Grandfather’s secret

RESEARCHING YOUR IRISH ANCESTORS:

Irish flax growers

Genealogy and the Internet

Mount Street Cemetery

Why we need family history fairs
Soon after her article about Harald Andersen was published in the March/April 2010 issue of *The New Zealand Genealogist*, author Kathy Callaghan discovered that her grandfather had an even bigger secret that he had kept hidden from his New Zealand family all his life.

Kathy and her husband had planned a trip to Nannestad, Norway for July this year. Because they knew so little about the family, Kathy decided to write to the local newspaper in Nannestad to see if they would be interested in writing a story about her search.

The editor said yes and assigned a reporter, Magnar Haraldsen, the task. It turned out that Magnar’s great-grandfather and Kathy’s grandfather had the same name.

Read about Kathy’s amazing discovery on page 217.
WHEN your world is shaking around you, family becomes your central focus.

After the initial shock wears off you start thinking of the “what ifs”.

What if the house had been destroyed, what would we lose?

Where’s the backup for my computer? Have I got one offsite? (Around the corner at the parents house is probably not far enough away)

Furniture and clothes we can replace; inconvenient yes, but not irreplaceable. But the photographs and the things that we have inherited from generations past are not so replaceable.

Interestingly in a recent promotion by State Insurance with a theme of “My 3 Things — The Stuff Kiwis Care About Most”, the favourite item was photographs (which bodes well for future family historians).

The Digital Archive is one of the services that the society offers to members. It’s a great option for preserving your family history and it’s offsite from your home. Perhaps a submission to the archive should be your summer project.

Keeping In Touch is the newsletter that is published after each council meeting and is available on our website. In the August 2010 issue you will find the NZSG’s position paper on the merger of Archives New Zealand and the National Library with the Department of Internal Affairs. I encourage you to read it.

Even as I sit here writing this, an aftershock has just hit, for those who have suffered loss, our thoughts are with you.

Fiona
President

From the EDITOR

FOR THOSE of us living in the South Island and for considerable number in the lower North Island, 4.35am, Friday, September 4, 2010, is now etched permanently into our minds.

The Christchurch earthquake is one of those events, like the assassination of John F. Kennedy, and the bombing of the World Trade Centre, or the Erebus disaster that remain in the conscious memory.

And so it is, that all of us with family in that beautiful city, offer support and encouragement to those close to us who have been, and are still, living through those nightmare days and nights. To all of those in the genealogical family of the NZSG, our thoughts are with you as you contend with the day-to-day challenge of rebuilding your lives and livelihood.

The NZSG council, on behalf of the society’s membership, expresses sympathy for all members, their families and friends, affected by the devastating earthquakes in Canterbury. The concern, thoughts and prayers of council and fellow members will be with you all over the difficult months ahead.

Portfolios and area responsibilities allocated to members of council at the meeting in August were:

Fiona Brooker (president), external liaison also publishing information, and Canterbury region.

Barbara Wyley was elected as vice-president by council and her responsibilities, are liaison, magazine, website, Kit and Northland.

Liz Chandler, NZSG Archives, record collection and Lower North Island.

David Bryant, information technology and Auckland Region.

Joseph Gillard, research services, policies and procedures and Taranaki.

Bob Matthews, treasurer and fundraising and Upper South Island.

Raewyn Nevin, FRC operations, sales and Auckland.

Roger Washbourn, projects and Mainland South.

To our genealogical family in Canterbury, keep safe.

Richard
Family History Fair

Dear editor,

Thank you for capturing some of the NZSG members’ list comments posted immediately after the Family History Fair and including them in the last magazine (p165, July/August, 2010). It certainly summed up the buzz and excitement of the event in a way that no report can hope to do when written weeks later.

The aim of the fair was to promote the study of family history and raise the profile of the NZSG and branches. It may take three or four events before the general public begin to appreciate what a family history fair is and for attendance numbers to translate into a significant increase in membership, but the first step has now been taken. The challenge for the future is to build on the momentum gained and make it even better next time.

As we “wash-up” the 2010 event, we thought readers might be interested in some statistics: 1139 tickets were sold in total, representing 817 individuals. Of these 817 individuals, 408 preregistered and 409 turned up on the day. The majority of pre-registrations were NZSG members: 25% from the Auckland region, 34% from the Waikato-BOP region and 27% from the Lower North Island region. We did not collect hard geographic data on the door sales but it is expected that most would have come from the greater Waikato-BOP or Auckland areas.

More than 3500 hours were put into organising the 2010 event during the last 12 months, not counting the time put in by branches for their regional stands. I would like to publicly acknowledge the following for their efforts in making 2010 the success it was: Lily Baker, Lynne Blake, Karen Glew, Ken Glew, Jan Gow, Beverley Keall, Annette Larsen, Owen Ormsby, Michelle Patient, Libby Price, Gail Riddell, Shelley Richards, Lani Rimmington, Michael Ross, Marlene Sayers, Jan Slater, Garry Stevens, Ruth Ward, Gay Williams, Lynly Yates and Christine Young.

And to the branches and interest groups who took part in the Inspiration Centre — a huge thank you. What you achieved was outstanding.

Reports on the fair begin on page 198.

Sandra Metcalfe,
FHF 2010 convener,
Email: nzfamilyhistoryfair@gmail.com

Steinaecker’s Horse Unit

Dear editor,

I have found a gentleman here in New Zealand interested in the above unit and he would appreciate NZSG members help in finding out more about some members of the unit. Any information on New Zealand members of Steinaecker Horse, (which was a British Irregular Unit during the Boer war), would be much appreciated.

The New Zealand members of this unit were:
Edwin John HARRIS, (this is my relative) Hawkes Bay, bush feller, shearer, died Swaziland, 1924.
Charles HAGENSON, born June 16, 1874. Joined the 3rd New Zealand Contingent (Rough Riders) of Hawkes Bay, joined at the same time as Edwin John Harris.
Thomas BLACK, born August 17, 1877 Bushman, next of kin brother, Auckland.
James CASHMAN, born Port Chalmers, we do have some information on this gentleman but more would be appreciated.
Alfred (Alured?) CLARKE, born England, August 28, 1872 policeman, next of kin father, Major J. Clarke, Bay of Islands.
John KESSEL, born June 13, 1876 warehouseman, next of kin W. R. Kessell, Parnell, Auckland.
Frank LAMBERT, born Picton, 1879, law clerk, next of kin Mrs Mary A. Lambert, Gibson’s Quay, Hokitika, we think present day relatives are in the Hawkes Bay?
James LEE, born November 23, 1870, clerk, next of kin brother, Westport. Died at Middleburg, Transvaal July 17, 1902.
Hugh WOOLF, born January 19, 1882.

Contact details are: Bill Goldsworthy, PO Box 124, Hamilton, website www.steinaeckershorse.com email hinda@wave.co.nz
Joy Fisher, Manukau City.

Jim Pearce index

Dear editor,

I would like to add to the article about the Jim Pearce Index to Obituaries in the Evening Post in May’s issue.

The original idea of transcribing the obituaries was mine. I suggested it at
a Kilbirnie branch committee meeting in early 2007. The committee liked the idea, so I then approached Gabor TOTH at Wellington City Libraries. He was supportive, but wondered if the clippings might duplicate entries in the Biographies Index at the Turnbull Library.

I then did a feasibility study, transcribing and comparing entries for the letter A in the clippings and the Biographies Index. Less than half were duplicates, so it seemed to be worth proceeding. Unfortunately at this stage, I had to withdraw from the branch and the project due to work commitments. I salute the hardworking members of the Kilbirnie Branch who planned and carried out this project.

One point not mentioned in the article is that the clippings do not cover only people in Wellington. In the small sample that I looked at, notices included one for a woman who died in the Shetland Islands while on holiday with her husband, and another for a former Wellingtonian who died in London, where she had lived for some time. The ages of the deceased in my sample ranged from 16 to 107.

A personal story illustrates the usefulness of the clippings. I was looking through the clippings one day and on a whim decided to check for my husband’s ancestor Joseph James MOORE. He had died in Otaki, aged 70, after working as a carrier at Lyall Bay, and was not rich or famous.

I was shocked to find an obituary for Joseph, and even more surprised to read that he had “served at the time of the Maori trouble in Pongario [Pungarehu] and Parihaka”.

The family had never mentioned this. This find led me to Armed Constabulary records which showed Joseph BARKER (19), a cook, proving a family story that Joseph had gone by his stepfather’s surname when he was young.

Obituaries are a great source of information and the Jim Pearce Index will be a fantastic finding aid for people all over New Zealand.

Yours sincerely,
Pamela McKirdy,
Email: thruthetunnel@paradise.net.nz

Special meetings

Dear editor,

I wish to sincerely thank everyone who was able to send me messages of support regarding my letter on the special meetings in The New Zealand Genealogist, July/August, 2010 and to everyone else please accept my apologies for not including my contact details. This was an oversight on my part as there was no deliberate attempt to remain incommunicado whatsoever — those who did “find” me should be proud of their detective work and watch out their elusive ancestors. Thanks again all.

Bruce Mathers,
PO Box 867, Park Ridge, Qld 4125.
Email: ecowell@tpg.com.au

LETTERS

ANGELA FINNERTY

FORMER vice-president, assistant-secretary, assistant-editor, and long-serving officer and life member of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists, Angela Finnerty died on June 5.

Angela joined the NZSG in 1976 and the Manawatu Group (as it was then named) in 1978. She became chairwoman the same year and continued in that role for the next 10 years.

In 1979 the New Zealand Forest Service approached Angela to undertake research into William HOWLETT, after whom Howlett’s Hut in the Ruahine Ranges was named. Branch members helped with the research and Angela prepared a booklet, a copy of which she gave to the NZSG Library.

In 1984 Angela led the Manawatu Group AGM and conference held at Palmerston North Teachers College. In 1993 she led the Palmerston North Branch (as it was now called) conference committee with the theme “Tracking the Lines — Railway History”. It was also the centenary of women receiving the vote. Both conferences were very successful.

Angela’s phenomenal memory and her ability to help people with inquiries, brought many people to the Palmerston North Branch meetings held in the old

Obituary

Angela Finnerty

Angela Finnerty, June 2, 1939 - June 5, 2010.

Palmerston North Public Library.

At Branch meetings, Angela would hold a “Beginners Corner” for new members and urged everyone to attend meetings and research days of other branches. She encouraged members from Feilding and Pahiatua to set up their own genealogy branches. Both branches are still active.

She was committed to following all trails of her own family trees, researching the family names of Finnerty and WYBROW among others.

Angela loved helping to sort books for the Red Cross Annual Book Sale. She bought many books and donated them to friends and to the NZSG library at the FRC in Auckland.

Angela had a great sense of humour and loved meeting friends. She had a very “sweet tooth” and enjoyed baking for others. She would arrive with boxes of cakes and muffins to celebrate good times and to lift spirits in sad times. We will miss her cheery smile and welcoming greetings.


The NZSG awarded Angela with a merit award in 1986, service award in 1996, and life membership in 1999.

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Mount Street Cemetery, the first Roman Catholic cemetery in Wellington — and probably in New Zealand — was established on January 6, 1841.

Consecrated by Bishop Pompallier in 1841, it is rich in early colonial history, containing the graves of Catholic families and the first resident priests and nuns in Wellington, including French Marist missionaries.

Early Wellington residents from many cultural and ethnic backgrounds are buried there, including Irish, English, Maori, French, Italian, Scots, Welsh, Austrian, German, and Polish — representing a cross-section of society. The cemetery now has heritage status.

The Friends of Mount Street Cemetery was established under the Archdiocese of Wellington earlier this year, to restore the cemetery and establish full burial records. Membership is open to all.

The first task of the group was to bring together archival records from various locations around the city.

A preliminary burial list, which will be updated over time, is now available on the Friends’ website. While the list contains more than 700 names, the group has just learned of more than 400 more burials, and will make these records available just as soon as volunteers’ time permits. Only about 200 headstones survive on this heritage site, which the Friends group aims to conserve as an amenity for all.

For further information contact the president of the Friends of Mount Street Cemetery, Karen Adair email Karen.adair@xtra.co.nz or visit the website www.mountstreetcemetery.org.nz.
Two National Library websites with plenty to offer

The National Library of New Zealand has updated its popular website, Papers Past, to include more newspapers and more features.

This latest update includes issues of the Evening Post up to 1945, the website’s first coverage of World War Two. Also added are the first 10 years of the Lyttelton Times, the premier source of information about early immigration to Canterbury.

The new papers added to the site during August include:
- Poverty Bay Herald (1902).
- Lyttelton Times (1851-1862).
- Evening Post (July-December 1871, 1916-1945).
- Thames Star (1901-1920).
- Albertland Gazette (1862-1864).
- The Colonist (1857-1889).
- Otago Daily Times (1861-1900).
- Waiapu Church Gazette (1921-1945).

The new features available on the site include:
- Searching on stop words — in the past, all stop words (the, and, or, a, and all single letters) were removed from the Papers Past indexes because they greatly reduced the search speed, but there is now a way to add those words back into the index without slowing things down. This means you can search for “A. White” and the site will search that name. In the past, the site ignored the “A.” and searched only White. This is great if you have relatives who were referred to only by their first initial and full surname.
- Complex Boolean search queries — you can now create more complex searches like sheep AND (fur OR wool) which will search for articles with sheep AND fur and sheep AND wool.
- Zoomable view — a new view is available that allows you to scan all the pages of a newspaper issue. You can zoom in and out of particular sections of the paper and scan the pages of the issue by clicking and holding your mouse while dragging the pages around in the viewer.

To access this view, click on the zoomable view link from the issue level page for a newspaper: http://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/cgi-bin/paperspast?a=d&d=ODT18611111&cl=CL1.ODT&e=------10-1-----0-

You can always exit the zoomable view and return to the regular view by clicking on Regular view.

With these exciting enhancements to Papers Past, we hope genealogists will be able to discover even more about their ancestors.

Find

Find.natlib.govt.nz is a search portal to the National Library’s pictures, books and other cool stuff. Developed by the National Library of New Zealand, Find is a search portal to all of the Library’s online resources. Find just turned one, and we thought it was time to ask its users what they thought about it and how they would improve its functions.

Find allows our customers to search across the National Library’s multiple catalogues and digital collections.

Registered users can also comment on collection items and save their favourites.

Why You are You

ACTING as the agent for the New Zealand Society of Genealogists, the Kapiti branch has successfully negotiated a trademark for YURI, with the Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand. It is planned to make this a national family history marketing and promotional facility and the branch is at present putting together a proposal for consideration by NZSG council.

YURI was initiated in 2008 as Kapiti branch’s answer to the UK television series Who Do You Think You Are by carrying out family history research for two local identities Kevin Milne of TVNZ’s programme Fair Go and Anna Kenna, television and radio producer and children’s book author. Their presentations were well received at the Branch Expo in October of that year, and Anna gave an updated version at the branch’s 25th anniversary function in May 2009.

Work is underway with Sue Scott, a former weather presenter on TVNZ. Her YURI presentation will be held on the evening of November 23 at a local venue to be advised. Admission is by ticket only and details will be available on the branch and NZSG websites.

Pub Charity support for genealogy

The charitable trust Pub Charity continues to be a major supporter of genealogy activities at national and local level. Over the past few years Pub Charity has contributed nearly $30,000 to the Kapiti branch.

This has included major upgrades to the PC suite at the branch’s Alison Proctor Family History Centre in the Paraparaumu Public Library and a new media data projector, which has vastly improved presentations at the branch’s meeting venue at the Kapiti Community Centre. Another grant allowed purchase of the NZ Gazette Archive, the official monthly publication of the New Zealand Government, which goes back to the early 1840s and through the Kapiti Coast District Libraries is viewable at their three libraries and the branch family history centre. A recent grant was a major contribution towards a two-year subscription to the New Zealand Genealogical Databases.

Clive Palmer, deputy convenor, Kapiti

We want to hear your feedback. Hop on to http://find.natlib.govt.nz and give us some feedback before October 15 and you could win a Kobo eReader!

Good luck!
Why we need family history fairs

BY SANDRA METCALFE
CONVENOR OF THE
FAMILY HISTORY FAIR ORGANISING COMMITTEE

BY CREATING a major annual genealogical event like a family history fair, the ultimate aim is to improve the financial durability of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists.

While the 2010 event is unlikely to provide much of a financial return to the society, that was not its prime purpose. For this inaugural event the aim was to test whether a model used by overseas genealogy societies to address common issues could be successfully adapted in New Zealand.

When the concept of a fair was first proposed to the May 2009 council meeting, the organising committee noted declining attendances at conferences and static membership at a time when researching one’s roots has become immensely popular. There was a need to come up with a fresher nationwide event, aimed not only at NZSG members but also the general public.

The tried-and-true example from overseas was Who Do You Think You Are Live!, in the UK. There, members of the Federation of Family History Societies and the Society of Genealogists play a major support role in the event, alongside repositories, commercial exhibitors and sponsors.

The committee realised that if a family history fair was to work in New Zealand then it needed to be nationwide to attract repositories and commercial exhibitors and would also require the commitment of the NZSG, its branches and special interest groups.

Encouraging branches and trade exhibitors to become involved in a first-time event proved to be a major challenge. But by the Friday evening when the stands in the Inspiration Centre had been set up, it was obvious that branches had created something very special. What they came up with exceeded everyone’s wildest dreams.

By lunchtime on the Saturday, when we saw the number of people coming through the door, the committee also knew that marketing efforts had paid off. Anecdotal and written reaction from commercial exhibitors has also been enthusiastic about the concept and exhibitors are keen to do it again.

The committee recognises that most of the publicity impact for this fair appears to have been through the society’s members. This is to be expected, but it also means the society has more work to do connecting with the wider public.

The 2010 fair was a good starting point for making those connections. There is plenty of scope for improvement but what it has shown is that a nationwide event that educates, entertains and is fun to be part of has huge marketing potential for the NZSG, as well as fulfilling its purpose as a charitable organisation: to educate, preserve and encourage scholarly research.

There have been some concerns expressed that an annual fair could undermine attendance at regional events and conferences. That is not the intention, and obviously timing will be an important issue to consider in the future. For 2011 however, the timing is dictated by other events already well into the planning (the Dunedin conference, Family History Month and Rugby World Cup included).

It may take a year or two before the NZSG settles on the best time of the year for a fair in order that other events can be leveraged off it.
Following the first-ever New Zealand national family history fair in mid-July, the council of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists has approved another event for 2011.

The organising committee said the fair achieved its main objectives, demonstrating potential to stimulate interest and membership.

The second fair is likely to be held in the second half of 2011, in Hamilton again.

Committee convenor Sandra Metcalfe said the key objective was to develop an “iconic” growth event both for the society itself and as a showpiece for the general public.

Tickets sold amounted to 1139, representing 817 individuals, many of whom purchased tickets for both days. Of these, 64% had pre-registered and 36% were door sales on the day.

Some 80% of all those who attended were from Taupo northwards.

As a comparison, 372 people registered for the 2007 Wellington conference, and 269 for the 2008 Christchurch conference.

Attendance at the 2010 annual general meeting was 263. As this was the first time the AGM had been held separately to a conference it is hard to compare with previous events, however the recent special general meeting in Auckland attracted 220 people.

The fair broke even. It had a tight advertising budget, and sought free publicity wherever possible.

New members who joined the NZSG at the fair numbered 33 and many information packs containing membership forms were distributed. Several branch stands reported interest from members of the public. Web traffic to the fair’s site was higher than expected in the weeks before and after the fair.

In its successful application to the Hamilton City Council for $5000 in sponsorship, the committee said the fair was based on “hugely successful” UK family history fairs, in particular the Who Do You Think You Are? fair and television show.

“That event is tapping into a market that has not yet been tested in New Zealand, but is one the organisers believe has much potential in an age where technology has revolutionised the way people re-connect with long-lost family members,” the application said.

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IN ORDER to understand tikanga Maori one needs to understand where Maori as the tangata whenua are coming from within their own cultural practises and survival as a minority group in a dominant culture. How do Maori engage their Pakeha colleagues? How do their Pakeha colleagues engage Maori? Is there integration or are we still under the practises of assimilation?

Questioning whether or not English translations should automatically be provided at formal occasions is an opportunity to understand that within the New Zealand Society of Genealogists, although we are united and integrated in genealogy, Maori are still assimilated in whakapapa and tikanga no matter what iwi they are connected to.

Sharing your past for the future / Tohohotatai nga wa o mua ki tena te wa a muri ake nei

Two cultures, both succinct in their own values and customary practises and yet the Maori whakatauki (proverb) was challenged by some because of the use of Maori language in the ceremonial component recognising two cultures and ensuring a bicultural partnership. Instead of seeing the lack of an English translation as a threat, it is important to understand that the event was one of warmth and support from Tainui for the NZSG. Tainui came to the Kingsgate to acknowledge their culture with that of NZSG, and to welcome all visitors to Maori protocol. They did not come to be translators but rather to join Maori with European (Pakeha) for the bicultural partnership that had been established for the Fair.

Bicultural also means understanding each other and in this case we were at the Kingsgate for one purpose -- genealogy and whakapapa. Tainui did not ask for the Maori Interest booth in the Inspiration Centre to be changed to reflect Tainui. They did not question the Maori Land Court as to how to deliver Tainui perspectives with land. They did not set down Tainui protocol for the weekend. Instead they came strictly in warmth and aroha to an organisation that had never engaged them before, but which asked for...
Waippara historical collections have treasure to share

NESTLED away in the heart of the historically significant Waipara district, Te Awamutu Museum holds the oldest collection of archives in the Waikato.

Founded by the Te Awamutu Historical Society in 1935, the collection was originally housed in Griffen’s bookshop in the main street of Te Awamutu. Today its ownership remains in community hands under the governance of the Te Awamutu Museum Trust Board.

The museum collects material about the history, society, culture and development of Te Awamutu and the wider Waipara region, and its archives are well used by researchers of local, social and family history.

Archives include maps, periodicals, drawings and photographs, and a well-used collection of historic newspapers such as the Waipa Post (1911-1936) and Te Awamutu Courier (1936-2004).

It also holds copies of one of the first Maori language newspapers, Te Pihoihoi Mokemoke, which was published in the 1860s.

For those interested in family history, the archives hold copies of church baptism and marriage registers and a collection of more than 6000 photographs, many related to Waipa’s early settlers.

Researchers can easily access the archives holdings through the Museum’s research service. Research can be conducted on your behalf and copies of any requested documents sent either electronically or by post. Alternatively, researchers may prefer to conduct their own research on-site.

In addition to the extensive subject card index the museum is at present developing its online finding aids via its collections browser (collections.teawamutumuseum.org.nz) and The Community Archive (www.thecommunityarchive.org.nz).

Gabriels Gully 150th celebrations

AS PART of a weekend of celebration of the 150th anniversary of the discovery of gold at Gabriels Gully, on March 18-21, 2011, a very large marquee will be erected in the Gabriel’s Gully to hold the Goldrush Heritage Centre, which will be the centre point where all the historical displays of memorabilia, photographs, and artefacts, along with arts and crafts from the goldrush years, 1861-1911, will be on display.

The descendants of the goldminers, prospectors, Lawrence industries and pioneer entrepreneurs hold the key to the success of the Heritage Centre, and are therefore being strongly encouraged to join with their families to collect items and stories on the Tuapeka Goldfields Area for contribution for the weekend display.

Your information and presence at the celebrations would be welcomed. There will also be an opportunity for Pioneer Story Telling during the weekend; descendants are invited to retell Goldrush stories, which have been handed down through generations.

Application forms to apply for exhibition and/or commercial space in the marquee are available from the convenors Peter and Elaine Herbert. They would really appreciate hearing from descendants who have not already been in contact with them.

Email pjecherbert@xtra.co.nz
PO Box 518, Wanaka 9343, phone (03) 443 4480.

Tuapeka Pioneer Family Register

DID your ancestor go to Gabriels Gully in the Tuapeka County to find his fortune or later settle in the area?

The Tuapeka area includes Lawrence, Gabriels Gully, Munros, Waipori, Waihuna, Beaumont, Weatherstons, Tuapeka Flat and Raes Junction districts.

The Gabriels Gully Goldrush 150th Celebrations are on March, 18-21, 2011, and collating details of miners and settlers is a priority.

Please help by recording miners’ and settlers’ details by filling out what you know — obtaining a form from the Lawrence Museum, 17 Ross Place, Lawrence 9532, phone 03 485 9222, or email Lawrence.museum@xtra.co.nz

For more information on Te Awamutu Museum’s archives, or to make a research inquiry, contact the archivist on (07) 872 0085 or email catherine.jehly@waipadc.govt.nz

WAIPA MUSEUM’S RESEARCH SERVICES AT A GLANCE

Director: Jan White
District: Waipa, includes Cambridge, Te Awamutu, Pirongia, Karapiro, Ohaupo, Kihikihi
Museums: Cambridge and Te Awamutu
Collection: More than 17,000 items
Specialising in: Local, social and family history
Archivists/research expertise: Eris Parker and Catherine Jehly. More than 25 years’ combined experience.
Online browser collection: Yes, no charge.
Assisted research service: Yes, $40 per hour/$20 per half hour.

NEWS

NZSG September/ October 2010 — 201
I HAVE been doing the rounds of the Community Libraries in the past few weeks, delivering training to our staff. In terms of customer service and customer convenience, it is important that staff are able to show customers exactly what family history research they are able to do from the comfort of their own home, or their local branch library.

Often, the trip into Auckland City is not necessary (at least initially anyway) as much can be done from the local branch.

So, I have been doing my bit. Updating key staff members in the branches, showing them how to use our family history databases, which are accessible from the Auckland City Libraries’ Digital Library, and making them aware of what is available to the customer when they do make the trip to Auckland City to see us here at the Research Centre. I have finished the initial round of training, so now I am busy planning the next round.

Recently, I had the privilege of presenting to the customers of Waiheke Island Library. It is a small, but well-stocked library, and the audience there amounted to 20 people — which for a population the size of Waiheke was truly amazing.

There was a mixture of “newbies” and experienced researchers, so I gave a combined talk “Introduction to Family History”, which explained the basics of what to do to get started; followed by a “Beginning Family History at Auckland City Library”, which explained how to use our online resources, and what was available at Auckland Research Centre.

FindMyPast comes to the Auckland Research Centre

We are very pleased to announce that we have purchased four subscriptions each of FindMyPastUK and FindMyPastAU for members of the public to use completely free within the Auckland Research Centre. The subscriptions we have mean that all records (except for 1911 Census) can be viewed free.

We have also purchased credits for the 1911 census — these will be on-charged to customers at 30c per credit, so a 1911 Census household transcription will cost $3 and a 1911 Census image will cost $9.

It has been quite a feat of organisation for us here to make this available. We have had to reconfigure the computers at the Auckland Research Centre, to make our Firewall and Webmarshalls allow FindMyPast through, and put our computers on the automated booking system, to ensure fairness for all. We no longer have an Internet-capable computer on our floor, but our research computers have access to selected family history and local history websites.

Remember, when you come to see us, please bring your memory sticks to save your images to. Alternatively, we charge 20c per A4 sheet for printing.

Find us on Facebook

Auckland Research Centre is also on Facebook now. Search for, and “like” our page to keep updated on news and events.

Land and Grantors Indexes, Registry of Deeds, Dublin

We are very proud that we now also have available the Land and Grantors Indexes of the ‘Memorial Transcripts’ to the Registry of Deeds (1708-1929), Dublin.

Anyone who has hit an “Irish brick wall” will find this most exciting news. Tracing Irish ancestors is often achieved by researching through the land. Types of transactions found in the indexes are: sales, assignments or conveyances, leases, rent charges, mortgages, marriage settlements, wills and bills of discovery.

Malcolm McDonald of the NZSG Irish Interest Group will be delivering training to staff at the Research Centre, as well as a presentation at a lunchtime session on November 17.

And a reminder …

Remember to bring a digital camera and a memory stick when visiting us. Some of our books are not able to be photocopied, so we advise bringing a digital camera if you want to take copies. And a memory stick is very handy for when you want to save images from Ancestry, FindMyPast or from a microfilm reader, rather than printing them out on paper.

With a digital camera and a memory stick, you can preserve the image forever, rather than risk losing or damaging the piece of paper you have copied it to.

Free Family History Lunchtime Sessions

Preservation — David Ashman, October 13

David Ashman is to talk about the new fire-suppression system that has been installed in the Sir George Grey Special Collections. This state-of-the-art system has been designed specifically to provide safe and effective protection for heritage documents.

St Serendipity on duty — Jan Gow, October 27

Jan Gow talking on St Serendipity — the patron saint of genealogists who is only on duty when you have been busy with your preparation. Watch a case study of someone who has done their homework and learn what you can do to help St Serendipity in her tasks.

The New Zealand Company — Paul Veart, November 10

In 1827, Edward Gibbon Wakefield found himself locked in Newgate Prison, guilty of abduction. Almost two-hundred years later, the microfilms relating to his more successful exploits with the New Zealand Company are awaiting their own freedom. Discover how to use these documents to trace the thousands of immigrants who embarked for New Zealand under Wakefield’s care, from application to embarkation and beyond.

Land and Grantors Indexes, Registry of Deeds, Dublin — Malcolm McDonald, November 17

How to make best use of the Land and Grantors Indexes of the ‘Memorial Transcripts’ to the Registry of Deeds (1708-1929), Dublin; Malcolm McDonald, Irish Interest Group, NZSG.

This will be our final lunchtime session for 2010. Lunchtime sessions will recommence on February 9, 2011.

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ABSCONDERS FROM INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS

BY HEIDI KUGLIN

ARCHIVES NEW ZEALAND in Wellington holds copies of the surviving Police Gazettes from 1861 to 1991. They were published yearly as a national resource from 1877. Before 1877, the only extant volumes are the Otago Gazette 1861-1877 and the Province of Canterbury 1863-1877. In September 1991, the final Police Gazette was published and the first issue of Ten One, the New Zealand Police magazine, which replaced it was published. With improved methods of communication, one assumes the Gazettes were no longer necessary.

The Police Gazettes provide the following types of information, all of which are indexed by names:

- Persons on trial at Supreme Courts, and summarily convicted at Magistrates Courts, and prisoners discharged from prisons.
- PROPERTY stolen, recovered or unclaimed.
- MISSING persons.
- ABSCONDEMDS from vessels, etc.
- APPOINTMENTS and resignations of police personnel.
- RETURNS of unexecuted warrants.
- WANTED persons.
- POLICE Station opening and closing dates, and boundary changes.
- APPOINTMENTS, rewards, promotions, discharges, dismissals, transfers.
- Each Gazette has 2-4 indexes depending upon the year. The first relates to most of the listings. The second is an index to those who were discharged from gaol.
- From 1908, photographs of prisoners released from gaol and, later, photographs of prisoners appear, all of which are indexed. However, it is not clear how the decision was made whether or not there would be photographs taken. In the example of William DORREEN, below, there is no photograph although he was released from 9 months of hard labour on January 1, 1910. Later on, there is an index of those who came before the Magistrate’s Court but who were not convicted.

ACCESS: The Police Gazettes carry a restriction to access of 70 years. This is to protect the privacy of individuals and was set by the Commissioner of Police. Researchers can apply to the commissioner at Police National Headquarters for privileged access under the Freedom of Information Act. This is required in writing, listing the years required and the name of the subject of inquiry.

In this and the next few articles, we will feature some of the types of material that are included in the Police Gazettes.

“M”. I carried out a test to see how this coding aligned with announcements in the Police Gazettes. Unfortunately, there is not a direct correlation. I found coding in the nominal rolls for children who did not appear in the Police Gazettes and vice-versa. The policy for reporting absconders to the police is unknown. It may be that children who were close to the age at which the children were discharged were not reported to the police. It may also have depended upon the child’s behaviour while they were at the school. Therefore, anyone interested in history of ancestors in the industrial schools should search in both sets of records.

From 1901, the Police Gazettes display an index heading. Abscording from Industrial Schools with lists of all the missing children/teens under the heading.

Before that, one needs to know the name of the pupil and look in the index by that child’s name. As the Police Gazettes are indexed by name, we are able to carry out research in up to 7-10 years of Gazettes in the half hour. The number of Gazettes covered in that time depends partly on how many times the particular person’s name appears in each Gazette.

In this issue, I will give a few examples of information available about those who absconded from industrial schools.

1882

John McCORMACK and Thomas HARVEY absconded from Caversham Industrial School on September 17, 1882. John was a native of Dunedin, 13 years old, with brown hair [P12/11/]. He was wearing a double-breasted dark tweed
coat, brown moleskin trousers, blue scarf, and soft black felt hat. He was also lame in the right foot meaning that his right boot was cut to accommodate it. Thomas was also a native of Dunedin, 12 years old, with light brown hair. He was wearing a dark double-breasted coat, white moleskin trousers, a checked scarf and a soft black felt hat.

Alexander McNAUGHT was arrested in Oamaru by Sergeant William BEATTY and returned to Caversham Industrial School. He had previously been licensed out to service with Robert MORRISON at Otepopo, and absconded on August 11 [P 12/11/16, page 134]. He was 13 years old, 4ft 6in tall, with fair complexion, and was “fleshy”. He wore a dark moleskin monkey jacket, dark print moleskin trousers, tweed cap with double peak and lace-up boots. He was also “dirty looking” [P12/11/16, pages 134 and 151].

When I looked in the first nominal roll for industrial schools, none of these three boys was listed as missing or absconding with the code “M.” I then searched forward in the 1883 Gazette to see if any of the above three had been caught. Alexander McNaught and Edward KIRK, both absconders from Caversham, confessed to the theft of goods to the value of 12s from the hut of Charles THEINBERG at Pine Hill, near Dunedin. The goods included 1½ lb bacon, 5lb beef, 4lb sugar, 2lb tea, 4lb bread, two 1-quart billycans, and a 4-quart billycan — perhaps the things that two lads on the run might need to keep going [P12/12/17].

1887

The 1887 Industrial School Nominal Rolls list Helen ASHTON, Catherine BROWN, William WEBDALE and Thomas EMERSON as code “M”, however, I did not find them in the 1887 Police Gazette. This reinforces the recommendation that researchers look in both resources.

I then searched week-by-week under the heading, Deserting Wives and Families, &c, and did find some announcements of those who absconded and were reported to the police. William SIMONS was charged with absconding from the licensed service of Thomas LAWREY at Crichton, near Milton, on April 17, 1889 [PC12/17/23, pg 76]. He was 14, of stout build, with fair complexion, and a round face. He was dressed in light-tweed sac-coat, patched trousers, vest, and a soft black felt hat. He had been licensed from Caversham Industrial School to Mr Lawrey.

Looking forward two years to see if William had been arrested and sent back to Caversham, I found no evidence. It may be that he was close enough to the age at which he would have been discharged that the police did not continue looking for him.

1901

In 1901, 31 boys absconded from industrial schools. Wiltshire S. BLANDFORD absconded with Victor Henry SIMMONDS from Burnham on March 24, 1902. Wiltshire was described as 13 years and 6 months old, tall, well built with dark hair and eyes, fresh complexion, and was well mannered. He was dressed in a Norfolk-tweed suit, overcoat with cap, and lace-up boots. Victor was 16 years of age, 4ft 11in tall with a fresh complexion, light brown hair, and grey eyes, and was dressed in working clothes. The boys were thought to be heading for Dunedin [P12/23, pg 64].

A footnote to Simmond’s entry refers to another page where Victor Henry Simmonns, from Christchurch, had been released from gaol previously on November 26, 1900. He was identified as a labourer with a heart on his left arm and had been sentenced to two months in prison for breaking and entering and theft. Upon release, he was sent to Burnham Industrial School. The week of May 8, Wiltshire and Victor were arrested and returned to Burnham [P12/23, pg 45 and 117].

Richard Frederick W. PERRIN absconded from Burnham Industrial School the week of November 21, 1900. He was 17 years old, although the leaving age could be as early as 15. He was of slight, tall build, had fair hair and complexion. He was dressed in a moleskin suit and wore a brown Tweed cap. Richard had been committed to the school from Wellington in 1893.

There were some indications that he had been enticed away by John Henry LEWIS, alias Nosey [P12/22, pg 258]. In the week of June 5, 1901, Richard was arrested by Constable CASSIN, a Mount Cook Wellington policeman, and was put on the SS Tarawera at Wellington in the charge of the fore-cabin steward to be returned to Lyttelton. However, when the ship arrived, Richard could not be found. He was dressed in a grey sac suit, wore a small grey cap, a tinted shirt with a turn-down collar, and a reddish stripe running through it. His appearance was described as slovenly [P12/23, pg 136]. Then, in the week of the June 19, the Gazette reported that he had been arrested again by Constable Cassin and had been returned to the Industrial School.

John Lewis had been tried in March 1900 for inducing boys to abscond from industrial schools. He was a ploughman who was a native of Australia [P12/22, pg 114].

1909

In 1909, William Herbert DORREEN was arrested in Lincoln by District Constable TERR and Constable W. LUKE of the Wairoa Police for theft. He had absconded from Burnham with a reference to the 1906 Gazette [P12/30/43, Page 175]. He was tried, along with Ernest Alfred DORREEN on April 28, 1909 and was sentenced to nine months of hard labour. Ernest Alfred was sentenced to six months hard labour; A look backward in 1906 Gazette, shows that William had been before the courts several times:

> WAIROA Magistrate’s Court on 14/4/1909 on two charges of theft -- two months on each.
> NAPIER Magistrate’s Court on 19/4/1909 on five charges of theft -- six months on each.
> WELLINGTON Supreme Court 18/4/1909 on theft from a dwelling, and theft (two charges) -- six months on each charge.

Ernest was described as a shepherd, a native of New Zealand, born in 1887. He was 5ft 4in tall, had a fresh complexion, brown hair and eyes and a large nose. He had a dot and heart in a triangle on his left forearm, a faint ring on left middle finger, an injured nail on his left middle finger.
and a scar on his right knee. Fingerprints were taken. He was also identified as an ex-Burnham boy [P12/31/22, page 45]. He was released from gaol on January 13, 1910.

Ernest Alfred Dorreen, alias William DEVERE (possibly William’s brother) was once again arrested in 1910 and tried in the Wellington Supreme Court on November 5 and sentenced to another six months hard labour. He was also declared an habitual criminal.

On April 24, 1908, Archibald J. G. GALLEHAWK (18), absconded from Burnham Industrial School. He was 5ft 6in, a labourer and cook, of slim build, with dark brown hair and eyes and a swarthy complexion. Interestingly, the announcement in the Gazette was not made until April of 1909 [PC12/30/43, page 132]. The next announcement in the week of May 5, 1909, stated that he had been arrested in Sydney for theft and fined £5 or two months in gaol. Given his age at that time, he was no longer a candidate for Burnham. It is unlikely that the New Zealand Police would have any further interest in him.

The announcement referred me back to the 1905 Gazette. Archibald had absconded on June 23, 1905 from the licensed service of George TALBOT, farmer of Timaru. At the time, he was aged 16. He had been committed to Burnham from Wanganui. He was arrested again in the week of July 5, 1905 and was returned to the school [P12/26/39, pages 221 & 230].

I referred above to Ernest Dorreen as an habitual criminal. Archives New Zealand holds a variety of Registers of Habitual Criminals from 1865 to about 1971. A simple search on ARCHWAY using “habitual criminals” as search terms will give the list of the registers. Please note: They all carry restrictions of 100 years from the date of the closure of the file which is the last date on ARCHWAY for that particular volume. Permission to access the information must be requested from the Commissioner of Police at Police National Headquarters and must identify which register we are to search.

In the next issue, we will give further examples of material that can be found in the Police Gazettes.
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Constitution review

MEMBERS will be aware that both the suitability and the interpretation of some of the society’s rules have been questioned in recent times. In an effort to address some of these concerns and move towards a constitution more in keeping with the current and future needs of the society, council has resolved to undertake a review of the rules and bylaws.

Council has already approached some people who could be of assistance with this task, but is also seeking to identify other members around the country who have the specialised knowledge and/or the experience of working on constitutions, and the interest to contribute voluntarily to a review committee.

The geographical location of members is not a hindrance to participation. If you are interested in being part of this committee, or know of someone else who would be, please contact the office manager by October 20, 2010. Council will decide on the composition of the committee and finalise its terms of reference at the November council meeting.

Suggestions for rule changes are welcome at any time, but as we are limited under our rules to one rule-change ballot per year, all suggestions being brought forward in the next few months will be referred to the committee to be dealt with as part of the review.

Barbara Wyley, Councillor, liaison
Websites at the FRC

Ancestry.com
- AUSTRALIAN Births Index 1788-1922.
- AUSTRALIAN Marriage Index 1788-1949.
- AUSTRALIAN Deaths Index 1787-1985.
  These indexes were created by Australian Registrar’s Offices after civil registration of births, marriages, and deaths became law in the mid-19th century. While the collection makes up some of the most important indexes of early Australian birth records, they are not necessarily 100% complete — compliance to registration laws, of course varied, and Australia’s vast distances complicated any record-keeping effort.
- ENGLAND and Wales National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills and Administrations) 1861-1941.
  This collection contains summaries of the vast majority of probate cases in England and Wales between 1861 and 1941. It effectively forms an index to wills and probate records for this period.

FamilyRelatives.com
There is a new website in the library www.familyrelatives.com a UK-based site that offers:
- MILITARY records.
- NATIONAL Roll — World War One.
- BMD Index.
- SCHOOL and alumni records.
- PARISH registers.
- PHILLIMORE’S Parish Marriages.
- SCOTTISH records.
- MEDICAL directories.
- MIDWIVES and dentists rolls.
- PIGOTS Trade directories 1824-1844.
- LONDON Marriage Licences Index 1521-1869.
- TOPOGRAPHICAL dictionaries.
- LAND returns — England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland.
Familyrelatives.com is FREE to use in the Library.

Worth another LOOK

DID YOU KNOW the library has a large map collection? There are hundreds of maps, many borrowable, some old, some new.

Some FRC MAP FACTS
- THERE are more than 1000 maps in the library collection.
- MORE than 500 maps may be borrowed.
- MANY of them are folded sheet maps.
- SEVERAL hundred large laminated flat maps.
- 115 maps are in book form (Atlas).
- MAPS on CD.
- MAPS on Fiche.
- A portion of the collection are historical maps.
- THERE are historic town plan maps.
- MANY cemetery maps, with named plots.

A small selection of borrowable maps
- IRL.MAP Quarter inch road map of Northern Ireland, published 1935. Barcode A38151628.
- ENG.SRY.MAP Ordnance Survey 1in Maps, Sheet No. 012 Richmond 1860, published 1983. Barcode A3851084X.
- GER.MAP German Empire 1890 map, and France map. Barcode A17102201.

A small selection of Reference maps
- SCT.AYR.MAP Map of Ayrshire 1775. Barcode A38517273.
- NZ.CBY.MAP Township of Rangiora 1878. Barcode A38518653.
- ENG.GLS.MAP Map of Gloucestershire:
  - City of Gloucester 1887. Barcode A38518482.
  - NZ.WKT.MAP Map of Te Kauwhata: Sheet N52. Barcode A38519206.

Cemetery Maps/Plans available (reference only)
- NZ.AKD.CEM.MAP Papakura Cemetery Plans — 8 sheets.
- NZ.AKD.CEM.MAP Symonds Street Cemetery Plans — 6 sheets.
- NZ.AKD.CEM.MAP Otahuhu Cemetery Plans — 4 sheets.
- NZ.HBY.CEM.MAP Waitakurau Cemetery — 7 sheets.
- NZ.WAN.CEM.MAP Wanganui Cemetery Map, Old and Catholic — 2 sheets.

New Accessions
A reminder that the monthly new accessions can be found on the website at http://www.genealogy.org.nz/Library_Accessions_334.aspx.

With a number of contributors to this centenary book, this publication provides a variety of information about the early days of Waihi Hospital. There are articles by past doctors, nurses and ancillary staff reminiscing about the people and the times. There are numerous newspaper clippings, including some headlines from 1903 newspapers found lining the walls, after recent renovations. Although it is not indexed, it has many named photographs making the book a goldmine of information about Waihi Hospital.

Location: NZ.TNK.ORG. Barcode A38519283.

New Zealand Medical Services in Middle East and Italy (Series: New Zealand in the Second World War 1939-45) By T. Duncan M. Scott; published 1956. Part of the series New Zealand in the Second World War, this volume records the experiences of the New Zealand Medical Services during the campaigns in the Middle East, North Africa, and Italy. It is fully indexed and has black and white photographs. There are also foldout maps showing front lines and the locations of hospitals and bases run by the medical services.

Location: NZ.MIL.WW2; Barcode A3851932X.

Christine Hurst
Library Supervisor

The following are reference-only. However, the research team will do look-ups for members. Contact: researchservice@genealogy.org.nz (for full details of the research service, go to “Where to Write” page at the back of this magazine).

Surname of Switzerland — fiche

Titled Les Noms De Famille Suisses, Familiennamenbuch Der Schweiz, I Nomi di Famiglia Svizzeri, this set of 11 fiche is a list of Swiss surnames. These were filmed by the LDS Church in 1985, from a list by Dr Robert Oehler, published in Zurich, Switzerland, 1940. The introduction pages are in French, German and Italian (but not English). There is also an index to the cantons of Switzerland and a language map of Switzerland c.1900. The list of surnames is in alphabetical order (including variations), the cantons they are from, and whether they were naturalised before 1800, in the 19th century or since 1901. Location: SW1.NAM.001.FCH. Barcode A3851679X.

Round the Coast: An Album of Pictures from Photographs of the Chief Seaside Places of Interest in Great Britain and Ireland, published 1895.

The introduction starts “We have not the least hesitation in placing this work before the English-speaking world, knowing full well that it would be impossible to find, throughout the length and breadth of our peerless Empire, a solitary individual who is wholly unacquainted with Margate, and Brighton, and Scarborough.”

“We love our haunts by the sea; the poorest among us regards his favourite resort pretty much as the rich man does his country seat — as a place of relaxation from the hurly-burly of life, and yet a home withal . . .”

There are more than 200 large black and white photographs of seaside towns, along with a rich description about each place. There are all the usual seaside towns, plus a lot of unknown smaller places, giving the reader a fascinating glimpse into the 1890s seaside of Great Britain and Ireland. Location: GBR.HIS. Barcode A3851888X.

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ASK THE LIBRARIAN

I would like to bring my pen into the library, but I noticed on your website that you only allow pencils. Why is this?

Many specialist libraries and family history societies do not allow pens and other permanent marking devices into their libraries. With so many rare and hard-to-find books we do not want the collection permanently marked with pen. It is very easy to inadvertently mark a page as you are browsing through a book, and if using a pencil it can be easily erased.

It is good to get into the habit of using pencil while researching. It means that if you do mark a document you are browsing, it can easily be rectified.

DONATIONS FROM MEMBERS

We are grateful to the following members for their kind donation of resources for the library: Jack Blair, Angela La Monte Bodley, Brian Breen, Ronald Chapman, David Cooper, Val Haines, Margaret Marshall, Judith McCracken, Gordon McClndoe, Yvonne McKissock, Heather McLean, Athol Munro, Geraldene O’Reilly, Sylvia Reid, Pam Slemon, Nina and Ken Spencer, Ana and Phil Squires, Judy Thompson, Glennis and Martin Traill, Jay Venables, Robyn Williams.

Apologies to Hanley Hoffmann for the incorrect spelling of his surname in the last magazine.
How to access the new library system

Since the end of September a new library software system called Access-It has been operating in the FRC library. It is simple to use, yet has powerful search features.

Getting to the library system:
You do not need to be logged on as a member to view and search the library catalogue, however you do need to be logged on to borrow or reserve an item.
Start by going to the NZSG website www.genealogy.org.nz
Click on “Search the Library” or use the drop-down menu.

This will open up the new library catalogue page. This is called the webOpac.

On this front page will be library news, interesting links and other library notices.
Down the left-hand side is the menu
The first menu bar is “Search”. This contains several methods of searching the library:

Fast Find:
To use Fast Find, a simple search box will appear.

Type in a word, (or part word and abbreviations — see below), and press the enter key. Several fields can be searched: Title and keywords, Title only, Subjects only, Keywords only, Author only, Series only, or all fields. The default is title, subject and keywords.

Spelling:
Access-it can offer spelling suggestions for miss-spelt words.

Abbreviations:
Access-It has an approximate search functionality e.g. mon ins (for monumental inscriptions).

A list of items that match your search will be displayed.

Advanced Search:
The advanced search feature shows all the catalogued fields to search on.

“Or” searches:
Using the “OR” button will allow searches of more than one criteria. Enter the first set of criteria and then a second. In this example a search is being done for all items published in 2009 or 2005.
Visual Search

The visual search buttons are useful for searching by topic. For example, if you are looking for all England Cemetery records, click on England down the left hand side, then select the cemetery button from the right hand side. This will display a list of all the records available.

New Items:

Click on “new items” and this will display a list of items accessioned in the last 30 days.

Once you have a selection:

Access-it works with lists. Using any of the search methods will produce a list of records based on your search criteria.

The List:

The list will show:
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BOOK REVIEWS

**WHARE KARAKIA: Maori Church Building, Decoration and Ritual in Aotearoa New Zealand 1834-1863;**
Richard A. Sundt; Auckland University Press 2010; $69.99.

This is a beautifully produced book with a large number of black and white high-quality illustrations, which emphasise the extent of the research undertaken by the author. They come from contemporary primary sources, such as diaries, journals and sketches. The records are historically important, in that the last surviving whare-style church, Rangiatea in Otaki, was destroyed by fire in 1995.

The author gives detailed technical information on construction techniques, floor plans and elevation diagrams of individual buildings.

The early missionaries to New Zealand brought with them their own preconceived ideas of church architecture, whether Gothic in stone or of Georgian design. Once in New Zealand they were perforce obliged to give way to a certain extent and use locally available materials and indigenous building techniques. Initially, only raupo and toetoe were available but later wood such as totara was used. Maori were used to building in the whare style with a central tahuhu or roof ridge and central columns to support it. This resulted in columns down the centre of the building — not totally acceptable to the missionaries, as it obstructed an open view to the altar. They preferred a wide central nave with supporting columns on either side. Some missionaries thought traditional carved Maori figures inappropriate for a church. However, the missionaries were busy and by no means affluent. The Maori were, in most cases, willing to supply labour and materials free of charge to build their churches and had learned many construction techniques from the Europeans.

The results were whare karakia (literally house of prayer) in which both design concepts, English and Maori, were melded together.

As the number of converts to Christianity grew larger, whare karakia were needed and thus built. For example, Manutuke on the East Coast is reported to have accommodated 1800 people on August 15, 1841. The author suggests that these monumental buildings led directly to the building of the large whare nui, which were needed later in the 19th century for the people to discuss pressing issues such as the alienation of land.

My only reservation about this book is that references imbedded in the text, albeit in brackets, do not facilitate easy reading. This is a minor point. The index and endnotes provide more than adequate reference points for the serious reader.

Overall this is a scholarly book, which records details of a style of New Zealand architecture which is of paramount significance in the history of New Zealand, examples of which are no longer extant.

_Brenda Joyce_
Golden Prospects: Chinese on the West Coast of New Zealand. Julia Bradshaw; West Coast Historical and Mechanical Society Inc.; 2009; 294 pages; 190 black and white illustrations; $54.95. Available in bookshops or direct from Shantytown, gifts@shantytown.co.nz

The author, Julia Bradshaw, is curator at Shantytown and this is her fifth book. The depth and breadth of her research is impressive to say the least. Official records, published sources, unpublished material, private papers, newspaper archives and photographs as well as interviews underpin the content.

For genealogists the joy is in finding so many names and reading stories about these peoples’ personal and private lives and those of their descendants. These range from the sad and the pathetic to the hilarious and make the people come alive — the very stuff of family history.

The Chinese were a small but highly visible minority on the West Coast. The first arrived in 1866 coming mainly from Poon Yiu province in southern China and often by way of the Otago goldfields. Their numbers peaked 20 years later and thereafter diminished, as many returned home or moved away from the Coast.

Mostly the men came to earn their fortunes and hopefully return home soon; rich and admired by their Chinese families. Many did “make their piles”, but some did not and were never able to go home. They were not only miners, but many diversified into successfully running businesses such as market gardens, laundries, general stores, greengrocers and boarding houses. Some did well as interpreters in the law courts.

This book examines a huge range of aspects of life for the Chinese community: fund-raising, pyrotechnic displays at Chinese New Year, encounters with the law, the place of their women in the community, inter-racial marriages, accidents and ill health, education, working conditions, interaction with the European community, and the fraught issues of opium smoking and gambling.

Racial prejudice is one of the most interesting topics examined. To a large extent exacerbated by Richard Seddon, there was a fear of being “invaded by the Mongolian hordes”. The Chinese had a well-earned reputation of being hard-working, efficient and law-abiding but even so, were treated badly. The £100 Poll Tax was introduced in 1896 and even naturalised Chinese had to apply for re-entry permits if they left New Zealand for a visit home.

When old-age and widows pensions were introduced, Chinese were specifically excluded.

Opium smoking and the gambling game pakapoo (similar to today’s Lotto) were made illegal and incurred heavy fines, while betting on the horses and drinking alcohol was never banned.

At the same time, the authorities could, in some instances, be sympathetic. A basic belief for the Chinese was their reverence for their ancestors. It was highly desired that their descendants respect them and regularly visit their graves, but this was not possible if they were buried other than in their home village. One old man is reported as saying that to be buried here is no better than burying a horse, but to be buried in his home village would mean his son and his son’s sons for ever would visit him. For this reason many Chinese were exhumed, their bones wrapped in linen and encased in caskets to be shipped home. A notice in the Grey River Argus of September 26, 1901 stated that the Greymouth Cemetery would be closed from daylight till noon every day during the disinterment of Chinese remains.

This book is a riveting read for anyone interested in New Zealand history, but is an absolute “gold mine” for family historians with possible Chinese ancestry. If your family came from the West Coast, then this is essential reading in order to learn about the social conditions prevailing in the latter half of the 19th century.

Brenda Joyce—

Young Hee and family.
Those of us who are tracing Irish ancestors usually find research into the direct line of our ancestry hitting a brick wall, all too soon. The purpose of this article, the eighth in a series, is to help make a breakthrough in the research of your ancestors. GERALDINE O’REILLY, looks at the Irish Flax Growers List, an important record because the average Roman Catholic or Presbyterian Church register did not begin until the 1820s or 1830s.

In 1796 the Irish Linen Board published its Spinning Wheel Entitlement List (also known as the Flax Growers Bounty or the Irish Flax Growers List), one of several lists created in response to special initiatives by the Irish Parliament, to encourage the production of linen.

Nearly all these initiatives involved giving away spinning wheels and looms to individuals. These lists include the names of people who had cultivated a specified acreage of flax plant. Those who had planted one acre were awarded four spinning wheels, while planters of five acres, or more, were rewarded with a loom.

The spinning wheel survey is one of the few sources for the 18th century in which to trace the common family in Ireland.

The lists are arranged by County, Civil Parish, occasionally only the Barony, and contain the names of approximately 60,000 individuals in all counties, except Dublin and Wicklow, who had sown the required acreages of flax plant. The lists do not contain details of townlands.

It is a valuable research tool for counties such as Tyrone where there was an established linen trade and many people qualified for the spinning wheels and looms. FTM CD #271 International Land Records: Irish Flax Growers, 1796 [Fig 1] contains details of these lists.

Linen begins life as a flax plant, a flowering plant, which is harvested in August 100 days after sowing. Traditionally the process involved many members of a family. Men were usually responsible for seeding while women took charge of weeding as the flax plants grew. At about 1m in height, the plant was ready for harvest, an occupation that usually involved all adults and older children.

Once the flax was pulled from the ground the stems were bundled together in sheaves (called beets) before being carried in carts to farrow fields where women and girls would spread them into stacks and leave them to dry. When dried, the seeds were removed for planting the following year, or to make into linseed oil or cattle feed. Scrutching was a term applied for the beating the flax stems. This job was usually, but not always, performed by men. A hacker (Hackling) used combs to make the fibres soft and ready for spinning into a continuous thread yarn.

Both sexes could be involved in the processes that made the fibres soft and ready for spinning, but it was always women who spun the fibre into yarn [Fig 2]. Spinning was done on a low Irish wheel which was kept in motion by a foot treadle [Fig 3] and resulted in bobbins of yarn which were then boiled in soapy water and dried. Even young children played their part in the process of winding yarn onto pins or bobbins. In the days before industrialisation of the linen market, many households had two or more looms and weaving was done by men.

When the mills and factories took over the industry in the 1830s, it was
women who began to take charge of the looms, even those who were home workers under the so-called “putting out” system. The main reason was that mill-spun yarn was widely available and was easier to weave. Children were permitted to work in the mills from about the age of 10 years on a part-time basis. They usually spent alternate days at the mills typically working as “duffers”, replacing full yarn bobbins on the spinning frames with empty ones.

Working conditions in a mill could be considered to be extremely unhealthy. The mortality rate in the spinning and weaving mills and weaving factories was high. In the late 19th century the average working life was 16.8 years.

County Fermanagh is an inland county of Ulster, bordering on the counties of Tyrone, Monaghan, Cavan, Leitrim and Donegal. Its length is 45 miles and its breadth 29 miles. The 1821 Census of Fermanagh for the parish of Aghalurcher was used as an example for the building up of a family beginning with the Flax Growers List of 1796. It was noted that the parish of Aghalurcher borders a parish of the same name in County Tyrone, Barony Clogher.

A check of the Flax Growers List for the surname LITTLE/LYTTLE in County Fermanagh, parish of Aghalurcher recorded four entries [Fig 4]. Comparing these Little/Lyttle entries to a period 25 years later, the 1821 Fermanagh census, (taken May 28) for the townland of Foghill [Fig 5] listed 18 families. Seven of these families were Little — James, John, Stephen, Thomas, John, Arthur and John — farming plots from 2 acres to 17 acres. An analysis of this townland’s occupations for adults and children over 12 years, shows 13 farmers, 1 herd man, 10 male weavers, 16 married women flax spinners and 15 single women flax spinners.

The County Fermanagh Freeholders List dated October 1832, lists LITTLE, Adam, James, Robert and William with an entry under LITTLE, William.

**Family Archives Tithe Apportionment Books, 1823-1838 CD [Fig 6]** contains an electronic index to the Tithe Apportionment Books for the six counties that constitute present-day Northern Ireland — Antrim, Armagh, Derry, Down, Fermanagh and Tyrone. Encompassing something in the region of 200,000 entries, data provided includes the landholder’s surname and forename as well as his townland, parish and county of residence. In all 233 parishes are covered.

The Tithe Composition Book entry for the Parish of Aghalurcher
commenced May 1, 1833. The townland of Foglish totalled 14 families paying tithes on a total of 202 acres, rated at £4 18s 3d. Of these 14 families, seven were named Little [Fig 7].

The Ordnance Survey Memoirs of Ireland are a unique detailed source for the history of the northern half of Ireland immediately before the Great Famine. They were written in the 1830s to accompany the 6" ordnance survey maps. In this new edition they act as a 19th-century Doomsday Book and are essential in the understanding of the cultural heritage of our communities. The Memoirs document the landscape and situation, buildings and antiquities, landholdings and population, employment and livelihood of the parishes. Volumes 4 and 14 of this series cover parishes in Co. Fermanagh [Fig 8].

Volume 4, pages 1-16, contain a statistical survey of the parish of Aghalurcher by Lieutenant J. GREATEOREX, dated March 21, 1835, with 28 sub-headings. Under the heading Mills — The only mills in this parish are corn and flax mills. Under Habits and Occupations it is recorded the more industrious among the young men apply themselves to weaving coarse linens. Weaving, however, is not carried on to any great extent in this parish. The female part of the community invariably spin and earn but a very scanty profit for their almost incessant application to the wheel. Under Manufacturing or Commercial — With the exception of hand spinning and weaving there are no other manufactories in the parish. Hand spinning is carried on by the women and female children in almost every cottage and entirely confined to flax. Of late years the linen trade has become so depreciated that the profit earned by the spinner is very trifling. The greater quantity finds it way into the weaving counties in the north, as since the fall in value of linen, webs weaving is not carried on to any extent here.

Listed among the townlands on Sir Arthur BROOKE’s estate Cole-Brooke, Foglish is recorded as Foglish.

Lewis' Topographical Dictionary 1837, under Aghalurcher reports — The system of Agriculture is greatly improved and the crops and stock are generally productive and of good quality; the peasantry, in addition to their agricultural pursuits, are employed in spinning and weaving and are generally industrial and in comfortable circumstances.

In 1841 the population of Fermanagh was 457,195, with a total number of families at 28,654. Extracts from 1841 census show there were 4,720 spinners of flax, 269 spinners of wool, while spinners of unspecified classes amounted to 16,607. The number of weavers of linen totalled 354, while unspecified classes of weavers was recorded as 1,289.

In 1862 Griffith’s General Valuation of Rateable Property was published for Co. Fermanagh and there are five Little families farming in the townland of Foglish [Fig 9].

A comparison of figures taken from the 1871 census of Fermanagh showed a decline in trades and occupations, when compared with those recorded in the 1841 census records.

Land Owners in Ireland 1876 [Fig 10] is a record compiled in 1872 of landholders of one acre or more. In County Fermanagh there is a single Little entry — William Little & Reps of, living at Drumcreeen, Ballinamallard, with a holding of a little over 28 acres valued at £24 8s.

The 1901 census for County Fermanagh produced three Little/Lyttle
Families living in the townland of Foglish, the oldest being Mary Lyttle, aged 88 years, a widow, head of family, at 7 Foglish and the only person living at this address. This property has listed the landholder as Wm. Lyttle, who is recorded as living at the adjacent property. This could suggest (allowing for the usual “age error”) that Mary Lyttle, a child at the time of the 1821 census covering Foglish, is quite possibly the entry Mary PALMER a 12-year-old flax spinner.

This Little/Lytte family from the townland of Foglish, in the parish of Aghalurcher, County Fermanagh in the province of Ulster, has been built up from 1796-1901. Covering a period of 106 years, it shows what details can be obtained using seven principal resources freely available for research.

The following two books are well worth reading if your ancestor was involved at any level of the Irish linen trade. *The Impact of the Domestic Linen Industry in Ulster*, W. H. Crawford [Figs 11] states the domestic linen industry left an indelible imprint on Ulster history. It was introduced by colonists from the north of England in the seventeenth century, before the arrival of the Huguenots and encouraged by the landlords to improve their rentals. Earnings from raising flax, spinning yarn and weaving cloth, provided farming families with regular incomes that enabled them to lease small farms and improve marginal land.

*The Making of Irish Linen* — *Historic photographs of an Ulster Industry*, by Peter Collins [Fig 12]. The introduction gives a historical background from the arrival in the north of Ireland at the end of the 17th century of the Huguenots, French Protestants, right up to the 1970s. Contents are a fine collection of photographs, which chart the development of an Ulster industry which dominated the landscape and economy in its heyday. The pages illustrate subjects as varied as the sowing and pulling of flax; the work which took place in the giant mills and factories, the great houses built for entrepreneurs and the cottages of the mill villages. The book is full of fascinating images of the many people in country, town and city, who helped to produce linen for the world. Areas covered are mainly Antrim, Armagh, Derry, Donegal, Down and Tyrone.

**Notes**

Flax plants and Figs 2 and 3 from Wikipedia Ireland.
In the March/April issue of The New Zealand Genealogist magazine, the story I had submitted about my grandfather Harald Oskar ANDERSEN, who was born on May 2, 1881 in Nannestad, Norway, was chosen as the cover story. On the front cover with his photograph were the words “Uncovering Grandfather’s Secret”.

The story tells of information found in Harald’s Naturalisation file held at Archives New Zealand in Wellington. The discovery was that Harald had spent two months in jail after “jumping ship” after arriving in New Zealand in 1904. He had stolen the suit of a fellow crew member and for that “crime” had been imprisoned in Mt Eden Jail.

The family knew nothing of this, and the Naturalisation file supplied a huge amount of information and detail about Harald and his life on arrival in New Zealand. Little did I know that within a month of the publication of the story, I would discover an even bigger secret my grandfather had kept hidden from his family in New Zealand all his life.

Uncovering grandfather’s secret

BY CATHY CALLAGHAN

Our family knew almost nothing of Harald’s life in Norway prior to his coming to New Zealand.

My oldest cousin, Rose WELLINGTON went to Norway in 1996 to try and find some information and visited the National Archival Services of Norway in Oslo. She found Harald’s christening record and the names of his parents, Anders MIKKELSEN born 1850, Hamar, Hedland, and Karen Dorthea KRISTOFFERSEN born October 21, 1849, Hveim, Akershus.

Whenever Harald completed documents in New Zealand he had chosen to call his parents Johan and Karen Andersen, which explains why we could not find information about his parents. Later research discovered that Harald had a half-brother and sister. We had vague memories of a half-sister being mentioned, but not a half-brother.

Almost a year ago, my husband and I decided to do a tour of Scandinavia which ended in Oslo. We planned that we would visit the Nannestad Church where Harald had been christened. We allowed just one day for this, as we had no other information that led us to any other places of interest.

In May this year, one month before leaving for Norway, I decided to write to the Eidsvoll Ullensaker Blad, the newspaper that covers Nannestad. I asked if they would be interested in writing an article about my search for my Norwegian roots and Harald’s family. I hoped that someone may have information about his half-brother and sister. I attached the script of the story I had submitted for The New Zealand Genealogist. The editor replied immediately saying they were interested, and that the story had been passed to a reporter, Magnus HARALDSEN, who lived in the area.

Magnar contacted me to say the story would be in the paper the next Saturday. On the following Monday he emailed me with very exciting news. He said that his own cousin had rung him after seeing the story in the newspaper. She had recently started to look into family history and seeing Harald’s name made her go back and check her records.

Harald Oskar Andersen had the same name as their great-grandfather. Could this possibly be the same man? Magnar said he would get his experts to check the official records and church books.

Magnar then emailed me and asked if I thought Harald Oskar Andersen, who was his great-grandfather, could be the same man as my grandfather. I replied that the only way this could be was if Harald had a child before he left Norway. Any child had to be born before 1903 because we had official records of Harald’s journey to New Zealand.

A few days later Magnar contacted me to say the official records showed that his great-grandfather Harald Oskar Andersen and my grandfather were in fact the same person! Not only that, Harald had two children before he left Norway, Marie Karoline Haraldsen, born October 7, 1901 and Johan Haraldsen, born November 1, 1902. Magnar was the grandson of Johan Haraldsen and therefore my cousin.

What an incredible co-incidence! The family in New Zealand did not know they had a family in Norway, and the family in Norway did not know they had a family in New Zealand. What are the chances of a reporter being assigned a story and finding he is the centre of his own story?

Magnar then wrote a second article for the Eidsvoll Ullensaker Blad which he entitled “An Amazing Co-
This started a rapid exchange of photographs and emails. How strange it was to see photographs of complete strangers who looked like my father and grandfather.

Of course this led us to ask the question — why would Harald leave his partner, infant children and mother and never contact them again? The answer gradually emerged from older members of the Norwegian family. Apparently Harald and three friends were involved in a fight early in 1903 in which a man died. Harald panicked. He must have thought he was responsible for the man’s death so he “disappeared”. The Norwegian family thought he had gone to work on a ship (which was in fact true) and assumed he was lost at sea because they never heard from him again.

An inquiry into the death of the man involved in the fight showed that the man died from striking his head on a stone and no one was charged with his death. By this time Harald was long gone and no-one knew where he was.

Harald’s partner was Anna Otilie EDVARSSEN born in 1882, in Eltione. She and Harald were not married, and their two children were infants when Harald disappeared. Anna was not able to cope on her own after this, and the children were placed in foster homes. They had a happy childhood in spite of the circumstances caused by their father’s disappearance.

We can only speculate as to what was going on in Harald’s mind in 1903. Obviously he was terrified enough to leave his family and flee Norway. Throughout his life he may have thought his past was going to catch up with him. When he was dying in 1962 he murmured things about “people being
after him and coming to get him”. At the time this was passed off as delirium, but we wonder now if he was haunted by his hidden secret for all his life.

The timing of this amazing discovery was incredible, as we were to be in Nannestad just three weeks after the story emerged. We were told that the family members in Norway were very keen to meet me.

So, on July 17, my husband and I arrived in Nannestad and it proved to be a very special day. We were met by four family members, including Magnar Haraldsen, the reporter. The women were dressed in traditional Norwegian dress, which is reserved for special occasions. This was indeed a special occasion!

When we saw each other no words were exchanged, just big hugs and tears. It was an emotional moment.

We visited many of the places of historical interest to Harald and his family, filling in many gaps about his life, such as where he lived and worked, where the “fight” took place, and where his infant children were fostered.

We were then taken to the Nannestad Community Centre for a meal. An incredible sight greeted us on arrival. At the top of the steps, flying proudly in the breeze, were the flags of both New Zealand and Norway. Standing in a guard of honour waiting for us were more than 50 family members. This kind of welcome is usually experienced by the Queen, not by someone like me from “little old New Zealand”.

What an overwhelming experience to suddenly find myself in the midst of people who exuded so much love and acceptance. As my eyes scanned the scene, I suddenly realised some of them not only looked like my father and grandfather, but they looked like me too. To my delight, I found I had three first cousins, and all of them were there. After greeting everyone, we were treated to a banquet of traditional Norwegian food. This was capped off when I cut an enormous cake which was decorated with a message of welcome and the flags of New Zealand and Norway.

Following the meal we visited the Nannestad Church, where Harald was christened. The church had been unlocked in our honour, so we were able to go inside and stand at the font where Harald had been baptised in 1881. As I stood by the font, I could not help but think about the scene that took place 130 years before. Little did his parents know that 130 years later, Harald’s grand-

The grand welcome.

Reporters Magnar Haraldsen with the author.
daughter from New Zealand would be standing in that exact spot and would be responsible for uniting two families from opposite sides of the world.

Weeks before we did not even know the other family existed, but now we were one much bigger family.

We family historians spend hours and hours poring over documents, searching the Internet and accumulating endless pieces of paper. How exciting it is when names and dates become real people, all with their own stories. “Uncovering my grandfather’s secret secret” was one of the most wonderful experiences in my life. It made all of that genealogical research worthwhile!

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Translation of Norwegian Newspaper article:

Looking for my own relatives

By Magnar Haraldsen

NANNESTAD: At the end of May Kathy Callaghan from New Zealand wrote an email to Eidsvoll Ullensaker Blad asking for help to find her family/relatives in Nannestad. Her inquiry gave some unexpected results.

Editor Erik Østmundset sent the email to the writer of this article, as I am born and grew up in Nannestad, and am EUB’s co-worker in the community.

I did not know the name Harald Oskar Andersen, Callaghan’s grandfather, whom she hoped to find more about. She thought the closest she’d get would be if anyone knew anything about her grandfather’s half-siblings, whose names she had found through the church books.

In the article I wrote on May 22, I asked for any tip that could be sent to me, and that I could forward to Callaghan. I had an idea about a follow up in the newspaper if she found any relatives. An inquiry was also sent to some family researchers via Nannestad community. And other researchers have also been involved since the newspaper article. Great!! A lot of new information about the family has come to light.

Surprised

The story took an unexpected turn — more than 100 years later. We had no idea the key was at the other side of the world. Big was my surprise when my cousin, Wenche Myrvang, called and said she knew the name of the man I had written about in EUB. She was, together with her sister, Jane Olsen, doing some family research, and had made a note of her great-grandfather’s name. She

Nannestad Church.
had found the name in the church books. When she saw the article, she thought the name was familiar. And yes, it was. Harald Oskar Andersen was the name in her notes.

“Do you know something odd?” Wenche said to me when she called after having read EUB. “The man in the picture in the newspaper is our great-grandfather.”

It was almost unbelievable.

The family in New Zealand were just as surprised after our first email to them. They had no idea that Harald Oskar Andersen had two children in Norway, Johan Oskar (born 1902) and Marie Karoline (born 1901) when he left the country.

In New Zealand he got married and had six children. We have a lot of family there.

Huge family

“We didn’t know that grandfather Harald had children when he left Norway so this is very exciting for us. I can tell you that you have a big family in New Zealand. I want to know more about you all! I had never dreamt I’d find such close family” Kathy Callaghan writes in one of her emails to us.

Since then there have been a lot of emails. Kathy and her husband Ross are going on a longer trip and had already planned a visit to Norway. They knew that Harald Oskar Andersen was born in Nannestad, and no matter what would come out of the inquiry they would visit Nannestad to see where he came from.

They have asked Marit Jarum, who has been Kathy’s sister’s penfriend for many years, to help. Jarum lives in Oslo, but is originally from Eidsvoll. She also suggested to Kathy that she should ask EUB for help.

Overwhelming

“This is overwhelming and incredibly amazing. It’s a coincidence that we now have found many new relatives. Without the inquiry from New Zealand we would have had no trace of Harald Oskar Andersen, our great-grandfather”, says Jane and Wenche. The whole family in Norway now knows what’s happened and are thrilled about what has come to light. Saturday July 17, Kathy Callaghan and her husband are coming to Nannestad, and the family are looking forward to meeting them. Kathy’s closest family here are her cousins Kåre Haraldsen, Arne Haraldsen and Grethe Tiller.
The DUNEDIN and MOSGIEL Branches of NZSG would like to share their local resources with you in the new Information Centre at John McGlashan College.

150 years ago, in 1861, after Gabriel Read’s discovery of gold in Otago, there was a golden opportunity for adventure and the acquisition of wealth. Many of our ancestors took up the challenge to come to Otago to make their fortunes.

They came from all over the world, and most, as they matured, settled and raised families, first in Otago, and later in other parts of New Zealand.

In June 2011, at the NZSG Conference in Dunedin, you will have a golden opportunity to find out about those early adventurers and your Otago forebears.

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Breaking down brick walls

BY MICHELLE PATIENT

Brick walls are a common occurrence in genealogical research, and some lateral thinking can be needed to get around to help break these down.

Commuting across the Tasman has been going on for more than 200 years. Many of us have family connections with Australia — not just in the present, but also via our ancestors. The National Library in Australia is now some way down the track with scanning and OCR-ing (optical character recognition) a wide range of Australian newspapers. Earlier this year, they integrated this project with their other resources into a combined access website called Trove. Either avenue can be chosen via http://www.nla.gov.au/ndp/search/

Just entering a search for the word ZEALAND results in over 1.7 million entries at the time of writing this article. So maybe that elusive piece of information you are hoping to find, might just be lurking in those papers.

Have you used our own Members’ Interest resource?
This type of resource is well worth checking from time to time. Members’ interest listings are invaluable, for not only sharing information, but for helping to break down brick walls, yours and those of others, both within New Zealand or for an overseas region. There are surname interest sites associated with many family history societies.

Did you know you can add your interest details directly?

Just log in to our website (www.genealogy.org.nz) and select My Account. You will see a button on the page to add or change your members’ interest details.

Please do not feel you have to wait till you have researched all your direct ancestors. You can just add one surname if that is all you feel confident in. Add others later. Are you waiting till you found when they first arrived in New Zealand, but are stuck? Then why not add that surname and the region and year in New Zealand where you first know about them, and maybe someone has more information to help unlock this barrier.

If you have already entered your interests some time ago, why not check to see if they need updating?

One of the great things about this NZSG resource, is that it can also be used for ships, occupations and locations. A major benefit is that the search engine is available to non-members. A great tool for helping find family connections, as no doubt most of our ancestors would be considered “strays” by those researching in our “home” countries.

Another more recent addition to our NZSG website is the expansion of online searchable newspapers.

The Illustrated London News, 1842-2003, is a great tool for providing information about the society our UK ancestors were living in. You can access these papers in our members area, via the online newspapers link.
You can search via a basic or advanced tool or browse by issue. This will no doubt keep many of us busy for hours. One of the additional benefits of this paper in particular, is the addition of images from the past, which help “flesh out” our genealogy stories.

Another tool for helping break down brick walls is spelling variants. Here is one site to help with these http://www.namethesaurus.com/Thesaurus/

Then there is name distribution. Not sure where one of your ancestors came from?

Seeing where your surname is distributed might help. You can even break this down into regional New Zealand

http://www.publicprofiler.org/worldnames

Want to know what you will get from an Australian birth, death or marriage certificate? This page will answer your questions: http://www.jaunay.com/bdn.html

Facebook

One of the many things I learnt during our Family History Fair is that many of our members have Facebook accounts. I was most surprised during my talk on “Creating A Family Website” that around two-thirds to three-quarters of the audience had accounts. As a result I put a proposal to our new council for the NZSG to have a presence on Facebook. For those of you who read the members list, or are fans of our Facebook page for the Family History Fair, you will have heard about it by now, but in case you have not, here is the link to our pages: http://www.facebook.com/NZSocGen

So what is Facebook?

Facebook falls into the Internet category of “social networking”. Originally written to keep in touch with fellow university students, just like most things to do with computing, it is evolving as communities adapt and reshape this tool for wider purposes.

More and more people throughout the world are using Facebook as a genealogy tool. You can find various groups and pages for special interest areas, societies, surname studies and repositories of all things genealogical, archives, libraries and the like. Many of us would say it has become a useful tool for keeping in touch with the latest news from all these groups and organisations, as instead of having to visit their websites, their latest information becomes part of our news feed.

It certainly is another avenue for finding others researching, but it can be more than that. It is a place where our children and grandchildren hang out. So why not join us?

If you want to help promote membership and activities of the NZSG — press LIKE and SHARE (on the bottom left of our Facebook page) and help spread the word.

If you are concerned about privacy, you can control much with your privacy settings. We have had some discussions on the members list about this, and I would like to quote from Wendy Howard’s recent email

“Take the time to go through your personal settings, and set them how you want them. Mine are set so that only my friends can see most of my ‘stuff’. I have been taking note of recent news stories where Facebook is blamed for something, and as far as I can see (where there has been enough information provided) the breach has come from allowing strangers to be “friends”, or lax security settings, allowing non-friends (including friends of friends) to see personal information.

“The one exception to the non-friends and security I have set is ‘photo albums’. I set these on a case-by-case basis; some albums are there specifically for anyone to see. A link is provided for sharing public albums, which I have emailed to the friends that I want them to see, such as the work we have had done around here this year.

“I find that many people are fairly quiet on Facebook, while a few post almost daily, and it is a lot of fun to see what friends in other parts of the country (or the world) are up to. Some make comments when their kids do something amusing, some post about what they are up to on their OE. I post occasionally, but NEVER about going away until after I am back home again. It makes for a rich tapestry of life.

“Businesses and organisations (like NZSG) are on Facebook too. If you choose to ‘like’ one, their posts feed onto your Facebook home page. So, when something new is posted you will see it — no need to remember to visit their page to keep up to date. Among the organisations I choose to ‘like’ on Facebook, are NZSG, Consumer, the Herald, and Radio New Zealand. It is quick and easy to stop ‘liking’ an organisation, so I drop ones I am tired of, and pick up new ones regularly.

“So please, do not write off Facebook because of what you have read in the newspapers or heard on the radio and television. There is a lot of benefit to be gained with careful use — just like anything else. Kind regards, Wendy.”

I could not have said it better. If you have inquiries about our presence on Facebook, please join our discussions through the members’ area on our website. There will be some additions there too, by the time you read this.

See you on the Internet . . .

Michelle
Position Paper on the merger of Archives New Zealand and the National Library with the Department of Internal Affairs

Members of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists view with grave concern the forthcoming merger of the National Library and Archives New Zealand with the Department of Internal Affairs.

Archives New Zealand is the keeper of the public record, the memory of Government; its primary purposes are to ensure Government departments create and maintain records of their activities, and to preserve these records to ensure ultimate accountability. The cultural heritage aspect -- although very important to us as researchers, and probably the foremost public perception of the organisation -- is secondary to this, but also dependent on it.

To ensure that the historical and current records of Government are secured in a regulated and impartial manner, free of political influence, the chief archivist must have a professional archives/record-keeping background, be functionally independent of any Government department s/he may have to dispute with, and continue to report directly to Parliament on Government record-keeping matters. This independence is not just a necessary democratic freedom: it is both priceless and relatively recently hard-won through legal action, and should never be traded off or compromised for minimal financial savings. The independence of the Chief Archivist must be assured, in practice as well as in legislation.

The particular efficiency of both the National Library and Archives New Zealand stems from their skilled specialised staff, whose on-going effectiveness is put at risk through potential job-loss in this perceived cost-cutting exercise. The stated aims of co-ordinating digital information delivery to the public, and advising Government agencies about cross-agency digital initiatives, would be better achieved through greater interaction with the Government Technology Services unit than through the whole-scale merger of agencies with such disparate functions.

We urge the Government to listen to stakeholders when operational principles and organisational design are being prepared, and when the legislation comes to the Select Committee, with a great deal more good faith than has been demonstrated in coming this far without significant community consultation.

Barbara Wyley, Vice-president on behalf of the Council of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists

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Saturday and Sunday, October 16 and 17, 9am to 4pm

Whangaparaoa Library, at The Plaza, Whangaparaoa Road, Stanmore Bay (45min north of Auckland)

Limited to 30 people. Cost $40 for the 2 days. $20 deposit on registering.

Inquiries to Wendy Fitzpatrick wendyjoy@xtra.co.nz phone 09 424 5779
Family History Month in Oamaru

OAMARU Branch members (left) held a very successful day in the town’s public library promoting Family History Month. The library staff had prepared a display of interesting books and members of the public came throughout the day with their research queries. Many have followed this up by visiting us on the two open days we held at the branch’s rooms.

Gail Meikle, secretary

North Shore branch

A well-attended AGM was held in May. Vivienne Parker was guest speaker, her subject being “Breaking Down Brick Walls”.

The committee is the same as last year, with Leon Bronlund convenor, Di Ross secretary, Louise Collenette treasurer, and the committee made up of Dennise Cook, Linda Pinder, Shirley Turner and Pam Hamblin. Pam is also our librarian.

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Leone Bronlund

Convenor reports on a successful year for

Wellington Branch

will celebrate the Branch 40th Anniversary on Saturday, October 30, at Connolly Hall, Wellington. Members & ex-members warmly invited to attend.

Expressions of interest to
Les Davys.
Phone (04) 478-9544 or email les.davys@xtra.co.nz

Warkworth Branch

25th Anniversary Lunch
Saturday, October 30, 2010
Members and ex-members are warmly invited to attend Expressions of interest to
Cheryl Clague
Phone (09)425-5590
email: Warkworth@genealogy.org.nz

Orth3more Branch

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Leone Bronlund

The support from Tainui has been most productive with both Ngati Mahaanga and Ngati Wairere, wishing to be further engaged with the Maori Interest Group of NZSG.

We are currently updating our membership list and, once completed, we will be depicting our marae, hapu and

Peter Allen received a Certificate of Appreciation from Owen Ormsby for service as past convenor.
New committee of Irish group plans research day

At A Special meeting on August 15, held at NZSG Family Research Centre, a new committee was elected to lead the Irish Interest Group, Auckland, into the next decade building on the foundation laid by the late Joe Cassin and Gwen Reicher.

The new committee comprises:
- Geraldene O’Reilly (convenor),
- Margaret Diggelmann,
- Colleen Petricevich,
- Maria Coyne,
- Tim Donaldson,
- Lynne Florence,
- Bruce Graham,
- Maureen McNamara,
- Joy Todd, and
- Andrea Wildes.

Your new committee has a variety of subjects on their agenda to help members with their research, starting with a research day on Sunday, November 14, 1-4pm at the FRC, in Panmure.

This meeting will cover the use of research facilities on RootsIreland, which holds a database of 17 million records. Personal use of this database has proved highly successful. We will also have a follow-up on the 1901 and 1911 census, which will highlight some areas that may have made searching a little difficult. Learn to locate families due to discrepancies in surname spelling, the use of the prefix Mc, Mac and O, identifying the DED area using resources available in NZSG library and locating landholdings of persons recorded as living in one area and their landholding in another.

At the conclusion of the meeting you are invited to use the computers in the library, which will be set up for hands-on use of the 1901 and 1911 Irish census and other Irish websites. Bring along any inquiries that you may have relating to your Irish research and guidance will be given, along with assistance towards the use of library holdings.

Afternoon tea will be provided, so come and join us for an afternoon of Irish fun and enjoyment at our first, and the last meeting for 2010.

Geraldene O’Reilly, convenor
Email: IrishSIG@genealogy.org.nz

MAORI

Kia ora,
Members’ email addresses: We often find that emails to the members of the Group bounce. If you have changed your email address or are no longer receiving news from us, would you please contact the secretary at MaoriSIG@genealogy.org.nz with your correct contact details.

Education workshops: are also planned throughout the coming year on Discovering your Whakapapa so please regularly check the “Education” link on the NZSG website and also the MIG website for further details. Please also have any material for Te Reo Noema to the MIG secretary before Oketopa 25.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and encouragement.
Hei Konei ra
Bruce Mathers/PaRaui Matera, editor/webmaster
MIG Website: www.nzsgmig.com

SCOTTISH

The Waikato Scottish Interest Group held a research day on September 7, and the topic was cemeteries and headstones.

A research afternoon is to be held on October 3 at the FRC, 1-4pm. “How to Access Scottish Certificates” talk will be given by Pam Hamlyn. Entry $3.

SIG attended the Thames Family History Day with some of our resources. We all appreciated the great lunch and friendly atmosphere and facilities.

On November 7, the SIG group in Nelson is holding a research afternoon at Broadgreen House, Stoke, from 2-4pm. Entry is $3.

On November 14, the Wellington group will hold a research afternoon at Porirua Library, 1-4pm; entry $2.

Do not forget St Andrew’s Day on November 30. St Andrew is the patron saint of Scotland.

L. Fawcett, secretary

NZSG Maori Interest Group

Two seminars on Maori whakapapa and European genealogy were presented by the Maori Interest Group and they were both well attended with many inquiries of how families can research their Maori connections. Our boothstand was inundated by people seeking help and genuinely concerned and engaged in their research, which brings to mind the following:

“In all of us there is a hunger, narrow deep to know our heritage -- to know who we are and where we come from.
Without enriching knowledge, there is a hollow yearning. No matter what our attainments in life, there is still a vacuum, an emptiness and the most disquieting loneliness”(Haley, Alex; Roots; 1976).

I was asked to present in Pukekohe to Maori members of the LDS Church as to how they can go about research of their tribal genealogies and which took place in August. Lorraine Rice and myself presented an introductory workshop on accessing resources and material for those seeking Maori genealogy at the Panmure office of NZSG. We were also asked as the Maori Interest Group by the Dunedin branch of NZSG as to how they could secure Maori involvement for the NZSG conference and AGM next year.

It is pleasing to see that there is a definite interest in bicultural partnerships and tribal recognition with other groups and branches, and if we can set by example then we will have succeeded well indeed.

In closing:
“Ki te kahore he whakakitenga ka ngaro te iwi”.
Without foresight or vision the people will be lost.

We invited our guests to our workshop at the Llanwhanau meeting in Palmerston North.

Owen Ormsby with Tainui kaumatua representing Ngati Maharaanga and Ngati Wairere who were with MIG for the powhiri and mihi whakatau at the Family History Fair.

No reira, noho ora mai ra.
Naaku noa, na
Owen Ormsby, convenor

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You may like to refer to this list when travelling to other regions of the country. Visitors are always welcome at branches. This list has been prepared from information taken from the 2010 branch annual returns.

AUCKLAND:
Meetings: 10.30am, fourth Tuesday, February-November, Pioneer Women’s Hall, Freyberg Place, Auckland Central. Contact: Ray Turner, 43 Wapiti Avenue, Epsom, Auckland 1051; phone 09 520 0082; email Auckland@genealogy.org.nz

BALCLUTHA:
Meetings: 7.30pm, first Thursday, February-December, Balclutha Public Library, John Street, Balclutha, Research Nights: 7 to 9 pm, third Thursday, February-November, Balclutha Public Library, John Street, Balclutha. Contact: Mrs Ruth Richardson, 20 Gollers Drive, Balclutha 9250; phone 03 418 2621; email Balclutha@genealogy.org.nz

BAY OF ISLANDS:
Meetings: 9.30am, fourth Saturday, January-February, unless this falls on a holiday weekend, in which case it is the second last Saturday, North Tce Campus, corner Honeheke and Kerikeri Roads, Kerikeri. Contact: Joy Averis, PO Box 50, Kerikeri 0245; phone 09 401-7589; email BayofIslands@genealogy.org.nz

BISHOPDALE:
Meetings: 7.30pm, fourth Thursday, January-February, Bishopdale Community Centre, 129 Farrington Avenue, Bishopdale, Christchurch. Contact: Frances Cadman, 196 Condell Avenue, Christchurch 8053; phone 03 352 5605; email Bishopdale@genealogy.org.nz

BLENHEIM:
Meetings: 7.30pm, third Tuesday, February-December, Beavertown Hall, Brayshaw Street, Balclutha. Research Nights: 7 to 9 pm, second Thursday, February-November, Balclutha Public Library, John Street, Balclutha. Contact: Mrs Katrina Harris, 34 Gilbert Street, Blenheim 7201; phone 03 578 7061; email Blenheim@genealogy.org.nz

CAMBRIDGE:
Meetings: 7.30pm, second Monday, February-November, Health and Community Centre, 22a Taylor Street, Cambridge. Contact: Stella Chestnut, 12 Everest Lane, Cambridge 3434; phone 07 827 5036; email Cambridge@genealogy.org.nz

CANTERBURY:
Meetings: 7.30pm, second Thursday, February-November, and 10am, third Monday, February-November, Shirley Community Centre, corner Slater Street and Shirley Road, Christchurch. Contact: Lorraine Wilmshurst, 20 Carruthers Street, Ilam, Christchurch 8041; phone 03 358-9824; email CanterburyNZ@genealogy.org.nz

CROMWELL:
Meetings: 7.30pm, first Tuesday, February-November, Godlifters Heritage Building, corner Emis and Donegal Streets, Cromwell. Contact: Edith McKay, 21A Melmore Terrace, Cromwell 9310; phone 03 445 3411. Email: Cromwell@genealogy.org.nz

DUNEDIN:
Meetings: 7pm, first Wednesday, February-December, Room 209, King Edward Court, Upper Stuart Street, Dunedin. Contact: Mrs Janet Rutherford, PO Box 5634, Moray Place, Dunedin 9058; phone 03 489 8649; email Dunedin@genealogy.org.nz

FAR NORTH:
Meetings: 11am, first Saturday, February-December, REAP Centre, Puckey Avenue, Kaiafa. Contact: Barbara Wyley, PO Box 650, Kaiafa 0441; phone 09 408 2727; email FarNorth@genealogy.org.nz

FEILDING:
Meetings: 7.30pm, third Tuesday, February-November, Feilding Public Library, Stafford Street, Feilding. Contact: Mrs Trish White, 154 Red Line West, PFD, Feilding 4777; phone 06 323 7764. Email: Feilding@genealogy.org.nz

GISBORNE:
Meetings: 7.30pm, second Thursday, February-November, Salvation Army Citadel, Gladstone Road, Gisborne. Contact: Mrs Dorothy McCulloch, PO Box 380, Gisborne 4040; phone 06 867 6199; email Gisborne@genealogy.org.nz

GORE:
Meetings: 7pm, first Tuesday, February-December, Hokonui Heritage Centre, Norfolk Street, Gore. Contact: Barbara Cunningham, 4 Main Street, Mataura 9712; phone 03 203 8910; email Gore@genealogy.org.nz

HAMILTON:
Meetings: 7.30pm, first Thursday, February-December, and 9.30am third Monday, February-November, Chartwell Church Centre, Conries Road, Chartwell, Hamilton. Contact: Lynn Falconer, 14BA Bankwood Road, Chartwell, Hamilton 3210; phone 07 855 7260; email Hamilton@genealogy.org.nz

HAWERA:
Meetings: 7.30pm, first Tuesday, February-December, Storage 4U Building, Union Street, Hawera. Contact: Jillian Williams, 126 Fairfield Road, Hawera 4610; phone 06 278 4292; email Hawera@genealogy.org.nz

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HAWKES BAY:
Meetings: 7.30pm, third Monday and 10am fourth Monday, February-November, Hall, Britanny House, 221 Welsey Street, Hastings. Contact: Jeannie Wright, 22 Margate Street, Flaxmere, Hastings 4120; phone 08 879 7478; email HawkesBay@genealogy.org.nz

HIBISCUS COAST:
Meetings: 5pm, third Tuesday, February-November, St Chad’s Church Hall, 117 Centreway Road, Orewa. Contact: Wendy Fitzpatrick, PO box 27, Orewa, 0947, phone 09 424-5779; email HibiscusCoast@genealogy.org.nz

HOWICK:
Meetings: 1.30pm, second Saturday, February-November, St Andrews Church Hall, corner Vincent Street and Ridge Road, Howick. Contact: Mrs Robyn Williams, 9 Booralee Avenue, Botany Downs, Manukau 2010; phone 09 534 2891; email Howick@genealogy.org.nz

HUNTINGLY:
Meetings: 7.30pm, second Tuesday, February-November, Parish Centre, Catholic Church, State Highway 1, Huntly. Contact: Mrs Flo Whitman, Hetherington Road, RD2, Huntly 3772; phone 07 826 6800; email Huntly@genealogy.org.nz

HUTT VALLEY:
Meetings: 7.30pm, second Thursday, February-December and 9.30am, third Thursday, February-November, meeting room, Petone Library, Britannia Street, Petone. Contact: Terry Stock, PO Box 31-024, Lower Hutt 5400; phone 04 565 0069; email HuttValley@genealogy.org.nz

INGLEWOOD:
Meetings: 10.30am, fourth Wednesday, February-November, Inglewood Library, Rata Street, Inglewood. Contact: Mrs Ruth Berry, 91 Rata Street, Inglewood 4330; phone 06 756 8950; email Inglewood@genealogy.org.nz

KAPITI:
Meetings: 7pm, fourth Tuesday, January-November, Kapiti Community Centre, 15 Ngahina Street, Paraparaumu. Contact: David Muirhead, 22 Makora Road, Otahianga, Paraparaumu 5038; phone 04 905 3170; email Kapiti@genealogy.org.nz

KILBIRNIE:
Meetings: 9.30am, first Wednesday, February-December, the Park Bowling Club, Evans Bay Parade, Kilbirnie. Contact: Beverley Keall, Unit 17, 36 Dee Street, Island Bay, Wellington 6023; phone 04 972 1508; email Kilbirnie@genealogy.org.nz

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MATAMATA
Meetings: 7.30pm, third Thursday, February-November, Research evenings at Matamata Public Library, Tui Street, Matamata, guest speaker meetings at All Saints Anglican Parish Lounge, Hohai Street, Matamata. Contact: Maxine Viggers, 5865A State Highway 29, RD1, Tirau 3484; phone 07 886 1656; email Matamata@genealogy.org.nz

MERCURY BAY
Meetings: 10am, third Tuesday, February-November, Masonic Hall, Cook Drive, Whitianga. Contact: Mrs Joanne Lilley, 90 Hahei Road, RD1, Whitianga 3591; phone 07 866 3787; email mercurymbay@genealogy.org.nz

MORRINSVILLE
Meetings: 7.30pm, fourth Wednesday, February-November, Morrinsville Community House, 43 Canada Street, Morrinsville. Contact: Jenny Gambirazzi, 52 Allen Street, Morrinsville, 3300; phone 07 889 5430; email Morrinsville@genealogy.org.nz

MOSGIEL
Meetings: 2pm, third Saturday, February-November, Mosgiel Methodist Church Hall, Wickliffe Street, Mosgiel. Contact: Irene Patterson, 8 Flower Street, Fairfield, Dunedin 9018; phone 03 488 3632; email Mosgiel@genealogy.org.nz

MOTUEKA
Meetings: 7:30pm, first Thursday, February–December, Community House, Decks Reserve, Motueka. Contact: Gaye Mines, 17 Titoki Place, Motueka 7120; phone 03 528 8796; email Motueka@genealogy.org.nz

NELSON
Meetings: 7:30pm, fourth Monday, February–November, Nick Smith’s Hall, corner Wainona and Quarantine Roads, Nelson. Research enquiries: PO Box 1879, Nelson 7040; Contact: Peter Gilin, PO Box 1879, Nelson 7040; phone 03 548 8915; email nelson@genealogy.org.nz

NEW PLYMOUTH
Meetings: 7:30pm, first Tuesday, February–December, Basement, Moturua Shopping Complex, Whiteley Street, New Plymouth. Contact: Fay Eaton, PO Box 429, New Plymouth 8140; phone 06 51 1045; email newplymouth@genealogy.org.nz

NORTHERN WAIROA
Meetings: 7:30pm, fourth Monday, January–November, Museum Research Rooms, Dargaville Museum, 32 Mt Weston Coast Road, Dargaville. Contact: Sue Curtis, PO Box 54, Dargaville 0340; phone 09 439 8666; email NorthernWairoa@genealogy.org.nz

OMARU
Meetings: 7:30pm, third Monday, February–November, St Paul’s Church Lounge, Coquet Street East, Oamaru. Contact: Gail Mekle, PO Box 73, Oamaru 9444; phone 03 434 9478; email Oamaru@genealogy.org.nz

OTOKI
Meetings: 7:30pm, fourth Thursday, January–November, Gertrude Amore Supper Room, Memorial Hall, Main Street, Otaki. Contact: Frances Milne, 52 Rahui Road, Otaki 5512; phone 06 364 7588; email Otaki@genealogy.org.nz

PALMERSTON NORTH
Meetings: 7:30pm, third Thursday, February–November, Kilwinning Lodge Rooms, Church Street, Palmerston North. Contact: Linley Robinson, PO Box 1992, Palmerston North 4440; phone 06 353 6245; email Palmerston North@genealogy.org.nz

PANMURE
Meetings: 7:30pm, second Tuesday, February–December, Family Research Centre, 159 Queens Road, Papamoa. Contact: Jeni Baldock, 99 Wattle Avenue, Bucklands Beach, Manukau 2012; phone 09 534 6921; email Panmure@genealogy.org.nz

PAPAKURA
Meetings: 7:30pm, first Tuesday, February–December, ‘Our House’, 11 Opahke Road, Papakura. Cottage meeting, 10am, first Tuesday every second month, from February, ‘Our House’, 11 Opahke Road, Papakura. Contact: Kay Rule, PO Box 72-993, Papakura 2244; phone 09 298 3736; email Papakura@genealogy.org.nz

PAPAMOA
Meetings: 9:30am, second Monday, February–December, Papamoa Library and Community Centre, 15 Greaves Road, Papamoa. Contact: Carole Bridge, 95 Hynds Road, Gate Pa, Tauranga 3112; phone 07 578 1144; email Papamoa@genealogy.org.nz

PAPATOETOE
Meetings: 1pm, first Saturday, February to December, Depot Community Rooms, 91 Cambridge Terrace, Papatoetoe. Contact: Lorraine Rice, 16 Parry Road, Mt Wellington, Auckland 1062; phone 09 276 8426; email Papatoetoe@genealogy.org.nz

PAPAKURA
Meetings: 7:30pm, second Wednesday, February–November, Helen Smith Community Meeting Room, Pataku, corner Nuni and Pararamona Streets, Porirua. Contact: Gill Koro, 97 Pope Street, Camborne, Porirua City 5026; phone 04 233 8883; email Porirua@genealogy.org.nz

PUKEKOHE
Meetings: 10am and 7:30pm, second Tuesday, February–December, Bookinoplis, Massey Avenue, Pukekohe 2340. Contact: Mrs Val Gillanders, c/o Bookinoplis, Private Bag 8, Pukekohe 2340; phone 09 238 8776; email Pukekohe@genealogy.org.nz

RICARTON
Meetings: 7:30pm, second Wednesday, February–December, Lodge Hall, Brake Street, Upper Ricarton. Contact: Judith Pay, 32 Townshend Crescent, Halswell, Christchurch 8025; email Ricarton@genealogy.org.nz

ROTOKAIA
Meetings: 5:30pm, third Thursday, February–November, 2nd Floor, Genealogy Area, Rotorua Public Library, Haupapa Street, Rotorua. Contact: Mary Page, 1/39 Seddon Street, Glenholme, Rotorua 3010; phone 07 348 1385; email Rotorua@genealogy.org.nz

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SOUTH CANTERBURY
Meetings: 7:30pm, second Tuesday, February–November, South Canterbury Museum, Perth Street, Timaru. Contact: David Jack, 1 The Terrace, Timaru 7910; phone 021 770 000; email SouthCanterbury@genealogy.org.nz

SOUTHLAND
Meetings: 7:30pm, third Wednesday, February–November, City Library, Dee Street, Invercargill. Contact: Ms Lesley Instone, PO Box 1329, Invercargill 9480; phone 03 217 8825 (a/h); email Southland@genealogy.org.nz

STRATFORD
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TAIRANGI
Meetings: 7:30pm, first Thursday, February-December, St James Union Church Hall, corner POles Road and Devon Street, Greerton. Contact: Christine Meredith, 23 Ranfurly Terrace, Pauanui or Meeting at Church Hall, Main Road, Tauranga. Contact: Joan Shepherd, 151 Lakewood Drive, Tauranga 3500; phone 07 376 2965, email: lakeatatougenealogy@gmail.com

TURANGI
Meetings: Lake Taupo Branch meets at Turangi, 7pm, third Wednesday, Kerokano Contractors Ltd, Turangi. Contact: Lauren Kerokano, phone 07 386 7271 (day), or 07 386 7271 (night).

Te-AWAMUTU
Meetings: 7:30pm, first Thursday, February-December, St John’s Anglican Church lounge, George Street, Te Awamutu. Contact: John Graham, 120 Lorne Street, Te Awamutu 3800; phone 07 871 8986; email TeAwamutu@genealogy.org.nz

TE KUITI
Meetings: 1:30pm, third Sunday, February-November, Historical Society Building, Queen Street, Te Kuiti. Contact: Jenni Davies, 84 Mangarino Road, RD6, Te Kuiti 3986; phone 07 878 6817; email Tekuiti@genealogy.org.nz

TE PUKE
Meetings: 1:30pm, fourth Thursday, February-November, Methodist Church Hall, Oroua Street, Te Puke. Contact: Mrs Maree Lewis, 4 Cooney Place, Te Puke 5119; phone 07 573 6686; email TePuke@genealogy.org.nz

THEMES
Meetings: 9am, third Wednesday, February-November, The Treasury, Old Carnegie Library, 705 Queen Street, Thames. Members can also access resources three days a week on non-meeting days, fees apply. Contact: Mrs Pam French, 101A Heale Street, Thames 3500; phone 07 866 6492; email Thames@genealogy.org.nz

TOKOROA
Meetings: 7:30pm, third Wednesday, February-November, TCOSs Rooms, “Tulloch House”, Hospital Grounds, Maraeatia Road, Tokoroa. Contact: Elsie Mohanan, 19 Devon Place, Tokoroa 3420; phone 07 886 5555; email Tokoroa@genealogy.org.nz

WAHI
Meetings: 7:30 pm, fourth Wednesday, February-November, Bridge Club Hall, Union Street, Wahi. Contact: Harriet Taylor, 7 Smith Street, Wahi 3610; phone 07 863 6063; email Wahi@genealogy.org.nz

WAIMAKARIKI
Meetings: 7:30pm, third Tuesday, February-December, Rangiora Brass Band Rooms, Northbrook Road, Rangiora. Contact: Sandra Bedford, 524 Georges Road, RD2, Amberley, 7482; phone 03 314 8322; email Waimakariki@genealogy.org.nz

WAIMATE
Meetings: 7:30pm second Wednesday, February-November, “Genealogy House”, Innes Street, Waimate. Contact: Mrs Kirsty Bell, 29 Belt Street, Waimate 7924; phone 03 889 6185; email Waimate@genealogy.org.nz

WAIRARAPA
Meetings: 7:30pm, third Monday, February-November, Research Centre, 79 Queen Street, Masterton. Contact: Mrs Bev Towgood, 416 Queen Street, Masterton; phone 06 376 6926; email Wairarapa@genealogy.org.nz

WAITAKE
Meetings: 7pm, fourth Thursday, January-November, Glen Eden Library, Glendale Road, Glen Eden. Contact: Lani Rimington, 7 Ryder Place, Glen Eden, Auckland 0602; phone 09 818 2161; email Waitakere@genealogy.org.nz

WAITARA
Meetings: 10am, first Thursday, February-November, Heritage Room, Alexander Library, Queens Park, Waitara. Contact: Yvonne O’Connor, c/o Wanganui District Library, Private Bag 3005, 4541 Wanganui Mail Centre, Wanganui 4540; email Wanganui@genealogy.org.nz

WANGANUI
Meetings: 5pm, second Monday, February-November, Heritage Room, Alexander Library, Queens Park, Waitara. Contact: Yvonne O’Connor, c/o Wanganui District Library, Private Bag 3005, 4541 Wanganui Mail Centre, Wanganui 4540; email Wanganui@genealogy.org.nz

WARKWORTH
Meetings: 7:30pm, third Monday, February-November, Smells Beach Methodist Church Hall, Smells Beach (evenings of even months) or 10am Warkworth and District Museum, Parry Kauri Park, Tudor Collins Drive, Warkworth (mornings of uneven months). Contact: Cheryl Clague, 23 David William Place, Warkworth 0910; phone 09 425 9945; email Warkworth@genealogy.org.nz

WELLINGTON
Meetings: 7:30pm, fourth Wednesday, January-November, Connolly Hall, Guilford Terrace, Wellington. Contact: Fay White, c/o PO Box 2223, Wellington B140; phone 04 232 9429; email Wellington@genealogy.org.nz

WELLSFORD
Meetings: 10am, first Thursday, February-December, Basement, Wellsford Bowling Club, 230 Rodney Street, Wellsford. Contact: Mrs Marjorie Prictor, 5 McIoan Road, RD3, Wellsford 0973; phone 09 423 7033; email Wellsford@genealogy.org.nz

WHAKATANE
Meetings: 1:30pm, fourth Tuesday, February-November, A. W. Fletcher Cole Hall, 19 McGarvey Street, Whakatane. Contact: Mrs Sue Gommons, PO Box 203, Whakatane 3159; phone 07 312 5291; email Whakatane@genealogy.org.nz

WHANGAMATA
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WHANGAREI
Meetings: 9:30am, first Saturday, February-December, May Bain Room, Public Library, Rust Avenue, Whangarei. Contact: Kathy Palmer, 4 Hilltop Avenue, Morningside, Whangarei 0110; phone 09 430 6499; email Whangarei@genealogy.org.nz

WINTON
Meetings: 7:30pm, third Wednesday at Winton Library, Wemyss Street, Winton. Contact: Mrs Joan McConachie, 38 Anne Street, Winton 9720; phone 03 236 1737; email Winton@genealogy.org.nz

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ASHBURTON
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Helensville
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Kaitakati
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Levin
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Waipu
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Auckland, AKD, NZ Street Directory, pre-1960/Spaghettion Junction, wanted to buy/borrow, Barbara Metcalfe, PO Box 74005, Greenlane, Auckland 1546. Email: barbmet@xtra.co.nz

BALLANTINE/BALLENTINE/ BALLANTYNE, William (d 1880) & Isabel/Isabella (nee KEENAN d 1877) - both from DRY, IRL & both bur Christchurch, CBY, NZ. Known to have had 6 chn, 3 m, 3 f, all bn Christchurch: Catharine/Patricia (bn 1887, m 1882 to William Watson THOMPSON), Mary (bn 1860? m 1894 to John Joseph GRUPEN) & perhaps Henry (bn 1875?). Carole Reid, PO Box 122, Taupo 3381. Email: cars@actrix.co.nz

BLACK, Mrs Mary, lived with LAYBOURN family Onehunga/ Mt Eden, AKD, NZ, 1890s. Methodist, may have had relations North Shore/ Parnell. Also Mr PARISH (Frank?), frequent visitor to LAYBOURNs. Barbara Metcalfe, PO Box 74005, Greenlane, Auckland 1546. Email: barbmet@xtra.co.nz

COUPER, James William m 1864 Knox Church, Dunedin, OTG, NZ to Mary Ann ATKINSON. Chn: James, Elizabeth, Joseph, Robert, Margaretta, Archibald, Marion, & Janet. Mary Ann arr NZ from Glasgow, LKS, SCT 1860s with sis Elizabeth ATKINSON (m Charles Patterson MACDONALD). Noelene Sutton, A204 Dannemora Gardens, 30 Matarangi Road, Botany Downs, Manukau City, 2013. Email: nsutton@xtra.co.nz

Eastern Cemetery, Invercargill. All in same plot: JENKINS, Elizabeth Ann d 1941 a 66yrs wife of John Donald JENKINS; McIntyre, Wilhelmina d 1922 a 38yrs, wife of Dan McIntyre; McIntyre, Willie d 1914 a 14m s/o Wilhelmina. Also mentioned on memorial: WOHLERS, Herbert W., d 1918 a 27yrs, killed in FRA, bro/o Wilhelmina. Does anyone know the relationship between JENKINS, McIntyre & WOHLERS? Alastair McKellar. Ph (03) 981 6014. Email: a.mckellar@hotmail.com

MAHONEY, Alice, bn c 1853-1855 MDX, ENG. Arr Wellington, WTN, NZ on Conflict 3 Aug 1874, m 14 Oct 1874 Matarawa, WRN NZ to John ROBINSON (bn c1839 Wandsworth, SRY, ENG). Chn: Mena Pauauer (bn 1875, m 1893 to Arthur BUCKINGHAM, d 1948), Sarah Johanna (bn 1876, d 1877), Mary Ann (bn 1877, m 11 Aug 1897 to George Albert BOAKES, d 23 Nov 1918 Christchurch, CBY, NZ), & John (bn 1879). John ROBINSON enlisted in 64th Regt of Foot in ENG & served in army for 10yrs – part of that serving in the 77th Regt in India. He arr NZ 1868 to serve in the Maori Wars, & was also in the Armed Constabulary Force in Wellington & the Greytown Rifles. John d 5 Aug 1916 Auckland War Veterans Home, AKD, NZ. Can find no mention of Alice after the chn were bn. NZSG Burial Locator has an entry for an Alice MAHONEY dying 1918, but there is no corresponding entry in bmd records for either MAHONEY or ROBINSON. Lived Greytown, Carterton, Clareville, Te Whiti, Matarawa, Pahiatua, Mangatapunika, WRN NZ. May have lived with dau Mena in TNK, NZ & Gisborne, ECY, NZ. Any ideas or help would be appreciated. Bev Randall, PO Box 38, Bulls 4863. Email: bev@randall.co.nz

MICKLE, David, bn YKS, ENG c1846, m Lucy Ann CHESHIRE, d 13 Feb 1921 Tamaki, AKD, NZ, 3 dau & 3 sons in NZ. Ken Ward, 3 Greenaway Road, Waiariki 5026. Email: twoward@paradise.net.nz

ORANGE. All people in NZ with this surname are believed to descend from 3 bros: David, William & Albert who are NZ from LEI, ENG 1861. Have listed all ORANGE NZ bmd to 1990 & have connected most of them to this branch. Wishing to share family trees with researchers or members of the family in the hope that they may be able to help me connect the remainder. Bill Orange, 26a Cole Street, Masterton 5810. Email: woandaro@paradise.net.nz

Steinaecker’s Horse, Bill Goldsworthy is planning a book about the Steinaecker’s Horse & requires info on men that went from NZ to join, some of whom even took their own horse with them. Joy Fisher. Email: njland@xorcon.net.nz

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SKEDGWELL. Looking for desc(s) of William Dinmore SKEDGWELL & Elizabeth Rose REID to ascertain if there is enough interest to hold a reunion. Chn: Alfred (All) Henry (m Inger Emilie JENSEN), William John (m Queenie Kate STEER), Alice Maria (m Joseph PORTER) Charles Frederick, Harry, Grace Mary (m Fred Askew BELL), Jessie Eva (m William FERGUSON). Cicciarelli Ellen (m William F FERGUSON) Gladys Annie, Arthur Norman John & Carl Stephen. We have a fairly comprehensive list of Alfred Henry’s chn so contacts with other desc(s) would be much appreciated. Contact Dianna Taylor. Email: roband@xnet.co.nz or ph (04)236 0059

SOPER REUNION & BOOK UPDATE, Jan 2011. Calling all desc(s) of William Davis (W.D.) & Hannah SOPER, arr NZ 1862, lived in Garston, SLD, NZ. We are planning a Family Reunion for Jan 22nd23rd, 2011 at Invercargill & Garston. We also need Family Tree Updates from all the families desc from Hannah & W.D. for a reprint of ‘Live & Let Live: a history of the Soper family’ (OOP)

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