



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Hibiscus Coast Branch

July 2019



From the Convenor ...

There always seems to be so much happening each month and there is a lot more coming up over the next two months. But first, thank you to all our wonderful committee for standing again at our AGM. You all do such a great job of keeping our Branch so active.

This month we have a Beginners Course with John & Lyn, and a School holiday programme at the Library where we will be looking for volunteers to help the students one on one.

I received my NZSG magazine with its interesting articles and what a surprise to open it and spot a familiar face. There was a lovely photo of one of our newer, but very experienced members, Sandi Halling, in a photo of the past Convenors of the Warkworth Branch. Several of the Warkworth ladies used to come down to meetings on the Hibiscus Coast before starting their own Branch 30 years ago, so we have always had ties with them.

Recently I found a Scottish soldier discharged in 1880 with a small pension in my husband's family tree and wondered where he had been stationed. 'Fold3' had a free weekend so I tried a look up there and was pleasantly surprised to find a very full record for him which was much like the ones we get for our WW1 soldiers. Evidently this web site is available at the LDS in Sunset Road so could be worth a look if you have a UK

soldier. <https://www.fold3.com/> Browse Military Records by War- [Revolutionary War](#), [War of 1812](#), [Mexican American and Early Indian War](#), [Civil War](#) [Spanish-American War](#), [World War I](#), [World War II](#), [Korean War](#), [Vietnam War](#), [Recent Wars](#), [Non-military](#)

Our DNA meetings with Veronica are also leading me into spending time sorting out my matches, (I only wish I had a few more close matches to help me over my brick wall.) At our last month's afternoon meeting she showed us how to sort the matches using different colours for different branches. It is great to see some of those who have had their DNA tested now coming along to get help in building a 'tree'. Of course, we wish everyone had a tree! Another one of our newer members Wendy Paton (Yes, another Wendy!) also showed us a site that will do it for you.

At the Expo in August Jason Reeve is going to update us on further forthcoming changes they are making in Ancestry. So something to look forward to there along with all the other overseas guests.

Enjoy your searching



42nd Highland Regiment

Wendy Inskeep NZSG4698

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

Speakers for July

This month we have Professor Graham Wake is speaking to us about "Researching Nancy Wake" Nancy a resistance fighter in World War II was known as the 'White Mouse' and was at one time listed as the Gestapo's most wanted person. Born in Wellington but having lived in Australia and the UK, France was the place Nancy found love and focus for her work. Come and hear all about this amazing woman and why she never gave up her NZ passport?



As if one Speaker a month is not enough

Wendy Fitzpatrick has arranged with Michelle Patient to do a talk for us about brick walls. This will be held at St Chads on the Tuesday 23rd July 2pm. (The week following our Branch Meeting) Everyone is welcome.



Last Month's Speaker

We were privileged to have two speakers from Family Search this month (June) – Diane Hooper and Maria Good. The theme was to introduce new comers to Family Search and update us on changes that have come about over the last few months.

Diane started by giving an overview of the home page. Everything on Family Search is free, but you have to open an account by accessing <https://www.familysearch.org> first.



Family Tree Search Memories Indexing

The home page has four tabs: Family Tree, Search, Memories, Indexing. On the right side is a window that offers you Recommended Tasks and Recent Research.

Family Tree is where you can build your personal tree, and attach it to the LDS world wide tree. There are several options. If you go tree/fan chart it will generate even more options.

Search gives you the catalogue of genealogical materials (including books, online materials, microfilm, microfiche, and publications) made available by Family Search online and in libraries and centres worldwide.

The Memories Gallery is a place where all of the photos, stories, documents,

and audio recordings that you add to Family Search are collected. An exciting new addition.

Indexing. This is where you can help connect families by typing up historical document for publication. Includes How-To's, Tips, and Tools for sharing the new indexing tool.

Maria followed by an in-depth review of the Search function. Click on Search/Records/Research by Location/Find a Collection, then for example, Probate, will bring up Probate records world wide. Another useful one could be NZ Passenger Lists.

Research By Location

Click an area of the world to start researching in a specific location.



Find a Collection

Researching within a specific collection? Find it here.

Collection Title

[New Zealand, Archives New Zealand, Probate Records, 1843-1998](#)

If you go Search/Catalogue, you can view digitized film and fiche that was previously available by mail order. Most are available online, others require a visit to the Family History Centre.

If you need any help, contact Diane or Maria at the Sunset Road Centre. They are a gold mine of information. Thank you for your engaging presentation.

Written by David Knell

On the 2nd Saturday of every month, Maggie Chan is on duty at the Whangaparaoa Library and is available to help with FamilySearch queries. Marcus and Tuire Manuel local family history consultants with the LDS church will also be available at the same time.

Updates from the Branch

Beginners Course

John and Lyn Curtis have a Beginners Course commencing in July. Held on two consecutive Monday mornings between 10am and 12pm. Starting Monday 8th July followed by Monday 15th July in the Pohutukawa Room, at the Whangaparaoa Library. Numbers are limited so please get in early if you want a place. This course is perfect for people who have no experience in Genealogy. Contact John and Lyn on john@curtis.co.nz for more details. We have 5 spaces left!!

School Holiday Workshop

Wendy Inskip has organised a Genealogy workshop for Children on Tuesday 9th July from 10am till 12pm as this is when school holidays fall. We have had a number of volunteers already offer to help with this activity, so coming off last year's successful venture 2019 looks to be full of promise. Next newsletter will have an update of the activity.

DNA at Orewa Library

Veronica Storey, an Orewa librarian who is also a NZSG member, takes monthly DNA meetings which have become very popular. There are now two sessions. One in the morning (10-11.30am) and one in the afternoon (1-3pm) Next gather is the 28th of July. It would help if you let Veronica know which session you are attending and you can do this by emailing her at veronica.storey@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz Sorry it was posted incorrectly and is in fact held on the 4th Sunday each month.

Welcome to the Branch

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

Hermione Gracie had the most amazing cake for her 90th Birthday. The cake had family pictures on a tree that was befitting a Family Historian such as Hermione. Congratulations again Hermione



August is Family History Month

The Auckland Family History Expo 2019 will be held Friday 9 August to Sunday 11 August 2019 at the Fickling Convention Centre [1], 546 Mt Albert Rd, Three Kings.

There are some amazing speakers coming. It has been suggested that if members are heading down to Auckland to the AFHE then people might be interested in car pooling. Interested parties can chat at the next Branch Meeting and organise rides. <https://www.aucklandlibraries.govt.nz/Pages/family-history-expo.aspx>

Auckland Libraries also have Heritage Talks every month. Check out what's happening in July at <https://www.aucklandlibraries.govt.nz/pages/event.aspx?eventid=6443> Michelle Patient discusses DNA.

Library Duty at Whangaparaoa Library

Library Duty Roster: July

Hours 10 – Noon (Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Irish Interests 1 Duty: Greg Murphy Norman Ashton	2	3	4 Alan Duty: Jenner MeganThompson	5	6 Duty: Wendy Inskeep Ros Cunningham	7
8	9	10	11 Legacy Group	12	13 FamilySearch & NZ	14
Duty: ★ Ann Viscoe Sally Corbel Judy Lilley	★	Duty: Alison Wesley Bob Howard	Duty: Peter Hill Brenda & Mick Munford Legacy Group - Pohutukawa Room 10am - 12 pm		Duty: Maggie Chan Joy Todd	
15	16 Branch Meeting	17	18	19	20	21
Duty: Lyn & John Curtis ★	★ St Chads, Orewa. 2.00 - 4pm Speaker: Professor Graham Wake	Duty: Wendy Fitzpatrick Wendy Jenner	Duty: Kate Ellis Dick Mogridge		Duty: Wendy Inskeep Jan Rawley	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 OREWA LIB
Duty: David Knell Brenda & Mick Munford	★	Duty: Sandi Halling	Duty: Paula Denison Shirley Wills		Duty: Margaret Pool	Veronia Storey - DNA 10am - 11.30am DNA 1-3pm
29	30 COTTAGE GROUPS	31				30
Duty: Margaret Pool	Sandra's Cottage Group 9.30am 86 The Circle, Manly.	Duty: Levina Cuthbert	Duty: Paula Denison Mary De Boer		Duty: Wendy Fitzpatrick	



8th & 15 July Beginners Course (held over two Mondays)
9th July School Holiday workshop
23rd July Michelle Patient – Brick Walls (St Chads 2pm)



A Weekend with Kerry Farmer

Hosted by the NZSG Scottish Interest Group
at the Family Research Centre
159 Queens Road, Panmure



The Programme

Friday 12 July 4.00pm-6.00pm (with cake and coffee) \$10.00

- I've done my DNA test, what's next

Saturday 13 July \$30.00 for the day

- Scottish births, marriages and deaths (10.30am-12 noon)
- Records by place (1.00pm-2.30pm)

Sunday 14 July. \$30.00 for the day

- Scottish Poor (10.30am-12 noon)
- Other Online Scottish Resources (1.00pm-2.30pm)

Booking is essential as there are a limited number of seats (50).

All bookings are made in the shop on the NZSG website

www.genealogy.org.nz There are no bookings taken at the FRC.

Last Word from the Editor ...



In the last month I have had my family from Australia return home for a visit. It was lovely to spend time with them and to catch up on the grandchildren's achievements. I am now sufficiently proficient in LEGO to build a racing car or a dolls house (depending on the grandchild and the need) I needed to be as proficient in building my grandchildren's family tree as I was in lego so started asking lots of questions. It was a story that touched my heart. Hayley's parents were from El Salvador. A country that has been wracked with civil unrest. Her father was an educated man (which was enough to make him a target)

but with his education and wealth, he was always fearing the worst from crime gangs and those involved in the civil unrest. On receiving a phone call to advise him that a hit squad was on their way to his compound, he had a few minutes to grab what he could carry and take his wife and baby son to the airport. He had a choice of three countries to depart for. The USA, Canada or Australia. He chose Australia as he thought being the furthestest away, they wouldn't try to follow him there. It made me stop and think about the price of family and what was happening in the lives of my ancestors to make them buy a ticket on a boat and sail across the ocean to this area of the world? I'm hoping none of you had hit squads chasing your ancestors, however it still leaves the question – Why did they leave?

Maggie C



Genealogy

Beginners Course

Had a DNA test & want to find your family? Learn how to start your family tree and find your ancestors.

Monday 8 July & Monday 15 July

10am to 12pm in the Pohutakawa Room

Whangaparaoa Library

Spaces Limited Book Now

Phone John Curtis 09 4242903, 021903303

Email john@curtis.co.nz

Recent Bereavement

The committee and friends in the branch would like to take time to extend our condolences to Kathy Hill on the passing of her father William Robert Hill (Bob). Bob was 92 years old and after the passing of his wife Pat, Kathy took on the role of his main caregiver. Bob would accompany Kathy to many of our Branch meetings and had time to chat to anyone. He will be missed by the branch members and we'd like to let Kathy and her siblings know we are thinking of them.



Our Branch Page at NZSG

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

Our website

<https://sites.google.com/view/hbcgenealogy/home>

[Email: HibiscusCoast@genealogy.org.nz](mailto:HibiscusCoast@genealogy.org.nz)

Branch Information & Responsibilities

Meetings: 3rd Tuesday of each month - Feb to Nov
2.00 pm at St Chad's Church, Orewa

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