

European Interest Group

CONVENOR'S CORNER



The next meeting of the European Interest group will be on **Fri 1 Feb Sep 2019** We will follow our tradition of stopping for dinner, (bring your own or take-away), and share experiences.

Non Members are very welcome.

We would love to everyone to come and share.

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European Interest Group Timetable for 2019

The European Group runs a research evening on the **FIRST** Friday of the month at the Family Research Centre in Panmure.

All NZSG researchers are welcome to join us. It is not just for European research

We run the library from 4pm- 10pm so bring your dinner, or join us in purchasing dinner from one of the many places in Panmure.

Research evenings for 2019

1 Feb, 1 Mar, 5 Apr, 3 May

Dear Members,

This will be my last Convenor's Corner. After quite a bit of soul-searching and reflection I have decided to not stand again as convenor when the European Interest Group holds its AGM in May. I have been convenor of the Group since 1993 and on the committee since the Group's formation in 1991, when I was secretary and treasurer. Although the role of convenor cannot be said to be onerous I am ready for a break. I am also planning to spend some long periods of time overseas over the next few years so it is not realistic that things continue as at present. At the same time Carsten Begunk will not be seeking re-election as treasurer and Margaret Mundy is relinquishing the role of Newsletter editor. Both have served for more than five years in their respective roles. This all brings the future of the European Group into focus.

The European Group was formed in 1991 with two very clear objectives, to promote continental European research and to give advice to anyone with continental research. The 1990s were a time when most genealogical research revolved around the English speaking world and in which a great flood of resources, indexes, records and publications were becoming accessible to all. Not so on the continent where research depended entirely on using what the Mormon Church might have filmed and failing this, determining the relevant archives where a record might be located, finding its postal address and writing to it. This was hard work especially when dealing with different languages. Many people also assumed, incorrectly, that all the records were lost in the war. The result was that continental research tended to end up in the too-hard-to-do-basket.

Right from the beginning the European Group made itself known within the NZSG, that it was able to advise on continental research, and indeed that continental research really was possible. In assisting people with their research, the Group over time developed expertise for researching in many countries. The Group has always produced a Newsletter. This has been a good way to keep members up-to-date on what was happening on the continent and to publish how-to-do articles. It has always been our policy to work closely with the NZSG so that instead of building up a library of our own, we have donated and recommended resources for the NZSG Library. That way the resources are available to all. The Group has also undertaken significant indexing projects of New Zealand records containing continental names, the rationale being to assist researchers locate their ancestor's place of origin.

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Since 2002, when we commenced monthly meetings at the FRC, Panmure, we have been able to offer one-to-one help to anyone beginning their continental research. From there being a paucity of records available the situation is now completely reversed. For most continental countries whole rafts of records, especially the vital records, are digitised and freely available online. Our meetings have been a wonderful environment in which to set people on their way. However our main expertise, which resides in Kathy Bisman, Diane Hansford, Margaret Mundy, Carsten Begunk and myself, is now dispersed and we struggle to run our meetings.

This, combined with the difficulty of filling roles to enable the Group to function and a small (although very loyal) membership means it is most likely time to close the Group. This will be discussed at our next committee meeting, with the formal process of any closure happening at the AGM.

Kind regards Graham.



Follow Up to 175 Years Of German Settlement in NZ



Dedication of Family Memorial Stones

31 August / 1 September 2019

**At the St John's Lutheran Churchyard
Ranzau Road, Hope, Nelson.**

It is our intention to hold a Dedication Service of Memorials for families who emigrated to NZ arriving in Nelson **175** years ago 1st September 1844, aboard the barque *SKIOLD*.

We are working towards an afternoon & evening - speakers/ items/ incidental anecdotes of historical interest for Waimea East pioneer families' descendants, unveiling/dedications followed by an evening meal (Saturday, **31 Aug**) at the Hope Community Church just across the road from the little St John Lutheran Church in Ranzau Rd.

On Sunday morning (**1 Sept**) you may like to visit more landmarks you have not already viewed, e.g Ranzau House, Pioneer Cemetery, Fanselow House, Schonbach, & Upper Moutere – St Paul's Lutheran Church and Cemetery, Neudorf etc etc before meeting back at the Hope Community Church for an afternoon tea & finale.

From the 1848/9 Census the following names were listed:-

Ranzau ... F & C **Kelling, Balk, Busch, Schwass**, Widow **Lankow**

Schonbach ... **Bruning, Fanselow, Lange, Lankow, Schroder, Siggelkow & Wendelborn**,

If you would like to participate in joining us by having a memorial stone for your family line to be dedicated on that same day please feel free to make arrangements to have it ready for installation by the local stonemason. To date we have **BUSCH, LANGE & LANKOW** descendants indicating their interest in having a Memorial Stone/Inscription.

Further to these names, other German families moved to the Waimea district from the Nelson 'town' when/as they were able to afford to buy land. In the mid 1850's some families sponsored or suggested friends/family members still in Germany to emigrate also

Please register your interest to Heather if you would like further updates. We look forward to meeting others who have an interest in family and local history.

Email heatheranddean@actrix.co.nz Subject line: Ranzau 175th

St John's Lutheran Church Ranzau



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The Good Barque Pribislaw

Some of you may have heard the German international speaker, Dirk Weissleder speak at the Auckland Library Family History Expo in 2017.

He has become involved with tracing all the German immigrants of the Barque "Pribislaw" which made one trip to Australia 1849/50, and two to the USA 1851 and 1854.

As a result, it is planned to have a reunion of descendants in April 2020 near Melbourne, where most of the immigrants settled.



Could this be something you might think of attending next year?

The barque Pribislaw / Pribislaw, 354 tons, Captain P.W. Niemann, from Hamburg 21st August 1849, via Port Phillip 18th February 1850, arrived at Port Adelaide, South Australia 1st March 1850.

Aboard were ALTMAN, AURISCH, BOEHM, BRUCKE, BURKHARD, DENHERT, DHMEL, DIETZ, FANKHAUSER, FEIGE, FIEDLER, FINGER, FRAHM, RANKE, FRANZ, GEISLER, GRAFF, FRASHOFF, GRUNDMANN GUMBINNER, HARTIG, HEINBOCKEL, HEINER, HELL, HEMPELL HILDEBRANDT, HOEHNE, KAISER, KARSTEN, KIEHL, KOBELKE, LEHMKUHL, LOBER, MALTZAHN, MELCHIOR, NEUMANN, OELRICH, OHLMEYER, PANNACH, PASSARIUS, PETERS, PLASCHKE, RASCHKE, ROEMER, ROSEL, SCHERREL, SCHOEGULA, SCHOLZE, SCHUSTER, SEILER, STEPHAN, WEISSLEDER, WELTZIEN, WINTER, WUCHATSCH, ZIEBEL, ZIESCHE, ZIMMER, ZSCHECH, ZWAR,

The **Prebislaw** [sic], which arrived at Hobson's Bay late on Saturday night, brings out **198 German emigrants**, the greater portion of whom intend to settle here, and the remainder are going on to Adelaide. She put into Rio de Janeiro on the 17th October, to get a fresh supply of provisions, and remained there till the 2nd December. Four births occurred during the passage, but not any deaths or sickness. The passengers, of whom only a few can speak English, expressed themselves highly pleased with the appearance of the country. ... — *Melbourne Morning Herald*, February 6.

The 350 tonne barque Pribislaw, built in Ribnitz in 1847, left Hamburg on 23 August 1849 with 229 passengers. As a result of the deaths of two adults and ten children during September and October, the passengers forced Captain P. W. Niemann to make an unscheduled stop at Rio de Janeiro on 27 October 1849. While in Brazil, some of the passengers signed a petition about the quality of the food and sent it to the Hamburg Consul there, Arthur Guiguer.

The passengers complained that there was a shortage of food and that the food, except for the meat, was so rotten the passengers were in danger if the vessel was permitted to continue. They also claimed that the deaths were caused by the poor state of the food.

Most passengers disembarked in Melbourne

Sources

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<http://www.wendishheritage.org.au/>

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Useful Websites

Germany

FamilySearch has added a massive new collection of Lutheran baptism, marriage and burial records. There are almost 80 million records in this new collection. The records span the years from 1500 to 1971. The project to create this collection was done in partnership with Ancestry. This could be a hugely important collection for anyone with German ancestors.

A typical baptism record in this collection lists the name of the child, gender, name of the parents, birth date and place, parish, town and state.

A typical marriage record lists the names of the bride and groom, their year of birth, the names of the parents, the wedding date, parish, town and state.

A typical burial record in this collection lists the name of the deceased, gender, date and place of death, spouse's name, and names of the parents, parish, town and state. Some records also list the date the obituary was published, which often can provide further clues as to the names of other family members.

This collection can be searched by first name and last name. Access is Free

<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/3015626>

BYU Family History Library

Has put up on YouTube.com a webinar on Beginning Scandinavian Research. This is the most recent, and it is not yet up on their main website.

The first two minutes are housekeeping and the actual webinar starts at 2.05mins -45 mins long.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j9iUYQm0_JQ&fbclid=IwAR3TZekZ03yS8XDtnO-VkphRF8uCfnyhJTqi5DfSqP6n5dCwoOTdubG0CHA

It takes about a month for the webinar to be processed and put up on YouTube after the live streaming. One that has recently be presented was "Intro to Lithuanian Research" which should be available at the end of Mar.

The other webinars that they have produced, can be accessed by typing into Google ect
BYU family history webinars,
look for Recent Webinars, and in that list chose Foreign Country Webinars.

Upcoming Legacy Webinars of Interest for Continental Research

These are free to register for and watch on the day. They are also available for one week afterwards at no cost, but may require a subscription after that time period.

May 2019 Wed 15, 12pm Mountain Time – Presenter Liza Alto
The 10 Most Useful Database for Eastern European Research.

Oct 2019 Wed 16 Oct 12pm Mountain Time – Presenter Melanie D Holtz
Italian Civil Registration (Stra Civile), Going beyond the Basics.

Nov 2019 Wed 20th 12pm Mountain Time – Presenter James M Beidler
A la Karte: Borders, Maps and Gazetteers for German Genealogists