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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**Convenor's Report**

I hope everyone enjoyed the Easter break and didn't come along on Monday 1st April to the transferred to 8th April meeting. We changed the date on the timetables when we realised the problem but I did get rung up on the day to see if the meeting was on. Great to see a little rain at last for the poor garden but I suspect we will get enough of it in the next few months.

Last month I attended an Auckland Library presentation by David Verran and historian John Binsley on the revamped digital archive NZ Militia, Volunteers and Armed Constabulary 1863-1871. It is now much more extensive and searchable. You have to have the right spelling so try all options including abbreviated first names. It is very difficult to identify the Maori entries as they usually had only one name which is a shame as there are a large number of them. Men could be called up for militia duty and this often had an adverse effect on their normal occupation so could be a reason for the family being on hard times. Having heard this I was interested to read in a report of the finding of the first brickworks in Auckland that the business was ruined when the owner who had a contract to supply the government was unable to deliver as he was called up. He was fined for this! Well worth looking at this resource.

I have 2 people interested in forming a group to go down to The Treasury in Thames (see www.thetreasury.org.nz). There is information on the meeting notice board. No day or date has been set yet but if you are interested in this trip can you let me or the Secretary know as soon as possible so we can see if it is viable.

In the last newsletter I wrote that Shirley McIntyre and Elaine Paul 'were the original paste-up group' but there was a word missing (I'm not a typist) it should have read 'were in the original paste-up group'. There were others of course including June Taylor. Some of our members may not realise that unlike other branches we do not charge a membership fee. The reason we can afford to only have a door charge is because the branch's main income is from donations made by enquirers for the Herald Death Notices that the paste-up group has created. Our present research officer Dennise Cook spends many

hours looking up the Indexes and replying to queries. In 1999 the group included June Taylor, Shirley McIntyre, Elaine Paul, Sally Going, Janice Morris and Jackie Walles. (seen below in that order except Jackie who took the photo)



Our present paste-up group consists of Janice Morris, Jackie Wallace, Gwen Wells, Jill Williams, June Taylor and Gillian Wadham (and I hope I got that right!).

We are still looking for a Librarian! *Raewyn*

AT THE BRANCH LIBRARY

Dunedin Family History March 2013 Newsletter

Royal NZ Fencibles – p2
 Unusual Taxes – England & Wales p3
 Unusual Taxes – Scotland & Ireland p4
 Hampden – Waitaki District p5
 Hampden – War Memorial Names p6, p7
 How to work out Relationships p8
 Names of 16 soldiers killed in Machavie Rail accident
 in South Africa near end of Boer War

THE NEW ZEALAND HERALD DEATH NOTICES

Three volumes of "The New Zealand Herald" death notices for the year 2011 are now in the Resource Room. Unfortunately, at the moment there is no index. However, in an Eastlight file adjacent to the volumes there are the newspaper indexes in date order.

NZSG MAGAZINES

The N Z Society of Genealogists' Inc magazines for 2012 have also been bound and are available in the Resource Room.

MEETINGS CALENDAR

Monday 8th April 2013 – Day Meeting

Speaker: Helen Laurenson
Subject: "Going Up and Down"
 History of Department Stores

Tuesday 16th April 2013 – Evening Meeting

Speaker: Owen Ormsby – NZSG Councillor
Subject: Education and Maori Interest Group

Monday 6th May 2013 – Day Meeting

Speaker: Ian Handriks
Subject: "Research Tips and much more besides".

Tuesday 21st May 2013 – Evening Meeting **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Speaker: Michelle Patient
 President NZSG

Lynne McOnie sent the following to us after her Talk on the 4th February:-

Family Tree is Live on FamilySearch.org for All Users

Much has been written about Family Tree, the first of several site enhancements for FamilySearch.org, and the replacement for new.familysearch.org. We're happy to report that Family Tree is now live on FamilySearch.org and is available to all users. This opens up the contribution, collaboration, editing, and sourcing tools of Family Tree to researchers—including potential family members— around the world.

As you visit with people about Family Tree feel please share with them the many exciting features of this new tool:

- Connect and collaborate with others on shared family lines
- Edit and delete incorrect data, including relationships
- Provide sources and links to online information that shows where you found family information
- Preserve family tree information for future generations
- Use Family Tree on behalf of someone else (helper)
- Print pedigree charts, family group records, and other reports
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If you haven't had a chance to see it in action, simply go the FamilySearch.org site and click on Family Tree at the top of the page. You can also take advantage of the training website to view tutorials, access a user guide, and much more.

Irish Civil Registration Indexes

You can find Irish Civil Registration indexes on -

1. Family Search

<https://familysearch.org/>

Irish civil registration indexes begin in 1845 for **non-Catholic** marriages. Civil registration indexes to births, deaths, and all marriages (including Catholic) begin in 1864. Indexes for all of Ireland continue from these beginning dates through to 1921, when Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland became separate countries.

Some certificates are available on film through the LDS.

BIRTHS	1864 – 1881
	1900 – 1913
MARRIAGES	1845 – 1870
DEATHS	1864 – 1870

(Remember that LDS Films can be ordered in to the Family Research Centre, at Panmure and you can arrange to view these on your home computer. Go to NZSG Website, click on "FRC" then "Remote Film Reader" for instructions.)

2. **Ancestry.com website** (indexes only)

3. **Find My Past website** (indexes only)

Book Review *from Dennise Cook*

"Tracing Your Prisoner of War Ancestors: The First World War: A guide for Family Historians" by Sarah Paterson published 2012. (Available at East Coast Bays Library)

A history of POWs and civilian internees in the Great War. Covers camps run by the Germans and the Turks, and camps in Britain. Information on how to find out about POWs who survived and those who died in captivity.

The author briefly outlines the course of the campaigns in which British servicemen were captured, and describes how they were treated and the conditions they endured. She locates the camps they were taken to and explains how they were run; how archives and records can be used to track down individual prisoners and uncover something of the lives they led in captivity.

AT THE FAMILY RESEARCH CENTRE, PANMURE

Last year the society introduced a new service whereby members had access to the National Archives on-line documents. It is available to use on every computer at the FRC in Panmure or you can email a request to the Research Service and they will email the document to you. You can search the site at –

<http://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/SearchUI/Home/OnlineCollections>

The site contains, for example -

- British Army medal index cards 1914 – 1920
- Prerogative Court of Canterbury wills 1384 – 1858
- Royal Navy Service records 1853 – 1923

Many of the documents relate to Scottish people and so are worth consulting when researching your Scottish ancestors.

Examples:

[Will of Donald Campbell, Minister of the Gospel of Ardnamurchan , Argyllshire](#)

Prerogative Court of Canterbury and related Probate Jurisdictions: Will Registers. Will of **Donald Campbell**, Minister of the Gospel of Ardnamurchan , Argyllshire.

Collection: Records of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury
Date range: 17 December 1761 - 17 December 1761
Reference: PROB 11/871/90
Subjects: Wills and probate

[Name Campbell, Donald Official Number: SS7886 Place of Birth: Duntroon, Ayrshire 07-07-1899](#)

Admiralty: Royal Navy Registers of Seamen's Services. Short service (5 & 7 yrs). Name **Campbell, Donald** Official Number: SS7886 Place of Birth: Duntroon, Ayrshire 07-07-1899.

Collection: Records of the Admiralty, Naval Forces, Royal Marines, Coastguard, and related bodies
Date range: 01 January 1916 - 31 December 1916
Reference: ADM 188/1101/885
Subjects: Armed Forces (General), Navy

From Pam Hamlyn

Death of Pauline BAKER. Long time Members of this Branch will be sad to hear of Pauline's death after a long battle with cancer. She passed away at Orewa on the 28th February 2013. Pauline was a member of the committee in the early 1990's and will be remembered for her very active part in organizing our Annual Dinners, visits to various repositories and other functions.

BRANCH CATALOGUE ON-LINE

Pam Hamblin, Branch Librarian, reports that the catalogue for our Branch Resource Room is now on the NZSG Website. (To view it go to "Site Map, then to Branches").

RAFFLE

The Committee would be pleased to receive donations for the Meeting Raffle. Perhaps you have unwanted gifts or maybe unused impulse buys that would be suitable. Thank-you.

NORTH SHORE BRANCH
New Zealand Society of Genealogists Inc.

NOMINATION FORM

I hereby nominate.....for the

Position of Committee member/Convenor/Secretary/Treasurer (delete those not required)

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.Proposed #NZSG Seconded #NZSG

Consent of nominee.....#NZSG

Date

NB Nominees for any of these positions must be current financial NZSG Members