



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 the newsletter.

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

DID WE DO WELL?

That is for you to decide because twenty members turned up to our third birthday meeting along with yet another new member so roll on 2015. Now one of our group sessions worked their way through those present, and their part in genealogy, and then degenerated into world affairs – of course the ISIL / ISIS ideology – and I apologise for the diversion, but then again we do have to be aware, Australia has just proved that it is no fiction.

Now did you remember that on Thursday 16th we are trialling another research day & that Thursday 23rd October is our next meeting. On both days bring your laptop please.

WELCOME

We haven't made a habit of listing new members, but in recent times we have had several, and in reverse order today we welcomed Stella Sharp, then Marcia and Alan Robertson, Valerie Gilgrist, and transferring from Kilbirnie is Christine Fogden. We hope that you will all be rewarded with your membership bringing you speedy results – if it does not then I would like to hear about it from you.

WAIKANAE FAMILY HISTORY GROUP MEETING DATES FOR 2014/15

October 23rd, November 27th, Christmas Lunch celebration

2015 – January 29th, February 26th, March 26th,

Legacy Sessions for 2014

October 25th,

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October 13th Committee meeting 9.45am

October 16th Research Day 9.30am -12.30pm

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

November 10th Committee meeting 9.45am

November 27th - regular monthly members meeting 9.30am to 12.30pm

End of year Christmas function

January 12th 2015 Committee meeting 9.45am

January 29th - regular monthly meeting 9.30am to 12.30pm

A YOUNG MAN'S WISE WORDS

Spending today, complaining about yesterday, will not make tomorrow any better.

David Hoffmann, (Personal Trainer) Owner of two Gymnasiums.

The Scottish Valuation Rolls for 1875

We're delighted to announce that the Valuation Rolls (VRs) for 1875 are now available on the ScotlandsPeople website. For the first time, the index is **Free to Search** and can be browsed

free of charge until the 31st December 2014. Among the hundreds of thousands of Victorian Scots who can be found in the latest year of Valuation Rolls to be released on ScotlandsPeople are two of the most celebrated sportsmen of the era, the golfers Old Tom Morris and his eldest son Young Tom. Valuation rolls for 1875 covering the whole of Scotland have become available, enabling searches for property owners, tenants and occupiers across Scotland from 1875 to 1920, and often revealing valuable information about the inter-census years. The latest addition comprises over 900,000 index entries and almost 72,000 digital images taken from 141 volumes of Valuation Rolls. You can find out more about Old Tom Morris and the release of VR 1875 here.

What do the 1875 Valuation Rolls contain?
All the Rolls are fully searchable by name and address, and researchers can investigate people living, working and playing all over Scotland – from country estates to city tenements, castles to crofts, and factories to golf courses. Researchers at the National Records of Scotland were particularly interested to spot 17 golf clubs and societies around Scotland – from Ayrshire to Aberdeen – plus three Golf Inns. *To those not yet a member of this site it is free to sign up.*
Courtesy Kilbirnie Branch NZSG

Age on the Go EXPO

This EXPO was held on the 11th October in the Waikanae Memorial Hall and belately we were given space, because for some reason, we were not listed on the list of participants back in 2012 and I have photos to prove it. My thanks to those who volunteered. On the day Rodney Foster, Margaret Murton, Margaret Brown and Aileen Wood, and I talked to 110 visitors, we handed out 60-70 membership forms at least ten to a dozen were really interested in joining us so it will be interesting on Thursday 23rd October, we currently have 38 paid up members.

About your research

Here is a quote from the Australian Family Tree Connections magazine about your attitude to things you are researching:-

“Get it right..research once, check twice..every time,” And then:“Mind your genealogy Ps and Qs:- Be Patient, Persistent and Precise and Quash, Query and Question”. Great advice.

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Rugby League and Religion may not be such strange bedfellows

Roy Masters reports on a new sporting mission.

When Maher Cup football in the Riverina was at its strongest, the Young football team dominated the League.

The Young Team was blessed with two very fast wingers, one a Catholic priest and the other a Church of England minister.

The entire forward pack consisted of the Hall brothers.

“What bloody chance have you got,” was the dispirited comment of a Temora player travelling the long road home following one Sunday loss to Young. “They’ve got God on the wings and bushrangers in the forwards!” Since then Rugby League and religion have occasionally renewed acquaintance.

This was a 1940,s to 1950’s true story from Young in NSW which was my hometown and Temora which was fifty miles away. The Hall brothers were a family of mostly boys, good living and honest, whose athletic prowess earned them the bushranger title because of the Hall Gang of bushrangers who roamed the Young and surrounding districts in an earlier century. *There was no connection of course. As for Rev Father Morrison he was able to give as good as he got both physically and verbally. Editors comment.*

From Dunedin Family History Group News

Exciting News for the Invercargill City Libraries

Minister of Internal Affairs: Hon Peter Dunne announced in June 2014 his approval of Invercargill City Library and Archives as an approved repository under the Public Records Act 2005. As an approved repository the Invercargill City Libraries Association may now hold

Southland school, health, prison and other public records on behalf of the Chief Archivist, all of which may have otherwise had to leave the province for safekeeping.

This means that Invercargill joins with Dunedin, Christchurch, Wellington and Auckland as archive repositories, so what a boon for genealogists and family historians in the south, and great for those who might want to visit that city to do some research.

Warning about 14 day free trials

If you are “prospecting” and taking up free trials with the likes of My Heritage and others, most of them will seek your bankcard details at the outset, and from then on beware. If you have used your free trial and are happy with what you see then wait for “them” to make the next step which will be to debit your bankcard with a full subscription without asking you first. Now if you haven’t taken advantage of the fourteen days then be quick to cancel any further action. They will debit your bankcard and then tell you afterwards – you will be notified but only after the debiting action. If it happens, be quick to issue a cancel request.

Family Tree Magazine

If you would like to view some back issues of the British Family Tree Magazine, I have about 6 years of issues, neatly bundled into years. I went to the Anglican church fair and got caught browsing by the man on the microphone – so I could not resist his offer of 50 cents a pack – some very interesting browsing and you never know what will turn up,

Information Packs

At the moment I am in the process of updating the Genealogy Information Pack which many of you will have acquired at one of our meetings. The pack is prepared with pages adjusted to suit our requirements here in Waikanae and the original came from Kilbirnie Branch. Not much has changed but if you would like to exchange your old one for the newer local version bring yours to the next meeting, and or the research day and we will do a swap for a gold coin, yes just a dollar will do.

Famnet Subscription

We have been privileged to receive funding from the Kapiti Coast District Council, the \$450 we sought to enable all the members of the group to join this New Zealand database activity, and progressively we will be talking to you all about putting your family history on the Famnet system and we will also be talking to everyone about producing a list of surnames on the Members Interest Surname sheets which we will be distributing. You will all be getting Famnet’s regular newsletter. Now this does not mean you will be processing your history on this site, it is mainly a safe haven for your information, an opportunity for others to see what you are doing and maybe contact you, there are options, you can keep your info completely private. With the surnames, that is a different story. The list is down loaded from your sheet and everyone who is a user of Famnet can view the names you are researching on a separate database. This could bring you into contact with members of groups and branches around NZ who are members of Famnet. See us at the next meeting. So watch this space.

www.rootsireland.ie changes to a Subscription Site

The Irish Family History Foundation is pleased to announce that the rootsireland.ie website has become a Subscription based service, giving users access to search an index of over 20 million Irish records and to view the details of the records. (Subject to our terms and conditions).

While we do not have all Irish records on our site we add new records at regular intervals. Please check our [online sources lists](#) to see what we have currently available.

There are 3 types of Subscription available: 1 month, 6 months or 12 months. You can avail of a Single Payment Subscription or Continuous Membership. If you already have a Pay Per View account with existing credits remaining that you purchased in the last 12 months under our previous service of Pay Per View credits (and our previous terms and conditions) you can continue to use them to search and view records on the site until they are used up. However, the Pay Per View service is being closed down and no further purchases of credits can be made commencing 24th September, 2014. If you wish to use the Subscription Service we will facilitate you in converting the remaining Purchased Credits in your account against the value of any of the three subscriptions offered. However, on conversion of your paid credits into a Subscription your Pay Per View free search credits will also expire. *Your editor has to comment that this news arrived in my inbox, today Wednesday 8th October – somewhat past that 24 September 2014 date! Is it an Irish Trick, its true! Furthermore be warned that a one year subscription is E225 = NZ \$365 – you will get credit for any pay per view credits, they will be credited against your subscription.*

Margaret Brown's Cousins - WOW what a find!

Over the last fortnight I have had previously unknown cousins 'coming out of the woodwork'! How did this happen? It happened because a couple of months ago I asked for help. Help from members of NZSG and the Dunedin Family History Group. Just over a week ago I received an email from a man who was researching his wife's family history. He attached a family tree from Ancestry. It was my Morris/Batten/Morgan/Peterson family! I spoke to him for 1½hrs that evening. (I have doubts about some things he told me.) He did not know who had put the chart into Ancestry.

My next step was to find this out. The next day I rang Hanley who put me on to Russell Tether, who looked it up on Ancestry for me. Russell left a message on my phone with a contact name, Margaret Roy, Ravensthorpe, W.A. Before I rang him back I looked up White Pages, Australia, and found the phone number. Luckily for me she lived in a tiny town with only two families of that surname and one with the correct initials. Wow! Russell said that he could email her for me but I said not to worry as I would ring her. That evening I rang and we spoke for over an hour (it was mid-afternoon there). She was wonderful, gave me heaps of information. She said that I had 'made her day' (she certainly made mine!) and our conversation had now stimulated her to do more work on her family tree.

Within another hour I had received email after email from her with attached photos of our great-grandmother and other family members. She gave me the name of another cousin. Guess what? He lives in Waikanae! Also the name of a cousin who lives in Lower Hutt! I have spoken to both contacts and will meet up with them in the near future. I now have the name of a great-aunt that I didn't know existed and this ties in with the death certificate of my great-grandfather Peterson. I also will shortly get the name of a Peterson cousin who lives in Napier. All this in a matter of about 10 days. Wow! We have the same Great-grandmother but two of them are descended from the Morris/Batten line, two from the Morris/Morgan line and the Napier contact and myself from the Morris/Peterson line

The moral of the story is don't get down-hearted – reach out and ask for help from sources that may be able to help with your brickwalls!

Margaret Brown

[What an exciting time Margaret – where does travel take you next?](#)

[Waikanae Family History Group Committee](#)

Secretary (Vacancy: New Secretary required) [One may be coming up!](#)

Rodney Foster, Treasurer, Deputy Librarian, Acting Vice President

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