



Papamoa Branch

NEWSLETTER

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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 14th November 2016 Entry \$5.00.



The Speaker will be Pam Hamlyn and her subject is Scottish Research. Pam was born in Glasgow and trained as a primary school teacher. She taught in Scotland for 3 years and then worked for 2 years as a nanny/governess in Switzerland. Pam came to New Zealand in 1972 and worked in an office. She joined the NZSG in 1992 and became the Scottish Certificate Officer in 2004. Pam has worked as a volunteer at the Family Research Centre, NZSG Panmure since 2002 and is a member of the Scottish Interest Group of the NZSG

Now for some stirring stuff, try this link:- <https://youtu.be/xi9240HWXBU>

Ctrl click. Full screen & ENJOY!

& if you want to impress the youth click onto the 'I'm gonna be' (500miles) song. (My stepson's rock band has featured this.)

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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 21st November 2016.

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The Convener's Comment

October Meeting Review

We were delighted to have Christine Clement with us to show members and visitors alike the wonderful "Sooty" website. What a treasure trove of information to be found there. I wouldn't be surprised if the visitor numbers to the site jumped considerably on the night or days after the meeting. I felt there was something to be found by everyone to aid them in their family history research. A **BIG** thank you to Christine for all the information she gathers and collates and provides free to fellow genealogists. **You are one in a MILLION** Christine. ☺ Here is a link to the page:
<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~sooty/>

I hope some of you will share with us something you found useful as a result of Christine's presentation. It's always encouraging to have feed-back.

Apologies

As mentioned at the meeting, I apologise for having not yet copied Jan Gow's talks from September to the USB sticks you have entrusted into my care. I am hoping to remedy this and to be able to return USBs to you in November.

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 **Friday 25th November**.
NB. This is the last one for this year.

NZSG Certificates Collection

Thanks to those all of you who have brought certificate copies along to our last few meetings. I even managed to get myself organised to contribute as well! We have quite a pile to send off to the NZSG Certifications Collection Officer, June Stratford for her action. We will do another collection in 2017.

November Meeting

It is with much anticipation that I await the visit of Pam Hamlyn from the NZSG Scottish Interest Group to speak about Scottish Research at our meeting in November. According to Ancestry's estimate of my ethnicity I am of 60% Scottish and 36% Irish descent. This is evident in my research to date and so I will be there wearing a bit of tartan to go with the Scottish theme and hope you will all join me in making it a grand Scottish day. See details elsewhere in the newsletter about Pam's visit.

Recognition

As this year draws to a close I just want to thank the committee members, Gloria Davies, Kate McEwan, Shirley Youens, Heather Culling-Smith, Daphne Friis and Lorrimer McAlister for their support to date. Thanks also to those who volunteer for such tasks as door registrations: Elaine Downs; Raffles: Jan Saxton; Morning Tea duties: Barbara Spratt and Pam Jones and to others who step in at short notice sometimes to fill gaps. Your support is much appreciated.

See you soon
Betty NZSG 17053

P.S. Don't forget to check out our Facebook Page (for branch members only)
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/906448932749791/> Or email me on betty.ra.atkinson@xtra.co.nz - Members share useful information there regularly and help each other out. ☺

Spoken like a true Scot

A young Scottish lad & lass were sitting on a low stone wall, holding hands, gazing out over the loch.

For several minutes they sat silently.

Then finally the girl looked at the boy and said,

"A penny for your thoughts, Angus."

"Well, uh, I was thinkin'... Perhaps it's about time for a wee kiss."

The girl blushed, then leaned over and kissed him lightly on the cheek.

Then he blushed. The two turned once again to gaze out over the loch.

Minutes passed and the girl spoke again. "Another penny for your thoughts, Angus."

"Well, uh, I was thinkin' perhaps it's noo about time for a wee cuddle."

The girl blushed, then leaned over and cuddled him for a few seconds.

Then he blushed.

And the two turned once again to gaze out over the loch.

After a while, she again said, "Another penny for your thoughts, Angus."

"Well, uh, I was thinkin' perhaps it's about time you let me put my hand on your leg.."

The girl blushed, then took his hand and put it on her knee.

Then he blushed.

Then the two turned once again to gaze out over the loch before the girl spoke again.

"Another penny for your thoughts, Angus."

The young man glanced down with a furled brow..

"Well, noo," he said, my thoughts are a wee bit more serious this time".

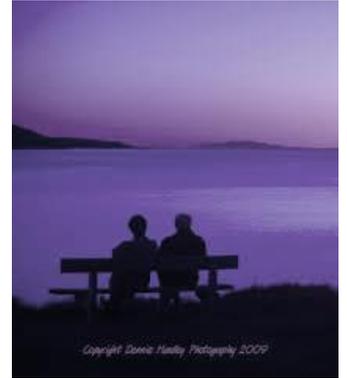
"Really?" said the lass in a whisper, filled with anticipation.

"Aye," said the lad, nodding.

The girl looked away in shyness, began to blush, and bit her lip in anticipation of the ultimate request.

Then he said, "Dae ye nae think it's about time ye paid me the first three pennies for my thoughts"?

Thank you to Mark McKinney



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Almoner: Please notify Carole Bridge of unwell or bereaved members.
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Do you enjoy your Computer?

Here are a few hints to remember when everything is jumping all over the page.

1. When things go wrong --- **The undo arrow.**
2. When you get it right --- **Ctrl s**
3. If you can't get the text to print where you require it, try this. --- **Insert tab.**
Then go along to Text Box and click, then at the bottom of the window where it says Draw Text Box click on that and draw your own box in the appropriate area and drag with the corners to the size you need and insert the text. (as above example for the Almoner) PLAY!!! You can't break it!

Who is my grandmother?

Alice Tocker is the lady who started my addiction to Genealogy many years ago now.

The question still bugs me **“Who is my grandmother?”**
If somebody has the key I would be so delighted.

The only information I have was on my mother’s birth certificate. My mother, Mary Tocker was born 30th October 1920 to Alice Tocker (unmarried) at 215 Moorehouse Ave Christchurch. Sylvanus Cox lived there with his midwife daughter Ruby Cox.

On the birth certificate Alice born in Wellington was aged 31 at Mary’s birth but no birth date for Alice.

No occupation unfortunately was recorded on the birth certificate.

That is all I have had to go on for the last 30 years of trying to track down who is my grandmother?

There was an Alice Osborne Mary Tocker born April 15th 1881 in Featherston to Margaret and William Loftus Tocker. Looking at Stratford Primary School roll, an Aileen Catherine Celia Tocker, same parents as Alice, started school with the birth date April 15 1881, (Alice’s birth date) but there was no sign of Alice although there are other siblings at the school. Aileen was enrolled at St Joseph’s Catholic School 1886, father William Loftus Tocker. Aileen sometimes is entered as Eileen. If this is my Alice with a full name change by the time she started school. If so the age stated on Mary’s birth certificate is wrong. I have never been able to find Alice’s marriage or death records.

Alice did have another child Cyril Francis Tocker born 3rd February 1906, Alice stated to be 23 years old at his birth. (I work out she is 25 years then if she was born April 15th 1881.) Cyril died 11th January 1907. The certificates give me no further information. Aileen Catherine Celia Tocker has no birth record but her death certificate says she died March 22nd 1923 in Stratford born Featherston aged 38 years. (If she is Alice, I say she was 42 years old)

So is Aileen really Alice? Was her named changed before she started school? If not where did Alice disappear to after her birth? Why is there no record of Aileen’s birth? And why is there no sign of Alice starting school, marrying or dying.

Is she my grandmother?

I have the adoption papers for Mary, this gives the father name but no more information on Alice/Aileen. I also have Aileen’s death certificate and still cannot confirm who my grandmother is.

Reasons I think Aileen/Alice could be my grandmother:

Aileen was a piano teacher, my mother played the piano beautifully.

Aileen lived a couple of blocks away from Joseph in Wanganui.

Aileen started school with Alice’s birth date.

Aileen died 18 months after Mary was adopted by my grandparents. Did she know she was dying? A family story says, that my grandmother and Mary’s birth mother were friends. Apparently when Mary’s mother found she was dying she asked my grandmother to adopt Mary as my grandmother couldn’t have children. If this is true, is Aileen, really Alice? Did Aileen know she was dying and did she asked that my grandmother adopted her child. Aileen died March 22nd 1923 in Stratford.

My mother grew up in a very loving home. My grandmother and grandfather never told my mother she was adopted; it was discovered after their deaths. It is thought that Alice and my grandmother could have been friends while working at Ridderfords Orongorongo together. That cannot be confirmed either.

If anybody has any information that would confirm Alice is Aileen, or that I am completely on the wrong track I would be very pleased.

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What a small world!

When paying my subscription a couple of years ago to our Papamoa Branch Treasurer Barry Barns he said to me “Lines are you any related to Alan Lines?”

My answer was “Yes he was my husband’s father but I never met him as he died before I met his son Reg.”. It appears that they both worked together for the Ekatahuna County Council.

Upon further conversation Barry said he had also worked for the Raglan County Council in Ngaruawahia. “Oh” I said “I still own a house in Ngaruawahia, it is Number 13 Hakarimata Road which used to be called Huntly West Road”.

“I used to live in that house” said Barry and so followed a lovely conversation about the house and the area.

On another occasion I was talking to Betty Atkinson and from memory I think I said something about it being a small world and that Barry used to live in my house etc. “Oh” said Betty “I grew up at No 3 Huntly West Road (Hakarimata Rd)” and she also shared some lovely memories about her time there only a few houses away from mine.

I have recently been doing some maintenance on No 13 and mentioned it to another of our members, Colleen Boyd. “My mother and father used to live at No 11, right next door” she said “but they didn’t live there for very long” What a small world it is!.

Anyone else?

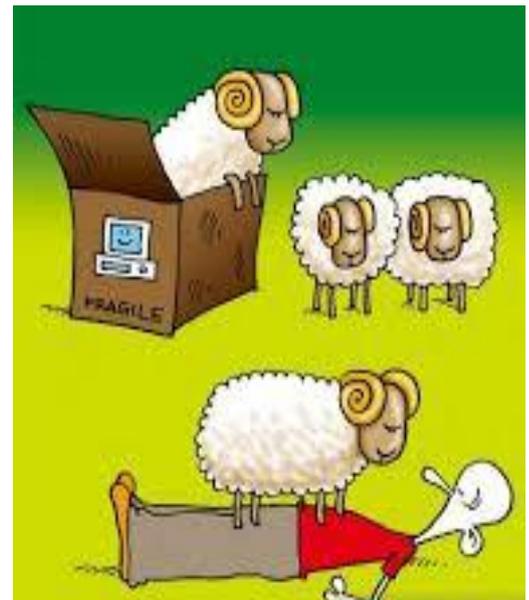
Margaret Lines

& for those of you who have been to Disney Land, & those that haven’t, here is a treat that will uplift your spirits! https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F9YqCP_B7EU

Do you have any problems with your
Computer?

Send us your questions and we shall do our
best to answer them.

If you wish, they can be kept anonymous.



**Mark’s new computer came
with the wrong kind of ram**

From our Librarian:-

It's great to see everyone using the books in our library and our freebie table. Both tables are getting a bit mixed, as people browse, so to eliminate any further confusion, I will put the freebie table down near the newsletter display. If you have taken any books with our stamp in them, thinking they were freebies, please return. Appreciate that.

A reminder that all library books are to be returned by the DECEMBER meeting. Don't forget to enter in the red book, the date you have returned the book/books. I will do a stocktake in the holidays, ready for our new year of research.

I will chase up any books not returned.

IT SUPPORT

It is just over a year now since our Branch committee formed a 'computer support' relationship with Matthew Edwards from Vision Lab in Te Puke.

Matthew has a passion to serve the people of the local community and assisted us with the upgrade of our Branch laptop last year after our previous one died at one of our meetings! He offers us technical support as required and gives us, as a community group, a generous discount. He also offers discount to financial members of the Papamoa Branch of the NZSG and he has assisted several of us to resolve computer issues or upgrade computer equipment in the past year.

His contact details are: Matthew Edwards: matt@visionlab.nz -Mobile: 0273 394 679 Just like the old-fashioned doctors, he will make house calls if required! Otherwise pop in and visit him at:--

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SYMBOLS

Do you use the symbols available in the “Word” Programme?

Here is how you find them.

Tab:--- Insert. Then at the far right, click on to Symbol.

The first window that comes down will show the examples that you have used recently.

Then at the bottom of this window click More Symbols.

The most common one I use for genealogy is the Small letter E with Acute, as in née.

There is an infinite variety of symbols, **and some are determined by the font you have your article set at.**

I shall explain an interesting example at the next meeting.

The Editor

Christmas Raffle. Please remember to bring donations of Non-Perishable goods for the Christmas raffle to the November meeting. *For our new members,* donations for the Christmas raffles - goodies up to and about \$10 will be great. (Last year we had about 30 prizes, it makes it all a fun morning.)

For everyone - Thanks so much for the contributions for our Christmas raffle. For those still to contribute - how creative can you be with your donation ????? Last day is our NOVEMBER meeting, so they can be ready for DECEMBER .

Next Meeting

To keep to the Scottish theme for our November meeting, please wear something tartan or from Scotland.

Stories & information in the Newsletter are sourced from various publications & the Internet. While every care has been taken, their accuracy cannot always be guaranteed.

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