



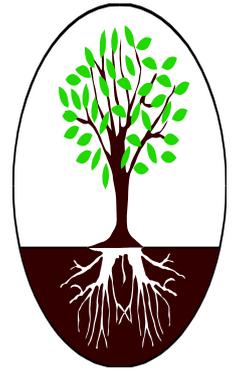
NZSG—CAMBRIDGE BRANCH

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March 2019

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Branch meetings on 2nd Monday of the Month
Feb – Nov room open from 7.00 pm
Venue: Cambridge Health & Community Centre,
22a Taylor St, Cambridge



Scottish Research, Resources & Finds

With Rosalie Nicholson

11 March 2019

7.30 pm @ Cambridge Health & Community Centre

Door fee \$4.00



Convenor Comment:

Hello members,

I hope you enjoyed Sandra Metcalfe's presentation on DNA at our February meeting. I like that she is informal and relaxed and answers questions directly. Wasn't it exciting have two Branch members share about their DNA results?

I will let Stella provide you with information about planned events in **March** – looks like a Scottish-fest! I would encourage everyone to try and attend at least one of these events! Also please note **the Introduction to Genealogy Course** which we plan to run – this is a good refresher for 'old hands' as well as being valuable for those starting family research. Please invite interested friends/neighbours to attend.

Looking forward to your company in March,

Nancy Cooke, Branch Convenor



INTRODUCTION TO FAMILY HISTORY

Where: Room 17 in the Health & Community Centre

When: 14 March 2019

Time: 10.00am

Cost: \$5.00 members \$10.00 non-members

R.S.V.P. to Nancy 827 7359 or Bruce 823 0012

Scottish Guest Speaker Graeme MacKenzie

Graeme MacKenzie, Chairman of the Association of Highland Clans & Societies (of Scotland) and Seanachaidh (historian & genealogist) for Clans MacKenzie and MacMillan will speak at the following places in March

Tracing Your Ancestors in the Highlands of Scotland

NZSG Te Awamutu Branch meeting: Community Room, Te Awamutu Library, Selwyn Lane Wednesday 6 March 2019 – 7pm.

The Cultures and Traditions of the Highland Clans

NZSG Hamilton Branch meeting: Chartwell Co-operating Parish Hall, Cnr Comries and Belmont Avenue, Chartwell, Hamilton Thursday 7 March 2019 – 7.30pm

\$10 door charge for each of these meetings

Carpooling—I'm going to Graeme Mackenzie's talk in Te Awamutu if anyone would like a ride, I'll leave about 6.00– 6.15pm. Contact Stella on 8275036.

AGM – The AGM of NZSG Cambridge Branch will be held on Monday 8 April, 7.30pm, as part of the Branch meeting. Important business for the meeting includes election of officers and committee for the following year, also setting of the annual membership subscription.



NEEDED: Committee members

Please consider volunteering for the committee; it's not too arduous and can be quite fun!

Family History Centres – there is only one open at present.

Hamilton FHC, Sandwich Rd, usual hours: Tues-Friday from 9.30am – 2.30pm and Tues & Thurs nights, 7-9pm.

This is the only one open at present. (Higgins Road FHC, Frankton: closed temporarily. Fosters Rd FHC, Templeview closed for 6 months from January – June 2019 for urgent repairs to the building)..

From NZSG Scottish Waikato Newsletter

FINDING OLD MAPS

There are thousands of sites that provide access to digitised historic maps, many of them free.

Once you've found the region, town, village or street where a relation lived, you can follow the trail back through county, Ordnance Survey (OS), valuation or estate maps.

These can reveal land use and ownership. The most detailed give you the footprint of buildings, small structures and even trees, wells and paths.



🇬🇧 **National Library of Scotland** - <https://maps.nls.uk/>

The [GB1900 Historical Gazetteer](#) is available via the National Library of Scotland's wonderful maps portal. Volunteers created it by extracting all of the textual information from the 1900 six-inch OS maps. It holds about 2.6 million place names from not only towns and villages, but farms, fields, woods, wells, footpaths and windmills.

Meanwhile the wider NLS site has all kinds of maps covering Scotland, the UK and the world, including town plans, county maps, coastal charts, military maps and estate maps. A boundaries viewer helps you check parishes. You can browse the collection by map-maker or place, or view them overlaid on modern maps.

🇬🇧 **Old Maps Online** - www.oldmapsonline.org

This portal grew out of a 2013 project by Swiss company Klokan Technologies and the University of Portsmouth's [Great Britain Historical Geographical Information System](#). The result is this easy-to-use search engine and interactive map that boasts historic digitised maps drawn from collections from all over the world. UK partners include the British Library and the University of Manchester's map collections. The free Old Maps Online app lets you search for an area and view the different maps available.

🇬🇧 **David Rumsey/Google Maps** - <http://rumsey.geogarage.com/>

David Rumsey's site has maps and charts covering the UK as well as North America. The [parent website](#) gives details about the collection's coverage, recent additions and the various websites and apps through which you can explore the material.

If you locate London and select BR Davies' 1843 map, you can change its transparency with a slider, revealing the modern landscape below. It's a great way to explore how streets have developed and buildings come and gone.

🇬🇧 **Griffith's Valuation** - <http://askaboutireland.ie/griffith-valuation/>

A comprehensive valuation of property in Ireland was overseen by Dublin geologist Richard Griffith between 1847 and 1864, listing landholders and householders. This free website is pretty long in the tooth, and there are other places online where you can find the data, but it still has lots going for it.

From the list of results after searching for a surname (you can include a forename too, and specify an area including a Poor Law Union), you can read a transcript of the information, view a scan of the original page, or launch a map view. This opens up an external Google Maps layer, where you can use a transparency slider to switch between 19th and 21st century Ireland.

FINDING OLD MAPS continued

🚩 **Bomb Sites** - <http://bombsight.org/#15/51.5050/-0.0900>

This complete 'bomb census' of the London Blitz has been around for several years now, but certainly warrants a revisit.

You can explore the data in a number of ways, although perhaps the most chilling is simply to zoom out and watch as hundreds then thousands of the little red dots, each one representing a detonation, gradually fill the screen. Click on a dot and more information appears – the type of explosive, the estimated date and the present address.

You can explore contemporary images of the area, or read wartime memories that are drawn from the BBC's oral history project [People's War](#).

🚩 **Places of Wales** - <https://places.library.wales/>

Here you can explore approximately 1,200 digitised tithe maps, covering more than 95 per cent of the Principality.

There are about 300,000 data entries drawn from the maps and accompanying documents. You can search the apportionments by parish, occupier, landowner, farm name or field name, or simply select a county, town or village and explore the material that way.

EARLY NZ HISTORY—

<http://www.nzearlyhistory.com/>

As a project I have developed a genealogical database to try and capture every known instance of Early European contact with New Zealand starting with the speculative arrival of the Portugese explorer Christopher MENDONCA in 1521 and including information through to the end of 1845 when New Zealand had a European population of around 7,000 people. The database now has around 35,000 names. Where known the database includes genealogical data such as parents, spouses, siblings, children etc. See also a comprehensive [time line of NZ History](#).



In the process of gathering data I have established the following databases:

- genealogical [database of names](#) (35,000 names) (also stored on [Rootsweb World Connect](#))
- shipping arrivals and departures from NZ. (pre1846 NZ SAD list) Download Excel File [pre1846shipping](#)
- B D M 's pre 1846 download excel file [pre1846BDM](#)
- Passenger Lists pre 1846. (can supply excel database – [email me](#) but lists also mostly available elsewhere e.g [Denise and Peter's](#) extensive lists and/or [Immigrant Ships to NZ](#))
Tony Christiansen Great Barrier Island New Zealand. NZSG #6143

Canada Records Free Online <http://online.canadiana.ca/>

As of January 1, 2019, all Canadiana content included in Early Canadiana Online, Heritage, and Canadiana Online will be available at no charge to users.



A FEW WEB SITES TO WATCH IN 2019

From <http://www.whodoyouthinkyouaremagazine.com>

Ancestry www.ancestry.com

The *genealogical website* promises a host of new features and updates to its DNA arm in 2019. This includes new regions for UK and Ireland designed to give more detail to people's ethnicity results, plus improved cousin-matching.

Bomber Command Digital Archive <https://ibccdigitalarchive.lincoln.ac.uk/omeka/>

This is a [wonderful tool](#) for anyone researching members of Bomber Command. All of the collections in the centre's digital archive are described at item level, with both oral histories and written documents being transcribed, meaning names, dates and places are fully searchable.

Collections that will be published in 2019 include James Douglas Hudson's letters and prisoner of war newsletters, and Hedley Robert Madgett's letters and diaries written during his pilot training in Canada and on his tour of operations."

British Association for Cemeteries in South Asia <http://www.bacsa.org.uk/>

BACSA is redeveloping its [website](#) to make the most of its growing database of burial records. Visitors will be able to search photographs, burial records and cemetery condition reports.

BACSA is also awaiting some 3,000 photographs of the important Hosur Road Cemetery in Bangalore that will be uploaded to the database.

Deceased Online <http://deceasedonline.com/>

This [ever-growing database](#) of statutory burial and cremation registers has some exciting additions planned for 2019, including Brookwood in Surrey – the 'London Necropolis' is the largest cemetery in the UK.

There will also be a million more burial and cremation records from South London, 750,000 from the Manchester area and 1.5 million from the Midlands.

Dublin Port Archive <https://dublinportarchive.com/>

This [free resource](#) launched in the autumn, giving access to various employee registers and other material dating back to the early 18th century.

The parent collection includes documents, charts, photographs, registers and engineering drawings.

At present you can explore various examples, and there's a searchable database of records from the Dublin Port 'Name Book' containing employees from 1906 to 1914.

Durham's Hidden Depths <http://www.durhamrecordoffice.org.uk/>

The records of the Durham Miners' Association have been catalogued and the data is about to launch with an [index of more than 220,000 entries](#).

There are also 44,077 photographs to view online, some National Coal Board colliery images in the wings, topographical images from the county libraries, and the Durham Light Infantry archives.

2019 Meetings

March—

Saturday 2nd—**NZSG Waikato-BoP Regional meeting** - Cambridge

Wednesday 6th— **Tracing Your Ancestors in the Highlands of Scotland** at Community Room, Te Awamutu Library, Selwyn Lane Te Awamutu 7pm \$10

Thursday 7th— **The Cultures and Traditions of the Highland Clans** at Chartwell Co-operating Parish Hall, Cnr Comries and Belmont Avenue, Chartwell, Hamilton 7.30pm \$10

Monday 11th Branch meeting **Scotland**

Tuesday 12th—**Scottish Interest Group meeting** at 10am at St Andrews Library. Phone (07) 855 3859

Thursday 14th—**Intro to Family History** in Room 17, Health & Community Centre from 10am.

Sunday 31st—Afternoon Walk & Talk around **Kihikihi Cemetery** with Te Awamutu Branch

April—

Monday 8th—**AGM** with "**Albertland—a Special Settlement**" by Nancy C & Nancy D

Friday 12th—**English Poor Law records** Room 17 at 10am



DNA

Health DNA

You can get health reports by upload raw DNA data from the following sites

<https://promethease.com/>
<https://sequencing.com/home>

Cambridge DNA meeting:

We plan to start a DNA support group for Cambridge members. First get together in room 17 on 3rd April

Research Days: March

6th March 10am

21st March 10am

In room 17

Newsletter contributions:

Anyone with family history story or genealogy news that they would like to share with the members, please forward to Stella.

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