



Papamoa Branch



GENEALOGY



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 13th March 2017. Entry \$3.00.

This Meeting Is a Research Day



Hello members,

Thank you all so much for your kind wishes and the lovely get well card from Carol our Almoner. I am progressing very well and exercising so that I can regain my typing skills. Just as well it wasn't my right hand.

What I am Reading:

My Uncle in Australia has sent me some pages out of the Listener (January 7th 2017) called "SHAKING the FAMILY TREE." It is well worth a read. It is written by Nicky Pellegrino about Adam Rutherford whose latest work is called, "A Brief History of Everyone who has ever lived." Rutherford has a PhD in Genetics. The article is mainly about DNA and the rapid changes that are taking place in this field all the time and the complexity of this science.

Good Luck with your research, **from the one armed bandit.**

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Genealogy Friendly: meets on the 3rd Monday of the month, 1.30pm -3.30pm, in the Mako Room at the Papamoa Community Centre. **The next meeting will be on the 20th March 2017.** Contact: Daphne Friis Ph.575 4674. Email: daphnefriis@kinect.co.nz **(Please note new time.)**

The Convener's Comment

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Greetings from the Convener's Desk!

First of all I would like to thank those branch members who assisted with morning tea and lunch catering for the NZSG Waikato/Bay of Plenty Regional Meeting hosted by our branch on Saturday 25th February 2017.

I hope you enjoyed being part of the discussion and reporting process and learned more about the Branches in our region.

February Meeting Review

We started our 2017 programme on Monday 13th February with two speakers for the day. Bev Hodges from Tauranga Library Learning Centre covered the topics "Keeping Yourself Safe on The Internet" and "Recording Oral History" followed by Colin Adams speaking on the subject he is most passionate about, "Understanding Lands & Survey maps". A very stimulating and informative day.

Assistance with Research at Papamoa Library

Don't forget the last Friday of each month in the Papamoa Library for assistance with your research. Branch volunteers are there from 10.00 am until 12.00 noon. The next session will be on **Friday 31st March 2017**. A big thanks to those who help out at these sessions.

At our February session three of us were able to assist four enquirers.

With the redesign of the area we previously used, we have moved away to the desks beside the Branch Fiche cabinet. The bookshelves here also contain reference books for genealogical purposes. We are still able to access one of the library computers if needed but as we take our own devices we found Friday's session worked very well in the new area and we were able to do a bit of collaborative research. It felt comfortable being able to talk and not disrupt the members of the public working in the computer area with our genealogical chit chat!

March Meeting

As you all know our March meeting is a research day. Information about the programme will be sent separately to this newsletter as arrangements are still being finalised at the time of writing. Please prepare beforehand to be able to get the help you need on the day.

Helpers will want to know what you know and how you know it in order to help you find what you don't know! ☺

Looking ahead to the 50th Anniversary Celebrations of the NZSG in Auckland at Queen's Birthday weekend, Friday 2nd June – Monday 5th June being held at Alexander Park in Auckland. See NZSG Website for programme and registration form. <https://www.genealogy.org.nz/>

Looking forward to seeing you all at the March meeting.

Betty – NZSG 17053



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Websites Refresher: for newbies and oldies!

In addition to the Scottish Websites recently given to us by Pam Hamlyn at our November 2016 meeting here are some frequently used sites which you may find useful.



www.genealogy.org.nz Website for the NZ Society of Genealogists. Our past newsletters and Society magazines are viewable there.

www.familysearch.org worldwide research: Family Search free site

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~sooty/> Wonderful free website managed by local Genealogist and Author Christine Clement

www.dustydocs.com – I have met the administrator of this site which covers an awesome amount of information from the UK and elsewhere

www.bdmhistoricalrecords.dia.govt.nz New Zealand Historical Births, Deaths, Marriages – New Zealand research. New Zealand – Non-Historical searches require a RealMe Govt. ID. You can also use the Fiche at the local library

www.archway.archives.govt.nz Archives New Zealand – for Government records relating to your family members

www.paperspast.natlib.govt.nz Papers Past – National Library of New Zealand – old newspapers digitized on line.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/> Trove – Australian digitized newspapers on line-National Library of Australia:

www.familysearch.org worldwide research

www.freebmd.org.uk UK (not Scotland) research

<http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk> – For research in Scotland –buy credits

<http://registers.nli.ie/> - Catholic Parish Registers – Ireland

<http://www.askaboutireland.ie/griffith-valuation/>

<http://stataccscot.edina.ac.uk/static/statacc/dist/home> -The Statistical Accounts of Scotland - One of my personal favourites for learning more about the places my Scottish ancestors lived (may be on Pam's list)

Ancestry and Find My Past research websites are available through the Papamoa Library – ask a Librarian to log you in to these. Alternatively, meet up with one of our Branch members between 10 and 12 noon on the last Friday of the month (except December) for assistance with your research on these sites

Facebook has many useful groups for research interests and areas around the world. Put your request into the search bar at the top of your Facebook page.

Google: Finally, don't forget Uncle Google – many members testify to finding family information on line by putting their research names into the **Google search engine**.

Happy surfing everyone!

Betty ☺

6 REASONS WHY A FATHERS NAME WOULD BE MISSING FROM A DOCUMENT

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Unfortunately sometimes you might come across a Birth, Christening, Adoption or any other vital record that has the fathers name omitted. Most of the time this will result in a massive brick wall that is nearly impossible to break down, so it's important to find out why the fathers name was left off in the first place if you are to have any hope of finding out who he was. Some possible reasons are:



Reason 1: A fling

The mother might have had a fling with a man she just met which resulted in a child, the man might have been a traveler or just in the local area for a short while and might not have even known he had a child.

Reason 2: Sexual Assault

The child might have been conceived under much worse conditions, not every girl or family would have chosen to give up or abort the resulting child so would not have wanted the fathers name registered at birth.

Reason 3: A paternity suit

In the past it might have been the case that a father did not want to be on the birth certificate, due to circumstances such as being from a much more prominent or wealthy family. These families will have had a lot more power in courts of law and could have spent a lot of money protecting the families reputation. The opposite could also be true. A female member of a wealthy family might have had a fling or relationship with a lower class man and they might have tried to cover it up with a quick marriage to another man or keeping the child a secret.

Reason 4: The child is illegitimate

A child is labelled as 'illegitimate', 'base born' a 'bastard' or one of many more terms if they were born out of wedlock. This is in my experience the most common reason and is the easiest to break down too. This could be the case if the parents were in a relationship but were not married when the child was born. In the UK the parish records, i.e. Birth, Christening, Marriage, Death, Burial records were recorded by the parish Vicar or Rector, in the eyes of the parents the child might have been legitimate but in the eyes of most Vicars only a child born to a married couple would be legitimate and depending on the Vicar the fathers name was almost never recorded.

Reason 5: The Father did not accept the child as his

A father might not have accepted a child as his own for a number of reasons:

It could be that the father genuinely did not believe that the child was his and that his wife or lover has not been faithful to him.

The father might have thought it was his but did not want the responsibility of a child and dismissed the notion of him being the father.

The child might have been born with a physical or psychological abnormality which the father did not want to be associated with.

Reason 6: The father was deceased

The registrar might have left the fathers name blank as to the child there would be no father in his life so there would be no point in listing his name on the certificate. It could also be the case that the father died soon after conception and the mother found another man and wants to keep it blank in the hopes that he will take on the child as his own.

Thank you Shirley Youens

Otekaieke Mansion near Kurow, North Otago 1877



Papers Past: North Otago Times 15th September 1883

Duntroon Hotel, Duntroon; H.B. Welsh, Proprietor. H.B.W. begs to intimate to the public in the Waitaki District that he has opened the above commodious premises as A FIRST- CLASS FAMILY HOTEL; and hopes, by strict attention business, to obtain a fair share of their support, GOOD STABLING, and well grassed and fenced paddocks, Single and Double buggies and Saddle. Horses let for hire.

CAMPBELL PARK ESTATE Duntroon, North Otago My Great Great Grandfather's involvement

My Scottish Great Great Grandfather John Macgregor, then aged 40, arrived at Bluff on the vessel "Christian McAusland" in 1875.

His wife (Great Great Grandmother Helen) and 7 children accompanied him.

As with other immigrant voyages it was an horrific journey, 91 days from Glasgow, 339 immigrants on board, 11 deaths from Typhoid Fever, Scarlet Fever, Whooping Cough, Bronchitis, Convulsions, infant diseases. The ship was quarantined on arrival. Fortunately all my family members were spared. John was an experienced Stone Mason. Listed amongst his previous work is the Dutch Reformed Church in Colesburg, South Africa (10 year stay.) Helen was a qualified Midwife who also owned and ran the General Store in Reed Street, Oamaru.

John had been recruited along with other Scottish Tradesmen to build a residence for the land baron Robert Campbell on his land holdings 22 km NW of Oamaru. Campbell owned 17000 acres and leased a further 85000 acres on which he ran 115000. Of similar ilk as William Larnock of Larnock's Castle fame Campbell was also a member of the NZ House of Representatives and later the Legislative Council. It is said of Campbell that his Contribution to the later was marred by heavy drinking.

Campbell's residence, commenced in 1877, was described as highly fashionable Scottish limestone baronial castle with 35 rooms distinguished by castellated gables and turrets. The architect is unknown but the style closely models a photo I have seen of a stone building in Scotland. It is said that Campbell felt the residence was too small, that his wife didn't like it, so it became the Farm Manager's home. Expansive lawns and gardens were a feature of the property. Campbell died in 1889 aged 46, his wife a year later.

The Mansion has had a chequered history. In 1883 it was advertised as the Duntroon Hotel in the North Otago Times – "commodious premises, a first class Family Hotel, good stabling, well grassed and fenced paddocks. Single and double Buggies and saddle. Horses for hire."

The property eventually was passed into the Government's hands. It was made a special school for boys in 1908 (Campbell Park School) for boys needing special tuition and discipline. The addition of many buildings (32 houses, Gym, swimming pool, 220 seat dining room) complimented the Mansion for this new role. The school was closed in 1987 following allegations of abuse of some of the boys by staff members.

The site was used in 2005 as a movie setting for the movie "The Chronicles of Narnia; The Lion, Witch and the Wardrobe." (Battle of Narnia scenes.)

I visited there in 2014. It was like a ghost town. The Mansion surrounded by dozens of Educational buildings and staff houses – and not a soul in sight (it was a Saturday!) I had asked beforehand if it was ok to visit. "Just check in with the staff on your arrival." Was the reply! The Mansion is still a sight to behold. It has stood the ravages of time remarkably well. The stone work is stunning. The local Otekaieke limestone is cream compared with the white Oamaru limestone from just down the road. I was unable to get into the Mansion. The surrounding lawns and gardens were still well kept. The site was up for sale in 2015 and was purchased by a Chinese company. Its future use is to be announced. (See [www;Campbell Park Estate](http://www.CampbellParkEstate.com) – Colliers International Real Estate promotional)

I am unsure how long it took to build the Mansion. I do know that work on it bankrupted my Great Great Grandfather. I guess he went on to other stone masonry work in Oamaru? My GGGF died in Oamaru in 1907 aged 74. My GGM Helen also died in Oamaru in 1913.

Footnote: The Oamaru Genealogy Club has produced a CD with the Headstone Transcriptions from the old and New Oamaru Cemeteries. A wonderful resource for aspiring Genealogists.

Thank you to Barry Bean



Report on GENEALOGY COURSE run by FutureLearn, Strathclyde, Glasgow.

Having just completed this six week, on line course, I would heartily recommend it to all who are keen on gaining a deeper understanding of genealogy. There is something by to be achieved by everyone even an old hand like me. The more time you put in the more knowledge you will gain. Amazingly this quality course is FREE and while it is run over six weeks. You can do it in your own time!

Just to list some of the areas covered: Getting the best out of different sites, where to look, finding, analyzing, both primary and secondary sources, documenting evidence, reports and charts, ethics and practice, learn how to use a methodical approach to your search, a look at DNA and how to write a clear and meaningful family history, with much more.

If you are interested contact " FutureLearn" at Strathclyde University and sign up for the next course.

Thank you to Anne McEwen

SKY subscribers “Who Do You Think You Are?” Series 13 starts airing on 15th March 8.30 pm on BBC Knowledge channel.

Thank you to Helen Riddell



Almoner: Please notify Carole Bridge of unwell or bereaved members. Phone: 578 1144
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