

Hutt Valley Branch of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists



News & Views

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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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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.

MEETING PROGRAMME for NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2014

November 13 Evening Meeting:

Discovery – the UK National Archives site on the NZSG member's page

Graeme McVerry will talk about some of the on-line treasures of the UK National Archives that can be downloaded for free from the member's area on the NZSG website (or available for \$ direct from the Discovery site for non-NZSG members). These include wills, WWI medal rolls for British servicemen, WW2 RAF combat reports including RNZAF men serving in the UK (the New Zealand squadron 75 is included, as well as individuals across all RAF squadrons), the Royal Marines, merchant and Royal Navy records, historical maps, and much more.

November 20 Morning Meeting:

Early Inns and Innkeepers – Hilda McDonnell

Lower Hutt historian Hilda McDonnell will talk about inns and innkeepers of the Wellington region in the era 1840 to 1850.

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.

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

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

On duty for November & December

- Wednesday 19 November – Cheryl Dreaver & Avril Roberts
- December – No Duties

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: HuttValley@genealogy.org.nz

From the September 11 Evening Meeting:

Guest Speaker: Jenni Chrisstoffels, Alexander Turnbull Library

Using the Alexander Turnbull Library Pictorial Collections for Your Family History

While many of us have prized family photographs, there are often gaps in our personal collections that can be supplemented by images from the Alexander Turnbull Library. Images of immigration, the places our families lived, shared experiences and common events can all be used to illustrate and add context to the lives that our ancestors and we have led.

Searching for digitised Images:

<http://natlib.govt.nz>

- Enter your search terms in the box e.g. *Havelock North*
- Click on **'Images'** filter on the left hand side
- Click on **Date** filter on the left hand side e.g. 1900s then 1910s
- To see images that are available online, click on **'View Gallery'** (top centre) or on **'Online items'** on the left hand side

OR use Advanced Search:

- Click on **Advanced Search** near the top right hand side
- Enter your search items in the box eg *Havelock North*
- Under **By Date** enter the date or date range – if you make your date too specific, you may miss out on relevant images
- Click on **Only show items that are available online** (if you want to see digitised images only)
- Click on 'Photographic Archive' under 'From this Collection' – if you want photographs only
- On the results page, click on the padlocks beside your filters to 'lock' these in – you can then add or take away search terms without having to go back to the advanced search page

Tips on Searching:

- Too few results – take out a search term (or check your spelling); too many results – add a search term or use the filters or check the subject headings used to find the most relevant results
- Searching for names – try surname only, there are lots of unidentified people – if you know what they looked like you could try ‘unidentified’ and the place they lived.
- Searching for a house – try the street name and town (or suburb), try ‘view’ and the town; try ‘aerial’ and town
- You can eliminate images by using the minus sign – e.g. ‘Havelock North’- aerial (“Use quotation marks” around a phrase) or Havelock – North (to get images of Havelock in Marlborough)

Be wary of eliminating images by using place, name and subject filters- not all images have these so you may be eliminating useful results

Want to see the image in more detail?

- Go to ‘**See Original record**’ near bottom of record, then ‘**view archived copy online**’
- Click on the box (full screen icon) at the top of the image then use the magnifying glass or bars at the top of the image to make it as large as you need. This is very useful if you are looking for small details in an image

Using Alexander Turnbull Library Images in your Family History:

You are welcome to use images straight from the library website for your own personal use, for use on a website or for publications that will be distributed to your family.

If you intend to publish a book that will be going on sale to the wider public, then please obtain high resolution images from the library (more about this below). Some images may still be under copyright so you may be required to obtain copyright clearance before we can provide you with the image.

In all cases, please include the reference number, photographer, artist, and/or collection and acknowledgement to the Alexander Turnbull Library. This information is provided under every digitised image e.g. Maclay, Adam Henry Pearson, 1873 – 1955: Negatives, ref ½-163635-G. Alexander Turnbull Library.

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Terms for Free Downloads:

You are welcome to share (copy, distribute, and transmit) and adapt (including cropping, recolouring and combining) these free download items for commercial and non-commercial purposes, as long as you:

Note and briefly describe any derivation or alteration of the original and

Attribute the creator (if known) and

Attribute the Alexander Turnbull Library as the source.

Ordering High Resolution Images On-line:

- Go to the page where the item is displayed, e.g. <http://natlib.govt.nz/records/22713897> and click on the 'order copy' button that appears on the left of the screen.
- The item will then be added to your cart. The cost is NZD\$20.00 per image.
- If you proceed to the checkout, you'll be asked how you intend to use the image and how you intend to pay. You will need to accept the Terms and Conditions, and then log on to pay. If you haven't got a RealMe (orL-Govt) account, you will need to create one at this point.
- Once you have created a RealMe account, you will need to confirm your order. At this point, your order will be sent for processing, as the image will need to be cleared for use. If there are any restrictions or permissions required, you will be contacted by email before the order proceeds.
- Processing the image may take up to 10 working days but is usually much faster.
- Once the images are cleared, they will be released for use, and you will receive an email with a link to pay for the images. Once the payment has been processed (by a secure external online payment site), you will be sent a link to the website, which you can click on to begin downloading the images, which will be provided in jpeg format.

Neil and Edward ROWE



Neil and Edward Rowe were two brothers from Rongotea who volunteered for service in World War One. Neil in 1916 and Edward 1917. Both spent some months in the Featherston and Awapuni camps before leaving NZ, Neil on the *Waitemata* to Plymouth and Edward on the *Ruahine* to Glasgow.

After two weeks at Aldershot Military Base in England Neil was sent to France and stationed at the No 1 NZ Stationary Hospital at Hazebrouck, 50 kms from Calais in June 1917. The hospital consisted mainly of Nissen Huts and Hospital Marquees. Most of the patients were soldiers but on occasions French civilians were brought in suffering from Gas Poisoning. Approx. 1200 patients a month were hospitalised and that July the official war diary recorded that 419 operations and 488 X-rays were conducted. At times the weather was bitterly cold with weeks of hoar frost followed by heavy snow. On 31 July Hazebrouck was shelled and Neil had to assist with evacuating 500 patients to St Omer by ambulance train, horse drawn and motor ambulances. He then worked temporarily in other units until December when he was sent to the New Stationary Hospital at Wisques. This was at a clearing in the forest on top of a hill near St Omer. Many of the patients were suffering from shell shock and other nervous problems, caused by the appalling conditions in the trenches.

Edward travelled from Glasgow by train and marching to Ewshot where there was extensive training to prepare soldiers for France. Ewshot was where the medical and artillery divisions were stationed, and was a division of the larger Aldershot. This was in Hampshire 60 kms south west of London.

Edward then travelled to Etaples in France for more training and then he and two others were sent by train and bus to join the NZ Division at Wisques. This brought about a dramatic moment as Edward's diary for that day concludes "And then I met Neil". Their fellow soldiers wondered what had got in to Rowe as the excited brothers embraced as they had no idea they would meet.

As the brothers were both in the Medical Corp much of their time was spent in the hospital until Feb 1918 when on learning that Edward was to be sent to work in the trenches Neil applied to go also and they were sent to the No2 Field Ambulance based at Wippenhoek and later to a Rest Station at Caestra for a month and then to Saily in the Somme. Conditions in the Somme were shocking with huge holes left by exploding shells from previous battles and deep mud everywhere. In these conditions Neil spent eight months in 1918. On one occasion a shell exploded in the trench where he was with four others. Three were killed instantly, another had his sleeve ripped off from cuff to shoulder and Neil was unhurt. He brought the nose of that shell home and the family still have it. Incidentally, a British made shell.

Edward's war diary gives day to day happenings, one on April 5 reads - "*Fritz began to shell all around our posy. I had to take wounded men to the ambulance under heavy shell fire. He shelled very heavy from 8 am until till after 2 pm and then slackened off. There were 5 of us close together in a posy, four of them were wounded. I worked till dinner time without any breakfast. At night I shifted my dugout.*"

In April Edward was taken ill with Trench fever and sent to England to Oatlands Park Hospital and then to Hornchurch. The trench fever kept returning and in January 1919 he was invalided home on the hospital ship Zealandic.

Neil succumbed to trench fever after eight months in the Somme conditions and was sent back to London and Hornchurch. He recovered and until January was able to work at Codford Hospital. On hearing that Edward was being invalided back to New Zealand, he applied for a position with the Medical Corps on the same ship and was granted the last remaining vacancy.

A wonderful surprise for the family to welcome both sons home together.

Sent in by Catherine Birch.

Information from the Rowe Family History published 1999.

Neil and Edward were two of my mother's eight brothers

From October 16 Morning Meeting ‘Show & Tell’ Family History Ephemera. One of many interesting items was this suit brought by Catherine Birch, pictured below, worn by her grandson.



This suit was worn by Joshua CORPE who was born in Fivehead, Somerset in 1799. Because children were small in those days he probably wore it when he was 3 or 4 years old.

This suit was sent out from England to Wescombe Joshua Corpe by Joshua’s granddaughter in 1970 as at that time he was the only descendant with the name Joshua. Several of his descendants have worn it for a photograph.

From Catherine Birch

Cemetery Records:

Hutt City Council has advised that the cemetery search is now online at:
<http://www.huttcity.govt.nz/en/Services/Cemeteries/Cemeteries-feedback/>

There are two data sets.

1. Taita Cemetery Old Monumental section and other cemeteries; and
2. The Lawn Cemetery & Wainuiomata Garden of Remembrance that you will already be familiar with.

The two systems are an interim measure.

If you have any feedback on the system, we can pass your comments on to Council, please send any comments to huttvalley@genealogy.org.nz

Any corrections of the data should go to the Council’s Contact centre (use the email link in the top left corner of the record concerned).

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.



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



Badges featuring the poppy can be obtained from Clive Robinson,
Defence Force Headquarters, Aitken St, Wellington \$5 each