

Available for purchase from the NZSG
via the website or at the FRC

BOOKS

- NZSG Family Research Notebook.....\$10.00
- New Zealand Beginners' Guide to Family History Research\$13.00
- History of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists ~ *Forty Years On*\$35.00
- And then it was 50. The fifth decade of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists 2008-2018\$10.00
- Conference Proceedings 2018\$25.00
- Preserving Past Papers\$18.00

CD/DVDS

- A Return of Freeholders of NZ, Oct 1882...\$25.00
- Discharged to NZ: Soldiers of the Imperial Foot Regiments 1840-1870.....\$25.00
- Indexes and Extracts of Births, Marriages And Deaths 1851-1891 as published in the *Lyttelton Times*.....\$25.00
- Naval Chronology of Great Britain 1803-1816.....\$18.00
- New Zealand Land Transactions Index North Auckland, South Auckland and Taranaki Land Districts 1871-1991.....\$45.00
- NZ Cemeteries Collection Waikato, King Country, Taupo.....\$25.00
- NZ Marriages 1836-1956.....\$40.00
- Victoria Outwards to NZ 1852-1923.....\$30.00

ONLINE

Available for NZSG Members only:

- NZ Kiwi Collection \$50 per year/\$20 for a month

Check the website for the full list of publications

www.genealogy.org.nz

- **New Zealand Society of Genealogists (NZSG)** Many helpful resources and videos under various tabs. www.genealogy.org.nz
- **NZSG Genealogical Computing Group's** web site has links to genealogical computer programs and other useful information. www.gencom.org.nz
- **New Zealand Government Historical Records** for births, deaths and marriages are available to search free online. Certificates can be ordered using a credit card. www.bdmhistoricalrecords.dia.govt.nz
- **Archives New Zealand**, NZ government records archives.govt.nz
- **PapersPast**, digitised NZ Newspapers 1839-1950. paperspast.natlib.govt.nz
- **FamilySearch**, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Free to use, records have been digitised or indexed. Includes records for most countries of the world. familysearch.org
- **Websites for Australia** www.coraweb.com.au
- **Newspapers for Australia** trove.nla.gov.au
- **Genealogy Links for Europe** www.genealogylinks.net/europe/index.html
- **General Register Office** Online indexes for Births and deaths (photocopy of certificate can be ordered). Certified copies of marriage certificates can be ordered. www.gro.gov.uk
- **GENUKI**, links to information and web sites in UK & Ireland. www.genuki.org.uk
- **The National Archives**, UK official government archive over 1,000 years of history. www.nationalarchives.gov.uk
- **National Library of Wales** www.llgc.org.uk
- **Birth, Death, Marriage Indexes England & Wales** www.freebmd.org.uk and www.ukbmd.org.uk
- **Free census & parish records England, Scotland, Wales** www.freecen.org.uk or www.freereg.org.uk
- **ScotlandsPeople** civil & parish records, census, wills, valuations www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk
- **National Archives of Ireland** www.nationalarchives.ie
- **Public Record Office of Northern Ireland** www.nidirect.gov.uk/proni
- **Commercial Websites** for copies of records *Ancestry - Findmypast - The Genealogist*



Welcome To Family History



Begin with yourself...

Using a **Pedigree Chart** (or **Family Group Sheet**) fill in your details first on #1 then at the top left corner to identify your contact details.

Fill in your father on the top line #2, then your mother (using her maiden name) at #3. Next come your grandparents; if you know your father's father's name and your father's mother's name, add their details on #4 and #5.

Then fill in details of your mother's father and your mother's mother on #6 and #7... and so on with what you know.

Use a pencil if you are unsure of the details and when you have confirmed the information write it in using a black pen. If you have a computer and a genealogical database program, you can fill in the information as it becomes known to you.

When hand-writing use CAPITAL letters for surnames. This helps to distinguish names such as Campbell THOMAS.

Write the dates in a 'dd mmm yyyy' format - such as 05 NOV 1912. Write the year in full as family histories span more than one century.

Next, look at home for items that might help fill in the gaps. You may have certificates, invitations to family occasions, diaries, birthday books, newspaper clippings and photographs.

You need to confirm the information as you proceed. This can be by examining a primary source such as a birth, marriage or death certificate, or a christening record.

Talk to older family relatives and people who might have known your family; they can often help with the details you are seeking.

Complete a **Family Group Sheet** for each of your families, recording names, places and relevant dates for the parents and children.

You will soon start to accumulate documents, photographs, and photocopies of events where your families feature. Always record the source of any information you find - you may wish to re-look at the original sometime in the future. It is important to acknowledge the source if you are writing a family history or sharing your information with others.

Your papers are valuable and deserve the best preservation. Use acid free paper and copy-safe pockets for storage. Do not laminate your certificates or use any adhesive tape or glue on original documents or photographs. If you have a computer, scan documents and photographs for use in a genealogical database program.

The New Zealand Society of Genealogists is dedicated to helping its members research their family history. There is an excellent collection of resources including books, magazines, maps, microfiche, microfilms and CD /DVDs available for research; these cover New Zealand, Australia, England, Ireland, European Counties and many more worldwide.

The library has an on-line catalogue on the NZSG website and many of the resources are available for members to borrow.

For resources that are 'Reference Only' there are volunteers who will look up the items for members and email or post the results. Contact the Research Team at: researchservice@genealogy.org.nz

Land Research Service offers a look up service for NZ land titles, plans and transactions: landresearch@genealogy.org.nz

How to get to the **Family Research Centre**: genealogy.org.nz/Family-Research-Centre/11142/

Members' Resources

Some Resources Available to Members:

- *The New Zealand Genealogist* - a quarterly magazine full of information and articles
- Free access to digital records on Discovery at The National Archives and Gale Newspapers
- Branches and Interest Groups - details on the website
- Family Research Centre (FRC) - houses the NZSG Library. Volunteers are on duty to assist you with your research
- You may borrow from the Library 4 books and booklets at any one time, for up to 4 weeks
- Research Service - for those unable to visit the FRC in Panmure Auckland
- Certificate Purchasing Service for England, Wales and Scotland
- NZSG Record Collections:
 - Certificate Collection
 - First Families Collection
 - Pedigree Collection
 - Pre-1856 NZ Marriage Records Collection
- In the FRC there are 13 computers connected to the Internet available for you to use to research your family. Some of the websites and databases available are:
 - Ancestry
 - British Library Newspapers Cornwall FHS Research Database FamilySearch
 - Findmypast
 - Huguenot Database
 - New Zealand Illegitimacy Records
 - QuickMap - NZ Land Information
 - ScotlandsPeople
 - The Genealogist ... and more.
- Film Readers - to read films held at the FRC, from FamilySearch, or from Interloan Libraries.