



1814 HANSEN FAMILY

1814 HANSEN FAMILY BICENTENARY AND REUNION

16th-18th January 2015

Vodafone Events Centre, Manukau, Auckland, NZ

We will be calling for registrations soon for the most historical family reunion New Zealand has ever seen – 200 years since our Hansen ancestors took the courageous step of coming to New Zealand and settling here.

You will celebrate this momentous occasion with a huge number of family members, and there will be family tree information to review, educational opportunities, entertainment for young and old, mementos, family photographs, information about our family and their settlement in New Zealand, and a wonderful celebration dinner where you can meet the present-day Reverend Samuel Marsden. Then finally, there will be an opportunity to give thanks for it all at a family service on Sunday morning.

Start planning now so you don't miss out and look out for the call for registrations that will be coming to you soon.

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1814 HANSEN FAMILY SOCIETY INCORPORATED ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The third AGM of the 1814 Hansen Family Society Incorporated is to be held at:

2pm 27 April 2014.

All society members are welcome.

Business of AGM:

1. President's report
2. Financial report
3. Election of officers (President, Secretary, Treasurer, and at least 3 committee members)
4. General business
 - i. Bicentenary update
 - ii. Hohi site development.

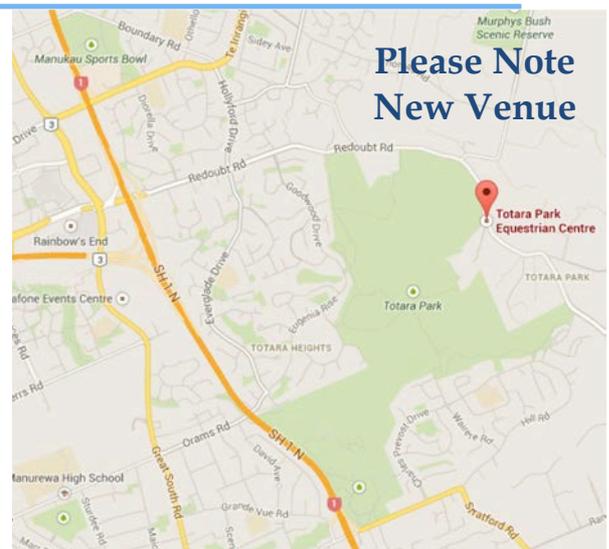
Please advise the secretary (Kerry

Butler) by 16 April 2014 if you have any nominations for society officers or if you have any items of general business to raise.

If possible, can you also please let Kerry know if you will be attending.

Kath Hansen will also be launching her new book *RANGIHOUA: Mission Impossible?* at the AGM.

Tea and coffee provided. Please bring a plate.



**Please Note
New Venue**

**Totara Park Equestrian Centre
(Pony Club)
251 Redoubt Road, Manukau**

Society Aims:

- 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.

A FAMILY OF FIRSTS

In 1989, Ron Martin published a fabulous book *THE FIRST FAMILY Captain Thomas and Hannah Hansen and their children* to document and celebrate the settlement of the Hansen Family in New Zealand. He noted that the pre-Treaty period covering their arrival and settlement in New Zealand is not well known, partly because of the quiet and humble nature of John and his wife Hannah (nee Hansen) King, and partly because of the lack of any written record from Thomas and Elizabeth (nee Tollis) Hansen.

The story was worth telling and highly relevant to New Zealand's early European history. In his introduction, he notes that the Hansen Family recorded a number of New Zealand firsts:

- 1 All of the Hansens who came on the Brig Active were present at Marsden's first sermon on Christmas Day, 1814.
- 2 Captain Thomas Hansen was the first European to buy land in New Zealand, in Russell although the claim was subsequently disallowed.
- 3 His son Thomas Hansen junior was the first European to buy land in his own name and to later retain title when all early claims were being checked.
- 4 The children of Captain Thomas Hansen, Hannah King with her missionary husband John and Thomas Hansen junior, were the first Europeans who came to NZ with the intention of settling permanently; the Kings as missionaries and the Hansens as independent

settlers, and who did actually stay permanently.

- 5 They have a justifiable claim to being the first pakeha family of NZ.
- 6 Captain Hansen's grandson Thomas Holloway King was the first European child born in NZ, first to be baptized and, just 3 years later, he was also the first European child to be buried in the first European cemetery in NZ.
- 7 For some years from 1814, Thomas Hansen junior and his family were the only non-missionary European Family in New Zealand.
- 8 Thomas Hansen junior was the first European to settle on land in New Zealand for private (non-missionary) use.
- 9 Captain Hansen's granddaughter Hannah King Hansen (later Hannah Clapham and then Letheridge), first child of Thomas Hansen junior and his wife Elizabeth Tollis, was the first European female to be conceived and born in New Zealand.

When the centre of European power moved from the Bay of Islands to Auckland, the Kings and the Hansens remained, and continued to live in their small predominantly Maori communities. They spoke Maori and raised their children together with Maori children. Their history is closely bound to the beginning of European history in New Zealand and the beginning of New Zealand's biculturalism.

Ron should be celebrated for this work that is relevant to all New Zealanders but particularly to Hansen family descendants wherever they now live.

JOIN THE 1814 HANSEN FAMILY SOCIETY

As you will read in this newsletter, the committee is working on behalf of all Hansen family descendants to preserve and promote our heritage and to bring you a remarkable bicentenary in January 2015.

We have had terrific feedback from family members, directly and through our website and facebook page, and there is tremendous excitement building for the bicentenary. We would like to translate some of this

enthusiasm into financial support. So if you haven't already,

**PLEASE JOIN US
TODAY**

**\$40 to become a
member of the society**

We need funds to help with the multitude of small costs such as postage, copying, website maintenance and publicity.

Go to the contact page at 1814hansenfamily.org to contact us and we will provide instructions for joining. Or you can send your cheque to Treasurer Rosalie Maihi, contact details on back page. You can also deposit funds directly into our accounts:

NZ: 12-3427-0268245-00

Australia: 062000-15074519

Just be sure to include your full name as a reference.

Thanks so much!

BOOK RELEASE

RANGIHOUA: Mission Impossible? takes a fresh new look at the Church Missionary Society's first permanent European settlement, established at Oihi/Hohi in the Bay of Islands in 1814.

Author Kath Hansen, our own family historian and treasure, has updated her own research for this social history, which covers the first two decades of life at the infant mission. This new book features valuable material drawn from the private diary of William Hall, recruited in England by Samuel Marsden, as were the other two CMS recruits: Thomas Kendall and John King. William's

personal experiences of triumph and tragedy are used to describe the settlers' struggle of daily living beside Rangihoua pa through continuous shortages of food, basic supplies and medicine.

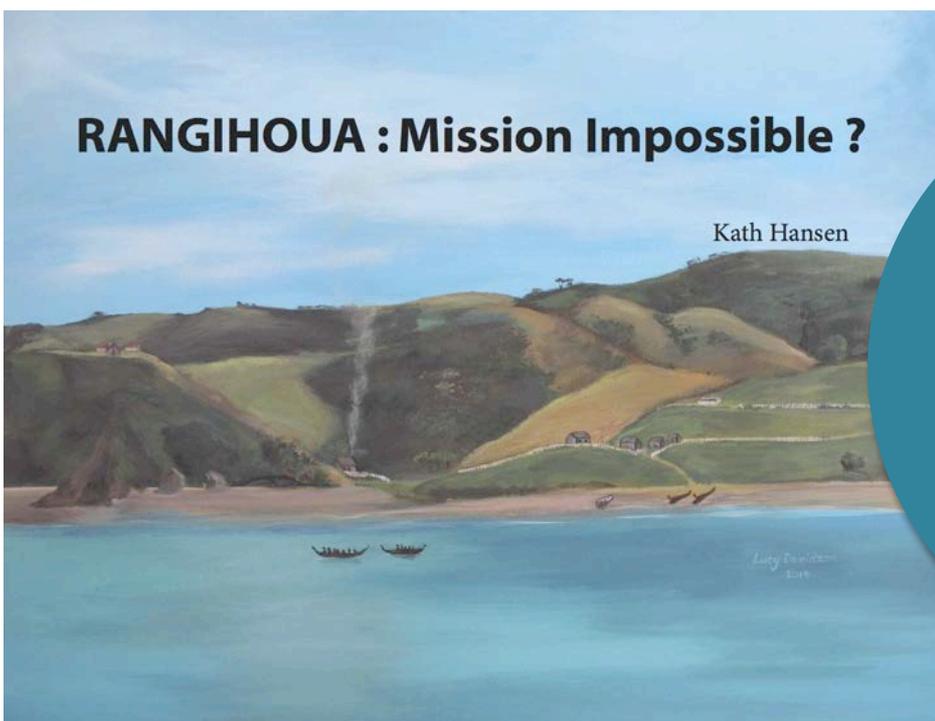
RANGIHOUA investigates Marsden's complex character and motives, and the fanatical zeal with which he pursued his long held vision. However, the book's principal focus is on the three mechanics/artisans (lay settlers) who were the first CMS missionaries to work in the Bay of Islands. These three families put their faith in God and their lives at risk when they sailed from Sydney

in the *Active* in 1814.

The role of the *Active* and those who sailed in her to establish this first organized European settlement, 25 years before the Treaty of Waitangi is signed, are less well-known than they should be. *RANGIHOUA: Mission Impossible?* tells their story.

Illustrated with colour photos, maps and depictions, it is a well-researched and informative work, a must-have reference text for descendants of NZ's first settlers.

Publication: April 2014
RRP: \$40 (incl. postage in NZ)
ISBN: 978-0-473-26888-6



Early Bird Bonus

Pay just \$35
 (including postage within NZ)
 if you order before 1 June 2014

Plus receive a bonus copy of
Legacy of the Active
 with every sale of
RANGIHOUA: Mission Impossible?

BOOK LAUNCH

Kath will be launching her new book at the Society AGM on 27 April 2014. Please join us for both. See page 1 for details.

Kath is planning a second launch for her hard-cover, limited edition on 20 December 2014, especially to mark the bicentenary of the Rangihoua settlement, with a very special guest, Samuel Marsden.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The committee has established a number of subcommittees to help focus on specific areas of planning for the bicentenary. These subcommittees are:

Publicity (external):

Eric Hansen and Kim Chambers

Publicity (internal):

Kerry Butler

Displays:

Paul Hansen, Denise Hansen

Entertainment:

Lyn Lander

Registrations:

Paul Hansen

Event management, catering and hospitality:

Shelley Woodney

Security health and safety:

Kerry Butler

Budget and fundraising:

Rosalie Maihi

Merchandise and sales:

Sally Hoani

Photography:

Eric Hansen

There is a lot of work to plan and do so if you would like to help – whether because you have some experience in any of these areas or

because you just want to join the team, have fun and help out, please let us know. Contact any of the committee, or any of the people listed if you already know them.

Even better Come to the AGM!

We have even established a wing in Australia, to help us reach more family members, more easily.

We'd love you to join us in bringing the Hansen Family bicentennial reunion to life.

GET A SLICE OF HISTORY



Purchase a lemon tree propagated from the original tree planted by the missionary settlers in 1814. When you visit Hohi in the future (with your children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren) you will be able to visit what is now regarded as the oldest introduced tree in New Zealand. And you will know that you have your very own tree in your back yard.

To purchase a lemon tree, contact John Thode at Bream Bay Landscapes. The price is

\$29.95 at the gate.

He is able to arrange to deliver the tree to your home by courier.

Contact John at:

jonwaves@extra.co.nz

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One Tree Point Road,
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