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Please have all material for the next newsletter [Mei/May2011] to the MIG Secretary before the 25th Aperir/April 2011
CONVENOR’S MESSAGE:

Nga mihi nui kia koutou,

I am pleased to report on behalf of the Maori Interest Group the dedication and support from our members and also the wider group of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists that are actively engaging us for Maori research into genealogy and whakapapa, commonalities and similarities of research applicable to us as a bi-cultural nation.

Questions on research from potential members or just general inquiries keeps us extremely busy and looking at ways that we can not only support but also to advise of best possible ways to uncover the elusive ancestor or other areas to contact to find the information. If anything we are kept active and it is very interesting to see the broad range of requests from the spiritual dimension of Maori to tribal connections to the elusive Pakeha ancestor who married into the tangata whenua.

Ná tó rourou, ná tuku rourou, ka ora ai te īwi
With your food basket and my food basket the people will thrive

This proverb or whakatauki is symbolic of how we can all work together and support each other, that the Maori Interest Group of NZSG and the NZSG are together in full support of whakapapa and genealogical support as too is the Maori Interest Group with its members and general inquiries.

On the 11th December 2010 the Maori Interest Group had a whakapapa research day at the Central City Library within the Auckland Research Centre for members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints from Pukekohe, Auckland. A copy of the programme for that day is outlined;

NZSG Inc Maori Interest Group
Saturday 11th December workshop

Venue: Auckland Research Centre, Central City Library, 46 Lorne Street, Auckland
Date: Saturday 11th December 2010
Time: 10.00am-1.00pm (three hours)

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Parking: Victoria Street car park (vouchers for $4.00 per car from the Auckland Research Centre)

Mission: To introduce members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints from Pukekohe and members of the Māori Interest Group of NZSG to genealogical and whakapapa research facilities and resources at the Auckland Research Centre Auckland Library

Agenda

10.00am Whakatau /welcome in the whare of the Research Centre
10.20am a presentation by Anahera Sadler, Pou Whakahaere-Maori Services Development on the resources available
10.40am a presentation by Paul Veart on the New Zealand Company and Edward Gibbon Wakefield and the thousands of immigrants who travelled to New Zealand from the United Kingdom of the 1840’s. Many descendants of these families marrying into tangata whenua-Māori families
11.20am introducing the group to the resources within the Research Centre and the opportunity to use the resources and the computers to actively search out those elusive ancestors
Library staff will be on hand to assist with Māori research and European research of England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales.
1.00pm Conclusion and update as to the relevance of the exercise and assistance to encourage active research.

We were warmly welcomed with interesting speakers from the Maori team of the Library with Lorraine Rice presenting a gift to the Auckland Research Centre on behalf of the Maori Interest Group. All in all it was a productive day and the LDS members from Pukekohe were most appreciative of the support of the Maori Interest Group.

We are looking forward to the upcoming Family History Fair in Hamilton and will be working together as a team to have a strong stand with key elements of our work to help everyone with their research.

Keeping in mind that the Māori Interest Group is a diverse roopu that covers the following groups:

- European New Zealanders with Māori ancestry
- Māori New Zealanders with European ancestry (European in this case being inclusive of British ancestry including Ireland)
- Māori New Zealanders seeking Māori ancestry and hapu and iwi affiliations

We recognise the unique place, time and needs of tangata whenua and are committed to providing culturally safe research avenues for our people that ensures kaupapa Māori, a frame of mind and a way of applying whakapapa that is built on a Māori

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EDITOR’S MESSAGE:

Kia Ora,

As this is our first issue of Te Reo for 2011 I take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year (belated as it is!).

As reported by Owen on the previous pages, the Group continues to work hard at promoting our area of interest and advising those where we can. We are particularly grateful to both Owen and Lorraine for their dedication and ask other MIG members to come along and support our endeavours where possible.

Brenda has asked that all members please ensure that your contact details are up-to-date as we so often find that emails to the members of the Group bounce. If you have changed your email or postal address or you are no longer receiving news from us would you please contact the secretary at MaoriSIG@genealogy.org.nz with your correct contact details.

Finally we have one important date to mention; The MIG AGM will NOT now be held during the NZSG Conference in Dunedin as, after canvassing members, we find it is unlikely we would have a quorum.

However, the MIG Committee has gained approval from the NZSG Council to hold our (Continued on page 7)
AGM during the Family History Fair to be held at Claudelands Events Centre in Hamilton, Friday 26th and Saturday 27th August, 2011.

- Exact details of our AGM will be made available shortly.

Voting papers and Proxy forms will therefore be in the May issue of Te Reo. Can those members planning to attend The Family History Fair please contact our Secretary MaoriSIG@genealogy.org.nz

During the FHF you will also be able to try out some of the key internet sites focused on researching your Whakapapa http://nzfhf2010.dnserver.net.nz/

I don’t think I have much else to report on as Owen has covered everything, so I am sure you will all be pleased to have me sign off here.

We hope to see you all in August at the Hamilton Family History Fair.

Haere Ra,

Bruce MATHERS
February 2011

IMPORTANT NOTICE
Māori Interest Group AGM

The MIG AGM will be held during the Family History Fair at the Claudelands Events Centre in Hamilton, Friday 26th and Saturday 27th August, 2011

Exact details of our AGM will be made available shortly.
I was invited to speak at the hui on whakapapa and how this can help track the incidence of this blood disorder and identify carriers in your whakapapa. I was given a 1 ¾ hours time slot which I used to present a PowerPoint slide show followed by questions and discussion. About thirty people attended from all over the country – Christchurch to Auckland. The participants were mostly young, enthusiastic and articulate so the discussion was lively. The morning was a steep learning curve for me as I learned so much about haemophilia. Being the only non Maori in the room I began to have doubts about the wisdom of accepting the invitation but I need not have worried – only one person attempted to have me on. Afterwards one person congratulated me on how I handled the situation so I suppose I did alright. I also got many compliments about our whakapapa guide book.

The hui was held at Kuratini Marae, part of Massey University in Wellington. As luck would have it the weather was horrible – heavy rain, cold and a strong southerly. I noticed at Kapu Ti people were not eating much – they were still feeling queasy after landing at Wellington airport. The programme started with a Mihi Whakatau inside the wharenui – in view of the weather outside ceremony was dispensed with. The tikanga was that of Te Ati Awa.

Altogether a most enjoyable day – great people, great venue and great kai. If you are asked to speak to groups about whakapapa do seriously consider accepting. The prospect is far worse than the actual event. You get to meet new people and realise that you are doing something worthwhile by helping others. A great morale booster for you. I am happy to send you my PowerePoint presentation, other resources and advice if requested.

Kia kaha
Brenda JOYCE

http://www.haemophilia.org.nz

N.B: Haemophilia has featured prominently in European royalty and thus is sometimes known as “the royal disease”. Queen Victoria passed the mutation to her son Leopold and, through some of her daughters, to various royals across the continent, including the royal families of Spain, Germany, and Russia. In Russia, Tsarevich Alexei Nikolaevich, son of Nicholas II, was a descendant of Queen Victoria through his mother Empress Alexandra & suffered from haemophilia. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Haemophilia
Te Kuratini Marae—Kai time.
WHARAPAPA
An introduction to researching Māori and Pākehā-Māori families, their history, heritage, and culture.
WHAKAPAPA:
An introduction to researching Māori and Pākehā-Māori families, their history, heritage, and culture.

NZSG Māori Interest Group, 2008. 38 pages A4. $18.00 including P&P within New Zealand. Available from the Secretary of the NZSG Māori Interest Group: Brenda Joyce, 17 Peterhouse Street, Tawa, Wellington 5028 or NZSG, PO Box 14036, Panmure Auckland 1741.

The first edition of our Whakapapa guide was written nearly three years ago and, mainly because of recent legislation, has become outdated. The committee worked hard last year to write an updated and expanded edition. This was launched at the AFFHO Congress in Auckland, January 2009. It discusses the philosophy underlying whakapapa research and includes many more examples of documents that can be accessed and where to find them, useful websites and suggested answers to many frequently asked questions.

INFORMATION OFFERED—WEBSITES OF INTEREST

FREE DIGITAL BOOKS WEBSITE
The books are easy to search. I put in some of our family names and found lots of info. What’s more a lot of it was contemporary – primary sources. BJ


APPENDICES OF THE JOURNALS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
This is a wonderful resource for family historians as it makes available to the public the activities of Government. Up to now it has been difficult to access the hard copies and even harder to find the information you are looking for. On 19 August 2010 the digitalized records for the years 1862-1879 were launched. These years are important in that they cover issues such as Treaty issues, land claims, The Land Wars and immigration to New Zealand. As funds become available further volumes of the AJHR will become available online. Go to http://atojs.natlib.govt.nz The site is fully searchable. Do take time to explore this website as you may well find people in your family mentioned.

We were received with enthusiastic demonstrations of welcome, and found piled up in front of the village, for the use of our party a large supply of food, consisting of about 2,500 kits of potatoes, kumera, and taro, with seventy-two carcases of pigs and two sheep.

Report on visit to Parihaka: AJHR, 1871 BJ

AtoJsOnline
http://atojs.natlib.govt.nz
NEW MĀORI DATA-BASES ON LINE

- **NZ Māori Land Claims. 1858-1980**
- **New Zealand Māori voter and electoral rolls. 1908 and 1919**

Go to the home page of Ancestry.com (available on computers at most public libraries) Click on the last line under ‘More Collections...’ i.e. ‘List recent . . .’ B[J

EDITORS NOTE: As the Ancestry.com site is updated regularly, by the time members receive this issue of Te Reo the above-mentioned steps may no longer apply, so I have also included the direct www links below which are current at the time of printing. B[M

Source Information


Original data:

About New Zealand, Māori Land Claims, 1858-1980

As recorded by the New Zealand Parliament, this index contains Māori claims made for land from 1858 to 1980. Information listed includes claimant (person, group, or tribe), year of claim, description of claim, and additional notes. This database is not a comprehensive list of all Māori claims to the New Zealand Parliament for land. Only the petitions that were tabled are included. All claims or reports of claims by Māori for land or land loss compensation are included, but no Pakeha (European) claims for Māori land are included. Petitions requesting changes to the Native Lands Act, those asking for an increase in rent, or those correspondences negotiating a land sale are also not included.

Information in this index:
- Claimant (person, group, or tribe)
- Year of Claim
- Description of Claim
- Additional Notes

http://www.ancestry.com


Source Information


Original data:

About New Zealand, Māori Voter and Electoral Rolls, 1908 & 1919

Māori voter rolls for 1908 and Māori electoral rolls for 1919 are contained in this database. Those listed in the voter rolls are men and women of half or more Māori descent over 21 years of age. Because it was not compulsory for Māori to register before the 1908 election, this roll is a list of those who voted rather than those who registered as electors. In 1919 electoral rolls were compiled prior to the election to determine the names of all eligible individuals. Before 1919, the only Māori voter rolls to have survived are those of 1908 for the Northern, Western, and Eastern districts.*

Persons with exactly half Māori descent could choose whether they enrolled under the Māori or European system. Those with

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NEW ZEALAND LAND PLANS

Joseph Gillard, NZSG Councilor, has a set of New Zealand land plans on hard drive. These go from very early times to about the year 2000 and cover the whole country. They are of great value in researching whakapapa as they are fantastic in the level of detail shown and also that there are many Māori names listed as owners. As Māori individuals often held only a few shares in any given piece of land the names of the owners of the other shares can help with building and or confirming whakapapa. Also, of course, the plans show the exact situation of the land in question, its size, geographic features and often the names of owners of adjoining properties.

Joseph did a trial run for me. I gave him an excerpt from the Māori Land Court Minute Book, Gisborne and he was able to email me the plans for the land at the time of succession. See illustration. I was then able to enlarge the plan on the computer screen so I could read the very small writing with ease. Eventually it is planned to set up an NZSG research service and appoint an officer to administer this.

In the meantime Joseph has kindly offered to look for land plans for Māori Interest Group members. He stresses that success is not guaranteed as Maori land is tricky to research. This offer is strictly limited to MIG members so include your NZSG membership number with your request. You would need to give Joseph as much information as possible e.g. the block number, approximate location of the land and, ideally, the names of current owners. Joseph is a busy person so don’t flood him with requests – just one per member. Email Joseph at xk6050@xtra.co.nz

Brenda JOYCE
Just two examples of the Maps that are available from Joseph—not to scale
A few years ago I inherited some of my mother’s genealogy, this rekindled my interest in NZ history and started my genealogy hobby. With family help I have much authenticated info relating to my European ancestors however I have come to an impasse with my Māori Whakapapa.

My 3rd great grandfather was one of a group of European men who became agents for Capt. Kent in 1828-9, they were each given a Mori wife and set up at locations round Kawhia harbour, this being well documented, however my ancestor is probably the least well known and documented of them all.

In the Otorohanga Land Court Minutes (August 1886) page 209, evidence given by Major Wiremu Te Whereo - TE KANAWA gave his niece TE RANGIATA to TAMETE. Astley LAURIE (my 3rd gt grandfather) was born in Australia 1808, changing his name to “John SMITH” on arrival in Kawhia, he was known there by his Māori name TAMETE. Much of our precious Māori family history was lost as Te Rangiata died in child birth having my 2nd gt grandmother Annie Jean LAURIE; she was adopted by the extended Laurie family when Astley died. Annie was married by Schnakenberg at Lemon Point Mission in July 1859 to William EDWARDS, their first child was my gt grandmother’s eldest brother William Astley EDWARDS, he was born at Aotea April 1861, William and Annie were working on a farm there. The Laurie family lived and traded at Maketu for 30 odd years, moving in 1860 to Weymouth to run the govt. ferry contract on the Manukau harbour.

It’s been confusing as the references to ‘Te Kanawa’ providing the niece use only the one name and evidence from both the minutes and Laurie letters indicate that it was his son Te Kihirini Te Kanawa that provided the Laurie’s a place to live at Maketu, perhaps both chiefs had a role to play in my family history.

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- My puzzle is - who were Te Rangiata’s (my 3rd gt grandmother) parents and how were they all connected?

Your organization and web site is a wonderful resource, thanks for the opportunity to send this, I'd be grateful for any assistance.

Best wishes for 2011
Anna Gratton
RD 9, FEILDING
filaro@farmside.co.nz

EDITORS NOTE: Anna has well researched her area of interest and is also happy to supply her end notes, acknowledgments, comments and further references to those interested in more detail.™

Please Contact: Anna GRATTON, RD 9, FEILDING, filaro@farmside.co.nz

Tohatohatia ngā wā ē mua ki tēna te wā a muri ake nei
Sharing your past for the future
TAKOA
Te Aka Kumara o Aotearoa
2010/11

Tuhi Tuhi Communications.
344 pages. Soft cover
$65.00

The committee of the Maori Interest Group has recently purchased this book and it has now been catalogued and is in the FRC library.

It is a directory of Maori organisations and resource people containing almost 6,000 listings covering Hapu, Iwi, Marae, Education, Social Services, Health, Arts, City and Regional Councils, Government, Commerce, International Maori Contacts (Australia, Japan, England etc) and Scholarships information. There is an Iwi Map, ancient Pa site map and waka/Iwi information. It is a wonderful reference book for anyone researching their whakapapa as it contains current contact details for so many useful organisations.

The publishers have generously supported the NZSG by including a free listing for our roopu.

As a member of NZSG you may request a postal borrowing or, if you have a specific query, email researchservice@genealogy.org.nz Remember to check the 2010/2011 edition as earlier editions may not have the up to date information you require. BJ

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Google
Your Family Tree
UNLOCK THE HIDDEN POWER OF GOOGLE

With a review of the top free websites for genealogy

DANIEL M. LYNCH
This is a great book for those of us who enjoy searching the internet for family history information. I borrowed it from the library and am amazed at what I have found by following a few of the tips in this book.

Here are some I’ve found helpful. I have a KNIGHT family and if I do a search for this name I get everyone who is or ever was a Sir. I typed in knight space tilde genealogy space minus sir. (Knight ~genealogy –sir). This brought up only websites concerned with the family history of a variety of KNIGHT families. Tilde is the wiggly line on the top left corner of the keyboard. It makes Google search for websites with a similar meaning to the following word. This technique would work equally well, of course, with other ‘difficult’ surnames.

If you find a website you want is unavailable e.g. deleted, changed significantly go back to the list of search results. You will see the word ‘cached’. Click on this and it will bring up the website as it was when last accessed.

Then there’s Google Alerts, Google Chrome, Google Earth, wild cards and many, many more tools. The book is well set out, won’t blind you with computer jargon and is indexed. Do take time to explore this book. Happy hunting and have fun. BJ

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less than half Māori descent were recorded on the European rolls. Surnames were generally unknown until European settlement. If a European surname was taken it could be recorded either in the European spelling or in a transliterated Māori version (such as Dickson - Rikihana, Stephens - Tipene, Webster - Wepiha).

Like Australia there are no national census records available for New Zealand, making these records the best alternative to a national index. The compulsory regulation of 1925 requiring all eligible voters to register and the publication of electoral rolls on a fairly consistent basis (generally country-wide) make electoral rolls useful for tracking individuals over time and place. See Special Notes below for information on electorate divisions.

Information in this index:
- Voter name
- Tribe
- Sub tribe or hapu
- Address
- Gender

*The 1908 Māori voter rolls do not include rolls for the Southern Māori district because they have never been found and are not available in the Parliamentary Library. Also, voting is not compulsory and enrollment did not become required until 1925; consequently, this database does not provide a complete index of Māori individuals eligible to vote.

Special Notes
The Electorates are as follows:
- Eastern Māori (East Cape and Hawke's

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Bay regions and parts of Waikato, Bay of Plenty, Manawatu-Wanganui, and Wellington regions  
- Western Māori (Taranaki region and parts of Waikato, Bay of Plenty, Manawatu-Wanganui, and Wellington regions)  
- Northern Māori (Auckland and Northland regions).  

http://www.ancestry.com

**QUOTE—ERUERA STIRLING**

I was reading a book and came across this quote from Eruera Stirling...

“*E tamariki ma – Study your whakapapa, and learn to trace your descent lines to all your ancestors, so you can join yourselves together – ko mea, ko mea, ko ‘hau! But if you are challenged, or if somebody throws words at you on the marae, then it is proper to stand up and reply. The old people say to us, be humble; work amongst the people and they will learn to praise you. That was the wisdom of our ancestors, brought from the ancient houses of learning in Hawaiki. The old men told us, study your descent lines, as numerous as the hairs on your head. When you have gathered them together as a treasure for your mind, you may wear the three plumes, ‘te iho makawerau’, ‘te pareraukura’ and ‘te raukura’1 on your head. The men of learning said, understand the learning of your ancestors, so you can talk in the gatherings of the people. Hold fast to the knowledge of your kinship, and unite in the knot of humankind.*

Eruera STIRLING.”

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1 I have searched dictionaries but did not find these three phrases. After consultation with Kaumatua I find that these phrases are old Māori. The meanings are:

- *te iho makawerau* – 100 hairs of your head
- *te pareraukura* – headband
- *te raukura* – plume or feather

**NEXT NZSG COUNCIL MEETINGS**

- **26-27 March 2011** Sth Is branch hosted—CHCH 14
- **15 May 2011** FRC

MIG OBJECTIVES

1. To assist others researching Māori Whakapapa by way of sharing our knowledge of areas of research.

2. To compile a list of repositories, books etc that will assist with Māori research.

3. To acquire books purchased through the Māori Interest Group and from donations [and group badge proceeds] for all [NZ] members to use.

4. It is noted we will not be researching for others but offering assistance to give others a channel of research that may help them. We have a research officer who will offer assistance in an advisory capacity.

MIG Services: Quarterly Newsletters; February, May, August & November.
Published Newsletter Queries.
Brief Research Queries Answered.
Members Surname/Whakapapa Interest List.

MIG Subscription: As from the 1st November 2001 Membership of the New Zealand Society of Genealogist Māori Interest Group is free to all Financial Members of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists.

Those NZSG Members wishing to receive hardcopies of the MIG newsletter Te Reo must supply the MIG Secretary with four (4) A5 envelopes with a $1.00¢ stamp on each envelope.

MIG Meetings: Usually in conjunction with the NZSG Annual Conference—This is usually the MIG Annual General Meeting.

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All information is provided in good faith as a general reference source only and which is given for Genealogical purposes as possible finding aids. The Society, MIG and their executives cannot vouch for the accuracy of any reference material.

The Māori Interest Group occasionally provides Maps as a general reference source only and the researcher should undertake more in-depth research, once the broad proximity of the Iwi has been identified.

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N.B. I am very reluctant to publish member’s E-mail addresses only in Te Reo – I don’t think that this is being fair to those members without access to the Internet and it is also limiting your own chances of receiving a reply to only those members with the Internet.

NZSG MĀORI INTEREST GROUP LOGO
(Also see Te Reo Noema 2006 pg13)

Tukutuku Panel. Dyed flax woven over strips of wood to produce a design of a series of steps or putama. These steps represent the staircase to heaven that the god Tane climbed to get the three baskets of knowledge for the Māori people.

- Te kete-tuatae (basket of light, present knowledge)
- Te kete-tuauri (basket of darkness, things unknown)
- Te kete-aronui (basket of pursuit, knowledge humans currently seek)

The steps can also be seen as generations on a whakapapa or family tree chart. Thus the logo represents learning and family history research.
He aha te mea nui o te ao? He tangata, he tangata, he tangata
What is the most important thing in the world? 'Tis people, 'tis people, 'tis people.