



1814 HANSEN FAMILY

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Welcome to newsletter four. Time has flown since our last newsletter. The committee has continued to plan the bicentenary, improve the website, expand the family contact list, pursue Oihi (Hohi) site activities and keep in contact with Alison Honeyfield as she progresses with the family tree. Kath has published yet another Hansen family book, *IN THE FIELD: Mud and Blood on the Western Front*, and is working on another. Also, we are organising our second AGM (14 April, 2013).

We hope you enjoy this newsletter and please pass it on to others if we are not yet in contact with them.

Kerry Butler



OIHI OR HOHI

What's in a name? It appears that Oihi, the bay where the Brig Active arrived with Samuel Marsden and our Hansen ancestors in 1814, may become known as Hohi. Research shows that Hohi is more historically accurate and this is now reflected on DOC's website.

1814 HANSEN FAMILY SOCIETY INCORPORATED ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The second AGM of the 1814 Hansen Family Society Inc is to be held on 14 April 2013. All society members are welcome. If you want to join the society, refer back page - WE WANT YOU.

Business of AGM:

1. President's report
2. Financial report

3. Election of officers: Please advise the secretary of any nominations for society officers by 31 March 2013. Officers include: President, Secretary, Treasurer, and at least 3 committee members.
4. Amendments to the constitution
5. Other business: Please advise the secretary of any items of general business to be raised at the AGM by 31 March 2013.

Date and time:

2pm, 14 April 2013

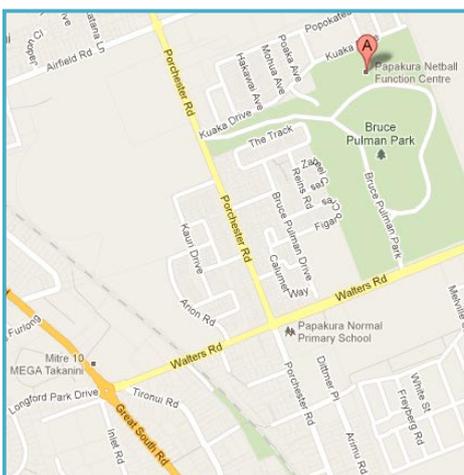
Venue:

Papakura Netball Centre
Bruce Pullman Park
Walters Road
Papakura (refer map inset)

Please advise the secretary if you

intend to attend the AGM - Kerry Butler
(kerryleebutler@gmail.com).

Tea and coffee will be provided. Please bring a plate.



Society Objectives

1
Raise awareness of the history of the Hansen Family settlement at Oihi in 1814

2
Organize and manage Hansen Family events, particularly the bicentenary reunion

3
Protect and promote any Hansen Family artifacts, such as first generation gravestones

WWW.1814HANSENFAMILY.ORG

My grandfather, Karl Hansen, had a real passion for our family history. Perhaps it rubbed off on me through my father Ted, but when the call was put out for help to update the 1814 Hansen Family website I was excited to be able to answer it and take an active part in our family's history and future.

If you haven't been to the website (www.1814hansenfamily.org) for a while, I would encourage you to take the time to view the recent updates and explore its depths. It has now been split into four main areas – **News**, **Family Tree**, **2014 Events** and **History**. Each of these sections has a landing page which acts like an overview, with links to other sub-pages where you can view further information.

Under **News**, you will find the most up-to-date items. It contains any news or updates from the Society Committee, as well as an archive of all the newsletters that have been published. There is a section where you can find many links to areas of interest, including published newspaper articles and the University of Otago Archeological dig that is currently ongoing. You will see there is also a Twitter feed – yes, we are on Twitter! We also have a Facebook page you can *Like* to help spread the word. All these social media links can be found on the footer of every page on the website.

The **Family Tree** section contains

information about the huge project being undertaken to update our family tree in time for the bicentenary celebrations, a short article about the origins of those first Hansen's, and information about some of the books that have been published over the years.

The **2014 Events** section of the website includes details of the Society committee members, and will eventually contain all the information about the planned events for December 2014 & January 2015. Here you can find membership details if you are not already a member of the Society and wish to join.

The **History** part of the website has information about the Maori

Chief who inhabited the Rangihoua Pa when the settlers first arrived in 1814. You will also find some great historical research on the ship that Captain Hansen commanded, the brig *Active*, as well as an interesting RadioNZ interview with Stan Hansen on the *Active* and other aspects of our family history.

Finally, the website has a **Contact** page that anyone can use to get in touch. This is our main portal for reaching extended family members as we draw closer to the bicentenary so if you have friends or family that you think may be interested, please give them our web address and encourage them to make contact!

Paul Hansen



Rangihoua Pa and Oihi Bay
Artist's impression
(not historically accurate)

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Follow us on Twitter

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

BICENTENARY PLANNING

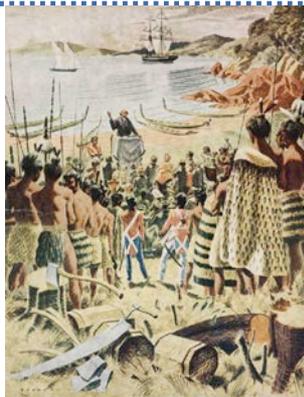
The committee has begun planning the itinerary for the bicentenary celebration in January 2015. We would very much appreciate ideas from family members so please contact someone on the committee if you have suggestions. Ideas being considered at this stage are:

- A casual function on the evening of Friday 16th to open the reunion, start registrations and to give family members a chance to start meeting and greeting other Hansen descendants.
- Workshops on Saturday 17th to provide interesting information on a range of topics of interests such as the family tree, site archaeology, site history, the CMS Mission Service history, etc.
- Family photo session
- A Saturday evening function including dinner and speaker
- A range of displays that may include such things as slideshows, movie clips, information on the family tree, the Hansen Family Society, site archaeology and interesting biographies.
- Merchandise to provide mementos of the occasion
- Children's entertainment
- Sunday church service.

Please let the committee know what you want to experience at your family reunion.

OIHI SITE HISTORY

If you are interested in the historical heritage of Oihi / Hohi / Marsden Cross Historic Reserve), the DOC website www.doc.govt.nz is a great resource for historians and casual readers. Various works by renowned historians Angela Middleton and the late Judith Binney are now available.



FAMILY TREE UPDATE



Good progress is being made on the family tree project. All branches are being worked on at the same time but none are close to being complete. I have just received a big bundle of information on the William Brind line from Debra Shand in Australia with a lot of new

information and addresses so I'm getting that into the system.

I will be in attendance at your reunion in January 2015 and will have a draft of the family tree available for checking, so the cut-off for information will be just after your reunion.

I will be writing to family members requesting family photos in the future, (closer to January 2015) to include in the family tree book. For those who don't want to let their precious family photos out of their sight, we will have equipment at the reunion that will allow us to scan the photos while you wait.

I am looking forward to meeting many of you then.

Alison Honeyfield

FOUNDATION MEMBERS

Lynette Abraham, Vera Andrew, Verna Andrew, Yvonne Andrew, Bert Boswell, Cecil and Joy Bowyer, Trevor Bramley, Elizabeth Bridge, Karl Butler, Kerry Butler, Noelene Butler, John Carroll, Edward Chambers, Elisabeth Chambers, George Chambers, Marilyn Chambers, Richard Chambers, Roberta Chambers, Roger Chambers, Victoria Chambers, Virginia Chambers, Gwen Cleland, Barbara Cook, Eric Hansen, Gayle Hansen, Graham Hansen, Grant Hansen, Isobel Hansen, Ivan Hansen, Jim Hansen, Keith Hansen, Lisa Hansen, Neville Hansen, Paul Hansen, Stan and Kath Hansen, Susanne Hansen, Ted Hansen, Maureen Hargreaves, Sandra Haydock, Valda Hendrikse, John Hicks, Hilary Hirst, Sally Hoani, Glenis Hollard, Kirsten Hopkins, John Imperatrice, Lyn Lander, Hamish MacClure, John MacClure, Marilyn MacIver, William Mackrell, Rosalie Maihi, Stephen Mangan, Colleen Martin, John Martin, Clarinda Meggison, Vicki Millard, Peter Morrow, John Murray, Hilda Pearson, Hillary Robinson, Denise Smith, Kay Sole, Valerie Sutherland, Irene Wells, Gary and Sue Willcocks, Dan Wood.

*Thank you for
your support*

DEVELOPMENT PLANS FOR OIHI / HOHI

The Department of Conservation has been busy at Oihi / Hohi / Marsden Cross Historic Reserve. As well as the 2nd season of the archaeological dig getting underway, they have been planning and undertaking a number of other improvements:

- The Marsden Cross monument marking the site of the first church service has been cleaned and repointed. Before and after photos show how marked the improvement is.



- Vegetation has been cleared around the historic lemon trees with further rehabilitation planned so that by the 200th anniversary of the arrival of the Hansens and Kings with Samuel Marsden on the Brig Active on 22 December 2014, the area will be well grassed, providing a lovely shady place for families to picnic.
- The carpark is to be upgraded with the addition of toilets and a new and improved track down from the carpark to the reserve.
- The whole valley and reserve area will be scanned by laser in 2013 to form the basis for a digital recreation and interpretive display.



OIHI ARCHAEOLOGICAL INVESTIGATION



With the approach of the 200th anniversary of the founding of the Oihi Mission Station, the first permanent European settlement in New Zealand, the Department of Conservation anticipates a significant increase in visitor numbers at Oihi / Hohi / Marsden Cross Historic Reserve.

To manage the impact that this will have on such a significant site, they need greater information about the site to guide plans to upgrade tracks, signage and other facilities at the Marsden Cross Historic Reserve.

Accordingly, archaeological investigation of the site is being undertaken as a joint project between the University of Otago and the Department of Conservation. Season 1 of the dig was carried out during February 2012, and season 2 began in January 2013.

For more information about the background and purpose of the investigation visit www.doc.govt.nz and search Marsden Cross Historic Reserve ([Archaeological investigation at Oihi Bay](#)).

Project updates and photo galleries from seasons 1 and 2 are also available on the DOC website:

[Archaeological investigation at Oihi Bay - Season 1](#)
[Archaeological investigation at Oihi Bay - Season 2](#)



Musket flint and 1806 coin recovered in season 2 dig.

KATH'S KORNER

My new book **IN THE FIELD: Mud And Blood on the Western Front** was launched in Auckland on 1st September 2012 by Mr Herb Farrant, President of the NZ Military History Society. The guest of honour at the launch was the Honorable Chris Finlayson, Minister of Arts, Culture and Heritage and another special guest was the Right Reverend W R Te Haara, retired Bishop of Te Tai Tokerau

IN THE FIELD is an 88 page, hard cover book, in landscape style, generously illustrated with colour photos, maps and text. It contains family history combined with a great deal of the history of the NZ Division on the Western Front in WWI.

My book highlights the contribution made by 42 Hansen Family members originating from Jane Flowerday (3), William (7), Edward (6), Harriet Bowyer (10), Martha Reed (1), Dinah Poole (2), Amy Baker (4), John (4) and Phillip Hansen King (5).

The Roll of Honour includes 11 cousins who died in France or Belgium plus 3 soldiers who died in New Zealand. 14 deaths out of 42 cousins illustrates only too clearly the sacrifice made by just one family.

The book concludes with the incredible, true story of 22 year old QMS Herbert Reginald Hansen who was captured in France in April 1918. Incarcerated in six

IN THE FIELD MUD AND BLOOD ON THE WESTERN FRONT



different prisons, including the infamous Black Hole of Lille, Bert Hansen escaped, not once, but twice from German captivity – a truly unique event in WWI.

It was an appropriate time for this book project because the approaching centenary of WWI in 1914 coincides with the bicentenary of the Hansen family's arrival in New Zealand in 1814.

The book is only available from the author. Please contact me at kathhansen@xtra.co.nz.

The price is \$50.00 per book posted anywhere within New Zealand.

Kath Hansen

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 relying on your support, interest, feedback and enthusiasm to ensure that the Society truly represents our family of descendants in its activities to preserve and promote the Hansen family history.

Membership fees:

\$20 for 1 year (will cover membership to 31.3.2014), \$40 for period to 2015 event, and under 18's are free.

Foundation membership (\$100) is closed.

These fees will allow us to continue our programme of communication, prepare for the bicentenary and undertake historical research and promotion.

Please go to the [contact page](#) on the 1814hansenfamily.org website to contact us and let us know you would like to join.

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