

**NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY OF GENEALOGISTS**

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MEETINGS are held at Marlborough Park Hall, Chartwell Ave. Glenfield.

Day Meetings: 1pm – 3-30pm: First Monday of the month, February to December

Night Meetings: 7-30pm– 9.30pm: Third Tuesday of the month February to November



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**North Shore Branch Resource Room** at Marlborough Park Hall is open on Wednesday and Friday from 1pm – 3pm.

**On Monday meeting days** it will open at 12-30pm:

**On Tuesday meeting nights** it will open at 6-45pm

Hello to all Members and Visitors

Those members who missed the evening meeting missed a treat – there were 13 of us there and we all thoroughly enjoyed it. We all had a query and there were lots of answers from various sources, the main answer being the NZSG. If you do not know look in your magazine, and see all the collections that are available through the NZSG. My thanks go to all who were there and those who could not make it through genuine reasons, I am sorry you missed a good night – we will have another in the 1<sup>st</sup> half of 2010.

If you read the notice board you will see what is going on or you could go onto the NZSG website and see what is happening there. I think the Auckland City Libraries LOCK-IN is next month, check with Karen at Auckland City Library. Also the newsletters from other NZSG Branches are in the Resource Room and you can find a lot of useful info from those. Even if you think your families were not in those areas you will be surprised at just where your families went, either alone or took the whole family. Hence, in the school rolls pupils were only registered for a short while and then their destination was Home as Dad had found another job somewhere else.

Pukekohe Branch is endeavouring to progress the Franklin Pioneer Register, started by the Franklin Historical Society. If you have ancestors who lived in Franklin prior to 1900, contact Val Gillanders email [valgillanders@ihug.co.nz](mailto:valgillanders@ihug.co.nz).

Monday the 21<sup>st</sup> September was the trip to Panmure there were 12 of us and we all had a good time – we went by car and there were three available so we were not crammed in.

‘When neighbors anger at a plea, an’ just as wud as wud can be, How easy can the barley-bree Cement the quarrel! It’s aye the cheapest lawyer’s fee, To taste the barrel – “Scotch Drink” by Burns’

*Leone*

Branch Convenor

## SPEAKERS CALENDER



### 5<sup>th</sup> October 2009 – Day Meeting

Speaker – Kate de Courcy

Subject – Manuscript Collections at Auckland City Library

### 20<sup>th</sup> October 2009 – Night Meeting

**RESEARCH EVENING.....**

North Shore Branch Resources and some from Panmure

**We will have the NZ Gazettes on computer at this meeting.**

### 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2009 – Day Meeting

Speaker – Jan Gow

Subject – “Pot Pourri of new things”

### 17<sup>th</sup> November – Night Meeting

**FINAL NIGHT GET-TOGETHER**

“Spying on the past.....”

What event would you like to spy on?

- family, local, national event, and why?

**All Members, Volunteers, Helpers and Visitors please come for a festive evening.**

**Please bring a plate.**



## FROM THE LIBRARY

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Our condolences to our secretary Di Ross whose husband Don passed away on 19<sup>th</sup> September after a very long illness. Our thoughts are with you Di.

**PRACTICAL FAMILY HISTORY  
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**New records added to Irish Genealogical Online Record Search System**

The Irish Family History Foundation is pleased to announce the availability of the records of **Derry ~ Londonderry Genealogy** covering the parishes and districts of **County Derry** on its Online Research Service (ORS). This adds another **0.8 million** more baptismal, birth, death, marriage, and census records to our online database. The total number of records now searchable online is **16.2 million**.

Just go to the following site and login using your existing IFHF login details.  
<http://derry.brsgenealogy.com>

Remember that you can purchase and spend your credit at any of the IFHF online centres.

Please check out our [interactive map](#) to see which county genealogy centres have data available online.

If you have any questions please check our [FAQ](#), the list of SOURCES available online for each county and the SAMPLES of the type of records available; if this does not provide an answer, then do not hesitate to contact us. Please note that all queries will be answered in rotation.

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**PLEASE NOTE: Starting times for meetings – Day meetings 1pm and night meetings 7-30pm. Please arrive with time to check in before the meeting starts.**

### From A Settler's Wife (Auckland, 1850-52)

By Frances Southwell [*Shal[le George]*, from *Dickens, Charles (ed.), Household Words, London, 6 March 1852.*

At last, after a weary voyage of four months and fourteen days, the welcome sight of land repaid us for all our troubles. We reached Auckland, our destined home, the seat of Government, and the capital of New Zealand, on the 17th December [1850, on the *Sir Edward Paget*].

Having had contrary winds almost from the North Cape, and making way only by what the sailors call a "long leg and a short one," a fair wind now sprang up within a mile of the harbour. It was early morning, and the commencement of a day such as only shines upon the South Seas. We sailed into a capacious basin, indented with numerous tiny bays. The forelands jutting out on these were clothed down to the water's edge with verdure. On five of the bays, its wooden houses stretching up gentle hills, the town of Auckland is seated. Behind it rise Mount Eden and Mount Albert, and in front, on the north shore, are Mounts Victoria and Rangitoto. Excellently situated, between two seas, possessing a magnificent harbour, one could already descry in its scarcely defined streets, in its half-erected buildings, ever in progress, the childhood of one of those princely commercial cities whose names reach to the end of the earth. Even as we entered, the harbour was studded with ships, American whalers, brigantines from California, (with which country New Zealand carries on a prosperous and increasing trade), merchantmen from Sydney and Hobart Town, schooners from the south, several English vessels with the innumerable coasters, studded the unruffled waters, which, twenty years ago, were almost unknown to Europeans. Several shore boats came out to meet us, gaily decorated with flags in their sterns.

We had, on landing, but a damp reception. There is no wharf, nothing but a jetty, thrown out by one of the principal hotels. It was low water, and we could not land at this, so we were obliged to disembark at a reef, in which adventure I nearly took seisin of my new country, as William the Norman did of England, by measuring my length upon it. Bands of Sappers and Miners are now driving piles for a wharf, and emigrants. Going to one of the inns, we had breakfast of pork chops, coffee, and other delicacies, for eighteen-pence each.

We then sailed forth, and hired a small house, containing three rooms, at five shillings a-week, to be paid, the landlady emphatically said, "every Saturday night." The lodgings were furnished, and our first meal was a farce, at which, although we were the actors in it, we laughed heartily. Our tea equipage consisted of an inverted tub, with a towel over the bottom, for a table, a couple of basins, and a "hook-pot," with plenty of new bread and fresh butter; the unimaginable deliciousness of which, none but long sea-voyagers wot of. A rocking-chair fell to my lot, and a crazy box supported my spouse; yet I doubt it ever tea were more thoroughly enjoyed than ours was that night.

(To be continued)