

Hutt Valley Branch of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists



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Evening Meeting: 7.30pm 2nd Thursday, February to December
Day Meeting: 10.00am 3rd Thursday, February to November
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December 11 Evening Meeting:

Christmas function- your first arrivals in New Zealand

As part of our December meeting this year, let's see if we can fill in a large map of New Zealand with the places where our families' first arrivals to New Zealand landed and lived.

Tell us briefly about when they arrived, where they were from, why they came, where they settled, where they moved to, what they did in their country of origin and in New Zealand. This is an event in which everyone can participate – we all had a first family member in New Zealand, whether it was in the great migration from Polynesia centuries ago, your 4xgreat-grandparents in the 19th century, or yourself by Jumbo in the 21st century.

Also there will be a Raffle: 1st Prize \$50 of Goodies; 2nd Prize \$30 of Goodies

Following the meeting there will be supper provided by the Committee

Looking ahead to February's Meetings 2015

12th February Evening Meeting & 19th February Morning Meeting

Guest Speaker: - Mary O'Keeffe '*What Lies Beneath*' Looking at Wellington's Archaeology

Evening Meeting: Doors open 7pm. Notices begin 7.30pm. Speakers begin about 8pm (approx. 1 hour)

Day Meeting: Doors open 9.30am. Notices begin 10am. Speaker begins about 10.30am (approx. 1 hour). Please note the library does not open until 10am.

GENEALOGY/FAMILY HISTORY HELPERS AVAILABLE AT PETONE LIBRARY 10am -12pm

On duty for, December

- December – No Duties
- Saturday 7 February - restart

For those new to genealogy and/or who want help knocking down those brick walls, this is an excellent time and place to have our experts help you. Our helpers can show you what is available in the library and how to go about finding what you are looking for.

Free: Copies of NZ Genealogist Magazine 1984 – 1994

Contact: Sandra Shaw via our secretary at HuttValley@genealogy.org.nz

Hutt Valley Branch Committee for 2015

We are looking for new members to join the committee, including a Convenor and Secretary.

We are a happy bunch who work very well together.

Any enquires welcome.



Dear Hutt Branch members

The NZSG Hutt branch has a volunteer vacancy in the 2015 Petone Library duty roster.

The vacancy is on a Wednesday morning from 10am to 12 noon and consists of only 4 duties during the year. You will be on duty with Diane Stinson an experienced genealogist. The dates of the duties are 04 March - 20 May - 05 August - 21 October

The duties consist of assisting people with their genealogy queries and if there are no visitors then you are able to do your own research.

If you are able to assist in any way could you please contact Lynly Yates.



Family and Friends of Clyde Quay School, join us for a weekend of celebration in honour of our 125th Birthday.

Friday 6 - Sunday 8 March 2015

Reminisce on the past, see how our School has changed, and create new memories with old friends.

We would love to celebrate with you!

<http://www.clydequayschoolreunion.com/> for details.

SELF PUBLISHING - easier & cheaper than ever before Part 3 – Suzanne Sutton Cummings

If you are publishing material for your immediate family or your good buddy Fred, you can put whatever you like in it. However if it is for the wider community or general distribution you need to be aware of a few rules and regulations.

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Latest additions to Papers Past (December 2014):

Bruce Herald (1906-1920)

Bush Advocate (1910-1912)

Hot Lakes Chronicle (1895-1897)

Inangahua Times (1907-1919)

Wairarapa Age (1906-1920)

14349 ANCELL, Eric Guest, 2nd Lieutenant



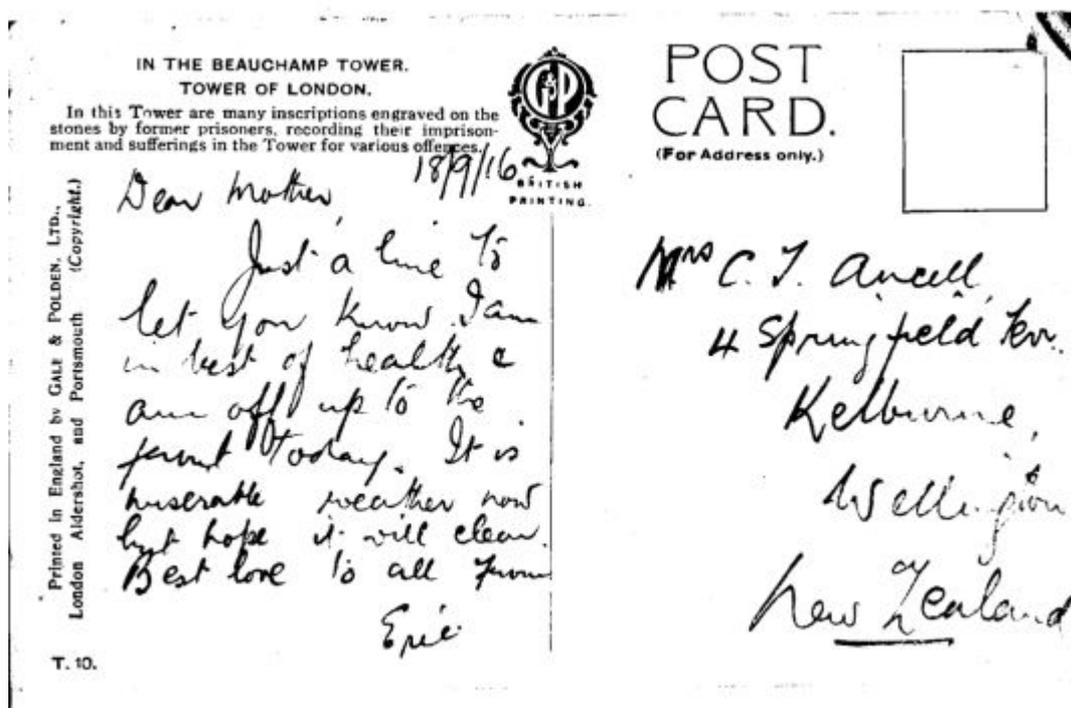
Born Dunedin 13 August 1896. Youngest son of TCW and CT Ancell.

Eric was a foundation pupil of the then Dilworth Institute where he proved to be excellent scholar and sportsman. He then attended Auckland Grammar and again proved to be a good all-rounder and an enthusiastic member of the Cadet unit.

On leaving school in 1914 he joined the Civil Service and with his brother joined the Auckland Artillery Garrison Volunteers.

On 12 October 1915 enlisted for service with the NZEF declaring that he was 20 years of age and was sent to Trentham for training. On completion of his training he joined the Auckland Infantry Regiment.

The company sailed for England on 26 June 1916 and arrived at Devonport on 22 August 1916. They travelled to France on 13 September where they joined the Auckland Infantry Regiment in the Somme area to await the order to move to the front. When the order came he sent a postcard to his mother dated 18 September 1916 that said the Regiment was moving up to the front that day.



Eric was killed while on patrol in the Houplines area, Somme, nr. Armentieres, France 19 October 1916. Buried Citie Bonjean Cemetery, Armentieres, France.



Head marker erected by the Regiment



Present marker erected by the CWGC

Contributed by: Jan Walker Hutt Valley Branch

COMPULSORY MILITARY TRAINING IN NZ

Compulsory Military Training for boys was introduced by the Defence Act of 1909. It was enthusiastically endorsed by Field Marshall Lord Kitchener when he visited New Zealand the next year and conscription was introduced in 1910-11. All males from the ages of 14 to 20 were to be trained as soldiers.

Exemption from conscription was allowed only on medical or economic grounds. There was no provision made for conscientious objection. In 1911 the Passive Resisters' Union and the National Peace and Anti- Militarist Council of New Zealand were set up to oppose compulsory military training.

The Peace Council had branches all over the country.

By the time the first camps were held in March 1912, youths were being fined for failing to register under the Defence Act and being jailed for non-payment. In the first six years of conscription, according to the National Peace Council, 24,490 boys were prosecuted. More than 7000 were taken to court in one year alone. One delegate opposed to the Defence Act said he had visited a military camp and heard bad language used. Another clergyman said the majority of New Zealand youth supported conscription and those who did not were 'the most undesirable elements in the community.'

Opposition came to a head when a youth was sent to Lyttleton jail for 21 days for not paying a fine he had already been imprisoned for not paying. One Sunday in March 1912 a special train took a crowd of 500 demonstrators to Lyttleton. By order of Cabinet, the youth was freed.

Thanks to Gore Branch

November 20th Morning Meeting:

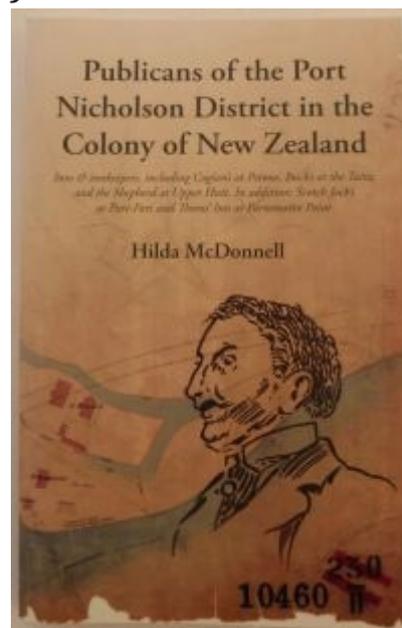
Guest Speaker: Hilda McDonnell who introduced her book:

Publicans of the Port Nicholson District in the Colony of New Zealand

Inns & Innkeepers, including Coglan's at Petone, Buck's at Taita, and the Shepherd at Upper Hutt.

In addition: Scotch Jock's at Pari-Pari and Thoms' Inn at Parramatta Point.

This book has been purchased for our library.



A Dame We Knew: A Tribute to Cecily Pickerell of Silversteam

This book is about Dame Cecily Pickerell's pioneering work for New Zealand children born with cleft lip and palate.

The tributes are written by many of her patients or families and have been compiled by Beryl Harris.

Beryl Harris was one of Cecily's theatre nurses in 1958 & 1959.

Launched at Rotary Lounge Upper Hutt City Library on 5 December 2014

Profits will help support Gillies McIndoe Research Institute, Cleft New Zealand and Interplast International and can be purchased at Paper Plus

The Petone Chronicle, December 2014



Searching for ancestors just got easier

by Gerard Duignan

Discussing the war story of Jack McVerry, DFC, NZRAF, members of the Hutt Valley Branch of NZ Society of Genealogists, left to right, President Alistair Hardy, Terry Stock, and Graeme McVerry in Petone Library. [Ed.: Name sequence corrected.]

Searching for deceased loved ones is much easier now the Hutt City Council has added the Taita Cemetery records to its online database, replacing manual methods.

However, because of the Privacy Act you can't see your family's school record after 1919 "... unless you can prove they're dead," Alistair Hardy told a full room of genealogists in the Petone Library in November. "Of course, you can ask for your own record, but many people want their whole family's details," he said. Hardy, president of the Hutt Valley branch of the NZ Society of Genealogists, says they are looking into updating the early school records prior to 1919.

Graeme McVerry, a former Korokoro resident, told the story of how Jack McVerry, his kiwi-born father, became a decorated pilot in Bomber Command during WWII, leading dozens of dangerous tours over Europe with the famous Pathfinders Squadron. His moving story engaged the audience at the monthly meeting in November, when he explained how he discovered the facts behind the remarkable challenges those young aviators faced.

McVerry gave a very detailed tour of 'Discovery', a feature of the National Archives of England, Wales and the UK. "You'll pay for your annual Society subs in one night of downloading" information, for which members would otherwise have to pay for in pounds sterling, he said.

There are millions of searchable records in the National Archives along with other services, such as an explanation of palaeography, the study of old handwriting which is helpful for reading old wills and documents.

"We're enthusiastic supporters of the heritage centre based here in the Petone Library," Hardy said. The society's extensive resources are securely stored there, and the public may browse the society's books.

Sent in by Susan Wilson

This Christmas if you are with Family consider the following:

Ten Tips to Get Your Relatives Talking – Inspired by a Legacy News article

"Gathering information from oral history interviews is an important part of genealogy research. It is the springboard for further research. The clues gleaned from oral history interviews provide just the clues we need to explore new routes to discovering our ancestors."

1) Start with a photograph

Ask your relative what is going on in the photo as well as when it was taken and where.

2) Choose universal themes

Talk about food (everyone eats!) or clothing styles, what was home like transport, shopping.

3) Holidays and celebrations

How did they celebrate their birthdays- Christmas, New Year, Guy Fawkes etc?

4) Sibling Rivalry and Co-operation

Prod your relative with a question about siblings What did they do together –play or chores. Were they rivals – have petty squabbles? Telling tales, Discipline in home.

5) Extended Family Gatherings

Did your family get together with extended family? Purpose – holiday, wedding funeral etc. How often did your relative see their cousins, aunts, uncles, grandparents or extended family and where did that family live?

6) Military and War

Who went when, where? Campaigns? Injuries, gas, effects on their life subsequently. Any stories about e.g. leaves, mates, the enemy?

7) School Days

What was school like for your relative? How did they get to school, How long did they attend? Did they enjoy it? What topics did they study?

8) Sports

What were the favourite sports for your relative? Who did they play with? Were there any sports stars in the family? What were local teams, where did they travel?

9) Deep memories

Ask your relative who the oldest family member was that they have a memory of meeting during their childhood. What can they remember?

10) Interview two relatives together

Include two family members together in the conversation. Often times, relatives will have different memories of the same event. Ask them about holidays or events they attended. You may be surprised by the different stories they tell!

Thanks to Tokoroa Branch



From your Committee