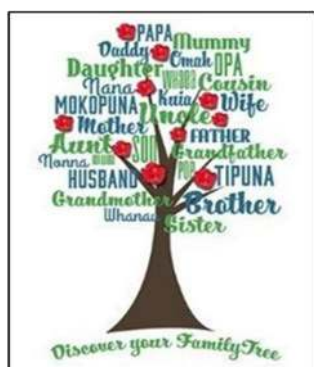


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Convenors Chat



What a busy time June has been for us with an AGM and an Open Research Day, but both have been most successful.

After the AGM we had a full committee and most excitingly we have a new Treasurer, Peter Kennard, to replace Wendy who has been trying to relinquish this position for some time.

Our Show and Tell produced some very interesting items and talks, and I'm sorry to say we ran out of time for some

so we will have to programme another session some time.

The Open Research Day was the first we have had since all this modern technology, but the place was certainly a hive of activity with a variety of topics being covered. The committee will be interested in any feedback and here I must thank our wonderful committee and members for all the hard work they put into it.

No time to sit back and do nothing for some with July and Matariki coming up and here we will be involved in a community activity in our Research Area at the Library. This will be open to everyone who is interested in researching their Māori heritage.

Wintery July days will be a good time to look at some more of the 'Ancestry unpacked' videos on YouTube that some of you enjoyed on our Research Day. As there is always some new tip that might just help get you over a brick wall I for one will be having a look.

For those who enjoyed Tessa Duder's talk, and perhaps her book, we have a couple of hers on our shelf at the library. One is 'In search of Elsa Marchetti' which is about Tessa's search for her Italian family, that some of you might enjoy.

For those who came to my 'Writing a Family History' I look forward to seeing your writing and stories, but if you do need more encouraging, I am always happy to help.

As I am currently trying to find time to write a story of my childhood, I need to try to get to our Writers Group to keep me on track.

Wendy Inskeep

Please note that emails to the editor using newsletter@hbcgenealogy.org.nz are currently not being received. This is a technical issue due to a Gmail POP3 issue which I can't seem to resolve. I apologise for the inconvenience and if replies have not been made. We are working on this. Please use the email on the contacts list in the interim.

Ed

Our Committee for 2026/2027



1. L-R Rear: Peter Kennard (Treasurer), Eileen Revell, John Curtis, Dick Mogridge, Carol Bell, Garry Phillips, Alan Jenner, Jan Marie Goodwin, Mandy Wolstenholme Front: Grant Hodgson, Wendy Inskeep (Convenor), Phillippa Kidd, Chris Ingram
Absent: Wendy Paton,

Research Day Photos



We thank Sandra Metcalfe for making her online talk "Using DNA Alongside Your Genealogy Research" available to us

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/17GfbC6mW4-RagN3NFOZxiJIOXqyqxZw/view> Be aware this is a large file (343MB) and as such may take time to load or download This will be available for a limited time - until 31 Jul 2026.

Ancestry Unpacked videos can be found at
: <https://www.youtube.com/@talkingfamilyhistory/videos>

Research Day events programme:

Videos: Ancestry unpacked 2026, Tip 06 DNA, Tip 05 DNA

Basic Irish Research: Geraldine O'Reilly

Tips on administering your Family Tree: Garry Phillips

Scottish research: Christine Tregonning

Roots Magic: Overview – Phil

Scrapbooking / Jewellery Tree: Chris Ingram

ASH – Luke Howison's NZ Ancestry Search Helper: Phil Callaghan

Legacy: Alan Jenner

Tracing your Maori heritage: Diane Shearer

English Resources: Phillippa Kidd

Fencibles: Eileen Revell

Beginners Genealogy: Liz Burden

More research day photos



Website links

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The latest Newsletters our Branch has received from other Branches and Groups

Read More Newsletters from other Branches & GroupsResearch Day 23 June 2026

Photos Courtesy of
Chris Ingram

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July Speaker

At St Chad's Church, 117 Centreway, Orewa
2.00 pm, Tuesday, 21 July 2026



**A journey through
NZ History
With
Hazel Petrie**

It is the month of Matariki. Award winning NZ historian and author, and former University of Auckland Research Fellow, Dr Hazel Petrie will be talking about aspects of our social history and understanding the difference between how Maori and Europeans see the world.

Phone Phillippa 027 697 2854 or <mailto:alpkbert@gmail.com>

June Speaker



**Speaker: Tessa Duder – *Journey Back to Auckland:
The Story of Sarah and Felton Mathew***

Tessa Duder captivated the audience with the remarkable story of Sarah and Felton Mathew, two people who played an important part in Auckland's earliest European history.

Born in London in 1805, Sarah Mathew was well educated and worked as a governess before travelling to Australia in 1832 to marry her cousin, Felton. The couple later sailed to New Zealand after Felton was appointed Acting Surveyor-General by Governor Hobson in 1839. Living aboard the tiny 46-foot cutter *Ranger*, they explored the coastline from Whangārei to the Thames in search of a suitable site for the new capital. Their efforts led to the selection of the Waitematā Harbour, and on 18 September 1840 an agreement was signed with Ngāti Whātua for the purchase of the land.

The Mathews experienced both adventure and hardship. Their children were stillborn, their future in New Zealand remained uncertain, and after returning to Britain, Felton died in Lima while travelling home. Sarah eventually returned to New Zealand in 1858 and left an invaluable record of early Auckland through her detailed journals.

Tessa also introduced her latest historical novel, *The Sparrow*, signing copies after the talk. It was an engaging presentation that brought Auckland's pioneering history vividly to life and left the audience eager to learn more.

Eileen Revell

Holy Trinity Patronal Festival and Book Presentation

On Sunday, 14 June, my husband Ken and I attended the Holy Trinity Patronal Festival Mass, held at 9.00 am in the small church within the cemetery gates on Wainui Road. At the conclusion of the service, I had the privilege of presenting the vicar, Rev. Alex Rose-Stewart, and the congregation with a copy of *Holy Trinity Cemetery Burials without Headstones before WWI (1914)*. The book was researched by members of our branch, then compiled and edited by me, and published earlier this year. It is pleasing to know that a copy is now held by the church, where it will be available as a permanent historical resource for the parish and visitors interested in the cemetery's history. Copies have also been placed in the Whangaparaoa and Orewa libraries, as well as the Silverdale Historic Society Museum, ensuring this valuable information is accessible to researchers and the wider community.

The small historic Holy Trinity Church was opened on 3 June 1885. Beautifully restored, the church was filled with the warmth of the winter sun and the presence of a devoted congregation. Considerable work has recently been undertaken to ensure the building meets modern safety requirements while preserving its historic character, making the occasion even more special. Celebrating 141 years is no small feat, and it was an honour and privilege to be part of the occasion.

Standing among the early unmarked graves of those long deceased, and in some cases perhaps long forgotten, was a reminder of why genealogy and family history matter. By researching, recording and preserving these stories, we help ensure that those who came before us are not forgotten and that their place in our shared history is remembered.

Chris Ingram



A Fond Farewell

Rhonda-Joy Sweeney

Rhonda-Joy was our initial branch team leader for the NZSG Shipping Project.

We wish you all the best and will miss you.



Member Contribution

Where Stories Lie Buried — A Memoir of a Genealogist Turned Author

by **Vicky Adin.**



Every genealogist knows the feeling. You find a name in a record — a birth, a marriage, a death — and suddenly you need to know more. Who were they really? What did they feel? What drove them to make the choices they made?

I have been a genealogist for over thirty years. I know how to search the records, follow the threads, and piece together the fragments of a life from the scraps of history left behind. But the more I researched, the more I found myself standing at the edge of what the records could tell me — and staring into the gaps.

Fellow genealogists often ask me why I chose to write fiction about my ancestors rather than the truth. It is a fair question and one I asked myself for a long time. The answer, I came to realise, is that fiction allowed me to go where the records could not. The facts tell us what happened. Fiction asks why — and tries to answer honestly.

I am not inventing people. I am giving voice to real women and men whose lives I spent years uncovering. The stories in my novels are fictional, but they are rooted in someone's truth — in the reality of the times they lived in, the hardships they faced, and the quiet courage they showed simply by surviving.

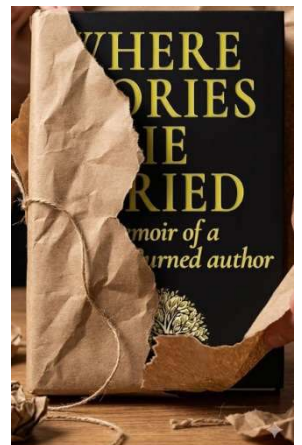
Ordinary people living ordinary lives. Yet every one of them had a story worth telling.

My new book, *Where Stories Lie Buried — A Memoir of a Genealogist Turned Author*, is my attempt to answer that question fully. It is not a how-to guide for genealogy research, nor a manual on writing fiction. It is simply the story of one genealogist's journey — how thirty years of searching led, unexpectedly, to ten published novels, and what I discovered about myself, my ancestors, and the power of stories along the way.

If you have ever stood at the edge of what the records can tell you and wondered what lay beyond — this book was written for you.

Coming September/October 2026.

More information at vickyadin.co.nz



New Members

Please offer a smile and a warm welcome when you see our latest members: **Kaye Thomson** and **Jenny Robb**

Interview with a Genealogist

& June Raffle

Winner!

Mandy Wolstenholme

What got you interested in genealogy?

About 18 months ago, I sent off my DNA test out of curiosity about my Italian heritage, knowing I had a great-grandfather born in Sicily. Although I had a handwritten family tree tucked away, I knew very little about my ancestors.

What amazing discoveries have you found along the way?

Once I uploaded my DNA results and discovered my matches, I began contacting the closest relatives. The first was a second cousin in Canada named Scott. We quickly became friends, exchanging photos and stories. Scott found a box labelled "Grandpa Ken" with letters my parents wrote to his grandfather starting in 1953. My parents were 53 and 43 when I was born, I am an only child and have no cousins in NZ.

Since my mother died when I was seven, these letters were an emotional and priceless connection to my past. They spoke of hopes for a baby, my birth, my mother's cancer surgery, and even arrangements my father made, if something should happen to him, he had me going to a family with 9 kids, I'm so glad that didn't happen. We now have a collection 22 letters, one of them from 1883.

My father served as a US Merchant Marine during

World War II. He once told me he steered a ship into Pearl Harbour three days after the attack, though I haven't found proof of this. Contacting the US Coast Guard led me to the Maritime Administration, who helped me obtain his service records and medals, including the Congressional Gold Medal awarded in 2020, the highest civilian honour from Congress. It was an incredibly proud moment. I've now written a FOIA request to Homeland security, I am hoping to obtain the Log books of the ships he worked on

I also uncovered fascinating details about my mother's family. My grandfather was a world-respected philosopher, engineer, astronomer, and mathematician. His brother served as a stretcher bearer at the Battle of the Somme in WW1 and had a notable career in New Zealand theatre. Searching historic newspapers revealed over 2,700 mentions of him!

Once I discovered what this group had to offer, I jumped in boots and all hoping to make more progress.

Now, I am working on documenting all these discoveries. Genealogy has given me a deeper connection to my family and a greater appreciation of their lives and struggles.



3. Mandy Wolstenholme, our feature genealogist and, the June raffle winner, drawn at Research Day.

A big shout out to our raffle sponsors, please let's show them our gratitude and support them



Website: www.hbcgenealogy.org.nz



First Bees for New Zealand

The benefit of having honey in their diet was well known to pioneers of New Zealand. An interesting article on the introduction of bees, written long ago by Mr. Albert G. Allom, has been received from his son, Mr. Maurice W. Allom, of Auckland. Here is the chronicle: -

- As no records were kept, the question of the introduction of bees into New Zealand was for many years a subject of great uncertainty. It was only through the attention given to the matter by the late Isaac Hopkins, of Auckland, about the year 1903, that the question was finally set at rest.

The first bees to land in this country came in the ship "James" to Mangunga, Hokianga, on or about 13 March, 1837. They were brought by Miss Bumby, who accompanied her brother, the Rev. J. H. Bumby, as his housekeeper.

The credit of sending the first bees from England to the South Island lies with Mrs. Allom, wife of the late Thomas Allom, architect, of London. These bees came in the barque "Clifford," in May, 1842, and were consigned to Captain Wakefield, then head of the Nelson settlement.

For the successful introduction of bees into New Zealand, the Society for the Encouragement of Arts, Adelphic, London, awarded Mrs. Allom the silver "Isis" medal in 1845.

It was the common black bee that was first brought to this country, followed in the year 1880 by the introduction of the first Italian bees from California.

A cross between the black bee and the Italian is what we have in this country today.

Source: *History of beekeeping in NZ (Beekeeping in NZ)* *Beekeeping (1966 encyclopaedia)*

Library Resources



The Family History Research Centre at Whangaparaoa Library

- Help given by our volunteers
- Mon, Wed, Thu and Sat
- 10am to noon
- No appointment needed



Our Resources at the Library

- Magazines
- Books
- Fiche
- Computers
- Databases
- Local Cemetery Headstone Images
- On-line Pay sites

Whangaparaoa Library is a FamilySearch Affiliate Library



What are the benefits of being an affiliate library?

A major benefit of being an affiliate library is access to additional digital records not available outside a family history center or an affiliate library. These digital records include images and names indexes. Currently, there are about 400 million original records available in a digital format that affiliate libraries have access to.

Our Saturday duty team at Orewa



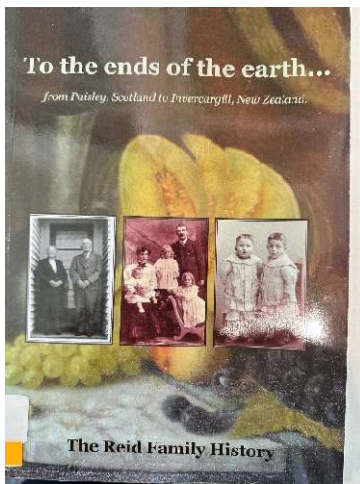
4. HBC Branch of NZSG poster at Orewa Library



5. Orewa Library Volunteers; Grant and Mandy on duty with a member of the public making an enquiry

Book Reviews

By Liz Burden



To The Ends of the Earth...
from Paisley, Scotland to Invercargill, New Zealand
The Reid Family History
 Andrew and Helen Reid their story 1870-1961.
 Compiled by Janet O'Callaghan

In the Whangaparāoa Library our group genealogy section

A collection of personal memories written by their daughter, Joan Lake (nee Reid) in a journal she started in 1975, telling of her early years as a child in Scotland.

Excerpts from Andrew Reid's diary about his return journey from NZ to Scotland in 1927/8 and research the compiler did in NZ and Scotland. Page 87 has the list of the Descendants of Helen and Andrew Reid, P 83, Descendants of John Reid born 1814 in Stevenson AYR SCT. Two generations; P 84 has the descendants of James Raeside 3 generations, P85 the Descendants of Thomas Cunningham 3 generations, P 86 Descendants of John Ferguson born 1782 in Stewarton AYR SCT, Married Ann Paton.

Useful tool for anyone looking to do their own family history and investigating formats and layouts.

No index

ISBN: 978-0-473-14395-4

Published 2008 . Printed by Microfilm Digital Print

Two books on Tuhoe that are great for research.



'Tuhoe The Children of the Mist' By Elsdon Best
 Genealogical Tables and Maps. Volume 2

[There should be a Volume 1 with all the history etc. These volumes were first published in 1925 as Volume Four of the Memoirs of the Polynesian Society.]

This Volume 2 edition is from 2025. Published by Oratia Books Auckland .

On Whangaparāoa Library shelves on the left as you come down the stairs.
 Māori 993.425 ISBN 978-1-99-004287-4. For both volumes ISBN 978-1-99-004291-1

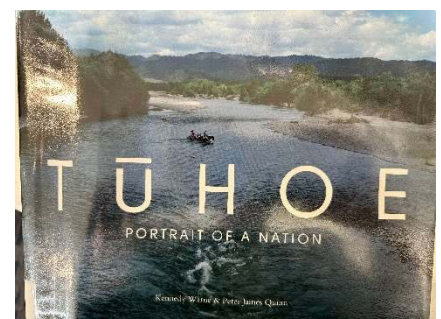
Fabulous map tucked in the back that folds out. One side is Map showing fortified Villages, Districts, Rivers, etc mentioned in 'Tuhoe' and the other side Map showing the Tuhoe and surrounding districts lying between the Bay of Plenty and Hawkes Bay.

The second book is **'Tuhoe Portrait of a Nation'** by Kennedy Warne and Peter James Quinn.

Māori 993.42 on the same shelf. ISBN 978-0-143-56944-2 published by Penguin Books 2013.

Lovely photos and map showing location. Interesting for the more modern viewpoint of the Tuhoe lives.

No index. All the books provide an insight into the historical and modern background.

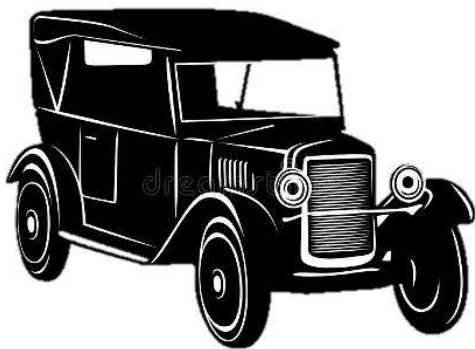


100 Ago
YEARS

EAST COAST ROAD.

Auckland Star, Volume LVII, Issue 176, 27 July 1926, Page 16

Then ...



...Now



6. Penlink O Mahurangi Project – June 2026

<https://omahurangi-penlink-penlinkerd.cmail20.com/t/t-l-wkikhkid-tijrukduc-t/>

EAST COAST ROAD. METALLING THE MUD PATCHES RELIEF GANGS SUGGESTED

(By A Correspondent.)

Possibilities of having the remaining mud patches of the East Coast Road from Takapuna to Orewa Beach metalled immediately by relief gangs of unemployed are giving pleasure to motorists and others interested in that important highway. The road carries practically all the traffic from Auckland to Wairangi and Whangarei, and as this is entirely outside traffic the road has always been considered a fair charge on national funds. The worst portion of the road—from Redvale to Silverdale—is in the Pukekohe riding, which has been so politically laid out that a preponderance of votes over a territory extending as far away as Riverhead could—and, it is said, certainly would—reject a loan proposal to metal it out of riding funds. The attitude of the Main Highways Board and the Reform Government has always seemed hostile to the road, though it is a singular fact that at **Silverdale**, which may be termed the county town of that part of the road, all the votes except four were given at the last election to Mr. Coates. At present the Main Highways Board is earning practically all its northern motor revenue by means of this road, particularly in the summer season, yet nearly all its "money favours" for road making and maintenance are, it is complained, being given to the less traversed territories further west. It recently agreed to subsidise maintenance (but not new metalling) on the East Coast Road as far as **Silverdale**, at the rate of £1 for £1, but not over £200 in any year. This limitation keeps its subsidy down to £13 per mile—on a road which, it is declared, requires more like £130 a mile, owing to the heavy motor traffic.

Monthly Events Schedule

Event	Date	Following Date	Contact	—Venue	Notes
Monthly Meeting	21 Jul 2026 : 2pm-4pm	18 Aug 2026 : 2pm-4pm	Wendy Inskeep	St Chad's Church, Orewa	3rd Tuesday of the month
Thistle Group	11 Aug 2026 : 10am-12pm Noon	13 Oct 2026 : 10am-12pm Noon	Eileen Revell	Pohutukawa Room, Whangaparaoa Library	2nd Tuesday of alternate months
Shamrock Group	14 Jul 2026 : 10am-12pm Noon	8 Sep 2026 : 10am-12pm Noon	Maggie Chan	Pohutukawa Room, Whangaparaoa Library	2nd Tuesday of alternate months
Legacy User Group	9 Jul 2026 : 10am-12pm Noon	13 Aug 2026 : 10am-12pm Noon	Alan Jenner	Pohutukawa Room, Whangaparaoa Library	2nd Thursday of the month
Family Tree Maker Group	8 Jul 2026 : 1pm-3pm	12 Aug 2026 : 1pm-3pm	Phillippa Kidd	Orewa Library	2nd Wednesday of the month
Writers Group	28 Jul 2026 : 10am-12pm Noon	25 Aug 2026 : 10am-12pm Noon	Debbie Corder	Genealogy Area, Whangaparaoa Library	4th Tuesday of the month

Upcoming Events

The next REFRESHER course (online only)

will be held on July 18 and 19 (9.30am- 12.30pm)

Registrations to: introgenealogy@genealogy.org.nz or to Garry on 021 902715



July School Holidays – Whangaparaoa Library



JULY
15
10 AM – 12 PM



A MATARIKI
EVENT!

DISCOVER YOUR Whakapapa

In partnership with Te Herenga Waka o Ōrewa Marae and Hibiscus Coast Genealogy, this Matariki drop-in session invites those interested in exploring their whakapapa and family history, with a focus on Māori genealogy.

WEDNESDAY,
15 JULY
10AM - 12PM

WHANGAPARAOA
LIBRARY
6 MAIN STREET

August - Family History Month

**We need volunteers to help in Whangaparaoa Plaza,
and also, at Orewa Library**



It is planned to once again hold our usual display under cover in the Whangaparaoa shopping centre for a couple of hours morning or afternoon. Our volunteers would chat with people about genealogy (those visitors wanting to do their research need to pop across to the library)

If you are able to help here, please contact [Wendy Inskeep](#) with day and time available and if you would like to be with another person.

We would like to also increase our volunteer days at Orewa Library for the month, Mon, Wed or Saturday 10.00 – 12.30. please let [Garry](#) know when you can assist

From the Editor



Oh my goodness! What a great Research Day we had. I am so pleased I attended. Naturally, I couldn't be everywhere at once, but the highlight for me was the online presentation by Sandra Metcalfe of NZSG, "Using Your DNA Alongside Your Genealogical Research".

I completed my first DNA test many years ago with MyHeritage, but over time I realised I wasn't receiving enough matches to make significant progress. Because Ancestry has a much larger database, I later tested there as well. I tried various methods to separate known and unknown matches and eventually came across DNA Painter through an online forum.

My first attempt at using DNA Painter was unsuccessful. I found it confusing and eventually gave up, feeling it was beyond me. Sandra's presentation changed that. Using examples from her own family, she clearly demonstrated how unknown matches can be grouped and analysed. Slide after slide rekindled my enthusiasm and made me think that perhaps I should give it another go.

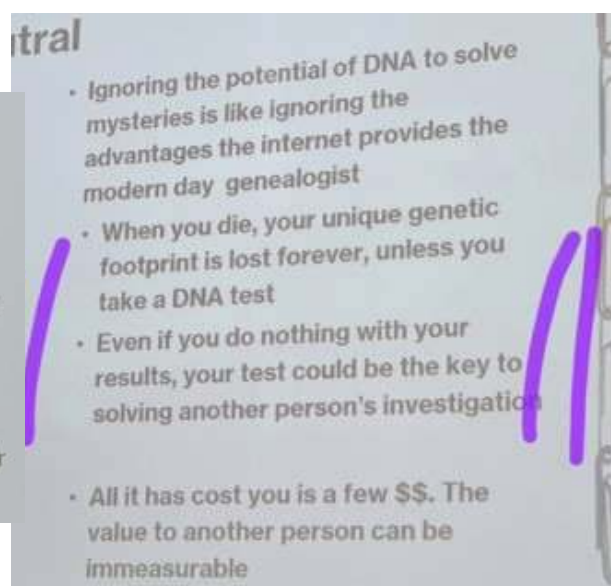
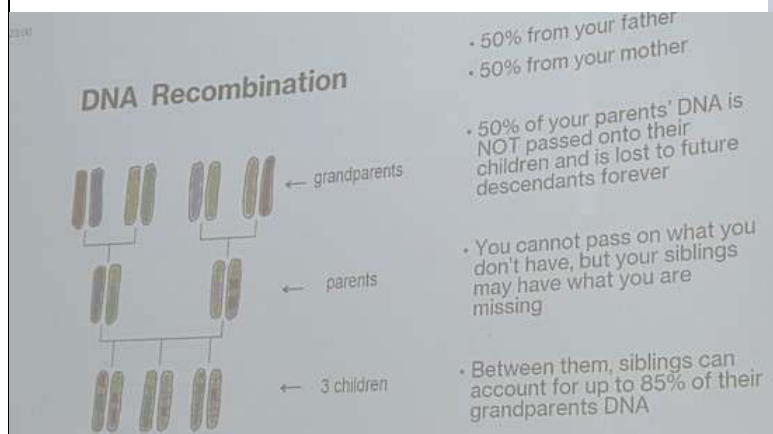
DNA has already helped me identify the biological maternal and paternal lines of my grandfather, Rueben, who was adopted. However, I have always been interested in learning more about the family who raised him. That family was headed by Henry Phillips and Christina (née McPhee), and researching their origins has proved difficult, despite my mother's efforts dating back to the 1970s.

What particularly resonated with me was Sandra's story of researching ancestors who seemed to appear in New Zealand out of nowhere, changed names, or left behind conflicting information. That sounded remarkably familiar. Family stories and official records do not always agree, and some of the information relating to the Phillips and McPhee families remains contradictory and difficult to verify.

Sandra remarked that "DNA doesn't lie. People do." Her research ultimately uncovered facts that family stories had obscured. That gives me hope that one day I will come across a descendant of one of the Phillips or McPhee cousins who has taken a DNA test. Such a match may help answer long-standing questions about the origins of the family whose eldest son, Henry, adopted and raised my grandfather.

At the same time, I have another DNA mystery to solve on my maternal-maternal line: the identity of a missing great-great-grandfather, who may have been of Irish descent. Sandra's presentation has inspired me to return to DNA Painter with fresh enthusiasm and perhaps finally make progress on both family puzzles.

Below is two inspiring screenshots taken from Sandra's online chat on Tuesday – Chris



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Orewa Library Duty

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Garry Phillips			Duty			
Eileen Revell						
Dick Mogridge				Duty		
Lindsey Lawton		Duty				
Lesley Landrey				Duty		
Grant Hodgson						Duty
Mandy Wolstenholme	Duty					
Raewyn Irwin					Duty	

Whangaparaoa Library Duty

1st Wed	1st July	Eileen Revell / Grant Hodgson
1st Thurs	2nd July	Alan Jenner / Alison Wesley
1st Sat	4th July	Ros Cunningham / Vacancy
1st Mon	6th July	Mandy Wolstenholme/ Vacancy
2nd Wed	8th July	Liz Burden / Vacancy
2nd Wed	8th July	Family Tree Maker Orewa Library 1pm to 3pm
2nd Thur	9th July	Peter Hill / Maggie Chan
2nd Thurs	9th July	Legacy group Whangaparaoa Library
2nd Friday	10th July	Holiday Matariki
2nd Sat	11th July	Liz Burden / Peter Kennard
2nd Mon	13th July	Dick Mogridge / Vacancy
2nd Tues	14th July	Shamrocks Group Whangaparaoa Library
2nd Tues	14th July	School Holiday programe with Carol
3rd Wed	15th July	Wendy Inskeep / Gayle Robinson
3rd Wed	15th July	Moari Whakapapa Meeting Whangaparaoa Library
3rd Thurs	16th July	Jan Goodwin / Judy Clark
3rd Sat	18th July	Chris Ingram/ Estelle Cooper
3rd Mon	20th July	John Curtis / Bernadette Siebert
3rd Tues	21st July	Branch Meeting St Chads Church
4th Wed	22nd July	Sandi Halling/ Jan Rawley
4th Thurs	23rd July	Gayle Robinson / Vicky Adin
4th Sat	25th July	Bernadette Siebert / Peter Kennard
4th Mon	27th July	Phillippa Kidd / Vacancy
4th Tues	28th July	Writers Group
5th Wed	29th July	Grant Hodgson/ Vacancy
5th Thurs	30th July	Jan Goodwin / Judy

Papers Past

Ngā Niupepa
NewspapersNgā Maheni me ngā Hautaka
Magazines and JournalsNgā Reta me ngā Rātaka
Letters and DiariesNgā Pepa nō te Whare Pāremata
Parliamentary PapersNgā Pukapuka
Books

Ngā Niupepa Newspapers

Historic New Zealand and Pacific newspapers from the 19th and 20th centuries, including Māori niupepa in both te reo Māori and English.

What's new?

Latest additions to Newspapers (June 2026):

Hawera Star (1936-1950)

[View newspaper](#) >

Hutt News (1949-1960)

[View newspaper](#) >

Matamata County Mail (1953-1965)

[View newspaper](#) >

Matamata Record (1951, 1953-June 1954)

[View newspaper](#) >

Matiere Gazette (1920-1921, 1924-October 1936)

[View newspaper](#) >

Ohura Mail (July 1917-1921, 1924-October 1936)

[View newspaper](#) >

Waikato Times (1946-1950)

[View newspaper](#) >

Wairarapa Times-Age (July 1944-1950)

[View newspaper](#) >

Wanganui Herald (1921-1927)

[View newspaper](#) >

Genealogist's Disease

WARNING: Genealogy Pox
(Very contagious to adults)

SYMPTOMS: Continual complaint as to need for names, dates and places. Patient has a blank expression, sometimes deaf to spouse and children. Has no taste for work of any kind, except feverishly looking through records at libraries and courthouses. Has compulsion to write letters. Swears at mailman when he doesn't leave mail. Frequents strange places such as cemeteries, ruins, and remote, desolate country areas. Makes secret night calls, hides phone bills from spouse and mumbles to self. Has strange, faraway look in eyes.

NO KNOWN CURE

TREATMENT: Medication is useless. Disease is not fatal, but gets progressively worse. Patient should attend genealogy workshops, subscribe to genealogical magazines and be given a quiet corner in the house where he or she can be alone.

REMARKS: The unusual nature of this disease is- the sicker the patient gets, the more he or she enjoys it!