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## 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 August Report

Well, it has certainly been a good month to stay indoors and do research. I can't remember such a cold July! However members have turned out for our two meetings which we have fortunately been able to accommodate in the supper room which has heaters. There is still no sign of the Council providing heating or curtains for the main hall despite our continued requests.

The day meeting was addressed by Peter Cross, a long-standing member and research helper, on 'Breaking down brick walls'. He told of his experiences when often the answers came out of the blue or from persistence in following up leads. The evening meeting was addressed by Sarah Ward whose parents were early members of our Branch. Over the last five or so years she has researched her g-g-aunt who was Matron of the Auckland Industrial School from 1884-1916. She was an amazing woman who had a strong social conscience and gave great support to her extended family, although she never married. Sarah was named after her and can see many family traits coming through from her.

August is Family History Month and although we are not doing anything specific I would draw your attention to the very full programme being put on at the Auckland Public Libraries. Beginning your family history. Here are the North Shore sessions – I am sure you will find something to interest you.

**New to family history?** *Not sure how to start? Come let our specialist library staff show you how.*

**Northcote Library** 10.30am Thursday 7 August

**Glenfield Library** 11.00am Wednesday 27 August

**Brick walls:** *tips and tricks to help solve your family history puzzle*

**Birkenhead Library** 2.00pm Tuesday 12 August



**Hospital Records** (as requested by our members)

There are many different types of hospital records of use to the family historian. What are these, where can I find them and what are the conditions of access? This talk will give an overview of the records available in New Zealand and abroad including how to find a doctor, nurse or midwife.

**Glenfield Library** 2.00pm Wednesday 27 August

**Newspapers and magazines for family history**

How can newspapers and magazines help you with your family history research? Have a look at the sorts of things that can be found in our heritage publications, on microfilm and online.

**Albany Village Library, Upper Harbour Local Board office** 11am Thursday 7 August

**Passenger lists and immigration**

A family historian's most frequent brick wall! Finding when your ancestor arrived in New Zealand can be very frustrating. This talk will explore some of what is available online as well as resources which may not ordinarily be thought of in relation to immigration records.

**East Coast Bays Library** 11.00am Tuesday 12 August

**Searching for your family on the internet**

A brief tour through the different websites that can be used to find your family, subscription websites, free websites and social media sites.

**Albany Village Library, Upper Harbour Local Board office** 1.00pm Thursday 7 August

**Birkenhead Library** 2.00pm Thursday 21 August

The response to our requests for comments on the problem of poor attendance at the Wednesday 1-3pm Resource Room sessions has been poor. It may be we need to put out a questionnaire to try and gauge reaction to the suggestions received so far.

Happy researching.

Raewyn

**MEETINGS CALENDAR**

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2014**

**1 p.m.**

**Speaker** – Jill Williams  
Ancestor Hunting in the UK  
(Power point presentation)

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2014**

**7.30 p.m.**

Discussion – have you a connection to someone famous or infamous?

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014**

**1 p.m.**

**Speaker** – Laurence McLeod  
**Subject** – Helensville – 150 Years

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2014**

**7.30 p.m.**

Subject - NZSG Website

**District Keys now available on the NZSG Website**

The District Keys have been produced as a finding aid to be used in conjunction with the Indexes to New Zealand Birth and Death Registrations, available on microfiche.

These booklets have now been scanned and are available free in the Members Section of the NZSG Website. They are for the earlier books up to 1920. The later volumes will follow if the demand is there for this service. As well as scans of each page there are some excellent directions as to how to use this resource.

## NEW AT THE BRANCH RESOURCE ROOM

### Hutt Valley Branch NZSG

#### July 2014 Newsletter

Content includes:-

BDM on-line – Coverage & Searching Tips etc.

### Dunedin Branch NZSG

#### July – Aug 2014 Newsletter

Content includes:-

Ancient Irish History

Papers Past updates and “Finds”

### Wellington Branch NZSG

#### July 2014 Newsletter

### Family Tree Magazine – August 2014

Content Includes:-

**p 6.** Records of Household Cavalry now online

**p 10.** Telling our stories - WM London re-opens its doors on completion of WW1 Galleries.

**p 14.** Finding the fallen

**p 24.** A true British soldier – using letters from the Western Front. Rod Marten finds in detail the final events of his uncle’s life.

**p 30.** Laws that changed lives. Acts of Parliament that affected our ancestor’s lives and made family research possible.

**p 36.** Rehab and Rolls of Honour

**p 38.** Saving our Family Photos. Will our family photographs survive the digital age?

**p 40.** Picturing Families at War 1914-1918  
Jayne Shrimpton investigates family photos taken between 1914 and 1918 and what they reveal about our ancestors’ experiences of the conflict.

### Dunedin Family History Group – August 2014 Newsletter

Contents

Write up of our Brick Wall night

Waikaia War Memorial

John McGlashan College Roll of Honour

Upcoming Reunions

Funeral Directors Records for Dunedin

Interesting graves in the Northern cemetery -

Thomas Hewitson

Interesting graves in the Andersons Bay

Cemetery - Bathgate, Burnett and Champtaloup

Interesting bequeaths from Wills

## Auckland Central Library

### Family history lunchtime series

**When:** Generally 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 6 August 2014, 12 – 1 pm** New Zealand at War: on land, in the air and at sea, with [Michael Wynd](#). As we approach the centenary of the First World War, it is important to remember the context and depth of New Zealand’s participation.

**Wednesday 13 August 2014, 12 – 1 pm** Introducing the Auckland Museum Library’s First World War manuscript collections with [Martin Collett](#). More than just letters and diaries, this surprisingly rich military resource has been collected by the Auckland Museum for nearly 100 years

**Wednesday 20 August 2014, 12 – 1 pm** 100 New Zealand WW1 memorials with [Helen Vail](#). To commemorate the centenary of World War One, Helen Vail set herself the goal of personally visiting and collating information from more than 100 World War One memorials.

**Wednesday 27 August 2014, 12 – 1 pm** Online Cenotaph – recording the stories of New Zealanders who served in many international conflicts, with [Michaela O’Donovan](#). This session showcases what to look out for when new Online Cenotaph is launched later this year and discusses how family members and private researchers can contribute.

## AUCKLAND CENTRAL LIBRARY

### The 10th annual Karen Kalopulu family history lock-in

**When:** Friday 29 August, 8pm -  
Saturday 30 August, 8am

Further details - booking and cost see:-  
<http://www.aucklandlibraries.govt.nz/EN/Events/Events/pages/karenkalopulufamilyhistorylockin.aspx>

## THE NZSG CERTIFICATES COLLECTION

### THE COLLECTION

The collection includes copies of birth, death and marriage certificates, wills, war records or other documents which have been submitted by society members. Each name on the document is indexed.

### ENQUIRIES

Members can request a search of the index by writing to –  
Mrs. Francie Smith  
PO Box 311,  
Mangonui 0442

You can request a search for a particular individual or a printout of a surname. With common surnames, you should include the forename as well. Requests should include a stamped addressed envelope. Part of the index is on the NZSG CD.

### CONTRIBUTIONS

Members can send copies of certificates and other documents to -  
Mrs. June Stratford,  
31 Mains Avenue,  
Whangarei 0112

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### **Mothers' names could be included on marriage certificates in England and Wales, under plans being considered by the Home Office.**

At the moment, the certificates only require the names and occupations of the fathers of the bride and groom. There is no legal requirement or space on the certificate for mothers' names. More than 100 MPs from all parties are calling for the "offensive and outdated" law to be changed so that women are not written out of history.

Marriage certificates in Scotland and Northern Ireland already include mothers' names.

An Early Day Motion by Green MP, Caroline Lucas, says the "law should not perpetuate the offensive and outdated message that marriage is a business transaction between fathers".

She also points out that "both mothers and fathers are recorded on a civil partnership certificate," and she believes "the same should be the case on a marriage certificate".

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**Alexandra of Denmark was the bride of the Prince of Wales**, and a 19th Century fashion icon. The clothes she wore were copied as well. The chokers she wore to conceal a scar on her neck were copied. And when a bout of rheumatic fever left her with a pronounced limp... Well, that was copied too. Pairs of shoes were worn with one heel lower than the other!!

*From BBC News Magazine*