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NORTH SHORE BRANCH

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MEETINGS are held at Marlborough Park Hall, Chartwell Ave. Glenfield.
Day Meetings: 1pm – 3pm: 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 12-30 pm

On Tuesday Meeting Nights it will open at 6-45 pm



Convenor's Report December 2014

It is amazing that we are at the end of 2014 and about to hold our last day meeting. We hope you will bring along your memories of family traditions and a festive plate to share.

The November Day meeting was an interesting presentation on the resources at the Auckland War Memorial Museum and the Cenotaph website. The latter can be searched at

<http://muse.aucklandmuseum.com/databases/Cenotaph/AdvancedSearch.aspx>

From the soldier's record you can click through to their military record. Choose the 2nd tab which says 'Digitised record', then click on the soldier's name. An image and list of images comes up. If you wish to save the full record click on 'Preservation Master', then click on 'Derivative Copy' and 'Table of Contents'. You will now see Image 1 (PDF). Click on Image 1 and the whole record file will download to your screen where you can read it and save it. Shortly the public will be able to add biographical information and photos online.

At our November 18th Evening Meeting we remembered our WWI relations. Members brought along WWI soldier photos with a short piece about them or told their stories. This was followed by a shared seasonal supper. Could those people who showed us their printouts please email me their info so that it can be added to the proposed DVD. Those who could not come to the night meeting but would like to contribute can contact me 443-3040 or rnevin@snap.net.nz and I will arrange to be at the Resource Room on Wednesday 3rd December at 3pm so your people can be added. I just need to know if anyone will be coming. *Contd over*

Record your research interests on our new webpage as you never know who may be researching the same names. The web address is www.tinyurl.com/nsgenealogy.

We intend to have a Beginners' Course starting at the beginning of next year and are in the process of making arrangements. If you are interested could you please contact the Secretary Linda 478-5201 or me 443-3040 and tell us whether a weekday or weekend suits you.

At this time of the year we acknowledge the contribution of our numerous volunteers without whom we could not continue to function. Without their contribution our Branch would be a much poorer group. We also appreciate that they add to the resources of our branch and society. There are so many areas in which they help – writing the newsletter, branch communications, manning the resource room, indexing the NZ Herald Births & Deaths, providing assistance and refreshments at meetings, answering research enquiries and helping other members with their research. I won't attempt to list names, especially in case I miss someone. You know who you are and you are appreciated.

I wish you all a joyful and peaceful Christmas. At this time of the year when we think of our families and try to get more information I wish you good hunting!

Raewyn

New Members

This month we take pleasure in welcoming Christine Bowden and Margaret Logie as new members of the North Shore Branch of NZSG

Auckland Central Library

Family history lunchtime series

have finished for this year – usually held fortnightly from February to November

MEETINGS CALENDAR

Monday 1st December 2014
1pm

FINAL DAY GET-TOGETHER
Family Christmas Traditions

Please bring a plate for festive afternoon tea

Monday 2nd February 2015
1 pm

Speaker: Jan Gow
Subject: To be advised

Tuesday 17th February 2015
7.30 pm

Discussion – Look what I've found – discoveries during the holidays

NEW AT THE BRANCH RESOURCE ROOM

Register

Dunedin Family History Group

November 2014 Newsletter:

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Gorge Road War Memorial

Dunedin South Salvation Army Promoted to Glory Board

Streets of Brockville

Do you remember these days

Luggate

Kilbirnie Branch NZSG

November 2014 Newsletter

Contents:

Gaynor explains family life and housing in Bali

Roving Reporter's final message from London

Nostalgia - Members writing about "the good old days"

Wellington Branch NZSG

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www.scotlandsplaces for Window Tax registers

British Newspaper Archive reaches 9 million pages

First Scottish Colony for New Zealand – Wellington

List of useful websites to search

Dunedin Branch NZSG

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Review of book "Matters of the Heart" – a history of early intimate relations between Maori and Pakeha.

The Cathedral Church of Saint Paul the Apostle – Dunedin

Dunedin Fire Station Harrop Street 1879-1911

Dunedin Prison

Irish History Notes from Kathy Petrie, Convenor, Irish

History Group

www.linc.tas.gov.au for Tasmanian Research

A new Centre for the Huguenots:

Due to open in Kent in summer 2015, the Huguenot Heritage Centre will tell the story of the flight of the Huguenots to Britain in the 16th and 17th Centuries.

The centre will explore issues around refugees, immigration and integration that relate to the Huguenots experiences. Between 60,000 to 80,000 Huguenots settled in England in the South east (Canterbury, Greenwich, Rye, Sandwich), in the West (Bristol, Southampton, Plymouth), in East Anglia (Ipswich, Norwich), and in London (the City, Soho, Spitalfields, Wandsworth, Westminster).

The inspiration for the centre came from the directors of the French Hospital which was founded in London in 1718 as a charity, offering sanctuary to poor Huguenots.

For more information about the centre see -

www.frenchhospital.org.uk/huguenot-heritage-centre

From Porirua Branch October Newsletter

YESTERDAY (to be sung to the tune of the Beatles' song - Yesterday)

Yesterday,
All those backups seemed a waste of pay
Now my database has gone away

Oh I believe in yesterday

Suddenly,
There's not half the files there used to be
And there's a deadline
hanging over me
The system crashed so suddenly.

I pushed something wrong
What it was I could not say

Now my data's gone
and I long for yesterday-ay-ay-ay.

Yesterday,
The need for back-ups seemed so far away.
Thought all my data was here to stay,
Now I believe in yesterday.

From Dick Eastman's Newsletter

READING

Where's Merrill? – A Genealogical Mystery.

Available to buy from Amazon books and as an eBook from Kobo and Kindle

This book was written by Genealogist Gearoid O'Leary who lives in Ireland, and is the true story of his difficult, but eventually successful search for the ancestor of one of his clients. The research focuses mostly on USA records and the names of the people concerned have been changed for privacy reasons.

Contributions to the newsletter are always very welcome. pamogier@live.com

You may find this site interesting

It is the glass plate photo collection on- line from the Nelson Museum which house one of the largest photograph collections in the country. It is still a work in progress digitising its collection of 169,000 photographs.

<http://www.nelsonmuseum.co.nz/collection/search.do?view=lightbox&keyword=Glass+plate+project&db=object>

sent in by Shona Michie

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1939 Register

It was announced by Findmypast last March that with-in the next two years they intend to have digitised and made available online the “1939 Register”. On completion this two year project will be fully searchable.

This Register was taken by the British Government on 29th September 1939 in order to issue identity cards and ration books to the population of England and Wales. There was no census taken in 1941 during the war and the 1931 census was destroyed in the war so this will be a valuable resource for Family Historians.

The records contain the address, full name, date of birth, sex, marital status and occupation of individuals, as well as changes of name. Although the Register is literally within living memory for many people, information about living individuals will be kept closed for 100 years from their year of birth, or until proof of death has been authenticated.

Information found in “Genealogy & History News”

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Donny Osmond at Roots Tech 2015

One of the biggest names in entertainment from one of the most well-known families in the world will be part of the largest family history conference in the world. RootsTech 2015 has announced that entertainer, actor, author, and television host Donny Osmond will be joining RootsTech as a keynote speaker on Saturday, February 14, 2015.

Osmond reportedly is a serious genealogist with a lot of experience doing the research himself.

From Dick Eastman’s Newsletter (abridged).