



NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY OF
GENEALOGISTS

SOUTH WAIKATO BRANCH

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NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2020

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

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Branch Meetings

THURSDAY 20th Feb 1 pm.

CATCH UP – Round the table: each member will be asked to let us know in about 3 min **what they have been doing, or what they will hope to achieve, or what help they need.** “OWL” for speaker, who then passes to next person. Questions/ comment after we have completed the circuit. Bring paper to write on if you are like me eg “Wendy - I can help with your research into _____” Then I won’t forget – and if time allows I can just give it with my name ph no.

We all hope to assist each other. \$2 for raffle .

For discussion – helping with Cemetery Walk in Putaruru- research and on the day-set as **28 March**

19th MARCH DNA

Elsie will present what she does with the finds - Her Table to record on..

Further DNA information and discussion.

SPECIAL EVENT – MATAMATA Unfortunately cancelled.

Convenor’s Report ; February 2020

Welcome to 2020. I hope that you all have had a good break and caught up with family and friends.

I finished the University of Strathclyde genealogy course and now have a certificate. There are lots more online courses, and I might do another.

Have you set a goal this year? Sort out paper work? Have a think about a “brick wall” (a dead end on a line that is resistant to Ancestry searches, Family Search searches, Google)? Sort out inconsistencies on the computer database, e.g. turn NZ into New Zealand, so that all the place names are consistent. I think that I will be doing battle with paper.

Coming up is our first meeting in February and in March (Cemetery Month) we will have a Cemetery Walk in the Tirau Street Cemetery, Putaruru. Other branches will be holding walks too. *Keep 28 March 2020 free to come and support us.*

Happy researching - Judith Gardiner

DATES THAT AFFECT YOUR RESEARCH -A Catalogue of events to illustrate some of the pitfalls and snags which can be encountered in tracing an English ancestor through the 16th, 17th, and 18th centuries.

P A L E O G R A P H Y	L A T I N	1538	Start of Parish Registers
		1547	Suppression of monasteries – causing difficulties for the poor.
		1598	Bishops’ Transcripts – as alternate to Parish Registers – not always an exact duplicate.
		1601	Poor Law Act – causing restriction of the poor.
		1607	Enclosure Act – creating economic difficulties for the poor. Dispossession.
		1642	Civil War – disruption of all records – particularly Parish Registers.
		1653	Civil Takeover of Parish Registers – civil marriages. General scarcity of records, often ill-kept – gaps.
		1660	End of Commonwealth – Restoration of the Monarchy – re-emergence of some Parish Registers – evidence of gap-filling.
		1661	Militia Act – Wide dispersion of Militia forces – substitutes.
		1662	Settlement Act – Examinations to decide on home parish – removals.
		1694	First fiscal use of Parish Registers – under registration.
		1711	Introduction of “Ruled and Numbered” pages of Parish Registers – indicates irregularities earlier?
		1752	Calendar change – 3 rd September followed by 14 th in 1752. January 1 st New Year’s Day for first time 1752.
		1754	Lord Hardwick’s Act – regularising marriages – Banns Book.
1783	Stamp Act – 3d on each entry in Parish Registers		

Date Feb 10th 1908 Auckland gets a public supply of electricity, 20 years after Wellington. It is run by a stem powered generator in conjunction with a destructor in Freeman's Bay.

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From Judith's course - for articles about basic principles –  
[familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/family\\_history\\_for\\_Beginners](http://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/family_history_for_Beginners)

I went into this site and found a simple outline with lots of underlined parts that one can link into, giving one so much of an outline. All well worthwhile – Recommended

HINT Copy (Cntrl C) and paste (CntrlV) website addresses into "google" – It saves time and the brain!! Sometimes one can just press on the link

## FORMS AND CHARTS

[www.cydislist.com/free-stuff/printable-charts-and-forms](http://www.cydislist.com/free-stuff/printable-charts-and-forms)

You can also get forms through

[www.genealogy.org.nz](http://www.genealogy.org.nz) which is the site for our

NZ Society of Genealogists

This site is a great site to find many things related to NZ genealogy like addresses of other Branches – they might be able to assist you with aspects of your research with their local knowledge.

Retrieval of Irish Archive Lost in 1922 Fire 'Astounding', Historian Says "Two days into the Civil War, a massive explosion destroyed the Public Records Office attached to Dublin's Four Courts and with it hundreds of years of documented history, resulting in a huge loss for genealogists, historians, and many others who depend upon such records.

However, there is good news: An attempt to recreate Ireland's archives destroyed in a fire in June 1922 has been successful to a "greater extent than ever previously imagined," the historian behind the project has said.

You can read the full story in an article by Ronan McGreevy in *The Irish Times* web site at: <http://bit.ly/33Vogbw>.

Thanks to a Dick Eastman newsletter

## PRESERVE INFORMATION

This is the first goal that the Family search site above states for genealogists to aim for. To me that is a key part of our role. Whether it is family stories; the letters that Great aunt Agnes wrote, the photos and cards or the discoveries that you make in your research. HOW are you going to preserve and pass on ?

Preserving is also about preserving information of a more general nature that will aid or give background information to other researchers. We regularly have queries from other genealogists

The New Zealand Society of Genealogists have projects to do just that. OUR BRANCH CONTRIBUTES – you can help .Talk to us.

JUDITH is our co-ordinator for the Schools records - Typist/ checkers appreciated to assist.

Elsie collects biographical information on deceased South Waikato citizens , as well as Funeral sheets that are sent on.

Lorna Kay Is our scrapbook lady cutting out important South Waikato cuttings. Some of the old scrapbooks have been a wonderful resource. I am sure she would welcome help. We would appreciate other members getting involved.

My private contribution is my South Waikato books –

“ Bedrock & Rail” and “Hard Times and Hope Sth Waikato 1920-1950” which will be launched Wed 19 February 4.30pm at Library Hope some of you can make this occasion.

## FROM THE COMMITTEE

**We welcome** 2 new committee members who have been co-opted to assist with the running of the Branch, inject some freshness and help with continuity for the future.

Sandra Mentjox who brings many years of knowledge, service and experience back to the branch as well as being a Putaruru resident.

Raewyn Alderton who brings great research ideas, enthusiasm and knowledge of the community.

We are all looking forward to getting back with old and new friends and being stimulated in our genealogical journey. Ask if you need help; Be prepared to share and help others. NO ONE knows it all. Hope to see you on the 20<sup>th</sup> February.

Elsie – compiler. Contributions welcome.

