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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*

4th July; Speaker: Lyn McDonald

Subject: Missionaries and Misfits

1st August; Ian Faulkner

Subject: Rua Wahine

5th September; Michelle Patient

Subject: One Name Studies

3rd October; Ross Sutton

Subject: Kiwi School Days

Evening Meetings:

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

20th July; Paul Ashton

*Subject: Dropbox/One Drive and other
useful utilities.*

17th August; Paul Ashton

Subject: Evernote

21st September; Paul Ashton

*Subject; Consolidation of previous
subjects, Questions answers*

19th October; Raewyn Nevin

Subject; Find My Past

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 turnout of 31 for our meeting on 30th May was one of our better attended and the subject of Huguenot Research was very well presented by Marion Heap.

The 15th June Wednesday evening meeting was also well attended by 20 members who had a very interesting evening learning about how to obtain a DNA result through Ancestry. There was considerable discussion and interaction from those who had participated in the Ancestry programme. We may well need a further meeting in greater depth on DNA and family research

Congratulations to Raewyn Nevin and her appointment to the National Board and we also congratulate the other members of the National Board.

Winter has now arrived and the cooler weather does not seem to have affected attendance at our meetings.

We have some very interesting Speakers and subjects to come and look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

Ian Winkel

JULY MEETINGS

On Monday 4th July we have Lyn McDonald covering what could be a very interesting subject on Missionaries and misfits.

Lynne McDonald has lived on the North Shore all her life and she and Graham have been married for 45 years, they have 3 children and 4 grandchildren.

Lynne is a PhD candidate at Massey University. Her research is on Missionaries on Choiseul in the Solomon Islands, 1904-1978. The late Hugh Laracy encouraged Lynne in this area of research as he saw a gap in the history and knew that her husband spent several years of his childhood on Choiseul being the son of Methodist missionaries.

Lynne's topic "Missionaries and Misfits" looks at some missionaries who, despite a selection process, never quite fitted in. Sometimes they were temperamentally unsuited to the conditions; others

obstinately created their own rules. She will talk a little about the archives used and have a power point presentation.

The evening meeting on 20th July will be hosted by Paul Ashton and will cover backing up your data, the use of Dropbox and one drive. There will also be coverage and discussion on other useful utilities that help make your data collection easier.

Bring your laptop to the evening meetings as we will have wifi connection available and will be using the internet for demonstration and practical use.

REPORT ON JUNE MEETINGS

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

This meeting featured Marion Heap who covered the mysterious Huguenot.

Who were they? Where did they come from? Where did they go? What did they do? Could you have answered these questions about this rather romantic sounding but mysterious group of people?

Fortunately we had an extremely interesting and well prepared talk from Marion at our 30 May meeting. Complete with display boards, a hand out and a lively question and answer session. Our group now knows a lot more about the Huguenot. At least one of our members had a eureka moment and solved a long standing brick wall. It is interesting how sometimes such moments come at the least expected time and place.

If you have missed out on the information sheets kindly provided by Marion please contact the editor.

DNA 101

Genealogists are always learning new words – from long gone occupations to olde worlde place names, now we have words such as autosomal, mitochondrial and haplogroups to come to grips with. Rick Bragger steered us through what these words mean and how they can help us with our research from his experience of obtaining a DNA result. Like

most of us would, he naively thought it would answer certain questions – it didn't. However it did raise more questions and it did provide new avenues to research. A surprising number of members had had their DNA done and from this we were able to learn, first hand, more about the merits and pitfalls of different providers and their results. Most importantly we learnt just what we would get for our money from a DNA specimen. Generally, participants felt happy with what they had received and considered it had provided valuable information their research and to the world's DNA data base. No doubt this is a field of genealogy that could take us on that huge leap forward as we exchange our hours spent in front of a microfiche to spitting in a test tube. Are our great grand parents happy about us shaking their skeletons. We will never know. Thanks to Rick for opening up this topic and what the future holds for our research.

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Feel free to submit articles or contributions via email to the Editor for the monthly Newsletter. We are always looking for additional input. 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.

Here is our third submission

Huguenot.

Last week I went to the North Shore Society daytime meeting and sat in the back row. But as the talk progressed I became more and more excited as history of the Huguenot expulsion from France resonated with a name in my wife's family. This name was "de la Cour" and defiantly not Irish as the death certificate said it is from where they came in about 1855.

After I further researched the name the links were formed.

The family were refugees from France, Naturalised in Ireland after purchasing land and the family then moved to Cork. There are now records for the father, de la Cour leasing land to son under the name of Michael Murphy(1835-1915), (and I was told by his

Grand daughter (1883-1983) , changed to mix with local Irish) .

The family house (near Cork) was sold by Michael, (again records available) when they came to NZ and he set up the RSPCA also the NZ A&P Shows to improve the livestock and agriculture in NZ. As well he was the first Vice Chancellor (temporarily) of Lincoln Collage and lived till 81.

All this has been discovered because a full set of records of the Huguenot expulsion from France was taken to a local area meeting.

Many thanks to all concerned.

Graham Creamer

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!

GENE TOONS by Wendell Washer



Great Uncle Bertrand didn't have a computer in 1880, so how will you find him on line?

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. Keep up with current activities, courses and special interest group meetings by visiting the National and your Branch web sites.

www.genealogy.org.nz

www.tinyurl.com/nsgenealogy

This from the "Belfast Newsletter" 3rd August 1810

Last week at Lincoln, Mr H Sunderland, aged 94, to Miss Stone, aged 16, both of Hock, near Snaith. The bridegroom was carried into church in an armchair and was supported by two young men during the ceremony.

An appreciation:

Shona thanks those members who have given suggestions for speakers. The 2016 year programme for Day meetings is now complete. We are now thinking ahead for 2017 and would value any contributions.

Computers and Genealogy Research:

It is recommended that those members who have an interest in computer use for their genealogy research and who may need clarification on the use of family research programmes or other data sources attend the night meetings. We would appreciate anyone with a problem in the computer use area share that with us so that where possible we can find a suitable remedy.

The evening meetings are concentrating on the use of family research programmes, web sites and other sources of information together with the variety of utility programmes that can assist in finding and sorting data.

Another Did You Know?

The Genealogy websites Findmypast, Ancestry and The Genealogist are available free to search in every Auckland Council Library. Even better, you can use your own laptop. Simply ask the librarian for the wifi connection. This will take you directly to the library website where you can scroll down the list of digital resources and select the website you require. Find a comfortable seat and you are free to research as long as you wish.

Happy Hunting!

WHAT IS THE PURPLE BOX?

Like our ancestors, our club should always be trying to improve on what we already have. The PURPLE BOX needs input from members to assist the committee in planning future meetings and keeping our club interesting, informative and moving forward. Please contribute.