



## 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 June Report

Just a short report as I am off to the NZSG AGM and what remains of the conference on Sunday and Monday. Sadly I had to miss Friday and Saturday because the play I was in didn't finish till Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May – too many things happening at once! I will be visiting relations in Dannevirke after that so will miss the day meeting but will make the evening meeting later this month.

The May AGM meeting was very well attended. Thank you for your continued support for me as Convenor. The previous officers and committee were re-elected and we have welcomed 2 new members to the committee - Julie Burr and Bronwyn Johnson.

The exciting news this month is that the committee met with Bruce Graham convenor of the North Harbour Genealogical Computing Group and accepted his offer on behalf of his group to merge their assets and members with our Branch. These assets include a data projector, laptop and money. The money will be kept in a special account and used for computing services for the Branch. We are looking at internet access vis dongle on occasion and having speakers on one Wednesday 1-3pm every 2 months to help with computing and demonstrate various family tree programmes. There will be one evening session later this year when the NZSG website will be investigated and members can discuss what they have found or need help with. Next year there will be other topics that relate to computing as so many of us use online resources these days.

We now have the 2 new CDs, WWI NZ Personnel and Cemetery Records – Waikato. The latter CD contains the information on the Cemetery Records microfiche and is searchable. As soon as they are catalogued you will be able to use them.

At present it looks as if for Family History Month in August Glenfield Library is planning to put on one day session on 'Hospital Records' with a speaker from the Auckland Central Library's family history team. I will advise you as soon as I hear anything definite.

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## MEETINGS CALENDAR

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2014**  
**1 p.m.**

**Speaker** – Miles Dillon

**Subject** – Learning about our ancestors through recipes

Do you have a recipe that was your Grandmother's? Miles invites you to share old family recipes and any anecdotes.

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2014**  
**7.30 p.m.**

Unusual entries on certificates – bring and tell

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2014**  
**1 p.m.**

**Speaker** – Peter Cross

**Subject** – Brick Walls, knocking them down.

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2014**  
**7.30 p.m.**

**Speaker** – Sarah Ward

Power point presentation about her g.g.aunt Matron of the Auckland Industrial School from 1884-1916

### Welcome to new Members

The North Shore Branch NZ.SG extends a warm welcome to the following new members who have joined us recently:-

Karen Belk

Ian Graham

Te Miller

### Sands Sydney Directory

Sands Sydney Directory was published yearly from 1859 to 1932, listing householder and business names. City of Sydney Archives provides searchable access to the full set of directories.

### SAVE A SAMPLE OF YOUR DNA FOR YOUR GRANDCHILDREN

Save a sample of your DNA for your grandchildren or even later generations! Hammacher Schlemmer is now selling a triple-sealed time capsule that securely stores your genetic sample for use by future generations. Quoting from the advertisement:-

"Preserving one's DNA in the present enables future scientific advances to reveal any predispositions to disease—currently undetectable by today's methods—a family's genetic makeup may bear. Dispensing with the need for long-term refrigerated storage in a lab, a chemical matrix of dissolvable compounds stabilizes DNA within a blood sample at room temperature (blood provides a higher quality and quantity of DNA than samples taken from cheek swabs), preserving the sample for over 100 years. A blood sample can be taken at your preferred medical facility or using the included kit. Once a sample is secured within the capsule, it can be stored within a home or bank lock box for decades until one's progeny submits it for genetic analysis".

### DOMESDAY BOOK

According to an article on the BBC History website, the vast book drawn up on the orders of William the Conqueror was nicknamed the 'Domesday' book by his English subjects, who felt that it was an undertaking comparable with the Day of Judgement - and the name has stuck.

**Ancestry** has recently added three sets of New Zealand indexes

New Zealand Birth Index 1840 - 1950

New Zealand Marriage Index 1840 - 1950

New Zealand Death Index 1848 - 1980.

(N.B. Unfortunately these do contain a lot of transcription errors so it is advisable to use wildcards if you cannot find the name you are looking for.)

### READING.....

Title: Strangerland – a Family at War

Author: Helena Drysdale

*Available non-fiction section most North Shore Libraries*

In 1834 the 24 year-old Isabella Campbell left England for India where she marries her brother's friend Charles Gasgoyne. Charles a Cavalry Officer in the East India Company took her on tour of garrisons, hill stations and vast military cavalcades to battlefields and beyond. However after the birth of her ninth child when Isabella became unwell Charles decided it was time to leave India. He did not have sufficient money to set the family up in England so he sent Isabella "Home" to recuperate while he headed to New Zealand with the children and their governess where he took up farming. It was a year before Elizabeth re-joined the family and found she was not very welcome! While there was discord with-in the family the country was also torn by war. The Maori Wars in the North Island became only too real to Isabella when her son Fred was caught up in a massacre.

## NEW AT THE BRANCH LIBRARY

### Family Tree Magazine - May 2014

Content includes:-

#### **p.20 Protecting our Island (UK)**

Learn how to research the uniformed Custom and Excise ancestors in your family tree.

#### **p.22 Family Fortunes**

Owen Evans reveals a riches to rags tale spanning 250 years

#### **p.40 Landlord or Tenant**

Chris Paton shows how you can use formal land records, from tenancy agreements to deeds, to trace your family's roots.

#### **p.44 In Plain English**

Find out how to read foreign documents using online tools such as Google Translate.

#### **p.46 The New Forest at War**

John Leete uncovers the New Forest's fascinating WW2 history and explains how technology is helping us learn even more.

#### **p.58 This Job is Killing Me**

Our ancestor's jobs were often unhealthy – even deadly

#### **p.66 Dedicated Followers of Fashion**

Focus on fashion in family pictures

#### **p.70 The Knitting Brigade**

Home comforts offering hope to the troops in WW1

#### **p.72 Making the Cut**

Make sense of your family's surnames with John Titford.

#### **p.74 Our Funny Blood**

Discover how Anne T Simmonds tracked down an inherited blood condition in her family.

### Hutt Valley Branch NZSG – May 2014 Newsletter

Content includes:-

Upcoming NZSG Conference and AGM hosted by Kilbirnie.

New Zealand Coast Watching Service during WW2 and

Memorial.

Self Publishing your family history.

### Dunedin Branch NZSG – May – June 2014 Newsletter

Content includes:-

Planning your Family Re-union

### Hibiscus Coast Branch NZSG – May 2014 Newsletter

### Wellington Branch NZSG – May 2014 Newsletter

Content includes:-

Item on TVNZ Archive material becoming more accessible.

Website - Historic Maps online

### Kilbirnie Branch NZSG – June 2014 Newsletter

Content includes:-

Interview with Margaret Brown – early NZSG Councillor.

Roving Reporter in England – visit to a Martello Tower now a dwelling. 103 of these Towers built around coastline

1805 – 1812 to resist potential invasion by Napoleon.

## 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 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.

**Wednesday 9 July 2014, 12pm – 1pm**

*Beginning a one-name study with Anne Brady* Learn how to explore the unusual names in your Family History. The Guild of One-Name Studies can help you break through many of the brick walls on all your family lines.

**Wednesday 23 July 2014, 12pm - 1pm** Join John Snashall, Walks Co-ordinator for Friends of Waikumete Cemetery, as he takes you on a journey through the History of the Waikumete Cemetery in Glen Eden.

*At the Branch Library contd:-*

### Dunedin Family History Group – June 2014 Newsletter

Contents:

Glenomaru

Morrison

Green Valley

Interesting grave in the Port Chalmers Cemetery

The Over 100 club

Dunedin City Council Employees Roll of Honour

Caversham Presbyterian Church

You should always purchase certificates for your ancestors

Waipori Falls

Bank of New Zealand War memorial

Ross Creek Reservoir

Miller Flat War Memorial

Bannockburn War Memorial

Nevis War Memorial



GRONI (General Register Office for Northern Ireland) has placed birth, marriage, and death records online. The new online records include

- birth records over 100 years old
- marriage records over 75 years old
- death records (including World War II death records) over 50 years old

GRONI charges fees to view the images of the original records. "Credits" must be purchased in advance of making a search. Anyone may purchase a minimum of one credit, up to a maximum of 200. A credit costs £0.40. Payment for credits or certificates can be made using a credit or debit card. Most major credit and debit cards are accepted.

The site does have a rather limited free search that will return only basic information but will not display images of the original records.

You can find several pages of "how to get started" information by starting at <http://www.nidirect.gov.uk/family-history>. The available online records may be found at <https://geni.nidirect.gov.uk>.

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**More than 4 Million Devon Parish Records Dating 1538 – 1915 Now Available at findmypast.com**

On 30<sup>th</sup> May 2014 [findmypast.co.uk](http://findmypast.co.uk) published online for the first time parish records in partnership with Devon Heritage Services, as the latest instalment of their 100in100 promise to launch 100 record sets in 100 days.

Spanning 1538 to 1915, the Devon Collection is a rich source comprising over 4 million fully searchable transcripts and scanned colour images of the handwritten parish registers held by the record offices in Barnstaple and Exeter. With Plymouth and West Devon Record Office's records already available on findmypast, these new additions mean that findmypast's Devon Collection is the best possible place to find Devonshire ancestors.

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**The National Archives (of Great Britain) Adds More First World War unit Diaries Online**

On 22 May 2014 The National Archives made a third batch of 724 digitised First World War unit war diaries from France and Flanders available online via its [First World War 100 portal](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/firstworldwar100).

The unit war diaries provide interesting accounts of battles and events, as well as insights into the daily routines of British troops on the Western Front. This third tranche ([WO 95/2432 – WO 95/3154](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/firstworldwar100)) contains the diaries from the Kitchener Divisions and those of the Territorial Force (later The Territorial Army).

You can read more at <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/news/933.htm>

*From Dick Eastman's newsletter*

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Taranaki Herald Volume LV, Issue 13933, 14 April 1909, Page 4

A fire which occurred at the Taranaki Herald premises this morning was the cause of a rather amusing incident. A milkman on his morning delivery in the vicinity saw that the fire had occurred and with praiseworthy promptness immediately rushed away in the direction of the Fire Station to give the alarm. When crossing the Powderham Street bridge the bell began to ring and he met the members of the brigade already on their way to the scene with the hose reel and ladder carriage. The man was bewildered. He could not understand who had forestalled him. There was no-one within cooeee when he set off to give the alarm, no-one had passed him and yet here the brigade were well on their way to the scene. The real position however, was that immediately the fire broke out the May-Otway patent alarm connected from the Herald Office to the Fire Station, gave the alarm and the brigade with great smartness turned out with-in a few seconds.

*(Early smoke detectors?)*