



NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY OF GENEALOGISTS

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NEWSLETTER MARCH 2019

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COMING BRANCH MEETINGS

TRIP TO TE AWAMUTU - URGENT

9 Mar Cemetery Walk 10 am at Tokoroa cemetery. We do hope that our members will support those of us who are leading.

21 MARCH MARILY LOCKYER an LDS demonstrator on **USING FAMILYSEARCH**. This is a full 2 hour session. Please try to be on time. **APRIL 18th** Open discussion What do you want from the branch and for your genealogy. (if you are going away for Easter please submit ideas.)

15 MAY is the **AGM** (aim to finish in 30 min!) and we have Jim Hassall speaking on the law and genealogy.

CONVENOR'S REPORT

Convenor's Report for March 2019

We are back into having meetings. Our March meeting is a visit from Marilyn Lockyer, an expert on Family Search. This is a free website with **lots** of treasures inside.

Apparently decluttering is "in fashion". If you come across funeral service sheets and don't wish to keep them, the NZSG library are happy to receive them. It gives a researcher birth and death dates and a nice photo. Hand them in to me and I'll post them off.

Please come and support the Cemetery Walk team on Saturday, 9 March at the Tokoroa Lawn Cemetery. The walk starts at 10.00 a.m. It is reasonably flat and I'm sure you'll learn something. Coffee at Robert Harris after, at your own expense.

Early next month there is a Scottish speaker, Graeme McKenzie, who will be in Te Awamutu on Wednesday and in Hamilton the following evening. Speak up if you would like to go, and we can car pool.

Happy researching , Judith

Duty Roster

We appreciate all the help members can give to us. Sometimes just a small duty can relieve the load for committee members. Thanks;

MARCH MEETING

Afternoon tea to help Denise –Lorna L

Raffle sales – to help Lorna - Sue

Library Help – to help Elsie/ Frances – Jillian

Sign- in sheet To help Elsie – Elaine

1881 DEC 3 The world's most southerly tram service begins in Invercargill.

COMING UP

2019 Auckland Family History Expo

Friday 9 August till Sunday 11 August.

Graeme MacKenzie, Chairman of the **Association of Highland Clans & Societies (of Scotland) and Seanachaidh** (historian & genealogist) for Clans MacKenzie and MacMillan will speak at:

NZSG Te Awamutu Branch meeting:

Community Room, Te Awamutu Library, Selwyn Lane

****Wednesday 6 March 2019 – 7pm.**

Tracing Your Ancestors in the Highlands of Scotland

NZSG Hamilton Branch meeting:

Thursday 7 March 2019 – 7.30pm

The Culture and Traditions of the Highland Clans

There is a \$10 door charge for each of these meetings

**** Elsie thinking of going – anyone interested ? Please contact her. We usually let other Branches know if there is a group going – it helps the hosting Branch with their organisation – seating, Catering etc. Let us know this weekend please,**

NZSG Has produced a new resource called "GETTING IT RIGHT"



Go to the site and click on this logo.

<https://www.genealogy.org.nz>

Check this out as there is lots of good advice for us all. It is a public part of the site.

LOCAL HISTORY

Beginnings of fire fighting

In June 1942 Mr FOUNTAIN was leading the Putaruru Home Guard fire fighting unit. By July a trailer built by Mr FOUNTAIN was nearly complete. It was to carry 200ft of 1 1/2 inch hose in 50 ft lengths, 21 ft of suction hose, stirrup pumps, buckets, fire extinguisher, 1st Aid outfit and a short extension ladder. It was during this time that Reg WALSH and Digger EVANS in Tokoroa led a small group in Tokoroa.

Are You Recording Fairy Tales in Your Genealogy Records?

This is a heading from a Dick Eastman newsletter. We have all come across either definitely false information, or some "romantic" information. One such "romantic" information in my line was that "Great Grandmother was a cousin to Doulton" – yes the pottery family. Several of our line explored this for years. It needed someone to think – "I wonder if it was Great Grandfather?" After some research YES!! A Mary Mathieson daughter of "several x Uncle Kenneth" did marry John Doulton - and yes Gr Grandfather's niece, Elspeth was staying with the Doultons in the 1861 .census, not long before she came to NZ. DOUBLY Proved !

Family "stories" can have a gem of truth about them! – but some are really way off! I suggest that you record them in notes as " Great Aunt Agatha always said" –" or I remember a relative saying "-". This means that the story is there for you or others to follow up looking for factual information to either prove or disprove..

The lateral thinking that our family group used to solve the above is the essence of real genealogy detection and the satisfaction of solving the riddle is immense.

The families are now in contact and all are thrilled to acknowledge the relationship.

BOOK of the Month

Amongst the books currently being accessed are several from the unlock THE PAST SERIES. These are small practical books by top genealogists that give guidance in using and finding information.. One written by Kerry Farmer is DNA for genealogists .Well worth reading.

A DNA story

A friend had her DNA taken through one of the commercial sites. She found some fairly close matches in New Zealand that she did not recognise. On making contact and through some further detective work she has now found out who her Grandfather was. He was not named on the birth certificate . She now has a group of half cousins who did not know of the existence of previous liaison that the old guy had !

More truths will “out” with DNA !!

HINTS and BITS

Handy numbers Numbers

1 brace	= 2 items
1 dozen	= 12 items
1 long (baker’s) dozen	= 13 items
1 gross	= 12 dozen (144 items)
1 long gross	= 156 items
1 score	= 20 items
1 common hundred	= 5 score (100 items)
1 long * or great hundred	= 6 score (120 items)
1 hundred	= 4 quarters
1 quarter	= 80 deals

*Until the 16th Century usually referred to solely as a hundred

Website ScotlandsPeople

Do you know there are plans and maps to be found on this site? There is a large graphic on the home page which allows access to the site and viewing is free; It is possible to search by date, place or keyword. Estate maps, building plans, canals,railways and mines are all there.

Committee

Today we held a committee meeting to plan for remainder of this year. We hope we will be able to welcome some “new Blood “ on the committee. It is a great opportunity to learn more about how the Branch works, about all sorts of ways to go about things, make deper friendships and more about the Branch resources, and of course to have your say in future plans.

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We often do a task after the meeting and lunch. Today’s task was working on the 2018 SW News scrapbook.. It is one of our Branch projects to help preserve some local history.

PLEASE – URGENT CONTACT EITHER JUDITH OR ELSIE BY MONDAY MID Day Re going to Te Awamutu to hear -

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Tracing Your Ancestors in the Highlands of Scotland

We can the arrange car sharing and let Te Awamutu Branch know to expect extra visitors. Thank you **URGENT**

We hope to have good support from members on Sat 9th cemetery walk

