

## This Month's Speaker

### KATHLEEN HANSEN

Kathleen has been family historian for the 1814 Hansen Family for several decades.

- She has written six books about the family and/or the first European settlement in the Bay of Islands.

The seventh book is at the printers right now and relates the true story of Bert Hansen, the only Kiwi soldier to escape twice from German captivity in WW1.

- She was awarded the Queen's Service Medal in 2016 'for services to historical research'.

- Married to Stan Hansen, a fourth generation member of The First Family, for 61 years. They have 4 children, 6 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

An apartment in Selwyn Village in Pt Chevalier has been their home for the last three years - when they have not been travelling overseas.

Kathleen will speak on:

*RANGIHOUA: Mission Impossible?* This was my sixth book which I self-published in 2014 in time for the bicentenary celebrations in the Bay of Islands. The book itself is a social history of the first two decades of life at the infant settlement established by Rev Samuel Marsden in 1814. *RANGIHOUA* details this history thanks to the help of a private diary written by one of the original three missionaries.

This talk will concentrate on the extraordinary hardships endured by the three missionary wives who helped to establish that first European settlement in the Bay of Islands 25 years before the Treaty of Waitangi.

My husband comes with me to the meetings and looks after the screening of a short film which helps to illustrate the talk in question. Stan, incidentally, is a direct descendant of Thomas Hansen Jnr who accompanied the missionary party to the Bay of Islands in 1814.