



PAPAMOA BRANCH

JULY 2018

The Papamoa branch of the NZ Society of Genealogists meets on the second Monday of the month in the Tohora Room at the Papamoa Community Centre from 10.00 am to 2.00 pm

The doors open at 9.30 am. Tea and coffee provided - bring your own lunch

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NEXT MEETING:

- **MONDAY 9 JULY 2018**

JANE BROOKER

RESEARCHING IN ENGLAND

'Pastures green, satanic mills
and beyond'

DOOR CHARGE \$5.00

- **MONDAY 13 AUG 2018**

FAMILY HISTORY MONTH

- **MONDAY 10 SEP 2018**

**BIRTHDAY MONTH &
125TH SUFFRAGETTE
ANNIVERSARY**

For branch meeting apologies
email: papgen@gmail.com

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Genealogy help for beginners

Friday 3 August

9.30-10.30am

Papamoa Library



August is Family History Month

Library Lock in

Friday Aug 16: Tauranga

Friday Aug 30: Papamoa

6.00 to 10.00pm

Call 07 577 7177

for more details

HANDS ON HELP



Volunteers are at the
Papamoa library to help
you with your research

Friday July 27

10.00am - 12.00 noon

(Contact Betty if you can help)

LIBRARY HELP – TAURANGA

3rd Friday of the month:

1.30pm – 4.00pm except August ~ No booking required

On call help at Tauranga Library

Give one of our genealogists a call to negotiate a time that suits.

- Olive: 07 543 0382 ~ Morag: 022 185 3643 ~ Joy: 07 575 5820

June Meeting Review

As our new convenor Kate McEwan had other commitments on June 11 and was not able to join us for the branch meeting it seemed unfair to expect her to make a comment on it!

Our guest speakers were an impressive and very informative double act: renowned international DNA expert, public speaker and professional genealogist, Dr Maurice Gleeson, and all round local genealogy whiz, Michelle Patient from Whitianga.

Maurice was voted *Genetic Genealogist of the Year 2015* (Surname DNA Journal) and *Superstar Genealogist, Ireland 2016* (Anglo Celtic Connections) so we were very lucky to have him (not just for one — but two days as he was also guest speaker at the DNA group the following day). At the branch meeting Maurice discussed marrying DNA and Irish genealogy. Interestingly, I think almost everyone in the room had Irish ancestry. Maurice has promised to post his presentation on YouTube in a few weeks when he returns to London so go to <https://www.youtube.com> and have another listen.

Michelle spoke about the GOONS (Guild of one name studies) and if you would like to investigate this further, click on this hyperlink <https://one-name.org/>

Thank you to everybody who came along each day and your committee hope you enjoyed it and came away a lot more informed. A huge thank you to Betty Atkinson who quietly spent many months securing Maurice and Michelle and helping to organise things to enable this event to happen (in addition to being a welcoming and generous host).

Hyperlinks: <https://www.youtube.com> this is a hyperlink. If you are reading this on a device you can click on CTRL and the blue writing and it will take you to the web page or email for this address. Some of you had a problem with the hyperlink for Ray Knaggs Legacy 9 group. That's because it has an 'underscore' _ in the address: fr_dram4@xtra.co.nz but when the address is hyperlinked you don't see it: fr_dram4@xtra.co.nz

DNA SUPPORT GROUP BAY OF PLENTY - FIRST BIRTHDAY!

(Special Guest Michelle Patient)

Next Meeting: Monday July 2 from 12.30* to 4.15 pm

Tohora room, Papamoa Community Centre

\$5.00 door charge



Please bring your own tablet or laptop and a plate of finger food for a shared lunch before the meeting.

(If you are only able to come to the session at 2.15 due to prior commitments that is fine).

A Word From The Editor



June has been a busy Genealogy month for me! The two days listening to Maurice Gleeson and Michelle Patient at Papamoa were excellent!

I had this stunningly beautiful view of the central plateau (and Mt Taranaki in the distance) as I flew to conference in Christchurch at the start of the month. 'The Echoes of our Past' conference was excellent, despite the rain and chill in the Garden City, and I learned a great deal including some helpful new tips for using Papers Past, (**see page 5**).

A major faux pas was not allowing time to visit the Archives but Helen Riddell helpfully introduced me to the old Parish Registers which were available for perusal during breaks at conference. I found a number of missing BDM records to flesh out my family tree. For free. Even better!

After conference I flew to Dunedin for a few days, to see where my third great grandfather, Richard Sutcliffe, started his new life in New Zealand after emigrating from Yorkshire. Richard had remarried, five months before his departure on the Ajax in September 1848, and emigrated with his new wife Caroline Cox and the four children from his first marriage. Their son James was born on the voyage and another five children followed.

I drove out to Port Chalmers and up to the cemetery which gave me a good view of the harbour and I tried to imagine their thoughts and feelings, hopes and apprehensions as they arrived in what must have seemed a remote, under-developed place. At least being early January it was summer!

I still don't know the motivation for their emigration and given they were English and Anglicans it seemed strange they chose Dunedin which was predominantly Scottish and staunchly Presbyterian. This proved to be problematic and the eldest son (also Richard), wrote to his grandmother in Yorkshire in May 1851: *"The reason that we are leaving this place is because they are mostly Scotch people and there is only the Scotch Kirk here, there is no other church or chapel here so that is very unpleasant. We have had only one visit of the Bishop of New Zealand who preached in the Court House, the Scotchmen would not allow him the Kirk for even one Sunday."*



Two of Richard's daughters from his first marriage, Jane and Henrietta, married two Allan brothers, and they remained in Dunedin while the rest of the family settled in Cashel Street, Christchurch. Sadly in May 1862, Richard senior fell from his horse and was dragged along the street, sustaining horrible head injuries. He died at home a few days later, aged just 59.

The bravery and optimism of those early immigrants never fails to amaze me and it's sobering when you think of how hard many aspects of life in those early days of settlement must have been. Especially for the women who invariably also had large families to feed, clothe and care for. We are so lucky!

The Settlers' Museum, Hocken Library and Dunedin City Library all helped me further my research and on the last day I treated myself to a lovely train ride out through the Taieri Gorge. The recent snow and autumn colours made for a beautiful trip and it was a very pleasant afternoon I'd recommend.

Please send me your stories...

Fiona McAllister: NZSG 26889 ~ Email: fiona@betterwords.co.nz ~ Ph: 021 855 603

An Irish Tale ~ John Casey (my second Great Grandfather)

My name is John Casey and I was born in 1806 at Askeaton, a small village along the coast, in County Limerick. At the age of 18, I joined the 95th Regiment of Foot, the Derbyshire Regiment who were recruiting in Limerick city one New Year's day. I received three pound and five shillings and it seemed a fortune. I spent a year in England and then the Mediterranean for eight years, mainly Malta and the Ionian Isles. In the mid-1830s, the regiment came back to England, then Ireland, and that was when I met my future wife, Mary Carroll.

In 1841 after 17 years in the army, I was discharged due to chronic rheumatism and failing eyesight. We settled down in Limerick and I went back to my labouring work. Times were hard but our family, (now with four children) managed—even at the end of 1845—when the potatoes went black and rotted soon after the harvest. At first, there were lots of potatoes around as people wanted to sell them quickly but during the winter of 1845-46, they talked of a famine and the Government shipped in Indian corn. Mind you, they said in Cork, that for three ships coming in with grain, you could see six ships going out with Irish produce for England. In the summer of 1846, the potatoes were growing well but then the plants turned black and the potatoes just rotted where they were.

Some public work was organised, but there was not enough money to pay the thousands of men who needed paid work. Some landowners helped their tenants but many of the absentee owners turned a blind eye when their agent, aided by police and army, evicted the tenants who couldn't pay any rent. Families were left to live in a dug out, a 'scalpie', and there they died in the thousands.

We had a grim winter and it was the worst weather in living memory. Somehow our family survived and you can imagine how we felt when I heard that ex-soldiers could enlist in the Royal NZ Fencible Corps. You would be paid a small amount, have a bit of land and provide security for the new city of Auckland. The company advanced some money for the necessary stores and we had to stay in Cork an extra week, as the ship was delayed. At last, we sailed on the Sir Robert Sale, leaving on the 4th of July 1847.

Alas, our troubles were not over and just a month after leaving Ireland our son John, aged six, died of Typhus and a month later Daniel who was only two, died of Diarrhoea. The sight of tiny bodies wrapped in a sheet, being slid over the side of the ship, made for a very melancholy voyage for us and then when we landed in Auckland, our daughter Margaret who had a fever, had to go immediately to the colonial hospital.

However, things looked up once we got to Howick; we had some land that grew wonderful potatoes and other vegetables, a small pension and the kindness of a developing community. Alas, after six years, I succumbed to Tuberculosis on 4 February, 1854, but the angels tell me that my family are continuing to prosper. My wife remarried, to Michael Murphy, who was on the ship with us. He and our son Martin went off to the Land Wars in the Waikato. Martin was afterwards given some land over near Te Awamutu; 50 acres, a landowner; now that wouldn't have happened in Ireland! Our daughter Margaret, a good Catholic girl, married James Andrew from that Scottish Presbyterian family across the valley. Ah well, it is surprising how things look differently from up here.

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Papers Past: useful new tips (Courtesy of Emerson Vandy, Digital Services Mgr., Nat. Library, NZ)

Papers Past is a collection of text items from NZ and the Pacific that you can search or browse. It contains millions of pages of material, including newspapers, magazines, letters and parliamentary papers.

This is a fantastic and (often distracting) free resource we are fortunate to be able to access. Here are some features that may speed up your searches and make them more productive.

Go to <https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/>



Searching lets you enter a term and see items that contain that term; **Browsing** lets you wander through everything, or view a selected part of the collection, like a newspaper title or issues from a particular date. Different collections on the site have different choices for browsing.

There are three main types of search:

1/ ALL OF THESE WORDS

- “Mrs J Smith” - putting your term in quotes searches for the exact phrase Mrs J Smith. This will not include results that do not contain this **exact** string of characters, so for example the term Mrs Jane Smith would not be included.
- ‘Mrs J Smith’ OR ‘Mrs I Smith’ - this will give results if they include EITHER of these two phrases
- **Smith OR Smythe-born** This will show results for either term but will EXCLUDE articles that include the word ‘born’
- **Smith OR Smythe-born+Dunedin** This will show results for either term ONLY if the articles EXCLUDE the word ‘born’ and INCLUDE the word ‘Dunedin’

2/ ANY OF THESE WORDS

This search will give you results even if they contain only one of the words you have searched for. This is the same as using OR between each search term.

3/ THIS EXACT PHRASE

This looks for the exact pattern of characters and spaces you enter and is the same as entering your search in quotation marks.

Papers Past (PP) ignores punctuation & case so mrs j smith and Mrs J. Smith will give the same results

Explore

Sometimes you need to browse to a particular page or issue, or a specific publication title. **PP** has an Explore page for each collection, giving you a list of collections’ content that can be sorted or browsed.

Because the material in each collection is different, the way you can browse them is tailored to content. For example newspapers can be specific to region whereas parliamentary papers are not.

PRINT MATERIAL

As well as printing copies of articles, **PP** provides PDFs of entire newspaper issues or lets you save high-resolution copies of whole pages. These can be found by using the ‘breadcrumb trail’ to browse issue-level pages or browse to the whole page view. The link for saving the high-res image, PDF or printing, is on the right of the article. Right click on the Print icon for options.

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When you have done a search and arrived at an item you can find a lot of other related useful info on the page around it. You can enable/disable search item highlighting using the lightbulb icon in the top right corner of the article image.

You can switch between views of the image, text or research info for referencing the item, using the three tabs just above the article. **IMAGE** **TEXT** **RESEARCH info**

You can see the usage/copyright info under **USING THIS ITEM**

Note that the following tips only work when a person is performing an “All of these words” search.

- **Fuzzy tricks:** term~1 (fuzzy search with one character mismatch), term~2 (two character), ~3 etc.
* = multi-character wildcard, ? = single-character wildcard (**use the ‘tilde’ ~ not the hyphen-**).

Example 1: jones~1 (this will give you matches for “Jones” even when the Optical Character Recognition (OCR) has misinterpreted one letter, for example “johes”)

Example 2: Hartstone~2 (matches for when any two letters might not be identical)

Example 3: auck?and (matches where the ? can be any one letter)

Example 4: auckl* (matches where auckl can be followed by any number of letters)

A trick with this is that searching for fuzzy results for a term and using NOT to remove exact character matches for the canonical term as per example 3 above gives you a list of results containing OCR or spelling variations for the term (note however that this doesn’t invoke the highlighting feature on the site)

Example 5: puhirake~2 –puhirake

Example 6: aluminium~2 OR aluminum~2

Weighting operators: ^x assign x more weighting to relevance score in the ranking of a term in your search results.

Example 7: duck^3 OR heron^4—weights the search for heron higher than duck

This is really handy when you need to customise how results for two or more words are sorted.

Grouping: Two techniques here, (parentheses), or “term1 term2”~x: Note the slightly different use of the tilde here than in the “fuzzy search tricks” section above: if you invoke it after a group of words in speechmarks, it expresses an **n-gram** length for word strings up to that length containing those terms in any order

Example 8: “biscuit barrel”~4 (gives results when “Biscuit” and “Barrel” occur in any 4-word string. For example, results for this would include things like the phrase “barrel full of biscuits” (a 4-word string) but would not include “biscuits should never be stored in a barrel”, an 8-word string).

Example 9: (term +term2) OR term3

Note that operators either directly proceed or directly follow a term **without a space** as in each of the examples above. Otherwise, feel free to construct any valid strings using any combinations of the above tools.

Thanks to Emerson Vandy for his help and permission to reproduce this text.

The things you can find on Google!

I've always been amazed at what one can find on Google about even the most ordinary of families.

My three times great grandparents from Ashcombe, Devon, England, were George Richards and Mary Balle. They married on 9 April, 1792 in St Nectan's Church of England in Ashcombe, a small village about 10 miles south of Exeter and four and a half miles inland from Dawlish on the southeast coast of Devon. They had nine children, five of whom definitely reached their twenties. Their last child was my great, great grandfather John Richards, born 5 November, 1809.

John married his first wife Susanna Baddon (Boddon) in 1830, and they made their home in Ashcombe, having seven children, before Susanna died in 1842. In 1845, John married Margaret Wakeham Tozer, and had another 13 children! The sixth-born (1857) was my great grandmother Anna, who came to New Zealand in 1879.

About two years ago, I thought I would try to follow up on some of George and Mary Richards' children in more detail. Just for fun I started by entering "*George Richards of Ashcombe*" in Google search, not really expecting any results as the Richards were just agricultural labourers. I knew from the 1841 census, that George and Mary (classed as paupers), and John (an agricultural labourer), and Susanna with six children, were in the Poorhouse in Ashcombe Parish.

Amazingly, the words "*George Richards of Ashcombe*" were the opening words in an article published in *The Lancet Volume 1: 1840/1841* (a renowned medical journal). On reading a little further, I realised that this was George, (the brother of my great, great grandfather John), who was born in 1807.

The article described in detail the painful death of George, the treatments of the day, the lengths gone to, to get medical treatment, the family's despair and the subsequent inquest.

George fell ill while at work, on Saturday morning on 10 October, 1840, with sudden and excruciating pain in his bowels. He was taken home in a cart as he could not stand. The first surgeon sent for, Mr W. Cann from Dawlish, wasn't home and a druggist of Dawlish, Mr Liddon, came. George was bled, given enemas, warm baths and poppy poultices for the next two days. By 4.00 am Monday October 12, George, who had incessant vomiting, now also had stercoraceous (faecal) vomiting. His brother (this had to be my Great great grandfather John Richards, as to my knowledge the rest of the living siblings were girls), went for Mr Collyns, a surgeon in Kenton. John travelled some five miles (8 km) to Kenton only to discover the surgeon was unavailable, he then went to Dawlish seven miles (11 km) away to find Dr Turnstall also was not at home; on foot or by horse I wonder; of course it was another four miles home.

Finally, Mr Cann of Dawlish saw George on Monday evening, noting there was a hernia tumour in the right groin. By this time, George was violent and obstinate and wouldn't permit Mr Cann to do anything to reduce it; so Cann left. On Tuesday 13, October, Mr Cann was again requested to attend, and finding George moribund (at the point of death) requested a second opinion from Mr Collyns of Kenton, who came Tuesday evening. George died while Mr Collyns was there. (What agony he must have suffered). An inquest was requested by the doctors, and the druggist perhaps feeling a little

concerned, called in a friend Mr Radley, to look at the dead body on Thursday.

On Friday, October 16, the coroner held the inquest; the doctors Cann and Collyns felt that they needed to do what today would be called an autopsy, to provide satisfactory evidence.

“The mother and wife of the deceased assisted by some of the female neighbours made a furious attack on the surgeons, attempted to throw the instruments out at the window, and, with very menacing gestures and horrid imprecations (curses), threatened to throw the surgeons after them”.

The mother in this *“extraordinary scene”* (as described in the article) was my third Great grandmother, Mary Balle Richards, who was born in 1766 in Ashcombe, and was 74 years old at the time of her son’s death. His wife (who I had not known of before) was Esther Codd Richards. George and Esther had married in 1837 and a daughter Charlotte was born to them in 1839 (this further research corrected an error that my second cousin and I had made some years earlier thinking that Charlotte was the child of my John Richards and his first wife Susanna Baddon).

The coroner was in the adjoining house with the jury, and did not enforce the order of the post-mortem examination and proceeded to take the evidence of the wife, whom he reprimanded for her violent conduct. On the arrival of Mr Liddon and his friend, the doctors, Mr Cann and Mr Collyns, were asked to leave the court, and then the jury listened to the testimony of Mr Liddon and Mr Radley. They did not call for Mr Collyn’s evidence but allowed Mr Cann to be questioned in length by Mr Radley (who only saw the body 48 hours after death) and then the jury came to a decision that the man had ***“Died by the visitation of God”***.

The article then states: *“Surely it is high time to have laws which permit all this amended”*.

On Thursday 16 October, Mr Collyns had entered the death in the register as having been caused by Strangulated Hernia—not knowing that the inquest would be held. However, now he was required to enter the cause of death as “the visitation of God”!

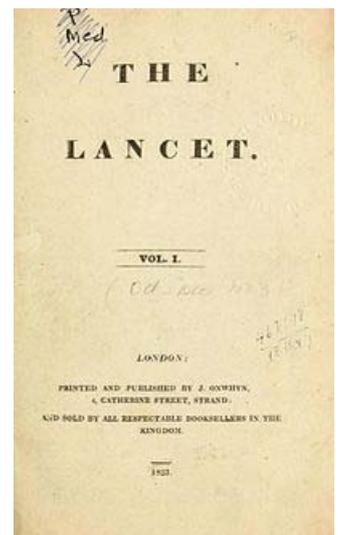
Who wrote this article for the Lancet? The two doctors, Mr Cann and Mr Collyns, on October 25, 1840, who were obviously aggrieved at their treatment during the inquest and the cause of death!

They concluded the article by writing that one of the jurors said that Radley had stated that the treatment adopted by Mr Liddon the druggist was most correct and judicious, and that “it was insinuated that the inquest was held purposely to injure Mr Liddon”. *Mr Cann and Mr Collyns positively deny any such intention, their object being to expose the system, not the man, whom they believe to have done as much as his limited knowledge of the case enabled him to do.’*

The article’s title “Strangulated Inguinal Hernia treated by a Druggist. Inquest on the Body”

So ask Mr Google – you never know what will appear!

Jill Spooner
NZSG 24346



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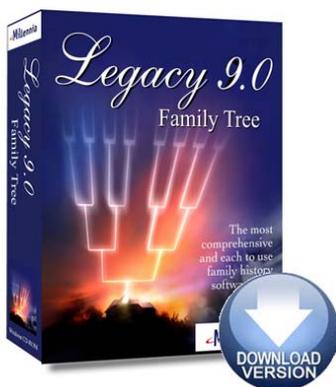
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Cheques: post to Rowena Sinclair, **276A Maungatapu Road, Maungatapu, Tauranga 3112**

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Legacy 9 Support Group



Legacy 9 has recently been sold to My Heritage. This should not affect you as a user too much but if you are interested in forming a group to learn more and help others with this tool please contact Ray Knaggs. Ray has made enquiries at the complex where he lives (Diamond Sands, Grenada Street), and is able to book a hall where the group can meet. At this stage the available days are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons so if you would like to know more please contact Ray.

This may be a good opportunity for members who don't currently have a digital tree to learn about this programme.

Contact Ray Knaggs: Phone 07 575 8689 Email: fr_dram4@xtra.co.nz (NZSG: 26995)

OUR MON JULY 9 SPEAKER

Jane Brooker:

**'Pastures green, satanic mills
and beyond'**



GENEALOGY FRIENDLY GROUP

Meet in Mako Room at the Papamoa Community Centre on the third Monday of the month 1.30 - 3.30pm

NEXT MEETING: Monday 16 July 2018

Contact: Helen Riddell or Jan Saxton

Phone: Helen 07 542 0895 or Jan 07 544 4182



ALMONER:

Please notify Shona MacRury of any bereaved or unwell members

Phone: 07 578 1771

Email: s.macrury@kinect.co.nz

GENEALOGY FOR BEGINNERS

Do you need help getting started on your family research?

Friday 3 August 2018

9.30 to 10.30 am

Papamoa Library, Papamoa Community Centre

FREE

(If you are able to help others, your assistance would be appreciated).

About Jane Brooker

Born and brought up in the UK, and comparatively new to genealogy, the bug was caught when a school project and the death of the last of the older generation coincided. I am a relatively recent import to NZ arriving in 1980 from the UK, but my husband's family are 4th generation New Zealanders. Most of my personal research has been in the UK and Southern England in particular.

I am treasurer and newsletter editor for our local NZSG branch, a member of the Kent Family History Society and I lead a group of those interested in Legacy's Family Tree programme. I enjoy helping others with their research and am currently working with a young student working towards her Queen's Scout award.

We live in Papakura, south of Auckland and have three sons and five grandchildren, two of whom are not biological.

Useful Irish links from Helen NEW RECORDS FOR COUNTY CLARE



* Clare Heritage and Genealogy Centre has added over 36,000 records to their database at:

www.clare.rootsireland.ie

* For a full list of sources for County Clare [please click here](#)

*To search these records, go to clare.rootsireland.ie and select the 'Parish/District' from the drop down list.

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