

SOUTH WAIKATO BRANCH

TOKOROA, PUTARURU,
TIRAU & SURROUNDING
AREAS

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NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2020-

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

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SOME PHOTO HINTS:

Clues may be gained by a close look at many details;
Personal ; Hair/beard/ moustache details, Age; Health
appearance; Bald; Waistline;

Clothing – uniforms – look at buttons; bows; collars,
cuffs; badges; hats, caps; badges; shoes ;boots, belts

Occasion – Weddings, going to war, 21st, sports, work
place etc. Why was photo taken?

Photographic info; Who was photographer, lighting,
film type, black & white, colour etc. Can you roughly
date. Look up photographer on google.

Accessories and surrounds in the photo ; flowers;
chairs; backdrops; Open air; work tools, sporting gear
Poor Quality? Try My Heritage Photo Enhancer .-

Myheritage.com/photo-enhancer. This is free for up
to 10 images. It is good to clarify grainy photos.
Another colourising site is colourise.sg,

AREAS

GLASGOW

glasgowfamilyhistory.org.nz city archives

gla.ac.uk/myglasgow/archives university

www.renfrewshireleisure.com/heritage area
records

LANCASHIRE

Lancashirebmd.org.uk

Lan-opc-org.uk Parish clerks

Bit.ly/spinners-directory directories

Mario.lancashire.govt.uk - old maps

Bit.ly/mcr- library Manchester library

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"

Polish

<https://www.familytreemagazine.com/.../polish-genealogy.../>

GOOGLE DOCS - free if you have a Google or g mail account. It allows for Optical Character Recognition that can be edited- although recognition of handwritten documents is patchy. Has anyone used ??

NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY OF GENEALOGISTS

Members can access The National Archives – (UK) for free using the Discovery site and also the large number of newspapers through Gale newspapers.

These are amongst the amazing resources available through your NZSG membership

To access go to the NZSG site

<https://www.genealogy.org.nz> ; log in;

Resources; Members Resources

- Discovery - UK Archives
- Online Newspapers
- New Zealand Cemeteries
- Griffis Illegitimacies
- District Keys

You can join the society using this site and paying on line. You will be issued a number which is what you use to log in – and when you attend any NZSG events - including our Branch meetings..



There has been a major upgrade of our local MUSEUM which is situated just south of Putaruru on State Highway One. Lots of old milling machinery , photos, maps etc and the archives are now very well organised . I am sure they are prepared to assist with enquiries about old mills and the people involved with them . I have donated most of the papers I used in my 2 local Histories “ Bedrock & Rail – South Waikato to 1920” and “ Hard Times and Hope – South Waikato 1920 – 1950”. These include much agricultural information as well as eg development of roads, building of early dams, Maori history, schools , health, local soldiers etc. Lots to find and explore. Contact the museum www.nztm.org.nz . Take your visitors.

<https://parchmentrustler.com/family-history/footsteps-maps/> **Walking in their Footsteps: Maps and the Family Historian** September 10, 2020 by Dr. Sophie Kay, posted in Family History, Research Skills

CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES ARE COMING –BEWARE



PANDORA RESEARCH

<http://www.nzpictures.co.nz/pandoraresearch.htm>W

WOW

Lots & lots of early records!! Like - **Register of licences** to occupy Crown Land for depasturage, timber-cutting 1848-1854 Archives New Zealand Reference ACFC 16427 OLC3/4 (folio 60-71 in volume) I found William Spain, the Commissioner of Land Claims earned £1000 in 1841 while the Conductor of Signal Station earned £60 – Disparity of earnings was part of society then . There are all sorts – Surveying records, Applications for Land, Etc.The records cover all the settlements of the early days- but also things like land for return soldiers for WW1. Highly recommended as a source for deeper digging on your family and events at the time. Thanks to website owner Dawn Chambers.

RESEARCH WAYS - HINTS PICKED UP

Census. Try omitting SURNAME and putting in all other details like Christian names, Date & place of birth. Perhaps of others expected at same place.

HINTS given by subscription sites need to be treated with caution and scepticism, BUT they can alert you to information that you have missed.

YOU ARE THE JUDGE OF WHAT YOU ACCEPT

BLACK FRIDAY

I always believed Black Friday was any Friday the 13th. BUT we are “Americanised” these days. They celebrate Black Friday as officially on Nov. 27 (it's always the day after Thanksgiving). It seems as though many NZ firms are using this as a time to have sales.

For genealogists watch out for great deals – free deals – with all the Big companies. It might be the time to subscribe – even if just for a limited time; It might be the time to get a DNA test

FACEBOOK

I belong to a site where one picks up lots of hints and answers to others problems

www.facebook.com/groups/geneticgenealogytipsandtechniques

Some recent links to sites include;-

“I would suggest YouTube videos from Family History Fanatics’s www.familyHistoryFanatics.com”

“My 2 cents: <https://maltsoda.wordpress.com/.../genealogy-education.../>”

CONVENOR’S CORNER *November 2020*

Hi Everyone

It was great to see you all at the last meeting, and lovely to welcome our newest members, Catherine Winship and Nancy Underdown.

Recently a church warden in England saw the name of one of my ancestors, Charles Becher (1724-1737), on my Ancestry tree. She was kind enough to offer to take a photo of the headstone, which I appreciated very much.



We have only one more meeting for the year, and it would be great to see you there. We are looking forward to your pre- submitted questions to the panel. Remember a saucer of little treats to nibble on.

Happy Researching

Judith

ARE YOUR KIDS ASKING WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE FOR CHRISTMAS?

They could – (individually or together)

Home Family History programme – like Family Tree Maker. Legacy Deluxe,

Membership to NZSG

Subscription to one of the on –line firms _ Ancestry; My Heritage; The Genealogist; etc

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Me – Still waiting for a MICROFILM READER AT THE LIBRARY! (The model I would like is only about \$20.000) -Or a Magic Fairy to sell the books I have written. Or TIME! Or energy! Next I will want the clock turned back !

## DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

### MEMBERS CONTRIBUTIONS PLEASE

## “SUGGESTIONS”

**SEASONAL** Unusual seasonal info; Jokes; Practices etc

**REVIEW OF YOUR GENEALOGY WORK** ; Best finds, Aspirations for 2021, Help – best help/ help needed.

**CELEBRATIONS** thanks to whoever/ whatever.

**PICTORIAL BITS** - Can you find something members will enjoy?

**PAST SEASONAL MEMORIES.** we all have that one seasonal holiday that stands out in our mind. Please share - unless it is censored ??.

## TO DO

-PRE SUBMIT QUESTIONS FOR PANEL -SEND TO [southwaikato@genealogy.org.nz](mailto:southwaikato@genealogy.org.nz) \_ ACTION ASAP

- MEETING THURS 19<sup>th</sup> NOV – 1 pm . TCOSS

- BRING a saucer of interesting little nibbles to share. And a glass for a cold drink.