

NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY OF GENEALOGISTS

SOUTH WAIKATO BRANCH

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

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NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2020-

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

Convenor Judith Gardiner

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From Your Convenor

Hi everyone I was great to see everyone at the last meeting, and lovely to welcome a new face.

Things have been quite changeable this year. I didn't know that one little virus could muck up the world so much. However, genealogists are lucky that we can still research lots of areas at home on the internet.

We can also continue to contribute to the genealogy world by transcribing **local school rolls and cemetery records**. We and our forebears are a transient people. I grew up in Mid-Canterbury, but live in the South Waikato. My husband was born in Lancashire, England; gained a medical degree from Otago University, and now lives in the South Waikato. So, the pair of us are strays. This is a real genealogical term.

A **stray** is a recorded event (baptism, marriage, burial, etc) which takes place outside the area in which a person normally lived. In a census a stray is from another country. In most family history societies in the UK a stray is from another county. Strays can make it "interesting" looking for people living near a county border.

The South Waikato is filled with many people who have "strayed" here, or spent time here over the years. We need to consider contributing to the "work" of genealogy of helping others who have connections to the district. Strays may have generated a record that we can help document, record and index. By doing that we can help other genealogists in their research into their own relatives.

We can transcribe school admission rolls. We can photograph and transcribe cemetery headstones in our four cemeteries. The cemetery records would be shared with both the Council and with the NZSG. The NZSG Kiwi Index would be updated with this data and so be available to all NZSG members. I propose that we can all assist with this, working together to help ourselves and other genealogists.

In closing, I hope that next year will be more "normal" and we can focus on extra jobs like this as well as our own research.

Happy Researching Judith

PROGRAMME

15 October **Librarians.**"How NZ Library service can help genealogists"

19 November; **Panel of people**

Answering questions from members.

*****Members are asked to submit questions prior to this meeting so adequate research can be put into topic. Remember to give the clues you have if specific, but general questions are possibly best, Please use our Branch site***

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We were hoping to do the Cemetery Walk in Putaruru Tirau St in March. This may be exchanged to be the cancelled OPEN DAY

ALL IS " COVID WILLING"

DEATH - NIGEL TE HIKO

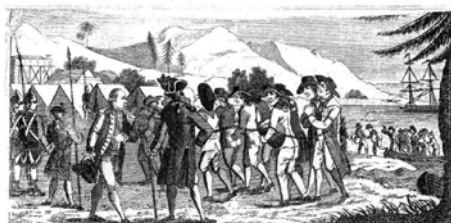
Nigel was from our local iwi – Raukawa – He was recognised as their noted historian and held the memories of so much of the iwis history and knowledge as well as for all South Waikato. He had been writing a book. Nigel worked for the then Raukawa Trust Board, which is now the Raukawa Settlement Trust for 20 years, and has been a servant and advocate for his whānau and his people for many years .

A truly noble gentleman who carried so much mana.

Unfortunately for the family of Ongaroto , it was a double tragedy as his elder brother Alan also succumbed to Corona Virus .

The Branch is saddened by this loss and our thoughts are with the whanau.

DO YOU HAVE AUSSIE RELATIVES Who came to Botany Bay etc? I have a DNA match to one of them and can follow his line to Mid 1700s- but event though one of my surnames, I cannot make the final join. There is so much available about him in the early days – and his line to the Match is solid.



THE LANDING of the CONVICTS at BOTANY BAY

Another of my Aussie Matches comes from the 1840s in NZ. I have loads of information on the Father- and he is supposed to have married & had 2 children in NZ, before they went to Australia. I CANNOT FIND any records!!! – but maybe there are records in New South Wales as we were still part of that colony.

GENEALOGY: RESEARCHING YOUR FAMILY TREE

University of Strathclyde - Future Learn

ENROLL NOW for course starting soon

Develop an understanding of genealogy and learn how to research your family tree and share the results with this online course. Sue Turnbull & Judith have done a course and both report very favourably

ELSIE'S GARAGE

You are welcome to give her a call or e mail – orelse24@gmail.com to arrange a day & time to use the resources. You can borrow many of the materials too. Times preferred between 10am and 3 pm. NOT THURSDAYS. If staying over lunchtime, bring whatever to eat. Elsie will set you going & leave you to it . If you have any thoughts on long term location for the resources , PLEASE let's know. As there are different cupboards they do NOT need to be in one place. What's there. – Fiche – especially useful are thing NOT on line! Electoral Rolls- where did they live?? Books and maps etc. There is a "study" where you can work without interruption. Possibly 2-4 people could be working at a time.

THESE ARE BRANCH RESOURCES for you to use

Facebook site; **Genetic Genealogy Tips & Techniques**. A good place to ask questions about anomalies in your DNA eg (adapted a bit)

I thought I knew all my close relatives. I have someone listed on my DNA matches as close family - 1st cousin. I have one known 1st who has taken the test and shows up on my matches. She shares 759 cM across 29 segments. This unknown person shares 1,914 cM. What does that mean? It's seems that he is closer than a 1st cousin. I did have the opportunity to have my mother complete her DNA before she died and the match person does not connect.

Check them out: Genealogy on the go;

All giant genealogy websites—Ancestry, FamilySearch, Findmypast, and MyHeritage—are easy to use on-the-go. These genealogy apps are free, and can be used with your free guest log-in or paid subscription. You'll get the same access to features as you do on the full sites.

So download these free genealogy apps to make and share family history discoveries whenever and wherever you are. Ancestry app AncestryDNA app FamilySearch Family Tree app FamilySearch Memories app Findmypast app MyHeritage app Find A Grave app PhotoScan by Google Photos Evernote app Trello app Adobe Photoshop Fix JoyFlips RootsMagic app

RootsTech Goes Virtual in 2021

FamilySearch has announced that Rootstech 2021 will be held in February 2021 as a free, virtual event in lieu of the usual annual family history conference in Salt Lake City.

Visit www.rootstech.org to register for the free virtual event.

Could be a great thing to help us upskill.

LEARNING FROM EACH OTHER (or being reminded)

Our "OWN CHOICE" meeting in Sept was a good time for members to again show their knowledge and problems, and wide range of knowledge. From some rough notes made here are some:

Questions of WHO, WHEN, WHERE, HOW, WHY apply to each of our family people.

Certificates. Look at ALL Information. Witnesses may be relations. Neighbours(census), workmates. etc

Tutorials on webinar etc are a great help- and aren't we lucky to be able to do them in our own time!!

Spellings – not only surnames but Christian – Jenny, Jean, Jane, Janie, Jeanie, Janine and also remember they may be commonly known by second names Mabel Dawn – or a nick-name.

Keep a notebook with you – you never know when you pick up a good scrap of info. Divide into your 4 Grandparents lines. I would add a "RESEARCH TIPS"

Dating of photos; Sheryl is very interested – and would like websites.

Alone – adopted- Catholic, but parish priest/ records of no help> ?? Ideas?

Letters – what to do? Where to go?- Family; Museum? National Archives .In meantime arrange presentation – Organise. Chronological order. Tabulate basic information into your records. Use to make a factual story; Maybe a basis for a romantic novel.

Some repositories can mean hard for future family to access easily.

Asylum – England. Try Google; Wikipedia to find out about the institution and o any "events" associated. Maybe newspapers. The National Archives

REMEMBER ; History in our life time

20 October 1987 ; A financial crash that within 2 weeks wiped billions of dollars of value off the NZ Shares. It was triggered by a sharp downturn in the US markets. It brought to an end an unprecedented NZ sharemarket boom. Many publicly listed companies went into receivership. How did this affect you relations? Can you remember? Were you affected ?

And at the other end of my "Essential Dates "for October is this

October 16th1848. An earthquake, the first in NZ to be documented in detail, causes extensive damage in Wellington. Centred in Wairau Valley, it measured 7.1 on the Richter Scale. Shocks continued until October 24th, the most violent being on October 19. At least 3 people died.

Family comment: This may explain why my Capt K Mathieson left NZ about this time and took his ship building and repair business to Australia!

Wider events certainly alter paths in our Families and we are going through a period where some families are, or will be affected in a major way. Unfortunately y many of these effects will be detrimental, but as in all Hard Times there are those who will profit from the circumstances. How will your descendants view you and yours in the future?

NOVEMBER PANEL :

Please start thinking of questions to put to the November panel? They can be either general – eg Sheryl's dating photograph websites - or pertaining to Road blocks in you research. We would like to give the panel time to do some investigation.

Remember to give base known details, which may be the clues needed.

Happy Hunting; Fabulous Finds : enjoy the energy of Spring !!

Elsie

