



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Hibiscus Coast Branch

April 2019



From the Convener ...

As I sit down to write this, I am feeling quite elated as my daughter has rung and said that she has started reading the 'Dysart' book I wrote about my family. What is more, she was enjoying it and learning a lot and, also, she was interested in visiting the places she had never been to that were mentioned in the story. Certainly, she made my day.

I have recently been working on trying to sort out some of my DNA matches but making no great discoveries there I de-



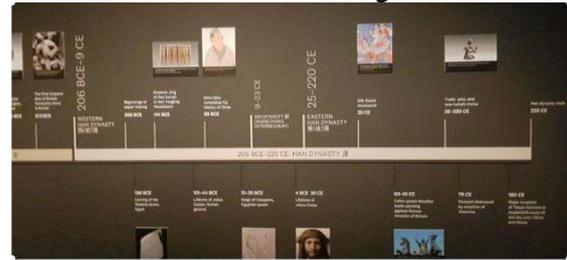
ecided to return to researching my husband's family in Scotland. I found that *Findmypast* is marking the 260th anniversary of the birth of Robbie Burns, the national poet of Scotland, with the release of almost 700,000 new Scottish records. With *Findmypast* available free at the library, checking there will be on my list 'to do'.

I have quite a few names and dates now for this Dunn family but need to look at a good map to understand if they moved parishes or just walked to another close by, as some of these parishes seem to be very small, some only a mile across. *Scotland's People* have some very good maps on the free page when you first go into the site.

I need to also continue to add to the timeline for GGrandfather, Lauchlan Dunn, with more social history and family happenings. I have already found on my timeline

that Lauchlan left home after his parents died, which was something I had not noticed on the family tree. I now need more social history to understand why he went to the other side of the country, why he did not continue as a blacksmith but became a sawyer, amongst the other questions I have.

I have just been to visit the Terracotta Warriors and found the timeline there most useful for getting well known world events into chronological order.



Timelines are a very useful tool when you are trying to write a story and for not wasting precious time searching in an area they have already left. One census I wondered why a family were back in the village where he was born when they had moved away and found work elsewhere. The timeline then showed me that his father had just died, and they were back there for that reason.

Our current wall display at the Library has a timeline for WW1 which would be a most useful tool when researching a soldier so that you could put his war record and medical record into some order to make a story of his war.

I am sorry to have missed the first couple of meetings this year, and the cake! But I look forward to catching up with you all at the next meeting.

Wendy Inskeep NZSG4698

**Next Branch Meeting at St Chads Church,
117 Centreway Road on Tuesday 16 April 2019
2 – 4 pm**

Speaker for April

"Let's start at the very beginning, A very good place to start" sang Julie Andrews and this month Seonaid Lewis, Family Historian Librarian with the Auckland City Council Library, will be leading us through how to navigate Ancestry and Findmypast. At times when you are just starting out or when you have had a hiatus from a website a refresher is a wonderful place to start. Join Seonaid for an informative afternoon learning how to navigate the public library's free family history sites.

Last month's Speaker ...

Megan Thompson gave us an incredibly detailed study on the Life and Times of twin brothers Thomas and Edmund Handy in the 17th century, the twins being Megan's 12x great uncles. They lived at Malmesbury in Wiltshire, near the Cotswolds, a town renowned for its massive abbey. The 17th century was a time of great change and upheaval. There was the Civil War in 1642, followed by Cromwell and the Puritans, who destroyed many church interiors. However, marriages were now conducted by civil authorities and not the church, giving much more detail.

John Handy and his wife Jane had four sons, the first two being Edmond and Thomas, baptised in 1629. Megan was able to find baptismal and burial records, but no marriages. She showed us that a lot of information can be gleaned from documents such as wills, probate, and tax records. Edmond was the "inn holder" (not an alehouse) of the Griffin, and was reasonably well off. An 1830 map shows Griffin Alley with the Inn on either side. An inventory of Edmond's time included 7 bedrooms and 15 beds, a shop and brew house, and two cellars with an ample stock of beer and wine. It must have had a lot of fireplaces, because in 1662 a Hearth Tax of 18/- a month was imposed. Megan showed photos of the buildings and alley as they are today. One shop, now a florist, has original timbers that go back to the 1600's.

Edmond had trade tokens stamped with a Griffin image on one side and his name. Unusually his wife Elizabeth was also included. Women in the 17th century tended to be invisible - a wife could not own property until 1870 – it was her husbands. However, unmarried women were allowed to own property. Edmond died in 1669 age 40.

Not so much is known about Thomas. Megan found a ledger stone (an inscribed tomb stone) with Thomas Handy on it in the floor of what is now the tea shop of the Abbey. It appears that Thomas married three times, losing wives and sons on the way. In 1670, His father John Handy was not very happy with him and writes in a will that "Thomas, to whom much has been given already" owed £120. When Thomas died in 1698, the record shows "Burial of Thomas Handy, a poor man of Burton Hill". Gambling was rife in the 17th century; could this have been the problem?

Megan showed us how naming convention (son given grandfather's name etc.) can help find relatives, and not to ignore extended family documents. They can often mention a name you are looking for. Megan concluded with a gallery of photos of the Abbey, much of which fell down over the years, leaving only the nave. *Thanks Megan, a very enjoyable talk.*
David Knell



Malmesbury Abbey



Sample of Griffiths Trade Tokens

AGM

Annual General Meeting

Our Annual General Meeting will be on the 21st of May 2019. Any Business for the AGM needs to be received one month prior to the meeting (21st April 2019). If you would like to join our Committee, please speak to one of the Committee members at the next Branch Meeting or contact us by Email at HibiscusCoast@genealogy.org.nz Meeting Starts at 1.30pm

Beginners Course 2019

On the 11 & 18 of March, John, & Lyn Curtis and some helpers held a Genealogy 'Beginners Course' in the Pohutakawa Room at Whangaparaoa Library from 10am to 12 pm. The first morning course covered constructing a pedigree chart, learning how to find Births, Marriages and Deaths from the various countries records and explain the importance of verifying the data. In the second session they looked at the various computer programs to enter and store a family tree. They also looked at the databases that the library has to offer and how to navigate them in the library and My Heritage from home. We explained the resources available in our Genealogy Area in the Library and the good reasons for joining our group. There has been positive feedback from the people who attended the course.

Updates from the Branch

Subscription Renewals 2019

Thank you all who have paid your annual subscription prior to the 1st of April deadline. You can continue to make your annual subscription online through your online-banking into our account number and use your name in the reference area. Frank Shelmerdine (Treasurer) will forward a receipt for your subs when he has received the money. ***Fees and Bank details are at the end of the newsletter.***

Library Duty at Whangaparaoa Library April

April 2019 Calendar			
Irish Help	1	Mon	Greg Murphy & Norman Ashton
	3	Wed	Shirley Hunt & Eileen Austin & Alison Cairns
Legacy	4	Thu	Alan Jenner & MeganThompson
	6	Sat	Wendy Inskeep & Ros Cunningham
	8	Mon	Sally Corbell & Ann Viscoe
	10	Wed	Alison Wesley & Bob Howard
	11	Thu	Peter Hill Brenda & Mick Munford
FamilySearch	13	Sat	Maggie Chan & Joy Todd
	15	Mon	Lyn Curtis & John Curtis
Branch Meeting	16	Tue	St Chads, Orewa 2-4pm. Speaker: Seonaid Lewis
	17	Wed	Wendy Fitzpatrick & Wendy Jenner
	18	Thu	Kate Ellis
	20	Sat	Wendy Inskeep
	22	Mon	David Knell Brenda & Mick Munford
	24	Wed	Sandi Halling
ANZAC DAY -	25	Thu	PUBLIC HOLIDAY - LIBRARY CLOSED
Scotland Help	27	Sat	Margaret Pool

Orewa Library	28	Sun	Veronica Storey - DNA 1-3.00 pm
	29	Mon	Margaret Pool
Sandra's Cottage Group	30	Tue	86 The Circle, Manly at 9.30am
Evening Meeting			Pohutukawa Room, Library 7.00 pm

Volunteers for Library Duty

There will be a 'Librarian Induction/Refresher Morning' in the genealogy area (Wednesday, April 3, 10-12pm) Please attend if you are a duty librarian and feel like reacquainting yourself with our library area. If you are interested in becoming a library volunteer, we have spaces available and this is the time to find out how much fun you can have being a library volunteer.

Transcribing

John Curtis was kind enough to share this writing chart with the Committee at the last meeting. Sometimes the letters of the past do no resemble the alphabet as we know it.

Congratulations

February winners of the raffle at our Branch Meeting were Kathy Hill and Cathy Brehmer. In March, Merilyn Morrow and Diane Shearer were the lucky recipients.

Abbreviations' of Names

What is in a Name? Looking for **Andrew** or **Andre** then you might find (And or Andw). Looking for **James**? See (Jas) not to be confused

with Jason! **Jeremiah** is likely to be (Jere, Jerh & Jer). **Elizabeth** is shortened to (Elis, Eliz, Eliza or Elizth) and watch out for **Thomas** (Tho, Thos, Ths).

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Welcome to the Branch

A warm welcome to the branch those new members who have joined in the last month. We look forward to meeting you in the coming months and getting to know you better.

2019/2020 Membership Subscriptions **Single subscription \$25 Joint subscription \$35**

Preferred Payment option

Bank transfer to ASB 12-3046-0188698-00

Reference: Your Name(s)

Any non-member reading this who would like to join our Branch can do so by filing out a form on our website. Single membership \$25, Joint membership \$35
<https://sites.google.com/view/hbcgenealogy/about-us/online-membership-form>

Or

Collect a form in the Genealogy area of the library and hand it to a volunteer on duty.

Last Word from the Editor ...



I don't normally get to leave home and travel due to my vertigo but I undertook a road trip with my son and while he enjoyed the Eminem concert, I made a bee line for Archives Wellington. I did go with high expectations and like many before me was bitterly disappointed that the information I was hoping to find was for the wrong person of the same name. However I did find some additional information about my Great Grandfather for which I am grateful. I will no doubt return there and when I do I will endeavour to glean more than on this trip. I also battled the crowds visiting Te Papa to see the Terracotta Warriors. (Wendy and I did not end up there on the same day), but I too was entranced by the timeline at the display. I'm a strong



Terracotta Warrior

believer in timelines and find them visually easier to follow than a page of historical data. I loved the warriors and found them dusty but interesting and crafted with great skill. I was looking at their faces and marvelled at the individuality of the carved replicas. I do wish they had one restored figure on display that would have been



Restored Terracotta figures

amazing as they only describe the colours which were found faded on the figures. I found an image of how they would have looked at the time of the Emperors burial. Stunning!!!

Maggie C

Our Branch Page at NZSG

<https://www.genealogy.org.nz/HibiscusCoast69.aspx>

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