



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
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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 April 2014 Report

Another month has past and still the lovely weather continues although it is getting a bit chilly at night now. This Sunday we put the clocks back and will notice the difference as the days get shorter.

In March we had a very interesting talk on bookbinding by Peter van Kuyk from local firm Auckland Bookbinding Ltd. We saw many different ways we could present our family histories or research. One thing I learnt was that you have to bind paper with the correct orientation of the paper grain or it will not open flat. At the evening meeting we had an interesting discussion on the origin of our surnames, some very strange indeed. Some help was also obtained from 2 books on surnames that are in our library.

I have just received Graeme Mackenzie's book "Genealogy in the Gaidhealtachd" Clan and Family History in the Highlands. He is the Clan MacMillan's Genealogist and Historian and was in NZ recently. When it has been recorded in the Library catalogue it will be available for borrowing and I am sure will prove valuable information for researchers in that area.

Note that the registration for the 2014 NZSG Conference in Wellington will now cost \$195. Do think about going if you haven't been to a NZSG conference before as it is great for stimulating your research and mixing with people who don't think you are a bit 'strange' for always talking about dead people!

I trust everyone sent off their voting papers and have paid their subscription to NZSG if it fell on 31 March.

Any new or intending members are advised that the Free Orientation Sessions at the Family Research Centre for the next 2 months are
 Wed 9 April & Sat 19 April Wed 14 May & Sat 24 May.

Contd over

This is a great opportunity to see what is available and what help you can get from the volunteers and staff there. Members often don't realise all the benefits of their membership. Non-members can also attend these sessions and it may encourage them to join.

Raewyn

MEETINGS CALENDAR

**Monday 7th April 2014 –
Day**

Speaker – Jan Gow

Subject – “Supermarket Shopping for your Research” - this is to do with planning and keeping track of your research. Just as you need to plan your supermarket shopping! It covers the way we plan for our Hooked on Genealogy Tours and Research Weekends - so the preparation, the participation, the proliferation.

**Tuesday 15th April 2014 –
Evening**

“I’m not stuck, I’m ancestrally challenged.”

What are your research problems?

**Monday 5th May 2014 –
Day
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Speaker – Robyn Williams

Subject – To be advised

**Tuesday 20th May 2014
Evening**

Which ancestor was “a bit of a character”

Nominations for Committee

Members of the Branch are reminded that the election of officers will take place at the AGM on the 5th May 2014 and nominations are now being sought. We would really like some more committee members. See page 5 of this newsletter or ask Linda (secretary) for nomination forms.

Name Badges

Any-one requiring a Name Badge please contact Linda so that she can place an order. Badges cost \$10

*Welcome to New Member
We are pleased to welcome new member JUDY WOOLLAMS to our Branch.*

The Federation of Family History Societies “Elizabeth Simpson Award” for the best Society Journal.

While Oxfordshire FHS triumphed both overall and in the ‘large’ family history society category, the New Zealand Society of Genealogists – which has over 100 branches – was highly commended for its bi-monthly journal, *The New Zealand Genealogist*.



YOU CAN BUY IRISH DIRT ONLINE

After being regularly asked to bring a handful of Irish dirt over to the United States for various funerals for old friends from the Emerald Isle, Pat Burke started the **Auld Sod Exporting Company** and started selling bags of the native Irish soil. Now you too can be buried, if not on, but in a little bit of, Irish soil.

From Dick Eastman's Newsletter

NEW AT THE BRANCH LIBRARY

Kilbirnie Branch NZSG March 2014 Newsletter

Interview with member concerning his research.
Roving Reporter in Barbados.

Wellington Branch NZSG March 2014 Newsletter

Katikati: How Ulster Scots pioneers created a New Zealand town.

Hibiscus Coast Branch NZSG March 2014 Newsletter

List of new content on RootsIreland.ie and other websites for Irish research

Dunedin Family History Group April 2014 Newsletter

Contents:

Queenstown - history, school, War Memorial and cemetery

Frankton - history, school and cemetery

Glenorchy - history school War Memorial and cemetery

Kinloch - its history

Write up of March meeting - Electoral rolls

Interesting Grave in the Southern Cemetery

English non-conformist records

Loss of an icon - Bell Tea

Kilbirnie Branch NZSG April/May 2014 Newsletter

Includes:-

From Roving Reporter - accessing Wesleyan

Missionary records.

Report on Talk about NZ Military Nurses

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 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

Wednesday 14 May 2014, 12pm - 1pm
Behind the scenes at Central Auckland Research Centre **Please note:** this talk will be held inside the Central Auckland Research Centre, not in the Whare Wananga. You may already be familiar with the Central Auckland Research Centre, but have you ever wondered what jewels we have hiding in our stack areas and basements? This will be a unique behind-the-scenes opportunity with our staff.

Wednesday 28 May 2014, 12pm -1pm **Join David Verran for a look at the importance of the 1882 Cemeteries Act and how it can be used when trying to locate burial details across New Zealand.** This Act brought local government into the administration of public cemeteries, which were previously the preserve of the various church denominations represented in New Zealand.

My ancestors must be in a
Witness Protection Plan.



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A **messuage** is an archaic term used in property records, and is nearly synonymous with dwelling house. A grant of a "messuage" with the "appurtenances" will not only include a house but all the buildings attached or belonging to it, and also its "curtilage", that is, garden and orchard, together with the "close" (fenced in area) on which the house is built.

Sent in by Desma Howarth



The National Army Museum is hosting an event which may be of interest to some members - a **Military Family History Event** from Thursday 24th - Sat 26th April.

Over the 3 day event we will have several experts in researching military service personnel who will be available to assist anyone with their search for information whether it be obtaining service records, deciphering service records or finding out more about what a soldier did, where they went, what their medals were awarded for and so on.

In addition we will be providing a range of presentations some of which include: 'Looking after your Heirlooms', Trench Art, Medals, WWII Prisoners of War, and Imperial Troops & Administration. Author Terry Kinloch will also be speaking on Saturday about WWI Mounted Rifles.

There will also be other activities happening in and around the museum including military vehicle displays, guided visits of the Archives and an ANZAC Day service at 11am on Friday 25th.

Normal entry applies.

APRIL WORKSHOP AT FRC

Using Free and Subscription Websites for New Zealand Research

Saturday 12th April, 10.00am-1.30pm

Computer Workshop \$20-00

Presenter ~ Carolyn Williams

This hands-on workshop shows you how to access 'free' New Zealand websites as well as subscription websites that will assist you to locate your ancestors. It will include how to access the Registrar General's website. Please bring a list of the names you are researching.

New members are encouraged to take part and we also welcome long-time members who want to improve their research skills or learn more about a particular topic. **Non-members are invited to attend the workshops and all first time visitors to the FRC will be given an introductory tour of the NZSG library.** The presenter is experienced both in lecturing and in genealogical research. We welcome all, wherever you may live.

Registration is essential. You may register on-line via the NZSG website <<http://www.genealogy.org.nz>> or by post using the Registration Form, Registration Form.pdf or in person at the FRC.

Please register before the Wednesday prior to the date of the workshop (If you register late there may not be a place for you, as computer workshops in particular are limited.) You are invited to bring your laptop computer to Computer Workshops, you may connect to the Internet via NZSG's WiFi.

For a map showing the most common name in each of the European countries go to:-
<http://i.imgur.com/Gtc4Eko.png>

For Family Notices in the UK dating back to 2008 go to:-
<http://www.iannounce.co.uk/United-Kingdom/23>

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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