

NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY OF GENEALOGISTS

SOUTH WAIKATO BRANCH

**TOKOROA, PUTARURU,
TIRAU & SURROUNDING
AREAS**

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NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2020-08-01

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

Convenor Judith Gardiner

-021 801 507 - TXT preferred.

Treasurer - Lorna Kay -886 7335;

Secretary - **VACANT**

Committee Members

Denise Fargher 886 9381;

Sue Turnbull 886 4243;

Elsie Monahan 886 5353

Raewyn Alderton 886 8334

SOUTH WAIKATO OPEN DAY

12 SEPTEMBER - FULL DAY

in Tokoroa Fire STATION

with Sandra Metcalfe a knowledgeable and
entertaining speaker from Te Awamutu. .

Please reserve date..

9.30 register to begin prompt at 10 am

- through to 3.30pm approx,

Free lunch provided.

\$15.00 with extra - multi raffles for \$ 5.00

Hopefully we will all love a great day of
INSPIRATION, COMRADESHIP

Members your support is needed. Your own
genealogical knowledge will expand greatly!!

MEMBERS – PLEASE BE AT FIRE STATION EARLY .

THE COMMITTEE NEEDS HELP. We are setting up
between **9.00 and 9.30** -e mail to Branch address
please if you can help.

Registration begins 9.30 . There will be cuppa &
biscuits from 9.30 – 9.45, so these can be cleared
away before a sharp !

10 am **START**. Please bring friends who are
interested in genealogy.

NB MEETING AT TCOSS on 17th –
Owl – 3min each – your choice
of topic eg – finds; something
new learnt; Advice to others;

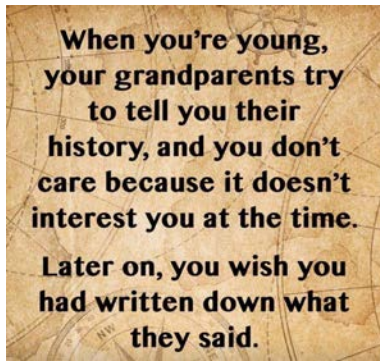
OTHER BRANCHES – There is an open invitation to
your members – Your Branch Secretary has been
contacted through your official e mail contact
address.

NZSG INTEREST GROUPS

I belong to several of the Interest groups and through
them one can go to various seminars & meetings. One
can get regular magazines posted to one in a round
robin. This weekends Magazine was the May “ Who
do you think you are”. Several items interested me –
both for my own genealogy but also to inspire the
writing of articles for this newsletter.

DNA Rootstech.org/video/getting-started-with-dna
Is a session with Debbie Kennett.

ETHNICITY. / BOIGEOGRAPHIC ANCESTRY. The
companies generally work from DNA samples of
people with deep roots in an area. They remove the
DNA of “Outliers” from that area and so the
remainder becomes part of the pool for the area. BUT
remember that this is still contaminated. Eg How did
the Napoleonic Wars affect DNA throughout Europe
when there was so much movement of people – and
let’s say soldiers indulged their “wants/ needs”. The
DNA ethnicity results are formed by different
algorithms and all depends on the number of people
referenced. The companies do “update” from time to
time. There is NO SPECIFIC gene for your ethnicity-
just patterns.



CONCENTRATE ON AN AREA – eg Shropshire

Look at a specific area of interest to you – eg the county of Shropshire and in particular find out many free records available. . The area could have burial records, parish records, WW1 roll of hour, trade directories. The Victorian County History for the area, Genuki, etc . Is there a local Family History Society – for the county. Town. Village ?

Try shropshirarchives.org.uk and

BRANCH MATTERS

SOME MEMBERS have missed out on getting a basic “**New Members” pack**. If you feel you need one contact Sue, who is now overseeing this task.

Remember if you are contacting the Branch by e mail use our generic southwaikato@genealogy.org.nz or contact the member concerned. I do not organise the Branch. That is Judith’s job as Convenor.

All members are asked to contribute a plate for OPEN DAY. If you want to ask phone Denise 886 9381. And/or you may like to contribute a something that we can pop into our multi draw raffle prizes.{

1920 – The League of Nations confirms the New Zealand mandate to govern Western Samoa.

Marxists form the New Zealand Communist Party.

New Zealand Society of Genealogists- Members only service

NZSG Research Service: Is a Little Guidance Needed?

How many members have used our free NZSG Research Service? Perhaps it is time you sent in an enquiry to Elaine Bell and her team, for help in finding alternative sources for your family history research. Email:researchservice@genealogy.org.nz

SEPT 1 1888 The top of the epire of Christchurch Cathedral is destroyed by an earthquake of greater than 7.0 entred in North Canterbury according to Essential dates by Alison Dench

USING WEBSITES. It is so easy just to use the obvious ways to find information BUT one gets so much more if one can take the time to explore all the “buttons” and also scroll right down to the bottom of the page – remembering it can take a while to load.

I have been exploring Ancestry DNA – and have gone into buttons that allow me to look at areas – custom DNA 6cM to 9Cm. – so I could “star” before they change their layout – and I believe they aim to cut out these low matches. I have looked under the: shared cM - and again scrolled right down. I have also looked under distant matches.

I looked for familiar names (sister’s married names) – over the generations; Joint ancestors and some members who have good sized trees to explore sometime.

My most distant match extends back into the early 1600s and there are a lot in the 1700s. Interestingly I have had more luck with female lines than male !!

From Te Puke Branch

The Family Notices from the Bay of Plenty Times

Heather McLean QSM extracted Family Notices from the newspaper from 1991 until December 2017

The NZSG Kiwi Index has listings from 1991 until 2006 but only includes, at a maximum, a person’s name, death date, date of publication and where were died.

Te Puke branch has Heather’s collected notices from January 1994 until December 2017, which has been extended to December 2019. This consists of deaths, memorials, unveilings, births, marriage, and anniversaries notices. These have all been scanned and indexed into a searchable database.

Requests for copies from these records

Please email your request to tepukegenealogy@gmail.com and in the subject line indicate whether it is a cemetery or family notice request, giving as much information about the requested extract as possible.



Tokoroa; Kinleith with Cashmore Hills in background

CONVENORS NOTES

Greetings all.

We were disappointed that we had to cancel the August meeting, this will be rescheduled to the October slot.

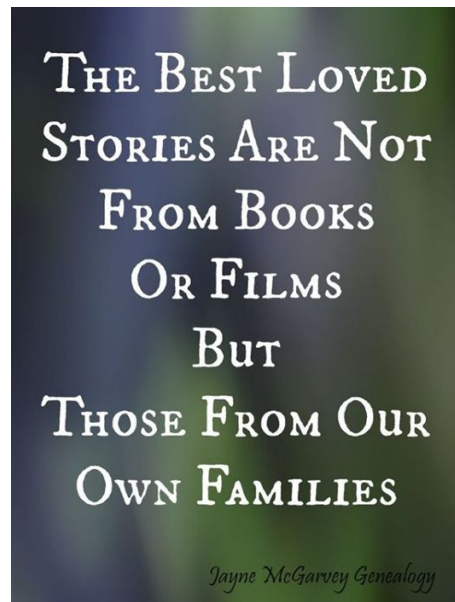
I've have been in regular contact with Sandra Metcalfe, the main presenter for **12 SEPT OPEN DAY**. She is really enthusiastic and excited to be coming to us for the day. The programme will have something to cater for all levels of genealogists, from beginners to the "more experienced". We are all learning – I had a great day learning more about using Ancestry DNA the other Thursday instead of our meeting.

We need your SUPPORT & HELP for OPEN DAY – a good plate; something small to add to the multi raffles. Help with setting up and packing up, kitchen duties etc. Please e mail southwaikato@genealogy.org.nz.

We have decided to have an informal "share meeting" using OWL on 17th September -YOUR CHOICE for your up to 3min slot.- Any queries will be dealt with AFTER OWL has done the circuit.

FAMILY HISTORY MONTH has given us a new lease of life! We have 2 "New Members" Welcome Genny and welcome back Sue. There are also several "potentials" Please make these welcome and help where possible. It is by assisting each other we build strength and improve our own personal skills for genealogy.

Judith



OPEN DAY

MEMBERS : HELP APPRECIATED

GET INVOLVED !!

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FOR

1) PRE BOOKING Registration for yourself & friends -

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PRE BOOKING will help us with numbers as well as be "top priority" if we have to limit numbers.

2) ASSIST SETTING UP/ PACKING UP Furniture moving and carrying things to and from cars etc

3) RAFFLES - we operate multi raffles on the day. If you would like to donate something small that could go into a "Useful" parcel for a prize please hand into Raewyn Alderton -177 Grampian PI Tok by 7th September.

KITCHEN HELP & PLATES -

Contact Denise Ph 07886 9381

This is the **BRANCHES SHOW CASE DAY** as well as the best opportunity for you to learn more.

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE !!