



PAPAMOA BRANCH

JUNE 2018

The Papamoa branch of the NZ Society of Genealogists meets on the second Monday of the month in the Tohora Room at the Papamoa Community Centre from 10.00 am to 2.00 pm

The doors open at 9.30 am. Tea and coffee provided - bring your own lunch

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NEXT MEETING:

- **MONDAY 11 JUNE 2018**

MAURICE GLEESON

**MARRYING DNA
& IRISH GENEALOGY
(DETAILS BACK PAGE)**

DOOR CHARGE \$10

- **MONDAY 9 JULY 2018**

**JANE BROOKER
RESEARCHING IN ENGLAND**

- **MONDAY 13 AUG 2018**

FAMILY HISTORY MONTH

For branch meeting apologies email:

papgen@gmail.com

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **TUESDAY 12 JUNE 2018**

10.00AM TO 2.00PM

MAURICE GLEESON

USING DNA TO SOLVE

UNKNOWN PARENTAGE + Q & A

TOHORA ROOM: DETAILS BACK PAGE

DOOR CHARGE \$10

- **23 June 2018**

Waikato/Bay of Plenty

Regional Meeting: Matamata

Anglican Church Hall, Hohaia Street

August is Family History Month

See page 3 for how you

can be involved

HANDS ON HELP

**Volunteers are at the
Papamoa library to help
with your research**

Friday June 29

10.00am - 12.00 noon

(Remember Betty would
love to hear from you if you
can help)

LIBRARY HELP – TAURANGA

3rd Friday of the month:

1.30pm – 4.00pm except August ~ No booking required

On call help at Tauranga Library

Give one of our genealogists a call to negotiate a time that suits.

- **Olive: 07 543 0382 ~ Morag: 022 185 3643 ~ Joy: 07 575 5820**

Convenor's Comment

Greetings from the Convenor's Desk!

May Meeting Review

Hello to you all from your new Convenor, I am looking forward to the year ahead in which I am sure there will be some challenges for me and some rewarding times as well.

Monday the 14th May was the AGM for the Papamoa Branch and I am very happy to report that we had a total of 54 people present, four of whom were visitors and personally, I feel that for an AGM, that was brilliant.

The general meeting and the AGM went off without too many hitches apart from the fact that we were short of a Secretary, this situation I am happy to announce has been rectified and our Secretary from last year has agreed to continue in this role—a big thank you to Elinor from me.

Our guest speaker Geraldene O'Reilly was due to arrive about 11.00 am but due to car trouble she was delayed. Thanks to modern technology, ie the cellphone, she was able to contact us and someone to help with the car; but this of course caused a bit of a delay.

Our "Knight in Shining Armour" Mark McKinney came to the rescue and went to where Geraldene and her helper were. He brought all the books that Geraldene was bringing in connection with her talk back to the meeting and left poor Geraldene to wait for a tow truck.

Mark I thank you for your gallantry. This meant that while we were awaiting our guest speaker everyone had a chance to browse through the Irish books from Geraldene and also have time to have a look at our own library books.

Kate McEwan
NZSG 17053



DNA Support Group Bay of Plenty

Maurice Gleeson is our very special guest discussing: **Breaking Brick Walls through DNA**

Next Meeting: June 12 from 10.00am to 2.00pm

Tohora room, Papamoa Community Centre: \$10.00 door charge

To confirm your place please contact Betty on 0274 475 448

or email: betty.ra.atkinson@xtra.co.nz

A Word From The Editor



After our last meeting Rowena Sinclair and I received \$65 parking tickets for exceeding the **three hour time limit** in the Plaza carpark. Quite a nasty surprise after an enjoyable meeting and perhaps some of you also received one; if so, my condolences! Rowena and I were both declined on appealing to Wilson Parking who administer the carpark. I also wrote to David Hill, the Plaza Manager and Councillor Steve Morris. I explained that the Community Centre car park has insufficient parks and that at the far end of the Plaza car park the car park is never full. I also mentioned that a sense of community is fostered by residents attending groups and activities at the Community Centre, and that many of us buy lunch or shop at the Plaza during the lunch break, or after our meeting. Sadly none of this has resulted in the tickets being waived—so be warned fellow branch members. Do not exceed the three hour time limit! I was advised to park on the grass near the tavern.

I have been a branch member for less than two years and while I don't know everyone who has been a committee member previously, I realise a number of members have. However there must be more than a few people who have never been on the committee, had a role on the door, made the tea or been responsible for any of the jobs that help the Papamoa Branch of the NZSG—not just tick along—but run *effectively and efficiently*. **This is your branch** and if you have never taken an active role, or you haven't in many years, please consider joining the committee or offering your services in some other capacity.

Several of the current committee have been in their roles several years and while they do an excellent job they must not be taken for granted. We currently have eight members on the 2018-9 committee and we need four members for a quorum for committee meetings. With members sometimes being unavailable for meetings due to travel, health and personal commitments, we risk being unable to meet the quorum which impacts the committee's efficacy.

Please consider stepping up and playing an active role in **your branch**. It may mean stepping out of your comfort zone but you will be supported and it's only fair everyone takes a turn; it's not enough to always hope 'someone else' will volunteer. **To join us please contact Kate McEwan on: 07 929 7884 or 021 0258 8700.**

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please consider

joining the

committee

Also a reminder that your branch subscription is now due. See Page 8 for more details.

Finally I'd like to acknowledge Bill Egerton who I didn't know terribly well but always found to be a friendly and helpful gentle man (as well as a gentleman). I know he will be sadly missed not only for his contribution as a branch member but of course very much also by his family and friends. RIP Bill.

Fiona McAllister: NZSG 26889 ~ Email: fiona@betterwords.co.nz ~ Ph: 021 855 603

And while we are on the subject of volunteers ... August is Family History Month

For the last couple of years members have enjoyed hearing from other members about their research or family histories at our August meeting for Family History Month. We are looking for some branch members who would be prepared to give brief talks on their research.

Please contact Kate if you would like to take up the challenge or discuss further.

katemcewan5@gmail.com or 07 929 7884

My Great Grandmother Flora WATSON: 1836 – 1910

Flora Watson

Born: 14 February 1836, Dunnet, Scotland

Died: 20 April 1910, Auckland, New Zealand

Father: John Watson

Born: About 1795, Assynt, Sutherland, Scotland

Died: 5 Apr 1886, Dunnet, Caithness, Scotland

Mother: Elizabeth Skinner

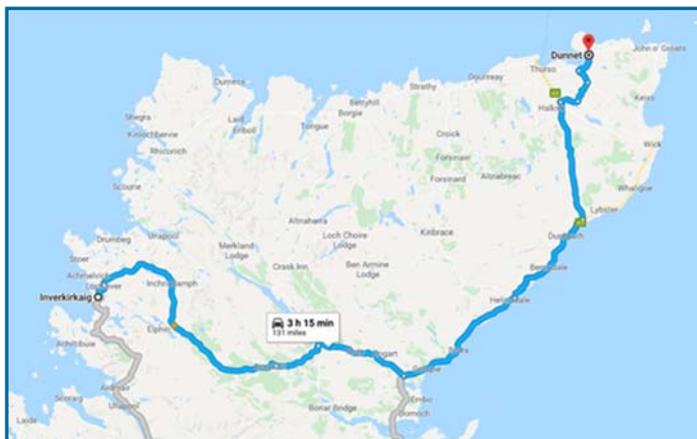
Born 7 Mar 1802

Died 25 Dec 1881



Flora Watson: *This photo does not reveal the hardship and grief she suffered.*

Flora was one of seven children born to John Watson and Elizabeth Skinner in Dunnet, Caithness, Scotland. John Watson was a young child, when his parents Norman Watson and Sarah McLeod were evicted from their croft in Assynt, Sutherland during the Highland Clearances (which began in the mid to late 18th century and continued intermittently until the mid 19th century).



Google map: Sutherland & Caithness Counties, Scotland

It is said that the family walked north from Assynt in Sutherland, across the border into Caithness, where they settled on the north coast of Scotland in Dunnet, where John became a salmon fisherman. However, there is a possibility that they may have travelled by sea because of the proximity of Inverkirkaig to the west coast of Sutherland.

On 17 April 1824, John Watson married a local woman Elizabeth Skinner, in Dunnet. My great grandmother Flora Watson, was the fifth child of seven born to John and Elizabeth.

The unmarried Flora is listed on the census records living in her father's house and on later censuses; her father is listed as a Salmon Fisherman and Farmer of four acres.

Flora married Lachlan Calder on 6 September 1861, in Dunnet. Lachlan was a ship's carpenter and was away at sea for months at a time. He was away for several of the births and deaths of his children and these were reported and registered in his absence by one of his brothers who lived nearby in Dunnet.

While Lachlan was away, Flora was left to manage the croft and raise their children. Between 1862 and 1876, seven children were born—but only three survived to adulthood. The four who died are all buried in the Dunnet Cemetery.

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The children's gravestone names them and states that their parents were Lachlan and Flora W. Calder.

- ◆ Elizabeth Flora Calder died aged 10 months, 9 April 1866, from whooping cough and cerebral meningitis
- ◆ John Watson Calder died aged 9 years, 8 March 1875, from Scarlatina
- ◆ Lachlan Alexander Calder died aged 8 ½ months, 3 March 1875, from acute bronchitis/whooping cough
- ◆ Elizabeth Johan Calder died aged 8 months, 3 October 1876, with cause of death unknown, as there was no medical attendant

My grandmother Flora Isabella Calder, told my Dad and his brothers of times of hunger, and of her memories of climbing the cliffs of Brough, Dunnet, to forage for seabirds' eggs to supplement their diet on the croft.

In 1877, Lachlan and Flora and their three surviving children, left from the port of Glasgow on the *'James Nicol Fleming'*, arriving in Port Chalmers, Dunedin on 3 October 1877. They settled there briefly before moving to be near the family members who would have influenced their decision to leave Scotland. These were Flora's brother, Donald Norman Watson who arrived here in 1858, and Flora's sister Jane/Jeanie Watson, who had arrived in Auckland in 1871.

I wonder how my great grandmother Flora felt leaving her four children behind in the graveyard at Dunnet.

Flora was to experience more grief along with her children Donald, Jeanie/Jane and Flora, when her husband Lachlan died in 1885 in Auckland. Later she and her daughters would also grieve the loss of a son and brother when Donald Calder died just before Christmas on 21 December 1903 in a yachting accident off the coast of Coromandel. He left a wife and six young children between the ages of 20 months and 14 years.

The graves of Lachlan, Donald and Flora can be found in the Symonds Street Cemetery, Auckland.

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You Know You're a Genealogist When:

- everyone in the room groans when you start a sentence with “So, I was doing some research yesterday...”
- you would rather read the news from 1918 than 2018.
- you ask people if they would like to take a trip to the graveyard with you (and you bring your camera).
- you know what the word “ahnentafel” means ... *it's German for ancestor table if you didn't!*
- you've secretly researched the surnames of your friends and acquaintances.
- you can find a birth place for just about any person who lived in the last 300 years, but you can't find your keys.
- you've thought about selling your research services to pay for all of your genealogy subscriptions.
- you've become surprisingly adept at convincing people to spit into a cup and send it off to a lab for DNA testing.
- you can still read cursive handwriting.
- you have more pictures of your long dead relatives than your living ones.
- your dream Saturday night involves a pot of coffee and eight uninterrupted hours of digging through digitised death certificates.
- unsourced family trees make you want to cry.
- you've tried to figure out what a “third cousin twice removed” is. Even if you still haven't quite got it.
- you wish you had a more unique name so that one day your descendants would have a better chance of finding your records.
- you know which one is the “lost” census.
- you've emailed people you've never met to ask them about their family.
- if you could go back in time and meet anyone, it would be that one ancestor who left NO record trail just so you could ask him who his parents are.
- the term “1752 Calendar Change” makes sense to you.
- someone mentions their family's past and you immediately start pulling up related record collections on your phone.
- the obsession you have with certain people in your family tree may or may not qualify as stalking.
- you have a scanning app on your phone and you know how to use it.
- Salt Lake City, UT is the place you'd like to visit most.
- you love history and think that the popularity of genealogy research is one of the best ways to ensure that it is preserved.

This excerpt is from *The Family History Daily* - thought it related to most of us! (Helen Riddell)

New Committee Members

Welcome and thank you to Gill Hosie and Shona MacRury our two new committee members

Gill Hosie:

My name is Gill Hosie (pronounced Jill). I am married to Peter and we have two adult children and three grandchildren. After living in Melbourne for fifteen years, we returned to New Zealand permanently three years ago, to be near our daughter, son-in-law and grandchildren who farm in the Waikato. Our son and his American partner live in Durham in North Carolina and we regularly spend time in the USA, usually during the winter months. My husband and I are really “grey nomads” as we love to travel, both overseas and also within New Zealand in our caravan.



Our son suggested that I work on our family tree as a retirement hobby. I had no idea how addictive this hobby can become. Papamoa Genealogy is the first genealogy club I have belonged to and I am a new member of NZSG. I am very much an amateur and new researcher. My tree is on Ancestry and now has over 4000 people. I now manage six DNA tests and have really enjoyed following up on matches and have been surprised at the connections I have made.

I look forward to playing my part as a member of our local club and serving on the committee and getting to know you all better.

Shona MacRury:

For most of my life I have worked as a Practice Nurse since graduating in 1961. The past few years included my being a Cancer Support Nurse; a branch of nursing I am very passionate about. I am Australian born (don't hold that against me!), but have spent most of my life in New Zealand. My formative years were in Suva, Fiji, before my father was transferred back to New Zealand.

I am a descendant of the Reverend Norman McLeod, "Ban" McKay et al from Scotland via Nova Scotia, on my father's side. On my mother's side, I am descended from the Addis family from Fiji. In terms of genealogical research, I haven't really done very much on my own. I had a lot of help from Betty Atkinson. My own searches have been put on the back burner as “other life gets in the way” as they say.

Blog Workshop: (A blog is a web log) **When: TUESDAY 26 JUNE Time: 10.00 AM TO 1.00PM**

Christine Leov Lealand, a Waihi Branch member, is holding a workshop on “**How to set up a Blog.**”

Venue: WAIHI ART CENTRE AND MUSEUM GALLERY ~ Door charge \$3.00

- ‘How to’ - step by step workshop on how to begin a blog
- Bring a laptop/chrome book/Tablet/iPad or similar device
- You will need to have the text and images (photos) organised for the first blog or two
- You will need a title for your blog, a user name and password thought out beforehand

If you are interested please email: **Harriet** taylorlormade4144@gmail.com

Membership Subscriptions are Due

Thank you to those members who have paid their membership subscriptions.

For those who have not, these are now due.

(If you require a receipt please advise Rowena Sinclair.)

Fees:

\$15.00 for individuals who are current **individual members of the NZSG.**

\$20.00 for joint members who are current **joint members of the NZSG.**

\$25.00 for **individuals** who are not individual members of the NZSG.

(Known as **Associate branch members**).

\$30.00 for **joint members** who are not members of the NZSG. (Known as **Associate branch members**).

Please make payment as soon as possible either via:

Internet banking: an internet payment may be made into the Papamoa Branch of the NZSG ASB

Bank account number: 12-3407-0000401-00. Please put 'Your name' & 'Subs' in the Reference fields.

Cash: pay by cash at the June Branch meeting on Monday 11th June.

Cheques: can be posted to: Rowena Sinclair, **276A Maungatapu Road, Maungatapu, Tauranga 3112**

Legacy 9 Support Group

Legacy 9 has recently been sold to My Heritage. This should not affect you as a user too much but if you are interested in forming a group to learn more and help others with this tool please contact Ray Knaggs. Ray has made enquiries at the complex where he lives (Diamond Sands, Grenada Street), and is able to book a hall where the group can meet. At this stage the available days are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons so if you would like to know more please contact Ray.

This may be a good opportunity for members who don't currently have a digital tree to learn about this programme.



Contact Ray Knaggs: Phone 07 575 8689 Email: fr_dram4@xtra.co.nz (NZSG: 26995)

Eliza Richardson: My Great Aunt

Aunt 'Elie' was born 26 November 1882, in Wellington, the daughter of Charles and Charlotte Richardson. She had three brothers and three sisters. Her mother Charlotte was aged 10 when she came to New Zealand with her parents in 1855, where her father set up in business as a builder. He built the Galatea Hotel in Wellington where his son, William, became the proprietor. Charles Richardson came to New Zealand aged 15 in 1856, working for his uncle who had a store. He progressed to storekeeper and later was managing director of the Wellington Loan and Investment Company.

Elie was educated in Wellington and then went to Timaru Hospital, to train for three years as a Nurse, completing training in 1914. The Hospital Matron reported that, 'Nurse Richardson received her training in this Hospital, and during her three years, I found her a most conscientious, trustworthy and intelligent nurse. She is kind and considerate to her patients, and has always worked amicably with her fellow nurses; I have every confidence in recommending her as a thoroughly efficient nurse, and feel sure she will give satisfaction.'

Elie then worked at the Bowen Street Hospital in Wellington before enlisting with the New Zealand Army Nursing Service in December 1915. She was posted to the New Zealand Hospital Ship *Marama*, departing for Egypt 4 December 1915 and a further 100 nurses were sent later. The *Marama* was based at Alexandria and used as a Base hospital in between taking wounded soldiers to England. It was originally fitted with 600 beds and 6 theatres.

The hospital at Alexandria had 300 beds, which grew to 1000, and was frequently short-staffed. The nurses had very cramped quarters, working in tents and pavilions pitched on sand, in extreme heat. On one voyage, 500 patients from Gallipoli were taken to Southampton. On another occasion over 1600 were transported to Southampton after the battles at The Somme. The *Marama* also made three trips back to New Zealand with wounded soldiers. Post cards sent to the family in New Zealand showed that while she was in Egypt, Elie was able to visit Port Said, Alexandria, Cairo, and Salonika in Greece. While in Britain, she also sent post cards from Bristol, showing the suspension bridge over the Avon River and from London showing Westminster Abbey.



Elie Richardson: 3 May 1917

Elie was promoted to Sister in December 1917 and finally returned to New Zealand in May 1918, having been away for three years. She was transferred to the Military Hospital in Rotorua and then to the Miramar Convalescent Home in Wellington. In June 1919, she was finally discharged from the New Zealand Army Nursing Service, becoming a Plunket Nurse.

Elie was mentioned in dispatches 'For valuable services rendered in connection with the war'. She died aged 53 on 22 September 1929 and was buried in the family plot at the Karori Cemetery, Wellington, New Zealand.

Felicity Morrin

NZSG 21509

OUR MON JUNE 11 SPEAKER:

Maurice Gleeson:

Marrying DNA & Irish Genealogy

Researching Irish records can be challenging and brick walls tend to impede our progress beyond around 1800-1830.

DNA testing can be a useful tool to complement Irish research. Maurice will explore using your DNA results to augment your use of Irish records. The session will be followed by a Question and Answer time. **You do not need to have been tested to attend.**

\$10 entry fee

Tuesday 12 June 2018: DNA Testers Support Group

Maurice Gleeson: Breaking Through Brick Walls with DNA Testing

Tohora Room, Pap Community Centre: 10.00am - 2.00pm

Everybody comes to a dead end at some point along each of their ancestral lines. DNA testing can help break through even the most resilient 'Brick Wall' and help you push back one or more generations. Maurice teaches how. There will be time for questions.

Note: This session is best suited to those who have DNA tested and have practised analysing their matches.

To secure your place contact Betty

Mobile: 0274 475 448

Email: betty.ra.atkinson@xtra.co.nz

Entry: \$10

Maurice was voted *Genetic Genealogist of the Year 2015*

(Surname DNA Journal)

and *Superstar Genealogist, Ireland 2016*

(Anglo Celtic Connections). He runs a

variety of Y-DNA Surname

Projects (for the surnames Gleeson, Farrell, Spearin, Maloney, O'Malley, among others), helps adoptees

find their birth families, organises the DNA Lectures at Genetic Genealogy Ireland each year, and has

popular educational videos on YouTube about the use of DNA as a genealogical tool. His background is

as a doctor, psychiatrist, pharmaceutical physician, and professional actor.

In his spare time ... actually, he has no spare time.

<https://www.apgen.org>



GENEALOGY FRIENDLY GROUP

Meet in Mako Room at the Papamoa Community Centre on the third Monday of the month 1.30 - 3.30pm

NEXT MEETING: Monday 18 June 2018

Contact: Helen Riddell or Jan Saxton



Phone: Helen 07 542 0895 or Jan 07 544 4182

OUR NEW ALMONER:

Please notify Shona MacRury of any bereaved or unwell members

Phone: 07 578 1771

Email: s.macrury@kinect.co.nz

Thanks Helen Riddell for more useful links:

<https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/beastly-behavior/201801/the-meaning-and-meaninglessness-genealogy>

<https://familyhistorydaily.com/genealogy-help-and-how-to/dna-ethnicity-reports-compare/>