



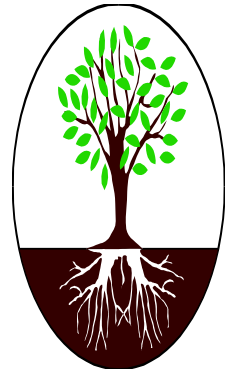
NZSG—CAMBRIDGE BRANCH

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March 2021

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Branch meetings on 2nd Tuesday of the Month at 7.30pm
Feb – Nov room open from 7.00 pm
Venue: Cambridge Health & Community Centre,
22a Taylor St, Cambridge



Hello members and friends,

Much of the enjoyment of family history is through discovery and sharing our success with others. For the February meeting we asked members to bring along their finds and stories to share and we had a good response.

We are always seeking contributions for our newsletters, perhaps your search has hit a brick wall or you're not sure where to look next. Have a chat with one of your buddies to give you some ideas.



Vicki Ellis, Treasurer

Tuesday 9th March 2021

“Genealogy and Archaeology—strange bed-fellows, or a marriage made in heaven?”

speaker David Wilton

David is Thames based family historian and archaeologist and was involved in the establishment of The Treasury.

Meeting starts at 7.30pm in Cambridge Health Centre

Door Fee \$4.00



Our AGM is scheduled for the 13th April and the present committee are hoping members will give serious consideration to joining our team. If interested, please contact a committee member. Nomination form on page four.

AUSTRALIAN CONVICTS

When America gained its independence in 1783, Britain could no longer deport its convicts there.

The First Fleet of convicts for Australia left Portsmouth on 13 May 1787, taking 800 male and female criminals to serve their sentences in New South Wales.

The convict ship "Hougoumont" arrived in Fremantle, Western Australia, in 1868 with 280 convicts on board, this was the last shipment of prisoners ever sent to Australia.



Search British court records for transported convicts records, at locally held quarter sessions, Old Bailey Online www.oldbaileyonline.org and there are various "HO series" criminal registers at the National Archives (TNA) and also available on FindmyPast, The Genealogist, and Ancestry.

Transportation registers were kept in the Home Office, which are now archived as HO11 at TNA, for years 1787 to 1867. The records contain about 123,000 names and have been reproduced in various ways online. [i.e. The Genealogist, FindmyPast & Ancestry].

You can search for free using the State Library of Queensland's database OneSearch <http://onesearch.slq.qld.gov.au>. Type in the name of ancestor and choose 'SWL Family History Indexes' as your option. Each entry usually reveals place and date of sentencing, duration of transportation, date and place of arrival in Australia and name of ship.

From this information you can look for newspaper accounts of trial or associated UK court records.

Convict records <https://convictrecords.com.au/> This website aims to be the most comprehensive, 100% free resource to search for information on Australian convicts. It was established as a hobby website by Steve Thomas, a web developer based on the Gold Coast, Australia.

ConvictRecords.com.au is based on the British Convict transportation register for convicts transported to Australia between 1787-1867.

The University of Wollongong has a free database of everyone transported in the First Fleet of convicts sent to Australia in 1787 <http://firstfleet.uow.edu.au> It includes a biography of each convict describing their profession, age, crime, sentence, and fate where known.

Australian regional archives often have more convict information for example Libraries Tasmania have many free records including description registers and applications to marry <http://familytr.ee/marry>

Using the Trove website <https://trove.nla.gov.au> you may be able to follow your convict after they had completed their sentence, where their new life led them.

Free Settler or Felon <https://www.jenwilletts.com/> Free Settler or Felon is an on-going project gathering details of the lives of people who lived in the Hunter Valley, Newcastle and Central Coast in the early days of settlement. Broadly they are classified by their status on arrival - convict or free.

Female Convicts Research Centre Inc. <https://femaleconvicts.org.au/> The Female Convicts Research Centre promotes interest in the female convicts of Van Diemen's Land (Tasmania), by encouraging and facilitating research. From 1803 to 1853, 13,500 female convicts were transported to Van Diemen's Land (Tasmania), as punishment for crimes, mainly theft. After serving their sentences they were released into the community. Their transportation left a lasting legacy.

From article written by Simon Wills in Family Tree magazine Dec 2020

Member's Interest List Other members may be able to assist you simply by registering where and who you are researching. Have you completed our Branch Member's Interest Form? If you have yet to complete a form, please help us to increase this database. This list will become a valuable research aid for our members as many of us are researching common towns, localities, regions and family names. A few of members interests listed below:

Ann Dunn—Surnames: Hayes, Lancashire, England; Salomon, Cornwall, England; Smith, West Riding Yorkshire, England, Sorenson, Rarup, Denmark

Bruce Crook— Surnames: Crook, Lancashire, England; Marr, Norrison, Yorkshire, England; Marshall, Yorkshire, England

Diane Stevens— Henrickson, Isle of Fyn, Denmark; Jarrott, Surrey, England, King, Essex, Suffolk, England; Newlands, Durham, England & North Ireland; Rutter & Trevor Yorkshire, England.

Jane Lineham—Borgen, Sweden; Clarkson & Foss, NZ, Foss, Cornwall, England.

John Richardson—Bull & Hartland, Hereford, England; McKinnon & Sheriff, NW Yorkshire, England; Nutter & Wrathall, Stafford, England; Townsend, Lancashire, England.

Marcia Baildon—Baildon, Yorkshire, England & NZ; Dowsett, Hampshire & Nottingham, England.

Marjorie McMahon—Atkins, Leicester, England; Campbell & McIntyre, Derry, Nth Ireland; Hamilton, Ayrshire, Scotland

Moria Dale—Gundelach, Germany

What happened a 100 years ago:

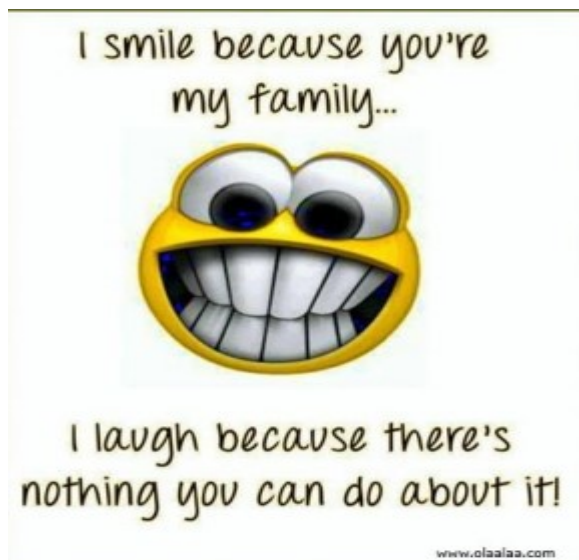
The 1920's was the decade that modern New Zealand came of age. The country shrugged off the gloom of war to embrace the Jazz age.

- ◆ New Zealand's first radio broadcasting began, gramophones and local bands blasted American jazz music and dances.
- ◆ Cinema attendance exploded with 'silent movies'.
- ◆ The Country Women's Institute NZ began in 1921.
- ◆ New Zealand sent its first official national team to the Olympic Games held in Antwerp, Belgium.
- ◆ Pioneer aviator George Colt had delivered New Zealand's first official Airmail delivery.
- ◆ ANZAC Day was observed for the first time on 25 April 1921.



Thanks Vicki Ellis





Occupations

Below is a list of some of the more obscure occupations that you may find on the English Census during your genealogy research. What is the job for the following occupations:

1. Ankle Beater
2. Bloomer
3. Butty
4. Cadger
5. Dey Wife
6. Ewer

The answers will be in the April newsletter. The picture is a clue for one of the occupations.



NZSG Cambridge Branch AGM 2021

AGM 2021 - Will be held at the April meeting, 13 April at 7.30pm. To appoint branch officers and committee members, to consider financial and other reports, and any general business. Please consider being involved in the branch organisation and its activities too.

Nomination form: Cambridge Genealogy Branch NZSG



Person Nominated: _____

Nominee's signature: _____

Nominated by: _____

Seconded by: _____ Date: _____

New Zealand Websites

Archives NZ—Archway www.archway.archives.govt.nz Archway has some downloads other than WWI records, like some probates; Prisoners Description ; Books 1880-1908; Miscellaneous - Register of Persons Naturalised in New Zealand before 1948 ; Immigration & shipping records.

Auckland Museum Online Cenotaph - <https://www.aucklandmuseum.com/war-memorial/online-cenotaph> Online Cenotaph is a digital social space where you can share and contribute to the records of those who served for Aotearoa New Zealand

Soldiers of Empire—<http://www.soldiersofempire.nz/> a database of soldiers who served in the New Zealand Land Wars 1860-1870

Polish History New Zealand <https://polishhistorynewzealand.org/>

Stories or Tales to Tell

Do you have a story to share with members through the newsletter? If so please send to Stella for inclusion in the newsletter.

Room 17 from 10am

Open for March

Thursday 11th
Wednesday 24th

Events for 2021

9 Mar— The Treasury Thames—speaker David Wilton

11 Mar— Scottish Interest Group

20 Mar—Regional Meeting Te Awamutu

13 Apr—AGM with “A Blast from the Past—on the trail of Ivy” presented by Nancy Cooke

11 May— to be confirmed

13 Aug to 15 Aug –Auckland Family History Expo

20 Aug–22 Aug—Christchurch Family History Expo

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