



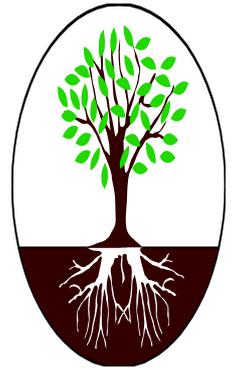
NZSG—CAMBRIDGE BRANCH

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August 2020

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



Convenor Comment:

Hello Branch members and friends,

It was a pleasure to have so many attend last month's meeting in the comfortable surroundings of the Seminar Room. The enthusiasm and the technical ability of Graeme Mathews of MDV Ltd was interesting and inspiring. Since then we have run another "Introduction to Family History Course" to help more people begin their research journey. I have also fielded a number of other inquiries for help recently so I invite members to be willing to assist someone else. It's challenging and rewarding to do so. Best regards

Nancy Cooke, Branch Convenor.



Tuesday 11th August 2020

"How researching buildings can contribute to Family Histories."

Dr Ann McEwan,
Architectural Historian,
sometimes newspaper columnist

7.30pm @ Cambridge Health Centre
Door Fee \$4.00



Research Buddies

Do you want to have someone you can ring for suggestions on finding a problem relative? Or, would you like to be available for someone to ask about their issue? A Research Buddy could be the answer. Following a request at our last monthly meeting we now have a list of four buddies and are looking for more. Please consider offering to be one. The idea is not to do the research yourself, but instead to give confidence to others, perhaps who are just starting on their journey in family history – sometimes called a Rabbit Hole – or to suggest new places for the more experienced to look for that elusive clue. The help can be limited to a particular region, or some other aspect you have experience with. Please say yes to being a Buddy (or asking for a Buddy), and talk to a committee member (list at the end of the newsletter). Many thanks, Bruce.

Some other New Zealand Research Sites

Sooty's Home Page <https://www.sooty.nz/>

Contains over **2110** pages of Genealogical and Historical information and literally 1000s of names. There are a lot of links to information ie NZ Disasters and Tragedies—On Line Memorials and NZ and WW 1 and WW 2

Goldrush Online <https://kaelewis.com/>

The Goldminer's Database—Search over 70, 000 records of goldminers from the goldrushes of New Zealand spanning the years 1861 to 1872

The Thames-Hauraki-Coromandel Research Centre & Archive

<https://thetreasury.org.nz/>

Situated on the Firth of Thames in the historic gold mining town of Thames, The Treasury is an archive and family research centre. It showcases the rich and diverse social and cultural history of the Thames, Coromandel and Hauraki region by collecting the records of our places and our people.

Our Stuff ! Denise & Peters Homepage

<http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~ourstuff/genealogy/>

There is a lot of Early NZ information on this site ie Justice And Jury Lists; NZ War Medal; Register of Barmaids; Shipping lists

Hocken Library Archives <https://www.otago.ac.nz/library/hocken/otago038925.html>

From 18th century recipe books to 21st century digital files, the Hocken's archives collection is the largest held by a New Zealand University. The archives tell stories of early Dunedin, giving first hand insights into events, people and places significant in Otago's history.

Presbyterian Research Centre <https://www.presbyterian.org.nz/archives/>

Our collection documents the life and work of the Presbyterian Church New Zealand. The Presbyterian Research Centre (Archives) is a National Agency of the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand, and it is affiliated with the Hewitson Library.

The Cyclopedia of New Zealand

<http://nzetc.victoria.ac.nz/tm/scholarly/tei-corpus-cyclopedia.html>

The Cyclopedia of New Zealand was published in six volumes between 1897 and 1908 by the Cyclopedia Company Ltd. Each volume deals with a region of New Zealand and includes information on local towns and districts, government departments, individuals, businesses, clubs and societies

G R Macdonald Dictionary of Canterbury Biographies

<https://collection.canterburymuseum.com/explore>

Macdonald Dictionary can be found on the Canterbury museum website.. It is a manuscript card compilation with an alphabetical index of about 22,000 entries on nineteenth century Cantabrians.

Community Archive, National Register of Archives and Manuscripts

<http://thecommunityarchive.org.nz>

The Community Archive, New Zealand's hub for archival collections. Here you will find treasures of our past and present. Contributors range from individuals and small local organisations through to large institutions with nationally-significant collections.



Battle of Britain

10 Jul 1940 - 31 Oct 1940

The Battle of Britain was a military campaign of the Second World War, in which the Royal Air Force defended the United Kingdom against large-scale attacks by Nazi Germany's air force, the Luftwaffe

Battle of Britain Memorial Flight <https://www.raf.mod.uk/>

This RAF website includes information about the Battle of Britain memorial flights and the types of aircraft used.

Battle Britain <http://www.the-battle-of-britain.co.uk/>

A clunky-looking but content-rich site that is dedicated to the “pilots, crew, fitters, ferry pilots, cooks, and all concerned with Fighter Command” during the period. It contains a list of all RAF pilots, pilots and crew by nationality, squadrons and a basic diary.

The National Archives <https://nationalarchives.gov.uk/help-with-your-research/>

TNA's Air Force page lists the key RAF collections now available. Second World War material includes combat reports, which pilots or air gunners filed after operational flights. The reports record date/ time of the combat, squadron of the person submitting the information, type/number of enemy aircraft, losses, plus a detailed narrative.

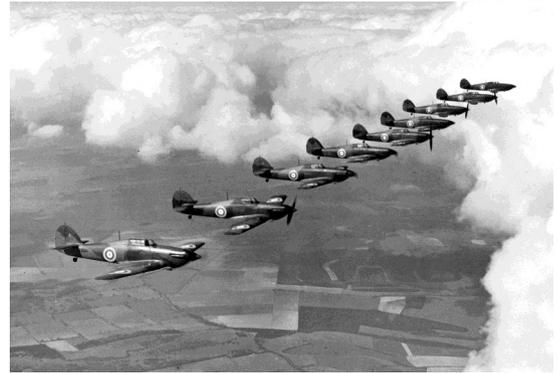
The records are searchable via Discovery. Fields include the name of the author/s of the report, whether pilot (for fighters) or air gunner (for bombers). You can also explore TNA's operations record books, compiled by the Air Ministry.

Battle of Britain Memorial <https://www.battleofbritainmemorial.org/>

This website focuses on the events surrounding the 75th anniversary, and is also the place to explore the Battle of Britain Memorial Wall, which records all recipients of the Battle of Britain Clasp. There are also biographies of a 'Few of the Few', and an 'enthusiasts only' Squadron Logbook section, which features an assortment of in-depth articles.

Battle of Britain Historical Society <https://www.battleofbritain1940.net/>

“The Battle of Britain Historical Society section is more personal and focuses on individuals with a complete list of British, Commonwealth and Allied aircrew that took part, a list of the known surviving participants and stories from the men who flew themselves.”



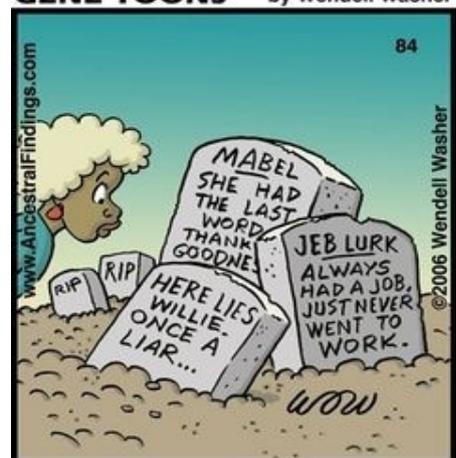
August Object

Can you guess what this object is.



Answer in
September
newsletter

GENE TOONS by Wendell Washer



Epitaphs can reveal
ancestral personalities.



BOOKSHELF!

These books will be on display in Room 17 at our next meeting.

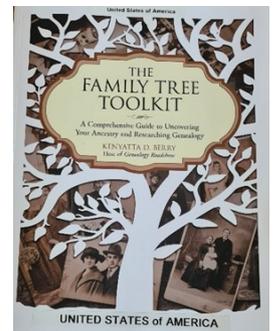
"The First. The Walsh Brothers and the aeroplane days of Edwardian New Zealand." Purchased recently from Paper Plus, Cambridge. My son is an aircraft enthusiast so I thought he would be interested. I read the book although I am not an enthusiast. It contains many unique photographs, nice paper and print quality BUT it also contains too many basic spelling and grammar errors which should have been sorted by good proofreading. I have written to the NZ publishers about this but have had no reply to date. N Cooke

"Restoring with Style - preserving the character of New Zealand houses" by Martin Hill. Found in a local antique shop, this book illustrates house build styles, includes pictures and floor plans, and discusses how alterations can be made in a sympathetic way. Our speaker for August may be interested!

New to our library:

The Family Tree Toolkit by Kenyatta D Berry

A comprehensive guide to uncovering your Ancestry and Researching Genealogy. This book is geared to beginners with American heritage, the author sets out a good research plan on which records to search and in what order.



Family History Expo 2020 is a good day out or weekend away in Auckland, researching Family History , getting lots of hints and information. Find out more on the Auckland Libraries website: <https://www.aucklandlibraries.govt.nz/>

Family History Expo 2020

Classes & workshops, Family & local history, Community & languages

Proudly presented by Auckland Libraries and the Genealogical Computing Group of NZ Society of New Zealand - a weekend-long event covering a wide range of topics related to researching genealogy and family history.



Mt Roskill Library

Friday 7 - Sunday 9 August

Free

SOUTH WAIKATO OPEN DAY

12 SEPTEMBER - Full day

Full day in Tokoroa Fire STATION

with Sandra Metcalfe a knowledgeable and entertaining speaker from Te Awamutu. .

Please reserve date..

9.30 register to begin prompt at 10 am to 3.30pm

Free lunch provided.

\$15.00 with extra – multi raffles for \$ 5.00

Hopefully we will all love a great day of INSPIRATION, COMRADESHIP

Events for 2020

August - Family History Month

7—9 Aug -Family History Expo 2020

Auckland

11 Aug - Ann McEwen “How researching buildings can contribute to Family Histories”

8 Sep - Peter Robinson

12 Sep –South Waikato Open Day in Fire brigade Station with speaker Sandra Metcalfe

Oct—Shelley North Heritage Librarian from Hamilton Libraries ‘Latest Family History Resources at Hamilton Library’

Nov –Christmas

July Object



Answer: It's a marmalade cutter designed in the early 20th century to quickly slice the rind of citrus fruits, typically seville oranges, ready for marmalade making.

Room 17 open in August

from 10.00 am

Thursday: 13th

Wednesday: 26rd

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