

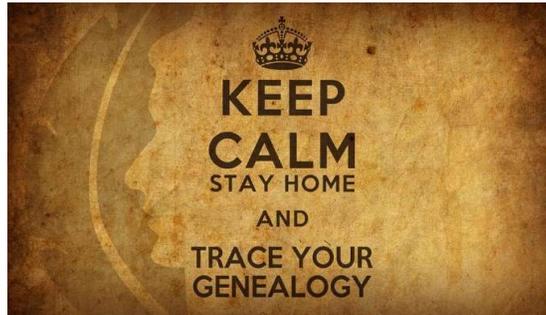
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Greetings All,

I hope you are all keeping well.

Thanks to those who have contributed items for this newsletter, keep them coming.

I have recently completed transcribing my Grandmother's diary written when she was 20 years old. It gave me a lot of information into how life was for her and her friends in 1907.

I have wondered since lock-down what will our grandchildren or future generations know about this time in our lives, so I have decided to keep a diary and write about what it is like for me and my family during this time.

If you require assistance with your research please email the branch HuttValley@genealogy.org.nz and we will do our very best to find someone who can help you.

Keep positive, keep in touch with friends and neighbours.

Regards *Helene*

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Tips on Things to do while Self-Isolating:

- Go through your family tree again right from the beginning and check with what is now online – you may be surprised
- If you are a member of the NZSG try the Members Resources – <https://www.genealogy.org.nz/members-resources> 1705. The Online Newspapers and Discovery – UK National Archives are especially useful
- Maybe take out a sub to a pay-to-view site with a friend
- Try the British Newspapers pay-to-view website <https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/account/subscribe>
- Try the Australian Trove site – they go later than New Zealand papers on line - <https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/>
- New Zealand Online sites are at <https://www.sooty.nz/nzsites.html>
- Remember it's cheaper to spend \$100 on Scotland's People than it is to go to Scotland
- The Irish site which even has FREE certificates <https://www.irishgenealogy.ie/en/>
- With the UK Birth certificates the GRO site often gives you the mother's maiden name – See how to get the most out of the GRO for Family History at <https://www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/certificates/faq.asp#OnlineIndex>
- Start to become paperless and go through all your old genealogical papers and see what you can scan or throw out
- You may find stuff that you've had for years that didn't mean anything at the time
- Start scanning all your photographs and saving them to the cloud or a hard drive – and, of course, sorted in categories
- Read all those genealogical help guides that you have never got around to reading, including the manual for your genealogical computing programme
- 'Futurelearn' offers at least 360 FREE online courses, including Genealogy run by various universities <https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/genealogy>
- Start or even finish writing that family history book you have been meaning to write for ages
- Write an article for the NZSG magazine or your branch newsletter, or even the local newspaper, historical society, etc. about your ancestors
- Start your daughter- in- law, son- in- law, next- door neighbour, work -mate's family tree for them
- Watch episodes of Who Do You Think You Are on You Tube, Sky, etc.

Your Hutt Valley Branch Membership for 2020

Our branch membership year runs from 1 April to 31 March, so it's approaching that time again when fees fall due.

Your membership renewal form is with this newsletter, please note changes.

If you pay before 30 April, as usual there is a \$5 discount!

If you prefer, you can pay via internet banking. Instructions for this are on the form.

If you use the internet banking option, don't forget to include your name in the payment details and do drop us an email HuttValley@genealogy.org.nz to let us know that you have paid and update your contact details as required.



Hutt Valley Branch Library Books – To those of you who have recently borrowed books, Susie Fraser (Librarian) will be in touch with you once the Petone Library building re-opens.

University of Edinburgh Genetics Study:

The University of Edinburgh is conducting a study. People with at least two grandparents who were born in Orkney or Shetland are being sought for a genetics study aimed at improving health.

There is believed to be a significant number of people of Northern Isles descent living in Dunedin.

[Click here](#) to read the article from the BBC News on 18 January 2020 which also has the information for registering for the study.

FREE! IRISH FAMILY HISTORY CHEAT SHEET \$9.99 VALUE!



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"In light of recent events, we're offering a FREE digital copy of our latest issue. Download yours here, and please share with other family history lovers who might need something to help pass the time!" **DOWNLOAD HERE!**

Thanks to June Hutchinson

https://www.genealogy.org.nz/Getting-it-Right_1715.aspx



Starting your family history can be daunting! **Getting It Right** is a series of learning resources with a New Zealand focus to help you with your family history research.

In these presentations you can discover practical steps you can take to start on the fascinating story of your family!

Each resource consists of a video and a set of notes. The notes can be downloaded and saved to your own computer.

These resources are divided into three sections. Click on each of the photos to watch the videos:

Irish in New Zealand Survey/Online

<https://www.friendsofireland.co.nz/survey>

Kia Ora E Hoa Mā

Dia Dhaoibh a Chairde

Dear Friends



Ambasáid na hÉireann | Nua-Shéalainne
Embassy of Ireland | New Zealand
Te Aka Aorere o Airangi | Aotearoa



We need your help!

One year in from opening the [Embassy of Ireland in Aotearoa New Zealand](#), we are asking for your help to better understand the Irish community here. Ireland has a long and fascinating history in New Zealand, and we are keen to capture and share stories.

The Embassy of Ireland, New Zealand is delighted to be partnering with the [Centre for Irish and Scottish Studies](#) at the University of Otago, who have designed two short surveys to capture the Irish story in New Zealand. We would be delighted if you could please take the time to complete the below surveys and share your experiences, stories and thoughts on what we can do in New Zealand!

This project is led by [Professor Sonja Tiernan](#), [Eamon Cleary Chair of Irish Studies](#), University of Otago, with Lauren Bland as research assistant.

All information gathered will be used to compile a final project report, providing a sense of Irish community and heritage across New Zealand. Findings will be uploaded to this web site and we plan to produce a published report.

If have any questions about these surveys please email and include the info@friendsofireland.co.nz

Can you Identify where these Photographs were taken in the Hutt Valley?

The Petone Heritage Library has had an enquiry from England - This family rented a wooden house in the Hutt Valley from 1964 to 1967 then returned to England. The enquirer has an idea that the house could be in the Bell Rd area. Contact Tricia Meehan tricia.meehan@huttcity.govt.nz



This photograph with the lawnmower was taken on their lawn.

There appears to be major road works on the Wainuiomata Hill Road in the background.

The photograph taken of the two girls on the street is probably outside their house with the background of what appears to be an Art Deco - Style house and possibly a commercial building next door.



Jewish Genealogy: <https://www.jewishgen.org/new/>

'JewishGen' serves as the global home for Jewish genealogy. Featuring unparalleled access to 30+ million records, it offers unique search tools, along with opportunities for researchers to connect with others who share similar interests.

Award-winning resources such as the Family Finder, Discussion Groups, and View Mate, are relied upon by thousands each day. In addition, 'JewishGen's' extensive informational, educational and historical offerings, such as the Jewish Communities Database, Yizkor Book translations, Info Files, and Kehila Links, provide critical insights, first-hand accounts, and context about Jewish communal and familial life throughout the world.

Offered as a free resource, JewishGen.org has facilitated thousands of family connections and success stories and is currently engaged in an intensive expansion effort that will bring many more records, tools, and resources to its collections.

Our Mission

To preserve our Jewish family history and heritage for future generations.

Why We Are Unique

At 'JewishGen', we look at the past, and try to reclaim the memory of what was. But by itself, memories are not enough. We can't live in the past, and we can't reclaim it. But we can allow the memories of the past to shape us, to shape our sense of identity, and to shape what we will be transmitting to future generations.

This is what 'JewishGen' is about, and why we are unique. Our work transcends the basic definition of genealogy. We are about connecting and linking a glorious and rich past for it to make an indelible impact upon who we are today, and for it to influence what we will be transmitting to future generations.

But that does not happen by itself. 'JewishGen' has become the world-class organization it is, because of the incredible help of nearly **1000 volunteers**, who come to us from a variety of different backgrounds, circumstances and experiences – but who all believe in our mission, understand the importance of our work, and in the legacy that we are preserving.



<https://www.forces-war-records.co.uk/>

Free to search their database then pay to download records you find.

The site was created in 2008 upon the request of some [Forces Reunited](#) members who were looking for information on their ancestors but had come up against dead-ends with the usual genealogy sites. Since inception we have gone on to add over 24 Million “individuals records” and are currently adding over 250,000 records a month.

Websites: from Diane Stinson

<https://family-wise.co.uk/>

Whether you are just starting out with your family tree research, you have hit a brick wall, or you need help and guidance to find that missing piece of information in your research, Family Wise Limited can help you uncover your ancestry.

<https://surname-society.org/>

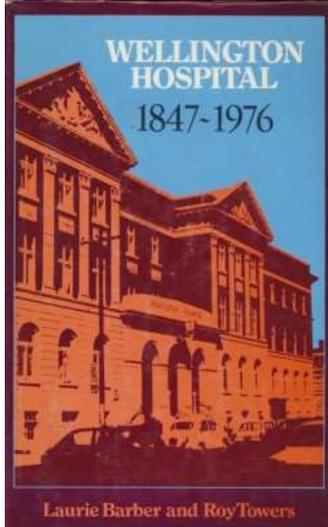
The Surname Society was founded as a not-for-profit entity by a worldwide group of experienced genealogists. The vision of the Society is to connect like-minded people by providing up-to-date facilities which enable members to share knowledge, data and good practice with others regardless of where in the world they are. The Society is entirely online and focusses on single surname studies to meet the needs of researchers in the world of family history and genealogy as it evolves in the 21st century.

<https://www.one-place-studies.org/>

There are many individuals, societies and groups across the globe researching the people of a community within the context of the place they live. The vision of this Society is to bring together those like-minded people and provide a platform for members to share good practice, ideas and methodology in one place, as well as promote the research being undertaken on their study area.

A charitable organisation founded in 2013 by six dedicated family and local historians from three continents, the Society is run by volunteers in order to advance the education of the public in one-place studies. Information and further advice are available to all, though members will have access to a wide range of enhanced benefits.

The Society welcomes members from around the world with an interest in one place, whether it is a street, village, hamlet or town. Registering a study area (or areas) is optional, though recommended if members are active in their research.



Wellington Hospital 1847-1976: Laurie Barber and Roy Towers

Appendix 10:

The Hospital Servants of 1870:

In December 1870 the Provincial Secretary wrote to the Provincial Surgeon enclosing circulars to be distributed amongst the servants of the hospital informing them of the probability of a decrease in their salaries.

Immediately came the answer setting out, for the information of the Provincial Government, details of all the staff and duties, charging their sense of justice as to whether or not any reductions could take place, having due regard for the efficiency of the hospital.

The staff are described as follows: -

The Provincial Surgeon: The officer's salary has not been altered since the establishment of the hospital (1847) and is £200 per annum. His work at the Jail is neither acknowledged by payment or even thanks.

The Hospital Assistant or Dispenser: Receives £100 per year with rations.

The Cook: This is a troublesome situation to fill as the constant calls upon the cook's services makes the position a very unpopular one. More liberal wages and duties can be found in many hotels and boarding houses – the salary is £50 per annum with rations.

First Wardsman: The pay of this officer is so meagre; we have never been able to employ an efficient person. The present one is a quite inoffensive man who was a patient and who cannot work outside. He suffers from a syphilitic ulcerated throat, often of a very offensive nature, but we cannot find another man willing to take the situation. He receives £35 a year with rations which is supplemented at present by an allowance of 1/- per day as acting special constable to the second wardsman.

The Second Wardsman is a burglar serving a sentence of 10 years hard labour. He suffers from an ailment of a serious nature and still requires surgical treatment. He, of course receives no salary.

On the women's side we have only one paid attendant/housekeeper, Mrs Green. She is assisted by the services of a patient of unsound mind – fortunately of a quiet character and industrious habits. I am sorry to say this last valuable assistant, we are about to lose, as her friends are anxious to take charge of her.

The Government must then be prepared to provide further staff for this part of the hospital.

Online Genealogy Courses <https://www.pharostutors.com/index.php>

Pharos are specialists in online genealogy education. Their teachers are professional genealogists and archives professionals with many decades of teaching experience. Originally established in 2006, by Helen Osborn a professional genealogist from England, and Sherry Irvine in Canada.

Thanks to Susie Fraser



Molly Watts, an intensive-care nurse at Southampton Children's Hospital, UK has written this online picture book called *Dave the Dog Is Worried About Coronavirus*.

For those of you who have Grandchildren, this children's story may be of interest and can be downloaded.

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-hampshire-51997381>

Suffrage 125: Hutt Women Signatories to the 1892 and 1893 Suffrage Petitions

Approximately 270 women in the Hutt region signed the 1892 and 1893 Suffrage Petitions.

As part of the Hutt's Suffrage 125 celebrations in 2018, researcher and genealogist (and Hutt Valley member) Sandra Greig drew up family trees for 227 of these women and located several descendants.

This information has been published in a book and made available online via the Hutt City Library in a large PDF file:

[Suffrage 125: Hutt Women Signatories to the 1892 and 1893 Suffrage Petitions](https://library.huttcity.govt.nz/docs/OPAC/PDFs/Suffrage125-HuttWomen.pdf)

[<https://library.huttcity.govt.nz/docs/OPAC/PDFs/Suffrage125-HuttWomen.pdf>]

This book is a very large PDF (230 pages). Entries are in alphabetical surname order.

There is an index at the end, now extracted and accessible from our website:

[Index](http://sites.rootsweb.com/~nzlhvrsg/pdfs/Suffrage125-HuttWomen-Index.pdf) [<http://sites.rootsweb.com/~nzlhvrsg/pdfs/Suffrage125-HuttWomen-Index.pdf>]

Footnote:

If you want to access the complete 1892 and/or 1893 Suffrage Petitions, digitised sheets of the petitions have been added to Archives NZ's Archway Digital Repository.

As Archway is not the easiest of tools to use, Hutt Valley member Dawn Chambers has added notes on her website on how to find these records in Archway and how to search within them.

Go to Dawn's webpage, a PDF file of Useful Resources:

[How to Search Archway for 1892 & 1893 Suffrage Petitions details](http://www.nzpictures.co.nz/19thCenturyNZRecordsUsefulResources.pdf)

[<http://www.nzpictures.co.nz/19thCenturyNZRecordsUsefulResources.pdf>]

and search for the text "suffrage" (on about page 42). The records in Archway are searchable by **name OR sheet number OR region/location**; use the "Keywords" field to refine the results.

So, going to the [Archway Advanced Search](https://www.archway.archives.govt.nz/ItemAdvancedSearch.do):

[<https://www.archway.archives.govt.nz/ItemAdvancedSearch.do>]



For **1892** petition:
Keywords: suffrage
Agency: AEBE
Series: 27184

For **1893** petition:
Keywords: suffrage
Agency: AEBE
Series: 2590

Thanks to Susan Wilson

Remote Access to Hutt City Libraries Ancestry and FindmyPast Websites:

We are going to have remote access, temporarily, for the lockdown period, to Ancestry.com and Findmypast via our library eresources pages.

For ancestry access, log into the library site with your library card number and password on the home page, top right corner. If you don't know your password email the library team at Libraries@huttcity.govt.nz or phone the contact phone number.

For Findmypast, if you want access, email the library team for the link and password to use. You still access the database via the eresources page. There is a limit of 500 records viewed (not searched) on findmypast for any 24-hour period.

There will be messages on the libraries page and libraries Facebook page when this becomes available.

From Tricia Meehan, Petone Heritage Library

A Happy Irish Birthday



The Lower North Island Irish Interest Group, celebrated their 15th birthday on Saturday 7th March 2020

About 40 members, some from as far away as Whanganui and Palmerston North, attended. The day involved speeches by the Convenor Jenny Martin, Faran Foley of the Irish Embassy, Gill Knox (NZSG Director), Geraldine O'Reilly (NZSG Irish Convenor) and Peter Burke who spoke to Kilbirnie branch last year on his book *True to Ireland*

A splendid cake was the highlight of lunch after which there was entertainment in the form of young Irish dancers.

Also included was a session of "hands up" for who's ancestors came from the various Counties, or from which major city.

Interestingly, there were no dominant ancestral homes, those attending represented a wide range of locations. The day concluded with research material available to anyone who wished to use it.



Convenor Jenny Martin cutting the cake with Marie Perham of Lower Hutt who was a founding member.

Thanks to Kilbirnie Branch

During the lockdown here's an opportunity to learn new skills -



while working from home.

