

South Waikato Genealogy

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Newsletter

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Welcome to 2018

In February we have 2 events- both in weekends

The first is a visit to **Waikato University Library. Sat 17th**

There is to be an introduction at 101am. Then we are free to search at our leisure until 6 pm. Suggest you bring food & drink. All are free to come & go to please themselves.

MARCH will be a Sunday in Putaruru for further research & individual help as requires. Date to be confirmed)

11 APRIL In Tokoroa

AGM Date 2nd MAY Time,7.30pm

Place- TCOSS This is so we can avoid a conflict with another club that seriously affects numbers. Please note on calendar

Sites

Michelle Patient's blog
<https://genietips.blogspot.co.nz/>
Jersey archives

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nzbound/>

www.futurelearn.com/courses/genealogy

www.thegazette.co.uk

Parish records -www.ukbm.org.uk/online_parish_clerk

British Convicts - -
www.digitalpanopticon.org

DNA

I was tested over a year ago and have had many supposed 1-5th cousins listed as with similar DNA. Most have been Americans who have less than 20 on their Tree. Others had 40,000 on their tree - and to me are "name grabbers"

Two are of more interest. One is a second cousin once removed who lives in Cambridge and through his work knows closer members of our family. We have been in contact for a few years.

The other one that I am finding interesting is probably about a 4th cousin (maybe removed) . At this stage we have not closed a little gap- because of an illegitimacy. But we connect with third Great Grandparents of mine. I need to do some work and get back to him. His line was in West Yorkshire - until he came to NZ - over 100 years after my line came here.

From Latin Word List

PRIUS- before; first; previously

FEBRUARY 1 1842

The Fifeshire arrives in Nelson with the first =of the main contingent of settlers. The *Mary Ann* and the *Lord Auckland* will follow before the end of the month - "Essential Dates."

THE OLDEST POLICE FORCE is The Thames River Police - today a section of the Metropolitan Police Force. They came into being as a body of police under the West Indian Board to protect the shipping along the Thames. (Abridged from Family Tree magazine Dec 2017)

WHAT CAUSES PEOPLE TO DO

THINGS? Facts that we glean from a wide range of sources can give us food for thought - and speculation of WHY? One does need to be careful. Sometimes deeper research around the event can lead to different interpretations. Look at Witness names & relationships. and Neighbours may help this interpretation, as can family events around this time. Dig deeper before being sure WHY things occur. Look at the history of the time- political, economic, growing industries or farm development. No-one is completely in isolation

LOCAL SNIPPETTS

16 MARCH 1931 Electric power extended to Lichfield.

12 OCTOBER 1934 W G BARNETT donated 5 acres at Waotu for a scenic reserve.

APRIL 1947 The first dam on the Waikato River, Horahora, is submerged under the lake forming above the newly completed Karapiro Dam.

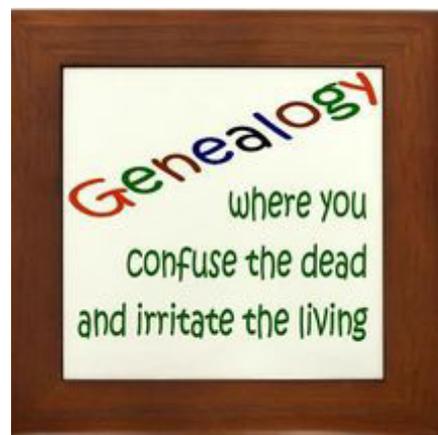
““ THE PUMICE MADE RICH POOR.”

Quote from "Crucible of Change"- Matamata County from 1950 -1983.

F D RICH, a wealthy Canterbury farmer was the prime mover in the NZ Thames Valley Land Co (or Patetere Land Co. - area sometimes known as the Selwyn estate. This huge area was a large part of our district. He bought prime Merino sheep from Hawkes Bay and also cattle to run on this land .But they started to suffer extreme emaciation. He discovered that they could not survive for longer than about 6 months. RICH became "the first and most spectacular human victim of cobalt deficiency." His debts amounted to £100,000, when forced to go bankrupt.

[This country has now some of the most profitable dairy farms in the Waikato area.](#)

[This is the difference that COBALT and other minerals added to superphosphate and lime can make.](#)



Have a successful year with your research. Visit those relatives an, churches, cemeteries, libraries and museums. It is amazing what one can find.

Elsie