



Family History Group News

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The Group meets at the WAIKANAE CHARTERED CLUB, 8 Elizabeth Street Waikanae, just over the Railway Crossing, 9.30am to 12 -12.30pm, on the Fourth Thursday of the month –January to November. See the dates in the body of this newsletter.

The Waikanae Family History Group is a corporate member and an adjunct of the Waikanae Chartered Club

Easter to Christmas

Why do we need urgency when it comes to bringing our Family History together, none of us are going to live for ever. I am always urging people to at least produce one hard copy of their family history, and by the way there is one important note to make when you do – your computer file name should be printed on the hard copy – if you use a “header and/or a footer” you should include in that the file name. Why, because tomorrow if I step out in front of a city council bus and my life is terminated someone needs to know where to find that valuable family history. It is just one of those items other family members need to know. Wrapped up in all 50+ members of our group is a very large tome of information on people – just imagine if we brought all that paper information together it would probably equal 30 reams of paper. Try stacking six boxes of five reams one on top of the other. So why my heading? Because Easter is already behind us, and I have proposed to the Waikanae Chartered Club that we have an open day on Saturday 6th August, not just for Family History, and on that day I would like to see us demonstrate to visitors just how much family history we have on paper. We as members collectively and physically possess a great deal, but more precisely just how important to our community a library of all this “stuff” could be. And time flies so it could soon be Christmas but I want us to make the most of our time doing this “stuff”, that is why our group exists and we are here to help.

That Hard Copy

This is repetitious, and between now and August 6th we need a hard copy from as many as can be pressured into producing one. Some already have one, I have three, but if you need guidance then I am here to help you – if you have Family Tree Maker for example you can produce an “outline descendant” for segments of your whole family. Don’t try to do the whole tree in one outline or you will be faced with printing 90 pages +. It will be much simpler to look through, if you do one for each sibling of your mother or father for example, help will be readily available. Then we can punch your printout and put it into a binder for display. We will use four ring binders or presentation binders because they will preserve your copy better than others especially when being handled. If you need help we can provide it without delay.

PROGRAMME FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR

-*Please note there have been some additions-

April 12th -Trust committee meeting 9.45am to 10.45am

April 28th - regular monthly members meeting 9.30am to 12.30pm

May 10th -Trust committee meeting 9.45am to 10.45am

May 12th – research morning – 9.30am

*May 26th - regular monthly members meeting + AGM 9.30am to 12.30pm

June 7th - -Trust committee meeting 9.45am to 11.15am

June 23rd - regular monthly members meeting 9.30am to 12.30pm

July 12th - -Trust committee meeting 9.45am to 11.15am

July 14th – research morning – 9.30am

July 28th - regular monthly members meeting 9.30am to 12.30pm

*August 6th Open day at the Waikanae Chartered Club

August 10th - Trust committee meeting 9.45am to 10.45am
August 25th - regular monthly members meeting 9.30am to 12.30pm
September 13th - Trust committee meeting 9.45am to 10.45am
Four Tuesdays and five Fridays – responsibility for Club Raffles
September 22th - regular monthly members meeting 9.30am to 12.30pm
Group's 5th birthday celebration - lunch
October 11th - Trust committee meeting 9.45am to 10.45am
October 13th - **research morning – 9.30am**
October 27th - regular monthly members meeting 9.30am to 12.30pm
November 8th - Trust committee meeting 9.45am to 10.45am
November 24th - regular monthly members meeting 9.30am to 12.30pm
End of year Christmas function - lunch

TOUGH TIMES By George Warcup

We always knew that one of our ancestors was a convict. This story has been passed down to me from family members in various forms and I have endeavoured with some research to add a little more to our knowledge.

On the 28th of October 1830 John Pickering an apprenticed carpenter aged 20 stood in the dock of London's Old Bailey indicted for stealing three saws and two planes altogether to the value of thirteen shillings. He was found guilty and sentenced to a whipping and six months imprisonment.

John Pickering was my mother's great-grandfather. John was born in 1810 and baptised in the Soin Chapel Old Street Whitechapel London the son of Matthew and Agnes Pickering. The Pickering's lived in the East End of London.

My mother's maiden name was Myrtle Rose Hazlewood and she was the daughter of George and Grace Hazlewood. George in his turn was a son of William Hazlewood and Emily Pickering, and Emily was a daughter of John Pickering and Ann Watchorn.

Just under two years later our John was in the Old Bailey again this time accused of stealing another plane to the value of two shillings to which he pleaded guilty and so on the 12th of April 1832 was sentenced to seven years transportation.

Tasmanian records tell us that on the 7th of April 1833 John now convict 56263 arrived in Hobart Tasmania on the convict ship Surrey. Eleven years later in 1844 John Pickering aged thirty four married seventeen year old Ann Watchorn.

Ann was aged eight when she arrived in Hobart with her family on the 24th of January 1837. Ann's father Thomas Watchorn was a widower aged fifty when he brought his eight children to Tasmania on the ship William Metcalfe. Thomas, a bounty immigrant was an agricultural labourer. Bounty Immigrants were free men and were given free passage to Tasmania the ship's captain being paid a bounty for the number passengers that he delivered in good order and condition. The Watchorn's are believed to have come from Holme Pierrepont in Nottinghamshire. There is a Watchorn Street in Hobart, named after a mayor John Watchorn who was probably one of Ann's brothers.

The first of John and Ann's children Matthew was born in Tasmania in 1848 and Emily my Great grandmother was born in New Zealand in 1852 followed by another three children all born in New Zealand. This tells us that during the four year gap 1848/52 our Pickering family immigrated to New Zealand from Tasmania.

The Pickering family settled in Wellington, where in 1871 Emily aged 20 married William Hazlewood aged 26 in Wellington. William and Emily raised ten children including my Grandfather George Hazlewood, all born in Wellington. George married Grace Elizabeth Free 1903 and they had five children. My mother Myrtle Rose Hazlewood born in Wellington in 1905 was their eldest daughter and she married my father Herbert Montague Warcup in 1931

Great-great-grandfather John Pickering lived out his life in Wellington and in later years appeared to suffer from alcoholism being arrested for numerous related offences and died in 1891. Great-grandfather William Hazlewood died tragically in a boating accident in Evans Bay on New Year's Day 1897. Emily died in Wellington in May 1898 her death certificate stating of Tuberculosis and Exhaustion.

SALES TABLE - LIBRARY LOAN ITEMS

Our Group is slowly gathering items which you can borrow, and there are items such as ring binders, A4 and that big A3 one plus its plastic sleeves, plus indices for filing, the Genealogy information pack \$3, or if you are a new member it could be free. There are a variety of forms which if you are using them or wanting to use them ask about a supply.

On the borrowing list are several books which we have acquired, the latest is an Unlock the Past book on research in South Australia by Graham Jaurnay.

If you borrow a book please list it on the pad provided and remember to keep the book for as short a time as you need, because others might be wanting that item as well. So remember to browse at our next meeting.

LAPTOP LIBRARIES FOR RESEARCH

As well as books we have a collection of CDs which have been loaded onto our two laptops, now you can still borrow the CDs, but it is not very good if they are only sitting in storage and not being used. Over to you. Make the most of your membership and the privileges that it brings you.

ST JOHN'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WILLIS STREET WELLINGTON

At our March meeting someone handed me a complete transcript of "Marriages solemnised at St John's" from 06 Oct 1892 to 28 Apr 1897, it contains around 110 marriages – now we know it is only a small window of entries but don't dismiss it. No doubt the donor will identify himself/herself to us. Here is a sample of grooms' names, Eames, Ewen, Palmer, Reilly ... Chappell, Slater. Some bride's names: Johnston, Fox, Allan, Gay, Chambers, Rees, Knigge.

CLANN special issue SEVEN 1916 PROCLAMATION SIGNATORIES

One hundred years ago, the 1916 Easter Rising, it is now the anniversary of that momentous event and Clann have published the family history of the seven signatures to that uprising. It is available printed out for some lucky members to borrow and read, it is just 52 pages. Thus began the separation of Ireland and Britain, claim the copy before it goes on the table at the next meeting.

SURNAME FORMS & FAMNET

So far only three people have responded to the plea to complete surname forms – not enough out of fifty members we need more than that although only half that number were present at the last meeting. For those who are not up with the play, you complete one of these forms with as many of your family names as you can muster, - don't worry if you miss some – we publish them in the FamNet database and then other people get the chance to see who you are researching. Your contact details are on the system and if anyone spies a name that also appears in their family history then you could hear from them.

FamNet is a huge database of 15 million plus entries to which every member of our group is a "paid" up member courtesy of your committee. During 2015 we sought funding from the local body and paid up the membership for all our members and in 2016 we have done it again. Initially we have used up part of our funds to meet the first two or three months of this 2016 year, we applied for funding which will take us through to August 2017.

So please get in and access FamNet via www.FamNet.net.nz your email address will enable you to access the system. If you are having trouble just ask!

FINDMYPAST NEWS National School Admission Registers & Log-Books 1870-1914

Discover your ancestors who went to school in England and Wales between 1870 and 1914. Explore their school records to find their birth date, admission year and the school they attended. You may also be able to discover their parents' names, father's occupation, exam results and any illnesses that led to absence from school. [Learn more](#) [Useful links](#)

[Worcestershire Baptisms](#) Over 8,900 records have been added to our collection of Worcestershire baptisms. Use them along with new additions to Worcestershire marriages and burials to flesh out your family tree.

[Middlesex Baptisms, 1543-1876](#) Trace your family line back to the 16th century with over 129,000 new Middlesex baptisms. Search by name, date and location to find out how far back your Middlesex roots go.

FAMILY HISTORY MONTH & OPEN DAY

Here is an event which could appeal to your friends who are not into Family History yet, and it could be a good opportunity to search out the other facilities at the Waikanae Chartered Club. Here is an opportunity too, for you to display a hard copy or just an illustrated chart of your family tree, invite your family, your friends because what we have to show them might just get them into doing family history. There will be refreshments, morning tea, coffee, lunch at even \$10 which could appeal to those who just want to try the club facilities. Entry will be by gold coin, but once inside we might have some things which could relieve the visitors of some cash. There will be a raffle of course as we have on our meeting days. Do you have something special about your family history which you want to display – here is your opportunity – tell us.

OUR NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

April 12th Tuesday, 9.45am – you know that we welcome any member of our group to attend, to listen to proceedings, to participate if they so wish, or with a little bit of notice bring up an item which could just help the Group along. If the latter appeals to you write us a paper so that we can agenda it, then come along and let us hear your views. We endeavour to avoid “prickly rules” which often offend members, we try to be an amiable organisation.

AGM 26th May

Please note that here is another great opportunity to “research” your Family History group, find out the things you did not know. Last year in the general business of our AGM we had a very lively question and answer session, those who participated and I think there were 25 members, no one could have left disappointed. It is also encouraging for your committee that on the face of it we must be doing something right. Here is also your chance to throw brickbats. A bit like the question of what to do when someone throws you a hot baked potatoe off the bbq (ouch and it is burning like hell!) The answer later.

YOUR SUBSCRIPTION DONATION IS DUE

The 1st of April has passed signalling the start of another financial year so we would like to see Rodney Foster with a whole document of members with big ticks against them, happily he has quite a lot, but not quite all yet. Don't forget to keep your receipt for tax purposes.

STATIONERY BULK SUPPLY

Is there any point in the Group purchasing bulk supply of copy paper, for example, copysafe clear plastic pockets, L-shaped files, indices, ruled pads, clear cover binders. We will circulate a clip board at the next meeting with a list – we all use copy paper. Your views would also be appreciated, please.

NATIONAL LIBRARY VISIT

It is time we made a visit to the National Library where there is a wealth of information available and some very talented people to help you if necessary, so once again we will circulate a clipboard with date for members to indicate their interest.

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(That hot potatoe!!! Throw it back as quickly as possible of course!)

