



PAPAMOA BRANCH

AUGUST 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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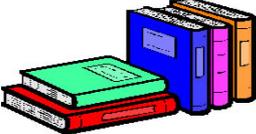
NEXT MEETING:

- **MONDAY 13 AUG 2018**
FAMILY HISTORY MONTH
MEMBERS' STORIES
DOOR CHARGE \$3.00
SEE PAGE 8 FOR DETAILS
- **MONDAY 10 SEP 2018**
BIRTHDAY MONTH &
125TH SUFFRAGETTE
ANNIVERSARY
- **MONDAY 8 OCT 2018**
ENGLISH RESEARCH DAY

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
Thursday Aug 16: Tauranga
Thursday Aug 30: Papamoa
6.00 to 9.30 pm
(Sorry wrong info in Jul newsletter)

Call 07 577 7177
for more details

HANDS ON HELP

Volunteers are at the Papamoa library to help you with your research on the last Friday of every month

Friday 31 August from 10.00am - 12.00 noon

(Please contact Betty Atkinson if you can help)

betty.ra.atkinson@xtra.co.nz



Convenor's Comment

It was great to see such a good turnout at our last meeting, 45 members and 1 visitor—considering the bad weather and the fact it was school holidays. (I know that some of us grandparents have grandkids to look after during school holidays; I left my husband in charge).

Our guest speaker Jane Brooker, from the Papakura Branch, who spoke on Researching in England, was very knowledgeable and even though I personally do not have direct ancestors in England, I did find some interesting points that I will be able to use.



Kate McEwan



Coral Shearer — 2018 NZSG

Branch Service Award Recipient

Coral ran workshops on Family Tree Maker software and on 'Writing Personal and Family Stories' for our branch members (I attended these). Last but not least, Coral is also the author of the booklets "Unlock the Past" and "Using Papers Past"; both of which I am sure we have in our library.

While Coral no longer lives in the Papamoa district, she remains a member of our branch.

I have sent her certificate by courier, as she has not been able to attend any meetings recently.

Kate McEwan
NZSG 26490

Our previous committee had arranged to nominate **Coral Shearer** for a **NZSG Award**, and I am pleased to announce that this has been granted.

Coral served on the Papamoa Branch Committee for four years from 2007 to 2011 and held the Education Portfolio while on Committee. She also initiated the photographic history of the Branch.

Coral filled the role of Project Coordinator for the NZSG Council, which is now the NZSG Board. She assisted many members with their research on a voluntary one-to-one basis and helped with Family History events in our local library and on Branch Research Days. Coral was one of the original members of the Transcribing team (led by Helen Riddell) on the Mount Maunganui Primary School Enrolments' Project.



A Word From The Editor

I'll be taking a break for the next two months as I head off to Europe, for the first time in five years. First, I'll spend time with my biological (paternal) family in Switzerland and will also visit Paris, Ireland, Scotland (including the Shetland Islands) and England to undertake a sort of genealogical pilgrimage as many of you have already done.

Where possible I will visit the places my ancestors came from or lived in, and try to imagine what life was like for them. I look forward to meeting a few distant cousins and trying new foods and local delicacies. And of course—keeping a journal.



About six years ago, shortly before the departure of my flight from Zurich to Bangkok, I was quietly relishing the spare seat beside my aisle seat, when at the last minute, an older man in the aisle gestured the spare seat was his. Initially (and I should admit selfishly) disappointed, to my great surprise we hit it off like the proverbial 'house on fire' and have corresponded by email ever since.

Carden is now almost 82 and was widowed two years ago. He's been an award-winning pediatrician and accomplished university researcher and still has a very sharp mind, coupled with an unabashed fear and loathing of Donald Trump (whom he compares to Hitler). He still plays tennis, travels between his home in Alabama and second retreat in Seattle, as well as frequent globe-trotting, visiting his grandchildren and their parents who work for prestigious entities like the World Health Organisation and UNICEF! He's an interesting guy and we are going to spend a couple of days together in London before I fly home. I'm sure he will be an excellent tour guide as he loves London and is considering moving there to escape the madness in America caused by the current POTUS.

On a very different note, I am sad to report the loss of another member of our branch. Carol Andersen wrote to me around New Year to advise me that she had terminal cancer and asked if I would be interested in a story she had written. Her story about her beloved grandmother, Minnie Hicks, was published in the February 2018 newsletter (*although I am mortified to now realise that I called her Carol Petersen in the list of contents*).

Our very able Treasurer, Rowena Sinclair will be Newsletter Editor in my absence, adding to the many other tasks she already does so well for the Papamoa branch. Thank you Rowena!

I know she would be very grateful to receive some stories from members to make her task a little easier. Please don't be shy!

For contributions for the September and October newsletters, email Rowena at: rmss.tmds@gmail.com by the 20th of the month and include a relevant image if possible. (Stories may be edited or abridged).

PS The family in the picture on page 8 are my great great-grandparents James and Margaret Dawson and their family, from Preston, Lancashire.

Keep warm, safe and healthy!

Fiona McAllister: NZSG 26889 ~ Email: fiona@betterwords.co.nz

Family History Month—August 2018

Do you know where you come from?

Take the opportunity during August, to learn about your ancestors. Attend some of the free workshops, tours and research opportunities held in the three Tauranga libraries, in conjunction with the Papamoa Branch of the NZ Society of Genealogists and the Mount Maunganui Genealogists.

TAURANGA LIBRARY	
<p><u>Friday, Aug 10</u> <u>and Fri Aug 17</u> 1.30—3.30 pm</p>	<p>Genealogy Research Support</p> <p>Experienced genealogists will be onsite to help individuals with research using library resources.</p> 
<p><u>Friday, Aug 31</u> 10.30 am—12.30 pm</p>	
<p><u>Friday, Aug 10</u> 10.00 -11.00 am</p>	<p>Genealogy For Beginners - <u>Bookings essential</u></p> <p>Get started on your family history research with our instruction on the processes and resources used by genealogists.</p> <p>Venue: Learning centre (1st floor Tauranga Library)</p>
<p><u>Thursday, Aug 16</u> 6.00 - 9.00 pm</p>	<p>A Night in History - <u>Bookings essential</u></p> <p>A night for experienced genealogists to have access to the library's genealogy research resources.</p> <p>Bring a plate of finger food for a shared dinner.</p>
<p><u>Thursday, Aug 23</u> 10.00 am - 12.00 noon</p>	<p>Guided Library Tour for Genealogists - <u>Bookings essential</u></p> <p>Take a tour of the library, focusing on the family history resources. Our experienced guide will show you the secrets of the library beneath the surface.</p> <p>Meet: Ground floor by magazines.</p>

PAPAMOA LIBRARY	
<u>Every Friday in August</u> 10.00 am - 12 noon	Genealogy Research Support Experienced genealogists will be onsite to help individuals with their research using library resources.
<u>Friday, Aug 3</u> 9.30 - 10.30 am	Genealogy For Beginners - <u>Bookings essential</u> Get started on your family history research with our instruction on the processes and resources used by genealogists.
<u>Thursday, Aug 30</u> 6.00 - 9.00 pm	A Night in History - <u>Bookings essential</u> A night for experienced genealogists to have access to the library's genealogy research resources. Bring a plate of finger food for a shared dinner.
GREERTON LIBRARY	
<u>Fri Aug 3</u> <u>and Fri Aug 24</u> 10.00 - 12.00 noon	Genealogy Research Support Experienced genealogists will be onsite to help individuals with their research using library resources.



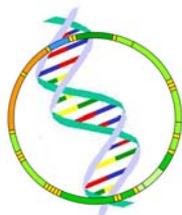
Subscriptions: Final Reminder

Please pay your Branch Subscription if you have not yet done so.

Full details were in the June and July newsletters.

Members who have not paid by 15 August 2018

will be removed from the mailing lists.



DNA Support Group Bay of Plenty

Do you need help interpreting your DNA results?

Next Meeting: Monday 6 Aug 2.15—4.15 pm

Papamoa Community Centre: \$3.00 door charge

Contact Betty Atkinson Ph: 0274 475 448 or Email:

betty.ra.atkinson@xtra.co.nz

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USEFUL WEBSITES COURTESY OF HELEN RIDDELL

<https://www.facebook.com/familyhistorydaily/videos/1857072867672455/>

3 google tricks for genealogy searching - a very small video tutorial - excellent!

<https://familyhistorydaily.com/free-genealogy-resources/free-genealogy-sites-for-australia-and-new-zealand/>

12 free research sites for Australia and New Zealand

In Memory of Branch Member Carol Anne Andersen

(died 17 July 2018)

Carol was a long-time member of the Papamoa Branch
and also a regular attendee of the Friendly Group.

A private family cremation has been held but a memorial service will be held
on a date to be advised (See Bay of Plenty Times).

NZSG 27160

REST IN PEACE CAROL

Early Motoring Offence in 1901 (Thanks to Jacqui Ward for this contribution)

Nicholas Oates appeared in the Christchurch Magistrate's Court charged with driving 'a motor car within the city at a speed greater than four miles an hour' (6.5 km/hr) on Lincoln Road, Christchurch. Oates' excessive speed had frightened the horses of George Gould, whose carriage was standing in the road near the hospital; his groom testified that he had 'had the greatest difficulty in controlling them'.

Others testified that when 'the car passed at a speed of at least ten miles per hour' (16 km/hr), only the quick reactions of the groom had averted a serious accident. Oates gave evidence that his car was fitted with two gears: the maximum speed in the higher gear was 14 mph (22 km/hr), but the lower gear, which he claimed to have been using, could muster only 6 mph (10 km/hr).

Oates claimed that the maximum speed 'he had attained between the corner of Tuam Street and Lincoln Road, and Antigua Street, was not more than seven miles an hour' (11 km/hr), but conceded that he had travelled at about 13 mph (21 km/hr) along Lincoln Road. He was fined £1 (equivalent to \$175 in 2013) plus costs.

Oates and his business partner Alexander Lowry owned Zealandia Cycle Works, the largest bicycle factory in Australasia in the late 1890s. In 1898 he had become the first person to import a car, 'a small-type, fitted with solid tyres, and driven by the Benz system', into the South Island. At the time of his conviction for speeding, there were only seven motor vehicles in Canterbury.

"The passengers are Mr P. Denton, Mr N. Oates and two of his children." Mr Oates owned Zealandia Cycle Works, which later became Oates & Lowry & Co. He imported this car into New Zealand in 1898. It was a "small-type, fitted with solid tyres, and driven by the Benz system".

The Canterbury Times, 5 June 1901, p. 24-25.

Taken from: NZ History Online



**Charles Nicholas Oates and his motor-car
(Circa 1853-1938)**

MONDAY AUGUST 13

FAMILY HISTORY: MEMBERS' GENEALOGICAL STORIES

Speakers

HELEN RIDDELL: "FRANCE PART TWO"

(Continuing on from her August 2017 presentation on the French side of her family).

LORRIMER MCALISTER: "UNKNOWN PIONEER WOMEN"

KATE MCEWAN: "MY BERTIE LINE (WHAT'S IN A NAME?)"

Lunch Break



Lunch Break

JAN SAXTON: "RAKINO ISLAND"

ROWENA SINCLAIR: "MATAKANA ISLAND"

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 20 Aug 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

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