



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

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Convenor's May Report

Just a short report as I have written my Annual Report for inclusion in the Newsletter so if you don't get to the AGM (but I hope you do) you will have a copy.

The April day meeting was very well attended. Thanks to Lyn Winkel we managed to get a notice in the North Shore Times advising that Jan Gow was our speaker and we had 57 people attend, a record. Jan's talk was very helpful as she explained one of her methods for tracking research. I was unable to attend the evening meeting about being 'ancestrally challenged' but I understand it was fruitful.

If you are wanting to use one of our CDs and someone is on the main computer don't forget there is a laptop available from the librarian. Just ask. We have sent off for 2 new CDs, WWI NZ Personnel and Cemetery Records – Waikato. The latter CD contains the information on the Cemetery Records microfiche and is searchable.

For Family History Month in August Glenfield Library is planning to put on some sessions, probably during the day (but at night if required) with speakers from the Auckland Central Library's family history team. I will put a list on our notice board. Please indicate your interest in topics.

To commemorate WWI00 we have decided to do a project which we will record with NZSG. The November night meeting will be a 'show and tell' of WWI soldier's photos with a short biography. These will be scanned (on the night hopefully) and cut to a CD. This will then be provided to the Auckland War Memorial Museum and NZSG as well as keeping our own copy. So be ready!

Raewyn

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CONVENOR'S ANNUAL REPORT**

MEETINGS CALENDAR

**Monday 5th May 2014 –
1 p.m.**

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Speaker – Robyn Williams

Subject – Using NZSG CD's
and the Kiwi Index

**Tuesday 20th May 2014
7.30 p.m.**

Which ancestor was “a bit of a
character”

**Monday 9th June 2014
1 p.m.**

*Please note date due to Queen's
Birthday week-end*

Speaker – Miles Dillon

Subject – Learning about our
ancestors through recipes

**Tuesday 17th June 2014
7.30 p.m.**

Unusual entries on certificates –
bring and tell

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. Some nominations have already been received but any further nominations will be accepted at the AGM. See form attached to this newsletter

New at 'Family Search' -- New Zealand Passenger Lists, 1839-1973

Images and index of the ship passenger lists from Archives New Zealand. There are various types of lists including both outbound and inbound passengers at the various ports of New Zealand. The earliest outbound lists are from minor ports (ports other than Auckland or Wellington) and begin in 1886. The inbound passenger lists also include air arrivals in Auckland beginning in 1939 and continuing through 1965. Additional records will be added in the future. The original records are located in the Archives New Zealand, Wellington, New Zealand.

[New Zealand, Archives New Zealand, Passenger Lists, 1839-1973 — FamilySearch.org](http://NewZealand.ArchivesNewZealand.PassengerLists,1839-1973—FamilySearch.org)

GUILD OF ONE NAME STUDIES



www.one-name.org

The annual conference of the Guild of One-Name Studies, was held recently in Ashford, Kent, England. This organization, affectionately referred to as GOONS, is based in England but has more than 2,600 members around the world. Indeed, they are very serious genealogists. Founded in 1979 in Britain, the Guild is widely recognised as a centre of academic excellence in one-name studies.

A one-name study is a project researching facts about a surname and all the people who have held it, as opposed to a particular pedigree (the ancestors of one person) or descendancy (the descendants of one person or couple). Many GOONS members register a surname so as to embark on a Guild-recognised, one-name study and coordinate world-wide activity in studying the surname. Only one person may register a specific surname with the Guild, but membership in the Guild is open to all with an interest in surname studies and is not restricted to those who wish to register a name. *(From Dick Eastman's newsletter)*

NEW AT THE BRANCH LIBRARY

Hutt Valley Branch NZSG – April 2014 Newsletter

Contents includes:-

Item on PRONI, Belfast. Advice for visitors.
NZ Archives Website – explanation of WW1 record formats

Hibiscus Coast Branch NZSG – April 2014 Newsletter

New Apps released – Find a Grave Mobile App and also The British Newspaper Archive's mobile app "Here & Then".

Ancestry.com have added 113,000 names from the Registers of Medical Practitioners and Nurses 1873, 1882-1933.

Wellington Branch NZSG – April 2014 Newsletter

National Archives reveals top-secret files created by MI5 during the First World War have been made available to access Online.

Family Tree Magazine – April 2014

Contents include:-

p.10 A lost world of work

Bygone occupations of Victorian London

p.16 For gallantry and good service

Make sense of your ancestors' WW1 medals

p.22 Tracing medieval female ancestors

Tracking down female forebears in Middle Ages

p.30 A family historian's guide to superslueing

Tempted to write a book about your favourite research find? Super tips for turning detective.

p.36 Living in the past

How we can find out where our ancestors lived – Land Records.

p.38 Create a bespoke family history map

Learn to map your ancestors using Google Maps and other online tools

p.42 Mother and baby homes

Rose Bell explores lives of unmarried mothers closeted in special homes and forced to give up their babies and explains where to find records.

Dunedin F H G May 2014 Newsletter

Contents include:-

Prelude to the Great Famine

The Irish Famine

Katea - its history

War Memorial, Dunedin Masonic Centre

Genealogical frustrations

Irish Central Website

Lee Stream

Mt Dasher War Memorial Gates

DFHG Cont

Worrying signs in English Cemeteries

Historical maps now on-line

Soldiers who died during World War One and World War

Two who are recorded on headstones in the Andersons Bay Cemetery, Dunedin but are buried overseas.

Can you help?

New Zealand Police Museum website

Mandeville

Woolf Harris Fountain in the Dunedin Botanic Gardens.

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 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.

Wednesday 11 June 2014, 12pm - 1pm This is

an introduction for family or local historians interested to learn more about **one-place studies.** What is a one-place study? How might you choose your place and define your scope? What resources are available to assist you in undertaking a study?

Wednesday 25 June 2014, 12pm - 1pm FIBIS:

the gateway to British India with Eleanor Neil

Eleanor will provide an introduction to resources available for family historians researching European ancestors with connections to India. She will guide you to some of the rich sources available to New Zealand researchers through the Families in British India Society.

GET MORE FROM GOOGLE

GOOGLE SEARCH OPERATORS

Perhaps the most commonly used search operator is “ ” and it is a great way to look for someone’s name as it gets rid of lots of irrelevant results. It is particularly useful if someone has a common name or parts of their name are common, for example “**John Washington Jones**”. It is also worthwhile to try abbreviations such as Geo for George.

TRY SWAPPING THE FIRST AND SURNAMES AROUND

Another point to consider if you are searching using “” is that in genealogy sites names do not always appear in the same order. So if you have searched for “**Octavia Hill**” you should also try “**Hill Octavia**” in fact you can try both in one search by typing “**Octavia Hill**” OR “**Hill Octavia**” OR needs to be in upper case to work as an operator.

FIND RELATED SITES

By using **related:** you can find similar sites to one you’ve already found to be relevant to your research. So for example if you are researching someone in the Navy and find a useful site such as **naval-history.net**, you can type **related:naval-history.net** into Google (make sure there is no space after the colon) and you will get a list of similar sites.

GET RID OF IRRELEVANT RESULTS

Another useful operator is -. You can use this if you get too many irrelevant results after an initial search. For example if you are searching for a **George Washington** you can rule out irrelevant posts relating to the US president by adding **-president**

You can add as many **-words** to a search as you wish but don’t leave a space between the – and each word you want to exclude.

ADD A PLACE

If you get too many irrelevant results with just the name, then it helps to add a place. Again you can add the **OR** operator to cover the village or town and the county. For example you could type “**Octavier Hill**” OR “**Hill Octavier**” **Wisbech OR Cambridgeshire OR Cambs**. This would initiate a search for anything that mentions either Octavia Hill or Hill Octavia and any of those locations.

NARROW DOWN BY DATE

If you want results that relate to a particular period then you can separate the start and the end dates of that period with two full stops, for example **1845..1860** This technique is useful for photo dating. For instance, you can type in **sleeves 1860..1870** and the Google Search will return sites with images from with-in the timeframe you specified.

Should you wish to know what an area that your ancestors lived in was like at the particular period they lived there, try for example **Islington 1880..1910**

Branch Member Peter Cross has provided lists of websites which he has found useful in genealogy research. One list refers to New Zealand research and the other to United Kingdom research. He has kindly passed these lists on to the Branch and you will receive them as attachments in two further emails. Those who do not receive their newsletters electronically may pick up hard copies at the Resource Room.

CONVENOR'S ANNUAL REPORT North Shore Branch NZSG

Another year has passed. We have had an average of 30 people attending our day meetings and 15 at the night meetings. It is encouraging that there has been an increase in evening attendance since we changed to discussion sessions and some very interesting and helpful night meetings have been held. We also had some very interesting speakers, with Jan Gow attracting a record 57 people after we managed to get some advertising in the North Shore Times. There have been a pleasing number of new members this past year most of whom have joined or intend to join NZSG.

Our branch marked Family History month by setting up a table manned by volunteers at the Takapuna Library during the week Monday 12 – Sunday 18 August to show the public some of our resources and encourage them with their family history research. We also had our Open Night on 20th August where volunteers and committee assisted attendees with advice and provided resources, including fiche readers, for them to advance their research. Thank you to all those who contributed their time and expertise.

Our 35th Birthday on September 19th was celebrated with a lunch at McHugh's of Cheltenham on Saturday 21st. Lucy Marshall, NZSG member no.1 was our guest of honour and we were pleased to see some of our foundation members including our first secretary/treasurer Kay Lumsden there. Six out of nine of our living Life Members attended and a new one was created. We now present life members with a special pale blue Branch name badge. We were reminded of our past history as a branch by two special photograph albums that have been created over the years by June Taylor.

We held a special meeting on Tues 26 November to discuss and compile a document in answer to the questionnaire sent to us by the NZSG. The meeting resulted in a full response to the questionnaire with many useful suggestions and comments which was passed on to NZSG.

Again we need to thank those volunteers who keep our branch functioning, manning the resource room, indexing the NZ Herald Births & Deaths, photographing the North Shore Memorial Park gravestones (which I understand is now at the stage that the photographs are complete but need to be indexed), transcribing and indexing, providing assistance at meetings, answering research enquiries and helping other members with their research, raffle donations. An especial thank you to our newsletter editor Pam Ogier who provides us with an informative, interesting newsletter all year round and reminders of meetings.

Raewyn Nevin

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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