



**NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY OF GENEALOGISTS
NORTH SHORE BRANCH**

NEWSLETTER Volume 19, Issue 1, February 2014

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 12-30 pm

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

COMMITTEE

Convenor

Raewyn NEVIN
Ph: 443-3040
rnevin@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 WINKEL
Ph: 483 8435
ianwink@orcon.com.au

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

Convenor's February 2014 Report

Another year is beginning and I hope to see a lot of you at our meetings in the coming year, commencing on Monday 3rd February when we have Miles Dillon who will speak on Townlands in Ireland. This is a change from our advertised programme.

The last day meeting of 2013 was a very social occasion with many interesting anecdotes and memorabilia relating to the season, followed by a festive afternoon tea. I hope you all had a restful or energetic Christmas and New Year period, according to your taste. I was fortunate to spend it with my daughter in Brisbane and we also went on a short cruise down the coast of Myanmar, Thailand, Malasia and Indonesia. It was certainly lovely having someone else doing all the cooking and cleaning and we had a very enjoyable time visiting those countries.

I also met a cousin of my husband's during the holidays. He and his wife were visiting Auckland at the end of a cruise around NZ and I drove them to Devonport and then up the East Coast Bays to lunch in Orewa. Such a pity the weather was wet. We then came back to Glenfield and swapped photos and information. That side of the family has now been added to. I hope others have had a productive time genealogically too.

Well the NZSG is not moving for now but it is losing it's office manager who has been with us since August 2011. I was on the Council at the time and remember her initial introduction to us. I am sorry to see her go. I also see that the Land Research Service is finally being re-launched. You would be amazed at some of the detail on those early maps. My first job was as a draughtswoman in the Lands and Survey Dept. and I used to love poring over the maps.

I see the Clan MacMillan Society of NZ is sponsoring a visit to NZ from Scotland, of Graeme Mackenzie the clan's Genealogist and Historian.

Continued over

He is a very experienced professional researcher and has just published a book "Genealogy in the Gaidhealtachd" Clan and Family History in the Highlands. There may be some for sale at the various functions.

Graeme will be speaking at Waipu Saturday 1st February 1:30pm at the Clansman Motel, door charge is \$10, on the Immigration to Waipu and Researching Your Family Tree. If you would like to go for lunch [finger food] total cost is \$20 start time 12 noon. They needed to know numbers, especially for the lunch by 18 Jan but you could contact Margaret Pool at p.ml.pool@xtra.co.nz

Sunday 2nd February Graeme will be speaking about Clans and Clan MacMillan at The Library Cafe, 55 Princes St Onehunga \$25pp which includes afternoon tea also need to know numbers. Contact Margaret as above. If you have Macmillans, Macmullans, Millans, Mullans all spellings go along and hear what Graeme has to say about the clan.

Tuesday 4th February Graeme will be speaking at the Hibiscus Coast Branch of NZSG at Orewa, 2pm at St Chads Anglican Church. Door charge \$5 for visitors. He will be speaking on Researching Your Scottish Family History in the Highlands. I intend to attend this so if anyone wants a lift please contact me.

Raewyn

MEETINGS CALENDAR

**Monday 3rd February 2014 –
Day**

Speaker – Miles DILLON (from the Irish Interest Group)

Subject – Townlands
(Please note this is a change of Speaker from that on the Programme)

**Tuesday 18th February 2014 –
Evening**
Occupations of your ancestors.

**Monday 3rd March 2014 –
Day**

Speaker – Peter van Kyuk
From – Auckland Book Binding

Tuesday 18th March 2014 Evening
Do you know the origin of your surname?

Auckland Central Library

Family history lunchtime series

When: Fortnightly on Wednesdays from February to November, 12pm - 1pm unless otherwise stated

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 [online booking form](#)

Wednesday 5th February 2014 – Waitangi Day: Whakapapa with Margaret Ngaropo

Wednesday 19th February 2014 – Celebrating Lunar New Year in chopstick societies with Lia Lam. Come and find out how Chinese, Japanese and Korean (CJK) peoples celebrate their New Year and the things that tie them together at this special time.

Wednesday 5th March 2014 – DNA for genealogy with Gail Riddell Have you toyed with the idea of having your DNA tested to aid your genealogy research but don't quite know what it all means - or even who to get tested?

Wednesday 19th March 2014 – Scrapbooking for family history with Lauren Bavin Scrapbooks have come a long way since the pasting of photographs and memorabilia into a book

Wednesday 2nd April 2014 – Scotlands People: top of the pops with Jan Gow

NEW AT THE BRANCH LIBRARY.

FAMILY TREE MAGAZINE December 2013

Contents include:-

How to Trace Your Living Relatives.
 Set in Stone – What Gravestones can Reveal.
 90 Year Search for Lottie (how 3 generations of women traced a birth mother who gave away her baby)
 Dreams of Sun and Space in South Africa
 Their Wartime Prison Years
 The Naming Game. Tips on finding the reason behind unusual Christian Names.

FAMILY TREE MAGAZINE Christmas 2013

Contents include:-

On the Road with the Heir Hunters
 A nostalgic look at the festive shopping habits of our ancestors
 Gloves: a traditional accessory
 The Land of the Long White Cloud. A look at why our forebears emigrated from Britain to NZ

FAMILY TREE MAGAZINE January 2014

Contents include:-

Know your way around Discovery
 Getting Great War uniforms in focus
 Executed Ancestors
 Trace you Ancestors Occupations
 Marriage Lines
 The Price of Poverty
 How to use Poll Books
 Villages Lost in Time

NEWSLETTERS

DUNEDIN FAMILY HISTORY GROUP

December 2013

Bumper edition with Focus on Oamaru

January 2014

Directories and Almanacs held at Hocken Library.
 Focus on Gore – names from War Memorial

HIBISCUS COAST BRANCH NZSG

January 2014

Websites to try.
 Historical events that occurred January

WELLINGTON BRANCH NZSG

January 2014

NZ's first Lighthouse 1859
 Victorian Carpenters

DUNEDIN BRANCH NZSG

February 2014

Pro-Quest Historical Newspapers (list of titles available)

Did You Know?

In the 16th & 17th centuries, before commercial fertilizers were invented, large shipments of dried manure were often shipped between countries. It was shipped dry because in its dry form it weighed a lot less than when wet. However once exposed to water it became a lot heavier. Of course at sea there was a high risk of exposure to water. If the manure did get wet the process of fermentation began again. One of its by-products is methane gas. As the barrels were stored below decks you can imagine what could (and did) happen. Methane began to build up below decks, and if someone went down into the hold at night with a lantern there was often an explosion. Several ships were destroyed in this manner before it was determined just what was happening. After that, the manure was removed from barrels and bound in sacks which were stamped with the term "Ship High In Transit" which indicated it was to be stowed high enough up in the lower decks so that any water that came into the hold would not touch this volatile cargo and start the production of methane. "Ship High In Transit" evolved the term S.H.I.T. which has come down through the centuries.

Copied from the Wellington Branch Newsletter

Genealogy with-out certificates is mythology – *comment from Danish researcher*

Scottish birth, death and marriage certificates.

Certificates are now available for -
 BIRTHS 1855 - 1913
 MARRIAGES 1855 - 1938
 DEATHS 1855 - 1963

We also have a researcher in Edinburgh who can organise transcriptions of certificates after those dates to 2012.

Pam Hamlyn (Scottish certificate officer) 3A Brett Ave, Takapuna Auckland 0622

hamlyna@ihug.co.nz

Phone 4898703

Irish Research

<http://findmypast.ie/articles/news/another-petty-sessions-court-records-top-up>

Findmypast Ireland has added 2.6 million more petty court records to their collection of Irish Petty Sessions Court Registers. This collection spans the years from 1828 to 1912 and covers a variety of minor offences and misdemeanours such as trespassing, public drunkenness, failure to pay rent, etc. With this newest addition, this collection covers over 20 million records with a significant expansion of records from Cork, Kerry, Offaly and Tipperary

News from the FRC

The Society is starting to put books in digital form on the website. Only a few so far but worth keeping an eye on.

Go to NZSG website, FRC, Search the library, Visual Search, then eBooks

RECENT ADDITIONS TO ONLINE RECORDS:-

19 Million Ratebook records from Westminster, Plymouth, West Devon and Manchester are now available on **Findmypast**.

Surrey and West Yorkshire Electoral Registers have been added to **Ancestry** while **Family Search** has uploaded millions of Electoral records for Norfolk covering the period 1844 to 1952.

From BBC Magazine
Food hazards of Victorian era.

Boracic acid in milk

Tests on 20,000 milk samples in 1882 showed that a fifth had been adulterated - but much of this was done not by manufacturers but by householders themselves. Boracic acid was believed to "purify" milk, removing the sour taste and smell from milk that had gone off. Mrs Beeton told consumers that this was "quite a harmless addition", but she was wrong. Small amounts of boracic acid can cause nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain and diarrhoea, but worse, it was what boracic acid concealed that was particularly dangerous. Before pasteurisation, milk very often contained bovine TB, which would flourish in the bacteria-friendly environment created by the substance. Bovine TB damages the internal organs and the bones of the spine, leading to severe spinal deformities. It is estimated that up to half a million children died from bovine TB from milk in the Victorian period.