

South Waikato Branch

Tirau; Putaruru; Tokoroa and surrounding areas

FEBRUARY 2021

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

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PROGRAMME

Cemetery Month - March

18 March Round table - OWL RULES - "Which ancestor would I like to meet and what would I ask."

27th March SPECIAL Putaruru TIRAU ST Cemetery Walk. OPEN TO PUBLIC

10.30 AM MEET AT THE SENIOR NET ROOMS, DUKE ST, PUTARURU for the talks & cuppa before proceeding to Tirau St Cemetery IN Putaruru. Gold coin donation appreciated.

Then make way to cemetery. Try to use only a few cars to go to cemetery as limited parking, drive in the gates and go around circle.

15 April . Speaker : To be confirmed

It is hoped that there will be a good turnout of members to the Cemetery walk. Much research has gone into the preparation, and it helps to fulfil our goal of preserving history.

FIND MY PAST

If you are wanting to do serious British Is research you might like to take out a Find My Past subscription, even for a short while. The site is the world leader in UK and Irish records and has a great store of Family trees It now allows members to message other users so you can have direct communication.

LEITH PLACE TOKOROA 1953

"Local Quote from SOUTH WAIKATO NEWS Jan 1953. abridged

At Tokoroa Ratepayers Meeting" Considerable discussion about the parking conditions at present existing in Leith Place" there was a need to clean up and shingle the road. There needed to be improvement at the southern end entry from Main Road to Leith Place. In discussion about the fence being too close to the Main Road it was pointed out that it was there to protect the young trees and shrubs.

Further discussion pointed out the need for the safety of the public – the women and children, not necessarily the hotel patrons."

Shingle was put on the footpath in Leith Place in Mar 1953. It took a few months to finally seal the first side of the area.

DIRECT COMMUNICATION _ LINKS ACROSS THE WORLD

I contacted a great DNA link in Canada that I could not place. It turned out to be an adopted from Birth case; I contacted my top researcher on that branch of the tree, who in turn contacted a cousin in London of the adoptee. Yes, the wider family knew about the "Lad" (Phillip) and yes there was a younger sister by several years (Phillipa). The said cousin has now put the siblings in contact with each other. All done within a few days. Good amateur researcher CAN do it'

WHAT IS THE SURNAME?

Saffle, Safell, Savell, Sawkeld, Sowkeld, Saffield, Sawkeld. All variants found on a person's line.

It happens when people are illiterate; It happens when accents are involved; It happens when hearing is inaccurate; It happens when the writer is not well versed etc.

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It is helpful to get newsletters from varying sources. I receive a Highlands Society one. One article on a parish close to mine had a possible connection in the 1600s A Mary G She had 3 children – first- natural son to ...” second – son of --- and the third - Natural daughter to --- a new father. The second called a relapse and the third a trelapse. Others in the register included terms such as “begotten in fornication” and ‘begotten in adultery “Some of these were later “married”. In many cases they were punished by having to wear a sackcloth.



For short OPC. Many of the counties have volunteers who are busy going through old parish records and these are published on line through opc records. Try UKBMD website for Online Parish Clerks https://www.ukbmd.org.uk/online_parish_clerk This site has links for parishes for various counties so it is worth a look. As this is an evolving series of records it does pay to recheck every so often.

TRACING A DISTANT COUSIN USING ROLLS.

I first found Frederick in Mangakino in the 1950s. Then I couldn't find him. Eventually found in Burnham Military Camp, following that with a gap of many years he turned up in Rotorua with a different wife. Again, I lost him, only to locate again in Taranaki at an address I could finally write to. He is elderly and I do find a letter gives the elderly time to think. Yes, he had been to those places and the big gap was service in Malaysia. His children were now going under a double-barrelled name, so to find them I must look under T instead of L. As Frederick was an only child, I did not have siblings to call upon and connection would have been lost. It took time and effort to locate this line but well worth the effort as his children and Grandchildren are making names for themselves.

Thanks, Electoral rolls.

NZ ELECTORAL ROLLS.

These are a great source of finding where people lived, when, occupation, wife and any adult children at home on the roll. Sometimes with careful thought one can extend further. How to access? First and easiest is to use Ancestry (but subscription, or friendly Branch/family member). Second – Do you belong to Senior NET. Third Branch has microfiche of lots, Branch also has some of the later years in book form. NZSG Members could ask the Society to do look ups

PHILLAMORES ATLAS AND INDEX OF PARISH REGISTERS.

This is a wonderful research tool. It can now be accessed through Ancestry Parish record collections. When you lose someone, they could well be in a neighbouring parish, which in one of my lines I is over the county border.

GETTING ORGANISED was the title of our last meeting. Along with all our genealogical data and finds, we need to clean out, clear out junk.

Junk can come in so many forms, for many of the older members like me, it is the amount of paper we collected. WHAT DO YOU REALLY NEED TO KEEP?

My current clear out is my e mails. Gosh they build up. My friendly neighbour just gave me some tips and today I have removed about 1000 e mails that were just that – JUNK. Of course, to clear junk one does need to be disciplined. Perhaps set aside a certain amount of time regularly to attend to this could be better ultimately than always being tempted into research.

COMPUTER WOES

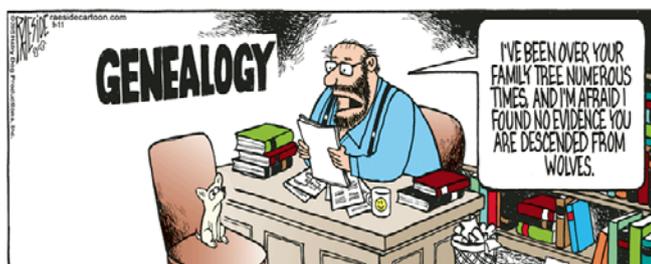
Oh this has been such a frustrating time as I have updated computer and had to get files transferred, learn a new system. Had troubles with internet connection etc. Partly this has started me on the clean out! Hopefully, all will go smoothly in the future – and I can start on **BOOK 3 – South Waikato.**

CONVENOR'S CORNER

I've been busy on the RootsTech 2021 website. There are hundreds of genealogy videos there. I've watched New Zealand, Australia, English, Scottish and Irish ones. And many more. There are also old RootsTech conference websites with even more videos. I hope you made time to check out some of them. I knew of a few presenters from the Auckland Family History Expo and NZSG Conferences. Some are really interesting while others could cure your insomnia; it was good information but the delivery was a bit "flat".

Covid-19 willing we have a busy month with a normal Branch meeting, Regional meeting and the Putaruru cemetery walk. I'm sure I need to be doing something.

Happy researching. **JUDITH**



NEXT MEETING – I will be talking about my Great Grandmother Maren from DENMARK and why I want to talk to her.

WHO are you wanting to meet- why?

What would you ask? What do you know? – or don't know.

We think about roughly 3 minutes per person.

Round Robin

- Owl Rules – open discussion AT END as time allows

Of course all " Covid Willing "