



Monthly Newsletter



HIBISCUS COAST BRANCH

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Our web site -

<https://sites.google.com/site/hibiscuscoastgenealogygroup/home>

MEETINGS: 3rd Tuesday of each month - February to November
2.00 pm at St Chad's Church, Orewa
Convenor: Wendy Inskip
Meeting Convenor: Wendy Fitzpatrick – Daytime Meetings
Secretary: Alison Wesley
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Next Meeting

February 21st 2012 2 pm at St Chads, Orewa

PLEASE NOTE – NO DECEMBER MEETING

A MESSAGE SENT FROM STEPHANIE VAN GAALEN – AUCKLAND
ARCHIVES [Our speaker at last months meeting]

Research guides give an overview of Archives NZ's holdings (and contact details for our offices). Guide 2 "Personal identity" is helpful when starting out.

<http://archives.govt.nz/research/guides>

Lists of records held at Archives NZ are included in our database, Archway

<http://archway.archives.govt.nz>

You can do a simple search, or advanced search [records] to look for files relating to places, buildings, schools, individuals etc. We are happy to talk through searching over the phone, so if you want some assistance give us a ring during the day 09 270 1100 [option 1 - research]. Research enquiries, including quotes for copying or general questions about records, can be sent to

auckland@archives.govt.nz

Digitised shipping lists and some probate files (Nelson and Marlborough) are available via <http://www.familysearch.org>

Seasons greetings
regards, Stephanie



RE: Our meeting at St Chads on Tues 15th November 2011,

We would like to say a **Big Thank You** to the member who deposited a large donation in the box on the trading table,
“How ever”

Our treasurer “Frank” feels this could be a **Mistake** by the member - and maybe a little confused when donating for a book or magazine,

Ring - Treasurer Frank on 424 0999, if you feel the need.



Our very own hard working Christmas Fairies on duty at the last meeting



A note from Wendy Fitzpatrick

We held a small 'thank you' afternoon tea in the Library on Thursday, for our team of library volunteers. I think most of us would agree that we all get something out of it for ourselves, and learn from other researchers. It is a great feeling to get someone started.. 'a *virgin* researcher', so to speak. There are a lot of laughs to be had also!. Please do not be shy about volunteering for next year. No person is expected to know everything! We all know a lot about a little or a little about a lot...and we are volunteers!

We are fortunate in having such co-operation and friendliness from the permanent library staff. Wendy Inskeep, our Chairperson, presented Julie (library manager) with a box of biscuits..morning tea for the staff..with special thanks to her, Donna, Craig (techo) and Chris the cataloguer.

The library staff on Thursday evenings have also been most accommodating to Alison and Maggie Chan.

We must give special thanks to Myra, who has shepherded us through the move and establishment of our Whangaparaoa collection. She has been our mentor and liason person with the library staff...a safe pair of hands. She is now handing over this duty to Maggie Chan, on our committee, keen and knowledgeable...you may know Maggie as the 'jockey lady'. Maggie is researching a book on NZ jockeys..that is how we got to know her..amazing how we can get these people addicted!

So, please contact Levina if you would like to join the volunteer team. (09 4205281). After partaking of a piece of Levina's glorious Christmas cake I propose she should be known as the 'Christmas Cake Lady.' which is much nicer than the way I describe her when she is chasing a clue to your genealogy and won't let go...*dog with bone*. Thank you Levina for your donation of 'grape juice' for the library afternoon tea..

I would like to thank personally all you lovely people who help make our meetings such a joy.

Techo lads Colin and Alan, tea ladies (and gents) supreme Hilda, Bob and Wendy Jenner, meeter/ greeters and raffle sellers, Frank, Kaye, Alison W and Levina (the *fairies* at last meeting), Norman trading table, Cathy and all you generous people for raffle donations and Craig S who tidies and locks up. Then there are all you lovely people who come and support us every month and always willing to share your expertise.

So a Happy Christmas to you all..great researching. Look forward to see you all next year.

(on reading the above I see it could be construed that Frank was one of the *fairies* at the last meeting. This is totally untrue!)

Cheers, Wendy

Our first meeting in the New Year is on February 21st.

The speaker will be Marie Hickey –

“Beginners Guide to Ancestry”



Cottage Meetings this month.

Tuesday 13th December, 10am – 12 noon -

Next meeting of the HBC Legacy User Group, including computer/genealogy related topics.

Ring Alan Jenner 426 4166 or email ajenner@ihug.co.nz for information.

NO COTTAGE MEETING AT SHIRLEY HUNTS THIS MONTH

A SAD MESSAGE -

It is with sadness that we have to tell you of the sudden passing of one of our keen members, Allan Taylor. from Onepu Lane, Manly.

You will remember Allan with his lovely silver hair, always chasing and searching for the link to break down his brick wall.

The committee has sent condolences to his wife Eileen, on behalf of us all. Rest in Peace Allan.



Book Review – from our New Additions Shelf in the library.

Family History on the Net (New Edition 2011/12) - by Colin Waters

Whangaparaoa Library ref: 31728004522726

Reviewed by Maggie Chan

This edition of the Family History on the Net, has hundreds of web sites listed in a user friendly manner. The most up to date lists have been identified and reviewed. With thousands of sites available for family historians, weeding out the gems from the rhinestones can be time consuming and frustrating. 126 pages make up this edition, so it is not full of clutter. The alphabetical subject guide at the front is easy to follow and relevant. While geared towards UK searches, I found the *Archives, Libraries, Collections & Resources (Overseas)* an excellent place for someone seeking information in other areas of the world from Africa to South America. Suggest a must read for beginners, and a great refresher for more confident historians.

This is the web site to go to find out what resources we have available at our area of the Whangaparaoa Library -

<https://sites.google.com/site/hibiscuscoastgenealogygroup/Resources/resources-at-library>



A MESSAGE FROM THE FAR NORTH GENEALOGY GROUP

In common with other groups creating Pioneer Registers, we aim to retrieve and preserve details of the early settlement of our area by collecting data about the pioneers who settled here before 1900. All genealogists and family historians (whether NZSG members or not) who have ancestors who settled in this region are most welcome to participate by contributing their Far North families' details.

For the purposes of the Register, Far North covers the whole area north of an imaginary line drawn from the Hokianga Harbour to the Whangaroa Harbour.

Please find attached the Pioneer Register Form file, and a second file containing the instructions and guidelines for filling out the form.

When sufficient forms have been returned the Branch will create an index to the families for research purposes, and for possible publication at some time in the future. The privacy of contributors will be respected; the original forms will be held securely and will not be publicly accessible.

We would greatly appreciate your assistance in bringing this project to the attention of your membership.

Sincerely

Barbara Wyley

THE PIONEER REGISTER FORM file is two pages – a little too big to attach to this newsletter but the form is available here with the editor and I will be pleased to provide a hard copy or to e-mail a copy to anyone who has ancestors to add to this register.

New - Marriage Finder Tool

TheGenealogist transcribes more fields on census records than any other site, which allows us to offer unique search tools such as the Keyword Master Search.

The 1911 census was the first to record how many years a couple had been married, and we've included this information in our transcripts to create a great new tool that links together the 1911 census with our Marriage Transcripts. As the spouse's name was not recorded on entries prior to 1912, our marriage transcripts search for possible partners by matching up the year, quarter, district, volume and page number.

From the Family View or Household View, the Marriage Finder icon can be seen next to



the View Original Image icon. The links under 'Marriage Status' and 'Years Married' will also activate the Marriage Finder Tool.

The screenshot below shows film director Alfred Hitchcock, age 17, on the London 1911 census with his parents William and Emma Hitchcock.

Research Log	Surname	Forename	Age	Gender	Relation	Marriage Status	Years Married	Occupation	Birth Place	Civil Parish	View Original Image
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hitchcock	William	48	Male	Head	Married	23	Fabronager (Driver)	Leytstone, London	Limehouse	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hitchcock	Emma	46	Female	Wife	Married	23	Assistant In The Business	West Ham, London	Limehouse	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hitchcock	Ellen	18	Female	Daughter	Single	-	Assistant In The Business	Stratford, London	Limehouse	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hitchcock	Alfred	17	Male	Son	-	-	School	Leytstone, London	Limehouse	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Kelbey	Louisa	61	Female	Servant	Widow	-	Cook	Canterbury, Kent	Limehouse	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snow	Ellen	21	Female	Servant	Single	-	Domestic Servant (Housemaid)	Poplar, London	Limehouse	

The Marriage Finder icon is visible on the far right, and clicking this opens up a new window with details of possible marriage entries for the couple. Brides would normally get married in their home parish, and as we can see Emma was born in West Ham. The first entry in the list of marriages is an entry for Emma married in West Ham, and we know that Emma's middle name was Jane, which confirms that this is the correct entry. If you're presented with several possible marriage entries, and you're unsure which is the correct one, you may need to obtain a birth certificate for one of the children listed to confirm the mother's maiden name.

Forename	Surname	Potential Partners	District	Registered
William	Hitchcock	Emma Jane Whelan	West Ham	July - September 1887
William	Hitchcock	Emma Smith	Wapping	April - June 1888
William	Hitchcock	Emma Twitchett	Islington	July - September 1888
William Joseph	Hitchcock	Emma Hale or Emma Hall	Derby	April - June 1887

Not found the correct spouse?
[Expand the search.]

The Marriage Finder window will display new icons on the right, which when selected will allow you to view the original image from the marriage index, view a full 'certificate style' record which you can print out for your own records and a TreeView link, which will allow you to save both the record and/or the individual to your family tree.

“The Genealogist” is a pay to view site we have on our computers at the library.

THIS IS THE LAST NEWSLETTER FOR 2011.

BEST WISHES TO YOU ALL FOR A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND FESTIVE SEASON WE WILL ALL LOOK FORWARD TO GETTING TOGETHER AGAIN IN 2012.

