



NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY OF GENEALOGISTS

SOUTH WAIKATO BRANCH

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NEWSLETTER JUNE 2019

Meetings are 3rd Thursday of month. 1 pm at Tulloch House (TCOSS) - back entrance. Tokoroa Hospital grounds - Unless otherwise advertised.

Convenor Judith Gardiner_021 801 507 Treasurer- Lorna Kay_886 7335; Secretary;-Elsie Monahan 886 5353 Committee Members - Denise Fargher & Sue Turnbull

JULY "Around the table session" "**Served or Sentenced**" a person in your tree who has **served** their nation or community **OR** those who the community, through the justice system, have been **sentenced**. (Your pick!)

2-3 minutes each and pass on Wise Owl to next person. Discussion at end.

August Family History Month-

1) We are planning to have a repeat of the **2 hour individual library help** (People need to submit what they know before, so we can do look -ups etc) Welcome members offers to help (Contact Elsie.)

2) We will put up **a display in the library**.
Helpers welcome

3) MEETING; Websites

SEPTEMBER – OPEN DAY – a Saturday to be confirmed (Probably 21st)

GENEALOGY BASICS – Guest speakers being organised

CONVENORS CORNER

Hi everyone

I hope you are all fit and well in the winter, staying away from the bugs.

Did you enjoy our last meeting on DNA? Thank you to Elsie and Jillian for your contributions. The meeting got a bit noisy towards the end, and I didn't have a chance to say at the meeting.

On the education front, there are day sessions in Hamilton and Auckland (Scottish Interest Group) and a weekend in August organised by the Auckland Library. Think about going. In September we will be holding an Open Day in Tokoroa on "Genealogy Basics" and please come and support our guest speakers. I forget basic things, and need reminding on first steps. It's easy to get into bad habits, e.g. not citing your source.

On the projects front, we have one school that needs checking: the photocopied roll against the typed spreadsheet. Then the data is sent to NZSG for inclusion in the Kiwi Index. If you have time, please consider volunteering.

In mid-July there will be a Waikato – Bay of Plenty Regional Meeting. This time in Papamoa. This gives us a bigger national perspective, with a report from the Board Meeting. I think these are open to committee members

In the meantime, I still have to do GedMatch and tidy up the family tree.

Judith

OUR BRANCH Many things are happening outside meeting times. Members are welcome to contribute- add time etc Please contact appropriate person. All able to help with your problems

Judith – **School Projects** and collection of **Funeral Sheets AND CERIFICATES**

Lorna **The Scrapbooks** made up from local papers **CDs and Fiche** and of course all things **financial**.

Denise – **Our hostess**. Please lend a hand !!

Sue is backing up and helping as our **Tech lady**

Elsie - **Newsletter** (short articles please),
Library – with help from Frances, **Cemetery Walk and Local Biographies/history**

NZSG HIGHLIGHT:

THE LIBRARY

NZSG Members can use the library either by going to the FHC in Panmure, or by logging in to the website and order through the site.

The library has a huge collection of books, family histories, microfiche etc most of which you can “postal borrow”. For this you pay the postage both ways. Over the years I have used this source frequently. Some of my top finds have been through school anniversary booklets. There are also great regional books, many books are out of print. Naturally some are rare and for information from these you can either go to the centre in person or ask for a “look-up” by one of the friendly, helpful volunteers assistants.

SOME WESITES

<https://www.kincrawler.com>.

sales@beehivebooks.co.nz **09 521 1518**
www.letsresearch.nz

Land records

Go to Archway (Natoinal Archives for Indexes)

Go to **LINZ** to order for historic land records.

Land Information New Zealand (LINZ)
[ttps://www.linz.govt.nz/](https://www.linz.govt.nz/)

NZSG has indexes to Auckland Provincial Land

July 15 1951 The Waterside Union concedes defeat after a 151 day strike/lockout. It advises its members to reapply for any jobs that are still open, but many unionists will never find work on the wharves again.(Essential Dates)

ARE YOU GOING ?

A selection from incoming events

Seminar - DNA and Family History

Presenter: Michelle Patient

9am to 4pm on Saturday, 20th July

Chartwell Co-operating Parish, Hamilton
\$10 for branch members / \$20 for non-members

Auckland Family History Expo ***

Highly recommended

Friday 9 August to Sunday 11

August 2019. FREE except – Fri evening and the speaking sessions. See below.

Hamilton Library

Night @ the Library - Our highly popular Night @ the Library event is scheduled for **Saturday 24 August**.

To register your interest please email heritage@hcc.govt.nz

Auckland Family History Expo

This is organised by Auckland libraries and is the best weekend for genealogy this year. There are 5 international speakers

Dr Nick Barratt – best known for work with the Who do you think you are series

Cyndi Ingle who is the creator of the website CydisList

Raymond Naisbitt - associated with FamilySearch

Russ Wilding from My Heritage

Jason Reeve From Ancestry

There are also several top NZ genealogy speakers and a great range of Exhibitors. There are also talks for beginners, advanced, ask an expert, research assistance, etc – In fact anything you want/need to know.

From latest GenCom News

With thanks to Jan Gow

May 2019 Family History Library, Salt Lake City

Something a little different:

Go to www.familysearch.org Click on Search. Click on Research Wiki.

Scroll down to Guided Research. Click on Prioritized Online Databases.

Look to RH side of the screen and click on Guided Research and read about it, so that you understand what

you might find and what to do with it.

Go back a page - click LH arrow in upper LH corner.

Click on country. Be aware that this is being updated daily so you should check on a regular basis. Click on County. Click on event of your choice. Type in your family info and watch to see what happens!!!

Do make time to read all the information that is there. Very helpful.

GENCOM is the magazine of the genealogy Computing Group of NZSG

Using a programme to it's full

I use Legacy for my basic genealogy work and know that a) I do not use it "correctly" and Do not use it to the full degree I could.

Today browsing around I found this. Go to "Reports" then to "Other Reports", then to – in this case" Interviews.". While I will not be using the outlines I have viewed, it made me think – **What am I Not using** in so many of the sites and programmes on my computer?

Why – Time ?, Laziness ? Scared to delve ? - or what ? *Hands up if also guilty !!*

*One ideally needs to take time to explore, ask others for advice, We no longer need to think that we will "explode" the computer like we did in the old days! **Courage !! Give It A GO !!***

WE ARE A WORKING COMMITTEE - NOT A ONE MAN BAND

JUDITH collects Copies of any **certificates and any funeral sheets**. Judith collects these on our behalf and sends them to NZSG, for inclusion in future KIWI Indexes. **KEEP HANDING IN And Help appreciated**

Judith is also leading the **Schools project**. If you have time we need – people to type up registers and people to check these are correct. Talk to Judith. **ELSIE** is collecting **South Waikato Biographies**. These will be indexed and the index sent on to NZSG. Some of the contributions have come from and will come from the Cemetery Walk (Next one March 2020. Elsie is leading the Library events in August. She is also going slowly BATS trying to finish writing the 1940s section of her 2nd South Waikato book !! **LORNA & DENISE** will be continuing with **scrapbooking** the local papers/ etc **SUE** is learning the ropes, helping in many areas and helping us with Tech stuff V.

KEEP HANDING IN THINGS And Help

appreciated If you want to join in the committee side or any of the extra activities contact Judith !!

On Line Newsletters . There are several that have regular and great information. Like Dick Eastman , Lost Cousins,

In a recent Dick Eastman one had nurses selling cigarettes to patients (AUSA). During the 1918 flu epidemic in Rotorua, my mother, who was nurse-aiding, was told to smoke to keep the germs away.

NEXT MEETING “ Served or Sentenced. This can be anyone on your family tree.

– A FRAME WORK YOU MAY LIKE TO

CONSIDER (Round Robin up to about 3 minutes each-

Background Who? When lived ? Where? How connected to any Historical Context (eg Monmouth Rebellion)

What the person did (either to serve community or to be sentenced

Result – eg Award (Life Membership, Royal Honours , Promotion etc or Transportation, Imprisonment etc . Any Aftermath

Sources of information

I have just got 3 books from the NZSG library to help with mine. It is going to be an aglab story. What’s an aglab some of you will say- An agricultural labourer – and nearly everyone has some in their line

Please try to find someone as this is a great way to broaden our knowledge of research and findings

QUESTION ? DISCUSSION AT END)

Remember to respect the person with

“ Wise owl “

Death

Today several members and ex members attended the funeral of Les Dobson , a long time committee member and past Convenor. The Branch owes a lot to his quiet, witty, knowledgeable presence. A true gentleman. He has been unable to attend meeting for a few years as his hearing worsened and also poor health crept up on him.

Rest in Peace , Les and the Branches best wishes to Nalda(also an ex member) A card & home made flowers delivered for the Branch

Les was a great one to link dates to events

So

He was born on 4 Feb 1931 – The day of the Napier earthquake

He died on 18th June 2019

The anniversary of -The Battle of Waterloo was fought on Sunday, 18 June 1815 near Waterloo in Belgium, part of the United Kingdom of the Netherlands at the time (Wikipedia)

You could say that the earth moved both days !

Looking forward to

Some great stories on

Thursday 19th Jul1 pm - TCOSS

On behalf of the Committee

Elsie