

South Waikato Genealogy

A Branch of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists

Newsletter

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NZSG 50th BIRTHDAY

We are celebrating with Matamata And Morrinsville- in Matamata ; From their newsletter

"August, Tuesday 15th-NZSG -50 Year Celebration.

The day the Society celebrates its inaugural meeting held on 15th August 1967.

Time 12pm in the Anglican Parish Lounge. We are asking everyone attending to bring a plate (finger food). About 12.30 a webcast will take place with Robyn Williams, NZSG Board Chair, and a mystery guest speaker. Presentation will take about one hour. A raffle is being organised, \$50 New World grocery voucher. Tickets \$2 each or 3 for \$5."

COME AND JOIN IN ALL members welcome - I have sent the formal invitation to you. If you have mislaid, please ask for it to be resent.

The LIVE STREAM to Auckland will link us to a top rate genealogy speaker and the national celebration.

The above will be our "meeting" for the month. It is also Family History Month and all are encouraged to join in activities that are available

Library entrance display in Tokoroa - Come & see and tell friends about.

Talk at Senior Net - re pre 1920 Sth Waikato History book Thurs 31 August, 1pm. Contact: putar@xtra.co.nz.

Saturday, August 19th-Barbara Wyley is our speaker. Topic - '**Land Records**'. - Time -10am to 3pm (approx.). Bring your own lunch, tea, coffee and fruit juice will be provided. Morning and afternoon tea will also be available. Soldier settler farms in the Matamata/Waikato area after both World Wars is the only query I have received so far. **This is an invitation from Matamata. Venue as above.**

Auckland Family History Expo

When: Friday 11 August, 5pm - 8.30pm
Saturday 12 August, 8.30am - 7pm
Sunday 13 August, 8.30am - 6pm

Where: Fickling Convention Centre, 546 Mt Albert Rd, Three Kings. [Map](#)

Cost: Free with no booking required - except opening event Friday at \$15 each.

TOP Speakers on a wide range of topics as well as lots of exhibits. Things for beginners to experienced. Great opportunity to learn more about genealogy.

You can choose to only go to a few – or lots!!

Further info at http://www.aucklandlibraries.govt.nz/EN/Events/Events/pages/familyhistoryexpo.aspx?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=LC0717

NZSG LIBRARY ACCESS

The NZSG Library is an application, that has been integrated with the website. I log into the NZSG website, then hit the library button on the top right of the screen. When I am in the library you use your member number and password to log into the library.

It might pay to watch the video as the application was recently upgraded. From Tracy Little NZSG Webmaster

CONFERENCE 2018: • The 2018 Conference will be held in Christchurch. • Speakers are being organized for the Conference.

FREE ONLINE COURSE: Researching your family history. This is a free online course will help you develop an understanding of basic genealogy techniques and how to communicate your family history, and primarily designed for people at beginner to intermediate level. For more information see <https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/genealogy>

LEGACY USERS' GROUP Venue: 5 Toi Place, Rototuna, Hamilton Contact: Bruce/Trish Cron. Email: brucecron@gmail.com, ph. 021 407 478 **Sunday, August 6** from 1.30pm to 3.30pm

NZSG CERTIFICATES COLLECTION: • You can submit your Certificates digitally to the NZSG

Manager
WEBSITES

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~sooty/> Follow through all the links and you will be entertained for hours- and I bet you will find something of real interest.

<http://www.makeuseof.com/tag/google-genealogy-research>

Article “ Knowing These Google Tricks Will Make Your Genealogy Research Easy”

<http://history.wiltshire.gov.uk/heritage/>

UK Research

Use Free BDM to find your relatives. Take note of the reference details.

Then go to www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content

SERVANTS

Servants In the early days servants were often considered part of the household and often shared close personal relationships with the family. However by the Georgian times this started to change, especially with the installation of the wire operated bell system and the general separation of the servant's quarters from the rest of the household. In Victorian times the hiring of servants extended into the world of shopkeepers and tradesmen and the conditions that servants worked in changed. A survey of genealogists in England has 21% claiming servants as their ancestors. Within the servant class there was also a strict order with the Butler and the Housekeeper occupying top position .Under them all the “above stairs” servants had their place. Below stairs the Cook reigned supreme.

How do we find ore about them? Hopefully we have found them on a census.

- 1) records at local Archives. The Parish records may have good information. Can you find the estate/ household? Parish records may assist Try <https://www.pariahregister.co.uk/>

<https://www.pariahregister.co.uk/> OnlineParish Chest -<http://www.opcdorset.org/> (Substitute your county)
<http://www.genuki.org.uk/>

- 2) Go to Discovery.nationalarchives.dov.nz

- 3) Individual estate records

Difference in wages - In 1777 a tax was put on male servants. Later, in 1786 hair powder, - as the male servants wore powdered wigs an allowance was given to male servants for this. Thus male servants were considered more valuable. In Victorian times at least one servant was kept by any family with “social pretensions!”

HANGING JUDGE SENTENCES - as a result of the Monmouth Rebellion - Battle of Sedgemoor.

The Bloody Assize of Sept 1685 presided by Judge Jefferies

331 were executed, 850 were sold as slaves and sent to West Indies or America and 408 were fined, whipped and /or imprisoned. I have traced one in each of the 3 categories on my wider family line.

I am descended from one who was fined - he lost his 21 acres to save his life!!

We are the only known line from the village of Colyton, Devon, which was considered “the most rebellious village” in the country.

EDITING

Once you have written your piece start looking at it critically. Here are some things you could consider.

Structure, Plot flow, Characterization, Tone.
Grammar, Spelling, Punctuation.

HELP

My next newsletter will be very short unless others can contribute, as I will be far too busy. I am booked for several speaking occasions etc.

PENALTY - YOU OWE US

Lorna should be back in time for the next newsletter and she owes us a good article for the next newsletter. The price of taking so much time off!!Now I will know if she can read!

Thanks Judith for reminding me to put in the
Auckland Family History Expo
Those who went last year were excited.

Thanks also to Nalda & Howard for their work compiling lists of ex members –We are 40 next year!

I am looking for **copyright free pictures** in the South Waikato 1920 to 1950.

NOT thing like school photos or Whites, Newspapers etc as there is a copyright that would need to be followed up.

Any odd material for this period would be appreciated.

Look out for book **BEDROCK & RAIL** to be printed soon.

Remember this month's meeting is **Tues 15th Luncheon in Matamata.**

The Live Stream is to be really special. Please contact either myself or Matamata if going.

Elsie