

# Newsletter of the Family History Group, West Auckland Historical Society and Waitakere Branch, NZ Society of Genealogists

## Welcome to a new decade - 2020

Here we are into 2020 and January has already gone. We hope you had a good Christmas and New Year. For most folk, summer holidays are over and we are into this year's activities. We look forward to seeing you at this year's events. John Soppet - Secretary

## This Year's Calendar

These are the dates we have for planned activities:

	<b>Henderson Research Centre</b>	<b>FHG meeting Mill Cottage 7 - 9pm</b>	<b>Saturdays Mill Cottage 11am - 3pm</b>	
January			Sat 25	
February	Tue 11	Thu 20	Sat 08	Sat 22
March	Tue 10	Thu 19	Sat 14	Sat 28
April	Tue 14	Thu 16	Sat 11	Sat 25
May	Tue 12	Thu 21	Sat 09	Sat 23
June	Tue 09	Thu 18	Sat 13	Sat 27
July	Tue 14	Thu 16	Sat 11	Sat 25
August	Tue 11	Thu 20	Sat 08	Sat 22
September	Sat 08	Thu 17	Sat 12	Sat 26
October	Tue 13	Thu 15	Sat 10	Sat 24
November	Tue 10	Thu 19	Sat 14	Sat 28
December	Tue 08		Sat 12	

## Welcome everyone to 2020.

With the festive season finally over and everyone settling in to a new decade it is time to look at this year's calendar of events.

Apart from our regular meetings at Mill Cottage and the Waitakere Central Library the usual annual Auckland events are being planned.

Starting in March there is an open day at the Waikumete Cemetery.

Planning is well underway for the Family History week Expo at The Fickling Centre in August run by the Genealogy Computer Group in partnership with the Auckland Libraries.

Following this is the Auckland Heritage Month with the City Council.

Remember also the Wednesday lunch time presentations by the Auckland Central Library. Check their website under events for the program.

Gary Snow, Convener. Family History Group.

## Family in Focus

Jan / Feb 2020

## Group Meetings

**Waitakere Central Library,  
Research West**

10am to 11.30 am, every 2nd  
Tuesday of the Month,  
February to December.

### Mill Cottage

Every 3rd Thursday of the  
month at 7pm.

Every 2nd & 4th Saturday  
morning of the month at 11am,  
John Soppet and Gary Snow  
are rostered on duty at Mill  
Cottage. Close 3pm.

## Door Charges:

Henderson Central Library  
Gold coin donation.

Mill Cottage. \$2.00

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# How to Create and Customize Google Maps

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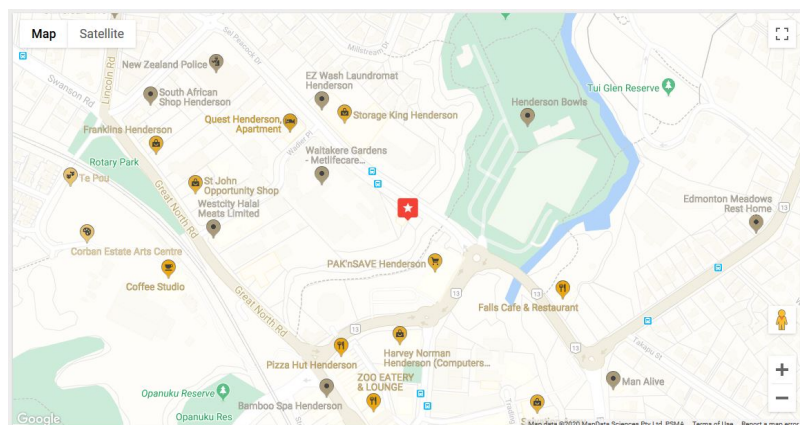
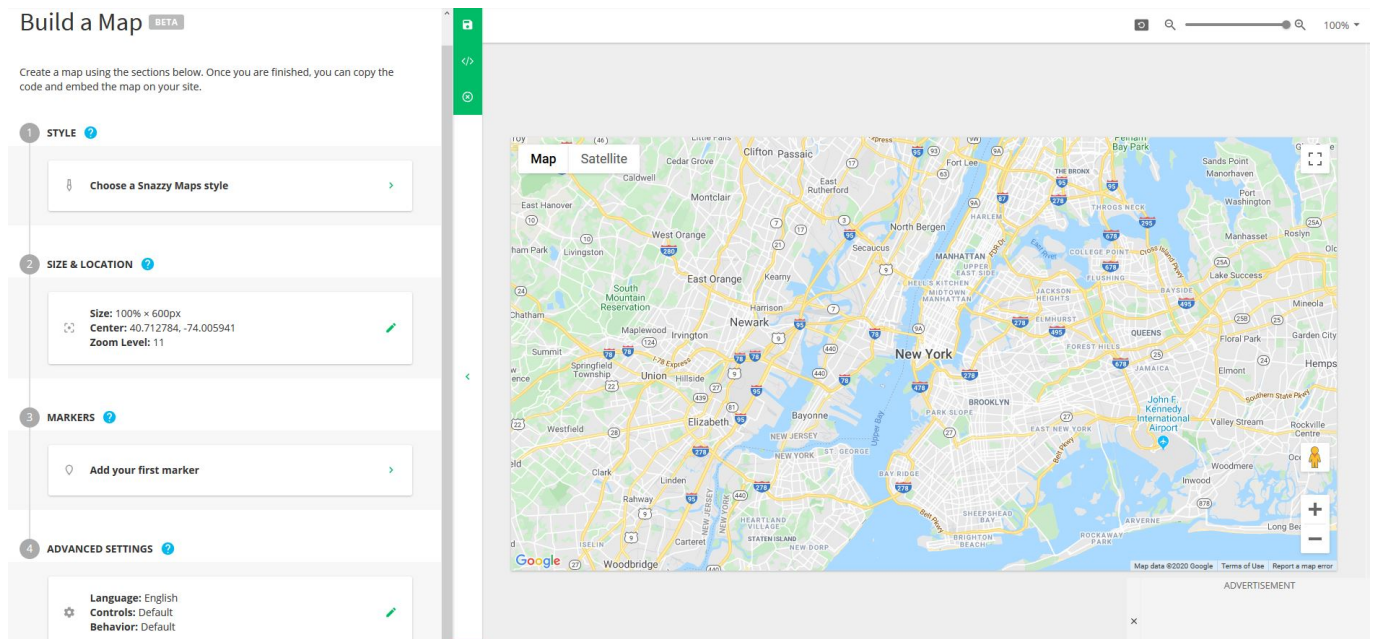
Want to make a map of great-great-grandparents' homestead? How about a map showing a family's migration over the centuries? Google Maps is a natural for such uses except that most people don't know how to create custom maps using Google's mapping service. However, now there is an online tool that simplifies the process.

Snazzymaps is a tool that aims to make it easier for anyone to customize Google Map. It has a nice and friendly user interface. You can build the map with just a couple of selections from the select box and you don't even have to write code. There are many options for you to control the look of the map. You may also insert your custom marker icon and places. Perhaps the best part is it provides plenty pre-built map styles for you.

Snazzymaps web address is:  
<https://snazzymaps.com/>

Snazzymaps doesn't require any software installation; just open a web browser, go to <https://snazzymaps.com/> and start using it. Since it is a web-based application, Snazzymaps works equally well on Windows, Macintosh, Chromebooks, Linux, iPad, Android tablets, and most any other kind of modern computer. It should even work on your "smartphone" although I suspect the small screen size of phones won't be practical for creating maps. You probably want at least a tablet computer or larger screen

You can find Snazzymaps at <https://snazzymaps.com/> while an introductory, "how to get started with Snazzymaps" article may be found at: <https://www.hongkiat.com/blog/create-map-with-googlemapbuilder/>.



Location of Mill Cottage in Henderson

Here's a map I made in just a couple of minutes showing the location of Mill Cottage in Henderson. Seems pretty straight forward. The map also records the geographic position of the marker. So the northeast corner of Mill Cottage is at South 36.876411, East 174.632282  
John Soppet