



## Hutt Valley Branch of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists Inc.

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Evening Meeting	7.30pm 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday, February to December
Day Meeting:	9.30am, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday, February to November
Venue:	Petone Community Centre, 7-11 Britannia Street
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### COMING EVENTS

13 Aug: Gazettes and Government Publications - Dawn Chambers

20 Aug: NZ Register of Birth Deaths & Marriages Website – Alison Ainsworth & Eileen Kennedy

10 Sep: The NZ Electronic Text Centre, Victoria University of Wellington – Jason Darwin

17 Sep: Bus visit to Wellington City Archives – Adrian Humphries & City Archive Staff

08 Oct: NZ Magistrates (from 1980 district) Court Records – Donald Hansen

15 Oct: Drawings and Prints at Alexander Turnbull Library – Marian Minson

12 Nov: Country your favourite repository of resource – Panel of 4 from the Hutt Branch

19 Nov: Maps at Alexander Turnbull Library – Dave Small

10 Dec: Christmas Party – Petone Mayor Project – Branch Committee

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Evening meeting doors open 7 pm notices begin 7.30 pm speakers begin about 8 pm  
(approx 1 hour)

Day meeting doors open 9.30 am notices begin 10 am speaker begin about 10.30 am  
(approx 1 hour). Please note the Library does not open until 10am.

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### GENEALOGY/FAMILY HISTORY HELPERS AVAILABLE AT PETONE LIBRARY

10am-2pm Wednesdays and Saturdays.

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### NEW MEMBERSHIP CARDS

Nobody can borrow from our resources without the new [blue](#) membership card which will be available for collection at our meeting on Thursday. Membership cards must be shown to the Petone Library staff if members wish to borrow our own branch resources outside branch meeting hours!

Research can be undertaken 7 days a week at the Petone Library during their opening hours. Opening hours are 10:00 am to 5:30pm. The Petone library has plenty of long-term parking. The NZSG Hutt branch library books will only be able to be taken out by branch members.

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## PETONE MAYOR STUDY

So far we have around 100 pages of information relating to Lily Annie Huggan (formerly Brown) and Joseph Mitchell Huggan.

The Dictionary of New Zealand biographies website had a lot of information on Annie Huggan as well as the book *Calling Korokoro Home* by Kate Malcolm. It was our job to verify what was written about this couple and to see what else we could find out about their family history.

We have accessed British and New Zealand birth, marriage and death indexes. British census records, shipping records, newspapers, old maps of Yorkshire where Annie was born and lived before migrating to New Zealand. Our branch library and the Petone library also have useful resources.

Her time as Mayor of Petone is well documented in the local newspapers of the time and there are also people who remember her.

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## 17 SEPTEMBER 2009 DAY MEETING

Morning bus trip to Wellington City Archives, 28 Barker Street, Wellington.

The bus will depart Petone Wharf 9am sharp arriving 9.30am at the Wellington City Archives. Adrian Humphries and staff will be there to welcome us. Bus is limited to 45 people at \$6 each. The return bus trip will depart Wellington City Archives at 11.30am sharp arriving back at Petone Wharf around 12.00 pm.

A stepping stool will be provided to assist our members in getting on the bus.

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## LIBRARY BORROWING FROM THE NZSG

### How to Borrow from the Library

1. Log on as a member on the home page <http://www.genealogy.org.nz>
2. Search the library catalogue at the top of the page
3. After entering a topic into either the Basic or Advanced Search fields click on Search you will come up with a list of possibilities
4. To find out more about any item on the list double click on the underlined title
5. Once you find the item you wish to borrow, click on the borrow button. If the item is reference only, the borrow button will be greyed out
6. You may borrow up to two items at a time for three weeks.

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## NATIONAL LIBRARY SOCIETY WINTER LECTURE SERIES

### THE CHANGING FACE OF MODERN PUBLISHING

The National Library Auditorium, Aitken Street, Wellington at 5.30 pm

Guests and non-members welcome – gold coin donation

A glass of wine will be offered beforehand. The lectures will start at 6pm.

Thursday 20 August at 5.30 pm

#### Marguerite Renaud - The World of Self-Publishing

Marguerite Renaud will talk about her company, First Edition Publishing, which offers an easy and affordable way of publishing anything from personal memoirs to poetry.

Thursday 17 September at 5.30 pm

#### Bridget Williams (chair), Jane Connor and Sam Elworthy - Books and Change

Bridget Williams has been publishing in New Zealand for over thirty years – as an editor with Oxford University Press, and as a director of Port Nicholson Press, Allen & Unwin NZ, and the eponymous imprint BWB.

Jane Connor, a founder of Godwit Press, is currently managing director of Craig Potton Publishing, after some years as executive vice-president and publisher of Timber Press in the US.

Sam Elworthy is the director of Auckland University Press, after many years as editor-in-chief with Princeton University Press. This group, all with international experience and all passionate about excellent New Zealand books, explore the challenges and opportunities facing publishing today.

Thursday 15 October at 5.30 pm

#### Adrienne Kebbell- The Pleasures of reading online

Digital technology expert and former Business Development Analyst at the National Library, Adrienne Kebbell, will draw on her extensive knowledge of internet publications to demonstrate the ease and joy of reading your favourite newspapers and journals online.

Thursday 19 November at 5.30 pm (venue tbc)

#### John MacGibbon - Writing and Researching Family History

Historian and author, John MacGibbon, will share some of his expertise on discovering and writing social and family history. John is the founder and owner of the Ngaio Press, a boutique publisher specialising in books about New Zealand and New Zealanders.

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## WHAT DO I DO WITH ALL THIS STUFF? (continued) - by Ken Scadden

### POSTCARDS

For this section of the paper I am indebted to Bill Main of Wellington who is a recognised expert on the history of both photography and postcards and has written extensively on both subjects.

The first postcards to appear in New Zealand were in 1876 but it was not until 1897 that the first pictorial cards were first printed.

In the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries postcards were a very popular means of communication. In the main centres in New Zealand after 1902, there were two postcard deliveries a days. It was possible to receive an invitation to afternoon tea in the morning and accept or decline it on the same day. Postcards were not regarded as formal communications as were letters. They were quickly written and sent, perhaps a little like emails are today?

The sending of postcards in New Zealand peaked in 1912 when an amazing 12,255,477 postcards were delivered. The impact of World War I, International wireless communication,

the increasing use of telephones and the boom and bust of the 1920s and 1930s lead to a gradual decline in the use of postcards as a method of communication.

There are a number of different types of postcards, with initially cards being printed overseas mainly of tourist scenes. Later however it was possible to have family portraits printed onto postcard paper and these cards, (many being unique images) are of the most interest to the family historian.

After 1904 the rules relating to the amount of writing which could appear on postcards were relaxed so that half the card could be used for the address and the other half for the message from the sender. From this time postcards become much more useful for the family historian.

The message on postcards can give very useful information about your family and other issues.

With postcards, the date and place may give some clues as to where the person lived or was on holiday.

As with photographs mentioned earlier, look for clues in the picture. The people featured, their clothes, buildings and even the vegetation in the background may tell us something about when and where the image was taken.

Look for landmarks, particular beaches etc. tents, picnic baskets and firearms and dead animals suggest picnics and hunting, a very popular late Victorian, and early Edwardian pastime.



WW2 N.Z. Govt copyright postcards by Capt Peter McIntyre. The Barge from Crete, The Infantry, Return from Crete and Kiwi.

## POSTCARDS AND FAMILY HISTORY – by Suzanne Cummings

In his book, *Send me a Postcard*, William Main states that

*Collecting postcards is over a century old. People who collect postcards usually fall into three groups. Firstly, there are those who indulge themselves in the Edwardian era, its lead-up and aftermath; then there are those who collect cards from the earliest to the present times of a particular subject, be it trams, post offices or shipwrecks; finally there are those who collect cards centred around their life and times, usually a town or a region where they have been brought up and established themselves.*

There would also have to be those who just bought the postcards as souvenirs and end up with a quite a collection of them!

When my grandfather migrated to New Zealand in 1920 on the *Mahana* he bought postcards at every port he disembarked. My uncle, who has inherited the postcards, seemed rather disappointed with them. But it does add another dimension to our family history and sheds a bit of light on his trip out to New Zealand. Assuming he had a choice of which postcards to buy, we might also see the sort of things in the postcards that interested him the most.

One postcard I came across amongst my mother's photos is of a snow covered crater at Mt Ruapehu. It just has my parents' names and address and no message. The date stamp on the card is four days after my parents were married and my mother's handwriting is just recognisable compared to the handwriting I knew.

For a while I was purchasing old postcards off Trademe to embellish my family history - postcards of churches where my ancestors were married or buried; postcards of the towns they lived in as they may have looked when they lived there.

I've also bought postcards of the buildings my great grandfather helped build when he was a stone mason, travelling the length and breadth of New Zealand to follow these big projects.

Earlier this year I purchased a postcard in New Plymouth of St Mary's Church which has my ancestors' grave in the foreground of the picture. This postcard meant more to me having been there for the first time and seen the site myself.

It is not always possible to visit the actual churches our ancestors were married in anymore as some have been burnt down or demolished. A recent example of this is the church my parents were married in and where I was christened, Laings Road Methodist. The site is now occupied by a Rebel Sports shop – ironically perhaps, a sign of the times! There may not be any postcards of the church either as it was not a particularly 'photogenic' church (but there is a book).

I have a postcard of Waipawa which shows the school I went to and that town clock which always seemed to strike 9 as I was biking at top speed to get to school.

Over the years in my travels I have accumulated quite a pile of postcards of places I have been in New Zealand and overseas.

When in the UK last, I just had to get one of each postcard from the Erddig Estate near Wrexham in Wales. Erddig was where at least two of my ancestors were carpenters and one has his portrait hanging in the Servants' Hall. I was not allowed to take photos of the inside of the house, so the postcards compliment the photos I did take. These along with the copy of my ancestors' family tree and other information from that branch of the family, all go well together in the one album. Everyone who has looked through the album so far, seems to find something different that interests them.

Looking through just inherited bits and pieces belonging to my late grandmother, I have so far found a couple of postcards I sent her while overseas and my favourites – four WW2 postcards – drawings by Captain Peter McIntyre – souvenirs brought back by a soldier who had fought in Crete.

'A picture speaks a thousand words'. Postcards then, can have quite a lot to do with our family history. They say a lot about us and can also say a lot about our ancestors.

## TOO BORING FOR "WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE!"

from [http://www.bbc.co.uk/blogs/pm/2009/07/do\\_you\\_have\\_britains\\_dullest\\_f.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/blogs/pm/2009/07/do_you_have_britains_dullest_f.shtml)

Sir Michael Parkinson, writing in the Radio Times, said he was a huge fan of the show Who Do You Think You Are? When they called and asked if I was interested, I said I would be delighted, but warned that my own research had unearthed nothing of note, he wrote.

'Oh, they all say that. But we always find something,' they said.

Six weeks later they phoned to apologise. My story was so boring they had to cancel the entire project. I was gutted.

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## LEAVING EDUCATION IN BRITAIN (Source: DfES)

In the latter part of the 19th Century, compulsory attendance at school ceased to be a matter for local option. Children had to attend between the ages of five and ten though with some local discretion such as early leaving in agricultural areas.

- 1893 - leaving age raised to 11
  - 1899 - leaving age raised to 12
  - 1918 - full-time education compulsory from 5 to 14, exemptions dropped
  - 1936 - leaving age to be raised to 15 from 1939, not implemented because of the outbreak of war
  - 1947 - leaving age raised to 15
  - 1971 - leaving age raised to 16 from September 1972
  - 1997 - all children must remain in education until the last school day in June in the year they turn 16
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## ON THE INTERNET

<http://www.archive.org>. This site has scanned copies of various books available to either download or read online including many parishes in England and the US. The following are just a few of the books which were available to view/download pertaining to family history:

- The register of baptisms, marriages and burials in St. Michael's parish, Cambridge. (1538-1837)
- The registers of the parish of Pilling, in the County of Lancaster - Pilling, Eng. (Parish) Baptisms. 1630-1721.--Burials. 1685-1718.--Marriages. 1630-1719
- The registers of Wath-upon-Deerne, Yorkshire - Wath-upon-Deerne, Eng. (Parish)
- Baptisms and burials, 1598-1778.--Marriages, 1598-1779.--Index
- The registers of Corbridge, in the county of Northumberland. Baptisms, 1654-1812. Marriages, 1657-1812. Burials, 1657-1812
- The registers of the parish church of Eccles in the County of Lancaster. Baptisms, burials, and marriages 1564-1632
- The parish register of Sheffield in the county of York (Volume pt.2) - Sheffield, Eng. (Parish) pt. I. Baptisms and marriages, 1560 to 1634-5.--pt. II. Burials, 1560 to 1634. Baptisms, marriages, 1635 to 1653
- The parish registers of Snaith, Co. York - Snaith, Eng. (Parish) pt. I. Baptisms, 1558-1657. Marriages, 1537-1657.--pt. II. Burials, 1537-1656

- The register of all the christenings, marriages, and burials in the parish of St. Mary, Chislet, in the county of Kent, from the year 1583 to 1707
- The registers of Stratford-on Avon, in the county of Warwick (Volume 2) - Stratford-upon-Avon (Parish) [Vol. 1] Baptisms, 1558-1652.--[v. 2] Marriages, 1558-1812.--[v. 3] Burials, 1558-1622-3
- The registers of Stratford-on Avon, in the county of Warwick (Volume 3) - Stratford-upon-Avon (Parish) [Vol. 1] Baptisms, 1558-1652.--[v. 2] Marriages, 1558-1812.--[v. 3] Burials, 1558-1622-3
- The parish registers of S. Giles, Kingston. Baptisms, 1558-1812. Marriages, 1558-1837. Burials, 1558-1812. Prefaced by a list of the rectors of the parish, supplemented by the monumental inscriptions in the church and churchyard
- The parish registers of St. Mary Aldermarry, London, containing the marriages, baptisms, and burials from 1558 to 1754
- A register of baptisms, marriages, and burials in the parish of St. Martin in the Fields, in the county of Middlesex - St. Martin-in-the-Fields (Church : Westminster, London, England) [I] from 1550 to 1619.--II. 1619-1636
- Parish register of Ingham, co. Suffolk: Baptisms 1538 to 1804, marriages 1539 to 1787, burials 1538 to 1811
- The peerage of England : containing a genealogical and historical account of all the peers of England, now existing, either by tenure, summons, or creation: their descents and collateral lines: their births, marriages and issues ... (Volume 1) - Collins, Arthur, 1682?-1760
- History of Oxford - Sharpe, W. C. (William Carvosso), 1839-1924

### Answers to questions about searching Papers Past via Google

From: [new-zealand-bounces@rootsweb.com](mailto:new-zealand-bounces@rootsweb.com)

These remarks are based solely on my own experimentation when searching for phrases such as "W. SMITH" which you cannot search on PPast itself.

Results from PPast will come up on Google along with all the other Google results. But if you want to search just PPast via Google, do a Google search in the normal way but add site:<http://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz>

[If you're using the Google Advanced search there is a special field lower down to add the site]

You cannot put the results in date (or any other) order unfortunately, but you can add a year to your search,so to find for example W. SMITH in 1877 papers on PP via Google type in site:<http://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz> "w. smith" 1877

You get the Maori versions usually before the English but both should come up eventually. You can largely exclude the Maori results by also adding "-l=mi" [a minus sign plus "l=mi" which is the PPast code for language=Maori]

So type in site: <http://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz> "w. smith" 1877 "-l=mi"

Some of the recently added papers in PPast don't seem to be on Google yet, and the Google search is never complete anyway, BUT I have always found things this way that I have not found with a normal PPast search, especially if you are looking for a surname with an initial.