



PAPAMOA BRANCH

MARCH 2020

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 MARCH

- A TIMELINE 1939-1962
- BYO DEVICES - NO DOOR CHARGE**

REMINDER: NO APRIL MEETING (EASTER)

MONDAY 11 MAY

- AGM
- SPEAKER TBC**

For Branch Meeting Apologies
email: papgen@gmail.com

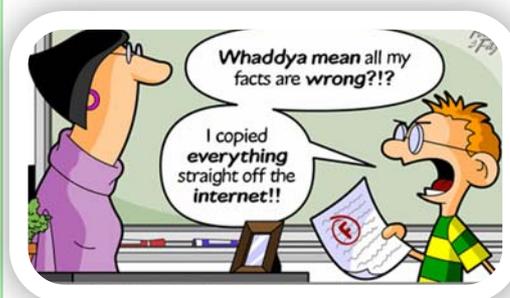
HANDS ON HELP

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

Next session: Friday 27 March 2020

from 10.00 am - 12.00 noon

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ALMONER

Please notify Shona MacRury of any bereaved or unwell members

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Next Regional Meeting:

14 March - 10.00 am—2.00 pm

Whakatane District Museum & Research Centre

It is with pleasure that the Whakatane NZSG Branch will be hosting the WBOP Regional meeting on at the new Whakatane District Museum and Research Centre.

Mark Sykes (Manager Collections & Research) will be on site and after the meeting will be conducting a tour of the collections and research facility for those interested.

A cup of tea/coffee etc will be available from 10.00 am

Convenor's Comment

If you were not present at our meeting in February, you missed a very good and very informative talk by Rowena Sinclair. "Genealogy Technology" was indeed a good topic for the beginning of another year and I wish to thank Rowena once again for doing this. A copy Rowena's presentation was sent to every branch member on the 13th February so please take advantage of this as we all have something new to learn.



At our February meeting I mentioned the fact that cheques are being phased out by the banks, this article is from **SuperSeniors eNewsletter - February 2020** and while I know that many of you will have already read this, I felt it was worth repeating.

Kate McEwan

NZSG 26490

Moving Away From Cheques <http://www.superseniors.ms.govt.nz/news-events/superseniors-newsletter/index.html>

For many years the use of cheques has been quickly declining. In New Zealand the use of cheques more than halved in the five years between 2013 and 2018.

Several large organisations like Kiwibank, New Zealand Post, Inland Revenue and ACC have announced they will no longer be accepting cheques from the following dates:

- **Kiwibank from 28 February 2020**
- **New Zealand Post from 29 February 2020**
- **Inland Revenue from 1 March 2020**
- **ACC from 1 March 2020**



Even though the use of cheques is declining, New Zealanders still wrote 18.7 million cheques in 2018 and they are still used for many different reasons, especially large payments.

We know that the decision to move away from cheques is likely to affect seniors most. Many older people are not tech savvy, cannot afford devices or access the internet. Some seniors also intentionally avoid using the internet out of fear of scams. We understand cheques can feel like the safest option. Kiwibank have taken a few steps to try and make this transition easier. They have introduced face-to-face support through 'Tech Teas' at their branches and free digital banking workshops at about 120 selected community centres and libraries across the country.

A Digital Education Hub has also been set up to provide how-to videos and step-by-step guides to help people with the basics of internet banking and keeping safe online. **You can find out more about this help through the Kiwibank website at www.kiwibank.co.nz**

A Word From The Editor

Greetings to you all. As promised this newsletter will not be late as my deadline was Feb 27th when I begin a ten day stint as a tour guide. My American friend Carden who I met on a plane several years ago (and with whom I spent an enjoyable five days in London in 2018), is finally coming to NZ and I am his host.



Carden is now 84 but still spry and he recently had a knee operation in preparation for us to perhaps do some short hikes — which given he was snowshoeing last month should be a doddle!

Speaking of preparation, since many of us —*myself included*— are masters of procrastination, we would like you to start thinking now about something we have planned for August. To tie in with **Family**



9 Windsor Place, Mairangi Bay, Auckland

History Month we are planning for branch members to share their stories of “The street where I lived” at the branch meeting. We envisage a short presentation of 10-15 minutes for each person who would like to share their memories of their particular street.

The beauty of a group like ours is that we will have many different memories to share! Here’s a picture from about 1962 that I took off a slide of my family’s house in Mairangi Bay. The street and its houses were all new with no sign of the hedges, gardens and fruit trees that would soon be planted. It also looks bereft of the many children who lived there when I grew up!

Coincidentally, last week I went to an excellent musical in Rotorua called “8 Scott Avenue”, based on a real street and its residents, in Owhata, Rotorua. It featured a Maori family and their often amusing interactions with their neighbours and local entities such as the bookie, the pub, the door-knocking Mormons and a taxi driver. Popular songs of the sixties, seventies and eighties were cleverly woven into the story, and it was a really enjoyable walk down memory lane, which I think anyone who lived in New Zealand in suburbia at that time, could relate to.

So please start thinking of the street that you grew up in and how you could share that—either briefly at the August meeting or as a story for this newsletter.

We also seriously need you to consider standing for committee or picking up a non-committee role at the May AGM. As pointed out last month, all of the committee have served two to five years already.

Two members are not standing again in May. The rest of the committee cannot do it indefinitely.

It’s only fair to share...

I also need your stories and contributions ... so don’t be shy!

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Finally, a great picture from our photographer Ted Reilly of the late Relna Moore and her daughter Robyn at one of our branch meetings. (Unfortunately I wasn't able to include this last month with Robyn's lovely tribute to her mum.)



This impressive piece of verbosity (one of hundreds of his classified adverts), comes from my second great grandfather, Thomas Bryne Rodgers Gusscott also known as Thomas Bryne Rodgers, Professor Gus(s)cott and Professor Scott. I shall share more one day ..! https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/newspapers/OW18780202.2.8.1?end_date=31-12-

BUSINESS NOTICES.

RESUSCITATION OF THE LONG-
MOULDERING DISEASE AND
DEATH DESTROYER.

Those who are troubled with Asthma, consult PROFESSOR GUSSCOTT.

Those that are troubled with Dropsy, consult PROFESSOR GUSSCOTT.

Those troubled with Indigestion, consult the PROFESSOR.

Those troubled with Gout or Liver Complaints, consult PROFESSOR GUSSCOTT.

Those troubled with Gravel, consult PROFESSOR GUSSCOTT.

Those troubled with Piles or Bleeding Piles, consult PROFESSOR GUSSCOTT.

Those troubled with Neuralgia, consult the PROFESSOR.

Those troubled with Toothache, consult the PROFESSOR.

Those troubled with Sciatica, consult PROFESSOR GUSSCOTT.

Those troubled with Lumbago or Rheumatism, consult the PROFESSOR.

Swollen Joints, Contracted Cords or Muscles, Lame or Weak Back, consult the PROFESSOR.

Chronic cases, Asthma, and such-like, pronounced incurable by so-called medical men those are the cases the PROFESSOR wishes to treat on, and No Cure No Pay.

Ladies troubled with Bad Legs, Bad Breasts, and all other Complaints, consult the PROFESSOR.

As his treatment is solely American Herbs, which can be inspected on the Premises. Sold Wholesale and Retail.

Those troubled with Corns, Warts, or Bunions, the PROFESSOR has had long and practical experience to extract those things without pain or inconvenience.

Those troubled with Deafness, consult the PROFESSOR.

Those troubled with Weak or Sore Eyes, as the PROFESSOR has the remedy at hand.

That great Supreme Being, the Architect of the Universe, has sent us an Herb, and Bark, and Flowers, and Gums, to cure all the ills that flesh is heir to, which are trampled on hourly and minutely by those who are not acquainted with their Medicinal Properties.

THE PROFESSOR keeps on hand the largest stock of any one man in the Colonies. Inspect them and judge for yourself, and be convinced.

Tape-worms and Tread-worms extracted by the PROFESSOR.

IMPORTANT DISCOVERY.

GREAT VICTORY!

Professor Gusscott, herbalist, chiropodist, and curer of diseases in general, begs to inform the residents of Dunedin that he possesses the secret of a great discovery which has enabled him to obtain signal victories over the greatest enemies of man. Philosophers are agreed that nature is pregnant with secrets, which if known would cure life of all its ills. Disease is a prolific parent of ills—a "monster" which has more than matched the learning and skill of centuries. Doctors have claimed the exclusive right to deal with diseases, and they

have so conspicuously failed as to become proverbial. Napoleon Bonaparte summed up the results of their skill as inimical to mankind, and, as a rule, carefully avoided both doctors and drugs. The imperious Corsican, however, could only speak from the past and from what he observed. He had no idea that, in the fulness of time, there would arise one, PROFESSOR GUSSCOTT, whose skill, omnipotent in curing disease, would be the wonder of his age. The Professor, after years of research, in which Nature's repository was ransacked, at length discovered the King of Pain, and the secret of destroying those monsters which make "wretched" so many of his race. Armed with the darts of Science, dipped in Herbal Juices, the Professor, like the chivalrous knight of feudal times, enters the arena where the monsters

of disease love to revel—and now behold him! See the serenity with which confidence invests him! There, feasting on its victims—whose sufferings are hellish—is Dyspepsia, and its loathsome brood whose name is legion. There is Fever, breathing its fiery blast through the veins of the helpless babe. There Consumption, like the tabled vulture of the ancients, is eating out the vital organs of its victim, while, with deceitful confusion, are Disease Fiends of every shape, making the scene hideous with their infernal work. Now the Professor advances, and now his enemies recoil, as one by one they receive a thrust, until the last dies—the oppressive stillness of the scene proclaiming the omnipotence of PROFESSOR GUSSCOTT. The fame of the Professor is abroad throughout the land, and from "early morn" to "dewy eve" he is besieged with entreaties for his sovereign help. Nor are any sent away dissatisfied, as the Professor is enabled by his secret to replenish his energies, and thus, like Hercules, he performs with ease what is impossible to others.

For the benefit of suffering humanity, PROFESSOR GUSSCOTT is now located in Dunedin, his Laboratory being in George street, where he can be seen at all hours, and he is ever ready and willing to save. Don't forget PROFESSOR GUSSCOTT! as his darts are newly sharpened, and his Herbal Juices stronger than ever! Come parents, and save your children! Husbands save your wives, and women save your husbands! Come one, come all, be healed, be happy, and enjoy life. All this can be done for you by the Professor, as he is doing it every day, and his table groans under the weight of testimonials from old and young, rich and poor.

Address:—

PROFESSOR GUSSCOTT
(Late of Brisbane),
GEORGE STREET,
Next Henderson and Fergus's Marble Works.

N.B.—Numbers of testimonials from several of the leading citizens of Brisbane, Rockhampton, and other towns in Queensland, can be inspected at the Professor's establishment.

POSITIONS VACANT

After three years of doing a wonderful job in her role as Branch Secretary, Elinor Rawlings has decided it's time to do other things and she will not be standing again for the committee. We need a new Branch Secretary and some new committee members from May. New members will be supported.

Position Description:

The Branch Secretary should be a person who understands, or is willing to learn about, the workings of the Branch. The Secretary will maintain regular liaison with the Branch when required, as well as with the Convenor to ensure the smooth functioning of the Branch. She/he receives and distributes all Branch emails, and ensures minutes are taken for all Committee meetings, Annual General Meetings and Extraordinary General meetings.

Papamoa Genealogy Help (formerly known as 'The Friendly Group')



We meet on the third Monday of the month and as the name suggests — we're here to help!

People at all levels of genealogy are welcome. Bring us your brick walls*

Monday, March 17: 1.00 pm—3.00 pm

Mako Room at the Papamoa Community Centre

For more info phone: Helen Riddell 027 222 1787 or Jan Saxton 07 544 4182

*(Please be aware this group is not about how to interpret DNA results/matches, as the Papamoa Branch of the NZSG runs a separate group to help with this. See page 6 for details).

A Word From Shirley and Jacqui - Our Librarians

Thanks very much to you all who have written the names of items you have borrowed, **in the red book**.

All those items were returned by the end of the year.

Unfortunately the following items were not noted in the book, so we have no way of locating them!!!

If you think you may have borrowed them, please have a look at home, under other books, under your genealogy papers ...

The English maps missing are numbers:

- ◆ 7 (Orkney - Southern Isles)
- ◆ 36 (Grantham on Spey)
- ◆ 144 (Thetford & Breckland)
- ◆ A Huguenot folder



Thanks and keep borrowing, we just want you to use the library to enhance your research.

Shirley and Jacqui

Are you Thinking of DNA Testing?

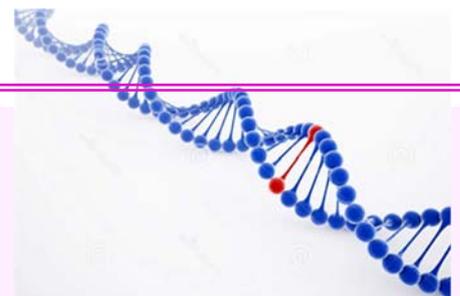
As most Branch members know, I facilitate a group to assist folk in the Bay of Plenty area to understand and interpret their DNA results. This group was formed in July 2017 after workshops on DNA testing were run in the Papamoa Community Centre by Michelle Patient in June 2017, and is mostly attended by Branch members.

We have around 80 people on the email list for this group and a Facebook group for those who have tested (made up of 46 members). We hold a monthly meeting on the first Monday of the month (except January) where we all help each other and learn along the way. Between 15 and 25 people attend this group on a regular basis. (See below in this Newsletter).

As the “DNA Testers Support Group BoP” is restricted to those who have tested at any of the main testing companies, I have identified a need to help answer questions from people who are considering testing — but need some knowledge to help them to make the final step to test. I am happy to assist you if you wonder if a DNA Test is a tool you wish to use in your genealogy. Remember, DNA testing does not replace your traditional research but it may confirm the tree you have built and sometimes find cousins or other connections to family you may not have found through the normal research methods. Finally, be aware that starting out with DNA testing may give you surprises (sometimes known as skeletons in the closet). Be prepared!

If you wish to discuss this further, please contact me on betty.ra.atkinson@xtra.co.nz or phone me on **0274 475 448** and we may be able to meet ‘one to one’ or in a small group of like-minded enquirers to discuss further.

Betty Atkinson



DNA Support Group Bay of Plenty

Do you need help interpreting your DNA results?

Next Meeting: Monday 2 March 2.00 – 4.15 PM

Mako Room, Papamoa Community Centre:

\$3.00 door charge - BYO Tablet or Laptop and please wear your name tag

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



Individual DNA Help: Friday 27 March 2020

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

Are you planning a trip to Australia? These seminars may be of interest!



Adelaide • Melbourne • Sydney • Brisbane

March 2020  

Take your **English research** further with two of the foremost, internationally recognised, English experts Else Churchill and Alec Tritton. Else and Alec are featured speakers on our [17th Unlock the Past cruise](#) from Adelaide to Tasmania in March 2020.

Each city will each feature six of the 10 cruise topics in a single full-day program (unfortunately time does not allow them to include other cities).

Adelaide – Tue 10 March 2020 – [click here](#) for details

Melbourne – Mon 23 March 2020 – [click here](#) for details

Sydney – Tue 24 March 2020 – [click here](#) for details

Brisbane – Thu 26 March 2020 – [click here](#) for details

Burnie* – Tue 17 Mar 2020 – [click here](#) for details

**N.B. The Burnie program is different from the other cities. It features both English research & DNA.*

Plus - Book Now for a Family History Down Under Seminar
Featuring Maurice Gleeson, Blaine Bettinger, Cindy Ingle, Paul Milner and several others
22-26 March 2021- Sunshine Coast, Queensland, Australia

EARLY BIRD PRICING - Ends 31 August 2020!

“We have had an amazing response to our opening special which ran for just 17 days. So much so that that there is a chance of FH DU booking out, even before the August early bird deadline.”

Book Now: <https://www.familyhistorydownunder.com/>

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY 9 MARCH 2020: BYO DEVICES

A Time Line of Events from 1939 to 1962 (Some Personal and Some National)

FACILITATED BY KATE MCEWAN



Invitation to Hamilton Branch Meeting:

Monday, 16 March at 9.30 AM

Our speaker will be Kae Lewis, who be talking on goldfields in general.

Kae's knowledge on goldfields around New Zealand is widespread.

Venue:

Chartwell Co-operating Parish, corner Comries Road and Bellmount Ave, Chartwell, Hamilton.



Families in British India Society (FIBIS) India Bungalow Meeting

Saturday 14 March, 2020 10:00 am—3.30 pm Entry: \$5.00

Mahurangi Community Centre, 21 Hamatana Road, Snells Beach, Auckland 0920

Dr Jonathan L. Lee FRAS will speak on The Indus and beyond: India's North West frontier & Afghanistan. He will give an overview of a region which is little known, but where thousands of English, Irish and Scottish people served as part of the British military and civil administration, in commerce, or as missionaries. As a leading authority on this area, Jonathan will discuss the resources available to family historians, including unique material in New Zealand archives.

Also:

- Find out if someone in your family line served in the second Anglo-Afghan War (1878-1881);
- Assistance with brick walls
- Bookstall.

Please bring a plate of finger food for the shared lunch.

RSVP or for more information contact Eleanor: nz@fibis.org or phone 021 074 2000