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Convenor's Comment

There was a good attendance of members at the June meeting when we had a guest speaker, Philip Brown from New Plymouth. WOW! Is a suitable word to describe his extensive collection of military memorabilia (and he only brought a portion of it down to display for us) and his knowledge and expertise of military uniforms, badges and medals. Philip is passionate about his hobby and it is to be hoped that it has inspired some of us to become more knowledgeable about the armed forces involvement of some of our ancestors. Thanks to Noel for recommending Philip as a speaker and organising for him to visit us. If other members know people whose hobbies and interests would be appropriate for a theme for our monthly meetings, please contact me.

We have purchased version Kiwi Index 1.0 for Branch members use. Included are 1.4 million records not previously included in any previous NZSG index. Please ask the volunteers at the Rooms to direct you to it.

I have been elected to be the Community House Tenants' representative on the Trust Board for the next 12 months. My role will be to represent the Tenants' interests at the Trust meetings and to report back to the Tenants relevant items from the Trust meetings.

I'll be away on holiday for a week so the Rooms will be closed Saturday 7 July.

Carol

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**NB: Branch Meeting—Wednesday 11th July, starting at 7.30pm.
The theme of the evening will be a trivia quiz.**

Branch Rooms

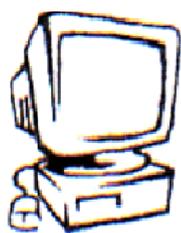
The Stratford Branch Rooms open

Tuesdays and Fridays from 10am – 3pm;

Saturdays 12 noon -2pm.

Our Branch Newsletter is now available each month
on our web page-

www.stratfordgenealogy.homestead.com



Web Sites

Some good free research sites from Cyndi's List:

New Zealand Free Ancestry
<http://sites.google.com/site/freenewzealandancestry/>

English Free Ancestry
<http://sites.google.com/site/freebritishancestry/>

Irish Free Ancestry
<http://sites.google.com/site/freeirishancestry/>

Scottish Free Ancestry
<http://sites.google.com/site/freescottishancestry/>

Australian Free Ancestry
<http://sites.google.com/site/freeaustralianancestry/>

Canadian Free Ancestry
<http://sites.google.com/site/freecanadianancestry/>

US Free Ancestry
<http://sites.google.com/site/ancestryresearchfree/>

Papers Past

Hawke's Bay (6)

[Bush Advocate \(Hawke's Bay, 1888-1909\)](#)

[Daily Telegraph \(Hawke's Bay, 1881-1901\)](#)

[Hawke's Bay Herald \(Hawke's Bay, 1857-1900\)](#)

[Hawke's Bay Weekly Times \(Hawke's Bay, 1867-1868\)](#)

[Waiapu Church Gazette \(Hawke's Bay, 1910-1945\)](#)

[Waiapu Church Times \(Hawke's Bay, 1907-1908\)](#)

Taranaki (2)

[Hawera & Normanby Star \(Taranaki, 1880-1924\)](#)

[Taranaki Herald \(Taranaki, 1852-1909\)](#)

NEWSFLASH:

@PapersPast - Latest additions

- Auckland Star (1927-1945) ;
- New Zealand Herald (1863-1884)

***Do remember to save used printer Cartridges
and hand them in to the group .***

They provide an excellent fund raiser.

The sales of books on trademe are going well.

Thanks to Carol for her efforts .

We have a collection of the NZ Genealogist Magazine from 1994 to 2008, mostly complete years with the Indexes. If anyone would like to browse through some of these, please contact Maureen.

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(from the Hawera & Normanby Star, 25th July 1892)

We have received a long telegram from a gentleman now in Wellington, as to a further interview by Mr McGuire and Mr Barleyman with the Premier on Saturday in respect of matters urged some time ago by the Stratford deputation.

Member for Egmont is still working as to resolution passed at Stratford about Central route of North Island Trunk railway, in conjunction with the Auckland members, the committee having been appointed, who have interviewed the Premier. A big struggle is expected through opposition of the Wellington members.

Messrs Tocker & Kirkpatrick had discussion with the Hon Mr McKenzie about the prospects of the Stratford Small Farm Association and the acquisition of a block of land. The interview appeared to result satisfactorily.

Mr Barleyman has received intimation that enlargement of the railways goods shed at Stratford will be taken into consideration.

The claim by Mr Coutts that there would probably be 50,000 sheep introduced into the Stratford County before Christmas was mentioned as showing the progress being made.

Mr Balance expressed surprise at the great progress of the district and town during the last year and a half, and its capacity to carry a large population.

ANCESTRY

We have decided to keep our Ancestry membership going for another year, so PLEASE, Members, use this site.

The best time is to come on Tuesdays when there are usually 2 or 3 of us at the rooms to help. You can also come on Saturdays when Carol and Lesley are here.

As we said before, this is a full membership, not the limited one that you can use at the Public Library. At \$2.00 per hour to use, it's a very cheap source of valuable information.

Snippets



TARANAKI SCHOOLS WHICH have closed SALISBURY ROAD/TUNA

In the 1890's a Mr PLEWS canvassed the Tuna district to see if he could get support for a school in the area and in 1894 at a cost of £184, the Salisbury Rd School (as it was first called) was opened with a roll of 20 children. Three of the earlier teachers were Miss GANE, Miss TUCK and Mr WEST. Over the years many single women teachers boarded at the homes of the PLEWS and KOVALESKI families. Mr Fred WELLINGTON was Chairman of the Tuna School Committee for 25 years. The roll peaked at 47 children in 1907, but by 1938 the roll stood at 19 and the school closed, a bus service being introduced to transport the pupils to Midhirst School. The Tuna School buildings were moved to Opunake after WW2. The school house was shifted onto Mrs A. WELLINGTON's property where it was used as a farm worker's residence.

THE WORLD SCENE—1912 (from NZ Yesterdays)

Captain Scott reaches the South Pole; dies on the return journey.

Titanic strikes an iceberg and sinks—1513 drowned.

War in the Balkan States.

Stainless steel and cellophane invented.

Charles Pathé produces first newsreel film.

Deaths of August Strindberg—Swedish dramatist; Jules Massenet—French composer.



STATUS OF 15 SCHOOLS FORCED TO SHUT (in recent years)

Landbanked with Office of Treaty Settlements: Newall School, Pihama School, Tokaora School, Warea School, Te Kiri School.

Protected with view to being landbanked: Kapuni School, Mahoe School, Pungarehu School, Okaiawa School.

With the Ministry of Education - to be given to donors of school land or sold: Okato Primary School, Oaonui School.

Sold to iwi: Patea Primary School.

No information: Okaiawa School, Riverlea School.

Okato College is now Coastal Taranaki School.

Auckland Star 20th February 1892 (BY TELEGRAPH.—OWN CORRESPONDENT.) STRATFORD, this day

The Chairman of the Town Board has called a public meeting to back up the efforts of the Auckland Railway League. The advertisement convening the meeting states that it is, first, to consider the report of the Auckland League on the Stratford connection; secondly, to adopt means for furthering direct communication, and to urge upon the Government to acquire the native land through which the route runs, and, thirdly, to press for a continuation of the metalling of the East Road.

There are still some copies of the “Family History Notebook”

Available at the rooms. Cost \$7.00 each.

Please have a look at this book—it's a very useful one to have handy when doing your research. If necessary we can order more.

We receive copies of branch newsletters from all over New Zealand. If anyone would like to see those we have at the moment, please email Maureen and I will send them on to you. If you don't have email let me know and I will get a copy printed for you.

Story Writing Competition 2012



A fabric family tree

'The Most Interesting Item I Have Found'

Fact or fiction, relating to Genealogy.

Come on Folks, where are your entries???? I haven't received any for this month!

Landmarks in Whangamomona's History:

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| 1883 | First surveyors arrive. Mr Harry May Skeet. | 1893 | Joshua Morgan dies at Tangirakau |
| 1894 | Magnetic survey commenced | 1895 | 1st settlers arrive on 18th June |
| 1896 | 1st cattle arrive—Mr J Coulter | | Mr B E Phillips of Strathmore |
| 1897 | Hewer builds stables. 1st blacksmith—W Gill | | Mr Pearson of Toko and McCluggages |
| | East Road to Ohura opened. | | open stores. Reids open a boarding |
| | 1st pigs arrive. Driven over saddle from Te Wera - | | house. |
| | Mr M J O'Neill | | Post Office opened in McCluggages |
| 1898 | Town sites sold. | | Store. |
| | Marco School opened. (Old Whangamomona School) | 1900 | McCluggages open new store. |
| | 1st sheep arrive—Mr John Muir | 1901 | Newton King sale yards opened. |
| 1901 | Small cheese factory at Kohuratahi—run by Mr T Davis. | | Mr Healey—saddler opened for |
| | McCluggages build another factory 1 1/2 miles east of | | business. |
| | Whanga (Gills) | | Telephones installed. |
| | Township's name changed from 'Wangamomona.' | 1902 | Hotel opened. Billiard room opened. |
| 1903 | Hall built. Rugby club formed. | 1904 | School opened in hall. Bakehouse |
| 1905 | Mangare Rd area on Upper Waitara River settled. | | built. |
| | Whanga Hack Racing Club formed (1905—1907) | 1907 | R Cantell—jockey killed in horse |
| | | | race |
| 1907 | Dean Cup first played for. | 1908 | Whangamomona County formed. |
| 1910 | Hotel destroyed by fire. | 1911 | Hotel rebuilt. New Post Office built. |
| 1911 | Bank of Australasia opened. | 1912 | Whanga road being settled. |
| 1912 | Whanga Medical Association formed. | 1914 | Rail reaches Whanga—I July |

1880—The first Anglican church services in Stratford were held in the railway shed on the south bank of the Patea River where, in 1880, the railway terminated. Here the Taranaki Missioner, Rev. Henry H. Brown, visiting from Omata on horseback, preached the first sermon.

Known as 'Parson Brown', he came from a comfortable English Parish with his wife and 8 children to face the dangers and hardships of life in the Taranaki Bush. From his home in Omata he covered Taranaki from Waitara to Patea on his famous white horse.

A story was told that during an evening service some wags painted his horse; after the service—no white horse, so he walked home. Returning the next day after a rainy night, he found a very streaky horse in the Churchyard!



A railway goods shed of the time