "William \* Skudder" AND "Kingston-on-Thames" brings up any information of William Henry Skudder in Kingston-on-Thames.

NOT - Bathe NOT drownings OR swimming

Another good example is - Hereford NOT cows OR cattle. This will bring up the city of Hereford without all the references to cattle etc.

OR - use OR between keywords to find results of any keywords within the query as above.

**in - for conversions.**

27 kilometres in miles...

68 degrees Fahrenheit in Celsius.....

1 US dollar in Russian Currency....

120 dollars in Japanese money....

**On Ancestry** - use wild cards to search. (You must search in 'Exact' Not 'Soundex') You can use 2 wildcards either - \* or ?

\*son or ?atthew catches all the crazy spellings that are mis-transcribed.

Ann\* will match Ann, Anne, Anna or Annabelle.

Either first or last character must be a non wildcard e.g. Han\* and \*son are OK but not \*anso\*.

Names must contain at least 3 non-wildcard characters e.g. Ha\*n is OK but not Ha\*.

There's heaps more but these are the ones I mostly use.

*Elaine Downs*

**Genealogy is all about  
chasing your own tale.**

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