



PAPAMOA BRANCH

APRIL 2019

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 8 APRIL 2019**
ANZAC DAY
'FREE ENGLISH RESEARCH TOOLS'
DOOR CHARGE \$3.00
- **MONDAY 13 MAY 2019**
AGM
HARRIET TAYLOR
'RESEARCHING IN AMERICA'
- **MONDAY 10 JUNE 2019**
CORAL SHEARER
'PAPERS PAST'

For Branch Meeting Apologies
email: papgen@gmail.com

HANDS ON HELP

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

This Month: Friday 26 April
from 10.00am - 12.00 noon

(Please contact Betty Atkinson if you can help)

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COMING EVENTS:

17-18 AUGUST 2019

Family History Weekend
Tauranga Library

APRIL'S TOP TIPS FROM HELEN RIDDELL

Click on the hyperlinks



<https://familyhistorydaily.com/genealogy-help-and-how-to/family-group-sheet/>

A great article about Family Group Sheets with links to printable forms....

<https://familyhistorydaily.com/genealogy-help-and-how-to/ancestry-thrulines/>

Help Discover Your Ancestors Using DNA Matches with Ancestry's Thrulines

Convenor's Comment



I am sure that those of you who attended our last monthly meeting found our guest speaker Michael Jeans, very informative. Ok he might not have given you all the answers you required but I am sure he gave you some food for thought as to how to go about looking at your photographs and finding clues as to the year the photo may have been taken — I for one did learn a lot from him.

One of the other things that I particularly took from his talk was the need to preserve our photos in more than one medium, I think too many of us have been heading down the digital archive way and although we may have kept our original photos, how are we keeping them? Shoved away in a box somewhere with no detail as to who they are or when were they taken, this does not only apply to all the old photos we have but also photos we are taking now, because remember that in another two or three generations from you, will those family members know who they are looking at?

Michael's comment about every photo that goes into genealogy documentation should have a list with it – how did you get it, who is in it, where was it taken, as much information as you can. I was also impressed with his thought on using photo books to preserve our family history, lots of us have done this but more with the story in mind not just keeping the photos alive.

I did mention a Facebook page that can help with dating etc. of old photos and here's the link:

Genealogy- Dating old photographs <https://www.facebook.com/groups/337276269784836/>

Here to is the link to Kelly O'Hara's FB page she is the other photographer that was with Michael.

<https://www.facebook.com/KellyOHaraPhotos/>

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A Word From the Editor

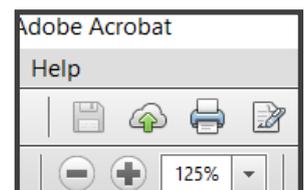


Yes it's me! A friend gave me this fetching cat-face (sleep) mask and I'm looking forward to wearing it and perhaps amusing my fellow plane passengers and trekking companions when I go to Nepal in May!

A big thank you to Gill Hosie and Elaine Downs for sharing the link to Ancestry UK so I could renew my subscription at the more affordable price of £89.99/12 mths rather than the pricey A\$449.99 Ancestry.au were going to charge. I did enquire why subscription loyalty and the purchase of numerous DNA kits does not engender a fair discount for membership renewal. I am still waiting for a reply to that one.

Why do we pay more than anyone else?

When reading the newsletter online, if the font is too small for you, did you know you can easily increase it by using the sliding scale that is at the bottom right of your computer screen or by clicking on the + button in the PDF file.



As always please feel welcome to share your tips and stories.

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Papamoa Friendly Group Overview

This group was established in September 2006 by Daphne Friis, for the specific purpose of helping people researching genealogy. The new group was open to anyone and the Papamoa Branch of the NZSG always encouraged members and their visitors to attend the group, as they could get more personal attention than they would at the Branch meetings. The group would help guide researchers starting out with their genealogy as well as trying to break down people's 'brick walls', through discussion and brainstorming. The experienced genealogists would help the new ones who benefited from having information to achieve the next step towards their goal. So much so, that quite a few would go on to join the Papamoa Branch. Some even kept attending with new queries and then became experienced enough to become helpers themselves.

This has worked very well for a number of years, however with DNA and so much more 'online' material things have now changed. What a lot of genealogy newcomers don't realise, is that to solve 'brick walls' using DNA, *you still have to do family trees* to find the common ancestors along with PROVING your information is correct and not just *assume* it is, as there are many mistakes online from other people's research or copying.

As there is a DNA Group run by a Branch member, our Friendly Group don't have the expertise in this area, so we concentrate on the Family Tree side of research to help find those elusive ancestors. Attendees can get very informative help from the group and if we can't help them, possibly someone may offer to have a one-on-one session with them if required.

In March 2018, Daphne decided to hand over the reins to Jan Saxton and Helen Riddell who have been researching for many years. Between them and others who attend, they are inviting you to come along to see if the group can help knock down your 'BRICK WALL'. Why not give it a try?

PAPAMOA GENEALOGY FRIENDLY GROUP

Every third Monday of the month

Next meeting: 15 April 2019

Mako Room 1.30 pm – 3.30 pm

Papamoa Community Centre

We cater for all people — beginners through to the experienced who are interested in genealogy.

Bring along your 'Brick Walls' so we can help to **SOLVE** them

— or tell us **HOW** you solved yours.



Phone: Helen 027 222 1787 or Jan 07 544 4182

Preserving Documents Digitally Versus on Paper Alone

I frequently hear a genealogist say something like this: “Digital storage methods are dangerous and won’t last long. I am going to save everything on paper so it will last forever.”

I strongly disagree; this is one of the fallacies that seem to float around forever. Professional archivists and data centre managers all know better than that.

I certainly do not object to saving information on paper as long as that is **only one of the formats used** and is in addition to digital copies. However, I would never trust paper as the **only** means of storing information for many years. Paper is one of the most delicate storage methods available.

Most of today’s paper has a life expectancy of about 25 to maybe 75 years. If you use acid-free paper, the life expectancy is 100 years and possibly more. However, acid-free paper is rare and while it is available in a number of places, very few people purchase it.



The bigger issue is the ink that is used. Nobody uses real ink these days. Most documents are printed on ink-jet (which isn’t ink) printers or with laser toner. The liquid ink-jet printing will start to fade within just a few years and, depending upon storage conditions, will probably disappear entirely within 25 to 50 years. Red text made with an ink-jet printer fades faster. The good news is that black text lasts longer, in some cases maybe even 25 to 50 years, if printed on good quality paper and stored in ideal conditions.

Laser-printed documents last 25 to 50 years, depending upon storage conditions. Unlike ink, the laser toner is not absorbed by the paper. Instead, the toner is simply heated and “fused” to the outside of the paper. It then slowly fades and flakes off. After 50 years or so, you may have a blank sheet of paper but also might notice some black dust in the bottom of the container where the document was stored.

Of course, the biggest threat to paper is external causes: mould, mildew, insect damage, burst water pipes, condensation, fire, earthquake, hurricanes, tornadoes, theft, or simple neglect. Those things destroy far more paper than simple old age.



In contrast, if maintained properly digital documents can last forever and be used forever, long after paper has disappeared. The keywords in that sentence are **“If maintained properly.”** Digitised documents cannot be expected to last for centuries if they are simply stored on a disk or flash drive, placed on a shelf, and left there. The information has to be occasionally “refreshed:” that is, periodically it is read and copied to new media, sometimes translated to new formats.

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The U.S. Social Security Administration and most other government agencies have been doing this for more than 50-years. Digital information recorded more than 50 years ago is still available today because someone took the time every few years to copy it to modern media. One obvious example is the Social Security Death Index. Digital records created in 1963 are still available to us today and undoubtedly will also be available to our great-great-great-grandchildren.

The U.S. Military, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, many other civilian agencies, aircraft manufacturers, automobile manufacturers, drug companies, insurance companies, and thousands of other corporations have all done the same. Most of them still have and use digital information daily that was recorded decades ago. Every competent data centre manager knows how to maintain digital information for his or her employer, keeping it available for decades (so far) and probably for centuries.

Taken from Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter ([Thank you Daphne Friis for sharing this](#))

Library Request

We are still missing the four MAPS mentioned in the February newsletter. **Possibly someone has accidentally picked them up during our Research day last October**, so please have a really good look amongst your genealogy papers at home as these maps are used a lot and are expensive to replace.



These are the maps MISSING from our British collection:

No. 75 – Berwick upon Tweed

No. 133 - NE Norwich

No. 154 – Cambridge and Newmarket

No. 167 – Chelmsford and Harlow



Please ensure you always use the red book when borrowing maps or books from our library – it's our only record!

Remember that we are there to help you with any library questions, so please ask.

Your Librarians: [Shirley Youens \(NZSG 26019\)](#) and [Jacqui Ward \(NZSG 16704\)](#)

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Please notify Shona MacRury of any bereaved or unwell members

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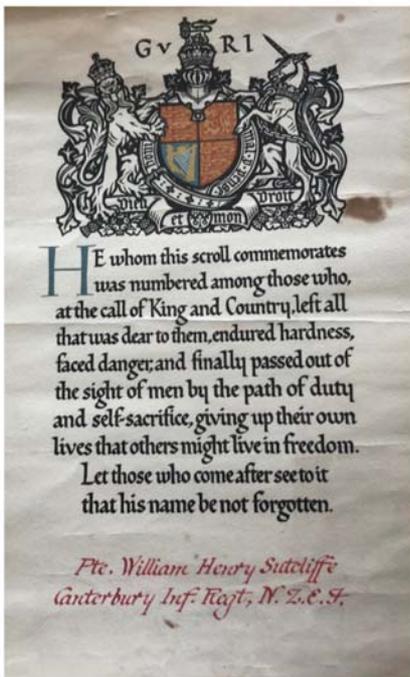
A Known Soldier ~ Private William Henry Sutcliffe: 11743

Mercifully but sadly, the war for Private William Henry Sutcliffe was a short one. A single man of 27, William sailed for Egypt aboard the *Ulimaroa* on 1 May, 1916, as a member of the Canterbury Infantry 12th Reinforcements, 6th NZRB. No doubt like his compatriots he was filled with a mixture of excitement and adventure — perhaps tempered by a little uncertainty and even fear of what lay ahead after the voyage to the other side of the world.



Prior to enlisting, he was a 'Commercial Traveller' for Sargood, Son & Ewen of Christchurch, (an Australian company with outlets in New Zealand from the latter 1800s), which sold drapery, clothing, footwear, tobacco, pharmaceuticals, cutlery and sporting goods. Their Christchurch warehouse serviced all of Canterbury as well as the Chatham islands and the West Coast. I do not have a lot of information on William as he didn't marry and left no children, so I cannot say what territory he personally covered in his sales role. Interestingly, his nephew Eric William Pearce (my paternal grandfather), also spent much of his career travelling in sales, as did I.

From William's military record on Archway, I learned that he arrived in Etaples (France) on 21 August 1916 and joined the Second Battalion 'in the field' on 1 September. Two weeks later on 16 September he was wounded. He was admitted to the No. 23 General Hospital in Etaples the following day with a compound fracture of the left femur. The leg was amputated but he died of his wounds 25 September at 12.15 am and is buried in Etaples.



William probably left behind no fiancée or girlfriend in New Zealand when he went to war, as his next of kin was listed as his half-sister Elsie Sutcliffe, (my grandfather Eric's mother), who in 1916 was 'Mrs Harold Pearce'. William's mother Elizabeth Tuersley had died in 1909, aged about 50 and from the Electoral rolls it appears that after her death, William resided with his sister and brother-in-law at 342 Cashel Street, Christchurch. His mother had a brother called William Henry Tuersley but it's most likely that Private William Henry Sutcliffe was named after his father (also named William Henry Sutcliffe, born in Christchurch in 1854), who died at the age of 54 in 1907. This William's first wife Louisa Jane Lyddon, had died in 1880 aged just 22 and their first born child Charles, had died three years earlier at the age of one. (Apart from Elsie who lived to 72, they were not a family

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blessed by longevity.)

To further complicate things, when I began researching my paternal line, I found my third great-grandfather, Richard Sutcliffe (who arrived at Port Chalmers on the *Ajax* in January 1849), was listed on the passenger manifest alongside a Henry Sutcliffe. I can prove (including through BDM records I have purchased), that this particular Henry Sutcliffe was definitely not Richard's son or brother but coincidentally, he also went on to have a son he named William Henry Sutcliffe, who was born in Dunedin in 1856. I can find nothing at all to connect him to my family of Sutcliffes and it's quite possible they were just two of the many Yorkshire Sutcliffes who chose to emigrate to New Zealand and happened to be on the same ship.

Private W. H. Sutcliffe, of the Canterbury Infantry, Twelfth Reinforcements, who died of wounds in France on September 25, was, prior to enlisting, town traveller for Messrs Sargood, Son and Ewen, and was very popular and was highly thought of by the firm and by his fellow-employees. He was a prominent member of the Christchurch Hockey Club, and a well-known member of the Commercial Travellers' Association. He was unmarried, and about twenty-nine years of age.

Taken from Papers Past: SOMME BATTLE.LYTTELTON TIMES, VOLUME CXVII, ISSUE 17289, 3 OCTOBER 1916

Fiona McAllister (March 2019)



DNA Support Group Bay of Plenty

Do you need help interpreting your DNA results?

Next Meeting: Monday 1 April 2.00 – 4.15 PM

Mako Room, Papamoa Community Centre: \$3.00 door charge

Contact Betty Atkinson Ph: 0274 475 448 or email: betty.ra.atkinson@xtra.co.nz

Individual DNA Help: Friday 26 April 2019

In conjunction with Hands on Help at the Papamoa Library
(on the last Friday of the month), Betty has two slots available:

- 10.00 am
- 11.00 am

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL (APRIL SLOTS ALREADY BOOKED)

Contact Betty Atkinson Ph: 0274 475 448 or email: betty.ra.atkinson@xtra.co.nz



BRANCH MEETING: MONDAY 8 APRIL, 2019

ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATION



**PLUS: Free English Research Tools:
Rowena Sinclair**

WE ARE THE CHOSEN IN EACH FAMILY

**THERE IS ONE WHO SEEMS CALLED TO FIND THE ANCESTORS,
TO PUT FLESH ON THEIR BONES AND MAKE SEEM ALIVE AGAIN**

TO TELL THE FAMILY STORY AND TO FEEL THAT SOMEHOW THEY KNOW AND APPROVE.

**DOING GENEALOGY IS NOT A COLD GATHERING OF FACTS,
BUT INSTEAD BREATHING LIFE INTO ALL WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE.**

WE ARE THE STORYTELLERS OF THE TRIBE.

(Author unknown, shared from Facebook by Jan Saxton)