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[pamogier@ihug.co.nz](mailto:pamogier@ihug.co.nz)**NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY OF GENEALOGISTS****NEWSLETTER** Volume 17, Issue 9, October 2012**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**North Shore Branch Resource Room** at Marlborough Park Hall is open on  
Wednesday from 1pm – 3pm.**On Monday meeting days** it will open at 12-30pm:**On Tuesday meeting nights** it will open at 6-45pm**MEETINGS CALENDAR****Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2012 – Day Meeting****Speaker:** Rose Young – Curator of History**Subject:** “Family Stories from the Auckland War Memorial Museum”

Rose will give a Power Point presentation regarding the history practice in Museum, and the significance of personal and family stories in researching, interpreting and presenting objects.

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2012 – Evening Meeting****Speaker:** Jack Maddox**Subject:** “CMT – Compulsory Military Training”Jack Maddox, Member of this Branch, returns to give a Power Point presentation on CMT. A published author of “I’m in the Army Now”, he was in the 19<sup>th</sup> Intake (1956), Papakura, and possesses the NZ Govt issued CMT Medal. Jack will describe the history behind the formation of NZ military service, including Army, Airforce and Navy the re-invoke and disbandment of National Service. Jack was appointed Sgt in 2006 when he founded the Auckland Branch of CMT. From the inaugural meeting at Pt Chev’ RSA nine responded to the ‘call-up’ from National HQ in Christchurch and became founder members. The membership today is around 175.

Comaraderie amongst the ‘good-Kiwi-bloke’ is alive and well, roll up to monthly meetings, attend ANZAC Parades and visit places of interest.

Never seen before memorabilia will be on display and some of his CMT mates will attend and assist with question time.

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2012 – Day Meeting****Speaker:** Raewyn Nevin**Subject:** “Seeking My Swedish Roots”

Raewyn will give a Power Point presentation showing how she started her research with Ancestry and then went to Sweden to see where her family lived and to find out about her Swedish Army ancestors.

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2012 – Evening Meeting****FINAL NIGHT GET-TOGETHER****What is this? Something Out of the Ordinary – Bring and Tell.**

All Welcome to a Festive Evening

**Please bring a plate.**

## AT THE BRANCH LIBRARY

### Dunedin Family History Group – Sept Newsletter

Life in the Workhouse and understanding Poor Law (writeup of August group meeting) – page 3  
Lawrence - Cemetery, school, War Memorial and local history – pages 5 - 10  
DVDs and publications for sale – page 10  
Seacliff War Memorial (names) – page 11  
Blast from the Past – Railway accident – page 13  
A Scottish Father publication launch – page 14

### Kilbirnie Branch NZSG – Sept Newsletter

#### Hutt Valley Branch NZSG – Sept Newsletter

Includes Website [www.portstories.co.nz](http://www.portstories.co.nz) This is an interesting account by people of Port Ahuriri in Napier – its history, people etc. “Voices of Ahuriri” can be heard on this website. (from Hawkes Bay Twig Aug 2012) – page 6  
Accessing Probates online – page 7

#### Wellington Branch NZSG – Sept Newsletter

23,000 New Warwickshire Parish Records and 5,774 new Surrey Parish Records have been added to [www.findmypast](http://www.findmypast)  
Wellington Historical & early Settlers Asscn. – new book tracking 100 years of this association – now available to purchase – page 2.  
One of Bath’s oldest houses – the home of the “Sally Lunn Bun” -- page 5

## FAMILY TREE MAGAZINE

### OCTOBER 2012

Making the key sources work for you – page 16  
Keeping good records – page 26  
19<sup>th</sup> century history – passports please – page 36  
The Life & Times of David Spence – page 42  
Kings of the iron road – page 50  
Why we are like we are – page 56  
Ireland’s Presbyterians & Methodists – page 62

## DONATIONS TO THE RESOURCE ROOM

### (Further reminder)

We have very limited space for additional material in the library.

Please ask the Librarian before you bring in any extra material. We will then check the catalogue to see if we have the books you are offering. If we already have these books or they are not considered suitable for our collection we will offer them for sale to our members. The sale of such material helps our Branch funds.

Some words and explanations extracted from “*The Oxford Companion to Family and Local History*” edited by David Hey

**Farthing** A quarter penny. Until 1279 it was formed by cutting a penny into four quarters. The farthing ceased to be legal tender in 1956.

**Florin** A gold coin minted by Edward the third (r.1327-77) worth 6 shillings or 6s 8d. The name also given to various Continental gold coins. A silver coin first minted 1849, worth 2 shillings.

**Groat** A coin in circulation between 1351 and 1662, worth 4 pence.

**Guinea** A coin introduced in 1663 and named after the Guinea Coast of Africa, from where gold was obtained for minting. Initially valued at 20 shillings, from 1717 it was valued at 21 shillings. The last guineas were struck in 1813, but the fashion for charging fees in guineas remained until the introduction of decimal coins.

**Shilling** A silver coin introduced in 1504 bearing the portrait of Henry V11, and at first known as the testoon. It was worth twelve old pence; 20 shillings were worth £1.

**Dorse** The reverse side of a sheet of paper or parchment. Any writing on that side endorsed the document.

**Firebote** The right to remove wood from the commons for fuel.

**Espousal** A betrothal, which until the 17<sup>th</sup> century was considered almost as valid as marriage. This practice sometimes explains why a child was baptised less than nine months after marriage.

**Hearth Penny** A payment made by the owners of a house with a fireplace to the minister of a parish on Maundy Thursday; also known as a smoke penny.

**Majority, age at** Before 1870 many marriage certificates did not record the ages of bride and groom, but simply noted that a person was ‘of full age’. This did not imply an age of at least 21, for some registrars took ‘full age’ to mean the age of consent, which itself was variable until it was fixed at 16 in 1929.

**Masons’ marks** Each mason had his own distinctive mark to indicate which stones he had dressed. Marks are of a variety of simple designs usually about two inches long. Registers of marks were probably kept by masons’ guilds; some were passed down from father to son. It is thought that marks were made so that a supervisor could check workmanship and keep an account of what payment was owed.

**Niece** Until the 17<sup>th</sup> Century this word was used in a wider sense than the ‘daughter of a brother or sister’ to mean either a male or female descendant or younger relative.

**Nephew** Before 18<sup>th</sup> century simply meant a descendant or kinsman.

**Son-in-law** The term was often used to mean ‘step-son’. A son-in-law as we know it was usually referred to as ‘son’.. The same custom applied with Daughter-in-law.

## WHERE IT ALL BEGAN.....

This records the Inaugural Meeting of this Branch which was held just thirty-four years ago.

RESULTS OF INAUGURAL MEETING FOR PROPOSED NORTH SHORE GROUP  
OF THE NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY OF GENEALOGISTS INCORPORATED MEETING

HELD ON 19 SEPTEMBER 1978 AT RECREATION HALL,  
TAKAPUNA

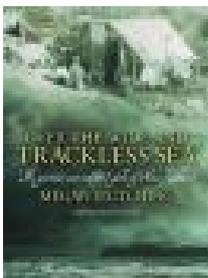
OFFICERS ELECTED:	Name	Membership No.
Chairperson:	✓ J. MacDonald	1270
Secretary:	K.M. Lumsden	681
Treasurer	✓ K.M. Lumsden	681
Committee: (Maximum of 6)		
	✓ K. Slattery	1018
	✓ J. Frost	1778
	✓ G. Wedge	1822

Other members present at this meeting:

✓ K. Guthrie	358
✓ B. Purton	1368
✓ S. Bowmast	1502
✓ S.K. Speight	1286
✓ S. Speight	1286
✓ J. Duncomb	1199
✓ J. Wallis	1437
✓ B. Burrows	552
✓ R. Boggs	1682
✓ T. Philson	1877
✓ M. Philson	1877
✓ R. Rees	1883
✓ S. McGill	1698
✓ C. McArthur	1472
✓ A.B. Cutler	388
✓ J. Dickens	1810
✓ D. Davies	1292
✓ W. Davies	1292
✓ P. Adair	501
✓ G. Thompson	251
✓ C. Hood	1470
✓ M.C. Rowe	677
✓ P. McArtney	373
✓ B. Anderson	1155
✓ L. Marshall	1

Was a Local Subscription discussed  Yes

Was an amount fixed and if so how much 0.50c (To be reviewed in six months time)



This Book by MEGAN HUTCHING is available in the Non-Fiction section of Takapuna and most other North Shore Libraries  
**OVER THE WIDE AND TRACKLESS SEA**

*The Pioneer Women and Girls of New Zealand*

Through her research acclaimed historian Megan Hutching brings to life the lives of 11 pioneer women and girls who came to New Zealand to build new and better lives. This book gives an insight into these women's lives; leaving everything familiar to endure a long and arduous sea voyage and on arrival in the new colony suffering a harsh existence filled with natural disasters and personal tragedies.

## AUCKLAND LIBRARY LUNCHTIME SERIES

To book your place for any of these sessions  
phone (09) 307 7771 or [book online](#)  
<http://www.aucklandcitylibraries.com/whatson/familyhistory/series.aspx>

### Auckland Council's Heritage Research Resources

**Wednesday 3 October, noon**

Event co-occurring with the [Auckland Council Heritage Festival](#) (29 September - 14 October).

Come & hear René, Auckland Council's heritage researcher, speak about Council research resources such as the Cultural Heritage Inventory (CHI) and current local history research projects.

### Australian Research with Michelle Patient

**Wednesday 17 October, noon**

Around a quarter of Kiwis have Australian ancestors, and many more have branches of their family who have moved across the ditch.

Michelle will explore a range of resources to help those wanting to find out more about those family connections. Come and hear the current president of the NZ Society of Genealogists share her knowledge.

**Speaker bio:** Researching her family since 1994, Michelle has spoken to various community and work-related groups since the 1970's and is a Ryerson Index volunteer and a member of the NZSG, SAG and GOONS. As well as helping with New Zealand's Family History Fair since May 2010, Michelle (aka patientgenie) currently writes the column "Genie and the Net" for the New Zealand Society of Genealogists magazine "The New Zealand Genealogist" and is their Facebook Administrator.

### .Jan Gow Shows You How

**Wednesday 31 October, noon**

Genealogist, tutor, author and lecturer at local, national and international levels (plus genealogy cruise ships) since 1985, Jan Gow QSM has a wealth of knowledge to share with you.

**Speaker bio:** Jan has served on the APG Board and the New Zealand Society of Genealogists as treasurer and president. Owner of Beehive Books (since 1987) and Hooked on Genealogy Tours (since 1992), each year preparing and escorting genealogists to Salt Lake City and the UK. Awarded the AFFHO (Australasian Federation of Family History Organisations) Award for Meritorious Service to Family History in 2006 and the Queen's Service Medal for Genealogical Research in 2012. Come and hear this 'superstar' of the family history world share her tips and tricks on a wide range of topics.

### *Sent in by Sue Speight*

The reason why Public Relations personnel are so highly paid ..... to twist the truth and yet not lie !!!

### THE KIWI SPIN DOCTORS

No matter what side of the political fence you're on, THIS is FUNNY ! It just depends on how you look at things.

Ms English is a retired school teacher. She has been an avid amateur genealogy researcher for about 35 years, and whilst doing some personal work on her own family tree, she discovered that her great-great uncle, Arthur English, was hanged for horse stealing and train robbery in Melbourne in 1889. Both Ms English and her cousin, (Finance Minister, Bill English) share this common ancestor.

The only known photograph of Arthur shows him standing on the gallows at the Melbourne Gaol.

During her research, Ms English obtained the old photograph, on the back of that picture is this inscription:

*'Arthur English, horse thief, sent to Melbourne Gaol 1885, escaped 1887, robbed the Melbourne-Geelong train six times. Caught by Victoria Police Force, convicted and hanged in 1889.'*

Ms English recently e-mailed Finance Minister Bill English explaining her interest in Genealogy and asking for any information that he may have regarding their great-great uncle, Arthur.

Believe it or not, Bill English's staff sent back the following biographical sketch for her genealogy research:

"Arthur English was famous in Victoria (Australia) during the mid to late 1800s. His business empire grew to include acquisition of valuable equestrian assets and intimate dealings with the Melbourne-Geelong Railway. Beginning in 1883, he devoted several years of his life to government service, finally taking leave to resume his dealings with the Railway.

In 1887, he was a key player in a vital investigation run by the Victoria Police Force. In 1889, Arthur passed away during an important civic function held in his honour when the platform upon which he was standing collapsed."

### NEW ZEALAND GOLDMINERS

Goldminers' Database is a freely searchable online database on the webpage [GOLDRUSH ONLINE](http://GOLDRUSHONLINE.com) at [www.kaelewis.com](http://www.kaelewis.com). To date the database contains approximately 50,000 records of New Zealand gold miners