

# News & Views

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

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Evening Meeting 7.30pm 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday, February to December  
Day Meeting: 9.30am, 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, February to November  
Research Evening: 6.00pm, last Thursday each month. Library open  
ComSIG 7:30pm, last Thursday of the month.  
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### COMING EVENTS (subject to change and confirmation closer to the event)

07 Jun: Peter Nash from The NZ Society of Genealogists  
21 Jun: Elusive Ancestors (branch members)  
28 Jun: ComSIG - Hanley Hoffman - "Family Tree Maker and it's Simplicity".  
05 Jul: Judy Kirby – NZSG's Pedigree Collection  
19 Jul: Warwick Johnston – Port Nicholson's First Town 1840  
26 Jul: Computer Special Interest Group  
02 Aug: Derek Griffis NZ Illegitimacies  
16 Aug: Finished Product – Branch Members  
30 Aug: Computer Special Interest Group  
06 Sep: Rob Aspden - Probates  
20 Sep: Joanna Newman WCC Archives  
27 Sep: Computer Special Interest Group  
04 Oct: Rachel Brown – House research  
18 Oct: TBA  
25 Oct: Computer Special Interest Group  
01 Nov: Pam McKirdy – Death Records and AGM  
15 Nov: TBA  
29 Nov: Computer Special Interest Group  
06 Dec: TBA Bring & share supper

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07 JUN: PETER NASH FROM THE NZ SOCIETY OF GENEALOGISTS – What are the advantages of joining the NZSG and what services does the Society provide. He will also bring New Zealand Gazette on computer for us to look at.

21 JUN: ELUSIVE ANCESTORS (BRANCH MEMBERS) – Our evening meeting dedicated to finding elusive ancestors was such a success that we are doing the same again. Bring along your genealogical problems and see if there is someone who has the solution.

COME EARLY TO BOTH MEETINGS FOR RESEARCH AND LIBRARY - 6.30.pm for evening meeting and 9.15.am for the morning meeting on branch meeting days.

CUPPA AND COOKIE - available *before* the morning meeting - and *after* the evening meetings - gold coin donation please

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## ELSE CHURCHILL – POST CONFERENCE TOUR

For other areas see [https://www.genealogy.org.nz/June\\_337.aspx](https://www.genealogy.org.nz/June_337.aspx)

- Wanganui - Georgian Ancestry  
Mon 11 June 7:30pm - Heritage Room, Alexander Library
- Palmerston North - I'm stuck! Techniques for Localising that Elusive ancestor  
Tues 12 June 7:30pm - Kilwinning Lodge Hall, Church Street
- Levin Wednesday - Our Women Ancestors  
Wed 13 June 7:30pm - St John's Methodist Hall, Kent Street Levin

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## A VERY BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO WAS AT THE CONFERENCE

The 2007 Conference was a great success thanks to all those who came along and helped and to those who attended from all over the country. The Archives staff were rushed off their feet (we did warn them). The Honey Pot room was continually buzzing and the resource room was well used. There lots of amazing finds and hopefully everyone learned lots to help with their research and made many new friends.

We look forward to a more relaxing time at the 2008 conference in Christchurch next year when we will be the ones being waited on!

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## FROM MARLENE SAYERS, NZSG CO-ORDINATOR, FAMILYSEARCH/NZSG/ NATIONAL LIBRARY OF NZ AFFILIATED LIBRARY.

I am delighted to report on the new affiliation between the NZSG, FamilySearch.org and the National Library of Wellington. The NZSG have entered into an arrangement with FamilySearch.org whereby the National Library will allow a designated area to be made available for the general public to use the microfilms of FamilySearch.org,

Volunteers from the NZSG are staffing this area of the National Library.

The microfilms are loaned by the Sydney NSW LDS library and are borrowed for a 28-day period at a cost to the National Library borrowers. These borrowers will be members of the general public as well as our local family historians, who use the National Library. Use of the film is free, the cost is \$6.00 per microfilm to cover return postage from Sydney.

The success of the venture depends on sufficient Branch volunteers being available on a regular basis. The volunteers staff the area on Mon to Fri in two sessions, the first from 10am to 2pm and the second from 12pm to 4pm daily. The Saturday morning session is from 9am to 12.30pm.

Any roster duty time even just once per week will be appreciated. Full training will be given to the volunteers.

A group of volunteers has already been trained for duty in June and more volunteers are required for some duty slots in July and August. We expect to provide training for this next group of volunteers at the end of June/early July. A new roster will be developed for Sept, Oct and November.

Beverley Keall (Kilbirnie Branch Secretary) and the Convener of volunteers for the Kilbirnie Branch, is the Roster Coordinator. Remember a half-day duty will still allow you to do your own research at National Library, though I am sure Beverley is happy if someone wishes to do a whole day duty time! If anyone would like to volunteer and join the roster, please contact Beverley Keall at [bkeall@paradise.net.nz](mailto:bkeall@paradise.net.nz) or myself at [m.sayers@paradise.net.nz](mailto:m.sayers@paradise.net.nz)

The NZSG and National Library launched this enterprise on 31 May 2007.

The FamilySearch area of the National Library is 'up and running' with volunteers on duty every day. Please call in and order a microfilm. At present orders are arriving at National Library within 5 days if ordered by 4pm Thursday.

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## GREATER LONDON INTEREST GROUP

Interested in joining a Wellington area sub-group? Contact Ann Ball on [ball@xtra.co.nz](mailto:ball@xtra.co.nz)

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## NEW ZEALAND OBITUARIES

If you have any printed obituaries of New Zealanders, Marlene O'Neil would be pleased to receive a copy, as she is now Obituaries officer for the NZSG. These will be indexed to create a useful resource for researchers.

Make sure to include the name of the newspaper and the day/month/year the obituary appeared. If you don't have the original newspaper clipping a handwritten or typed transcript of an obituary is acceptable or of course a photocopy of the original entry. If you don't know all the above details, they will still be accepted. Mail to Marlene O'Neil, 13 Vosper Street, Matamata 3400. The email address (for queries regarding this project) is [obituaries@genealogy.org.nz](mailto:obituaries@genealogy.org.nz)

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## SPEAKER'S REVIEW – LYNLY YATES - FENCIBLE ANCESTORS

The Royal New Zealand Fencible Corps consisted of volunteer retired soldiers of 2 classes:

- Men in receipt of pensions
- Men men discharged without pensions

They also had to be of good character, under 41 years of age, with a minimum of 15 years service . They needed to be over 5'5" in height, have industrious habits, a robust frame and be medically approved of as fit for the occasional military duties required.

This came about as a result of unrest in North Auckland between the Maoris and the settlers in 1845-6 and was an answer to a request by Governor Grey and his predecessor Governor Fitzroy, to the Colonial Office in England for troops.

The word Fencible comes from the word 'defence' which this detachment of retired soldiers were required to do as opposed to a unit of fighting men.

They would receive a free passage to New Zealand for themselves, their wives, and their families, with rations at the public expense, in the proportions usually issued on shipboard, and from which no deduction would be made from their pensions.

On arriving in NZ each pensioner would be put in possession of a cottage of 2 rooms, with an acre of land attached thereto, one-fourth part of which would be cleared and made ready for cultivation at the public expense, preparatory to his arrival.

*(extracts from The Royal New Zealand Fencibles 1847 - 1852 published by the NZ Fencible Society)*

Lynly talked about her husband's ancestor, Thomas Boyle who was 17 years old when he enrolled in the 95<sup>th</sup> Foot Regiment in 1823. Amongst other places, he served in the Mediterranean and retired in 1852 to his native Ireland at the age of 36 after nearly 18 years of service. The records of the British regiments are held at the Public Records Office at Kew England and have been microfilmed. The records give quite a lot of detail and make interesting reading.

When the 'Sir Robert Sale' arrived in Auckland on the 11<sup>th</sup> of October 1847, the settlements of Howick, Onehunga and Panmure were not ready. The soldiers and their families had to stay aboard the ship while anchored in Auckland Harbour for about 6 weeks.

During that 6 weeks, Thomas's wife, Ellen, gave birth to a little daughter on the 13<sup>th</sup> of October 1847. The daughter died not long after the birth and she died herself the next day. There was some debate about this as perhaps if they had been allowed to leave the ship as soon as they arrived, these and other deaths may not have occurred.

Life was tough as they still had to wait for more permanent accomodation to be built after getting ashore. There were no roads to their settlements and Thomas was left to bring up his children on his own.

Fortunately the old soldiers were never called upon to take up their long-abandoned arms, and the most martial exploit ever performed by them was a turn-out at the time the Ngatipaos paddled up from Hauraki to avenge the arrest of a chief who had been pinched by the Auckland police for stealing a shirt, or some other un-chiefly offence.

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## Further reading

- The Royal New Zealand Fencibles 1847 - 1852 published by the NZ Fencible Society  
This book gives a full history from the historical letter from Earl Grey which set into place a chain of events that were to change the lives of many people and shape the face of the outlying districts in Auckland. Details are given of the government's promises, contracts, rates of pay, duties, shipping lists, fensible families, etc, etc and is a must read for anyone wanting to know more about fensible ancestors and the beginnings of the suburbs of Howick, Panmure, Onehunga and Otahuhu.
  - An Introduction to the Howick Historical Village – Alan La Roche MBE Howick and Districts Historical Society.  
Howick has a historical village which contains a lot of the old houses (restored) that fensible families lived in. This book contains photos, old and new of people and houses and paintings and drawings from bygone days of the area.
  - Boyle the Fencible Family of Howick – 2005 Lynly Yates
  - In Search of Forlorn Hope by John M Kitzmiller, Volume I & II A comprehensive guide to locating British Regiments and their Records
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## SPEAKER'S REVIEW - GRAHAM LANGTON FROM ARCHIVES NEW ZEALAND

The general consensus was that Graham had the best Power Point presentation of what is available at the Archives. It was easily understood and motivating.

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## SPEAKER'S REVIEW - JIM FITZMAURICE - THE LEGACY GENEALOGY PROGRAM

Jim Fitzmaurice filled in for Barry Thomson from Kapiti Branch of NZSG who was in hospital. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Jim opened the evening with a run down of the speakers for the next few months

- June: Hanley Hoffman speaking on Family Tree Maker genealogy program.
- Tonight's session on Photos to be rescheduled
- Research in Australia
- Paul Alpe to speak on Version 4 and the new Version 5 NZSG CD

Jan Walker gave a brief introduction to Emails (Jan is to be a regular speaker at our meetings sharing from her wealth of experience and involvement with Senior Net – Thank you Jan )

- To get rid of emails already viewed, highlight and press delete key. This will send them to the 'rubbish bin' (This in turn needs to be emptied unless it is set up to empty on closing the computer down)
- To save emails for future reference, right click mouse and create a new folder to save them in.
- To transfer emails to a folder left click and hold, then drag and drop
- When replying to an email that is being sent to numerous recipients use BCC (Blind Carbon Copy)

Jim gave us the results of the questionnaire From roughly 34 people, 26 questionnaires were returned

Programs used: Family Tree Maker – 10, Legacy – 10, Brothers Keeper – 2, PA – 1, PAF - 1

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## SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE PROGRAMS:

- It was suggested that notes be given out relating to each lecture to overcome the problem of trying to listen and write notes at the same time. Would not mind paying for this service.
- Quite a few people are just starting out so need help with everything.
- Comparison to the various genealogy programmes, how they work, and their good and bad points.
- Speakers should use basic English and not lingo.
- How to join mailing lists
- Free websites
- How to use Photoshop and Powerpoint
- Ancestry
- Shipping lists
- NZ Genealogy sites

## JIM ON LEGACY

- Basics for non-users, hints and tips for users
- Basic version free and downloaded from Millenia Corporation, the commercial arm of the Church of Latter Day Saints.
- Family view - Husband, Wife, children, parents, working screen, changeable items on work screen, relationships to me (Changeable), Colour combinations optional. Icons below central panel and photos.
- Index - Searchable Number Christian name, and Surname
- Panel for details of Marriage.
- Pedigree view - The family history at one glance – 5 generations, just the dates for each individual
- Descendant - Names only of all the descendants of the individual selected
- Chronology - This is a timeline for the individual giving dates of birth and death for all members of the immediate family.
- Research Guidance Page - Not really used
- Legacy Home Page - Contains news items, birthday reminders, help, direct internet links to assistance

## JIM'S LEGACY 12 STEP CHECKLIST

- 1) Set Relationships - Highlight starting person, then Tools, Set Relationships
  - 2) Quick Bookmarks - Highlight then right click on box at bottom. To clear, Ctrl + R click on box
  - 3) Set direct line - Highlight start person, tools, set direct line.
  - 4) Half siblings - Right click on children, View, Show ½'s
  - 5) Symbols
    - + sign after a child indicates they have children
    - + sign on a parent indicates they have parents
    - ! sign indicated never married,
    - § sign indicates married but with no children
  - 6) Preferred family setup - Highlight 'go to' options, set preferred start-up family. To set View preference, go to Options, Customise, General, Program start-up, then take your pick.
  - 7) Preferences - Hundreds of ways of changing how the screen looks and how to format data entry.
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- 8) Master lists - View, Master lists, Location, to check and correct locations, applies over all entries.
- 9) Backups - Another topic another day
- 10) Potential problems - Tools, Set parameters, Create list, Preview, Print as required. Can also use Customise, Date entry, Check for problems when saving individual to alert when loading data.
- 11) File Maintenance - Got to File, File maintenance, then use
  - Check/Repair
  - Master list cleanup
  - Compact family file
  - Set file sorting order
- 12) Tree Finder View, Tree finder, Refresh. This will give you a list of all the groups and unlinked individuals in your files. You may then be able to delete some people who should not be there.

### TIPS AND TRICKS

Spouses - Where a husband has had more than one spouse, click in left margin to rotate through them all. If a wife has more than one spouse, click in right margin to rotate through them.

Siblings - Click in centre margin to rotate through siblings of highlighted person

Direct line - Click in margin to left of children to follow direct line downwards through the generations

Changing information headings below highlighted person - Click on item to be changed, click on three buttons to Right of item, a choice will appear, click on one required.

Toolbar buttons at top. - To add another button, right click on bar, select, drag to required position, click OK

Date at bottom right - Clicking here will bring up a screen that lets you know when the highlighted person was loaded, and last edited.

Keyboard Shortcuts - To see list use Shift + ?.

(Thank you Janet Ketchell for this review)

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### WEBSITE

Wellington City Archives have Wellington Town Board Historic Rate books from 1863-1866 searchable on line - <http://wellington.govt.nz/services/archives/history/history.html>

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### HOW TO COPY AND PASTE FROM PAPERS PAST?

Jenny asked "is it possible to copy and paste from Papers Past?", to which Pip replied "I think the answer is that you need special software."

As others have said, first you need to save the page from PapersPast on your own computer. Then you can copy portions of the page with any software that will manipulate images, and you may already have suitable programs on your computer to do this.

Paint (a Windows program) will do this, though the image may be very large and unwieldy. Useful, though, for eliminating black borders before you go any further if that is what you want.

To do this, use the Select button (top right of the buttons on the left, the rectangle with the dotted outline) to highlight an area, then press <Del> to remove \*everything\* in that highlighted area.

Work in sections around the border as your screen allows. To copy a section of the page in Paint, use Select again, and highlight a section, Copy\* then Paste\*\* it in the destination file (which might be within Paint again, or perhaps in a word processor document).

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Other FREE editing programs you may like to investigate include Google's Picasa (<http://picasa.google.com/>), Irfanview (<http://www.irfanview.com/>), and Xnview (<http://www.xnview.com/>). Your printer may come with editing software too.

Remember to save your work as you go, so you don't suddenly find you've lost it all. Keep the original file untouched (so you can return to it later and start from fresh if you need to), and save your edits under a different name.

If you do something horribly wrong, <Ctrl><Z> will undo the last action in most programs.

\* to copy: <Ctrl><C> on the keyboard, or Right Click with the mouse and select Copy, or Edit > Copy from the menu \*\* to paste: <Ctrl><V> on the keyboard, or Right Click with the mouse and select Paste, or Edit > Paste from the menu

I extracted portions of newspaper pages (saved from PapersPast) a couple of years ago, but I can't for the life of me remember how I did it! Although I have all three of the free programs I mentioned above, I don't think I used any of them for this exercise. I thought it was with Paint, but I'm not sure now.

What I can tell you, though, is that where I had a large section of the page I wanted to save, I copied and pasted it in sections, into a word processor document so that it could be read easily. I created two columns in the document, so two columns from the newspaper could be placed side by side. It took a bit of hit-and-miss to work out how long my images needed to be to fit on the page \*and\* have the text in a good easy-to-read size.

Wendy Howard - Kaiwaka, Northland, New Zealand

