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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 September Report

I really believe Spring is here! The sun of the past week lifted everyone's spirits I'm sure. However we have noticed that a number of members have not been around due to quite a bit of illness and escaping overseas to warmer climes. As soon as it is warm enough we will move back into the main hall.

We had over 30 squashed into the supper room for the August Day meeting. They enjoyed Jill Williams' talk on 'Ancestor Hunting in the UK'. This covered a period of around 20 years and the changes she has observed have been dramatic. She gave us some tips on 'dos and don'ts' when going to research overseas. Due to the afore-mentioned illness and holidays the attendance at the evening meeting about famous and infamous family connections was poorly attended and closed early. I unfortunately was unable to attend even though I was dying to tell everyone about my infamous ancestor 'The Black Wolf of Badenoch'!

I hope some of you got to attend some of the Auckland Public Libraries presentations. I have heard very good reports of them. I had planned to attend the 'Hospital Records' session but got held up by other commitments.

You may hear in the not-too-distant future news about the future of Marlborough Hall. It seems that at their last Board Meeting the Kaipatiki Local Board decided that they would revamp the building and convert it into a centre concentrating on youth activities and education. However this will not be activated till the middle of next year when they get the budget for it. In the meantime Linda Pinder and I have met with the Community Co-ordinator to discuss our club's needs and aspirations for the future. We had a good discussion and some interesting suggestions have been floated. As the report being prepared will not be completed till the end of November it will probably be the New Year before

over



we hear anything definite. Linda and I stressed the following:

- must have a resource room (including storage) where members can research
- need a space to hold meetings of up to 50 people with refreshment capability
- must be easily accessible by public transport
- must have adequate parking
- must be warm and comfortable
- must be in a safe location

We feel that we were listened to and will keep you informed with any developments.

I attended the Auckland Regional Meeting of NZSG on Sat 23 August. It was well attended and a very pro-active group. A few points I would like to pass on:

- From 1 September members pay postage both ways for library borrowing
- 2015 AGM will be held in Auckland in June but not Queens Birthday Weekend
- 2015 Family History Fair will be at Alexandra Park 7-9 August and organised by WOT an events managing company
- entries for KIWI INDEX 2 have closed but it will be 2015 before it is produced due to the enormous amount of checking and re-formatting that needs to be done
- The President, Gay Williams is heading a project to update and reorganise the NZSG website - at our October evening meeting we will look at contributing to this

Cheers,

Raewyn

## MEETINGS CALENDAR

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014**  
**1 p.m.**

**Speaker** – Laurence McLeod

**Subject** – McLeod Family's journey from Scotland to Helensville – 150 Years

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2014**  
**7.30 p.m.**

Subject - NZSG Website

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2014**  
**1 p.m.**

**Speaker** – Ian Handricks

Will use a projector to illustrate talk  
Check his website [www.ianhandricks.com](http://www.ianhandricks.com)

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2014**  
**7.30 p.m.**

Share a treasured family memento.

## Thousands More Yorkshire Parish Records now Available on Findmypast.co.uk

The Wakefield and District baptisms contain 28,372 records comprised of transcripts of original parish registers made by the Wakefield and District Family History Society. Spanning the years 1622 to 1913, they add to Findmypast's existing collection of Wakefield baptisms that now totals 213,000 records.

150,000 more burial records have also been added to Findmypast's already extensive collection of **National Burial Index** records, which now total 12 million. Transcribed by the Cleveland Family History Society, thousands of these new records have never before been published by the Federation of Family History Societies and are only available at Findmypast.

*From Dick Eastman's Newsletter*

## NEW AT THE BRANCH RESOURCE ROOM

### **Kilbirnie Branch NZSG August 2014 Genealogix Newsletter**

Content includes:-  
10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Report of Celebration.  
Show and Tell – with photos and report  
Stockholm or Bust by Chris Underwood  
Kilbirnie Branch website with useful links -  
[www.nzsqkilbirnie.org.nz](http://www.nzsqkilbirnie.org.nz).

### **Kilbirnie Branch NZSG September 2014 Genealogix Newsletter**

Content includes:-  
Tintern Abbey Ireland  
TeAra – online NZ encyclopaedia

### **Wellington Branch NZSG August 2014 Newsletter**

Content includes:-  
Papers Past Tip  
Migration Timeline – To and From UK  
Victoria University of Wellington

### **Hutt Valley Branch NZSG August 2014 Newsletter**

Content includes:-  
Great-uncles Bravery Acknowledged in Trip -  
Re-tracing History in Sondernach, France

**Findmypast** has added Australian records:  
inbound passenger lists to Victoria, 1839-1923  
(2,125,578 records) and outbound from Victoria  
1852-1915 (1,753,919 records).

## OPEN DAY

**The Family History Centre**  
313 Sunset Road, Mairangi Bay,  
is holding an Open Day.

1-4 pm Saturday August 30th.  
*All welcome*

## 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](#)

**The story of your home with Lisa Truttman Wednesday 3 September, 12pm – 1pm** Join Lisa Truttman as she shows not only how to research your home's story using archives, documents, land records, and photographs, but where to find the information. Feel free to bring along those queries and puzzling problems you're having with finding out the story behind the history of your property - and that of your ancestors - here in New Zealand.

**Digging for treasure - using online newspapers with Michelle Patient Wednesday 17 September, 12pm - 1pm** Online newspaper databases such as [Papers Past](#) and [Trove](#) contain a wealth of valuable information to enhance and progress your family history research.

This presentation will cover where to start, which papers to use (it isn't all in Papers Past), what sort of information you can find and possible costs involved. Learn how to dig deeper and wider, how newspapers can help break down your research brick walls, search tips and tricks, and ways to use the information you find.

**The photographic portrait rooms of New Zealand with Keith Giles.**

**Wednesday 1 October, 12pm - 1pm** Since 1848, when the first photographer arrived in Auckland, the photographer's studio has been a feature of New Zealand towns. Photograph Librarian Keith Giles looks at why your ancestors had their portraits taken, what they found at the studio, and how much they paid.

**Immigration to New Zealand: sources and approaches with Graham Langton**

**Tuesday 7 October, 12pm - 1pm** Immigration to New Zealand from 1840 to the 1970s was no simple matter when our ancestors arrived for so many different reasons. Immigration records are far from straightforward, and passenger lists, when they do exist, are only the beginning of the search. Graham Langton, formerly of Archives New Zealand, will show us how to navigate the records that can provide us with clues to our ancestor's immigration.

## **GETTING THE MOST FROM NZSG CERTIFICATES COLLECTION ON THE KIWI INDEX**

There is a great search engine on the Kiwi Index which can help you identify exactly which certificate/printout/sighting sheet you are getting or identify the people and the event without getting a copy of the document.

First change the search in box to NZSG Certificates Collection only.

Find one person who is on the document - note the CTF number and the date

Redo the search with no names entered and date is exactly " "

It can take a couple of minutes to load everything

Then click on "date" at the top of the date column - this will sort all entries into date order

Scroll down to the date you want and check every entry on this date.

### **EXAMPLE OF BIRTH - SIMPLE**

CTF31633-346 – 18 Sep 1865 – Victoria NLD NZ

TOLERTON, Annie

BUCHANAN, Agnes Rebecca – Birth

BUCHANAN, Annie

BUCHANAN, Samuel

On a birth record we expect to see the name of the person born, the names of the parents and hopefully the maiden name of the mother. In this case:

Child is Agnes Rebecca

Father is Samuel

Mother is Annie nee TOLERTON

### **EXAMPLE OF MARRIAGE – WHAT WE WANT TO FIND**

CTF62473 – 27 Dec 1900 – Aylesbury NCY NZ

MATHESON, Isabella

ROUND, Ebenezer

ROUND, Mary – Marriage

ROUND, Mary Ann

ROUND, William Ebenezer

PICKARD, Alice Maud Mary

McLENNAN, Donald

McLENNAN, Isabella

McLENNAN, William – Marriage

HARRISON, Mary Ann

So we have here a marriage between Mary ROUND and William McLENNAN.

William's parents are Donald and Isabella McLENNAN nee MATHESON

Mary's mother is Mary Ann ROUND nee HARRISON

Mary's father is either Ebenezer or William Ebenezer. I am guessing the first as it is more of an old fashioned name (NZ BDM Birth's confirms this)

So William Ebenezer is most likely to be Mary's brother but don't jump to conclusions here.

The witnesses are said William Ebenezer and Alice PICKARD (*With permission from Melanie Middlemiss*)