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NEXT MEETING

7.30pm on Wednesday 10 February 2021

The speaker for August is:

Diane Ferguson

whose topic is

“Riccarton Primary School”

FROM THE CONVENOR'S DESK

Happy New Year and welcome to the exciting genealogical year for our branch. Alan and the committee have put together another diverse and hopefully helpful programme to support your research. I have had a mixed bag since our last meeting and have found a few new tidbits to keep the flame alight. My passion is around the heirlooms, land records and photos. I recently had a photo restoration done on one of the old family members and it was amazing what was able to be restored. I look forward to showing you at our first meeting. In the meantime, be safe and see you next week. Lance

Meetings: 7.30pm on the second Wednesday of each month (Feb to Nov) at the Upper Riccarton Library, 71 Main South Road. Visitors are welcome.

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PAPERSPAST UPDATE

Four new additions to existing titles were uploaded in January, 3 of which include the World War Two era.

Timaru Herald 1929-1935 [begins in 1864]

Nelson Evening Mail 1938-1945 [begins 1866]

Waikato Times 1936-1945 [begins 1872]

Manawatu Times 1937-1945 [begins 1877]

FINDMYPAST UPDATE

Christchurch City Libraries members can only access FindMyPast for free on a computer within a library, (although some free searches are available at home). FMP includes the growing British Newspapers Archive. Databases added or updated recently are:

- Northamptonshire Baptisms from 40 parishes and Northamptonshire Burials from 80 parishes
 - Devon: Burials from 3 cemeteries in Plymouth & Tavistock and Methodist Marriages from 44 parishes
 - Wales, Montgomeryshire Monumental Inscriptions; Ireland, Dublin cemeteries burials 1805-2006
 - Australia, Victoria Births 1918-1920; New York Roman Catholic Baptisms and Marriages added
 - England & Wales, Court & Prison Indexes 1770-1935 (with images)
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ANCESTRY.COM NEWS

Don't forget that Christchurch City Libraries are still providing free access at home for library members to Ancestry until 31 March 2021. Also remember that MyHeritage is always free to access at home from the Christchurch City Libraries website. Recently added databases on Ancestry.com include:

- Church of England Marriage Bonds 1611-1861 from Archdeacons of Richmond & Manchester. This covers Lancashire and part of Cumberland. Note that these bonds date up to 1861, which is 24 years after the start of civil registration. There are images of these documents.
 - Wiltshire Non-Conformist Baptisms, Marriages and Burials 1810-1987 (with images)
 - Westminster, London Non-Conformist Baptisms, Marriages and Burials 1841-1964 (with images)
 - UK Calendar of Prisoners 1868-1929 (with images of the printed pages)
 - UK After-Trial Calendar of Prisoners 1855-1931 (with images of the printed pages)
 - UK Registers of Habitual Prisoners + Police Gazettes 1834-1934 (with images of the printed pages)
 - UK Prison Commission Records 1770-1951 (has images of registers, photos, minute books, etc)
 - Lancashire Home Guard WW2 Records 1940-45 (with images)
 - North Dakota Naturalizations 1873-1952 (with images)
 - Canada Newspapers.com Marriage Index 1800s-1999 (an index only to another website's records)
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MOST POPULAR NAMES FOR BABIES BORN IN NZ IN 2020

The top names for boys are much the same as in 2019 with first place still being held by the ever popular Oliver. It has been top of the list since the year 2013 and was 2nd or third in 2009-2012. In fact in 2009 more boys were given this name than in 2020. As for the most popular names for baby girls, the top 4 in 2020 are the same as in 2019 but in a different order. Charlotte is still in 2nd place and Olivia is still in 4th place with Isla going from 3rd up to 1st and Amelia going down from 1st to third. However, Ruby dropped a lot from being 5th in 2019 down to 17th equal with Grace in 2020. Grace was 11th in 2019.

ROOTSTECH 2021

Rootstech is the annual family history conference held by FamilySearch in Salt Lake City, Utah. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic it will be held this year as a virtual event on 25-27 February and will be free. For more information and to register to take part visit www.rootstech.org. If the timing does not suit you, you will still be able to access the sessions for up to 12 months later.

IN 2013 CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL NAMED A STREET AFTER A CONVICTED MURDERER

by Alan Tunncliffe



By chance I recently learnt that Morse Road in Wigram was named after Hori George Alfred Morse, who, when I researched his life story, turned out to be not only a First World War pilot in the RAF but also a convicted murderer.

He was born on 2 March 1897, the son of George Francis Morse and Isabella Maude Morse, née Davidson. His first name was after a Maori chief who was a friend of his grandfather. He was educated at Wanganui Prep School and then went on to Wanganui Collegiate School, a prestigious private Anglican high school. He became a clerk for NZ Railways. He came to Christchurch to learn flying at Henry Wigram's Canterbury Aviation Company and qualified as a pilot on 19 May 1918. After leaving NZ he gained Royal Aero Club certificate #6093 and served in the RAF, using only the names George Alfred, until July 1919. He had the rank of Flight Lieutenant. Hori then attended London University for 2 years as an engineering student but did not graduate. Next he served with the Royal Irish Constabulary in Ireland from 1 November 1920, at which time he was issued with a revolver which he kept after leaving the police force on 15 January 1922. While on holiday in August 1921 in Wales he had met a married Irish woman named Hilda Emily Hunter and they struck up a relationship.

The next few years of his life were rather colourful, to say the least.

Hilda, who was about 5 years older than him, met up with Hori in Dublin and is said to have lived with him in England in 1922. The passenger list for the P & O steamship *Barrabool* which left London on 4 May 1922 bound for Australia via South Africa, includes Hori as a passenger for Australia who had last resided permanently in Ireland. However, two other passengers on this ship were Mrs Hilda Hunter and her younger sister Mrs Dorice Halden, both of Hesketh Park Hydro, Southport, Lancashire, who stated they were bound for Cape Town. It appears that they soon followed on another ship to Sydney so Hori and Hilda got together again in New South Wales. They went into the backblocks where Hori worked as a shearer and the pair lived in a tent. Later they lived happily in Sydney until late 1923 when, suspecting her of infidelity, they quarrelled. She and her sister got on the ship *Medic*, which was heading to South Africa in February 1924.

Hori discovered this and hastened to Adelaide to intercept the ship. He did so and went on board to try and persuade her to return to Sydney with him. She refused but did disembark. This was 24 February 1924 and various accounts were given of what happened next. Hori happened to be carrying his Smith & Wesson revolver. Hilda was shot dead on the wharf, but was it accidental or on purpose? He claims it was an accident as he was getting the gun out of his pocket to show her. When he realised what he had done he tried to commit suicide but failed and spent some time in hospital recovering from his self-inflicted wounds.

He was accused of murder at the Adelaide Court and on 9 June 1924 the jury gave a verdict of guilty. Hori was sentenced to be hung, on 5 July 1924. However, at the last minute he was reprieved after his many friends made a plea for leniency and a petition signed by 22,000 people was presented. The death sentence was commuted to life imprisonment with hard labour. While in gaol he took a correspondence course in building design. For a period he suffered from depression. In 1934 he was released from prison due to his good behaviour and returned to New Zealand, where he became a building and architecture design technical officer for the Rehabilitation Department.

Hori lived in Auckland until about 1938 and after his marriage to Stella Adelaide Bell in 1942 he lived in Khandallah in Wellington and worked as a designer and builder. They had 2 sons, David and Allan, the latter becoming an architect. He died on 10 April 1983, aged 86.

ANCIENT GENEALOGIES

by Alan Tunncliffe

Some people have traced their ancestry back to Adam & Eve, according to their family-tree charts. I have been looking in various Bibles at the ancestry of Jesus Christ. His ancestry appears in the New Testament in two books: in Matthew Chapter 1 verses 1-17 and in Luke Chapter 3 verses 23-38. Matthew lists 61 generations from Adam to Jesus but Luke gives 76 generations. The discrepancy is explained by some people who say part of the pedigree includes the ancestors of his mother Mary. There are many variations in the spelling of the names and many of the names occur more than once several generations apart.

Line via Mary

Adam	Nathan	Joseph	Aram [Ram or
Seth	Mattatha	Jannai [Janna]	Arni]
Enos [Enosh]	[Mattathah]	Melchi	Aminadab
Cainan [Kenan]	Menan [Menna]	Levi	[Amminadab]
Maleleel	Melea	Matthat	Naasson
[Mahalaleel or	Eliakim	Heli	[Nahshon]
Mahalalel]	Jonam [Jonan]	Mary	Salmon
Jared	Joseph [Josek or	Jesus [Joshua or	Boaz
Enoch	Josech]	Emmanuel]	Obed
Mathusala	Judah		Jesse
[Methuselah]	Simeon [Symeon]	Line via Joseph	David
Lamech	Levi	Adam	Solomon
Noah	Matthat	Seth	Rehoboam
Shem	Jorim [Joram]	Enos [Enosh]	Abijah
Arphaxad	Eliezer	Cainan [Kenan]	Asa
Cainan [Kenan]	Jose [Joshua]	Maleleel	Jehoshaphat
Sala	Er	[Mahalaleel or	Jehoram [Joram]
Heber [Eber]	Elmodam	Mahalalel]	Uzziah
Phalec [Peleg]	[Elmadam]	Jared	Jotham
Ragau [Reu]	Cosam	Enoch	Ahaz
Saruch [Serug]	Addi	Mathusala	Hezekiah
Nachor [Nahor]	Melchi [Melki]	[Methuselah]	Manasseh
Thara [Terah]	Neri	Lamech	Amon
Abraham	Salathiel	Noah	Josiah
Isaac	[Shealtiel]	Shem	Jeconiah
Jacob	Zorobabel	Arphaxad	[Jechoniah or
Juda [Judah or	[Zerubbabel]	Cainan [Kenan]	Jehoiachin or
Joda or Judas]	Rhesa	Sala	Coniah]
Phares [Pharez or	Joannan [Joanan or	Heber [Eber]	Salathiel
Perez]	Joannas]	Phalec [Peleg]	Zerubbabel
Esrom [Hezron]	Juda [Joda]	Ragau [Reu]	<u>Abiud</u> [Abihud]
Aram [Ram or	Joseph [Josech]	Saruch [Serug]	<u>Eliakim</u>
Arni]	Semei [Semeal or	Nachor [Nahor]	Azor
Aminadab	Semein]	Thara [Terah]	Zadok [Sadoc]
[Amminadab]	Mattathias	Abraham	Achim [Akim]
Naasson	Maath	Isaac	Eliud [Elihud]
[Nahshon]	Nagge [Naggai]	Jacob	Eleazar
Salmon	Esli	Juda [Judah or	Matthan
Boaz	Naum	Joda or Judas]	Jacob
Obed	Amos	Phares [Perez]	Joseph
Jesse	Mattathias	Esrom [Hezron]	Jesus [Joshua or
David	[Mattathia]		Emmanuel]