

# Clotworthy Family Reunion

**Celebrating 150years in New Zealand**

**7/8 February 2009**

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Newsletter # 2

Greetings fellow family members.

Plans are well in hand for the our **Clotworthy Family Reunion** to be held in Whangarei over Waitangi Weekend **7/8 February 2009**.

The committee have met each month and all have respective tasks and a lot has been achieved.

**The biggest challenge so far has been to ensure that ALL family members know of the gathering.**

Committee members have been allocated branches of the family to make contact with and then its up to those contacted to reach out to their immediate families.

Could we please ask all of you to make a concerted effort in November to encourage as many family members as possible to attend the Reunion.

So please get on the phone, on the email and encourage as many as possible to attend and to **register now**.

**The online Registration Form is to be found on the website**

**[www.clotworthyfamily.co.nz](http://www.clotworthyfamily.co.nz)**

Its interesting to note that we have some overseas cousins attending from as far away as Scotland, and from Australia. The current Sir John Skeffington Clotworthy, who lives in England and manages the original estate in Antrim, has sent his apologies that he cannot attend due to a family commitment at that time, but has sent a letter to be read out at the Reunion. Several family members keep in touch with him and he appreciates the ongoing contact.

The mammoth task of **updating the Clotworthy Family Tree** is underway.

Its up to each and every one of us to do our best and send in the additions to the family.

(Note Descendants of George & William are currently updated to 2004 when the Child Family held its Reunion).

So everyone else please start today and send the information to

[clotworthynz@igrin.co.nz](mailto:clotworthynz@igrin.co.nz) soonest.

**The tender will close on SAT 7th February 2009. Please register your tender now!**

**Programme:**

**SAT 10am 5pm at Forum North.**

An interesting programme has been prepared.

There will be ample time to view the displays and time meet, reacquaint and to reminisce with family members.

Official photographs will be taken.

Refreshments provided will be a buffet luncheon & afternoon tea.

**BBQ 6.30pm at Kiripaka**

Aunt Eme's family – Gwen, Noel, Cherry & Mick – have kindly offered to host a BBQ at their property.

**SUN 10am -3pm at Abbey Caves, Whareora**

An old fashioned Kiwi family picnic – at “Abbey Farm”, Whareora, on the site of the Nathaniel & Amelias homestead. Bring your bacon & egg pies, scones with jam & cream, and other “picnic” treats.

For the energetic and fit there will be tours of the Caves. Of special interest there will be a reinactment of the family arriving on horseback. The children will help to plant the kauri tree.

Transportation will be by private vehicles, however we can organise a bus if this is required.

**Registration Fee:** We are keeping this as low as is practicably possible in order to encourage as many family members to attend – especially the young ones

Adult: \$35 Child 5-11yrs inclusive \$15 and child under 5 is free.

This fee will cover Sat at Forum North – lunch, afternoon tea, and BBQ dinner.

On Sunday the Picnic lunch is BYO.

If you can only attend Sunday then a registration fee of \$5 is payable.

Registration form is on the website. Post cheques to Brian Clotworthy, 77 Bullman Rd, RD1, Okaihau, 0455 Northland

The **commemorative book on the “History & Times of the Clotworthy Family”** is ready for printing.

This very special project has been undertaken by Maire Monson and Shennet Clotworthy.

The cost for this invaluable resource of our ancestry is \$20 and we would ask you to **pre-order now** please by emailing [clotworthynz@igrin.co.nz](mailto:clotworthynz@igrin.co.nz) attention Book order.

Each “branch” of the family is invited to prepare a part of the **Display for Forum North**.

To include, photos, memorabilia and any items of interest. .

The display will be in four sections....

1. The Abbey Caves, Nathaniel & Amelia – any reference in books, letters, newspaper articles, photo, memorabilia etc
2. Previous Reunions – photos etc from 100<sup>th</sup> and 125<sup>th</sup>
3. Brag board – we are a talented lot – lets share it – copies of newspaper & magazine articles etc
4. Each “branch” of the family has a display and a person on hand to answer questions.

Information/ profile(A4) of family members.

Please allocate a family member to be responsible for display material and liase with Cherry .

Copies rather than originals preferred and sent to Cherry at Box 1134, Whangarei, or emailed to

[clotworthynz@igrin.co.nz](mailto:clotworthynz@igrin.co.nz) by 15 January please.

Other snippets....

Thanks to Brian & Barry Clotworthy are arranging for the planting of a commemorative kauri tree (with plaque) at the Abbey Caves.

Thanks to those who have offered to clear the family gravesites and to those who have located some previously lost graves. An information leaflet giving details of places of interest re residences, graves etc will be distributed at the Family Reunion for those who want to visit them.

Examples of what memorabilia is turning up....Amelia’s wedding ring has come to light. A postcard dated 1911 to Master Lewis Munro, The Abbey, Whangarei. A Mr Hunter’s diary describing a visit to the caves in 1882.

Things to do now .....

1. contact your family members and invite them to Register for the Clotworthy Family Reunion
2. Update your branch of the Family Tree
3. Order a copy of the commemorative book
4. Place your bid for the items being tendered
5. And get memorabilia together for the Displays.

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***Tender.....Tender.....Tender.....Tender***  
**Exciting news**

In order to keep the Registration fees to a minimum, the Committee asked for donations by way of offering items that could be offered to family members to bid on by way of a "silent tender" by email.

The committee is extremely delighted to offer to you the opportunity to acquire one of these wonderful donated gifts.....

**Original ink drawing by internationally acclaimed artist Lorene Taurerewa (nee Clotworthy)**

Lorene is based in New York and she describes her drawing as acknowledging the horsemanship of the Clotworthy family. A work of this type by Lorene would fetch \$750 in New York.

We will start the bidding at \$300. The tender will close on 10 December 2008.

**A holiday in Rarotonga!** Beach and palm trees and more. Imagine holidaying in a three bedroom villa with the warm waters of the turquoise lagoon only 20 paces away. That is where one of our cousins, Jolene Bosanquet & her family live (daughter of Kay Bosanquet nee Clotworthy).

The superior villa sleeps six, has two bathrooms, two lounge areas, BBQ, snorkelling gear & kayaks and is located on beautiful Titikaveka beach where snorkelling is superb.

The value of a 7 night stay for six people is \$3500 (airfares not included). Bidding will begin the tender at \$1500.

The tender will close on 10 December 2008

A holiday closer to home.... **Russell House in the beautiful Bay of Islands, Northland.**

This 3 bedroom holiday home nestles on the hillside overlooking historic Russell (Kororareka). The views from Russell House are stunning.

Only a short walk into the village.

This property sleeps six comfortably and is available year round.

The rate for a three night stay is \$1050.

We open the bidding at \$300. The tender will close on 10 December 2008.

To place your bid its really simple.....

Just register the amount you decide to offer by emailing  
[clotworthy@igrin.co.nz](mailto:clotworthy@igrin.co.nz) attention tender