



# From 'Our House' to Yours

Papakura Branch: New Zealand Society of Genealogists



## March 2018

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### FOR YOUR DIARY

Sun 25	Mon 26	Tues 27	Wed 28	Thurs 1 Mar	Fri 2	Sat 3
DNA Interest Group Meeting 3pm		House open for research 10 -12	House open for research 7.30 – 9.30		European Interest Group Panmure 4 – 10pm	House open for research 1 – 4
4	5	6 House open for research 10 -12  Meeting 7.30 Geraldene O'Reilly	7 House open for research 7.30 – 9.30	8	9	10 House open for research 1 – 4
11 Computer Group 1.30pm Scottish Interest Group Panmure 1-4pm	12	13 House open for research 10 -12	14 House open for research 7.30 – 9.30	15	16	17 House open for research 1 – 4
18 English Interest Group Panmure 10am	19	20 House open for research 10 -12	21 Legacy 10 – 12  House open for research 7.30 – 9.30	22	23	24 House open for research 1 – 4
25	26 Legacy 1-3	27 House open for research 10 -12	28 House open for research 7.30 – 9.30	29	30	31 House open for research 1 – 4

## **WHAT'S ON:**

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March** Meeting 7.30pm Geraldene O'Reilly convenor of the Irish Interest Group Using Cancelled Field Books (post Griffiths Valuation 1864) to identify ownership of land and build family connections

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March, Computer Group 1.30.** Websites, software programmes, help with problems. Informal and collaborative.

## **Convenors Report:**

Hello all,

Hasn't February flown by, as it's the shortest month it seems to already to have come and gone, It's great that the council has finally started on some maintenance at the house, and thanks to the volunteers, a big thanks to Anne Megget being able to open the house to allow the contractors to work.

Thanks for the great turn out at our DNA meeting on Sunday, it was great, thanks Chris and Jane

The NZSG has adopted March as Cemetery month and suggested we go exploring and find out what's in our local cemeterys. We could use the knowledge gained at Jane's interesting talk last month, and I found out, that one of my graves that I thought was at Tuakau , has been now placed at Waikaraka.

So, my challenge for you is to find a famous headstone, and take a picture, and bring it along to our April meeting and maybe you could do a bit of research about that person.

With Houses being our topic for April, I have been doing some research. I found an address in my Grandad's army pay wallet, and in my dad's baby photo album was the front door of the house, as it has the number on the front edge of the house, so by dating the photos I have proof that he lived there, the current site is now a park in Christchurch.

So, Bye for now, I've so many things to do and so little time.

Gail

## **Committee News:**

Following on from the success of the DNA meeting much discussion about the next step. Auckland Council has finally started doing some of the repair issues on the house. Fundraising – garage sale date set. (See later)

## **Coming Up:**

March Meeting-	Geraldene O'Reilly Irish Interest Group
April Meeting:-	House History
May Meeting	AGM
June 2018	1 – 4 June Queens Birthday weekend Christchurch Boys' High School, Straven Road, Christchurch. <a href="https://www.genealogy.org.nz/2018-conference_1604">https://www.genealogy.org.nz/2018-conference_1604</a>



### **Legacy Sessions:**

Next Legacy sessions.            Wednesday    21<sup>st</sup> Mar 10 – 12.  
   Monday        26<sup>th</sup> Mar 1 -3  
Held at ‘Our House’            Gold coin donation  
Contact Jane Brooker at [jane@cjarm.net](mailto:jane@cjarm.net) or 296 0257

### **GARAGE SALE:**

We are going to hold a fundraising garage sale and sausage sizzle on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April 8am – 12 noon** at ‘Our House’.  
Start looking out those items you no longer need; bric a brac, books, plants, produce, baking, clothes, etc. Items can be left at the house from Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>. **PLEASE NO ELECTRICAL ITEMS UNLESS TAGGED AND NO FOOTWEAR.** If you need someone to pick up please contact a committee member.

### **DNA group:**

Our inaugural meeting was well attended and everyone agreed to meet again. Provisional date for this is **22<sup>nd</sup> April** and it is hoped Michelle Patient will be able to join us to lead a workshop. If so we will be holding it at a venue off site in Papakura and will run for a longer time than originally planned. There will be a door charge for this. Watch for notices.

**Subs:** Thanks to everyone who has renewed their sub. Those not renewed after 31 Mar will not receive the newsletter. If you have decided not to, can you let me know the reason. Jane [jane@cjarm.net](mailto:jane@cjarm.net)

### **Do you know your neighbours?**

There are 14 NZSG branches in the greater Auckland Area from Franklin to Warkworth  
These are our 2 closest neighbours

**Franklin branch** Meetings are on the second Tuesday of each month, February - December.

10:00am – Douglas Wright Room, Franklin : The Centre, 12 Massey Ave, Pukekohe

7:00pm – Pukekohe Library, Franklin : The Centre, 12 Massey Ave, Pukekohe

They generally have a speaker in the mornings and research in the evenings.

**Papatoetoe Branch** Meetings are on 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month, February to December

1.30 – 4.30pm\_The Depot, 91 Cambridge Terrace, Papatoetoe

## **Remember: BACK UP your files!**



**Did you know?** Tracy Little NZSG Webmaster has put out some information about Facebook for Genealogists. If you are an NZSG member this is the link [https://www.genealogy.org.nz/Facebook\\_1655.aspx](https://www.genealogy.org.nz/Facebook_1655.aspx)

## **Speakers for This Year:**

If there are any speakers or activities you would like arranged for the 2018 programme, please let Gail know [blissett2010@gmail.com](mailto:blissett2010@gmail.com)

## **Have you seen?**

If you are an NZSG member, by now you should have the February Magazine in your letterboxes. The voting papers for the Postal Ballot for the Election of Board of Directors were sent as an insert in the magazine. Profiles of the nominees are on the NZSG website. [https://www.genealogy.org.nz/board-of-directors-election\\_1568](https://www.genealogy.org.nz/board-of-directors-election_1568)

## **From the Magazines and Websites: A bit of a round up.**

Users of Ancestry now have access to more than 13 million electoral register entries from [Edinburgh](#) and [Liverpool](#), spanning 1832-1966 and 1832-1970 respectively.

Over 164,000 Yorkshire parish records have been uploaded to [Findmypast](#).

Covering parishes across the East Riding, the latest additions to the site's [Yorkshire Parish Registers and Bishop's Transcripts collection](#) include browse-only scans of baptisms, marriages, banns and burials dating back to the 16th century.

Findmypast also has the **Greater London Marriage Index**. Over 94000 records These new records from the Royal College of Arms cover historic chapels at St James Duke's Place, Gray's Inn, Somerset House and the Austin Friars Dutch Reform Church. Dating back to the early 1500s, the records reveal details of residence, occupation, marriage and spouse. A number also include images of original documents.

Did you have miners who died in mining accidents in Yorkshire, Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire and Leicestershire? Findmypast has added the records, taken from the [Alan Beales Database of Fatalities in the Coal Fields](#), dating back to the 19th century and include the men's year of birth, their date of death and the colliery where the accident took place.

**New in to Our Library:** Family Tree Magazine, Who Do You Think You Are? Magazine March Issues. The Smith family History written by member Nancy Hawks, a local family with lots of connections.

**Trading Table:** Bring along your excess produce, jams, genealogy bits and bobs, no longer needed books etc and support the branch.

**Ink Cartridges:** Only Canon and HP are accepted.

**Sharing:** A problem shared is a problem halved. Hit a brick wall? Come and have a chat at one of our meetings and see if others have any suggestions or come to one of our research sessions and have one on one help.

**EASTER:** With Easter coming up at the end of the month, a few comments and articles.

Easter is a '*movable feast*' In A.D. 325, the Council of Nicaea set the date of Easter as the Sunday following the paschal full moon, (this is related to the Jewish Calendar date of Passover) which is the full moon that falls on or after the vernal (spring) equinox. In our hemisphere it is the autumnal equinox. In practice, that means that Easter is always the first Sunday after the first full moon that falls on or after March 21.

Easter can occur as early as March 22 and as late as April 25, depending on when the paschal full moon occurs. The church does not use an exact date for the paschal full moon due to differing time zones.

and as FamilySearch point out

“Sometimes pictures, or even events, were identified only by a holiday, such as Easter, and a year. Finding the date of Easter in a given year can help more closely identify a specific date.

Also, some religions did not perform marriages during Lent, the 40 days before Easter. Thus knowing the religion of an ancestor as well as the date of Easter may tell when a couple did *not* marry.”

Find an [Easter Sunday Calculator](#) on the Ancestor Search web site.

Have a look at this Easter surname page.

<https://www.genealogytoday.com/surname/finder.mv?Surname=Easter>

**Warning** this is a search provided by Genealogy bank and to delve deeper you have to pay, but you can put any surname in the search box.

### **Were your Irish ancestors involved in the Easter Rising?**

Starting on Easter Monday 24 April 1916 it lasted 6 days. The rising was an attempt by Irish Republicans to end British rule in Ireland. The aim was to establish an independent Irish Republic and the timing was deliberately during WW1 while the British were 'distracted'. Several buildings around Dublin were seized and a Republic declared, sadly the rebels made an unconditional surrender on Saturday 29 April but not before heavy casualties.

“485 people were killed. About 54% were civilians, 30% were British military and police, and 16% were Irish rebels. More than 2,600 were wounded. Many of the civilians were killed as a result of the British using artillery and heavy machine guns, or mistaking civilians for rebels. Others were caught in the crossfire in a crowded city. The shelling and the fires it caused left parts of inner city Dublin in ruins.” (Wikipedia)

**Last Word:**

# 5 GOLDEN RULES OF GENEALOGY

- #1** Leave no stone unturned, unless it is a headstone.
- #2** Handwriting legibility is inversely proportional to a documents importance.
- #3** The further away a cemetery or library is, the more awkward the opening hours will be.
- #4** The relative you most need to talk with is the one whose funeral you are currently attending.
- #5** Wherever you find two or more siblings, there also will you find two or more surname spellings.

Twisted Twigs on Gnarled Branches

If there are any errors, omissions or any comments about this newsletter please contact Jane Brooker [jane@cjarm.net](mailto:jane@cjarm.net)

Contributions, articles, topics, event dates etc. for the next edition are always welcome. Please send to [jane@cjarm.net](mailto:jane@cjarm.net) no later than the **26<sup>th</sup> Mar 2018**.

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