



NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY OF
GENEALOGISTS

SOUTH WAIKATO BRANCH

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NEWSLETTER APRIL 2020

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 8869381; Sue Turnbull 886 4243; Sandra
Mentjox 8838135; Raewyn Alderton 886 8334

*July Visiting Speaker ' How I found My
Grandfather"

*August – Family History Month – Appointments
in library to help people from Community

12 SEPTEMBER OPEN DAY.

Full day in Fire Brigade Room with Sandra Metcalfe.

Please reserve date..

Hopefully we will all love a great day of
INSPIRATION, COMRDESHIP AND FREEDOM !!!

No normal September monthly meeting

Other Branches

**16th May – Taupo Branch; Geraldine O'Reilly –
Irish Research.** This lady is considered NZ top
person on Irish research. (Possible cancellation ?)

WE will do our best to set up groups to continue to
assist members in a way that should lead to
productive genealogy for all.

Time to Renew Your Branch Membership for 2020/21

Our branch membership year runs from 1 April to 31
March, Subscriptions are due \$20 for a single member and
\$30 for a couple.

Subscriptions may be-- sent to the Treasurer (Lorna Kay) at
8, Dumfries Road, Tokoroa 3420,

--paid in at ANZ Bank the account is in the name of
Tokoroa Group of The New Zealand Society of
Genealogists,

--or if you want to use **Internet banking** the account No. is
010 461 0049683 00. Please include your name. Please
email if you have paid internet/direct to bank. -
davlornk@xtra.co.nz

If you have **any problems** please give a ring on 886 7335 to
Lorna Kay – Treasurer.

**STAYING IN ? - GENEALOGY IS YOUR IDEAL
HOBBY- FROM JUDITH** Check our the NZSG
site for free videos

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

We can always scour Family Search, and other
websites

IT IS CERTAINLY UNSETTLING TIMES'

The Committee has confirred and agreed to the
following

- We have cancelled the Putaruru Cemetery Walk
- Library DNA meetings
- April Branch meeting

We have to have an AGM" in person" before the end
of June, as the rules stand at the moment. (but that
could change)

JUDITH

**Consequently items have been removed from the
programme as originally prepared. le Cemetery
Walk; DNA at Library & April's meeting.AND -**

******9th May – BRANCH trip** to Family History
Centre Panmure ***** - This was cancelled by
agreement of majority at the March meeting

AT RISK*

***21 May - AGM** -Speaker is cancelled

***June Meeting** Visiting Speaker NZ and Pacific Is
and Wars

If you have spare money \$NZ 120.00 there is a webinar with Blane Bettinger and friends on DNA.

ANZAC DAY;

---- Dear Genealogy Group

Thought many of your members would be keen to hear some good news during the current upheavals and uncertainty being experienced due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

While we are extremely disappointed that Blaine T Bettinger, Angie Bush and Jonny Perl have had to cancel their travel plans associated with this month's DNA Discovery Tour, we are pleased to announce that the face to face lecture series scheduled in Christchurch (**21 and 22 March** 10 am- 4:30pm NZDT) and Wellington (**27 and 28 March** 9:30am to 4pm NZDT) will be available as two global virtual classrooms.

So for those who couldn't travel to those venues, they can now participate over the Internet from the comfort of wherever they are. All genes with an interest in DNA will now have the opportunity to learn from these educators. Tickets are \$120NZD for the two days and can be bought online.

For live lectures

Fri & Sat 27 and 28 March - 9:30am - 4pm NZDT

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/dna-discovery-lectures-wellington-tickets-86092736693>

Lectures and question and answer sessions will be live with Angie Bush and Blaine T Bettinger, there will be AncestryDNA kits and other goodies to give away each day.

Hope this helps us all further our interest in using DNA as part of our genealogy research. And be something positive to look forward to in amongst so much uncertainty.

Kind regards

[The DNA Discovery Team](#)

Michelle Patient

Paul Alpe

Fiona Brooker

Try webinars

Many providers have webinars and there are great U-tube etc and courses. Take this as a time to learn

https://www.newyorkfamilyhistory.org/blog/upcoming-free-webinars?utm_source

Some update news

All genealogical sites continually upgrade. It pays to try to keep up to date. To find out what has been happening with Family Search go to

<https://www.familysearch.org/blog/en/whats-new-in-familysearch-2020/>

An Ancestry update <https://ancestry.me/35kcV5R>.

We will remember them.

We will be thinking of those who have served in the forces . **Some sites to explore:-**

New Zealand Military Websites

NZDF Personnel Archives and Medals

www.nzdf.mil.nz/personnel-records

Boer War and WW1 Records

www.archives.govt.nz

Official War Histories

www.nzetc.org

Military Museums

Royal New Zealand Navy Museum

www.navymuseum.co.nz

National Army Museum

www.armymuseum.co.nz

Royal New Zealand Air Force Museum

www.airforcemuseum.co.nz

Auckland War Memorial Museum

www.aucklandmuseum.com

Merchant Navy Enquiries

New Zealand National Maritime Museum

www.maritimemuseum.co.nz

The New Zealand Defence Force Library

The Defence Library has a large collection of published material including military history and medallic honours and awards. The library provides an enquiry and research service.

www.nzdf.mil.nz/library/default.htm

Information about medals

<http://medals.nzdf.mil.nz>

Remember - Remember to check your NZSG CDs and Kiwi Index USB for information.

I was looking for an Intention to Marry from about 1890. The couple didn't turn up on the general search, but later turned up when I selected the Intention to Marry section in Kiwi Index. I thought I was off to Hamilton to check records at the Hamilton Public Library. **Judith**

CAREFUL!!! -----

Signing documents with the year as 20 can leave you open to the date being altered – eg 2024 or 2006. Do use 2020 to be clear of your intention.

TIPS FOR DEATH RECORDS IN UK – MOST CAN APPLY ANYWHERE

- Registry office www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/

- Probate Records through Ancestry; Find my Past or Scotland's people.

- Newspapers – NZSG members use Gale newspaper-

- Death Indexes

- Electoral Rolls

- Pauper Deaths

- Try – overseas, look for different ages/spellings etc

- Military death records

- Burial Registers

- Memorial Inscriptions through eg find-a-grave.

UK QUARTER SESSIONS

These hold a lot of names – Defendants, Witnesses, Plaintiffs, Victims, Magistrates, Clerks & Jurors. These can all help one build up the stories of the lives of our families.

DAILY MAIL says in an article that the Church of England(UK) is starting to launch a “Google Maps for Graves” which will allow family historians to search for burial records & locations in an on- line database .Another great resource in the mail.

If you are doing extensive UK research it may well pay to join Find My Past as they have a weekly free look up for new entries. They also have exclusive records for quite a large number of counties. Perhaps a

3 mth subscription at this time may be worthwhile – when you can commit to intensive research?

NOTICE OF AGM MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the South Waikato Branch of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists will be at the Tulloch House, Gate 1 Tokoroa Hospital Grounds Thursday 21 May 2020 at 1 pm. <PENDING CONFIRMATION _ OR POSTPONEMENT>

The agenda for the annual general meeting is:

1. Receipt of the branch annual report and statement of accounts;

2. Set the annual subscription for the 2021-2022 year;

3. Election of Convenor, Secretary, Treasurer and Committee members (min of 2)

4. General Business (If notified prior)

Note: For election as Convenor, Secretary, Treasurer you need to be a member of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists (not just the branch).

The guest speaker is to be cancelled and held for a future meeting.

50% of the whole Committee are required to be to be members of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists. However branch only members are always welcome to participate in the work of the committee. Please consider joining.

AGM – Elsie Monahan WILL NOT be standing for an officer position at election. **So a Secretary is required.** If one not found Elsie will withdraw from the committee, her work load has been far too much and her priority is now writing. She will continue in the meantime as the Newsletter person and will be prepared to help the Branch for some of the special activities- **But NOT all. Your first contact should be the assigned committee member. Lorna Kay for financial – or your convenor Judith.**

IF YOU WANT HELP – or a chat please -a **committee member will be in contact soon.** We are setting up groups to work together. Many of us over 70 are probably advised to stay at home. Phone & emails or messenger etc are great ways to communicate.

Those who have had a DNA test copy Elsie's chart several times label one for each of your Grandparents surname line and start filling in Start with the easy ones – your siblings, children, 1st cousins - and then start “Flying” and see what you can match!! Have fun - and learn

TAKE CARE - AND CARRY ON WITH GENEALOGY !!

ELSIE