



Hutt Valley Branch of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists

Evening Meeting: 7.30pm 2nd Thursday, February to December
Day Meeting: 10.00am 3rd Thursday, February to November
Venue: Petone Community Centre, 7-11 Britannia Street
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COMING EVENTS (subject to change)

11 Apr: My Father's War time exploits – Tricia Glensor
18 Apr: Featherston Military Camp 1916-1919 – Neil Frances
09 May: 30th AGM and then Anniversary Celebration
16 May: 30th Anniversary Celebration

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.

THIS MONTH'S EVENTS

Evening Meeting - From Island Bay to the Pyrenees

Tricia will talk about the process of piecing together the story of her father's experiences when his RAF bomber was shot down over France in 1942. She travelled to France to meet the last surviving member of the family who rescued her father and two other members of the crew, eventually helping them to escape across the Pyrenees into Spain.

Morning Meeting - Neil Frances, Wairarapa Archive

'The Road to War : Featherston Military Camp in World War One'

This will be an illustrated talk on the development and life of NZ's largest military camp, where about 60,000 New Zealand soldiers trained for the Great War. The presentation will last about 50 minutes with time for questions.

SUBSCRIPTIONS DUE 30 APRIL 2013

Pay by the end of April to receive \$5 discount. Membership form on page 7.

RESEARCH DAY – THANKS

On behalf of the Committee I wish to thank all those who assisted at the Research day last Saturday. While the number of visitors was down on previous years, we have gained three new members. We will review our publicity. Again my thanks to all who took part.

Alistair Hardy

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The annual general meeting of the Hutt Valley Branch of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists will be on Thursday 9 May 2013 at 7.30pm at the Community Centre, 7-11 Britannia Street, Petone.

The agenda for the annual general meeting is:

1. Receipt of the branch annual report and statement of accounts;
2. Set the annual subscription for the 2014-2015 year;
3. Election of convenor, secretary, treasurer and committee members;
4. General Business

Note: for election as convenor, secretary, treasurer and committee, you need to be a member of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists (not just the branch). However branch only members are also welcome to participate in the work of the committee.

THIRTY YEARS OF THE HUTT GROUP/BRANCH

We will be celebrating 30 years as a branch at both our meetings in May.

We will have a slide show of the branch's (and other) photos as well as a guest or two from 'the good old days'

(The cartoon is from an old Branch newsletter.)



"I found your birth certificate in the attic. You're not 54, you're 91."

GENEALOGY/FAMILY HISTORY HELPERS AVAILABLE AT PETONE LIBRARY

- ✓ 10am -12pm

On duty April to June

- ✓ Wed Apr 17 - Cheryl Dreaver & Avril Roberts
- ✓ Wed May 01 - Marie Perham
- ✓ Sat May 04 - Janet Ketchell & Carol Ann Mason
- ✓ Wed May 15 - Deb Beban & Lynly Yates
- ✓ Wed June 01 – Lois Bartlett & Bob Vine
- ✓ Sat June 05 - Dawn Chambers
- ✓ Wed June 17 – Ian Fyfe & Helen Hinton

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.

BEGINNERS' CORNER

The number one rule when doing your own family history is to start with yourself and then work backwards. This could mean getting a copy of your own full birth certificate if you haven't got it already, then copies of your parents' and copies of as many of your ancestors' original birth records as you can find, working backwards one generation at a time.

Why I say this, is because you can never make assumptions about who your ancestors were. There is the sad story (which I hope is not true) of the man who spent thirty years doing his family history at great expense (including his marriage) only to be told that he was adopted! Needless to say, he was so angry he threw it all in the bin!

Suzanne

BEGINNERS' COURSES

Warwick Johnston is available to teach beginner genealogy. He has been teaching genealogy for many years for community education and has published a book on the subject. Sessions will be limited to groups of four or five people and include crash courses or more extensive beginner's courses. These are free to paid up members of the Hutt Valley Branch or \$5 per person per session for non-members.

For more information on his courses and/or to purchase his book "Getting it Sorted", please contact Warwick directly: warwick.johnston@clear.net.nz

HUTT CEMETERIES DATABASE

I wrote to one of our local City Councillors recently expressing our concern at the apparent near halt to progress on adding more details to the Hutt Cemeteries Database, especially names of those buried in the old Monumental Cemetery at Taita.

Within 24 hours I received a reply from the Divisional Manager, Parks and Reserves Division assuring us that the matter had not been halted; rather the Council was making progress and hoped to soon add more names to the database.

The Council has made considerable efforts to match up graves with its records, but there may well be some burial details whose accuracy is subject to some doubt. We await news of further progress.

Alistair Hardy, Convenor

IRISH RESEARCH DAY

- Saturday 20 April, 10am-4pm, Wairarapa Community Ctr, 41 Perry St., Masterton.
 - Plenty of free parking. Entry: \$10
 - Books – Microfiche – CDs - Personal assistance – Ancestry.com - Findmypast.com.au.
 - Tea & Coffee available. Please bring your own Lunch
 - Sales Items - Raffles – Giveaways
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NZSG SCOTTISH INTEREST GROUP OF GREATER WELLINGTON

- Research afternoon with all of our resources, and a brief AGM,
- 1-4pm, Sunday 5 May 2013.
- St Giles Church House, Corner Vallance St and Kilbirnie Cres, Kilbirnie, Wellington
- This will be our 10th AGM so time to review what we do.
- Wee door charge \$5. All welcome.

Contact: Pen Brown penbrown@globe.net.nz

WOODVILLE – THE WAR YEARS

- An exhibition dedicated to the people of Woodville and districts who served NZ in times of war, at home and overseas.
- 15-25 April 2013. Ruahine Lodge Hall, Ross St., Woodville (cnr Bowen St. near Fountaine Square).
- 10am to 2.30pm daily. Admission by donation

PUDNEY FAMILY

Robert Emirali of Tasmania has a quantity of documents about the Pudney family, and would like to share with others researching this family. The family were at one time at Kaitoke. Family names include George Pudney, Mary Pudney, William Henry Edwards, James John Green, Hilda Burns (nee Pudney), Patrick Burns.

Contact: Robert Emirali emcol2@iprimus.com.au

SPEAKER'S REVIEW - LORNA HENDERSON - DNA AND FAMILY HISTORY

DNA – Which Companies can help

	Genealogical focus?	Medical Focus?	Y-DNA	MtDNA	AtDNA	Surname Projects
Ancestry	Yes	No	Not any more	No	Yes	?
23 & Me	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No
Family Tree DNA	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

The website Lorna recommends is Family Tree DNA www.ftdna.com/ because:

- ✓ it has a genealogy focus,
- ✓ it offers a wide range of tests,
- ✓ they keep your sample (securely) for 25 years so upgrades are possible,
- ✓ they have frequent discount offers,
- ✓ they have a large number of helpful project administrators
- ✓ and wonderful tools

DNA testing doesn't overcome the need for performing traditional genealogy – you need detailed and accurate family trees to identify candidates for testing to break through brick walls.

SOME TERMINOLOGY

Haplographs (deep ancestry) – This is a way of discovering your deep ancestral roots – where you come from, ethnic background and the roots of surnames:

- ✓ mtDNA (mitochondrial DNA) - both males and females inherit mtDNA but it is only passed on through the female. It goes back to a common ancestor, “Mitochondrial Eve” and has 26 main branches ('subclades' classified A-Z) and many sub-branches (and sub-sub.. etc). The first to be tested and easiest to find haplogroup.
- ✓ Y-DNA - only inherited and passed down through the male line. Goes back to a common ancestor, “Y-Chromosome Adam” and has approximately 18 main branches ('subclades' classified A-R) and many sub-branches (and sub-sub... etc). Second, best and cheapest test. This is why it is best to find a male for DNA testing.
- ✓ atDNA (autosomal DNA) – A more recent and expensive test that is not gender specific. AtDNA is inherited randomly. Its function is to pass on physical traits such as

hair colour, height, facial features and medical traits. It is used in proving paternity and to research extended family members but is only reliable within two generations. The police and forensic labs use this test.

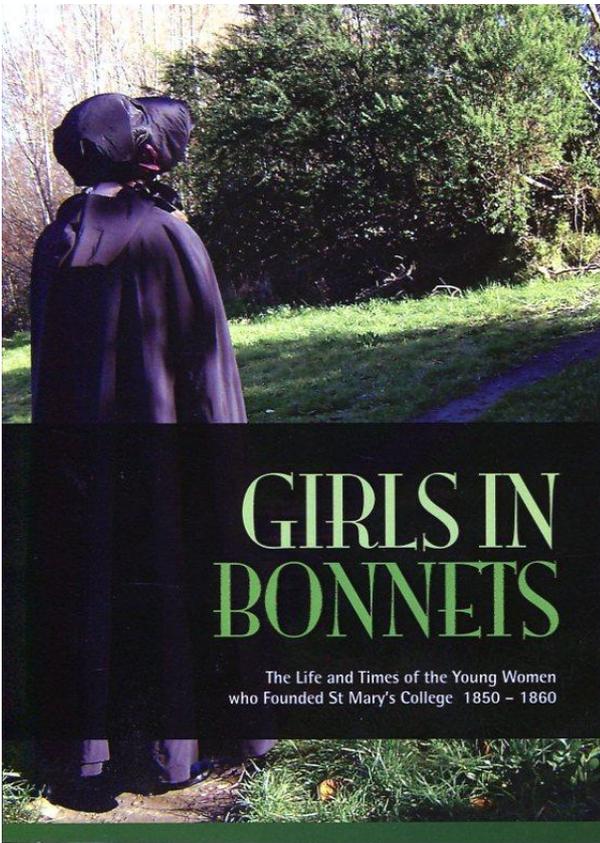
The above tests will not be of much use for family history research until 'markers' can be identified. The more markers are found the better.

- ✓ SNP (Single Nucleotide Polymorphism) – A haplogroup showing slow mutating markers found in Y-DNA and mtDNA
- ✓ STR (short tandem repeat) haplotypes – a short collection of allele mutations within a genetic segment. They are a bit like a fingerprint.
- ✓ NPE – non-paternal events – a genetic genealogy term to describe instances in which the biological father is someone other than who he is presumed to be.

See also: <http://genie.lornahen.com/notes/dna/> Restricted notes are available from Lorna's website to restricted registered users. You can register for free.

See also the November 2005 newsletter online at www.huttvalleygenealogy.org.nz for book reviews of the two books by Prof. Bryan Sykes: *The Seven Daughters of Eve* (mtDNA) , *The Curse of Adam* (Y-DNA).

GIRLS IN BONNETS



At the branch meeting on 21 February, Margaret Deere gave a presentation about her book *Girls In Bonnets*. This was about the four young women who came to Wellington in 1850 and established the first school on the site of what is now St Mary's College.

Copies of the book are available from:
Margaret Deere
Librarian and Archivist
St Mary's College
Guildford Terrace
Wellington 6011

Tel 04 473 5554 Ext 826

Cost: \$15. Cheques payable to St Mary's College.

FAMILY HISTORY MONTHLY TALKS 2013

Find out more about the resources and services at the Alexander Turnbull Library and National Library that can help with your family history research

12.10 - 1pm Tuesday 16 April – *How the collections and databases can help you with your family history*

Do you know about the wide range of resources available to you? Margaret Hurst, Research Librarian Family History, will give an overview of collections useful for family historians.

12.10 - 1pm Tuesday 21 May – *Search strategies: tools & tips*

Fiona Gray, Research Librarian, will share her knowledge to help you find your way around the Library's electronic resources and websites

12.10 - 1pm Tuesday 18 June - *Pictures for a family album*

Jenni Chrisstoffels, Research Librarian Pictorial, will give an illustrated talk showing how images from the Turnbull collections can be used to give context to your family history research



Photographer: Adam Maclay 1873-1955 Family under trees, probably Christchurch, ca.1915
Reference no: 1/1-026255-G

Venue: Douglas Lilburn Room, Alexander Turnbull Library

Level 1, National Library building, cnr Molesworth & Aitken Street, Wellington

Please note food and drink cannot be consumed in this room,

Numbers limited– bookings essential.

Please email outreach2@dia.govt.nz or phone Cellia Joe 462 3935

Further talks are scheduled – see the National Library website for details www.natlib.govt.nz

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Membership Renewal 2013

Household (Joint) members need only complete one form. The two columns are provided so that both members' details can be recorded.

NZSG NUMBER		
SURNAME		
PREFERRED NAME		
GIVEN NAMES		
ADDRESS		<i>Post code</i>
EMAIL		
PHONE		
OCCUPATION/EXPERIENCE		
NEWSLETTER	<i>Currently receive newsletter by:</i> Change to Email Papercopy Please circle your preferred format	

FEES	Circle fee applicable
SINGLE	\$25.00 <i>If paid by 30 April 2013, please deduct a discount of \$5</i>
HOUSEHOLD (JOINT)	\$35.00 <i>If paid by 30 April 2013, please deduct a discount of \$5</i>
NEWSLETTER ONLY	\$10.00
LIBRARY DONATION <i>(Tax deductible)</i>	\$
GENERAL DONATION <i>(Tax deductible)</i>	\$
TOTAL	\$

Payment Options

- Cheque or Cash - to a branch meeting with the renewal notice
- Cheque - together with the renewal notice to the above Post office address
Please make Cheques payable to Hutt Valley Branch of New Zealand Society of Genealogists
- Deposit directly into the branch bank account at the bank branch or through Internet / Phone banking
The details required are:
Payee name - Hutt Valley Branch NZSG Payee bank account number 01 0530 0289489 00
In the Payee Statement Details please enter: your surname, given name and subs
If you are depositing directly into the bank account please send an email to
huttvalley@genealogy.org.nz advising details about the payment and how you would like to get your membership card.

Membership card

Please tick option for obtaining your membership card:

- Pick up from branch meeting
 Posted to you

Privacy Act

Personal information that you supply to the Hutt Valley Branch of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists will be used for Branch and administration purposes. If you **DO NOT** want your name or any personal details to be made available to other people who may wish to contact you for genealogy purposes then tick here _____

Office Use only Receipt Number Date.....

EPITAPHS (From Grapevine magazine issue 1 2013)

Boot Hill Cemetery, Tombstone, Arizona

He was young

He was fair

But the Injins

Raised his hair.

On the headstone of a London miser:

Here Lieth Thorp's Corpse.

When his wife died, the wording was changed to:

Here Lieth Thorpses Corpses.