



PAPAMOA BRANCH

AUGUST 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 12 AUGUST 2019**
ELINOR RAWLINGS
DOOR CHARGE \$3.00
- **MONDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2019**
CHRIS & RAY WARRENDER
'FAMILY SEARCH'
- **MONDAY 14 OCTOBER 2019**
MORAG HUGHSON
'SCOTTISH TOPIC'

For Branch Meeting Apologies
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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 30 August
from 10.00 am- 12.00 noon

(Please contact Betty Atkinson if you can help)
betty.ra.atkinson@xtra.co.nz



Family History Month August 2019

Family Research Centre, Panmure

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
			1 Getting Started... make sure you get it right	2 European Research	3 General Research	4 Closed
5 Scottish Research	6 Closed	7 New Zealand Research	8 Getting Started with DNA Which test to take	9 Family History Expo	10 Family History Expo	11 Family History Expo
12 New Zealand Research	13 Closed	14 English Research	15 Wills and Probates	16 Scottish Research	17 Maori Research	18 Closed
19 New Zealand Land Records using Auckmap	20 Closed	21 Irish Research	22 How to read your DNA Results	23 USA & Canada Research	24 English Research	25 Closed
26 England Ireland IOM and Channel Islands Research	27 Closed	28 Australian Research	29 Using Shipping Records to find your ancestor	30 Late Late Research 4pm-midnight	31 How to Research your Surname one name study	

WE RELATE: TE AUKAHA FAMILY HISTORY WEEKEND
SATURDAY 17 AND SUNDAY 18 AUGUST 2019
9.30 AM—4.00 PM
REGISTER NOW
[https://we-relate-te-aukaha-family-history-weekend-
school.eventbrite.co.nz/](https://we-relate-te-aukaha-family-history-weekend-school.eventbrite.co.nz/)

Convenor's Comment

Our meeting in July ,which was facilitated by our lovely Secretary Elinor Rawlings, was for sure a bit different and a big success. Lots of fun had by all and I am sure that those of you who were in attendance found that there were quite a few old words and old occupations that made you put your thinking caps on for the answers.

You will all have received the list of questions and answers via email from Elinor as I know she has since sent them all out.

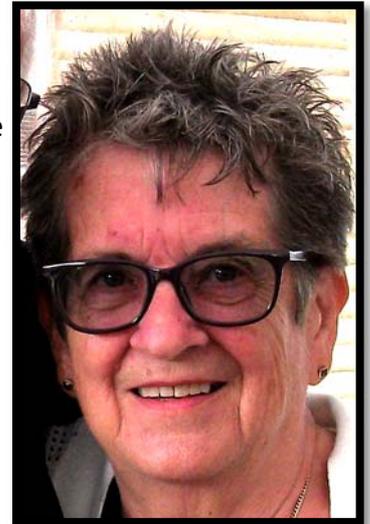
On Saturday 13th July we hosted the Regional Meeting for the Waikato-Bay of Plenty region, which was well attended and we had the pleasure of meeting our newest board member Christine Young from Matamata.

Our own Treasurer Rowena Sinclair gave us a very informative talk on her connection (via her husband's family) to Matakana Island and also about the ownership regarding who and when ownership was with Maori or immigrants.

At our committee meeting on Thursday 18th July we were discussing our program for the 2020 year (we have our program laid out until December 2019). It has been suggested that we only have a speaker in the morning and we use the time after the lunch break for research. This could be relevant to whatever the topic of the speaker is, your own personal research, general research or asking for assistance from others with something that you may be having difficulty with.

I would ask you all to give this some thought before our next branch meeting and we could have a bit of discussion on how you, the members of our branch, feel about this idea.

Now a wee bit of fun.



Two little boys were at a wedding when one of them leaned over to other and asked, "How many wives can a man have?" His friend answered, "Sixteen... four better, four worse, four richer, and four poorer."

ALMONER

Please notify Shona MacRury of any bereaved or unwell members

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A Word From The Editor



Thank you for the positive feedback on last month's newsletter. I'm not sure why but I had more compliments on that edition than any other. My call for more contributions has resulted in a few of you submitting pieces so thank you very much. Please don't be offended if I edit your piece, especially if it's longer. If I get too many stories I will also hold some over for the next edition depending on the type of article and when I received it.

There hasn't been much time for genealogy this month for me, being busy with other writing commitments and my proofreading business, but hopefully in a month or so ...

I love any kind of quiz and I really enjoyed the day Elinor organised for us last month. It was also great to sit with, chat to and get to know people I haven't had many conversations with previously. I also learned a lot!

Please keep sending me stories—especially if you have managed to break down a brick wall like Sheryl Baron on page 8.

With August being family history month there is a lot going on. Be sure to check out the NZSG site. There's also a link on the back page to an interesting website called **MAD on New Zealand**. Have a look!

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Hand Coloured Photos May Not Always Be What They Seem...

Taken from a long newspaper article in the Manawatu Standard about the wedding of my Aunt. The description of the bridesmaids dresses is nothing like the hand coloured photo. I quote:

"In attendance were Miss Ella Anderson (chief bridesmaid) and Mrs Frank Whitehead (matron of honour), who were dressed alike in frocks of pink chiffon with sun-ray pleated skirts and puffed sleeves."

So definitely not the bright green painted!

After Coral Shearer's talk on Papers Past I was looking for other wedding articles of my family and came across this and realised that the photo I had was nothing like the colour of the bridesmaid's dresses. I was always doubtful about the colour and have the same photo in black and white that I will use.

Gloria Davies

NZSG 19814



Reflections: Blue Hone

I was born in 1949 in Invercargill at St. Helens Hospital (it is now the Ministry of Works—probably with yet another name change.) I loved my years at primary school but loathed Southland Girls High School; no Intermediate back then. There was a choice of Technical College or SGHS, however I had no choice in the matter. After three years there, I flunked School Certificate and left at the age of 15. I just couldn't wait to start work.

Prior to starting full-time work, when I was 14, I got an 'after school job' in the warehouse at 'Self Help'. Well - I loved it! Packing up "Self Help" Orange Label tea, flour, sultanas, currants, raisins, mixed sweets, Christmas mixture (with glacé cherries, lemon peel etc); hard work, sticky work—dates were the most difficult— you never knew what was going to crawl out of them. (*The edible dates I mean!*)

At 15, having left school, I was allowed to work in one of the six shops in Invercargill, stacking shelves or whatever was required. Late night shopping was on a Friday night till 9 pm, but every shop in town was closed on a Saturday and Sunday. Heaven.

I played hockey, swam, taught swimming and joined the Oreti Beach Surf Club. In addition I learned badminton and tennis. I biked to work and also for my sports on Saturdays. Sunday—ah, Bible Class — whether you wanted to go or not! This was a follow on from Sunday School.

After two years at Self Help 'working my way up the ladder' I was 17 years old and made *Manager of the King Street store. Wow! I had started on £3 a week and was now on £15 per week, serious money! I was saving to travel overseas. *Manager I say ... I had two staff working for me and we all became excellent friends.

I was in charge of the weekly order of goods and also saw the 'daily reps.' Biscuits - Griffins, Aulsebrooks, Bycroft and Hudsons. The bacon rep, the cheese rep with the 40 lb. cheese on a board with the cutting wire. Bread was Millers and Langes and ice cream was Tip Top. Does anyone else remember ice -blocks coming in? The Twin Pole - two long ice-blocks in the one packet and TT2's. 'Large' ice cream was just sold in blocks.



No telephones in any of the shops, our shop shared an outside toilet with the nearby butcher, barber and cake shops.

On Monday and Friday during my lunch break, I had to bike to the bank to 'bank the takings'; £15 on a Monday and so it increased each day. Friday evening our Area Manager, Mr Michel came to collect the takings —£100 most Fridays. Decimal currency was introduced on the 10th July, 1967 and I had to attend a training course in the evening, once a week for six months prior. Yes I loved it all.

I must share with you, that the worst job of all was digging your hand into the Mutton bird can, to pull out a bird and then weigh it. We sold a lot of these.

It's strange for me to recall that my older brother went to Carrington Hall Teachers' Training College in Dunedin to become a school teacher, and my older sister took Pitmans Shorthand Typing at High School and went from school to NZ Insurance straight away. I realised I didn't match up to them but

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Dad was also a Manager—of the Dairy Factory in Invercargill (albeit he had a lot more staff working for him than I did!) I recall my dear mum saying, 'Oh Blue is working for Self Help just as a 'fill-in' job, but when I became Manager of my little shop it became, 'Oh Blue is the Manager of the Grocery Store.' Funny how 'titles' change a mum.

I saved my return fare to England and left the Self Help at the end of 1969, departing at 7 am on the steam train to Christchurch—a 12 hour journey— then the crossing from Lyttelton to Wellington on the overnight ferry, and I was on my way to Auckland ...

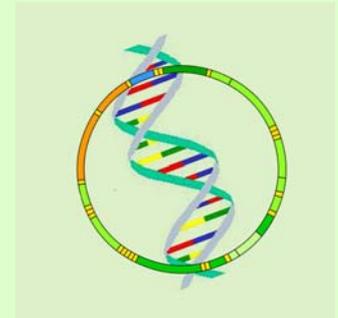
DNA Support Group Bay of Plenty

Do you need help interpreting your DNA results?

Next Meeting: Monday 5 Aug 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 30 Aug 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 or 11.00 am**

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

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

PAPAMOA GENEALOGY FRIENDLY GROUP

The third Monday of the month: **Next meeting: 19 Aug 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

Board Report from NZSG Director: Christine Young

I have 40 years of experience in the primary industries, where I also hold a directorship in a private company and 25 years in a financial asset business. I joined the Matamata Branch in 2006 and became a member of the NZSG in 2007. I have held all the branch officer positions on committee over the years and most recently was the secretary.



My interest in genealogy started when researching and hoping to find my mother's birth family as she was adopted, and to my surprise the results have been nothing short of exciting! I get great satisfaction from helping and seeing the delight from other people when I help them discover an unknown family connection.

The last Board meeting was held on the 28-29 June with the NZSG AGM held on Sunday 30th.

I attended as an observer as my appointment as a director was not until after the AGM.

Membership 48 new members and 16 re-joining (Total: 64). Membership number as at the end of March is 4928. Membership numbers have reached as high as 8000, but have been declining over the past ten years. This is in line with other Family History Societies.

Auckland Family History Expo 9-11 August at the Fickling Centre, Mount Roskill Anyone visiting the NZSG stand will be given an NZSG voucher enabling them to free admission for one session at the FRC, valid until 20 September. We are hoping to attract new members to the Society.

Family History Month The FRC volunteers have also organised a very interesting programme throughout August in the Library, so if you are visiting Auckland there could be something of interest for you to attend. Please look on the NZSG website under Family History Month and the NZSG Facebook page for details on the workshops. https://www.genealogy.org.nz/Family-History-Month_1605.aspx

Kiwi Collection V3 Tony Mort, Director responsible for Technology, Paul Alpe and developers met recently. At present 10.25 million records have been loaded to the database with the expected total closer to 10.5 million.

Finance A budget for this year's income and expenditure, a very conservative one, showed there would be a projected deficit of \$63,750.

Genealogist Magazine The NZSG has had to bring the publishing of this magazine back to New Zealand for the April and June issues. There have been problems with paying the Chinese publisher for the February magazine. Options are being looked at to pay this account and we are also looking at different options to fund the New Zealand print run.

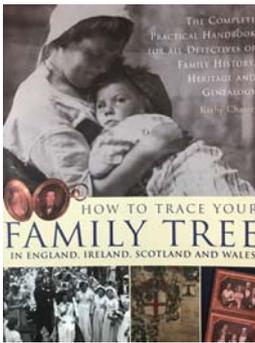
AGM good to see members from our region who made the effort to attend. 75 minutes later the formalities were finished, and Sarah Hewitt from Wellington gave a presentation on two further videos she is working on for the 'Getting It Right' series.

My director responsibility is marketing, so if any of you have experience in this field, I would be interested to find out more. I also represent the Waikato/Bay of Plenty region.

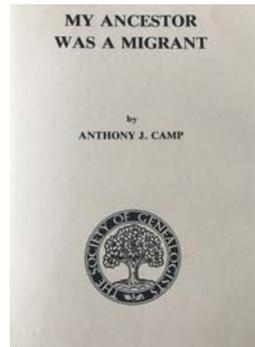
The next Board meeting is to be held 13-14 September. If there are any issues you wish to raise, please let me know.

Contact email: cy.director@genealogy.org.nz

New Library Additions: THE FOLLOWING BOOKS AND CD HAVE KINDLY BEEN DONATED TO THE LIBRARY

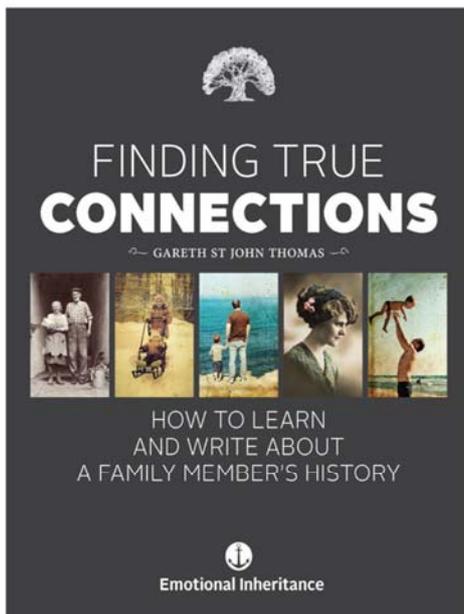


How to Trace Your Family Tree in England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales
Kathy Chater



My Ancestor was a Migrant
Anthony J. Camp

Finding True Connections
We will likely purchase a copy of this for our branch library but include the advance information sheet below in case any of you wish to purchase it for your own use.



ADVANCE INFORMATION SHEET

Finding True Connections

How to Learn and Write About a Family Member's History

GARETH ST JOHN THOMAS

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Gareth St John Thomas is the founder of Exisle Publishing, an independent publishing house that, for over 25 years, has published books on history, better living, psychology, family, ageing and health. Emotional Inheritance is a division of Exisle Publishing.

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Since 1986, when I started researching my family roots, I have been interested in finding my forebears and discovering the story of one Ellen McQuillan, my husband's great grandmother.

The birth entries of some of Ellen's eleven children, indicate that her "native" place was Hogganfield, in Scotland. All of her offspring, however, were born in the southern half of the South Island of New Zealand, where Ellen had arrived in New Zealand on 24 December, 1862, aboard the immigrant ship "Echunga". The ship's passenger manifest lists her as a dairy maid, aged 20. Many immigrants on this ship were originally destined to disembark at Timaru but refused because the immigrant accommodation was not ready for them. Ellen was one who disembarked despite the building not having been completed .

We assume that Ellen was subsequently employed by Henry William Baron, who had large tracts of Crown Land grants in the area and was, according to contemporary newspapers, active in various farming pursuits at this time. Subsequent research from the 1861 Glasgow census reveals, that a Helen McIquham was employed in the inner city of Glasgow as a dairy worker. At this time in the UK, milking cows were moved from farmland into city "dairies" when they had just calved. They stayed in town to provide milk for the city dwellers until they went dry and were replaced by other lactating cows when the need arose. Cows that went dry, were often slaughtered and sold as beef to these same city dwellers. If 'our Ellen' did work milking cows for Donald Black, as the census reveals, she would have been well equipped to work on Henry Baron's Timaru farm, as a milker, for he certainly had not been raised with such skills; his father being a Church of England vicar.

What we do know, from the records, is that she did not marry Henry William Baron (who had arrived in New Zealand in December 1859), until they already had two little children and a third on the way! They finally married in a Registry Office in Dunedin, New Zealand, on 21 April, 1868. This was remarkably unusual for this timeframe in colonial New Zealand and certainly worthy of further research.

So, now that we had "found" Ellen in New Zealand and had her married and producing children in and around Otago and Southland, try as I might over many years, I could not find the birth of anyone with a name like Ellen McQuillan in Hogganfield, Lanarkshire. The trouble was, that I was making assumptions that one should never make, when researching one's ancestors! I was assuming that the son of a Church of England vicar would marry a Protestant and that someone born in Hogganfield, Lanarkshire, Scotland would be Scottish. Assumptions are often misleading and always fraught with the possibility that one will never make headway! As soon as I realised this and was able to 'research outside the square', I was able to make headway into putting the bones onto Ellen's early bones!

What I found was a Roman Catholic baptism entry for a Helen McQuillan born to Charles McQuillan and Helen Doran. This child was recorded as having been born on October 23 and baptised on October 31, 1841, at St Andrew's Catholic Church in Glasgow. It is of more than passing interest that at the time of

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her husband's death in 1915, Ellen's eldest son records in papers relating to his father's Will that his mother had "turned 70 on 31 October". This is the date in 1841 that is recorded as Helen McQuillan's baptism date. To have been 70 in 1915 Ellen should have been born in 1844 not 1841 -- she was recorded as being 20 in 1862 when she arrived aboard the "Echunga" so we have possible birth years of 1841, 1842 and 1844. Perhaps Ellen was older than the stated age 70, in January 1915, recorded by her lawyer son.

Once the dismantling of assumption was complete, the brick wall that had been Ellen McQuillan's pre-New Zealand life, literally came tumbling down. Using the excellent Scotland's People website it was only a matter of time before the baptism entries of no fewer than eleven siblings born in Scotland, including the 1855 birth of a sister to Helen McQuillan (Margaret), were revealed. This entry revealed links back to County Down, Ireland. The birth entry for Michael another sibling, gave a possible date of marriage for Charles McQuillan and Ellen Doran in County Down. Combined with the census data we can pare down to reveal a possible date for the family's arrival in Scotland, of about 1840.

I have traced other members of the McQuillan family of Garnkirk, Cadder to Youngstown, Ohio where some of the siblings and their mother, Helen Doran McQuillan, emigrated after the death of Charles. Maybe the fact that Henry William and Ellen "travelled to America" and he had his portrait taken "somewhere like Chicago or Cleveland" according to family stories, might mean they were visiting Ellen's family in Youngstown about 1903?

The link between our New Zealand Ellen McQuillan and the Youngstown McQuillans is now confirmed by the results of DNA testing, so we can be sure that the years of work, and tenuous links, are corroborated by the familial ties of matching DNA. In fact, the DNA data has proven even more useful, by locating another sibling for Ellen and the Youngstown family!

Mary Ann, was another daughter of Charles and Ellen Doran. She married Christopher Tierney in Scotland and emigrated to the North Island, ending up in Thames when gold mining was at its peak in New Zealand. There is

still much to do but the wonderful aspect of this discovery was the fact that this branch of the family had a photograph of Helen Doran McQuillan, (see right). Mary Ann's birth, and that of her brother James, are confirmed as having been in Aghaderg, County Down. Our Ellen is the first confirmed Scottish-born child for Charles and Helen Doran McQuillan.



Recently, my husband Rob and I travelled to Ohio on other trail of rediscovery where we were lucky enough to be able to connect with a "cousin" in Youngstown. Together we visited the final resting place of Ellen's mother and one of her brothers, and learnt so much of the stories of the Youngstown branch of the family. It is simply amazing that after 33 years of searching, Ellen and her family have been found. They were there all along, living out their lives in the steel belt of America; it just took some searching outside of the expected, and away from the assumptions, to connect 'our Ellen' with the rest of her family. The records were there all along, just waiting for us to know where to look!

How a Family Reacquainted: Elinor Rawlings

Between January 1907 and September 1918 in London, six children were born into a very happy home. By January 1919, both Mum and Dad were dead, as was the youngest addition to the family from the 1918 -1919 influenza epidemic.

Unfortunately, there was no-one in the wider family with the resources to give the five children (Two boys and three girls) a home. The girls were all sent to an orphanage at Broadstairs in Kent. The youngest of the two boys went to an orphanage for the orphans of naval families in Swanley, also in Kent. The oldest boy Percy (who was to become my father-in-law), was sent to an army orphanage in Surrey. The only way the family kept in contact was through infrequent letters. What we know of their lives in the orphanages is not for this story.

Percy went to work in London, where he learned about being eligible to come to New Zealand as an orphan from military personnel. He came to Flock House in 1927 on the third draft, at the age of 17. Here he learned all aspects of farm husbandry, carpentry, gardening, and many other skills needed to work in NZ. From Flock House, he went to Moko-iwi Station, Pakihiroa Station, and The Rip Station, all inland and around Ruatoria on the East Coast. I doubt if any of these stations still survive now as most of the East Coast is now in Forestry.

Within the next few years, Percy's brother, and sister, also came to NZ through the Flock House Scheme. Their oldest sister chose to stay in London. The third sister was tragically killed in a road accident days before she was due to sail for NZ.

One nice warm day in Gisborne when Percy had come to town, he was walking along the main street and another man was coming towards him. They both had pale blonde hair and clear blue eyes. They were of the same height and build. Once they had passed each other, both, at the exact same time stopped and turned around and looked at each other. Percy introduced himself and where he was from. The young man replied with, "I'm George". Lots of handshaking and as one would expect, into the pub as they shared what they had done and where they had been for the previous 20 to 25 years.

Hilda, who had more contact with George than with Percy, found out while she was housekeeper at a Station not far from Percy, contacted him and they agreed to meet. The mode of transport was horseback. The river was in flood. It was raining. On their horses, in the middle of the river, they met, shook hands and smiled at each other. Hilda told her children the story and said I wanted a hug not a handshake and a smile showing off his lovely white teeth. A shy man who had no reason to converse with women on the stations except for the cook or the lady of the house. Once he married and had a family, he learned how to be social!

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY 13 AUGUST 2019

UNFORTUNATELY DUE TO AN INJURY OUR AUGUST SPEAKER

(NZSG PROJECTS COORDINATOR: Carole Devereux)

HAS BEEN FORCED TO CANCEL

HOWEVER ...

Your trusty branch secretary, **Elinor Rawlings** has again stepped into the breach and will be our speaker instead



(This will be something different from last month)

Useful Links

10 Best (mostly free) sites to help with Scottish Genealogy

<https://familyhistorydaily.com/free-genealogy-resources/scottish-genealogy/>

MAD New Zealand: Nostalgia ...

<https://madonnewzealand.com/collectables>

MEMBER SUGGESTION

Karen Gabolinscy suggests: Perhaps members could post their brick walls, in case someone else can help them.

BRANCH SUBSCRIPTIONS REMINDER

SUBS WERE DUE IN JUNE

A NUMBER ARE STILL OUTSTANDING

**PLEASE MAKE LIFE EASIER FOR OUR BUSY TREASURER ROWENA
AND PAY YOURS TODAY**