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Programme for 2019

*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 \$5.00*

4th March 2019

Speaker: *Dennise Cook*
Subject: *Club resources and
research facilities available*

1st April 2019

Speaker: *John Hemmingsen*
Subject: *Restoring old photos*

Evening Meetings:

*Generally, 3rd Wednesday each month
7:30pm to 9:30pm
Door Sub \$5.00*

20th March 2019

Speaker: *Paul Ashton*
Subject: *Cemetery Project
update and establishment of
working party.*

*WiFi connection will be available at the
evening meetings so that members can
use their own computers to follow and
attend to any problems or use of
alternative programmes.*

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

Well it's been a long hot summer but the change is now upon us. The nights are cooler which makes it easier to sleep. I was pleased to see a bit of rain as it saved having to water the garden every day. Not enough for the farmers though.

I'm sure those who attended the day meeting were pleased to see Pam Irwin who has been laid up arrive and give her talk on the Spanish Flu Epidemic. It was interesting to see those members who had family who had died in this terrible epidemic. As I said I have the book 'Black Flu 1918' from which Pam took some of her information for her talk. I bought it from the author Geoffrey W. Rice when he gave a talk on the epidemic at the conference last June and he very kindly autographed it for me. So if anyone wants to borrow it drop me an email.

At the evening meeting Ian ran us through some websites relating to maps. He subsequently emailed us a list of the websites so if you missed the meeting and are interested I am sure he will forward to you if you ask. It is amazing what is on the internet but don't forget the NZSG has a collection in the library at the FRC. I found one of Norsewood which showed the section allocation for my great-grandfather in the late 1870s. We also arranged a planning meeting for the NSMP cemetery photographic project which was held at Ian and Lyn's place on the following Saturday. We will send out a list of jobs we need help with and I hope we will get a good response so that we can progress this very valuable resource that has been built up over the years.

I'm afraid we are still seeking help on our committee so if you can assist, we would welcome you. It is not an onerous job but we need to have backups for when some of us are away or indisposed. Just see any of the committee to ask about it.

Looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting.

Raewyn

REPORT ON FEBRUARY MEETINGS

Monday 4th February Meeting

2019 first meeting was a Special General Meeting to ratify changes to the rules of the NZSG. A good turnout of members meant we had no trouble raising a quorum.

Our speaker (and secretary) Pam Irwin gave a very informative and interesting talk on the Influenza Pandemic of 1918. This was also known as the Spanish Flu. Many members indicated this had affected their family so they had a very personal interest in the subject. Pam's in-depth research and presentation made a somewhat appalling part of our history come to life with visual overheads of facts and figures to read and accompanied by her spoken side stories.

The pandemic affected a third of the world's population and here in New Zealand an estimated 9,000 were affected – approximately half the number of those killed in WW1. Pam's talk covered the arrival of the virus, the conditions and likely carriers, also the prevailing living conditions of the population. The geographical and cultural spread of the disease and how some of the bad bureaucratic decisions made, increased the mortality rate. The statistics probably do not reflect the true death toll due to their haphazard collection.

Statistics such as 1,000 deaths Auckland in two weeks required such emergency measures such as the Ellerslie Race Course grandstand being used as a hospital and Victoria Park being converted to a morgue. Much of these being maintained by volunteers due to the sheer volume of assistance required. Pam finished her talk with a few amusing stories to come from such an unhappy tale.

Thank you, Pam, for your excellent talk, it was appreciated by the members who were all able to learn more about our early history.

Pam has made a handout available and anyone wishing to have a copy should email her on irwinpmh76@gmail.com

Wednesday 20 January

Our first evening meeting of the year was presented by Ian Winkel who provided us with a number of hints and suggestions for improving our genealogy research.

Member's computers were first checked to make sure all recent updates had been completed as logging into our "dongle" would have set off updates and virtually used all our funds.

Ian then proceeded to show the recent updates current on Windows 10. The advantages of these are many and varied. The NZSG www.genealogy.org.nz has also added new information on their website for members and non-members. As Ian showed it is well worth a look.

Finally, Ian discussed the advantages and value of maps in genealogy. Name and boundary changes through the centuries are confusing, but checking old maps can be of great assistance. Should you wish to receive a list of some of these please email Ian on lynianwinkel@gmail.com

The evening meetings are always relaxed and open to questions and assistance from our members.

The committee is always open to suggestions for topics or speakers.

MARCH 2019 MEETINGS

Monday 4th March at 1:00pm

The speaker will be Dennise Cook, a respected and Life Member of our club who will speak on the branch's ongoing gathering of resources with the help of a small "paste-up" group. This team under her guidance maintains a valuable specific data base, the information of which is available worldwide.

Wednesday 20th March at 7:30pm

Paul Ashton will bring us up to date on this project and we will be establishing a working group to start the recording of data. Other Questions and answers on technical areas will also be covered.

NSMP Transcription Project - February Update

A meeting was held this month and after sorting out some final details the Project is now ready for presentation to members and the setting up of a working party with allocated tasks.

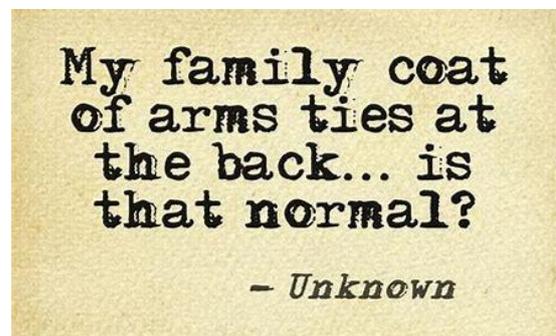
If you are interested in joining the project, in any capacity, please contact Paul, drop me an email at pgashton@gmail.com and I will add you to our Email group in the first instance.

Paul Ashton

NOTICE

Members are advised that there is a write up and some photos of our 40th Birthday celebration in the latest edition of The Genealogist.

If you would like a name badge there will be a list available at the next day and night meetings to which you can add your details. The cost will be approximately \$12 each.



AUCKLAND CENTRAL LIBRARY

Are you interested in family and local history?
The history of this country as well as the world?

Then why not attend one of the fortnightly heritage talks and hear more about both our personal and shared heritage.

These talks are given by experts in their field and can provide valuable insight into our histories.

When: Fortnightly on Wednesdays from February to November, 12pm – 1pm unless otherwise stated.

Where: Whare Wananga, Level 2, Central Auckland Library. Lorne Street, Auckland.

Cost: FREE

March 2019

Wednesday 13 March, 12pm – 1pm

What's in a name? with Anne Brady

Anne will give lots of ideas on how to search for elusive ancestors using surname variants. You will get more out of this session if you bring along a piece of paper headed with columns of your "brick wall" names.

Wednesday 27 March, 12pm – 1pm

Sir George Grey and the Thorne George family with David Verran

Not so well known is that from 1853 Grey was guardian for his half niece, Annie Maria, and that Annie's marriage to Seymour Thorne George gave Grey a family life for most of his remaining years.

Booking: All Welcome but to ensure your place please contact the Central Auckland Research Centre on 09 890 2412, or complete the online booking form at: aucklandlibraries.govt.nz/heritagetalksbooking

Visit the Auckland City website as there is usually a wealth of information for the family genealogist.

www.aucklandlibraries.govt.nz

Family History Club.

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

BRICK WALL TUESDAY

Hit a brick wall with your genealogy and/or family history, or just starting out? Make a free one-hour booking to see Auckland Libraries' family history librarian Seonaid Lewis.

North Auckland Research Centre
Takapuna Library

First Tuesday each month

For bookings phone 09 890 4919

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 access to their Newsletters.

www.genealogy.org.nz

The NZSG national web site

www.tinyurl.com/nsgenealogy

Your Branch Web Site

OTHER WEB SITES

www.hookedongenealogytours.com

www.FamNet.org.nz

Where Kiwis tell their stories

www.RootsIreland.ie

Irish Family History Foundation – R.C. Records include CLANN e-newsletter

www.irishlivesremembered.ie

Ireland e- Magazine Free

<http://www.surnamenavigator.org/>

Surname search

<http://www.ancestorsatrest.com/Ireland.genealogy.shtml>

Death Records for Cemetery, Church and Parish

<http://www.ireland-genealogy.com>

Irish Pensions

<http://www.irelandoldnews.com>

Old Irish Newspaper