



NORTH SHORE BRANCH

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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 12-30 pm
On Tuesday Meeting Nights it will open at 6-45 pm

Convenor's February 2014 Report

It was lovely to see such a good number of you at our first meeting of the year when we had Miles Dillon speaking on Townlands in Ireland. It was amazing to see how small some of these areas are and certainly this contributes to the difficulty of tracing Irish ancestors. The evening meeting was interesting with everyone discussing the occupations of their ancestors. There are books in our library on this subject if you are trying to work out what the census entry means. We welcomed three new faces to the meeting and we hope to see them again.

Unfortunately the NZSG is having problems with replacing the office manager as the person they offered the job to only stayed a few days. I hope this can be sorted soon as two of the Council have had to fill in. The loss of our Library Supervisor is also saddening as Christine Hurst has made an enormous contribution to the society in the past four years bringing the library into the 21st century and adding many services that can be accessed from anywhere in NZ. Marion and I went to the Hibiscus Coast Branch meeting where they hosted Graeme Mackenzie the Clan MacMillan's Genealogist and Historian. He was a very interesting speaker and I think it would be a good idea to get his book "Genealogy in the Gaidhealtachd" Clan and Family History in the Highlands for our library.

The month of March always means 'money' to me. A lot of you will have received your annual subscription account with your magazine. I urge you to pay before 31 March so membership numbers will be

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accurate for the coming year. Budgets are compiled using these figures. There has been an indication that subs may be increased more than the usual one dollar at the next AGM due to the rising cost of services. If you did not receive an account this will be because it is not due until the anniversary of your joining date. The system was changed for new members a number of years ago but the 'oldies' all pay on 31 March.

Note that the Early Bird registration of \$170 for the 2014 NZSG Conference in Wellington closes on 15 March. After that date it will cost \$195. If some of your research interest lies in Wellington or you want to visit some of the national repositories there this would be a good way to combine these and gain a lot of knowledge and meet interesting people.

Raewyn

MEETINGS CALENDAR

**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?

**Monday 7th April 2014 –
Day**

Speaker – Jan Gow
Subject – To be advised

**Tuesday 15th April 2014 –
Evening**

“I’m not stuck, I’m ancestrally
challenged.”
What are your research problems?

On computer 6 at Panmure

The Digital Baptist is a remarkable resource for the study of New Zealand Baptists. The ‘New Zealand Baptist’ is the oldest continuously running denominational magazine in New Zealand, and this extraordinary resource tool contains every issue, digitised and fully word-searchable, from 1876 to 2011 – 135 years of New Zealand Baptist history. It also includes a biographical database of New Zealand Baptists and an index to the obituaries in the Baptist.

Welcome to New Members

We are pleased to welcome the
following new members to our
Branch:-

David Baker
Maureen Lee
Michael McNamara
Maureen Wilton

'Don't forget to return your voting paper for the election of the NZSG Treasurer before 31 March. There has been some comment on NZ Post taking a week to deliver letters so don't leave it till the last minute.'

NEW AT THE BRANCH LIBRARY

Dunedin Family History Group February 2014 Newsletter

Contents of February newsletter:

Toll Gates
Interesting trivia about the South Island
Heriot - its history
Crookston - its history
Dunrobin and Edievale - its history
Coaches in Otago
Purakanui Roll of Honour
Mt Ida Birth and Death Index for Sale.

Hutt Valley Branch NZSG February 2014 Newsletter

"Finding Julia" – giving an idea of the many sources available on the internet

2014 NZSG AGM and Conference
Hosted by Kilbirnie Branch.

Hibiscus Coast Branch NZSG February 2014 Newsletter

What was happening in February in previous years - Napier Earthquake 1931

Kilbirnie Branch NZSG February 2014 Newsletter

Wellington Branch NZSG February 2014 Newsletter

Family Tree Magazine – Feb 2014

Contents include:-

p.10 Fact or Fiction

Team of experts reveal how to debunk those derailing myths.

p.18 How to find your genetic homeland.

p.28 Providing for the poor.

Past systems of poor relief across the UK and how to locate the records generated featuring your forebears

p.32 Revenge from beyond the grave.

Wills can reveal some dramatic stories of family feuds and fortunes.

p.36 Learn how to identify the civilian uniform worn by your ancestor during the Great War.

p.60 Discover the Society for One-Place Studies

p.63 The ship's Company

Help with starting your research on ancestors who worked for shipping lines.

p.68 Death Certificates

What more can you learn from a death certificate

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 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

Wednesday 16th April 2014, 12pm – 1pm FamilySearch - the "wow" factor with Lyn McOnie

Wednesday 30th April 2014, 12pm - 1pm Immigration to New Zealand: sources and approaches with Graham Langton

“Unlock the Past Cruises” is

expanding. Future cruises will include one around the British Isles, a cruise in the Baltic, and there are rumours of a future trans-Atlantic cruise. If you have an interest in possibly attending one of these cruises, you might want to look at the information available at: www.unlockthepastcruises.com, [Why genealogy cruises?](#), [Unlock the Past Cruises \(international\) launched](#), and at [Cruises to suit you](#).

From Dick Eastman's Newsletter

From The Washington Post (*per Hutt Valley Branch Newsletter*)

Teen's knowledge of family history is a sign of social-emotional health

Teenagers who know their family histories are more likely to show higher levels of social and emotional health, according to a rare study that looked at how story telling helps families function.

MIGRATION TO AND FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM

TIMELINE FROM "WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE" MAGAZINE

- 1680's** The persecution of Protestants in France leads to the movement of 50,000 Protestant Walloons and Huguenots to Britain. Similar numbers would migrate to Germany, Scandinavia and America over the next few decades.
- 1718** The British government introduces the penalty of transportation for a range of non-capital offences, to America until 1776 and to Australia until 1868. During this period, over 220,000 people were transported between 1615 and 1868.
- 1800's** The discovery of gold in the United States, Canada, Brazil, South Africa and Australia leads to the exodus of millions of people from Europe.
- 1830's** The beginnings of large-scale displacement of Poles Russia and anti-Jewish pogroms later in the 19th century leads to the economic and political exodus of five million westwards.
- 1845-1852** The Irish Potato Famine results in the emigration of more than one million people. A further million died. This was a reduction of Ireland's population by nearly a quarter.
- 1848-49** Unrest and revolution in Europe results in the exile of tens of thousands of people from Italy, France and Germany. Many came to Britain and the U.S.
- 1870's** Over 150,000 British orphans and destitute children were forced overseas to Canada and later to New Zealand, Australia and South Africa up until 1967.
- 1914** Although most would return after the end of the First World War, 260,000 Belgian refugees settled in the UK.
- 1933-1950** Thousands of Jews escaping Nazi persecution in central Europe migrate west many settling in Britain and the United States. Thousands of Czech and Polish refugees settled in Britain set up governments in exile and joined the Allied efforts.
- 1942 -1952** More than 100,000 war brides leave the U.K. to be with their Canadian and GI partners whom they'd met when they were stationed in the UK.
- 1948** The *MV Empire Windrush* arrives at Tilbury Harbour on 22 June 1948, carrying 493 passengers from Jamaica. They were some of the first of 500,000 West Indians to settle in Britain over the next 30 years.
- 1950's** Significant movements from the UK to its Dominions, notably South Africa, Canada, New Zealand and Australia. More than 1.5 million go to Australia lured by a fare of just ten pounds sterling, provided that they stayed for two years. They scheme operated from 1947 to the 1970's
- 1968-1974** Following on from the expulsion of Asians from Kenya in the late 1960's, Idi Amin expels Asians from Uganda resulting in over 30,000 fleeing to the UK.
- 2004** Legislation in the European Union allows populations from member countries to move within the EU without restriction.

ScotlandsPeople Property Records

Property records containing the names and addresses of more than 1.4 million people living in Scotland in 1885 were released on [ScotlandsPeople.gov.uk](https://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk), on Tuesday 11 February.

Called Valuation Rolls, the new records comprise over 77,000 digital images taken from 144 volumes, and cover every type of property which was assessed as having a rateable value in 1885. As the records include details of owners, tenants and occupiers of property, they offer historians and genealogists an excellent online resource for researching Scottish society in the late Victorian age.

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