

## 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**COMMITTEE****Convenor**

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**North Shore Branch Resource Room** at

Marlborough Park Hall is open on

Wednesday and Friday from 1pm – 3pm.

Third Wednesday of the month 7pm till 9pm

**On Monday meeting days** it will open at 12-30pm:**On Tuesday meeting nights** it will open at 6-45pm

Kia Katou,

I hope those who went to the NZSG Family History Fair and AGM in Hamilton enjoyed themselves and had fun. I went to the AGM only which was OK as Raewyn Nevin one of our branch members got herself elected onto the council – but otherwise I thought it dull and boring, Fees have gone up \$3.00. I would like to thank Pam Hamlyn who gave me a cup of coffee before I headed home – it was pitch black on the Waikato Expressway and I was pleased to get onto the Northern Motorway where there were lots of lights. There were quite a few from the North Shore Branch there - Dennise went on the Saturday and said everything was going along fine; most things were very busy during that day.

Our speaker Michael Wynd could not make the evening meeting – so Robert Barnes filled in for us and I would like to Thank him very much for doing that. If you go onto the FamNet site you will be able to read the very first eletter from FamNet – Robert has a lot of things going on and he has 2 branches, Kapiti and Whangarei have gone with him. I like his forward thinking and saw that Kapiti has their calendar for the year on the web. Robert is trying to get North Shore to join and it has to be discussed. If we do then our emails about meetings and our newsletter can go out via his site. There are other plus's but they have to go before the committee and agonised over.

Another event was the talk by Christine Clement about Ancestry and what is new etc. To me it is all new and there were lots of places on Ancestry's site that I have not even thought of going. Christine was at the FHF, I do not know how many of our members went to hear her – but there were an awful lot at Orewa. I think they said there were 114 or 140 people there and I think they all went for the Raffle which was a year's subscription to Ancestry.com.

In September we have the North Shore Heritage week coming up, thoughts on this for our branch will be gratefully received.

*“Even if we are occupied with important things and even if we attain honour or fall into misfortune, still let us remember how good it once was here, when we were all together, united by a good and a kind feeling which makes us perhaps better than we are.” Fyodor Dostoyevsky*

Leone Bronlund

Convenor North Shore Branch

## SPEAKERS CALENDER



### **2<sup>nd</sup> August 2010 – Day Meeting**

Speaker – Fletcher Clague-Christian  
Subject – What's in a name?

### **17<sup>th</sup> August 2010 – Night Meeting**

Speaker – Peter Nash  
Subject – The Hillsborough Cemetery, It's history,  
A guided tour and some of it's inhabitants.

### **6<sup>th</sup> September 2010 – Day Meeting**

#### **RESEARCH**

See what the resources hold for you!!

### **21<sup>st</sup> September 2010 – night meeting**

Speaker – awaiting confirmation  
Subject ?



## FROM THE LIBRARY

### **NEW IN THE LIBRARY**

Auckland City Archives – some indexes  
The Lister Story – 40 years of the North Shore Presbyterian Hospital Trust  
The Local Historian's Encyclopedia – by John Richardson  
Land Records – Understanding old documents  
Shipping Records in New Zealand

### **DUNEDIN FAMILY HISTORY GROUP**

**June 2010**

New from Colonial CD Books – page 2  
The story of Wakatipu – page 3  
Newspapers online – page 4  
Otago & Southland's newspapers – page 5  
Georgetown – page 7  
Royal Navy & Coastguard records – page 9  
The telephone in Dunedin – page 10  
Scottish terminology – page 11

### **PRACTICAL FAMILY HISTORY**

**July 2010**

Fighting the flames – page 12  
How to find your missing ancestor – page 20  
Web resources for Passenger lists – page 32  
Gaslight and Greasepaint – page 46  
The Guinea Pig Club – page 54  
Scotch churches in England – page 58  
Patriotism in song and verse – page 68  
Free online data – page 74  
A tale of two wives – page 78

**DUNEDIN FAMILY HISTORY GROUP  
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Around the World – page 2  
 Fortrose; school names 1876-1905 – page 4  
 Fortrose cemetery with names – page 5  
 Clues to reading Old English Records – page 7  
 Gabriels Gully 150<sup>th</sup> update – page 8  
 M.V. Holmgren foundered 1959 – page 9  
 So where was Evans Flat? – page 10

**BRANCH NEWSLETTERS FOR JULY**

Kilbirnie branch  
 Hutt Valley  
 Dunedin Family History Group.

**FAMILY TREE MAGAZINE  
August 2010**

House Histories – page 12  
 A Pioneering Nurse – page 16  
 Lloyd's Register of Shipping – page 20  
 Understanding Ireland – page 31  
 Birth of the early British Colonies – page 38  
 The Country Doctor – page 42  
 Civilian prisoners of war – page 46  
 The Quaker Library – page 58  
 Lynmouth flood disaster – page 60  
 Ancestors under a cloud – page 72  
 Baby-buying mystery – page 80

You can view photos held by many large institutions, e.g. National Library of Scotland and the Library of Congress at -

<http://www.flickr.com/commons>

Click on "Participating Institutions" to view their collections. (from Pam Hamlyn)

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## Wills and probate digitisation project

The contract has been signed, the volunteers are in, and the wills and probates digitisation project is set to start.

At the end of last month (April 2010), Archives New Zealand's Acting Chief Executive Greg Goulding signed the contract to digitise Archives' wills and probates (estate documents that go with wills) records.

This digitisation will be completed by FamilySearch volunteers Lupe Pulu and Marlene Van Cleave from the USA, Ditchburn from New Zealand.

Project Manager, Sarah McClintock says, "through digitisation (making electronic copies of documents and upload online search engine, Archway) the accessibility of this rich source of information will be greatly increased.

"There are 300,000 probates in our Wellington office alone, with the earliest record from the 1840s. The other benefit is delicate records such as those early probates will no longer have to be handled, and so will be better preserved,"

This is a department-wide project, with the wills and probates files held in the Auckland, Christchurch and Dunedin also. The project is expected to take five years to complete.

<http://archives.govt.nz/about/publications-media/nga-tapu-wae-may-2010/wills-and-pro...> 3/06/2010

## Early settlers heritage lives on

John and Anne Hall (below) lived with their ten children in High Road, Mayfield from 1900 to 1913. The family steel business operated from Newton initially before moving to Freeman's Bay.



Pictured below are Fred Wheeler, Eric Monteith, George Hall and Tom Forrest - four of the 'boys' farewelled in the Mission Hall on 9 October 1915.



Thanks to Mr Hall of Glenfield Historic Society for this information

Frederick and Helen Wheeler (son Fred is pictured above) made the voyage from London to New Plymouth with their 4-year old son, George, in 1888. After a short period in Taranaki they travelled to Auckland. A few months on the family moved to Mayfield and purchased a property in Manuka Road, about 200 metres from the intersection with Glenfield Road. Manuka Road at that stage was no more than an unnamed clay track. The original 5-acre property was expanded to nearer 10 with pine trees planted on the southern and western boundaries. In later years Manuka Road, once called Wheeler's Road, was rough metal as far as the end of the Wheeler property, then furrowed clay up the hill towards Bayview Road and beyond to Hellyers Creek.

The Hall family's farmlet in High Road was opposite Oruamo Domain, about where the entrance to Woodcote Drive is now located. Hall Bros. Ltd derived from the original company of J Hall & Son, Bolt and Rivet Manufacturers and General Ironworking. The business made a wide range of steelwork for electric power reticulation throughout New Zealand, as well as bridge-building steelwork.

John's parents, along with a brother and two sisters arrived in Auckland in 1882. John and his wife, Anne, arrived in Auckland with their 10 children and lived in High Road, Mayfield from 1900 to 1913.

At least six of the younger children attended Mayfield School for varying periods.

In 1913, the family moved to a substantial home at the top of Onewa Road, Birkenhead.

While in High Road, however, the family lived without telephone, electric power, a water supply or sewerage. Roding was basic, just clay or rough metal. Motorised transport was non-existent and medical facilities were very limited. Communication, even between those only a mile or two away, was by postcard and Freeman's Post Office, located at the top of Kaipatiki Road, handled many thousands of these.

Social life tended to be localised and it was inevitable that most romances linked local families. Members of the Hall family married into several other well-known North Shore families including the Wilsons, Forrests, Wheelers, Hadfields and Runciemans.

Why waste your money looking up your family tree?  
Just go into politics and your opponents will do it for you! *Mark Twain*

What the next generation will value most  
is not what we owned, but the evidence of who we were  
and the tales of how we loved.  
In the end, it's the family stories that are worth the storage. *Ellen Goodman*

A man who thinks too much about his ancestors  
is like a potato – the best part of him is underground. *Henry S F Coope*

Nothing is so soothing to our self-esteem  
as to find our bad traits in our forebears.  
It seems to absolve us. *Van Wyck Brooks*