



**NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY OF  
GENEALOGISTS**

## **SOUTH WAIKATO BRANCH**

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### **NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2019**

**Meetings are 3<sup>rd</sup> 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**

### **AUGUST FAMILY HISTORY MONTH-**

#### **THIS IS OUR BIG MONTH**

*-Please try to help, even your attendance & support helps. Encourage others to join us!*

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 and ask each other for ideas etc) Welcome members offers to help (Contact Elsie.)

2) We will put up a **DISPLAY IN THE LIBRARY**. Helpers welcome to set up – Contact Sue

3) **MEETING; 15 August : Workshop - Websites** \*\*\* See details later

4) We will be the featured organisation at this in August at the **LIBRARY LOVERS MORNING** – That is **25<sup>th</sup> August**. 10.30. If some members would like to help > Please contact Elsie .

**SEPTEMBER – OPEN DAY –Saturday 21 At Fire Station 10am – 2.30pm** GENEALOGY BASICS – Visiting Guest speakers are organised . **We hope members will be there with any friends** interested in their family history. Other Branches welcome.



#### **\*\*\* AUGUST MEETING\*\*\***

**PLEASE BRING any portable devices – CHARGED.** We have limited power points and pop in some leads / multi box if you have handy.

This is a **HELP EACH OTHER** session. So If you want help about using a website this is the time to get together with someone to help. If you have a real BARRIER, bring what you know and maybe someone will be able to help. If you have expertise be prepared to help.

This is like a "developmental time" in the junior school , so it is **Unstructured**.

It is a real experiment – so we will all be learning – about how it works for us from an organisation point of view & is it a worthwhile exercise for all of us from a leaning about using websites.

**FEED BACK PLEASE**

#### **SERIOUS ABOUT GENEALOGY? Talk to Judith**

The University of Strathclyde offers a free course taking 8 weeks, The next course starts **28 Oct 2019**. Find out more

<https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/genealogy>

**YOU KNOW YOU'RE  
A GENEALOGIST WHEN....**

Everyone in the room groans when you start a sentence with "So, I was doing some research yesterday..."

A NEW BOOK being advertised  
**"Finding True Connections"**  
*How to Learn and Write about a Family Member's History*

GARETH ST JOHN THOMAS

**SPECIFICATIONS** 235 x 191mm | Hardback | 232 pages

RRP \$39.99

July 2019 | 9781925820157

**CATEGORY** Genealogy **IMPRINT** Emotional **Inheritance**

**E mail** - [renee.hollis@exislepublishing.com](mailto:renee.hollis@exislepublishing.com)

*I ordered through booktopia*

**FROM A TOP DNA -GENEALOGY AUTHOR**

[https://www.amazon.com/Family-Guide-Testing-Genetic-Genealogy/dp/1440300577/ref=dp\\_ob\\_image\\_bk](https://www.amazon.com/Family-Guide-Testing-Genetic-Genealogy/dp/1440300577/ref=dp_ob_image_bk)

**The Family Tree Guide to DNA Testing and Genetic Genealogy** Second Edition  
by **Blaine T. Bettinger** (Author)

**NZSG**

This month I used the library service to get 3 books for my "sentenced" person. I logged in to the NZSG site using my number & then went to the library & logged I to that I then used the catalogue for my base topic and up came the titles to choose from Ticked them – email to Librarian. Books arrived in about 3 days. Return – luckily by hand at 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Cost to me 2 stamps .Well worthwhile for the amount of information that I got.

. How much would it cost to go to Auckland to see ? Or how much money to go to record offices in UK? ( both money & time)

**AUGUST EVENTS IN HISTORY**

August 15 1903 NZ plays its first full scale international rugby match against Australia at the Sydney Cricket Ground. The NZ team was captained by Dave Gallaher, wins 22-3. GO THE ALL BLACKS!!

August 26 1866. A submarine telegraph cable across Cook Strait links the North and South Islands for the first time. The first message is sent between Lyall Bay, Wellington and White Bay, near Blenheim.

*Info from "Essential Dates" by Alison Dench*

# SERVED OR SENTENCED

The title for the discussion at our JULY meeting certainly allowed us to highlight interesting people and their times. I certainly learnt a lot about a variety of things worldwide and throughout history!

Some things covered Women in the Oddfellows – called the Rebekkas.

The Land Wars including "up North" ending in Ruapekapeka, Parramatta Barracks near Wellington and the Waikato Wars ending in Orakau.

Injustice of NZ last Hanging with reference to the Epitaph programme that had shown on TV.

A heretic who was burned at the stake, and had connections to the castle who had the guard robe next to the loo

'An agriculture rioter- Machine breaker in 1830

We followed a WW1 "fellmonger" through his injury into the hospitals that NA soldiers were in during WW1.

Noted- that we are a ghoulish lot – Not much service to the community!! Those new into their genealogy trip are certainly showing that they can match the old hands.

AND a "Ghost" person won the raffle. Lorna Kay's absence was celebrated by somehow her winning our raffle. We are thinking of you and wish you well Lorna K.

## Other "net" places to explore

**FAM NET** is a New Zealand based genealogical group. They put out a monthly newsletter that has great articles. It is free to get these newsletters. There are good "how to" type articles. Their series on DNA were very informative. Go to <http://www.famnet.org.nz/newsletters> .

You can get them monthly and they are FREE (the word all genealogists love!)

**Lost Cousins** is another great organisation to help us. I just get their newsletter. This gives me heaps of information  
<https://www.lostcousins.com/newsletters2/jul19news.htm>

## FAMILY SEARCH SPEAKER IN TE AWAMUTU



### Exploring FamilySearch.org from a British Isles Perspective

Presentation by:  
Raymon Naisbitt  
Family History Library  
Salt Lake City

When: Thursday 8 August, 7pm-9pm    Entry: \$5  
Venue: Public Library Community Room, Selwyn Lane, Te Awamutu

FamilySearch.org is a FREE treasure trove of billions of indexed & digital family history records. This is Raymon Naisbitt's only speaking engagement in the Waikato. Don't miss this great opportunity!

Organised by the Te Awamutu Genealogy Group  
Enquiries: Email [teawamutu@genealogy.org.nz](mailto:teawamutu@genealogy.org.nz)

The South Waikato Libraries (Tokoroa venue) have been extremely helpful with our plans for Family History Month and we would particularly like to thank Lalita, Cherie and all the others for this co-operation and their expertise

### **AUGUST IS FAMILY HISTORY MONTH**

- It is THE MONTH to learn more.
- It is the month to enthuse others.
- There's lots on – try to attend as many as you can.
- Judith & I are on our way to the “sure to be fabulous” week-end in Auckland with all the overseas speakers, displays and loads of help, ideas, products.

- **LOCAL** – Check out the library-Display. Individual Help and Library Lovers. Read the paper! Come to our meeting.
- **SHORT TRAVEL** – Te Awamutu Family search speaker and probably more as newsletters come in! (Watch the passed on e mails
- **AUCKLAND LIBRARIES Family History Expo.** Attend all weekend or pop in and out. Check it out on
- <https://www.aucklandlibraries.govt.nz/pages/family-history-expo.aspx>

- S&N Genealogy Supplies  
<[emailnews@genealogysupplies.com](mailto:emailnews@genealogysupplies.com)>  
>  
There is a great special on – (60% discount – while stocks last)

### Let's remember and Celebrate ! Our Local Girl from Putaruru !! August 1 1992

Lorraine Moller wins Olympic bronze at the age of 37, Lorraine Moller ran the race of her life to place third in the marathon at the Barcelona Olympics in 1992.

<https://nzhistory.govt.nz/calendar/>

## **REMEMBER TO SET ASIDE** **SATURDAY 21 SEPTEMBER** **Our Open Day**

Convenor's Report for Hi, I hope you are all fit and well and avoiding the winter “bugs”.

Not all of you got to the July meeting but it turned out rather well, and it was very interesting. One ancestor was burned at the stake, another hung for murder, an activist, and some served the community (Rebecca's) and as soldiers.

We have lots of events to attend this month. Our meeting will be on websites e.g. Ancestry, The Genealogist, Papers Past (NZ), Scotlands People. GENUKI - *Bring your laptop and curiosity.*

I went to the Michelle Patient lecture on Saturday, 20 July in Hamilton. It was a very full day starting at 9.00 am. We were all captivated by her talk, and needed the break for lunch. She used her family for lots of examples. I was a bit “brain-drained” at the end of the day. I'll have to re-read my DNA books and magazines, help all the info sink in.

Happy researching Judith.- Convenor

Keep Learning and finding! Elsie - Editor