

South Waikato Genealogy

A Branch of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists

Newsletter

MARCH 2017

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15 MARCH MEETING

7.30 pm at TCOSS rooms, Gate 1 Tokoroa Hospital.

BUSINESS

1) Extraordinary meeting–

The motion will be -

“That *South Waikato* Branch of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists adopts as its own rules, the rules of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists Inc. registered on 21 June 2016 and including a partial amendment registered on 28 September 2016, and all previous rules be rescinded.”

2) Branch meeting -

SPEAKER Tony Jacques of NZ Timber Museum

Speaking on - Mills of the Mamakus and TTT.

We will have a supper following;- Small plate appreciated.

TOKOROA FAMILY HISTORY CENTRE- LDS

Gladys Nepia is the person in charge. While the centre does NOT have regular hours, Gladys is prepared to open preferably afternoons or evenings.

Ring her to make arrangements - 886 6733.

You can get personal help or you can use one of their 2 computers and have access to their many FREE programmes.

NZSG CONFERENCE 2017

Looking forward to the past

Celebrating 50 Years of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists 1967 – 2017 Alexandra Park, Greenlane West, Auckland

Queen's Birthday Weekend 2–5 June 2017

The conference is excited to be hosting four international presenters:

Ian Waller FSG, FGRA, AGRA. Ian has 30 years' experience in English research and related topics. He is a well-known presenter and author of genealogical resource books.

Diane Southard, formerly a molecular genealogist, now a DNA specialist and consultant who will explain the vagaries of DNA testing and the results.

Dick Eastman has been involved in genealogy for more than thirty years and is known to many through his global newsletter and his expertise in genealogical computing.

Judy Russell CG, CGL. Judy is a legal genealogist who understands a wide variety of issues including the interplay between genealogy and the law.

There will also be a great line up of New Zealand presenters to keep you entertained and informed all weekend.

There will also be a genealogy related exhibition hall.

Come and enjoy a weekend of comradeship with fellow genealogists from around New Zealand and beyond.

https://www.genealogy.org.nz/2017-Conference_1571.aspx

GOOD RESEARCH

“Still comes back to the need to consult

originals rather than transcriptions.”

FROM Mem list - True for all of us!!

5 Golden Rules of Genealogy:

- Leave no stone unturned, unless it is a headstone.
- Handwriting legibility is inversely proportional to a document's importance.
- The further away a cemetery or library, the more awkward the opening hours will be.
- The relative you most need to talk with is the one whose funeral you are currently attending.
- Wherever you find two or more siblings there also will you find two more surname spellings.

Hawkes Bay Twig Newsletter

DUSTYDOCS

<http://www.dustydocs.com>

I was told about this site at Senior Net. I have just been in and selected England as the country. Fontmell Magna as the village, Up came all sorts of bits and records. I chose burials in the 1600s.

I looked through for the surname STILL

There were 3 Richards, 2 Johns, 2 Joanes a Martha and a Rebecca , Then I got a visitor and lost the impetus (Things happen).

Now I have to sort out those that I have - perhaps. They do say “ try to kill them all off” in other words try to get a death or burial record . The further back you go , the harder this is to do. This may be the answer to your research. AND IT IS FREE!!

Have a Go

E KIT - Do you get? It may be in your junk mail box.

NZSG Members - if you missed the NZSG e-KIT 072 February 2017 and want the code for Find My Past, I have put it in a safe place. There is a great discount. This is one of the benefits of being an NZSG member!!

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SUBS DUE

Sorry everyone but it is that time again - Subscriptions for 2017 - 2018 are due on 1st April 2017 and are as follows:-

NZSG Members - single	
\$15.00	
NZSG Members - couples	\$20.00
Non NZSG Members - single	\$25.00

You may pay direct to ANZ Bank, Tokoroa Group of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists,

account No. 010 461 0049683 00, or send a cheque to me at 8 Dumfries Road, Amisfield, Tokoroa 3420, or pay by cash or cheque at the meeting or even accost me in the street! Would you also mind letting me have your address as I have to give addresses to Tokoroa Library so you can borrow the books held there belonging to our branch.

Thank you **Lorna Kay - Treasurer**

If you have changed phone nos or e mail addresses this is the time to make sure these are up to date.

PLEASE PH LORNA if you have queries - Ph 886-7335

Have you registered for RealMe yet?

RealMe® is free for consumers. Use it in two ways: to prove who you are when you're online,

and to log into lots of New Zealand sites and services.

Remember you need to do this to use **National Library and Alexander Turnbull Library now.**

<https://www.realme.govt.nz/> (Porirua Branch N/L)

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Waikato Uni Library visit

A group of a dozen attended with 3 from other Branches. We went up to level 4. We were given an overview by John Robson and then - each to their own - with John available to assist.

I know that some were looking at maps, Maori records, school records, district books and other things.

I was looking for possible pictures to use - I can find through their useful website. I looked at 2 school booklets (they do have lots) and found distant cousins in both, as well as finding info about the return of leased Maori Land and then its selling to returned servicemen after WW1.

The new resource, for me, that I browsed through was the **NZ Gazettes**. In the **1873** one I noted that it contains lots of lists of people

Members of House of Representatives

Members of Legislative Council

Armed Constabulary

Assessors of Native Lands

Clerks of District Courts

Coroners & J Ps

Harbour Masters Interpreters

Inquiries after persons

Militia & Volunteers

Mayors & Medical Registrars

Naturalisations

Partnerships dissolved & Patents

Registration & returning officers

Surveyors etc

There were lots of information on roads and railways - both acquiring the land as well as routes, opening dates etc. I was able to revise my thoughts on how my North Auckland people could get to Auckland at a certain time!

A great source for those who want to go to greater depth in their exploration of their families lives.

Yes - you can call in, but you cannot borrow.

You can request through inter-loan from your local library some of the books they have.

At the request of the Regional meeting we will repeat this visit in February next year - ideal when the students are **NOT** there!!

USE LOCAL MUSEUMS

In the course of my research, I have recently visited the Putaruru NZ Timber Museum and the Cambridge Museum. In both cases I was prepared. This meant that things were ready for me. The Cambridge museum has a great on-line site, which meant I had a list of books/articles.

The Putaruru Museum - I had phoned Tony prior to visiting and he was able to have lots of materials ready.

- CONTACT BEFORE GOING
- KNOW WHAT YOU WANT TO FIND
- USE THEIR ON-LINE SITES

If you are organised then you will get great help and not waste time. I'm looking at the Te Awamutu and Rotorua museums. Oh the

archives of our District Council were great too.

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April 9th Put Research

Apr 19th visit local LDS (Daytime)

May 17th AGM & speaker

Quietly going mad ! (Shh, I heard that!)-
Elsie

