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**Next Meeting**  
**6 September 2016-**  
**Tuesday 7pm -**  
**NZSG Video Presentation by Robyn Williams**

## Report of August Meeting

A large number of members were present to hear Sandy Cleary who arrived looking fabulous in a costume relevant to the early times in Dunedin. She was an entertaining speaker with suggestions and solutions for family research, photos, treasures and antiques.

**Declutter** your home. Send rubbish to the tip. Don't wait until you die. Valuable items could be lost for ever.

**Remove photos from harmful albums** and place in acid free albums., name where, when, and who. Sort through the boxes of photos, albums and name them all.

**Sort memorabilia** and give anything to your children or extended family, Give those items to them now.

**Use non flash photography** to record the covers of important books to go into your will.

**Talk** to your children to see who wants what items and to let them know how important these solutions are to you. Send them copies of the document contain the pictures so they choose what to be responsible for

**Extended family members** – if your children do not wish to take over as the Family Archivist, look to your cousins and their children.

**Check items of local and national significance** listed in your Will and check those which still have no name beside them and make a decisions who will receive them after talking to your family again. Consider historical institutions too.

**Itemize** toanga / treasures to go to local or national collections.

**Make a database** of your items which are of local or national significance. Send cops to the local repositories and universities advising them you are happy for people to view for research

**DO IT NOW!**

Sandy's second paper was on the paupers graves in the Northern cemetery; the babies and people who were buried there, plus the extra bodies who were buried on top of said babies and paupers. Sandy is very happy to assist you with identifying where your paupers are buried

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## Family Tree Maker Lives On

Ancestry announced this week that it has sold the popular Family Tree Maker software program to a company called *Software MacKiev*.

This is a bit of an about-face by Ancestry who announced in December 2015 that they were going to retire the popular Family Tree Maker program.

Now it looks like the software will have a new life under a different company. Apparently, this will mean regular software updates and new versions in the future. The program will also continue to have access to Ancestry functionality like hints, searches and the ability to store your family tree on Ancestry. This recent announcement buys some time for Family Tree Maker users.

However, I am not convinced that it would be a good idea to remain with this software program over the longer term. Clearly Ancestry is getting out of the desktop software business. If you are a current user of Family Tree Maker, you might also want to seriously think about your options going forward.

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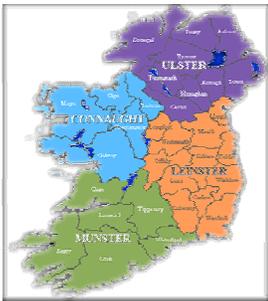
## How many Norfolk records????

[Findmypast](#) claim to have 4.6 million records from Norfolk parish registers, [Ancestry](#) have about 8 million, and [The](#)

[Genealogist](#) have around 10 million.

Well, if you have Norfolk ancestors it's a no-brainer – you use the site that has the most records. Or do you? In reality the three sites all have the same records, they just count them differently! I guess it's 'normal for Norfolk' .....

*Tip: the Findmypast link above leads to a list of their Norfolk records by event and by parish, so if you want to compare one site with another it's a good place to start.*



## Church of Ireland parish registers

Last year the National Archive of Ireland made available online Catholic parish registers for the whole of Ireland, and earlier this year indexed transcriptions

of these registers went online at Findmypast and other sites

Now the Church of Ireland has made available a detailed list of parish registers showing which have survived, and - most importantly - where they are held.

<https://beta.ireland.anglican.org/about/rcb-library/online-parish-records>.

In addition, a small number of registers have been transcribed and indexed

<http://ireland.anglican.org/about/151>.

*Note: the Church of Ireland website is in the process of being updated, and the information can currently only be found on their beta site –*

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**Positive anything is better than negative nothing**

## BOY IMMIGRANTS TO NEW ZEALAND 1911 THE SEDGWICK

Christine Clement's website has many varied and excellent articles. *You may remember Christine held a day seminar at James Cumming wing. Genealogists emerged from the wood work to hear her presentations.*

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~sooty/>

She has listed the approximate 100 boys with birth, birth place, parents, army records, 1891,1901 & 1911 census's, death etc in a comprehensive data base.

## Websites

Maps Wester Lethnot [www.ancestor.abel.co.uk](http://www.ancestor.abel.co.uk)

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## Be Aware



If you have written a Family book on your computer and plan to upgrade to Microsoft 10, it is vital you save the original file in a PDF file/s. Version 10 will change your format and page numbers. Placement of photographs will be altered...

**Southland Times Death scrapbook January 2016 – September 2016 is now on the shelf**

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Take DNA tests in order to extend your family tree and fill in the gaps where written records are unavailable, or hard to find.

Don't take a test because you want to know whether you have Viking ancestors – because we all do!

(maybe in UK)

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NZSG membership- 5616 – lost 360 in last 12 months. Subs are to be increased **What else is new?** A new NZSG CD is to be released in 2017- Early Settlers 1830-1860 for the Auckland and far north area.



## Over 250,000 images of London online

<http://collage.cityoflondon.gov.uk/home> an online collaboration between the London Metropolitan Archives and the Guildhall Art Gallery, showcases over a quarter of a million photographs and other images of London. They can be searched by street, thematically, or by using keywords such as 'workhouse' or 'laundry' – use the Advanced Search if you're not getting the results you want from a simple keyword search.

These chosen by the *Guardian* newspaper will help whet your appetite

[www.theguardian.com/cities/gallery/2016/aug/02/how-london-was-built-tower-bridge-southbank-in-pictures](http://www.theguardian.com/cities/gallery/2016/aug/02/how-london-was-built-tower-bridge-southbank-in-pictures)

## Top Tips for Tracing Women

- You can search for a woman by both married and maiden name in 1939 Register
- If you can't find a woman's name in the historical newspapers, she could be described as someone's daughter or wife
- 1912 – the year mother's maiden names started being recorded for civil registration in England & Wales

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If you tested on FamilyTreeDNA, have you made use of their new tool whereby they mark your matches by "side", ie mother's or father's ancestry? Links and info available at:

<http://dnasurnames.blogspot.com/2016/07/dividing-up-your-atdna-matches-just-got.html>

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Up to now Findmypast haven't added many Scottish records to their vast collection – possibly because they have also been operating the ScotlandsPeople site on behalf of the Scottish

government. Now that their contract is coming to an end they're probably in a better position to compete without there being a conflict of interest.

**Why Facebook?** Facebook provides another avenue for you to make contact with other genealogists and share your research problems and discoveries. It is a bit like Ancestry Message Boards, for example, but has all the bells and whistles of a modern social network. If you are already a Facebook user, branching out to use it for genealogical research is a simple step. If you are not currently a Facebook user, the first important point is that you must have a Facebook account before you can start. Go to <https://www.facebook.com> and create an account.

### Pages vs Groups

When you create a Facebook account, you will have a standard personal Facebook Page. This is where you attract all your Friends, Post messages and Share photos. However, beyond that Page, Facebook has a whole other world populated with Facebook Groups that connect people with a common interest. Currently for genealogy alone there are over 10,000 active Groups. Katherine Willson curates an indexed list of known genealogy Groups at <https://socialmediagenealogy.com/genealogy-on-facebook-list/> Having found a genealogy Group of interest, you can join that Group by clicking on the Group's "Join" button.

Groups come in one of 3 types:

**Public.** Anyone can join, but even without joining, all of the Posts, Files etc. are visible. Joining is necessary for adding Posts and taking part in discussions.

**Closed.** You request to join, and your request is mediated by an administrator. Once approved, you will be able to see and participate in the Group. Without joining, all you will see is the description of the Group's purpose, and its members.

**Secret.** The Group's existence is visible only to its members, and entry to the Group is by invitation only. Both Public and Closed Groups have a description that provides information on the Group's purpose and guidelines for its use. This will help you decide whether to join the Group or not.

Groups provide a great way to network with other genealogists around the world. You can make friends, learn from one another and expand your genealogical horizons, all from the comfort of your home. When you join a Group you will receive assistance, get an insight into how people research, see how to brainstorm for alternative explanations, discover additional places to find information or documents, and much more. The next best thing to a face to face conversation!

### Tips for using a Facebook Group

- First, check your Facebook privacy settings – use Facebook so that it benefits you, rather than embarrasses you!

- Check the Files section, as there will often be useful documents and tools in there.

- When posting a message to ask for assistance with a research problem or transcription keep it to **one** question. State what you do know already, and where you have searched. State person's full name, BDM dates and, if known, wife /children and where they came from. If showing a picture, state where it came from and any other details. Make your inquiry engaging so people want to read it, and then want to help you.
- When posting a surname always write that in upper case.
- Never, ever share 'living person data'.
- "Close" your thread once you get an answer.
- Don't hijack someone else's thread by asking your own unrelated questions on someone else's post. This can lead the thread off the original topic, which is not fair to the original poster. Also, your question will probably not get the attention it deserves because it is buried in someone else's post.
- Do not post the same request simultaneously to different groups or pages.
- Be polite! Treat others as you want to be treated. "Please" and "Thank you" are the two most important phrases in your genealogy requests.

Donna was also approached by Radio NZ's Lynn Freeman wanted to do a programme on using social media to research family history. Donna Bridgeman did a great job and shared some valuable information to would-be researchers. If you missed it first time around, the programme can be heard on the Radio NZ website by using this link: [http://www.radionz.co.nz/audio/player?audio\\_id=201812084](http://www.radionz.co.nz/audio/player?audio_id=201812084)

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Donna Bridgeman has provided the following links to face book sites giving additional information.

<http://youngandsavvygenealogists.blogspot.co.nz>  
<http://cyndislist.blogspot.co.nz/2010/04/uses-for-facebook-in-genealogy.html>  
<http://www.storygenes.com/using-facebook-for-genealogy> <http://www.wikihow.com/Use-Facebook-to-Research-Your-Family-Tree>  
<http://auntbarbspapers.blogspot.co.nz/2015/01/as-king-for-help-right-way.html>  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dLFbyG3UY9U> Facebook for Genealogists by Thomas MacEntee <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a-n8O5mSFvE> Quick Tip #1: Genealogy Facebook Groups  
<http://blogs.ancestry.com/ancestry/2012/10/09/using-facebook-to-grow-your-family-tree/>

*Thanks to Kapiti branch & Donna*

## How To: Electronic scratch pads

The two generic, ie not genealogy specific, tools discussed at the July meeting were OneNote and Evernote.

Both have free versions, both are "in the cloud" and allow synchronisation between devices, eg desktop, tablet/ipad, phone, so you take your notes with you. OneNote is from Microsoft, and is probably already on your computer if you have Windows 8 or 10. Evernote is more independent.

Explore and choose which meets your needs.

Why I like Evernote: (not necessarily a recommendation over OneNote, I simply haven't used the latter)

Ability to encrypt selected text (which I use to keep password hints)

ability to see my notes on whichever computer, wherever

Great dumping ground of info found and to be processed later, easily found again via search

The notebook/notes structure keeps me vaguely organised, certainly more so than bits of paper all over my desk

Check out their blog for the hint shown on the right.

[\(https://blog.evernote.com/\)](https://blog.evernote.com/)

*Many thanks to Kapiti Branch & Lorna McIntosh*

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### Gore NZSG Branch Programme

- October 4th:** Noeline Shaw. Writing her 8th book.
- November 1st:** Jocelyn Grace. Her story.
- December 6th:** Xmas Get Together. To be advised.
- February 7th:** Research.
- March 7th:** Visit to Tapanui.- Wilma Brock speaker.
- April 4th:** ANZAC Aaron Horrell. To be confirmed.
- May 2nd:** AGM
- June 6th:** Research.