



1814 HANSEN FAMILY

Welcome to newsletter number 3. Included is a summary of the AGM, a family tree update, some interesting snippets from the committee and our first entry for Kath's Korner.

Last but not least, now that we have confirmed our membership fees, we are asking family members to formally join the Society. Following are the family members who have already chosen to become Foundation Members:

Lynette Abraham, Verna Andrew, Bert Boswell, Cecil and Joy Bowyer, Trevor Bramley, Karl Butler, Kerry Butler, Noelene Butler, John Carroll, Edward Chambers, Elisabeth

Chambers, George Chambers, Marilyn Chambers, Richard Chambers, Roberta Chambers, Roger and Virginia Chambers, Victoria Chambers, Barbara Cook, Eric Hansen, Grant Hansen, Ivan Hansen, Jim Hansen, Keith Hansen, Lisa Hansen, Paul Hansen, Stan and Kath Hansen, Ted Hansen, Sandra Haydock, Valda Hendrikse, Sally Hoani, Kirsten Hopkins, John Imperatrice, Lyn Lander, John MacClure, Rosalie Maihi, Stephen Mangan, Colleen Martin, Clarinda Meggison, Vicki Millard Peter Morrow, John Murray, Hilda Pearson, Hillary Robinson, Denise Smith, Valerie Sutherland, Gary and Sue Willcocks, Dan Wood.

The contribution made by these foundation members will allow us to continue to make our preparations for the bicentenary celebration in 2015 and in particular to secure the venue. Thanks to all of you!

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KATH'S KORNER

Hi, I'm Kath Hansen (wife of Stan Hansen) and I have been enthralled with the history of the Hansen family in New Zealand ever since we were married. This has led me to research and write three books about the Hansen Family with another well underway. In Kath's Korner I will let you know more about these books and other interesting publications and information. Here's a summary of my first three books:

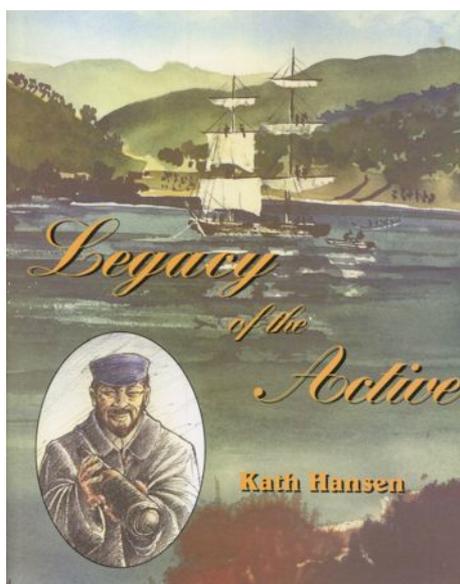
Legacy of the Active is a novel based on the factual family history of a Hansen descendant 1858 - 1933. It is a tragic story in many respects but so true to life.

Life and Times of Captain Thomas Hansen is a booklet covering the background and maritime career of Captain Thomas Hansen 1762 - 1837 as far as can be ascertained.

Dear Mr Hansen is the story of how the late Karl Hansen endeavoured to assemble the first family tree

in 1939/40. Some of his original correspondence is reproduced along with old newspaper cuttings relating to the earlier generations.

If you are interested in copies of these books, here is the latest Book Deal: one copy each of *Legacy of the Active*, *Life and Times of Captain Thomas Hansen* and *Dear Mr Hansen* for \$35.00 including postage (subject to increase if postage costs increase). \$10.00 from the sale of DMH is donated to the 1814 Hansen Family Society. Please email me if you would like any books (kathhansen@xtra.co.nz).



My new book is still a work in progress but I am aiming to launch it in September. This new book concerns the Hansen descendants who enlisted for WW1 - all great grandsons of Captain Thomas Hansen except for 1 or 2 great great grandsons.

Kath Hansen

THE 1814 HANSEN FAMILY SOCIETY INCORPORATED ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

We are very pleased to have had the first AGM for the 1814 Hansen Family Society Incorporated. We had a good turnout with 27 members attending. The full record of the meeting, including the welcome from Stan Hansen and the reports from the President, Ted Hansen, and the Treasurer, Rosalie Maihi, is now available on the website at www.1814hansenfamily.org.

In his welcome, Stan noted his concern at the lack of recognition by New Zealanders of New Zealand's first permanent European settlers. He was encouraged by the research being done to improve our knowledge and raise the profile of the early settlers at Oihi.

After Stan's welcome, Ted provided a summary of the activities of the committee from its formation until the present. He noted:

- i. The establishment of The 1814 Hansen Family Society Incorporated and its bank account;
- ii. The engagement of and progress made by Alison Honeyfield of Evagean to update the family tree;
- iii. The establishment and ongoing update of the Society's contacts database;
- iv. The newsletters that have been published
- v. The ongoing update of the Society's [website](#) and [facebook](#) page (search '1814 Hansen Family');
- vi. Planning to date for the 2015 bicentenary celebration, including tentative venue booking;
- vii. The relationships that have been established with relevant agencies such as the Department of Conservation (regarding the preservation of the Oihi site), the Waitangi National Trust (now caring for and displaying the model of the brig Active), and the Anglican church (December 2014 celebrations);
- viii. The preservation and propagation of the Oihi lemon tree.

In particular, Ted noted and thanked those who have become the Society's founding members.

Rosalie Maihi, the Society's treasurer, provided accounts for the period from establishment of the Society until 30 March 2012. She noted that there had been income of \$5907.89 from memberships, donations and book sales and outgoings of \$684.02

for website development, printing and stationery.

We are delighted to advise that Stan and Kath Hansen were elected as Life Members of the Society to recognise their long and outstanding contribution to the Hansen Family. Stan and Kath were the prime organisers of the 1990 reunion and are also responsible for starting the current bicentennial activities and the Society. Stan has worked on many initiatives for highlighting the Hansen heritage over the years. Kath has also made an outstanding contribution to our knowledge of the Hansen family in NZ through her research of family history and by writing and producing the resulting books.



Other matters concluded at the meeting were:

- i. Re-election of the existing committee, no other nominations having been received;
- ii. Confirmation of membership fees at \$20 for 1 year, \$50 for full period to reunion in January 2015, \$100 for founding membership (opportunity for foundation membership to close on 30/6/12) and membership for under 18 year olds is free;
- iii. Small amendments to the constitution;
- iv. Recognition of Patrons: Reverend Samuel Marsden (direct descendent of Reverend Samuel Marsden who brought the missionaries and Thomas Hansen to New Zealand in 1814) and the Right Reverend Waiohau Te Haara (related to the Hansen family through his wife Gwen who sadly passed away last year). The Society acknowledged the Society's first patron Sir Paul Reeves who passed away recently.

Aim of the 1814 Hansen Family Society Incorporated

"Preserving the history of the Hansen Family's arrival and settlement at Oihi in 1814"



FAMILY TREE

The first letters have now gone out from Alison Honeyfield of Evagean Publishing to family members seeking information to start the major task of updating the Hansen family tree. In my own immediate family from my mother and father down (Karl and Lil Hansen), where there were 41 names in the 1989 version of the family tree, there are now 74 names. That's an increase of 80% in 23 years. Interestingly of my late parents 26 great grandchildren only one has the surname 'Hansen'. It will be a huge task for Alison and the quicker we can get replies to her the better she will be able to make progress and most importantly find out where the gaps are.

As mentioned before, Alison relies on contacting people by mail so it's very important that we obtain your postal address. At the risk of sounding like a broken record, if you have not already,

Please advise your postal address

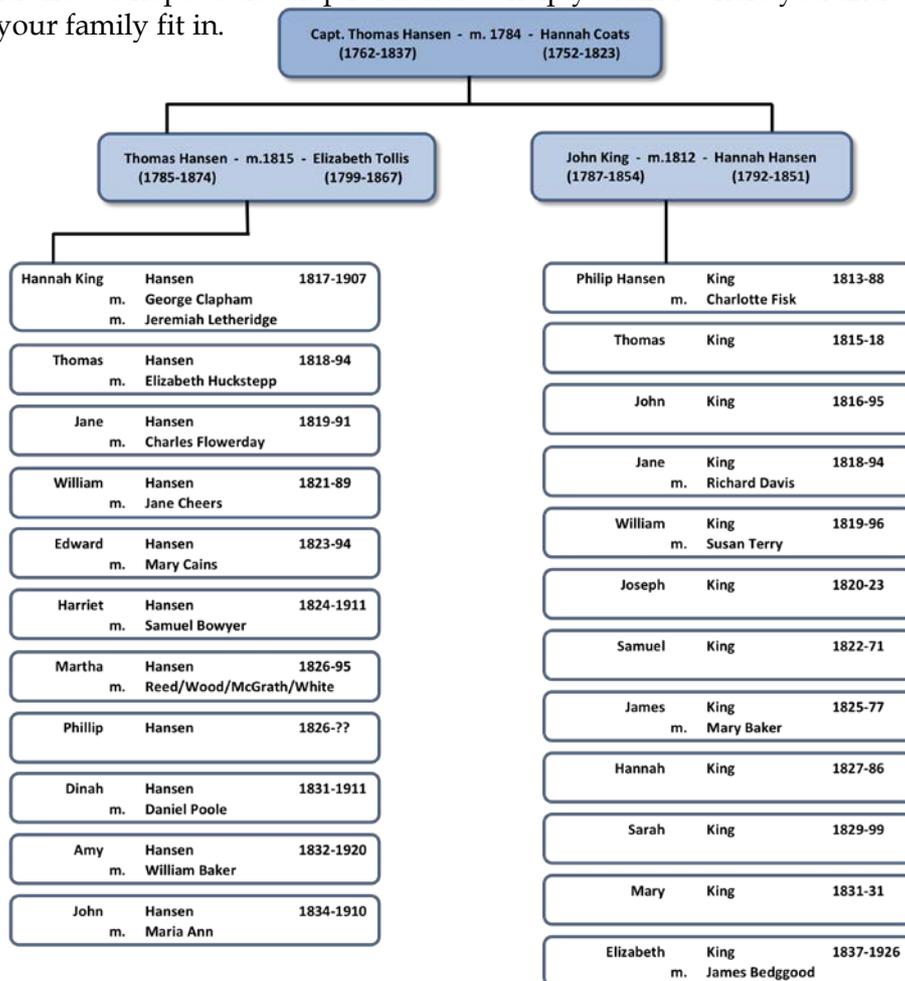
to Kerry Butler and include your email for other communications.

Ted Hansen

WHO'S WHO

Ever wondered which branch of the family you come from? Or perhaps you have heard stories of early family members such as Hannah King Letheridge or John King and wondered where they fit in to the family tree? Or maybe you are like me, pretty confused about which Thomas Hansen is which and how many Hannah Hansens there are???

Maybe the following chart will help. It is on the website and in the future we hope to develop it further to help you find where you and your family fit in.



MEDIA COVERAGE 2012

Fascinating story unfolds

Northern Age - Feb 16 2012

http://www.northnz.co.nz/news.php?news_id=4641

Founders far from forgotten

Northern Age - Feb 21 2012

http://www.northnz.co.nz/news.php?news_id=4647

Act of bravery that helped end war

Northern Advocate - Mar 03 2012

<http://apnregionálnz.newspaperdirect.com/epaper/viewer.aspx>

Tree finds its place in history

Bay Chronicle - Apr 05 2012

<http://baychronicle.realviewdigital.com/?startpage=2&iid=61458>

The Mayflower of New Zealand - The Brig Active

Radio NZ National - April 13 2011

<http://www.radionz.co.nz/national/programmes/afternoons/audio/2487183/the-mayflower-of-nz-the-brig-active>

Helping Hand to Keep History

Alive Northern Age - Jan 19 2012

Soon available on our website with other articles we are tracking down.

RESTING IN PEACE

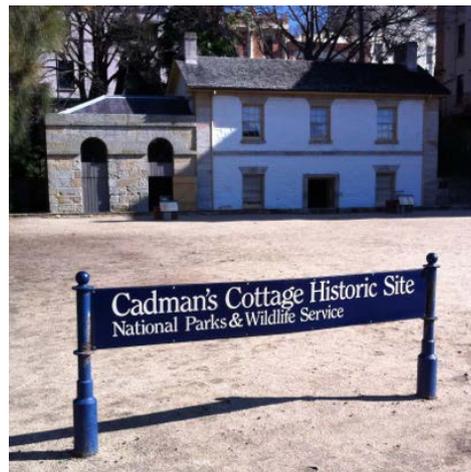
I grew up with stories about the Hansen family, as my father (Karl Hansen) was the first to try to establish the Hansen family tree in 1938/39 for the 1940 centennial celebrations. However, since I've taken on the job as chairman of the Hansen Family Society I've



learnt so much that I didn't know previously.

So in December 2011, armed with Kath Hansen's book *The Life and Times of Captain Thomas Hansen* turned to page 26, I walked into the Pioneer Park of Bunnerong cemetery, east of the main Sydney airport. It was a pretty emotional experience to find the headstones described by Kath (Captain Thomas Hansen, his wife Hannah, Corporal Thomas Tollis and his wife Anne). Corporal Tollis is the father of Elizabeth Tollis who married our Thomas Hansen (see chart on previous page). What an amazing coincidence that they are buried within probably 80 metres of Captain Hansen.

Also interesting is that Captain Hansen is buried near his friend, John Cadman, with whom he lived toward the end of his life.



They lived at Cadmans Cottage, now considered to be Australia's oldest surviving house, located at The Rocks in Sydney.

For me, seeing the final resting place of these great-great-great-great-grandparents was very special.

Ted Hansen

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<https://twitter.com/1814HansenFam>

WE WANT YOU

You are a member of the Hansen Family. Now please become a member of the 1814 Hansen Family Soc. Inc. We are working hard on the newsletters, website and personal communications to ensure that we can get in touch with as many family members as possible in preparation for our bicentennial celebrations in 2014/15.

We are relying on your interest, feedback, support and enthusiasm to ensure that we truly represent our family of descendants in our activities to preserve and promote the Hansen family history.

Membership fees were set at the AGM: \$20 for 1 year, \$50 for full period to 2015, \$100 for founding membership (closing 30/6/12) and under 18's are free. These fees will allow us to continue our programme of communication, prepare for the bicentenary and undertake historical research and promotion.

Please contact Kath Hansen to join.

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