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## Programme for 2020

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

### **Day Meetings:**

*Generally, 1<sup>st</sup> Monday each month*

*1:00pm to 3:00pm*

*Door Sub \$5.00*

**7<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

**Meeting Cancelled due to  
level 2 Lockdown rules**

**5<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

**Speaker:**

**Subject:**

### **Evening Meetings:**

*Generally, 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday each month*

*7:30pm to 9:30pm*

*Door Sub \$5.00*

**16<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

**Subject to Review to be held  
on the 6<sup>th</sup> of September**

**GEDCOM: What it is and how  
to use it**

**21<sup>st</sup> October 2020**

*To be advised*

*Bring your laptop*

*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](mailto:denjon@xtra.co.nz)

to arrange a suitable time and  
date.

### **A look-up service is still available at all times**

- **Mail-only request -**  
Send request/queries with sae and donation (which can  
be deposited into the North  
Shore Branch bank account  
030 275 0136855 00 (using  
reference "Look-Up and your  
surname") to:

Dennise Cook,  
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## CONVENORS REPORT - AUGUST 2020

Well wow and hot off the press is my Convenors Report for August.

Our Speaker was Dennise Cook the Clubs Researcher, and she brought in boxes and boxes of hardcopy bound books and CD's, papers etc to share around so people could look for relatives to add to their family tree.

Dennise had asked us to set up trestle tables only so the books & archives etc could be placed around so people could look for themselves. I must admit when I told Dennise she could speak for 45-60 minutes she laughed and said she would only need 3 minutes! I was wondering how on earth we would use up the time. I needn't have worried because as you will see in the photos I took, everyone got busy picking up books & asking questions and generally interacting with each other and gathering information that was pertinent to their family research. We had about 3 newbies who I'm sure will be back once we are up & running again. (Due to Covid level 3 it might not be until September now.)

What can I say! I was so delighted with the turnout of 36 people who came to hear Dennise's talk.

As she said... People just will not get it out of their heads that everything is not on the internet. All of what she brought along had been in the Clubs Resource Room for years – unused!! When the library was disbanded at Marlborough Hall different members were saying, "I didn't know we had that!!" – and some of those had visited that library over many years. What a wealth of resources we have. They are all kept in Dennise's basement now. I feel you are going to get heaps of people booking in to see you that's for sure. Yes, you need to make an appointment with Dennise to keep pursuing your relatives. I might be first in the queue!

Yes, please we definitely need you to do this at least once a year Dennise. Watch this space.

I still feel such a newbie myself and must start getting serious now with more time on my hands that I must not waste. I'm still getting myself organised on that one.

Thank you to the group for being so supportive. I am gleaning from you all and will ask a zillion questions when I hit a 'brick wall'. You are all such a wealth of knowledge and you blow me away with information when you share.

To the new people who came to the August meeting. Usually speakers do a presentation on the projector screen in the form of slides and are perhaps more structured so it's a bit different to have such hands-on interaction. So, don't be frightened off by having to look up stuff yourself if this was a surprise. Every speaker is different and they speak on different topics that are pertinent to the Genealogy process. I ask them to speak about their passion and the interest that has spurred them on to dig further into their ancestors lives to put 'meat on the bones' as they say.

We have had some very interesting speakers this year and I'm hoping to gather more for next year that will capture your interest and keep you coming back to learn more. Do feel free to ask me if you have a particular interest in a country or district and I will see if we can fit it into our calendar for the year. I try to gather names and suggestions of speakers or topics that would be of interest to the group.

On 7<sup>th</sup> September our Speaker will be Rhonwyn Hailstone from the Glenfield Library talking about the Library Resources and her own family history on the North Shore and how she used these resources to research them. It should be very helpful and informative.

We look forward to welcoming Rhonwyn and also, we look forward to welcoming you all back to our very interactive North Shore Genealogy Group!

See you soon.

Teresa

## NAME BADGES

If anyone requires name badges then please contact Teresa McCarthy either at our meetings (when they restart) or by email to [saleskat@gmail.com](mailto:saleskat@gmail.com)  
Cost approx. \$10.00.

## AUGUST MEETING

This Mini Research session run by Dennise Cook was well attended and everyone learnt something. We had 37 people turn out for this meeting.



Dennise Cook presenting her Mini Research Session



Members at the Mini Research session



More members at the Mini Research session

Unfortunately, the Wednesday evening meeting was cancelled due to the re introduced COVID19 lockdown.

## SEPTEMBER 2020 MEETINGS

The day meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> September at 1:00pm will have our speaker will be Rhonwyn Hailstone from the Glenfield Library talking about the Library Resources and her own family history on the North Shore and how she used these resources to research them. It should be very helpful and informative.

The evening meetings will restart on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September at 7:30pm. GEDCOM will be discussed and demonstrated.

Bring your laptop as wifi facilities will be available.

**Just a reminder that both these meetings are subject to the availability of the hall due to what level of lockdown may still be in place.**

## MEDAL and MEDALLION AUCTION

I recently received a catalogue for an international Numismatic Auction to be held in Wellington in September. It details a lot of medals and medallions which have been awarded to various people over the years. Some names include CUNLIFFE, WILLIAMS, BROOMFIELD, MYLES and KAUDIE.

There may be some names which relate to those who you are researching. The on-line catalogue is at [www.mowbraycollectables.com](http://www.mowbraycollectables.com)

Dennise Cook

## SOME ADVICE FROM RAEWYN NEVIN

Trying to keep your distance from everyone else while we wait out COVID-19? Stuck at home as you self-quarantine? Now is a great time to focus on genealogy. Here are 20 ideas for you to consider as you fill your days with indoor activities.

**1. Establish Your Personal Learning Plan.** I know you love Legacy webinars so why not think about a personal learning plan for the next 2 weeks or month. Choose webinars based on a theme such as:

- The country/countries you are researching
- DNA
- Researching female ancestors
- Technology
- Every webinar in the Webinar Library by a specific category or **presenter**

Identify your webinars of preference, watch them, and then study the handouts. Really study the handouts by exploring the suggested websites, seeking out the books in the bibliographies, and jot down notes for future reference.

**2. Scan!** It's a good time to pull out some of those photos you have been meaning to scan and start. You could even watch webinars while you do it!

**3. Upload photos to the Cloud.** Use this time to share and store your photos (especially those that you just scanned). Upload them to whatever makes the most sense to you, an online tree attached to specific ancestors, Facebook album tagged with descendants,

FamilySearch **Memories** collection, or a cloud storage website like **Dropbox** or **Sugar Sync**.

**4. Download your photos from your phone.** Are you guilty of this? I go to a library or archive and take a bunch of photos and then think I'll download them later. But really later never comes. So, now's a good time to download them to your computer or a cloud storage website. You could even attach them to your online trees. Some cloud storage website feature a way to automatically download them to your cloud storage (such as Dropbox).

**5. Take a 2<sup>nd</sup> look at the census.** I know, I know, you've already looked at the census. But what about exploring the pages before and after your ancestor's listing. Or really looking at the columns and making sure you've recorded/analysed everything. Or if you are using the U.S. Census, learning more about the enumerator instructions.

**6. Search WorldCat.** Have you used WorldCat, the world's library catalogue? Take some time to enter a keyword that is meaningful for your family history such as Quakers or Coal Mining. Take some time to search by your ancestor's place to find local history books. To learn more about using WorldCat, see the Legacy TechZone.

**7. Search ArchiveGrid** to become familiar with manuscript collections in the place your ancestor lived.

**8. Search the FamilySearch Catalog** for the place your ancestor lived. Go through each listing to see what resources you haven't used and then make a list of what you need to check.

**9. Update your family tree.** Take some time to update your family tree whether it's on your computer or online. Have you made any new discoveries? Have new documents to add?

**10. Take a new look at your DNA results.** New matches? New ethnicity estimates? Take some time to watch a webinar and learn something new you can do as you review those results.

**11. Timelines.** Create a timeline for an ancestor you are researching now or an ancestor you want to research.

**12. Revisit your grandparents.** Have you researched your grandparents? What records are you missing? What social history can you add to their lives? Work

on writing some short narratives/stories about their lives.

**13. Create a timeline for your life.** For many of us, someday we will be an ancestor. Do your future family genealogist a favour and create a timeline for your own life. Add vital record events, milestones, and historical events that had meaning for you.

**14. Start a journal.** We are living in a unique historical period, document it now by starting a journal. Then look at how you can add to your journal with newspapers, photos, and emails from family.

**15. Digitize!** Have old photocopies from library visits when you first started your family history? Digitize those, organize them on your computer and then throw them away. You should never throw away original or hard to replace records but digitized copies from records like the census, which is found only could be saved to your computer.

**16. Take your genealogy to Facebook.** Have you identified Facebook genealogy groups to join? Now is the time to do that.

**17. Identify blog articles to read.** Bloggers do such a great job of reporting on methodology, new record sets, and case studies. You can learn more about blog posts to read by using Randy Seaver's "Best of..." weekly list or other similar lists. Randy has links to other blogger lists at the end of each weekly "Best of" blog post.

**18. Work on a Research Plan.** Now's a good time to consult library and archival catalogues and your family tree and come up with a research plan. One of my favourite explanations on creating a genealogical research plan is the [online article](#), "Creating a Genealogy Research Plan Like a Detective" by Kimberly Powell.

**19. Document an heirloom.** Have a family heirloom or something you hope will become an heirloom? How about taking some time to photograph it and explain its provenance? Explain what it is, what its importance is to your family, its history and where it should end up when you are no longer around. Consider long term solutions including family members willing to inherit it or a possible donation plan.

**20. Take a virtual trip to your ancestral home.** Sure, you might not be able to travel right now but we are so lucky to be able to access places virtually. How

about using Google Maps or [Google Earth](#), HistoryPin or even What Was There ? To access historical maps and images.



"I warned you, Oedipus, not everybody likes what they find when tracing their family tree."

## GENEALOGY DURING LOCK-DOWN

Here are just a few suggestions to enable us to continue with our genealogy / family research without leaving our homes.

- Go through all the bits of paper you have stored away which has information on that you haven't yet managed to find a home for.
- Go onto the internet and just type in someone's name from your family tree, either with or without "speech marks" and see what comes up – you might be surprised!
- A few New Zealand websites which are "free" to use:
  - [paperspast.natlib.govt.nz](http://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz) – a wealth of information can be got from this site (eg births, marriages, deaths, interesting articles about events and families)
  - [dia.govt.nz](http://dia.govt.nz) – births, marriages, deaths – fill in the dates, find siblings/parents

- the NZSG's website – [www.genealogy.org.nz](http://www.genealogy.org.nz) - have a real good in-depth look at what they have available and also the branches (some of these are listed on our newsletter)
- library sites – [www.aucklandlibraries.govt.nz](http://www.aucklandlibraries.govt.nz)
- museum sites
- type in “genealogy” or “family history” and see what comes up

Remember to come up for air!!

Dennise

## AUCKLAND CENTRAL LIBRARY

Libraries have been hit with the lockdown so ensure you check before making a physical visit. However, there are plenty of things that can be done on the internet.

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

[www.aucklandlibraries.govt.nz](http://www.aucklandlibraries.govt.nz)

Family History Club.

<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](http://www.genealogy.org.nz/wellington_District_124.aspx)

Kilbirnie Branch NZSG:

[www.nzsgkilbirnie.org.nz](http://www.nzsgkilbirnie.org.nz)

Dunedin Branch NZSG:

[www.dunedingenealogy.org.nz](http://www.dunedingenealogy.org.nz)

Hutt Valley Branch NZSG:

[www.huttvalleygenealogy.org.nz](http://www.huttvalleygenealogy.org.nz)

Hibiscus Coast NZSG:

[www.genealogy.org.nz/Hibiscus\\_Coast\\_69.aspx](http://www.genealogy.org.nz/Hibiscus_Coast_69.aspx)

The Coromandel Heritage Trust

[www.thetreasury.org.nz](http://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](http://www.genealogy.org.nz)

The NZSG national web site

[www.tinyurl.com/nsgenealogy](http://www.tinyurl.com/nsgenealogy)

Your Branch Web Site

## OTHER WEB SITES

[www.hookedongenealogytours.com](http://www.hookedongenealogytours.com)

[www.FamNet.org.nz](http://www.FamNet.org.nz)

Where Kiwis tell their stories

[www.RootsIreland.ie](http://www.RootsIreland.ie)

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

[www.irishlivesremembered.ie](http://www.irishlivesremembered.ie)

Ireland e- Magazine Free

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

Surname search

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

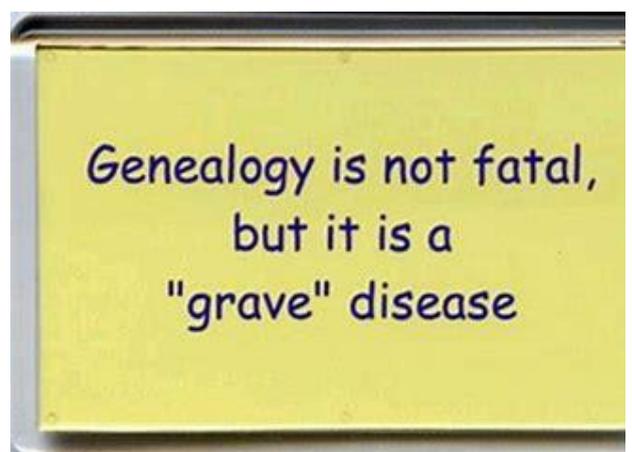
Death Records for Cemetery, Church and Parish

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

Irish Pensions

<http://www.irelandoldnews.com>

Old Irish Newspapers



# Quiz time

No cheating now – answers next issue

1. What is Scotland's smallest city by population?
  - a. Perth
  - b. Inverness
  - c. Glasgow
  - d. Stirling
  
2. What is the title of a person in charge of a workhouse?
  - a. Overseer
  - b. Master
  - c. Manager
  - d. Boss
  
3. Name of the ships that carried Puritans to the New World?
  - a. Mayflower
  - b. Mary Rose
  - c. Scarborough
  - d. Speedwell
  
4. In the UK when was the voting age lowered to 18?
  - a. 1967
  - b. 1973
  - c. 1969
  - d. 1971
  
5. In what year was the Gregorian Calendar introduced?
  - a. 1577
  - b. 1582
  - c. 1572
  - d. 1587
  
6. In what year did the UK and US join the above?
  - a. 1752
  - b. 1747
  - c. 1757
  - d. 1742
  
7. Which country was the last to join?
  - a. Turkey
  - b. Greece
  - c. Russia
  - d. Saudi Arabia
  
8. Which county in Ireland is the largest in area?
  - a. Tyrone
  - b. Galway
  - c. Cork
  - d. Donegal
  
9. Name NZ's largest cemetery?
  - a. Anderson's Bay
  - b. Linwood
  - c. Karori
  - d. Waikumete
  
10. Historically 'consumption' was a medical term for what disease?
  - a. Tuberculosis (TB)
  - b. Congestion of the lungs
  - c. Whooping cough
  - d. Measles

Good luck!

I know that Christmas is a way off but as we can't have our next meeting, time is really of an essence, so could you please contact me on

[irwinpmh76@gmail.com](mailto:irwinpmh76@gmail.com)

with your first and second favourite Christ-mas colour. There are seven colours listed below to choose from. I managed to have 12 people participate already, you know who you are.

Colours include: - red, white, green, gold (yellow), purple, silver (grey), and blue.

Thank you for your co-operation.