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Programme for 2016

*Meetings held at Senior Citizens Hall,
Mayfield Centre, 5 Mayfield Road,
Glenfield*

Day Meetings:

*Generally 1st Monday each month
1:00pm to 3:00pm
Door Sub \$4.00*

30th May Speaker: Marion Heap

Subject: Huguenot Research

4th July: Speaker: Lyn McDonald

Subject: Missionaries and Misfits

1st August; Ian Faulkner

Subject: Rua Wahine

Evening Meetings:

*Generally 3rd Wednesday each month
7:30pm to 9:30pm
Door Sub \$4.00*

15th June Rick Bragger

DNA

20th July TBA

17th August TBA

21st September TBA

19th October TBA

16th November TBA

*WiFi connection will be available at the
evening meetings for members
questions and problems using their own
computers.*

ACCESS TO STORED NZSG NORTH SHORE BRANCH RESOURCES

Resources retained by the branch will be available to access at 11 Summit Drive, Torbay, on a **“by appointment”** basis.
Easy one level access and parking

Please telephone Dennise Cook on 473 5351 or email her at denjon@xtra.co.nz to arrange a suitable time and date.

Alternatively a look-up service is available by either –

- email request only with photocopies delivered to the following day / night meeting at 20c per page. Please email request/queries to denjon@xtra.co.nz

PLEASE NOTE: NO scanning facility is available.

- mail-only request - send request/queries with sae and donation to: Dennise Cook, Research Officer North Shore branch NZSG, PO Box 89 045, Torbay, Auckland 0742.

Please refer to the North Shore branch's website www.tinyurl.com/nsgenealogy for comprehensive list of all resources held in storage.

CONVENORS REPORT

The fine and barmy weather continues as we get well past the time we expect to have to wrap up to attend our meetings.

The AGM held on 2nd May had a very good attendance of 29.

Unfortunately both the position of Convenor and Secretary were not filled as the rules of the NZSG require these positions and that of the Treasurer to be filled by a financial member of the National Association.

We are still hopeful that such a member of our Branch will offer their services. In the meantime Linda is still acting as our Secretary and Raewyn represents our Branch at National level while the actual convening of the meetings are presently being done by a member of the committee.

We welcome Christine Tregonning to the committee and say a hearty thanks to the following who have given great service to the Branch. Julie Burr a committee member who also looked after our evening suppers. Raewyn Nevin our Convenor who is remaining as a member of the committee and Linda Pinder our outgoing Secretary who has been co-opted on to the committee as has Paul Ashton who looks after our web site and the evening computer sessions.

We are still looking for a person to look after our evening suppers and someone to carry out the Secretarial duties. If you are interested in helping please contact a committee member.

Ian Winkel

JUNE MEETINGS

Due to Queens Birthday falling on the first Monday in June the day meeting has been brought forward a week and will be held on Monday 30th May.

This meeting will feature Marion Heap who will be covering Huguenot Research.

On **Wednesday 15th June** the evening meeting at 7:30pm will be a presentation by Rick Bragger on DNA. This will cover the results he obtained from a

DNA profile through Ancestry. Rick, has been involved with genealogy and was an office holder in the Feilding Branch for many years.

If time permits Paul Ashton will answer those queries that members who attended the Resource 101 session will no doubt have after carrying out their own investigations into their resources.

Both meetings should be of interest to many if not all members.

The Evening Meetings subjects are still evolving as we endeavour to satisfy member's requirements. A survey will be carried out to give us the answer to areas of genealogy and computing that members require assistance with.

A reminder to all members to bring your laptop to the Evening Meetings.

DID YOU KNOW?

There are currently more than 340,000 NZ wills available to view free on line.

Go to the Family Search website, click on search, research by location, click on NZ on the map, select NZ on the next screen. Now enter details for your deceased, select probate records from the collections at the bottom of the page and search. Good Hunting!

REPORT ON MAY MEETINGS

May 2nd 2016 Annual General Meeting.

Annual General Meetings often scare members off as they are concerned they may be co-opted onto a committee. Our members need not fear – our committee is made up of members who are anxious to see our club thrive and do the best possible for our branch. Two long standing members, Raewyn and Linda, after providing years of dedicated work have relinquished their positions as convener and secretary but are fortunately staying on the committee. A new member has offered her services and we warmly welcome Christine Tregonning. This still leaves us without a convener or secretary and only one official, Ian Winkel, as those holding official positions must also be a financial member of the NZSG. Meanwhile, rest assured, meetings will happen, newsletters will be sent and members will be kept aware of all the things that interest us including

the good work being done by Paul on our website www.tinyurl.com/nsgenealogy

Jan Gow, kindly presided over the Annual General Meeting and then gave us one of her very interesting talks on Family Search. As always there was something new to learn and was enjoyed by all.

18 May Evening Meeting

Our evening meetings are now held on the third Wednesday night of the month and with internet access available these have been taking the form of a more hands on computer based session. These are proving popular.

This meeting was organised by Paul, our computer guru. The topic being, resources and how important they are to our family trees. Most importantly Paul first explained how to set up the indexing of resources to make them easily found in the future. He then used a question and answer system to guide us through finding these resources, and adding them to our master data base. About 7 laptops were in use and with 3 people to a table there was much interaction and discussion as we worked our way through the session. Many notes were taken and no doubt, we have all revised our thinking on what we need to add to our family tree and have been searching out those elusive resources. Paul also covered a number of other matters including To Do Lists and there was much animated discussion over a cuppa to finish off the meeting. We also need a regular evening supper lady as Julie is unavailable on a Wednesday night. Our thanks go to her for all past suppers and we are looking for a volunteer to do this easy but important task.

The evening concluded with supper.

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Feel free to submit articles or contributions via email to the Editor for the monthly Newsletter. Articles should be no longer than 800 words. Pictures should be in JPG format. If you submit an article, you agree to have it edited as the Editor sees fit. No payment is made for any submissions published.

Last month we had our first contribution from Shona Michie

Here is our second submission

*Am I Related to Judy Garland?
(by Christine Tregonning NZSG 26467)*

My Great Grandmother Margaret Eva LOVIE was born in Auckland in 1875. Her Father James was the son of James LOVIE and Catherine FRASER. James LOVIE senior had arrived in Auckland aboard the Northern Bride, which sailed from Liverpool, arriving at Auckland on the 11th October 1860. Catherine, accompanied by her sister Margaret FRASER and children Margaret, Catherine Mary and James Junior, arrived aboard the Morning Light which sailed from Liverpool in October 1860 arriving in Auckland via Melbourne on the 4th March 1861. James LOVIE senior had been a merchant in Fraserburgh, a town in the Scottish county of Aberdeenshire, but business failure had prompted a speedy departure to the other side of the world. One rather eloquent newspaper notice used the term "absconded".

I am not sure of the exact origin of the LOVIE surname. Online sources indicate that it is of Anglo Saxon origin however it is most commonly found in the fishing villages along the north coast of Aberdeenshire and Banffshire.

Some years ago I was sent a large family tree and I was amazed to find on it a lady by the name of Judy GARLAND. Judy was the daughter of Francis AVENT GUMM and Ethel Marian MILNE and was born Frances Ethel GUMM at Grand Rapids, Michigan, USA in 1922. According to the family tree Judy's 2 x Great Grandparents were Alexander MILNE and Jean LOVIE. A copy of Jean's Scottish death registration contains the following information: Jean MILNE Married to Alexander MILNE agricultural Labourer died at Hillhead of Phingask, Fraserburgh on the 22nd June 1864 aged 79 years. Her parents George LOVIE and Margaret LOVIE m.s. WATSON were both recorded as being deceased.

On the 2 October 1803 George LOVIE and Margaret WATSON are recorded as being the parents of a son named James who was baptised in the parish of

Longside in Aberdeenshire. At that time George and Margaret were living at Mains of Buthlaw in Peterhead, Aberdeenshire.

On the whole my 3 x Great Grandfather James LOVIE kept a rather low profile after his arrival in Auckland. According to a notice in the London Gazette dated 27 July 1860 James was a Ship Owner, Coal and Lime Merchant, and a Feuwar in Fraserburgh but in Auckland James became a farmer having purchased a 5 acre block in Point Chevalier near a property owned by his brother in law William FRASER. James LOVIE died at Paparoa (Panmure) on the 1st July 1872 aged 68.

AUCKLAND CENTRAL LIBRARY

The 2016 Family history lunchtime series re-started on 10 February. The link below takes you to their programme and list of events.

<http://www.aucklandlibraries.govt.nz/EN/Events/Events/pages/february2016familyhistorylunchtimeseries.aspx>

We do suggest that you regularly visit the Auckland City website as there is usually a wealth of information for the family genealogist.

www.aucklandlibraries.govt.nz

Family History Club series re-started Sunday 28th February.

<http://www.aucklandlibraries.govt.nz/EN/Events/Events/Pages/familyhistoryclub2016.aspx>

SOME BRANCH WEB SITE LINKS:

Wellington Branch NZSG:

www.genealogy.org.nz/wellington_District_124.aspx

Kilbirnie Branch NZSG:

www.nzsgkilbirnie.org.nz

Dunedin Branch NZSG:

www.dunedingenealogy.org.nz

Hutt Valley Branch NZSG:

www.huttvalleygenealogy.org.nz

Hibiscus Coast NZSG:

www.genealogy.org.nz/Hibiscus_Coast_69.aspx

The Coromandel Heritage Trust

www.thetreasury.org.nz

These web sites are well worth visiting as there is always something of interest as well as the access to their Newsletters.

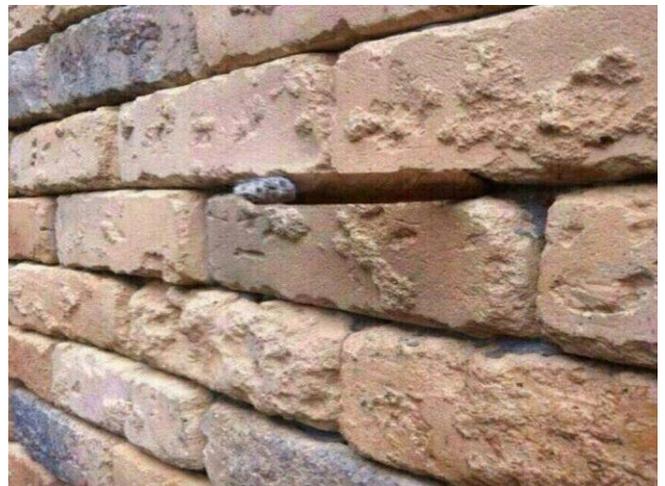
You should also of course be visiting the National Office web site on a regular basis to keep up with current activities, courses and special interest group meetings.

www.genealogy.org.nz

AND your Branch web site at

www.tinyurl.com/nsgenealogy

BRICK WALLS



Do you have a brick wall?

Send your problem to the editor and maybe we can help you.

If you cannot get rid of the family skeleton, you may as well make it dance.

- George Bernard Shaw