

SOUTH WAIKATO BRANCH

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

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NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2020-

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

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***Merry Christmas and a
Great New Year***

Next meeting in FEBRUARY

BUT - Wait for it

- You can still contact Elsie re garage books and Fiche
- You can still ask for help....
- You can contact Judith for things to do for projects.
- You can still do your own bits – great time to extract info from relations!
- And there maybe some random coffee informal “let’s meet up” somewhere.

CENSUS – UK Scotland

Many sites have links to census. The free ones are FREECEN and Family Search. These are basically just the Index and do not give “other family” member; occupations. They certainly give you a start, but not for Scotland. Best to use Scotland’s People.

The “pay firms” vary with ability to allow ease of search, accuracy of the transcriptions, visual appeal etc. As ever it is best to click and go to the original document and check. You also get the full details on the whole family in the street. Sometimes neighbours are related people, or the witnesses to events. The ability to print the record- or (my favourite) to copy and paste to your home programme is another feature to consider.

Some of the pay sites have information that can give you details like the date of the census .This is useful when you have a 2 month baby in family).

If you are not happy with the result on one programme it is often great to try a different one. A transcriber may have made an error. The clarity of the original record can vary too.

Remember NZ DOES NOT have census records. Look at electoral rolls. – and the Branch own lots of little used material “In the garage.” Both fiche and books that are later than what can be found on line.

10 RULES

<https://www.familytreemagazine.com/.../online-family.../>

PRISON REGISTERS

Are very useful - Name birth date, next of kin, physical description and sometimes photo, offense, sentence imposed, time served, conduct, health, may be in the record. One can find more about the person than any other record, except maybe military. Many countries have these records available.

MAPS: The National Library of Scotland has great mapping tools where one can find map of same place at differing times and one can overlay one on the other and print . The ‘who do you think you are?’ magazine of Sept 2020 has a step by step guidance.

ODD FESTIVE EXPERIENCE

Went sea kayaking in the Marlborough Sounds one year. Accidentally took wrong inlet (look very similar at sea level) ended up having Christmas afternoon tea at the Edmonds family crib. Christmas dinner was a pooling of niceties with fellow kayakers.

New Year was a bit more traumatic Winds escalated, Cooks Straight ferries cancelled, A mother Orca and baby in the bay kept us from leaving the campsite. 2am a gust coming over the Saddle snapped our tent poles, had to lash kayak to a tree. We took refuge in a larger tent where the aluminium poles were bending, taking it in turns to hold tent up,

Next morning, dawn saw bleary eyed breakfast campers looking at the damage done. Boats wrecked, tents down, rescue only possible by the mail boat days later.

A Canadian canoe down the Wanganui the next year was a little tame by comparison.

And our thoughts turn to beaches and sandcastles...And in Newcastle Upon Tyne in North East England we have a 'pop-up' beach

For the 3rd year running Newcastle has 'installed' a beach on its famous Quayside on the banks of the River Tyne - famous for the export of coal and leading the World in shipbuilding. With 100 deck chairs, beach huts sand and palm trees it stages beach volleyball matches and sandcastle competitions. Open for 4 months of the year May to September when it is hopefully warm enough to shed a coat.

I have photo of the beach, its amazing. Regards Sue

SCOTTISH

First place to go is **Scotland's People** – This is an amazing resource. You can peruse the index for FREE. Make educated decisions to then go to the digitized documents. These you have to pay to view- and can print. Once paid for they stay on your site so you can go back to them. To pay you buy credits – about 30 at a time and for that amount can usually get about 5 certificates. Unused credits are available for a period afterwards.

Scottish Naming Pattern

- First Born Son - named for the paternal grandfather
- Second Born Son - named for the maternal grandfather
- Third Son named for the father - unless he shares a name with one of the grandfathers
- Fourth and subsequent sons were often named after father or mother's brothers

- First Born Daughter - named for the maternal grandmother
- Second Born Daughter - named for the paternal grandmother
- Third Daughter - named for the mother - unless she shares a name with one of the grandmothers
- Subsequent daughters were generally named for mother or father's sisters

If one of the first three children died, often the next baby born of that same sex will be named after the baby that died.

ENJOY !

When you get a bladder infection, urine trouble.

When chemists die, they barium.

I stayed up all night to see where the sun went, and then it dawned on me.

PRIVACY (from famnet)

The law doesn't actually say that you can't publish information about living people, it says that you can't disclose any information about living people that could cause them harm (or distress), but **the only safe rule is "Confidential unless dead"**. Even a chart without any year of birth for living people could be a problem: what if it recorded an undisclosed child that the parent had wanted kept hidden?

ANOTHER BIT ON THE LIGHT SIDE

Police were summoned to a daycare centre where a three-year-old was resisting a rest.

Did you hear about the fellow whose entire left side was cut off? He's all right now.

A bicycle can't stand alone; it's just two tired.

LAST MEETING ; THANK YOU PANEL FOR YOUR WORK

Thank you Stuart for sharing some gruesome medical knowledge

Bits to think on Have you looked up Papers Past for NZ info before 1950?

Is the name spelt correctly – Eg Moss can be Moff or Maff . Indexers have often very hard to decipher handwriting to work from, the renumerator may have poor spelling or hearing, and many clients were illiterate or had localised accents. What are alternatives?

A missing person from a census could be away at school, in an asylum or hospital. Down a mine, out fishing or “fishing’ through someone’s house or pockets, or a guest of HM.

Citizenship – rules change over time especially with information required I wish my Danish ancestors who were naturalised in 1900 in time for the Old Age Pension had to put as much information as the “new Citizens today are required to .

Certificates can be inaccurate- especially death. My Great Grandmother was recorded on death certificate as born 21 Dec 1841 in Copenhagen. This information was from her youngest son. I have just found her birth on 4 Nov 1841 in Tingsted, Maribo, Denmark.- and now I have her full brother (with DNA match to a descendant) and this is leading me to finding lots of distant cousins. Family search NEVER stops if you are crazy!! BUT I still need to find her husband’s line - GRR. But thanks panel for your suggestions. Patience and persistence does pay off – eventually.

ASKING FOR HELP Genealogy is one of the best ways to applying your deductive skills. Like all detection it is based on clues. The more clues the better one is able to see a pattern or to find and fill holes. A year or 2 ago I was helping a person in our library sessions. For a common name he just put down “Scotland” and wanted help. It turned out he knew exactly where this person was living when he was about 50 – and the Christian name of his wife. These 3 details would have allowed a much higher success rate.

PLEASE any time you ask for help give the whole picture as far as you know it. It saves time and success is more likely to occur.

The December newsletter of the New Plymouth branch of NZSG is now available for download.

<https://genealogynp.com/newsletters/newsletter202012.pdf>

Season's Greetings



Best Wishes

HAVE A GREAT BREAK.

Next meeting - February 19th.

Next Newsletter - end of January.

Informal coffee – Nexus 17th Jan.????

Happy hunting all and do ask if you want assistance.

On behalf of the committee

Judith, Convenor.

Please forward articles for next newsletter.

Signing off for the year - Elsie

