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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



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 5th 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 20th 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

Please note there was an error on the Calendar regarding the date of the above meeting. It should read 20th November 2012 for the Tuesday Evening Meeting as shown above. (That is the usual 3rd Tuesday of the month.)

Monday 3rd December 2012 – Day Meeting

FINAL DAY GET-TOGETHER

“Old Gadgets and Household Items – Bring and Tell”

All Welcome to a Festive Afternoon

Please Bring a Plate

. Have you changed your email address?

I have a number of emails returned as “undeliverable” each time I send out the Meeting Reminder Notices. A few are shown as “overfull mailbox” but others as “not known”. Please let me know if you are not receiving the reminders and wish to do so. pamogier@ihug.co.nz

Also if you wish to have the Newsletter sent as a PDF attachment I will add your address to that list as well

IRISH ROOTS

The Irish are calling every-one of Irish descent – 70 million people worldwide – back home next year to research their roots and celebrate their Irishness.

“**THE GATHERING 2013**” is a Government initiative helping every town and city to stage festivals in a year-long welcome party. For details see:

www.thegatheringireland.com

AT THE BRANCH RESOURCE ROOM

Dunedin Family History Group – October 2012 Newsletter

North East Valley War Memorial
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(*North East Valley is a suburb of Dunedin*)
Selling Your Wife – page 14
Church Records for Otago and Southland – Page 6

Kilbirnie Branch NZSG – October 2012 Newsletter

Hutt Valley Branch NZSG – October 2012 Newsletter

Wellington Branch NZSG – October 2012 Newsletter

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Women in Agriculture UK – page 5
Faces of Crimes past NZ – page 5

FAMILY TREE MAGAZINE NOVEMBER 2012

Researching British Army Ancestors – page 12
A Military Takeover – page 22
Research Skills – page 26
10 unbeatable brickwall solutions – page 30
Secrets & Lies – page 36
Scottish Kirk Session Records – page 42
WW2 Reconciliation – page 48
Historic Still Birth Register – page 52
Costume History – page 64
The Last Invasion – page 82

"The New Zealand Herald" 2008 Deaths

The indexing of the 2008 "New Zealand Herald" deaths has been completed by the NZSG. The CD for this index is in the front of volume one of the 2008 Deaths and will also be loaded on to the computer for searching. A hardcopy print-out will also be available once it has been re-formatted into an appropriate index.

It is hoped that the index for 2002 will be to hand in the not too distant future, followed by 2000 and 2001. Our thanks go to the NZSG's team of indexers for their inputting to get these to us.

AUCKLAND CITY LIBRARY Family history lunchtime series

November

Researching the West with Robyn Mason

Wednesday 14 November, noon

West Auckland - the land of clay, Crown Lynn, kauri, cultural diversity, Corbans, wetas, wine, wilderness, sunsets, surf and the indomitable Westie.

Join Robyn Mason, Team Leader of the West Auckland Research Centre, in exploring some of the collections and resources held at the Centre including oral histories, images and archives which document the Western districts of Auckland.

Speaker bio: Robyn is the Team Leader at Auckland Libraries, West Auckland Research Centre, Henderson. Robyn has worked in the museum and special library field in both the USA and NZ.

Research your Scottish Ancestry with Marie Hickey

Wednesday 28 November, noon

Join Marie Hickey from Auckland Libraries for a brief look at some of the records used in researching Scottish ancestry.

Learn how to use the Sasine abridgement and index films that are now available in the Central Auckland Research Centre's collection.

Speaker bio: Marie has been doing her own family history for 33 years and was lucky enough to have worked at the Society of Genealogists in London for 11 years. Marie has worked at the Central Auckland Research Centre for the last 7 years. She is a regular speaker around Auckland on a variety of subjects from how to use ancestry.com to Scottish resources.

DONATIONS TO THE RESOURCE ROOM

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.

The Committee reports that the Council has increased the monthly rental for the resource room and the hall by \$1.34

CONVENOR'S REPORT

I was unable to attend the Auckland Regional Meeting held on Friday 26 October as I was in Australia but I sent a report from our branch and have obtained brief notes of the meeting. Councillors Diane Wilson, Robyn Williams, Owen Ormsby and Ruth Rye attended.

As 2017 is the society's 50th anniversary the President has suggested that as the society was started in Auckland that the Auckland Branches host the 2017 AGM and conference. The attending delegates from the Auckland Branches felt that this was possible.

A national project to record the details of War Memorial details (with full names where initials are only shown) is proposed by the society to commemorate the centenary of the 1914-1918 war. If you look in our library you will see we have this information already in booklet form thanks to the research of a member.

Owen Ormsby gave an overview of the major area of NZSG Educational services for which he is the Councillor. He is also convenor of the Maori Interest Group. He has accepted an invitation to speak on both these topics at our evening meeting in April next year.

The Branch committee has completed their revision and updating of the Branch Rules and we had hoped to have had these passed by Council in time for our Special Meeting on November 5. The Council at its October meeting passed it on to a sub-committee but we will ask the members to approve the proposed rules subject to Council's subsequent approval. The draft rules are attached. They vary from the NZSG Rules only in the setting of quorums based on our present membership. Members are counted as NZSG financial members who attended five of the previous year's meetings. At the last annual return we reported 47 members. We can change the rules at our AGM.

I would like to thank the rest of the committee for their work on the rules and preparation of next year's programme which you will be receiving shortly.

Raewyn

Cap money A statute of 1571, repealed in 1598, enforced the wearing of caps of English wool on Sundays and holy days. Cap money was the fine of 3s 4d for non-observance.

Corpse Way In large Parishes coffins sometimes had to be carried several miles for burial in the churchyard. Burial parties followed traditional routes, fearing that if they deviated from the Corpse Way the ghost of the deceased would rise to haunt them.

Clothiers This term covered a wide range of activities in the cloth trade. The wealthiest merchants of medieval and early modern England were often described as clothiers. The term continued in use to mean those engaged in the selling of cloth but it was also used from the 16th to 19th century to describe those men whose families manufactured pieces of cloth, from the preparation and carding of the wool and the spinning through to the weaving. Often these were small holders who produced one piece of cloth each week to sell at the "piece halls" in the neighbouring towns.

Dame Schools Elementary schools run by women before the setting up of Board Schools in England under the Education Act 1870. The Education Act 1902 empowered County and Borough Councils as local Education Authorities. They took over the Board Schools as well as building new ones.

From Oxford Companion to Family and Local History

COMPUTER TIPS

To Save an Image showing on the screen

Do a **Screen Dump** by pressing **Print Screen Key**

Open Word Document and Paste

Clicking on the image will bring up the **Picture Tools** at top of screen

Click the **Crop Tool** and line up your cursor with the outside edge of the section you wish to save then depress the left mouse button and drag the cursor until you have trimmed the graphic image. Repeat on all sides until you have the desired finish. Click the **Crop Tool** to finish

Some Useful Symbols:

To show the symbol – hold down the ALT key and enter the number shown from the numeric key pad:

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(from Leaflet by Robyn Williams)

IRISH FAMILY HISTORY

The Irish Family History Foundation's Online Research Service (ORS) are pleased to announce the availability of an additional **17,000** Birth and Death records from the **Roscommon Heritage & Genealogy Company** in Co. Roscommon.

See the [Roscommon Sources List](#) for full details.

Just go to the following site and login using your existing IFHF login details.

<http://roscommon.rootsireland.ie>

We now have over **19 million records online**.

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 centres are currently live

DID YOU KNOW?.

Gulielmus is the *Latin form* of William, Radulfus is Ralph, and Aloysius is Lewis. Carolus is the Latin form of Charles, Jacobus is usually James not Jacob. Dionisius is Dennis, Galfridus is Geoffrey, Gualterus is Walter.

In the mid-1700s it became fashionable for clergymen to show their learning by using Latin – but only for recording – not for actual baptism, etc! So use the English form in your records.

If *Palmer* is a family name, one of your ancestors, sometime before about 1300 had made the long, difficult and dangerous pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Such pilgrims had the right and privilege of wearing a badge in the form of a palm branch, and were known as 'palmers'.

If one of your family names is *Barker* your ancestor was a tanner. They used tannin, derived from the bark of trees – hence the name. *From Doncaster Ancestor – sent in by Janet Fleming*

When searching Malcolm Bull's Calderdale Companion website for my Haigh ancestors I came across this story. However this particular Mary and William do not appear to fit into my line! .Pam Ogier

Haigh, Mary [17??-17??] She and her husband, **William Haigh**, married in September 1762. They lived in Lower Shaw Hill, Halifax.

Around 1770, Mary died and the funeral service took place at Halifax Parish Church. Her body was placed in the family vault, which was covered temporarily with planks but not sealed.

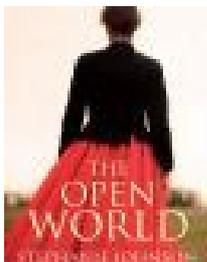
During the night, the church sexton – known as Old Rothera – went into the vault intending to steal any jewellery which Mary might have been wearing. As he removed the coffin lid, Mary sat up in her coffin. She had been in a trance and was not dead.

The sexton fled and Mary left the vault and set out to walk home. She knocked on the door of their home. The servant girl looked out of the window and was startled to hear a familiar voice saying "**Open up, I am your mistress**" to which she replied "**Nay, my mistress was buried today**" When she saw the figure was wearing a shroud, the servant called for her master who also looked out of the window, and hearing his wife's familiar voice calling him, hurried to let her in. Afterwards, **Mary** bore her husband at least one more child.

THE OPEN WORLD

By Stephanie Johnson

Historical Novel available at North Shore Libraries



This is a historical novel in which Stephanie Johnson has built around the fascinating story of Mrs Elizabeth Smith who is in fact one of her own colonial ancestors. The story centres on Victorian New Zealand of the 1840's and explores the life of a feisty and strong woman who seems an upstanding widow raising her boys whilst trying to conceal her secrets and maintain respectability - under the watchful eye of Bishop Selwyn and Judge Martin.