

COMMITTEE

Convenor

Raewyn NEVIN

Ph: 443-3040

mevin@snap.net.nz

Secretary

Linda PINDER

Ph: 478-5201

Linda_pinder@yahoo.com.au

Treasurer

Colleen PETRICEVICH

Ph: 445-6219

petcom@ihug.co.nz

Speaker's Calendar

Shona MICHIE

Ph: 418-5374

s.lmichie@xtra.co.nz

Speaker's Calendar

Sharron PETERS

Ph: 483-9714

Sharron.vic.peters@orcon.net.nz

Lyn Winkle

Ph: 483 8435

OUTSIDE COMMITTEE

Branch Librarian

Position Vacant

Maintenance/Repairs

Alan TAYLOR

Ph: 418-3971

Night Meeting Supper

Research Officer

Dennise COOK

Ph: 473-5351

Publicity NZSG &

Door/ night meetings

Shirley TURNER

Ph: 479-4765

Newsletter Editor

Pam OGIER

Ph: 486-1258

pamogier@ihug.co.nz

NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY OF GENEALOGISTS

NEWSLETTER Volume 18, Issue 7, August 2013

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



Convenor's Report

I am writing this the Tuesday before the Family History Fair. I hope some of you will be attending this as a lot of work and effort has gone into its preparation. I know that Shona is organising car pooling for Saturday so hope to see you there. There are a lot of interesting speakers and a lot of stalls to look at. I will be going on Friday to represent the British Newspaper Archive and on Saturday as a member of the Continental European Interest Group on their stall.

We are calling for volunteers for our stand at the Takapuna Library which will run during the week Monday 12 – Sunday 18 August. There are 2 shifts each day, 10am-1pm and 1pm-4pm. We will have a display set up and supply information about genealogy and the society. Please let me know if you can help ph: 443-3040

Our Tuesday meeting on 20th August will start at the earlier time of 7pm as we are having an Open Research Night. The fiches and readers will be put in the hall and a computer available to read CDs. We have asked Pam Hamlyn to set up a Scottish interest table and help researchers. I will try to assist those interested in English research. We have a lot of resources that are not easily appreciated due to lack of space in the Resource Room but we will bring some of them out into the hall. Come along and see what you can find.

The date of the branch's 35th Anniversary Lunch is Saturday 21st September. We are holding it at 12 noon at McHugh's in Devonport and the cost is \$30 per person with a cash bar. You can book now by either sending the money to

The Treasurer,
North Shore Branch of NZSG
1/20 Westwell Road
Belmont
Auckland 0622

or by bringing your money to a meeting. The last time for booking is the September 2 day meeting. Please pass on this information to anyone you know who may not come to meetings now as we would like to see as many early members as possible there.

Continued over

I attended the NZSG Auckland Regional meeting on 26 July. These are a few highlights.

- Perceived lack of advertising for Family History Fair. This is not the responsibility of NZSG – our income is only from seminars, grab bags and a donation box.
- Parking at the Family History Fair is \$4.50 – coins only
- Special offer for NZSG members to pre-book seminars at Family History Fair – ensure that tickets are collected and paid for 30 minutes prior to first seminar being attended
- Those people rejoining the NZSG will have the rejoining fee waived during August, September and October From Council
- Are the Regional Meetings fulfilling their purpose? i.e. Exchange of ideas between Council, Branches and Interest Groups / being better acquainted with other groups / giving opportunities for discussion and explanation. Possibly these roles have now been taken over by Ekit
- Strategic Plan – specific questions for branches and interest groups will be sent out for feedback. Please respond to requests for information and if there are queries a template will be sent out.
- Forms for awards have been upgraded and standardised
- Guidelines for Branches and Interest Groups are being rewritten as Policy Manuals
- AGM and Conference Guidelines almost finished

We now need a replacement librarian to do duty in the Resource Room on Wednesdays from 1-3pm. Can you help? If so please contact me or Linda.

And we could still do with some more raffle donations. Thanks.

Raewyn

MEETINGS CALENDAR

Monday 5th August 2013 – Day Meeting

Speaker – David ASHMAN, Preservation Manager and Book Conservator at Auckland Libraries.

Subject – How to care for your family papers, photographs and precious books.

Tuesday 20th August 2013 – Evening Meeting (Starts 7p.m. on this occasion)

FAMILY HISTORY MONTH

Research using our Branch Resources

Open Evening for all.

Monday 2nd September 2013 – Day

Speaker – Roger Shearer, NZSG Webmaster

Subject – NZSG Website

Tuesday 17th September 2013 – Evening

Share unusual discoveries in your research

DISCOVER YOUR ANCESTORS (E-MAGAZINE)

For those with English ancestry there is a new magazine in eformat. This is however a subscription magazine costing £12 per annum. Check it out at <http://www.discoveryourancestors.co.uk/>

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER

We are pleased to welcome Lesley Cameron to our Branch and hope she will enjoy her association with us and gain much to help her with her research.

NEW AT THE BRANCH LIBRARY

Newsletters have arrived from the following:-

Dunedin Family History Group – July 2013

Focus on Miller's Flat, Moa Flat and Ettrick with list of pupils attending school in these areas from 1876 – 1920. Also names from Millers Flat and Ettrick War Memorials. War Memorial for Employees of Otago Newspapers.

Dunedin Family History Group – August 2013

List of names on WW1 Roll of Honour at Green Bay. From Post Office Queenstown and other Post Offices in surrounding areas, lists of unclaimed letters for the month ended 31st July 1863. Focus on Sandymount and Middlemarch giving lists of names on memorial and much more.

Kilbirnie Branch NZSG – July 2013

Information on Freemasonry from a recent talk and links to relevant websites.

Hutt Valley Branch NZSG – July 2013

“News and Views”

Wellington Branch NZSG – July 2013

If you are visiting Wellington during Family History month check out this newsletter to see what is on – you will find movies, music and much more.

LATEST FAMILY TREE MAGAZINE AUGUST 2013

Solutions to census pitfalls – page 14

Picturing baby – page 22

What ails your ancestors? – page 29

Those Magnificent Men – page 40

Keep your genealogy research safe – page 50

Researching Jewish ancestors – page 60

Goods & Chattels – page 66

Auckland Library Lunchtime Series August: New Zealand Family History Month

When: Weekly during Family History Month

Where: Central City Library, Whare Wānanga, Level 2

Cost: Free

Booking: To secure your place, please contact the Central Auckland Research Centre on 09 307 7771, or complete our on line booking form..

Archives New Zealand

Wednesday, 7 August, 12pm - 1pm

Join Stephanie van Gaalen, archivist at Archives New Zealand, as she discusses the role of Archives New Zealand and outlines a range of records held at the Archives that are useful for family history research

Filling the Cradles: Private Maternity Homes

Wednesday 14 August, 12pm - 1pm

From late in the 19th century until World War II, the practice of midwifery developed into the organised establishment of public maternity hospitals such as St Helens at Pitt Street. Join Lisa Truttman as she discusses her knowledge of private residential maternity homes.

By sea, by ship: celebrating 20 years of the Voyager Maritime Museum Library

Wednesday 21 August, 12pm - 1pm

Gain an insight into how the Voyager Maritime Museum Library has changed within the last 20 years. The library is known for its resources, locating information about New Zealanders who worked in maritime industries or came to New Zealand by sea.

From Dennise Cook SERENDIPITY

After languishing on the shelves of our Resource Room for many years, a Bible has been reunited with its family.

Towards the end of last year, Pam (our librarian at the time) and I had a tidy-up and cull of some of the books in our room. On seeing inside this Bible a list of family names (PEARSON / SERLE), it was felt an "ad" in the NZSG journal might result in family being found. A few days after receiving the June 2013 journal, I received a telephone call from a woman in Waihi to say that the Bible had been given to her husband's great great grandmother in 1869 by her father. The entries in the Bible detailed the burials as being in Adelaide, Australia. Coincidentally, some of this woman's husband, their siblings and spouses had visited the cemetery in April 2013.

The family is delighted to have the Bible which Anne Agnes PEARSON (nee SERLE) was given by her father back in their hands.

Does anyone recall donating the Bible to our branch or how we came to "keep it in safe care" for all these years? If anyone has connections with this family, please contact Dennise for details of the person who claimed it.

How to Access New Zealand Probates and Wills available Free on-line

1. Go to www.familysearch.org
2. Click "Search" button to the right of the top menu bar.
3. Scroll down the home page and click the "Australia and New Zealand" link near the bottom of that page.
4. The Historical Records Collection page will open, scroll down to the bottom and click "New Zealand Probate Records".
5. Enter the person's name in the search boxes and click "enter"
6. **If the will has been indexed** the entry will appear in a list, with a link to the images available for you to click on the right.
7. **If the will has NOT been indexed** on Family Search it may still be available online, but first you need to establish the record number for your relative's probate: Go to www.archway.archives.govt.nz and enter a name in the search box.
8. When you find the entry click "Order details" and note the court and Record no.
9. Now return to www.familysearch.org
10. Click the "Search" button to the right of the top menu bar.
11. Scroll down the home page and click the "Australia and New Zealand" link near the bottom of that page.
12. The Historical Records Collection page will open, scroll down to the bottom and click "New Zealand Probate Records".
13. Scroll down to the bottom of the search page and click "Browse through xxxxxx images"
14. A list of regional courts will open – click the relevant court
15. A list of digital folders will open. As an example I looked for Edward Joseph Milverton, filed Palmerston North 1925, number 128/25. Note that 128 is in the second folder for 1925. Also note that this folder covers 101/25 to 162/25, so expect to find Milverton about half way through.
16. Click the digital folder for the year and probate number you are looking for, it will open displaying the first image in that folder.
17. At the top of the image screen, note that you are looking at the first of 892 images. Guess that Milverton might be about 400, so enter 400 in the image box and click "go". There was no probate number visible on image 400, so I moved forward to image 403 and found I was looking at 130/25. Then it was just a case of working back till I got to 128/25 which starts at image 366. [Each probate is 10-20 pages]

It turned out to be a joint will of two bachelor brothers, Edward and William, leaving their joint estate to whichever would live the longest. William was the survivor, and I believe he in turn gifted the assets to the Milverton Trust.
18. This project is ongoing, so return to the site later if your documents were not available.

Kindly Supplied by Mary Skipworth