



Papamoa Branch

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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 10th October, 2016 Entry \$3.00.

The Speaker will be Christine Clement, telling us about her genealogical site "SOOTY."

(Sooty was a little black cat that lived in Te Puke, New Zealand in relative comfort. Unfortunately she has passed away aged 20 years on 14 February 2014 after outliving all the other cats, dogs and chooks that we had as pets over the years. What started as a joke name has become a rather large web site -- Christine.)



Te Puke identity and family historian-genealogist Christine Clement is the author of eleven books covering topics such as Bay of Plenty history as well as family histories. Christine Clement has been a family historian-genealogist for more than half her life with experience in English, Scottish, Australian and New Zealand research. She was quite amused to find herself on Ancestry.com.au with all those 'old and dead people'.

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~sooty/>



Hello to all members and welcome to all visitors.

At our Christmas meeting we will be having our usual multiple draw raffle. Please bring donations of non- perishable goodies to the October and November meetings. Raffle tickets will be sold at the October meeting onwards. Many thanks,

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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 17th October 2016.

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The Convener's Comment

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



Greetings,

September Meeting Review

We celebrated the 9th birthday of the Branch with a yummy cake made by our local bakery, Big Bake at Fashion Island. Jan Gow, our guest speaker did the honour of cutting the cake and we all enjoyed a piece with a cuppa.

Jan's presentations were packed full of information and there was just not enough time available to do it all justice. There was a large audience including members and visitors from out of town who were at various stages of research experience from beginner to experienced researchers.

I look forward to hearing from some of you at the next meeting as to what you put into practice after what you learned on the day.

Research assistance

Don't forget the last Friday of each month in Papamoa Library for assistance with your research. Branch Volunteers are there from 10.00am until 12.00 noon. Next one **Friday 28th October.**

NZSG Certificates Collection

Thanks to those who responded again and brought certificate copies along to our last meeting. We will collect further certificates at the October meeting and then they will be sent through to the Collection Officer, June Stratford for her action.

Publicity

Our display at the Papamoa Library for Family History Month drew a lot of attention to our branch. As a result, as well as several contacts being made by interested members of the public, I have also given a presentation on Genealogy to the Phoenix Friendship group at Mt Maunganui. Thanks to Gloria for accompanying me that morning. In addition we were also contacted by "Community Education Bay of Plenty" and invited to give a brief (20 min) presentation on Genealogy at a free evening hosted by them recently. Thanks to Daphne Friis for accompanying me that night. It was certainly interesting to see the wide range of subjects covered by the other presenters such as Medieval dancing, Barista training, Cake decorating, Samba drumming (rather noisy next door to us!), French cooking, various languages, etc. It's amazing what is happening out there in our city!

Our Branch History

I have informed the committee that I will be relinquishing the task of keeping the Branch Photographic History Album up to date as of now. With a second album completed both albums will be stored in our Branch for viewing each month. If you would like to take over the task please let me know and I'll explain the process more fully. All photo safe materials products are supplied by the committee.

October Branch Meeting

I look forward to welcoming Christine Clements as speaker to our October meeting. She will be showing us via the Internet the resources which are available through her free website named Sooty! See elsewhere in this newsletter for further details.

See you soon,

Betty NZSG 17053

ARE YOU A WINNER?

Charlotte Soures comes up with 20 ways to discover whether you are a family history lottery winner. It could be you.

Are you a family history lottery winner? Unfortunately, I'm not a lottery winner. But it could be you, if you are in midlife and know your history in both directions. You are a family history lottery winner if: ----



- ① You have children and grandchildren, preferably of both sexes.
- ② You knew your parents and your grandparents on both sides. (I never knew one of my grandfathers who died before I was born.)
- ③ You were not an only child, and nor were your parents, so you have uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews and cousins in both generations.
- ④ You have photographs of yourself with your parents.
- ⑤ You have photographs of your grandparents.
- ⑥ You have family group photographs with everyone present.
- ⑦ Extremely Lucky people will have known their great-grandparents. I am envious. My parents were both the younger children of parents who were at the young end of big families.
- ⑧ Someone in your family was a hoarder. No certificates and photographs were thrown away after the death of an elderly relative. You may even have letters, diaries, autograph and address books, family Bibles, wills etc.
- ⑨ Your family was not so poor they couldn't afford tombstones.
- ⑩ You have a reasonably obscure surname, so researching ancestors is straightforward.
- ⑪ If you were adopted, you have found your birth parentage with no trauma and now have a double family tree, adoptive and genetic.
- ⑫ Your family stayed put in one locality, where records were kept, taking you back to the earliest church registers.
- ⑬ Family members got into trouble on occasions so they appeared in court records, newspapers and poor law reports.
- ⑭ You were told family stories as a child, to kindle your curiosity. You tell the same stories to your grandchildren.
- ⑮ You write letters and emails, finding the furthest-flung relatives all over the world. You keep the correspondence.
- ⑯ You write up your family's history so all your research is not lost.
- ⑰ You have visited all family history locations.
- ⑱ There has been no fire or flood, no mice or hurricane, no war, no vandalism, no officious tidy-upper. Your archive is organised and secure.
- ⑲ You have met all your living relatives at least once, meaning you are willing to travel.
- ⑳ You are blessed if there is another younger member of the family also interested in research to pass the archive on to.

SO WAS IT YOU?

(From the magazine: Family Tree December 2009)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hi Laurie

Don't know if this below is of any use for your newsletter for the users of Family Tree Maker Programmes.???

Subject: FAMILY TREE MAKER News - Australian Edition



Greetings Helen!

A word from your (very happy) publisher.

After six years as the developer of the Mac editions of Family Tree Maker, we are having the time of our lives taking over for Ancestry as publisher of Family Tree Maker, the most popular family history software of all time. Having already launched updated editions of FTM 2014 and Mac 3, we are hard at work making a faster, better product, and happily getting acquainted with our many new friends in the genealogy world.

Still works with Ancestry.com.au.

Our updated versions for Mac and Windows pick up right where Ancestry left off so you'll still get Ancestry's "shaky leaf" hints, and use TreeSync[®] to keep your Ancestry online tree in synch with the Family Tree Maker tree on your computer. You won't need to transfer your Ancestry subscription if you have one – it will just work. And all your tree files will just open after you update, no conversion utilities required. Our free updates for FTM 2014 and Mac 3 users will be available soon, but there's also a **discounted upgrade** for users of older versions (see below), and full versions for new users in our **Web store**.

Discounted upgrades from older editions.

In case you are ready to upgrade to the latest Mac or Windows edition of Family Tree Maker from an older edition, I wanted you to know that you can download a copy for a limited time for just A\$39.95 (vs. A\$99.95 regular price) by clicking **here**. You will get a full free-standing installer for one computer, so don't worry if you don't still have your old edition installed or you are moving to a new computer. You will also have a chance to purchase a backup DVD for A\$20 (including shipping or handling) or upgrade your single-computer license to a three-computer family pack for an extra A\$30.

A year of conferences, from Sydney to Salt Lake City!

We're going to lots of genealogy conferences this year, including a series of events in Australia with the help of our friends at Victorian GUM (Genealogist Using Microcomputers). We are co-sponsoring Unlock the Past's 8th **Australian History and Genealogy Expo** in Adelaide, October 7-8. Duff Wilson, Ancestry's FTM product manager for more than a decade, will also be traveling to Australia to present Family Tree Maker at the conference, and will be heading to Sydney and Melbourne for workshops as well. If you're interested in joining one of Duff's workshops, please ring up VicGUM and tell them we sent you. :-)

We'd love to hear from you.

We have set up a number of links at **www.familytreemaker.com** for you. Stop by to suggest a feature you'd like to see, report a bug, or sign up to be a beta tester. You will also find an FAQ answering the most common questions, and a feedback form to tell us, well, anything you think we ought to know. It's the start of a new era for Family Tree Maker, and we're awfully glad that Ancestry chose us to take it from here!

JACK

Jack Minsky
President
Software MacKiev

Family Tree Maker

HELPFUL LINKS

- **1. FTM Home Page**

Most everything you will need to know can be found on our Family Tree Maker home page:
www.familytreemaker.com

There you can:

- Read our FAQ
- Provide Feedback
- Report a Bug
- Suggest a Feature
- Sign up to be a Beta Tester
- Learn about FTM
- Check the System Requirements

- **2. Buying Family Tree Maker**

If you or someone you know is thinking of purchasing Family Tree Maker they can do so at our Online store (go to www.mackiev.com and follow the links to Store). If you already have a copy of FTM 2012 or older (or Mac 2 or older), you should sign up for the FTM Mailing List (at www.familytreemaker.com) and you'll get a link back right away by email for a discounted upgrade offer. If you have FTM 2014 or FTM Mac 3, you will be notified soon about a free update to our latest editions.

- **3. Technical Support**

To get technical support for Family Tree Maker, please start here:

support.familytreemaker.com

Software MacKiev now supports all versions of Family Tree Maker, old and new.

- **4. Any Questions?**

If you have questions for us, please first [read our FAQ](#) as we've tried to answer the most common ones there. If you don't find the answer you are looking for in the FAQ, please send your question through our Feedback Form which you'll find on our FTM Home Page (see #1 above). Thanks!

Thank you to Helen Riddell

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## Helpful Hints from Helen

[http://familyhistorydaily.com/genealogy-help-and-how-to/7-little-used-tricks-for-finding-that-missing-maiden-name/?utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+familyhistorydaily+%28Family+History+Daily%29](http://familyhistorydaily.com/genealogy-help-and-how-to/7-little-used-tricks-for-finding-that-missing-maiden-name/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+familyhistorydaily+%28Family+History+Daily%29)

**Thank you Helen**

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Almoner: Please notify Carole Bridge of unwell or bereaved members.
Phone: 578 1144
(new) Email: kenrole@gmail.com

CHANGE OF NAME BY DEED POLL

(Or The Odd Story of my Grandparents)

By Barbara Procter



In 1909 the marriage took place in the Primitive Methodist Church, Dunedin between Henry Arthur OTTO and Rebecca Elizabeth EYRE. Their only child Arthur Henry Eyre OTTO was born 1910. About 1916 the couple parted, and I guess the anti-German feeling in the community at that time led Rebecca to assume a new name. She chose to use her mother's maiden name, RICHARDS. In 1921 she officially changed her name by deed poll, from OTTO to RICHARDS This cost her £2. 5. 2p. Perhaps it was easier to change name rather than file for divorce.

However, in March 1949 after these two were reunited Rebecca again changed her name by deed poll, from RICHARDS back to OTTO. This time the cost was £3.7. 6p. This document was filed in the Auckland Supreme Court.

Arthur searched for years to find his Dad, and was responsible for reuniting his parents. This new beginning meant that my five siblings and I enjoyed growing up with and having very fond memories of two grandparents. Rebecca died 1957 aged 85, and Harry died 1965 aged 92.

Thank you to Barbara

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The link to City Directory Abbreviations

[http://www.genealogyintime.com/dictionaries/city-directory-abbreviations.html?awt\\_l=GRQTX&awt\\_m=JA9oi92r.wk.Vy](http://www.genealogyintime.com/dictionaries/city-directory-abbreviations.html?awt_l=GRQTX&awt_m=JA9oi92r.wk.Vy)

Thank you to Helen Riddell



## Murder Will Out

Campbell and Macdonald had been good friends for years, but one evening when they were out on their customary stroll, Macdonald was very dry and uncommunicative so his friend asked what was the matter.

“Well, if you must know,” said Macdonald, “It’s that terrible Massacre at Glencoe by the Campbells that I’m thinking about.”

“Och, but that was hundreds of years ago,” remonstrated Campbell,

“Maybe; maybe,” replied Macdonald, “But I just heard about it yesterday.”

## MARJORIE'S MEMOIRS

When my Mum was 82 my daughters sat her down and got her to write about her childhood and the youngest put it on her computer and printed it out.

Now I have suddenly got 2 cousins on that side interested in their family history. So I have been editing this writing before I send it to them. I have not changed her way of writing, and her recall of her early days is excellent. However, I had to correct a few things about ancestors. Some of the details had been transcribed wrong or miss-interpreted in the process. There has been a lot of cross-checking.

As I get nearer to the end of my life, (*Violins Please!!!*) I realize that I have a history that my descendants won't know anything about unless I start writing.

A couple of years ago I joined the U3A writing group called 'Memoirs.' We met every 2<sup>nd</sup> week and our assignment was to write 1000 words for homework. (1000 words fit on 2 sides of an A4 sheet of paper.) At the next meeting we had to read out what we had written. I could not believe how much I enjoyed writing these stories and when my audience laughed, I knew I had entertained.

We only got constructive criticism, and lots of encouragement.

The secret is to - 1. **Get started!!** I was born -----

2. **To write in small chunks.** (I.e. The first was-'My life before school.')
3. **Be entertaining.** Don't be boring. (No one will read it)
4. **Enjoy the process** and don't aim for a book.  
(One of my friends started her writings as a journal for her grandchildren, and ended up with a very good book)

**It is more important to write**, than to get hung up about **how you write**. Don't worry too much about spelling, grammar, or finding the right word. Get a good Sub Editor or two, and go back a few days later to improve the story. Get any siblings or cousins to write their version of happenings. You will be surprised at what they know and how different they may have seen things, (as mentioned in Jan Gow's recent talk.)

At the end of the day you are not going to be given a D – for your assignment.

Your Grandchildren and future generations will love it!!!! **SO START WRITING.**

*Lorrimer McAlister*

*NZSG 1091*

# Agony Column

*Dear Dorothy Dix,*

I am assembling my family tree and have come to a point of quandary and hope you will be able to enlighten and guide me on the best way forward.

I have been searching through old newspapers I have found an entry in a Woman's Section where it was reported that a Mr. & Mrs. A W M<sup>c</sup>Kinney (Christchurch) visited Hanmer Springs.

A Mr. & Mrs. A W M<sup>c</sup>Kinney did live in Christchurch but moved to Auckland some 23 years before the entry in the newspaper. They may have come back to Christchurch to visit their family there, but I don't think so in the physical sense, as they died 9 & 10 years before the entry in the paper.

The next possibility is Mr. & Mrs. WW M<sup>c</sup>Kinney who were living in Christchurch at the time in question, but I have my doubts if the entry refers to them as they were too well known for such a mistake to be made as they were often mentioned in the Women's pages of the paper. Mr. WW M<sup>c</sup>Kinney in relation to his role as being Assistant Commission of the St John Ambulance Brigade for Canterbury and the West Coast and as Lieutenant- Colonel in the Army Service Corps. Mrs. WW M<sup>c</sup>Kinney was often mentioned in conjunction with her activities associated with the Canterbury Club and Bridge tournaments.

Another possibility is Mr. & Mrs. WA M<sup>c</sup>Kinney. While Mr. M<sup>c</sup>Kinney is a native of CHCH his wife is from Wellington and at the time of publication they had lived all their married lives in Oxford.

In searching for the truth and accuracy do you think I should write to the editor of the CHCH Press newspaper asking them to investigate and publish a suitable correction? They may use the excuse all records were lost in the recent earthquakes but I don't see that as a valid reason. The entry in question was only recently published, that is on the 21<sup>st</sup> Jan 1936.

I look forward to your guidance in this matter  
Best wishes

**'Avid Follower'**

**Answer:** Dr Who might have the right machine.

*(Try & Get your head around that!!!)*

*Best Wishes,*

*Dorothy.*

*(Mac thinks you need a new bricklayer.)*

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**What do you mean
my Grandfather
didn't have any children?**

CLEANING POEM



*I asked the Lord to tell me
Why my house is such a mess
He asked if I'd been 'computering,'
And I had to answer 'yes.'
He told me to get off my butt,
And tidy up the house.
And so I started cleaning up....
The smudges off my mouse.
I wiped and shined the topside.
That really did the trick...
I was just admiring my good work,
I didn't mean to 'click.'
But click, I did, and oops – I found
A real absorbing site
That I got SO way into it –
I was into it all night.
So nothing's changed except my mouse.
It's as shiny as the sun,
I guess my house will stay a mess....
While I sit here on my bum.*

Stories & information in the Newsletter are sourced from various publications & the Internet. While every care has been taken, their accuracy cannot always be guaranteed. **The Editor: Lorrimer McAlister (my 47th issue)**
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