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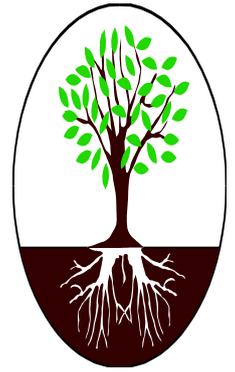
April 2019

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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



 8 April 2019 

2019 AGM

Followed by

“Albertland—A Special Settlement”

By Nancy C and Nancy D

7.30 pm @ Cambridge Health & Community Centre

Door Fee \$4.00

Convenor Comment:

Hello members and friends,

With this newsletter you will receive a copy of the minutes of last year’s AGM. The 2019 AGM will be held on Monday 8 April and last year’s minutes will be confirmed at that meeting. The 2019 AGM will follow a similar format to that of 2018. Please come along, and consider playing a part in our Branch as a committee member. Some present committee members are willing to stand for re-election, and some are not able to do so. If you would like to be involved please arrange for someone to nominate and second you. A written nomination is good, and we will also accept verbal nominations from the floor at the AGM, provided the person nominated has been asked prior and is willing to be nominated.

Now in case this all sounds too formal and boring, I want to let you know that Nancy Davies and I will do a short presentation about Albertland – a special settlement, and best of all we have a special garden raffle organised, so bring extra money if you would like to participate in that.

With best wishes,

Nancy Cooke, current convenor.



Five Golden Rules of Family History

- 1 Begin with known facts and work backwards – checking the validity of each new piece of information against an original record.
- 2 Document your sources at each stage, whether that's a person, or a piece of paper.
- 3 Always keep a record, even if an avenue of research proves to be fruitless – it will stop you making the same mistake again at a later stage.
- 4 Do your own research. Don't assume that information supplied to you by another party is accurate, and always check the authenticity of information you find online.
- 5 Take advantage of others' expertise. When you hit a brick wall, solicit the help of professional organisations, family history societies, specialist publications.

Waitaki District Archive www.culturewaitaki.org.nz/waitaki-district-archive/collections

Oamaru Borough Council Rates 1880 -1920

Oamaru Borough Council Rates 1880 -1920 data has been compiled by volunteers at the Archive from the Oamaru Borough Council rate books. It includes the year, surname, forename, riding, block, section, description and who paid.

[Oamaru Borough Rates 1880-1920 csv file](#)

[Oamaru Borough Rates 1880-1920 excel file](#)

You can find the historic block and section numbers of property in Oamaru using the historic map below:

Plan of the town of Oamaru [electronic resource] / F. Fairburn, assistant surveyor, August 22nd 1860.

http://ndhadeliver.natlib.govt.nz/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pi...



Waitaki County Council Rates 1878-1900

Waitaki County Council Rates 1878-1900 data has been compiled by volunteers at the Archive from the Waitaki County Council rate books. It includes the year, valuation number, riding, surname, forename, Owner, section, block, District, paid by, date of payment and additional notes.

[Waitaki County Council Rates 1878-1900 csv file](#)

[Waitaki County Council Rates 1878-1900 excel file](#)

You can find links to historic maps of Waitaki on our [Maps and Plans page](#) or search for online maps using the National Library of New Zealand's [Cartographic Collection](#).

Our Poor English Ancestors – The old poor laws (pre-1834)

Research and PowerPoint by Stephen Hawke (Victoria Genealogists, Australia)
Presented by Bruce Crook

Saturday 27 April 10am

Cambridge Branch Research Room (Room 17),
CHCC – entry \$4
Coffee and tea



NEEDED: Committee members

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

Because of an NZSG rule change a couple of years ago, committee members do not ALL need to belong to the NZSG. So we would appreciate everyone giving some thought to being available.

New look National Archives of Ireland website

<http://www.nationalarchives.ie/>

Scrolling down its front page brings you to various topics of interest to the family historian, in its **Explore Collections** section:

- ♣ Decade of Centenaries
- ♣ Our Genealogy Website
- ♣ Chief Secretary's Office Registered Papers, 1818-1922
- ♣ Anglo-Irish Treaty, 1921



Welcome. From here, you can search for vessels, organisations, subjects, and people, mentioned in a number of publications currently being indexed by the Museum. Click [New Zealand Maritime Index](#) for general information about the index, including how to obtain copies of articles etc from New Zealand Maritime Museum.

Click [Publications](#) for details of the publications available.

Click [Vessels](#) to search for vessels.

Click [Persons](#) to search for persons.

Click [Descriptors](#) to search for references to articles and news items by Descriptor.

Click [Authors](#) to search NZMI by author.
Database last updated 7th May 2012.

Sharing: A problem shared is a problem halved.

Hit a brick wall? Come and have a chat at one of our meetings and see if others have any suggestions or come to one of our research sessions and have one on one help.

Please share if you have found resources that have helped fill in those gaps in your family so they can be passed on to others.

How to Find Some of the More Obscure Collections of Genealogy Records

Google, DuckDuckGo, Bing, and other search engines are great for finding online databases that are useful to genealogists. However, smaller collections and even obscure ones are not prominently listed in the big search engines. Yet there are a few online listings that can point the way to finding what you seek.

The **Genealogy Roots Blog** at <https://genrootsblog.blogspot.com> contains pointers to many online genealogy databases, records and resources. The focus is on vital records (birth, marriage and death records), obituaries, census records, naturalization records, military records and ship passenger lists. Although the blog is based in the USA, online European, Canadian, and other records sources are sometimes included. You may also occasionally see a fun post or genealogy news. Joe Beine does a great job of adding more and more links as time goes by.

Another huge resource is **Cyndi's List**, available at: <https://www.cyndislist.com>. The site contains roughly 336,000 links to genealogy-related web pages in more than 200 categories. The various categories include many sources online records as well as pointers to newsletters, religious groups, historical information, geography, and much, much more.

Cyndi's List

Cyndi's List is free for everyone to use and is meant to be your starting point when researching online for information in the United States and also in many other countries. Indeed, Cyndi Ingle has labored many thousands of hours since 1996 to produce this huge online resource at <https://www.cyndislist.com>.

I would suggest you check out both the **Genealogy Roots Blog** and **Cyndi's List** to see if they contain information that may help you in your family history searches.

From Eastmans Online Genealogy Newsletter March 22, 2019



News from Cambridge Museum

Kathryn Parsons of Cambridge Museum advised us recently that the Museum holds copies of the magazine "Waikato Pix." These run from June 1963 to November 1988, and many of these magazines have been indexed. Our Branch has been given a copy of the computer-based index created and held by the Museum. Perhaps someone you are researching may be discovered in these magazines!

Membership Subs:

Yearly subs for our Branch will be set at the April 8 AGM, and are due for payment on the 1 May 2019. We look forward to receiving your renewals at that date.

2019 Events

April—

Meeting Night Mon 8th—**AGM** with
“**Albertland—a Special Settlement**” by
Nancy C & Nancy D

Sun 14th—**DNA Day** Michelle Patient in
Te Kuiti

Sat 27th—**English Poor Law Records**
pre 1834

May—

Meeting Night Mon 13th—**Putting people
in their places**

Tues 14th—**Scottish Interest Group** –
Waikato AGM & Talk about Ephemera

June—

Mon 10th Joyce Mattson – **First Families
Collection**

July -

Mon 8th—**The Great Pudding Night**—
Desserts and recipes



DNA

3rd April DNA support Group first
meeting.

10am in room 17 Health & Commu-
nity Centre.

Bring along laptop and questions
wanting answers too.

<https://dnainter.com/> DNA paint-
er provides a user- friendly online
tool for Chromosome mapping

[https://isogg.org/wiki/
Cousin_statistics](https://isogg.org/wiki/Cousin_statistics) It is helpful to
have an understanding of the prob-
abilities of matching cousins at dif-
ferent degrees of relationships
when interpreting the results of an
existing test.

Research Days: April

Thursday 4th and Wednesday 17th from 10.00am

You can also ring a committee member for key to room and to help
with research.

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