



# PAPAMOA BRANCH

## JULY 2017 NEWSLETTER

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July 10am to 2pm**  
Papamoa Branch meeting.

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July 8.30am to 9.30am**  
Papamoa Library "Getting Started with Research" Public Beginners session.

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July 10.00am to 12.30pm**  
Papamoa Branch monthly help session in Papamoa Library.

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August 8.30am to 9.30am**  
Papamoa Library "Popular Research Websites" Public session.

**Friday 11 August to Sunday 13 August 2017**  
Auckland Family History Expo 2017. More information at [aucklandlibraries.govt.nz/2017afhexpo](http://aucklandlibraries.govt.nz/2017afhexpo).

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August 10am to 2pm**  
Papamoa Branch meeting.

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> August 5.30pm to 9.30pm**  
Papamoa Library "Annual Lock-in" Public session.

### JULY BRANCH MEETING

The Papamoa Branch of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month in the Tohora Room at the Papamoa Community Centre, from **10.00am to 2.00pm**.

**Doors open at 9.30am.**

Tea and coffee is provided, but please bring your lunch. Alternatively, you can buy your lunch at the nearby food court or McDonalds.

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Our next meeting will be on  
**MONDAY 10<sup>th</sup> JULY 2017.**

Door entry fee is \$3.00.

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### The theme for our July meeting will be '*Tools for Genealogists*'.

The two presentations will focus on the tools and sources used to research family history. This will act as a precursor to August's meeting that will focus on the research findings of four of our branch members.

July's first speaker will be **Rowena Sinclair – *A Beginner's Journey***. Rowena will cover the tools and sources she has used when researching her family in India and Ireland. These include visits to: GRONI, PRONI and the British Library. As well as using numerous electronic resources such as FamilySearch and fibis. Rowena will cover some of the practical challenges she faced during the research; as well as the steps she took to access the different tools and sources.

July's second speaker will be **Betty Atkinson – *Using Facebook for Research***. Betty will be providing some examples of how joining some of the Facebook groups can assist your research by providing tools, sources, and connections to people researching similar areas and people.

*Greetings  
from  
the Convenor's Desk!*



**June Meeting Review**

Joyce Mattson who manages contributions to the NZSG First Family Certificates Collection was our speaker ably assisted by her husband Len driving the laptop presentation. In the afternoon Joyce demonstrated how the collection works for enquirers. I hope some of you have made your submissions to her at:

[FirstFamiliesSubmissions@genealogy.org.nz](mailto:FirstFamiliesSubmissions@genealogy.org.nz)

If you haven't done it yet, go to the Society's website: [www.genealogy.org.nz](http://www.genealogy.org.nz) and then click on the tab "Research" at the top. Then select NZSG First Families Collection and on that page you will find the link to download the forms you need to complete.

**Other June activities** included:

The Friday night session with an Introduction to DNA testing by Michelle Patient. Those who attended were members of the public as well as members of our branch and the NZSG.

The Saturday session on DNA was focussed on assisting those who had tested to learn more about how to understand and interpret their results. Again, there were members of the public in attendance as well as members of our branch and from other NZSG branches in our region.

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June saw a successful Writing Tips workshop for some of our members facilitated by Kate McCarthy who spoke at our May meeting.

**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 28<sup>th</sup> July 2017**.

A big thanks to those who help out at these sessions. If you think you would like to be a helper let me know. We all learn as we help others.

Happy researching everybody!

Betty – NZSG17053

## Getting to Know your 2017-2018 Committee (Part 2)



### *Elaine Downs writes:*

My interest in genealogy began when we were tiny and stayed with my maternal grandparents. We loved to climb into bed with my grandmother in the mornings for her to tell us stories of when she was young. Grandma had 6 brothers and 6 sisters and what escapades they all got up to!



*Elaine's Family's Beach place, Kerikeri*

The Skudder family emigrated to New Zealand from Kingston-Upon-Thames, near London, and lived at the head of the Kerikeri inlet where my great grandfather owned a farm.

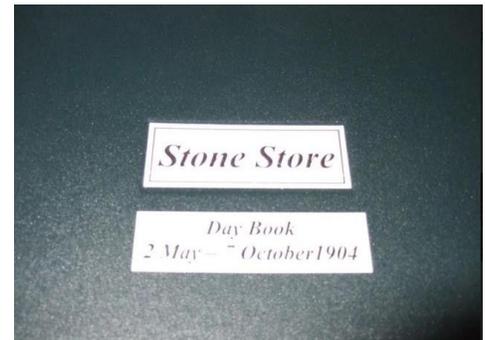


Elaine's Great Grandparents William & Agnes Skudder

My great, great grandmother was the lessee of the "Stone Store" at that time and my great grandfather William Skudder managed it for her. Today the "Stone Store" is owned by the National Trust and you can see the day books (invoices) of the early 1900's written up in William Skudders hand. It is interesting to see the varied list required for a family of 15, a lot of it was cottons and laces for the girls, but there were nails, fencing supplies and of course groceries. My great grandmother had a huge orchard and vegetable garden on the farm.



*LH: Kerikeri Basin, 2008  
RH: Stone Store Day Book*



William also helped build the first school at Kerikeri, just below St James Church on the hill and opposite the "Stone Store". At that time his growing family needed schooling.

My great grandparents and many of the family are buried in the St James Churchyard overlooking the Kerikeri Basin.



*Kerikeri's St James Church from gravesite, 2008*

Each of the 13 children were given a plot of land to build a house along the banks of the river in his Will, and I am still able to go back and stay on the family property as many have kept holiday homes there.



*View of the Skudder's property (RH side of road) all owned by family still have ~30 acres.*

Grandma's stories were exciting – of rowing to school, fishing out younger brothers who fell off the boat, of crossing the ford when the river was in flood, and of finding lumps of kauri gum on the farm.

My grandmother wrote many stories for "The New Zealand Woman's Weekly". When she died in 1985 my legacy was the old photo albums and recipe hand written books. These I filed away in the filing cabinet with the thoughts that this would be my retirement project.

Since we retired, my husband and I have been able to include my love of geography, history, and genealogy in our many trips to Australia (my paternal grandparents were born there) and England, where my 3<sup>rd</sup> daughter lives with her husband and 2 small grandsons near Ascot/Windsor. I have been able to visit many of the repositories: London Metropolitan Archives, Probate Office, National Archives at Kew to name a few, also places and graveyards in England where the family lived and died. I am returning for a visit 8<sup>th</sup> June with my eldest daughter. That's the joy of having children living there.



***Rowena Sinclair writes:***

I have always been interested in family history and loved hearing all the stories. However, life intervened until after my father died in 2007 when I was faced with the realisation that the 'elder' generation was dying with all their knowledge, not only of past generations but also the current generation.

Rather than the past I was initially concerned about the present and all the living cousins that we had, as I wanted our only child to realise that he was not 'alone' in this world as he had lots of family. So I opened a Microsoft Word Document and typed up all the family that I could remember. Then, I sent it to my father's eldest sister, the family matriach and keeper of knowledge, to review. Next I emailed family in: New Zealand, Australia, Fiji, Canada, and Northern Ireland and asked them to confirm their details and if possible email me some photos. This took one year to complete,

and in the end there were 96 family members and 81 photos. *Postscript: the family matriach died before she could look at the tree. Moral of the story: never put off tomorrow what you can do today!*

In 2011 having finished twelve years of part-time academic study my evenings suddenly became 'free'. So I decided to 'fill them' with genealogy. Firstly, at a friend's recommendation, I joined the New Zealand Society of Genealogists. Next, I enrolled in a community education course entitled 'Family History Research on the Net' run by Jan Gow. The course was in two parts. The first part had an overwhelming amount of information provided. The second part was several weeks later and we had to find research to answer the question "*What is the one thing you want to find out?*".

My wish was to find my mother's father (in reality his gravesite). My maternal grandfather Cyril Maurice Quinn-Boas had become estranged from the family in the late 1940s, after the family lost everything with the fall of Hong Kong. My grandfather was born in India where his father was a Port Officer in Madras. He went to sea ending up working for shipping companies around China.

My mother, with my father's assistance, had looked for her father without success. So being a typical student the night before the second part I was on my computer thinking I could solve a sixty year mystery! Well I did!! Of all places he ended up in an unmarked grave in Australia, and had died two weeks after my parents were married. So my brothers, cousins and I paid for a simple gravestone. *So now he is found, but there are many mysteries to solve about him.*



*My grandfather's gravestone on [www.findagrave.com](http://www.findagrave.com).  
Yes, he changed his name back to his birth name Boas.*

I did the beginner's classic mistake when I bought my Legacy Family Tree software i.e. I keyed most things in without sources. So since semi-retiring last year I have started the unenviable task of adding the source details to all my unsupported entries. My family tree now stands at over 6,000 individuals with over 1,600 photos. Our son certainly has lots of family!

Since joining the Papamoa Branch last year I have enjoyed the collegial nature of the meetings and sharing of information. I am also enjoying learning new things although I am struggling with DNA for Genealogy, as science was not my best subject at school!



# Auckland Family History Expo 2017

Friday 11 August – Sunday 13 August 2017  
 Fickling Convention Centre, 546 Mt Albert Rd,  
 Three Kings, Auckland

\*except for Friday's opening event at \$15 per person.  
 Limited seats, booking essential.

Find out more: phone 09 890 2412  
 or visit [aucklandlibraries.govt.nz/2017afhexpo](http://aucklandlibraries.govt.nz/2017afhexpo)

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# Family History Month Events

## *August Family History Month at Papamoa & Auckland Family History Expo*

A programme has been put together for Family History Month at the Papamoa Library.

### **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July – 8.30 am – 9.30 am – “Getting Started with your Research.”**

This session is suitable for absolute beginners and will be held in the Papamoa Library. It will be followed by the usual monthly assistance with research in the library from 10.00 am – 12.00 noon. *Bookings must be made through the Tauranga Library as numbers are limited.*

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July 10.00am to 12.30pm** Papamoa Branch monthly help session in Papamoa Library. *No bookings required.*

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August- 8.30 am-9.30am-Seminar on popular research websites.** The computer centre at Papamoa Library will be available for us between these times and you will be assisted in looking at various websites for assistance with your research.

You may bring your own device (laptop, iPad, tablet) or use one of the library computers. This session will be followed by an extra help session between 10.00 am and 12.00 noon. *Bookings must be made through the Tauranga Library as numbers are limited.*

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August 10.00am to 12.30pm** Papamoa Branch extra help session in Papamoa Library. *No bookings required.*

### **Friday 11 August to Sunday 13 August - Auckland Family History Expo 2017.**

**Time:** Friday 11 August, 5pm - 8pm; Saturday 12 August, 9am - 7pm; Sunday 13 August, 9am - 5pm

**Where:** Fickling Convention Centre, 546 Mt Albert Rd, Three Kings, Auckland.

**Cost (Saturday & Sunday):** Free with no booking required

**Cost (opening event Friday).** Tickets for Friday's event are \$15, bookings essential as seats are limited, and seats confirmed on receipt of payment.

Confirmed keynote speakers are: Chris Paton (Scotland/Ireland), Helen Smith (Australia), and Dirk Weisslader (German/European). More information at

<http://aucklandlibraries.govt.nz/EN/Events/Events/Pages/familyhistoryexpo.aspx>.

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August 10am to 2pm** Papamoa Branch meeting. To celebrate Family History Month August's meeting will hear the family research findings of four of our branch members.

### **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> August 5.30 pm to 9.30 pm – Library Lock-in at Papamoa Library.**

Please arrive BEFORE 5.30 pm as the external doors will be locked down after that time.

Experienced research staff will be there from the NZ Research room at Tauranga as well as some resources and a librarian to speak about Resources. Other speaker sessions are being arranged. Please bring a plate for supper. *Bookings must be made through the Tauranga library as numbers are limited.*

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August** – Our usual helping session between 10.00 am – 12.00 noon at Papamoa Library.

## *50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations of New Zealand Society of Genealogists*

As most of you will know the Society is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. A Luncheon is to be held on the anniversary date of the Society's inaugural meeting that was held in Auckland on 15<sup>th</sup> August 1967. Various branches throughout the country are planning simultaneous luncheons on that day. The proceedings of the Auckland Luncheon will be live-streamed to all other venues. There will be a notable speaker and presentations will be given by a member of the NZSG Board of Directors and other invited guests.

As our committee were unable to book a suitable venue we have decided to support the Waihi Branch at their planned function on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August. *If you are keen to join some of us we hope to take a couple or more car loads to Waihi on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August (the day after our Branch meeting).*

The Waihi Convenor, Harriet Taylor, outlines the programme below:

### **Live streaming NZSG 50<sup>th</sup> birthday Tuesday 15 Aug from Auckland venue to Waihi.**

**Venue:** Gallery Waihi Art Centre and Museum.

**Time:** 11.30am

**Cost:** \$10.00

**Food:** finger food.

*Numbers needed by 8<sup>th</sup> August for ordering. Can bring small plate if you wish but charge will still be \$10.00*

### **Added extra is to view Waihi museum series two Heritage Rescue makeover scheduled on Choice TV sometime around September this year.**

*If you are interested in making up a car load please let me know in the first instance.*

*Mob. 0274 475 448 (text or phone) or Email. [betty.ra.atkinson@xtra.co.nz](mailto:betty.ra.atkinson@xtra.co.nz)*

*NOTE: We do need to give our hosts the final numbers by 8<sup>th</sup> August. You can still come after that but you will need to BYO lunch and still pay \$10.00.*

*© Betty*

## *Membership Subscriptions Due*

Thank you to those members who have paid their membership subscriptions. *For those who have not yet done so these are now due.* [If you require a receipt please advise Kate.]

### **Fees:**

**\$15.00** for individual who are current **individual members of the NZSG.**

**\$20.00** for joint members who are current **joint members of the NZSG.**

**\$25.00** for **individuals** who are not individual members of the NZSG. Known as **Associate branch members.**

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### ***Please make payment as soon as possible either via:***

**Internet banking:** an internet payment may be made into the Papamoa Branch of the NZSG ASB Bank account number: 12 3407 0000401 00. Please put 'Your name' and 'Subs' in the Reference fields.

**Cash:** pay by cash at the July Branch meeting on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July.

**Cheque:** a cheque can be posted to: Kate McEwan, 129/61 Golden Sands Drive, Papamoa, 3118.