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Placenames in Ireland

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Genealogy on the Internet

Index to 2011
Ray White has received several boxes of photographs and memorabilia retrieved from a rubbish pile in Auckland and would love to find a home for them. They may or may not belong to the same family. There is also a hard cover cash book which has many old newspaper. A comprehensive list begins on page 243.
A LITTLE more than 14 years ago I was appointed as editor of The New Zealand Genealogist and took over to produce the first issue for 1998.

The society was based in a (rather large) single-room space in a building in Penrose. It was there that the resources and shop were looked after by Keith Bird, who operated as a “man Friday”, on the day-to-day requirements of members working on a part-time basis.

The NZS library was divided into areas of interest, each operating from a member’s home, under the co-ordination of a councillor. The president was Heather Webber, with Graeme Constable as vice-president and Colleen Petricevich secretary.

At the time that I became editor, much of the energy of council was being directed towards the establishment of a new home for the society and the co-ordination of the libraries into a single entity, as well as the development of a website.

Heather Webber’s vision for the society was broad, her energy and drive unstoppable and her focus sharp. She directed the council with a charity that was to inspire the development of the FRC as a foremost research establishment with a comprehensive library and research facility staffed by dozens of volunteers from the greater Auckland region. Her leadership was incisive and results driven. She expected her council to deliver. As editor, I did not escape her attention, and nor did I seek to. She had served six years as president when she retired in 2002.

In 1998, the membership of the society hovered quietly up from 6500 towards 7000. Shortly after the FRC was opened, it leapt to more than 9000, a testimony to those who had put such energy into its creation.

With this issue, I have completed 14 years as editor, having produced 84 issues, 11 separate indexes and three books. The FRC has become more comprehensive in its service to members and employs a number of staff and has a large team of volunteers.

However, the council faces a number of crises, not the least of which is a third attempt to complete the annual meeting of June 2011, and a dwindling membership. A new proxy form is with this magazine for a new meeting to complete the annual meeting.

Members have also expressed concern that nominations for council were not called in the September/October issue, when, according to the rules, they are required to be with the returning officer by December 1.

Having reminded council of the need to call nominations, I was informed by the president and the returning officer that they would be called for in this issue. You will find the advertisement on page 270. Nominations close on February 1, 2012.

I have not attended a council meeting since February, when it was mutually decided to seek a replacement editor. I had earlier indicated my intention to retire, and an advertisement was placed in the magazine of March/April. Two members expressed interest in the role, but nothing has eventuated since. Naturally, I had volunteered to facilitate a smooth changeover and help my replacement into the role.

In view of there having been no action nor communication from council on the matter, I have decided to vacate the post on December 31, and will produce the next issue as my final contribution.

Richard

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Project co-ordinator appointed

THE Projects committee is pleased to announce the appointment of Carole Devereaux as the new Projects Co-ordinator. Carole is to be employed for 20 hours per week working on various projects presently being undertaken and establishing new projects.

Carole will be responsible for liaising with members who will be doing the indexing and transcription work and seeing the projects through to publication.

To assist with projects all that is required is enthusiasm, a computer with a spreadsheet programme and at least three hours per week. If you would like to assist the Society in making more information available to members then email Carole at nzsg.projects@genealogy.org.nz.
Cemetery damage

Dear editor,

I was most interested in the article in the July/August issue, “Wrath of God?” I have a great-grandfather buried in the Barbadoes Street Cemetery in Christchurch. My wife and I were fortunate in being able to visit that place in 2008 and found the memorial with much information given by a very helpful historian and genealogist from the Canterbury Library, who was probably the Richard Greenaway in the article.

Our daughter has just returned from a New Zealand trip with photographs of the after-earthquake situation. The tall stone which was cracked at our visit is now, not surprisingly, in two pieces. It has survived since 1873, so is doing OK.

I totally agree that the Christchurch City Council has a duty to the living and that cemeteries would be low on the priority list. However, I am interested in any move to mark these places with earthquake proof memorials. I think brass or similar plaques at ground level would do the trick. I would like to hear of any move to try something like this. Perhaps Stewart Harvey of the Cemeteries Trust could comment and maybe this also would be very costly, but it seems like something to pursue. A bulk order must surely lower costs.

I escaped New Zealand in 1980 with my Australian-born wife, whose idea this was, and am now approaching my 77th year, so am now very much a follower. I throw this into the ring for today’s leaders. My thanks for the space.

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[Stewart Harvey replies: Hello Stuart,
Thanks for your interest in historic cemeteries and your suggestion for brass plaques. Our thoughts are as follows:

Brass plaques at ground level mounted on a concrete base are widely used in modern-ish cemeteries. They suffer from the deprivations of the cemetery management moving regime, often being flicked by the mower blade, and left covered in grass clippings. They are also prone to rising above/sinking below the grass/soil level, and so on.

As a marker in an enclosed grave, which has been damaged by earthquake they are quite good. However, we would rather see the cost of a plaque (not cheap) applied to restoring the original monument. That is where the message from the past resides.

If families have the cash to restore they should wait a while I think until there is a chance that the quakes have done their dash . . . whenever that might be.

So, not a very satisfactory solution, but time will tell what the community is prepared to pay to have their heritage reinstated in the cemeteries.

Kind regards,
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Ancestry.com.au

Dear editor,

I would like to warn our fellow members of an experience I had recently with Ancestry.com.au

I enrolled for their 14-day free trial.

In order to do this, I had to submit my credit card number which would be actioned if I failed to withdraw from the site by the concluding date.

I cancelled my temporary membership two days before ending date and checked the following day to see if the transaction had gone through. My temporary account no longer existed. Fine.

Eleven days after doing this, I received my Visa account to find that four days after the maximum time my account was due to expire Ancestry.com.au had charged my Visa account with $229.17.

I rang Visa, who told me that I would have to pay the account, or I would incur their charges for overdue, and interest fees. They did agree however to investigate my account with Ancestry as they had received many complaints about that company in regard to their 14-day free trial offer. I had to pursue the complaint as well.

I phoned the Ancestry.com.au office with a NZFree 0800 number. The company rep asked if I had received a cancellation number. I had not. She said she would look into it and send me a number if I had resigned in time. She also said that as I had contacted them a relatively short time after the charging of my credit card, they would give me a FULL REFUND. It would take a month to reverse the charge and would be paid in Australian dollars equivalent to the exchange rate at that time. I asked if that meant that if our New Zealand dollar was down against the Australian dollar I stood to lose money on the refund. She said they had no control over exchange rates. The whole tenor of the conversation made it sound as though the mistake was mine — not theirs. There was no apology.

Five minutes after concluding the conversation I received two emails containing consecutive cancellation numbers. I suspect one may have been initiated because of the inquiry being made by Visa.

Please members, check your credit accounts if you try this service and ring the following number if you have not received a cancellation number within 24 hours of closing your account: NZFree 088 442 100.

Yours sincerely,
Marie Ryan.
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Old Liverpool street photographs

Dear editor,

While trying to find some information on a relative’s address in West Derby, Liverpool, Lancaster, I found a site which may be of interest to any researcher wishing to include pictures in their family stories, or photographs of the street where their ancestors lived. Mine were living in the same house from 1881 until at least 1911.

Quote: “In 1896 it was decided In the Liverpool Corporation to keep a photographic record of work clone by the City Engineers Department.”

There are literally hundreds of titled photographs and I am sure it could interest many of our NZSG members if researching the surrounding area of Liverpool. I found what I was looking for but did not want to print off dozens to get the road I wanted, so I just took a digital photograph of it and it came out very well. No doubt people with more computer knowledge than I have, will have an easy answer to that small problem.

The site to Google is inactilyliving.pico.com and well worth a look. Good hunting.

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Ray WHITE has received several boxes of photographs and memorabilia retrieved from a rubbish pile in Auckland and would love to find a home for them. They may or may not belong to the same family. There is also a hard cover cash book which has many old newspaper cuttings pasted into it some of which may be of interest. I am happy to pass the entire book on, or copy particular photographs to interested parties.

The pages in the book show the cost of buying and selling meat, detailed description and costs etc. Would interest someone interested in retail history. There are customer names, but name of butcher unknown at this time. Some examples of payment of account are: “Paid in cash”, “Paid by cheque”, “Paid by Contra”, “Paid by fat lamb 12/-”, “Paid by 5 fat lambs 10/- each”, Credit by set of Shoes 6/- and Pith Rod 5/-”, “Credit by fat Cow 3/5/0”, Credit by Grazing Horse for 14 weeks 14/-”, etc. Sounds like a very willing butcher, prepared to accept a trade for payment of meat account. The book was found in rubbish along with other photographs and clippings.

Listed are some of the photos pasted within; all from around 1920s:
Newspaper clipping of “NZ Memorial R. J. Seddon, Observatory Hill Wellington.” Newspaper copy “Portait of Richard John SEDDON 1845-1906”.
Newspaper copy of large poster of the news of the Armistice in the Federated Malay states; written in six different languages, issued in Kuala Lumpur Batavia. “The Proclamation was unofficially issued by Mr William Woods. It was written in English, Chinese, Erdu, Gojarati, Tamil and Malay. It was not until 10 days later that the Government issued a proclamation of the news.”
Newspaper photograph “A New Zealand Wedding in London”, The marriage of Staff-Surgeon S. H. WOODS RN and Miss Rubi Seddon, Nov 4; she was the daughter of R. J. Seddon. It does not show the year but is of the whole bridal party including Misses Chaddie BEAUCHAMP and Eileen RUSSELL of Wellington.
Three newspaper copies of interest to Maori titled: Maoris on Waiheke Island, Auckland, preparing
fish for a meal (2 adult ladies and 5 small children, plus two photographs titled “Marriage in Maori Land, four brides and bridegrooms at the Maori Meeting House, Motūtī Island, Bay of Plenty on Christmas Day. In newspaper January 20, 1920. The second photograph is titled: “Tables Laid for the Wedding Breakfast after the Ceremony”. A third newspaper copy is of: “A valuable set of Maori Carvings; Posts of a Pataka, or Storehouse, in the New Zealand Collection at the Auckland Museum”.


Newspaper cutting headed: “An Aged Pioneer”, 105 years old Mr Henry Burling, Wellington. 1912. Also a copy of his Baptism October 1807, showing him born October 5; from the Parish Register at West Ham. London.

Newspaper cutting headed: “Wedding Ellis-Stratford at Knox Church, Dannevirke. Miss Marguerite Alberta (Lily) Stratford of Tataroman and William Samuel Ellis of Ruawai. (no date, but early 1910s).

Newspaper cutting with photograph headed: “The Scene of a Daring Escape by British Officers Imprisoned in Germany: Holzminden Prison Camp” taken by Captain G. A. Avey MC of Auckland, who was a Prisoner at Holzminden. Showing the camp and exposed tunnel that 29 officers crawled through.

Newspaper cutting with photograph, headed: “The Heroic Miss Edith Cavell”. The English Nurse who was Executed by the Germans at Brussels on October 12 1915.” Plus a cutting of her memorial taken November 25, 1918.


Newspaper cutting/photo showing HRH Prince of Wales placing a Huia Feather in his hat at Ohinemutu. Also a photo showing the Maori Welcome. Large 25cm x 20cm black and white photo: Te Horo School Diamond Jubilee 1955 pupils 1913-1922. Very clear, however no names.


Originals of estate of William Roy Bradly June 13, 1952 addressed to Miss E. J. Bradly Princess Street, Palmerston North. Plus a copy of his will. (Happy to pass this on to proven family connection).

Newspaper cuttings dated January 1919 on WW1 titled; “New Zealanders Famous Deeds”, “A War Trophy for Masterton”, “New Zealand’s Part a Record of the Force.” — Battles in Many Lands” — Despatch of Main Body” — The Landing on Gallipoli — The Suvla Bay Operations” — The Battle of Messines” also “MESSINES RIDGE” Details of Fighting, reports from Commanding Officer, Major-General Sir Alfred Russell. Newspaper cutting headed: Deaths: DOHINT Rebecca (Dolly) 24 July (no year shown, but early 1920s) at her late residence. Wife of Laurence V. Dohnt, third daughter of the late William and Margaret Perry of Waiuku.

Newspaper photograph of “Burgess, the Conqueror of the English Channel (Swimmer) and his mother”. Newspaper cutting & photograph of Sir Ross Smith MC, whose “Historic Flight from England to Australia has thrilled the world”. Details of flight and crew, plus photograph of Sir Ross Smith. Newspaper cutting headed “Birth of Quadruplets”, July 1919, Mrs William Hall, at Ngāruawāhia, all boys. Newspaper cutting showing the six Victory Issue of New Zealand Stamps WW1.

Several large cartoons relating to Alcohol Reform, State Control, Continuance, early 1920s all depicting race horses etc — collector’s items.

Newspaper cutting and photos headed: “Carnival Week in Christchurch”, New Zealand Cup Day at Riccarton (1920s?) Newspaper cutting and photo headed “The Opening of the Boating Season on the Avon River”, October 28 (1920s?).

Newspaper cutting and photographs headed “Motor camping throughout the Country”. Shows an exhibit of Mr E. Smith/Smithof his “Roylette” Motor Tent invention (1920s) the earliest of Motor Homing a tent attached to a car, three photographs. Newspaper cutting headed “Courage Of Youth”, July 30, 1919. A Riccarton lad, believed to be the youngest New Zealand Soldier. Private W. L. Bennett, enlisted 15 years of age 1915. Great story and details of his service.

Newspaper photo headed “The Railway Employees Display in Recent Peace Procession at Masterton”. No names but clear faces.

Newspaper photo and cutting headed “The Surrender of the German High Seas Fleet”, Sir David Beatty receiving Admiral Meurer in the cabin of the Queen Elizabeth, January 16, 1919. Several other reports on the war years, WW1

Newspaper cutting headed: “A Wedding of Considerable Note”, St Matthew’s Masterton. Miss Olive Daggar of Mr and Mrs Dagg of Upper Plain was united to Mr George Spencer of Hastings. (details of bridal party July 30, 1919).

Newspaper cutting headed: “Sir John Gorst Welcomed by Maoris at the Pa” November 5, 1906 for the New Zealand International Exhibition, Waikato. He was taken out on the lake in the famous war canoe Tahreretikitiki. Good clear photo of Maori. Newspaper cutting and photo headed; “Pioneer Life in New Zealand”: A Bushmans Camp at Raukokore on the East Coast of the Auckland province. (1920s?)

Newspaper photo headed: “Lady Patricia Ramsay and her First-born”. December 21, 1919, who married Hon Alexander Ramsay DSO, RN.


Dozens of Newspaper cuttings headed “Reflections from 1920s” short sayings of wisdom. Taken from newspapers of the day.

Also found in the same pile of rubbish, several small photograph albums with lots of family photographs, including many photographs of young boys seemingly from a “Boys Home” wearing t-shirts with the name “Bayswater” across the front. I believe there was such a home, run by the Salvation Army (photos would indicate this) and possibly on Auckland’s North Shore. Some of the names on the photographs are as follows:

**Album one**: Grandma Allen — Joyce Thomson, Timaru — Lois E. S. Thomson

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Clan MacAulay international gathering

BY RUTH COOPER

On August 4-7, more than 100 clansfolk from around the world met in Camlough, County Antrim Northern Ireland for the first time outside Scotland for the MacAulay International Clan Gathering at the Londonderry Arms Hotel.

Laurence MacAulay, the newly appointed Clan commissioner for Northern Ireland, organised the formal clan banquet, clan ceilidh and visits to the historical sites along the Antrim coast and glens — the Giants’ Causeway, 16th-century Dunluce Castle, perched on the cliff’s edge and the delightful Layde Cemetery tucked away along narrow roads. Here we found in the ruins of the medieval church large burial wall plaques whose inscriptions record “in the Scotch Army of Charles 1st in Ulster was Major Alexr Macaulay from Ferdincaple Dumbartonshire” [sic]. “Ferdincaple” obviously refers to Ardincaple and the “Scotch army” mentioned was raised in 1642.

A list of MacAulay family descendants is recorded until 1880. The history goes back to the 1500s when McAuleys went to Northern Ireland either under orders, or as mercenary soldiers in support of the McDonnell’s lordship claim of the territory. They would often return to Scotland to help with the harvest but return to Ireland, and today these glens are still farmed by many McAulay families whom we met at the banquet.

The entertainment at the clan ceilidh included award-winning young Irish dancers, Scottish dancers, Alastair Scott Band and folk duo Yet Da, as well as clansfolk trying to keep up with their partners.

Hector MacAulay, Clan Chief of Crieff Perthshire, was democratically elected by members from around the world for a five-year term in 2010. One of his aims is to improve Clan relationships by appointing with the consent of the committee and chieftains, commissioners abroad for the purpose of promoting the objects of the association outside Scotland such as sharing our values, traditions, history and heritage.

It was announced at the banquet that I was to be appointed clan commissioner for New Zealand. There are now four commissioners in America, one in Canada and one in Ireland. Four Australians attended from the Macaulays in Australia Association, which has been meeting annually since 1981.

For more information about the above visit http://www.clanmacaulay.org.uk or get in touch with Ruth Cooper, Clan Commissioner for New Zealand. Email: bcooper@ihug.co.nz

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(Grandma Allen’s sister) several photo’s taken in the Hawera, Patea, Fielding and Palmerston North area, one with a date “Taken in taken 1901”. Postcard of “Wangamut” December 1887. A photo taken 4/7/22 and written on back, “to cousin Nellie with love from Annie Palmer. Plus a lot of unnamed photos.

Album two: Lots of family photos un-named but one has “Shed at Shannon” on the back, and this shed appears in several others with people. Another has written on the back “Birthday party at Te Horo for Auntie Nellie.” Another of “Lois, Grandma’s sister”. Several of children, Janice, Kerin, Allen, Paul. A photo of a gentleman in a wheel chair, name on back is Roy. A family group photo with love from Madge Edwards, Te Horo. A photo of two young boys with “Grandpa Brady and Uncle Desmond” written on the back.

Album three: Small album with lots of family photos taken around 1931, one of a German shepherd dog named “Kim” 6mths 16/8/30. Another showing the “Homestead at Shannon”. Damaged photo showing B. L. Barker 17 years. Another: Auntie Hazel 31/12/23. Also “Francis Brady”, Roy Brady, Miss Minnie Brady, grandpa Brady’s sister. Plus lot’s of smaller photos of nurses included.

Plus an assortment of large mounted photos, some names similar to above.

I would love to be able to pass this find onto family members, or other interested parties for the cost of postage or photocopy.

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Ulster History and Genealogy Summer School

BY MARY SHADBOLT

FROM June 26-July 2 I attended a week-long Ulster History and Genealogy Summer School run by the Ulster Historical Foundation, in conjunction with the University of Ulster, in Belfast, Northern Ireland. I was pleased to meet up with fellow NZSG members, Maryanne BAYLISS and Barbara HOLT there.

The course leaders were Dr William ROULSTON, director UFH; and Dr Alan BLACKSTOCK, University of Ulster, with in-depth genealogical guidance from Dr Brian TRAINOR, retired director of the Public Records Office NI (Proni).

Guest lecturers and facilitators included Dr Brian LAMBKIN and Dr Paddy FITZGERALD, Centre for Migration Studies, Dr George SCHWEITZER, East Tennessee Historical Society, and Dr Eull DUNLOP, Community History Officer, Ballymena.

The programme included genealogical research sessions, talks and lectures, and visits to places of historical and genealogical interest. Visits included the Centre for Migration Studies, Omagh; Ulster Folk Park, Sentry Hill, Barons Court, Stormont, Belfast City Hall; a range of churches and church settlements, including Catholic, Presbyterian, and Moravian, some covered in a day tour around Co. Antrim and Co Tyrone which ended at Slemish Mountain.

Most of the large group of 48 participants from around the world, including 23 from East Tennessee, stayed together at an inner city hotel, and all transport, breakfasts, dinners, and most lunches, were included in the course costs. (Live in share: £900; single £1100; live out £700).

Course value

Despite the current favourable exchange rate, this was still pricey on top of the fare to Ireland, so was the course worth attending, and was it value for money?

Talks and Visits

Dr Blackstock’s comments about growing up and living in a “divided society” encapsulated the complexity of Northern Ireland society. The series of talks and visits were very helpful for gaining greater knowledge and understanding of the society our forebears lived in and left; and that which exists today. The international mix of course members, with varied religious family backgrounds, and the expertise and knowledge of the facilitators and lecturers all contributed to enhancing our insights into Northern Ireland’s history and society.

Research

Irish-descent family historians know Irish genealogical research is always going to be difficult, so expert assistance and advice for a week is worth paying for. All three New Zealanders had previously visited Belfast and Northern Ireland before, so knew the difficulties, particularly at Proni, the main research base.

After an informative lecture by Dr Roulston, which highlighted Proni research tools such as Estate Papers and Vesty Minutes, and with Dr Trainer’s extensive notes on our individual research priorities in hand, we were optimistic of productive research in Proni’s brand new building. Unfortunately, Proni’s insistence on lengthy registration and orientation briefings, the large group size, and the discovery that Proni had transferred all their existing cumbersome processes, but had changed some reference numbers slightly, meant researching seemed even more confusing and time consuming than before, which was disappointing and frustrating.

Despite that, with Dr Roulston’s and Dr Trainer’s help, all three of us made some progress. Visits to other Belfast research facilities such as the Linen Hall library and other Belfast libraries, and use of the University of Ulster’s database on their campus computers, were possible, but difficult to fit into the time available.

The visit to the Centre for Migration Studies Omagh, Co Tyrone was very helpful for both the lectures and group discussions, and the introduction to their extensive research library.

Organisation

The course concept was good and largely achieved, but the large group size slowed down meals, transport and group procedures, which sometimes meant tiring delays, and less personal and research time. The programme could have been more effectively organised to take advantage of Thursday late night at Proni, and some visits seemed irrelevant to family history interests, for example Parliament buildings at Stormont and Belfast City Hall, both of which were very similar to New Zealand institutions, and could be visited on tourist trips.

However, in general the organisation was efficient, and “road bumps” dealt with in good spirit, including my early complaint that we felt left out when neither New Zealand nor Australia (several participants) were mentioned in the official welcome ceremony — after that the welcomes were effusive.

Other courses available

Ulster Historical Foundation is running another summer school in conjunction with the University of Ulster, June 20-26, 2012, with some different visits. (2012 prices: Live in share, £975; single, £1185; live out, £725.) They also run similar length and style courses in conjunction with the Centre for Migration Studies in Omagh, Co Tyrone. The latest was the Autumn School “Ulster Genealogy and Migration Studies” in October 2011. (Price unknown.)

Anyone interested in UFH courses should look at their website on www.ancestryireland.com to find the type of course which suits them best.

University of Ulster: January 2012 starting a new distance learning post-graduate diploma in Irish and Scottish Studies, with one module per semester, and plans for a Family History module. First module: “Ulster and Scotland, 1500-1865: Reformation and Plantation”. (Price unknown.) Contact Dr Billy KELLY BPKelly@ulster.ac.uk

Queen’s University Institute of Irish Studies: International Summer School, Belfast July 16-August 3, 2012. Three-week course covering history, politics, society, religion, culture, conflict, language, music, literature, industry, etc. (2011 prices: Live-in single with ensuite, £1500; live-in single with shared bathroom, £1392; tuition only, £900) contact www.qub.ac.uk/schools/irishstudiesgateway/internationalsummerschool

Conclusions

I have both Protestant and Catholic forebears, most of whom emigrated from Ireland in the 1850s. I found the summer school a very useful “introduction” to understanding Northern Ireland history and society, gaining insights into major issues, learning more about genealogical research tools in Northern Ireland, and gathering some more family history data. However, I may have found the programme for the autumn school run in conjunction with the Centre for Migration Studies just as helpful (but the dates clashed with the RWC).

At some stage I plan a follow-up visit, combining my own study on the wider historical and social issues, with further UFH advised research (eg estate records) at Proni and other Northern Ireland research facilities.

Mary Shadbolt, Irish Interest Group

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The Methodist Church of New Zealand Archives — the national repository in Christchurch for Methodist Church records, has been cordoned off since February 22, and head archivist Joe Smith saw the collection for the first time since February, in early October with a mixture of excitement and trepidation.

After seven months of worrying about how the Archives Collection had fared in the February 22 earthquake, on October 5, clad in safety helmet and high-vis vest, I finally gained access to the Methodist Archives Collection Store in our building at 25 Latimer Square. This building is the national repository for Methodist Church records.

At last I could see for myself what state the collection was in. Managers who had been in previously, had assured me that while there were boxes in our archives storeroom which had fallen down, it was secure and there was no water anywhere.

The process to access a building within the Red Zone of the cordoned-off area of the Christchurch Central Business District at the moment (October) is to have an engineer’s report on the safety of the building, and then an application to CERA, the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Authority.

A time is then arranged for a minimum of three people to go to their building, depending on the state of demolitions of nearby buildings.

To cut a long story short, it looks like the Methodist Archives will be closed for a bit longer. We have been told by our engineer that 25 Latimer Square is sound and safe, but the building needs repair.

By the light of my torch, I could see immediately that the bank of mobile shelving which contains the collection was badly damaged and will need to be replaced. Shelves have collapsed from their fittings within the rows. We do not have lockable mobile units, so each row moved round with the shaking, and one has jumped off the tracks.

Because we could not safely move the mobile shelving, I could not tell how much damage has occurred to the majority of the archives; but I picked up all the boxes on the floor in the aisle which were in a waist-high heap — there was some crushing of contents due to boxes falling on top of boxes.

There are no signs of water damage, and the collection is securely locked up within the building. I am reasonably optimistic that the majority of the Archives collection is undamaged, and if this is the case, it will be because of the massive effort the volunteer team has put into boxing the collection over the last five years.

I am hopeful that we will be outside the cordon by April next year (CERA has said it will have “reduced cordon” by then), and once electricity is connected, and it is deemed safe to go into our building, we will be able to start the huge job ahead of us dealing with the consequences of the earthquakes.

In the meantime, the Archives volunteer team is continuing with our work at the Methodist Church’s Administration Division’s temporary premises in a suburban house in Upper Riccarton, Christchurch, on a variety of research, indexing and typing projects which do not require the collection.

The fruits of these projects are posted on the Methodist Church website as we complete them www.methodist.org.nz under Archives. Our main focus at the moment is Methodist cemeteries — the hold-up in completing some of these is lack of access to our own Archives Collection.

In terms of being able to answer family history inquiries, the answer is “sometimes”. For example, at the moment we have access to information about those individuals who were Methodist ministers, but cannot access any baptism or marriage registers, but may be able to get to these once access is not restricted to our building next year.

I can refer inquirers to where copies of records held by us are located, for example our branch in Auckland holds copies of top of the North Island registers held here in Christchurch, so even if you are thinking, it is not worth getting in touch as the Methodist Archives are closed, I may still be able to help, or make suggestions. So I do encourage you to get in touch.

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The Land Transfer Deed records for the Wellington and Taranaki Land Districts have been transferred from Land Information New Zealand to the Wellington office of Archives New Zealand. With this transfer, it is timely to discuss some of the land records held at Archives New Zealand, Wellington.

Crown Purchase Deeds

On January 30, 1840, Lieutenant Governor Hobson made a Proclamation that no purchase of land by settlers directly from Chiefs would be acknowledged.

... and I do further proclaim and Declare, that all Purchases of Land in any Part of New Zealand, which may be made from any of the Chiefs or Native Tribes thereof, after the Date of these Presents, will be considered as absolutely Null and Void, and will not be confirmed or in any way recognised by Her Majesty.

One reason for this ban on direct purchase from Maori was to protect tangata whenua from exploitation. The other reason was to fund settlement in New Zealand. The Crown began surveying and buying large tracts of land; these have been recorded as Crown Purchase Deeds or Conveyances to the Crown [ABWN 8102]. There are separate volumes for Auckland, Wellington, Taranaki, Hawkes Bay, Nelson, Marlborough, Canterbury, Westland, and Otago. The Conveyances to the Crown include purchases and confiscations. They also include land taken under the Public Works Act.

The National set of Crown Purchase Deeds is held in the Wellington office of Archives New Zealand. There is a manual index by the name of the first one or two Chiefs Maori on the list of signatures and also by the land block name [ABWN 8104]. If making a research request, please ensure that we have at least one of these. Regional copies of these Purchase Deeds exist also with the regional records and are detailed in the Land Reference Guide.

Crown Grants

The Crown then sold the land to settlers. It also provided for reserves to local Maori. This information is recorded in the national set of Crown Grants. The word grant applies to free grants of land under a variety of schemes as well as land purchased by settlers. The Crown Grants Alphabetical Registers are being digitised and most are now available through ARCHWAY so that researchers can carry out their own manual searches. To access these, click on Advanced Search, and then the Series box. Type 8092 in the Code field and follow the links. It is important to remember that, once you have found the alphabet letter for the beginning of the purchaser’s name, the list is chronological, so you
May need to look through the entire list. To get a clearer page, it is helpful click on the full page view icon or to increase the size of the image on Flexi-page from 33% to at least 50% or use the full page icon. To locate the Crown Grant in the bound volumes, we require the land district as well as the book and folio number. The Crown Grant volumes will not be digitised in this current project; they can be viewed in the Wellington reading room or copies can be ordered through the written reference service.

Land already purchased

Settlers who had purchased land from Maori before the 1840 Proclamation were required to apply to the Old Land Claims Commission which was set up in 1841. A Crown Grant was recommended if the Commissioners approved the claimant’s case. These files are listed on ARCHWAY. Carry out an advanced search, click on the records box, type the name of the settler in the keyword field, scroll down the page and type OLC1 (no space between) in the Former Arch Ref field.

New Zealand Company

The New Zealand Company bought land directly from Chiefs in Whanganui-a-Tara or Port Nicholson, now Wellington. Archives New Zealand holds the Registers of Applications or Ballots for land by the NZC shareholders. These are held in Series NZC133. We also hold an 1840 map of Wellington which shows the sections and the ballot numbers. When the New Zealand Company folded, the owners of land purchased through the Company were required to apply to the Lands and Surveys Department for a legal Land Grant to the land they owned. A card index of these applications is available in the reading room.

Land Transfer Deeds

Records of land transfers from private citizen/organisation to other private citizen/organisation are held in the Land Transfer Deeds. The Indexes and Deed Registers for the Taranaki and Wellington Land Districts have been transferred to the Wellington office.

Searching the Land Transfer Deed Registers can be complicated, so we have created a Land Reference Guide for access to these records. It is available from the Archives New Zealand website. From the Home page, and under the heading Doing it On-line?, click on Reference Guides link and then the Land — Wellington link. These can be downloaded as a pdf document or in html. For those who do not have Internet access, please write to Archives New Zealand for a copy of the Land Reference Guide.

To locate the page on which the land transfers are recorded, one or more of the following types of information is required:

- The land district: Wellington, Taranaki, and Hawkes Bay. The Hawkes Bay Deed Indexes and Registers were destroyed in the 1931 Napier earthquake, so there is little available from before that date.
- A Certificate of title record that refers to a Deeds Index (DI) number. The Certificates of Title are still held by LINZ.
- The legal description of the land which includes section number, for example, Wanganui, right bank, Section 3, Makara, Section 5, or Carterton, Section 1.
- For some entries, there are indexes by the historical owner’s names, but these are far from complete [Series 223967]. Results are more reliable with the DI or legal description of the land.

Searching When You Have the Deeds Index Number

The Deeds Index number is usually found on the Certificate of Title in the Wellington land districts.
upper left hand corner. If you have this number, look in the Primary Indexes on ARCHWAY. Click on advanced search, click on the Series box, type 22393 in the field and click on Search. Chose the correct Volume and then scroll to the folio (page) number.

On the right are the transfers of land for DI Volume 6, folio 417 in the Makara District. It lists 9 transfers of land from 1865 to 1904. The first entry refers to Deeds Register Volume 11, page 907. The full description of the conveyance will be recorded there.

Search when you have the section number

For researchers who have the Registration District and original Section Number, a Wall chart in the LINZ room of the Wellington office lists the major Registration Districts and gives a range of Deeds index volumes that refer to that district. The Sections are then listed chronologically in these Index volumes. The information in the indexes leads to the correct Deeds Register Volume and Page. For instance, Hutt sections are listed in Deed Register numbers 3, 15, and 32.

Searching by a person’s name

If you have neither Deeds Index number nor section numbers, there are three Indexes to Primary Deeds — Alphabetical. This is an alphabetical list of people who had interest in a piece of land and gives the DI number. They were compiled as people registered documents into the deeds system. They are in approximate date order and researchers should look in all three volumes. It appears that the indexes are incomplete, so this type of search is a last resort. These are available digitally through ARCHWAY in Series 22396.

Deeds Registers

Deeds Registers contain all the information relating to the transfer of land, mortgage, or other action. There usually is a drawing of the parcel of land, the names of the two parties, the legal description of the land, how much was paid and the date. Digitisation of the Deeds Registers is not planned as a part of the current digitisation project. The volumes can be viewed in the Wellington Reading Room or copies ordered through the written reference service. An example is the first Conveyance in Deeds Register Volume 1, page 2. Town Section 629 in Tinakori was sold by George Thomas POLLARD, County of York in England to Arthur Todd HOLROYD, Solicitor of Wellington for the sum of £100 on October 5, 1843.

Will books

Will books have also been transferred to Archives New Zealand. It appears that some of these were indexed by volunteers and can be searched on the NZSG CD. In the past, we referred researchers back to LINZ, but we are now able to look for these. The Archives Reference for these is AF1H W5687, Items 259-269 and cover the years 1855 to 1913. They are organised by date and are also referenced in the Deeds Indexes.

The entries in these books relate to transfer of land from a deceased owner to the person named in the will. Each volume is indexed. These can be researched in the Reading Room or through our written reference service. This will record the transfer of land in Wellington from Jane McGINTY to her four children, James, Rosanna, John and Andrew Thomas in December 1860.

Other land records

The Land Reference Guide lists a variety of other records held in the Wellington office. If you have questions about these other records, please don’t hesitate to ask an archivist.

If you have an interest in land transfer research and find the searches on ARCHWAY too complicated, please contact an archivist for assistance. There is a written reference charge of $25 per half-hour for those who are unable to come into the Wellington office. For those who are able to come, an archivist will assist you with your research. Please bring the information listed above.

Land Transfer Records in the Regional Offices

It would be greatly appreciated if requests were not made for access to, or information from, Deeds records held by our regional offices in Auckland, Christchurch and Dunedin. These offices are currently processing their Deeds records. It is anticipated the records will be fully available on Archway by about mid-2012.

Heidi Kuglin,
Archivist/Access Services.
Email: Heidi.kuglin@archives.govt.nz
The year that was

A review of the year at the Central Auckland Research Centre, Central City Library, Auckland

IT HAS been a very busy year for us here at the Central Auckland Research Centre. It is really exciting for us to see how many people are interested in genealogy now, and we have relished our busy-ness.

Although the centre has been free to use for non-members since that controversial “gate” was taken away five years ago, we have found ourselves busier than ever - due, no doubt, to the widening perception of the library suddenly being available to everyone free of charge.

Another thing that has helped increase our visits (both “virtual” and in person), is the fact that our unique Auckland Library databases are now being “Googled”, which means that people doing Google searches, are now being brought back results direct from our databases.

The general increase in family history, also drives up interest too, pushed of course by television programmes such as Who Do You Think You Are and Heir hunters, and also the TV advertisement for Ancestry.

And of course, there is the fact that we have been out and about talking about our resources to genealogy groups and library customers.

Of course, we are a team of 11 very experienced reference staff, who enjoy helping visitors solve their research problems through using our resources, and we have had a really full events schedule this year, including Family History Month for the first time.

Apart from Family History Month, our most popular event of our calendar was the Karen Kalopulu Family History Lock-in, which was held on September 23. This was our seventh lock-in, which gives researchers the opportunity to be locked-in to our research centre overnight — a marathon from 8pm Friday till 8am on Saturday morning.

We had 55 researchers, plus five staff members and six NZSG volunteers this year; and everyone seemed to have a fabulous time.

Our family history lunchtime series topics this year were chosen to tie into library events and/or cultural or historical events important to many of the cultures that we have in New Zealand. We hope to do the same next year.

Our speakers have been a mix of amateur researchers and professionals, local and international — and have been very good quality and widely appreciated.

As well as our treasured local speakers, we have been very privileged to have international speakers such as Nigel Bayley and Mark Bayley from the Genealogist UK; Irish diaspora academic, Professor Bronwen Walters of Anglia Ruskin University; Judy Jones of FamilySearch; and Australian genealogist Carole Riley.

As most of our events are free, none of our speakers are paid to speak, nor do we even reimburse costs — so our fabulous speakers volunteer their own time freely.

At the time of writing, we are preparing for a visit from the Unlock the Past team, who will be using our library for a Saturday event prior to their New Zealand-Australian genealogy cruise, and also providing two speakers for a free library event on the Monday. I am preparing next year’s programme now, so I am very interested in any topics that you would like to see us cover; and any speakers that you would like to recommend. Of course, I am also very keen to hear from anyone who would like to volunteer to talk for us.

Our lunchtime sessions start back again on February 8, and will be fortnightly thereafter. But yes, we hope to be having sessions at least weekly again during August’s Family History Month.

And remember you can keep up to date with our news by:

- VISITING our website: www.aucklandlibraries.govt.nz
- “LIKING” Auckland Research Centre on Facebook, or
- “FOLLOWING” @Kintalk on Twitter.

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These are the new hours that apply to the daily rate of $5 for members and $20 for non-members (Wednesday evening session is $3).

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Library users may arrive at any time between 10am and 4pm during a daily session, and stay for as short or as long as they like between those times.

REGULAR EXTRA LIBRARY SESSIONS:

Friday nights: The library is open from 4pm-10pm on the first Friday of the month, February-December.
Sundays: The library is open from 10am-4pm on the fourth Sunday of every month.

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS:
The library is open on most public holidays — check the website for dates and times.

Please note that the licensing agreement with all of the website services in the FRC prohibit us from conducting look-ups. These web services are available for use at the FRC only.

To book FindMyPast, Origins and The Genealogist, phone 09 570 4248 ext 4, or email library@genealogy.org.nz.

Some of the new databases on Ancestry.com available FREE at the library:
- QUEBEC, Genealogical Dictionary of Canadian Families (Tanguay Collection), 1608-1890 (in French).
- PALERMO, Italy, marriages, 1820-1895 and births, 1896-1905 (in Italian).
- NEW South Wales, Australia, Registers of Police Employment, 1847-1885.
- UK Surgeon Superintendents’ Journals of Convict Ships, 1858-1867.
- UK Royal Navy Medical Journals, 1817-1857.
- GERMANY, World War One Casualty Lists, 1914-1917 (in German).
- IRELAND, Catholic Parish Baptisms, 1742-1881.
- IRELAND, Catholic Parish Marriages and Banns, 1742-1884.
- IRELAND, Catholic Parish Deaths, 1756-1881.
- IRELAND, Civil Registration Deaths Index, 1864-1958.
- IRELAND, Civil Registration Marriages Index, 1845-1958.
- IRELAND, Births and Baptisms, 1620-1911.
- IRELAND, Civil Registration Births Index, 1864-1958.

NEW South Wales, Australia, Return of the Colony, 1822-1857.
- PENNSYLVANIA, Published Archives Series, 1664–1902.
- LÜBECK, Germany, Censuses, 1862, 1871, 1875, 1880 (in German).
- FIPE, Scotland, The Dumbartonshire Register, 1829-1859.
- UK, Register of Duties Paid for Apprentices’ Indentures, 1710-1811.

- SCOTTISH censuses: 1841 and 1851.
- GWENT burial records 1661-1901, Gwent parish records from 1634.
- CREW lists: 1881 and 1891.
- MERCHANT Navy Seamen records: 1918-1941.
- THAMES and Medway records: More than 18,000 records.
- BURIAL records: Lambeth and East Kent.

Irish Origins is available FREE at the Library.

New datasets:
- WORCESTERSHIRE Baptisms: 1700-1849.
- GLOUCESTERSHIRE, Cheltenham Kelly’s Directory 1928.
- GLOUCESTERSHIRE, Wright’s Directory for Bristol 1919.
- GLOUCESTERSHIRE, Kelly’s Directory 1870.
- NORTHUMBERLAND, Kelly’s Directory 1890.
- WESTMORLAND, Kelly’s Directory 1906.

New remote film reader launched in Christchurch

THE new remote film reader was launched in Christchurch in early November. The service is being rolled out across the country, starting with the Canterbury Region. Our brave Christchurch members have been without a film reader since the “big one” earlier this year, so this will be a much needed service for them.

It will be introduced to other regions over the coming months, so watch this space.

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I LIVE outside of Auckland and I cannot get to the FRC in person. Do you think it is fair that members who do not live in Auckland, do not have access to the great things in the library? Why do members in Auckland get it free?

It is true that the Family Research Centre (and therefore, the library) is located in Auckland, but it has to be somewhere and I imagine that if the FRC was in a different city, those who were not in that city may also feel disadvantaged! If members cannot get to the library in person there are two wonderful services that are provided — Research Service Look-ups and Postal Borrowing. Let us look closely at each one.

Research Service Look-ups: this is a FREE service for members run by an experienced team of volunteers. You can email or write to the team research service@genealogy.org.nz and they will conduct a look-up from any of the items held in the collection. They will scan the relevant page(s) and email them to you in a digital format, or send by post if you prefer (there is a cost of 20c per A4 page for printed material).

The team are on board every Tuesday and in most cases your query is answered then. Please note, that this is limited to physical items in the library, i.e. it does not include the online web subscriptions to the likes of Ancestry, FindMyPast, etc. This is due to the limits imposed on us by the licences of each website subscription. You will probably find that individual licences have the same conditions i.e. you cannot conduct look-ups for other people.

Because we hold “library licences”, different people can use the website but only in-person.

However the physical items we hold in the collection (books, magazines, fiche, CDs, etc) belong to the library, so we can conduct look-ups. Naturally we need to be considerate of copyright laws — we cannot copy a whole book for you — but a couple of the relevant pages of a book are no problem. This is a GREAT service and I hope more members make use of it. Refer to the ‘Where to Write’ page at the back of this magazine for further information about the FRC Research Service.

Postal Borrowing: Any borrowable item can be posted to members anywhere in New Zealand. You can use the online library catalogue to place a request. This is by far the quickest method, but if you do not have access to a computer, you can use the library borrowing form.

This is available from the NZSG website, or you can contact me to get a copy on 09 570 4248 ext 8, or email library@genealogy.org.nz.

Part of the request process asks that you write in the message field — writing “thanks” is enough. You can also use this to inform the volunteers of any information that is relevant to your borrowing, for example if you are staying at a different address to normal or perhaps you want it sent on a certain date (see example, above). Your name, address, membership number and the items you have requested will automatically be appended to your message, so you do not need to write those in.

Joint members can borrow up to four items at a time, and all other members can borrow up to two items. The outward postage costs you nothing — you just need to pay normal postage to return it. You will be provided with a return sticker for the package and reminder of when it is due back. Postal borrowing is processed on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays by an enthusiastic team of volunteers, so get your order in.

I would like to address the last part of your question. There is a common misconception that Aucklanders have free access to resources that the rest of the membership does not. This is not true. While there are some websites that are available to use free in the library, all members pay an entry fee to get into the library. If you live in a medium to large-sized city, it is likely that you will have totally free access to many of those same websites at your local public library and you will not need to pay a cover-charge to get in.

I hope that this column has gone some of the way to addressing your concerns and that you continue to make use of the fabulous services on offer.

Library Wish List

WELCOME to a new section — the Library Wish List. Each issue we will feature items that we would like to add to the library collection.

How can you help? Do you have a copy you would like to donate to the library? Or perhaps you would like to donate the full amount to buy the item? Or maybe you would like to donate something towards the cost of the item?

Contact the Library Supervisor, Christine Hurst, on library@genealogy.org.nz or post a donation to PO Box 14036, Panmure, Auckland 1741.

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How wonderful I thought — two children each with three names — so easy to trace. But not one of the family could be discovered in any English records after that date. Where did they go?

Charles John’s brother, great-great-grandfather George, brought his family to New Zealand in 1874. Did Charles do likewise? Not a whisper of Charles or his family was uncovered in New Zealand records. George’s granddaughter had reminisced about her parents considering Australia as a first option before deciding on New Zealand. Is that where Charles went?

Searching the Ancestry index for a death record in Australia for Charles John was the next step. Trawling down the numerous results, attention was promptly drawn to an 1883 death record in Adelaide, South Australia, for Elizabeth Esther Bristow with a father Charles John Bristow and mother Sarah Gale. Bingo! And thanks to an indexer somewhere.

Off to the FRC where a host of records were located for Charles John’s descendants, including a birth record in June 1874 for his first Australian-born child.

What vessel did they board for Australia between 1871 and 1874 was the next question to arise. A first venture into Australian shipping records was undertaken. Were Australian records of passenger lists during the peak period of assisted migration on films as they are in New Zealand? I picked the brains of those with greater knowledge. No, no films. Where were they living? I was asked. Adelaide. Well they could have arrived in Adelaide or travelled via Melbourne or Sydney. Try Google. So back to the Internet — but it was all too hard. Only three years to search through, but too many ports, and too wide a timeframe. No obvious passenger list, no joy with archives, and no evidence from the Trove newspaper site. Put them on the back burner again.

About two weeks later, a “light bulb” flash. I wonder what’s on the shelf at the FRC in the way of South Australian records?

The very first thing to catch my eye were four volumes of Biographical Index of South Australians 1836-1885. Hmmh — lot of fiction in biographical books was the cynical thought passing through my mind as I pulled the first volume from the shelf.

Volume 1, page 176:


Why was a book not an obvious source? Because in the past decade I have become accustomed to, and mentally self-programmed for, the quick-fix search on the Internet and an expectation that I will find an answer there. Remember the books! They may contain a clue or even an answer.

Sincerely
A Book Fan
(name and address supplied)

What did you find?
Share your story —
email library@genealogy.org.nz

Postal borrowing
From October 1, NZSG is funding the outward cost of postal borrowing. This means that members can borrow from the library and only need to pay for the return postage — you DO NOT need to reimburse the outward postage with stamps. This is great news for members all over New Zealand, especially those who are not able to get to the FRC in person.
Librarian’s choice from the new accessions with CHRISTINE HURST

A History of the Carpenters’ Company
By Jasper Ridley
Outlining the history of the Carpenters’ Company from 1499 to present day (published 1995). We are taken on a journey through history from the King’s Master Carpenters of Henry VIII’s court, to the Carpenters’ Hall being destroyed during an air raid in 1941. Indexed and illustrated. Barcode A40025303.

A Century of Service: a history of the South Canterbury and North Otago Police
By David Thomson and Hendrik Kagei
Published in 1987, this book covers the Timaru, Fairlie, Temuka, Waimate and Oamaru Sub-districts. There is a section on policewomen, armed offenders squad, dog section, youth aid section, search and rescue, photography and civilian staff. Packed full of named photographs and history, this is a great resource if you have police ancestors in the area. Barcode A40023541.

We Will Remember Them: New Zealand Casualties of the Great War: Volume 2 France and Switzerland
By Grant Tobin
The second volume in a series, lists more than 7500 New Zealanders who died during World War One and are buried or commemorated in France and Switzerland. Each entry includes what is written on the memorial as well as a grave reference. Indexed. Barcode A4002407X.

We Will Remember Them: New Zealand Casualties of the Great War: Volume 1 Belgium, the Netherlands and Germany
By Grant Tobin
The first volume in a series, lists more than 4600 New Zealanders who died during World War One and are buried or commemorated in Belgium, the Netherlands and Germany. Each entry includes what is written on the memorial as well as their clerk’s. Most of the book contains wills and is a wealth of information about the Oundle residents, their families and their lives. Barcode A40023042.

Tahuhu Korero: the sayings of Taitokerau
By Merata Kawharu, photographs by Krysztof Pfeiffer
A collection of proverbs and sayings from the Taitokerau region — from Auckland to Cape Reinga. Pepeha and the longer whakatauki are proverbs and sayings passed down by Maori to capture key moments in history, important places and celebrate ancestors. Almost 200 proverbs in Maori with English translations with explanations of the origins and meaning of the sayings. Barcode A40024138.

Oundle Wills and headstones 1820-1858
By David Parker
Oundle is a village in Northamptonshire, England. As well as headstone transcripts, this book contains information about local attorneys and the and Lincolnshire County Council.

PDFs from the Family History Fair x 16
Could not get to the Family History Fair? Or perhaps you saw a workshop but forgot to pick up a handout? Sixteen of the presentations are now available in PDF format on the library website. To find the PDFs, use the visual search, scroll down to the NZSG logo at the bottom, and then click on the Family History Fair logo. You will be shown a list of the items, click on the title of the one you want and a URL will show in blue which you can click on to open the PDF. A small selection of the topics are:

Back to School New Zealand records
Digging Deeper with Papers Past
Researching in Continental Europe
Writing and Publishing Your Research

DONATIONS FROM MEMBERS
We are grateful to the following members, branches and interest groups for their kind donation of resources and money for the library:

Maurice Bath, Wally Bilton, Anne Brady, John Campbell, Gwen Carter, David Cooper, Judy Ganley, Elsie Graydon, Susan Guyatt, Sandi Halling, Julie Lindenberg, Margaret Pool, Joan Rangeley, Anna Rufer, June Springer, Margaret Stevens, Gay Swift, Iris Taylor, Peter Voss, Robyn Williams, Auckland University Press, Auckland Libraries, AECOM, NZSG Channel Islands Interest Group, NZSG European Interest Group, NZSG Howick Branch, NZSG Irish Interest Group, NZSG Midlands and North East England Interest Group, NZSG South East England Interest Group, NZSG Taupo Branch.
The following are reference-only from the new accessions. However, the research team will do look-ups for members. Contact: researchservice@gen ealogy.org.nz

For full details of the research service, go to Where to Write page at the back of this magazine

New Zealand Army: Uniforms and Clothing 1910-1945
By Barry O’Sullivan and Matthew O’Sullivan
This book is a great resource for identifying the uniforms of men and women in the New Zealand forces during World War One and World War Two. Full of large illustrations (sadly in black and white) all the elements of the soldiers’ uniforms are shown including headgear, footwear and everything in between. A great book to help identify photographs. Because of its size and value, this book is reference-only. Barcode A40023938.

New books

Patients in Melbourne Hospital 1856-1905 — 49,552 names from ward books. Barcode A40024794.

Paupers in Workhouses 1861 — the name of every adult pauper in each workhouse who has been an inmate of the workhouse during a continuous period of five years; stating the amount of time that each of such inmates have been in the workhouse, and the reason assigned why such persons are unable to maintain themselves. Barcode A4002474X.

The Universal Directory of Great Britain 1791 — descriptions of the places are excellent, with details of facilities, etc. Includes those residents with trades (even those such as farmers, hay-binders, labourers, bakers, shop keepers, etc.) and their addresses. Barcode A40024841.

Joy and Sorrow: The Clutha Leader 1874-1900 — Births, deaths, marriages, obituaries and other articles from the Clutha Leader 1874-1900. Barcode A40024943.

Gloucestershire Monumental Transcriptions — Includes catalogue of memorial sites and Fosbrook’s Big Land Memorials of Gloucester City. Barcode A40024692

57 New Irish Microfilms

Some new microfilms for Irish research have arrived in the collection by way of the Irish Interest Group:

42 volumes of Sir Bernard Burke’s collection of wills for forming Irish pedigrees. Microfilm of original records in the Belfast Public Records Office. Contains genealogical analysis of wills and administrations in the Prerogative Court.

Prerogative Court of Dublin administrators to intestates from the earliest year to 1802 and letters of tutelage of minors. Microfilm copy of original manuscripts in The Castle, Dublin and at the Genealogical Department, Dublin, Ireland.

Prerogative Court of Armagh, Abstracts — Church of Ireland: Wills, Admons, Marriages. Sir William BETHAM had made abstracts of the Prerogative Court records and created an index. After the destruction of the records in the Public Record Office in 1922, these abstracts became valuable.

Gallaher book sheds light on diverse family

MUCH of what has been written of the Irish diaspora has concentrated on emigrations to the Americas. Few family histories have followed those who came to New Zealand in the 1800s and dispersed further across the Tasman, in response to the lure of the goldfields.

Kay Carter’s recent book Maria Gallaher, Her Short life and Her Children’s Stories is an account of an emigration from Ramelton, County Donegal, to the pioneer settlement of Katikati in the Bay of Plenty. It is the story of her great-grandmother and her children, who included David Gallaher, captain of the 1905 All Blacks.

The book received an enthusiastic launch in Ramelton, supported by the Dave Gallaher Society and the Letterkenny Rugby Club. The New Zealand launch was held at the Katikati Primary School, where the schoolroom in which Maria Gallaher was the first teacher in 1879 is still in use.

The Gallahers faced hardship and near-destitution as Maria’s elderly and ill husband failed to succeed as a farmer settler, and she was forced to become the sole breadwinner of the family. Her early death at 42, after bearing 14 children, threw the family on to its only resource — the determination of the older children as young adults to look after their ailing father and the younger siblings.

The family eventually spread across New Zealand and Australia, encouraged by the opportunities of the gold fields of both countries. Contact was gradually lost as the generations passed and soldiers died in World War One.

Kay Carter’s research over the last nine years brought many relatives together for brief gatherings in New Zealand and Australia, and her collection of stories and photographs grew.

Wartime letters from the front give a reality and poignancy to the loss of family members.

The publisher is Champion Associates, a retirement partnership of Kay and her husband Bill, which also published her previous family history: Fishers of Pakerimu. Copies are available from 4 Makarini Street, Paraparaumu 5032. The price is $45 plus postage. kaybill@clear. net.nz
**Investigating online archives**

**BY MICHELLE PATIENT**  
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SUMMER is upon us and as I write it is the RWC 2011 world cup finals weekend. The clematis has come into bloom, but I must live in the future and think of genealogical summers. Such an odd mix for those of us whose minds so often live in the past.

For many, summer if full of reading books and magazines and spending time with family. It is also a great opportunity to ask those older members to tell stories of their extended families and to spark some interest in the younger members of our families.

But for those days you have some computer time, which sites are like reading your local books and magazines?

I like to look at pictures in magazines and so one online genie-focused equivalent are the photograph archives. A number of local councils (and their overseas equivalents) have online archives of their heritage photographs.

Here is a 1907 example from the Christchurch City Libraries Archives.

There is a small greyed-out camera image at the right hand end of the search box. Click on it and follow the prompts, you need to have a digital version of the unknown image. It can work for buildings and landscapes too.

You might have photographs in your collection where you are not sure if this is a younger (or older) photograph of this or that relative. Picasa has a face recognition process. Summer holidays is a good time to do something about this. I came across Carole Riley’s blog from late last year about this function that discusses the benefits and some drawbacks (check out the face which was really some bamboo!) is well worth the read.

By now those of you who are into books will be familiar with how to search our NZSG library for books and use our volunteer research service for those of us who cannot get in to the library. But the NZSG certainly cannot hold all the books we researchers might be interested in checking out for our ancestors.

There is a volunteer book look-up network, which may be the place to find the brickwall break you need if the NZSG resources do not have the book you need.

So if you are looking for images of a location from your ancestors’ past, do use your favourite search engine for the area’s local council and use archive to see what you can find.

Another task we often leave to the holidays is going through our photograph collection to put them into albums or just to sort them out. You might have people you do not recognise in them. The net just might hold the answer. Google has a clever app as part of its search engine which can compare an image you have with all those Google has found on the net. This tool might be able to put a name to those unknown faces.

So head to www.google.co.nz and press the word images (it should be across the top of your screen). Here is what the image-only search function looks like.
Visiting cemeteries is another genie task some of us allocate to do during our holidays. Need to find where they are? Have you all seen Murray Lynn’s kiwicelt’s New Zealand cemetery information? There is a map database for New Zealand now.


Do not forget to click on the thin yellow strip on the far left side of the window to find the MENU for all of Murray’s site.

There is a global free library of cemeteries called Interment.net:


In keeping with the practise, “if you come across an index look it up”, there are various chat rooms (like Rootschat) and mailing lists (like Rootsweb) which have searchable archives. I have mentioned them before, and I am sure you will be familiar with them. You might not have come across CousinConnect and GenForum, but New Zealand inquiries are being posted there regularly and are searchable.


Need more reading? There are a lot of Kiwi Genie Blogs out there to scroll through and there is a webring (linking of similarly-themed sites) for New Zealand genealogy blogs.


I am sure many of you will be coming across new old documents, or have some put away as they are “too hard” to decipher. Handwriting can be most difficult to interpret and a keen eye, magnifier/digital zoom are often essential. So if you need some help interpreting older script, even Latin, there are a number of great tutorials at the UK National Archives:


And now for the Quirky end — Many of you know why I type not write! Not just doctors with bad handwriting ☹ — but it just might be due to my ancestors . . . Life’s Little Mysteries tells me so.

Happy reading

Have you any links or tips to share? Please drop me an email at patientgenie@yahoo.com.au
BFN,
Michelle (aka patientgenie)

PS: I will be converting previous Genie on the Net articles and placing them on the Internet for easy download including the live links in particular for those of you who have recently joined. Watch memlist (see the members area of our website to join) for when and where.
George or Sydney

George Weston was said to have been born in Portsmouth, Hampshire, a major naval port. According to his obituary he had served on a “man-of-war” which was a naval ship armed with cannon and propelled primarily by sails.

The British National Archives have records for a George Weston, born on May 7, 1849 at Blackwater, Hampshire, enlisting with the Royal Navy. He was 5ft 6in had a fair complexion, brown hair and grey eyes and enlisted for 10 years on March 5, 1858 as an Ordinary Seaman 2nd Class. His first vessel was HMS Edinburgh.

Unfortunately the rest of his service is not listed and the names of his parents are not included. It was common for the Royal Navy to enlist such young boys. During battle they carried water and gunpowder for the cannons. They also acted as cabin boys to officers and senior seamen, and were also apprentice seamen, “learning the ropes” (literally) as they underwent sail training on the rigging.

The Auckland Daily Southern Cross of July 22, 1870 reported that “Yesterday, an alleged deserter from the HM ship Rosario was brought up from Tauranga in the schooner of that name. He will be brought before the bench this morning, and will probably be retained in custody until one of the HM ships revisits this harbour.”

The next day it was reported that “George Weston was brought up on a charge of being a deserter from the HM ship Rosario. He pleaded guilty and was remanded on the request of the police for one week, to see if one of HM ships of war would visit the harbour. The Court then rose.”.

Then on July 30, the newspaper reported that “George Weston was brought up on remand charged with being a deserter from HM ship Rosario. Mr BROHAM explained that when the prisoner was brought before the Court on a former occasion he was remanded for a week, because there was not one of Her Majesty’s ships of war in the harbour, and,

as the same difficulty still existed, he would have to ask for a further similar remand. Prisoner was remanded for seven days”.

Unfortunately we have no proof that either of the George Westons above are the George Weston who died in Te Puke on November 13, 1915, however a few things point to the possibility.

There is only one George Weston registered in the Royal Naval Records who fits the age and enlistment profile. Both the George Westons were born in Hampshire and were of similar age, the Te Puke George Weston’s obituary notes his service on a “man-of-war” and his two eldest sons were both involved in careers at sea, including one with the HMS Philemon during World War One. The Te Puke George Weston later became a “pilot boatman” at Mount Maunganui during the 1880s, which could tie him to his time in Tauranga on the HMS Rosario.

However George Weston used the name Sidney Buckingham WICKS for the birth of his children with Harriet TIPPETT whom he did not appear to have married. Their daughter Charlotte used the surname Wicks for her marriage to Charles Henry WRATHALL in 1909 at Rotorua, but George and Harriet’s other children used Weston as their surname at the Te Puke School (including Charlotte), and for their subsequent marriages.

What do we know of Sidney Buckingham Wicks?

He was born in Portsea, Hampshire on April 1, 1851 and was christened at St Mary’s, Portsea on September 4, 1853. He was the son of William Poulter Wicks, a naval gunner and Sarah Elizabeth Wicks nee BUCKINGHAM, who married in the Lewisham (Kent) Registration District in the September quarter, 1847. William Poulter Wicks died in 1859, but Sarah Elizabeth continued to live in the Portsea area.

In the 1861 census, Sidney B. Wicks was listed as a visitor and nephew to Purton Weston and his wife Maria (nee Buckingham) at High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire. Maria Weston and Sarah Elizabeth Wicks were both daughters of Richard and Patience Buckingham of High Wycombe. Who was Purton Weston, and was the Weston surname just a coincidence?

From the census and marriage banns we know Purton was born around 1813 in Newick, East Sussex and his father was Henry Weston. Both Purton and his son, Aubrey Brook Weston, became mayors of High Wycombe, Purton in 1864-65 and Aubrey in 1884-85.

On November 8, 1865 Sidney Buckingham Wicks enlisted with the Royal Navy for 10 years as a Boy 2nd
Next family history fair to be held in 2013

This is a public thank you to all those NZSG volunteers who so willingly contributed their time and energy to yet another successful Family History Fair held at the end of August.

The Fair is an ambitious undertaking, especially for a voluntary organisation, and it could not have taken place without the voluntary input of NZSG members, the financial backing of the NZSG and the support of kindred organisations, businesses and sponsors.

Events like this come at a price, not just financially but also in human terms. With several other genealogy events planned for 2012 — including the Thames expo, AFFHO and the NZSG conference in Taupo — a joint decision was made at the last council meeting to defer the next fair until 2013. This not only allows the fair organisers time to take a break, it also gives time to analyse the 2010 and 2011 events and make improvements in key areas.

It is essential that future fairs be financially viable and not a drain on resources. Although NZSG Publications paid for their own stand, they were the only NZSG exhibitor to do so, apart from the Hamilton Branch this year and Hawkes Bay in 2010. Over the last two years, the majority of NZSG stands have been provided at little or no cost in exchange for branch and interest group participation.

In 2011 the cost of booths and fit-out for the various regions, interest groups and NZSG research services totalled more than $17,000 plus GST. To have so many NZSG stands was a deliberate strategy, as the main purpose of the 2010 and 2011 fairs has been to promote the society. There are not any immediate plans to change this strategy but it is obvious that the balance between paying and non-paying exhibitors needs to be addressed if the event is to be sustained.

Cashflow leading up to the event is also important. Contracting out may save on the volunteer workload, but agencies like Ticketek do not release the money from sales until after the event takes place in case of cancellation and the need to refund tickets. When it comes to venues, Clandeblands is among the best in New Zealand, and ideal in terms of its accessibility to 50% of the population, but payment is required in full before the fair opens. Both these examples are mentioned only to illustrate the importance of the fair generating a sufficient surplus so it can fund future events. Although the 2011 fair ran at a loss, the deficit was little more than the surplus made at the 2010 Fair. While not ideal, it is a credible effort considering the cost of promoting the NZSG and the lower than hoped for attendance levels. However, it is not a situation we wish to repeat with the 2013 fair.

So we have several challenges ahead of us, including getting the right balance between making a surplus, the demands on volunteers and promoting the NZSG. We know that the fair gives people a huge buzz, just as we know how much of a morale booster the 2010 and 2011 fairs have been for the NZSG. In terms of experience gained in events management, then it has been priceless. We now just need a little time to tweak the model to ensure future fairs will pay their own way.

What has been achieved with the 2010 and 2011 fairs is just the beginning of what is possible. Our dream is to create a NZ-wide genealogy community. See you again in 2013. Sandra Meitcalfe, Convenor, NZ Family History Fair 2011
IRISH family research

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 is to help you with your research and the means to make that breakthrough. The key to successful Irish research is locating where your ancestors lived in Ireland. A basic understanding of Irish placenames will allow you to identify with a “place” that you encounter in your research.

IRISH (Gaelic) is a Celtic language. An Irish placename can be found spelt in several ways; in the original Gaelic, in various Anglicised versions, in old English and in Latin.

When researching your ancestors in Ireland you need to be aware of the various land divisions as records can be catalogued under various placenames. The majority of Irish records for genealogists to research are arranged by locality and most people within them are identified by the placename where they lived.

Ireland is divided into four Provinces: Ulster, Connaught, Leinster and Munster. These provinces are divided up to cover the 32 counties of Ireland. Ulster originally covered nine counties which included Cavan, Donegal and Monaghan. Since 1921 the province of Ulster has only covered the counties of Antrim, Armagh, Derry, Down, Fermanagh and Tyrone, and is known as Northern Ireland.

The County has become one of the most basic land divisions in Ireland, with County Derry also called Londonderry, the names being interchangeable. County Offaly was known as Kings County and County Laois/Leix was known as Queen’s County, while the port of Queenstown (Cork) is now known by its original name of Cobh and Kingston (Dublin) is known as Dun Laoghaire.

The 32 Counties are divided into Baronies, a land division which often corresponded to ancient tribal or clan boundaries. Barony boundaries cross county and civil parish boundaries. Today, a barony is an obsolete land division, but some records, such as Griffith’s Primary Rateable Valuation of Ireland, can be found indexed under a barony name.

Each barony is further divided into Parishes, these being known as Civil Parishes. Each civil parish is made up of a number of Townlands. The townland is the smallest geographical unit and there are approximately 60,462 townlands in Ireland. A townland can be considered as the rural address of your ancestor.

A Diocese is an administrative unit in either the Roman Catholic Church or the Church of Ireland administered by a Bishop.

The Poor Law Relief Act of 1838 called for the creation of administrative areas, known as the Poor Law Unions (PLU), for the purposes of a tax collection for the relief of the poor. Superintendent Registrar’s Districts (SRD) were created to administer Civil Registration of births, marriages and deaths. For genealogy research purposes PLU’s and SRD’s can be considered as one and the same.

District Electoral Divisions (DED) originated as subdivisions of PLU’s where a number of townlands joined together for the purpose of electing a representative to the PLU Board of Guardians.

Probate Districts — In 1858 a principal registry and district registries were established for the purpose of proving Wills and granting administrations.

Recommended sources for researching Placenames:

The General Alphabetical Index to the Townlands and Towns, Parishes and Baronies of Ireland, Fig 1 originally published in 1861, was based on the details of placenames contained in the census of Ireland for the year 1851. This book is often referred to as the Townland Index and contains details of the 60,462 townland names, the names of the civil parishes and baronies with each section listed in alphabetical order. It is worth noting that the townland names are printed in roman character, the towns in small capitals and islands, which are not townlands, in italics. This book is an essential reference item for checking all placename spellings from 1851.

An 1851 note in this book from the Registrar General, William DONNELLY, states: It is proper
here to add, that since the publication of the first edition of the Ordnance Maps, power has been vested in the Lord Lieutenant and Privy Council to change the names and boundaries of townlands when the straightening of river sources, reclamation from the sea, or other circumstances, have rendered it necessary. The cases, however, will not be numerous, and no inconvenience or error from this cause need arise, if all the precautions required by the Acts of Parliament be, as they doubtless will be, duly observed.

A New Genealogical Atlas of Ireland by Brian Mitchell Fig 2. The introduction in this publication provides a section on the administrative divisions of Ireland along with complete guides for an understanding of a variety of major record sources and includes individual maps of the 32 counties of Ireland. The maps contain the administrative names for all baronies, civil parishes, and PLUs with parish names numbered and listed in alphabetical order. The name of a PLU was taken from the main town for each administrative location and PLU boundaries also crossed civil parish boundaries. The first three maps in this book show the counties within provinces, dioceses and probate districts. The 2nd edition of this Atlas contains additional maps for both Roman Catholic (RC) Parishes and Presbyterian Congregations (PC) also numbered and listed in alphabetical order. It is important to note that RC parish names are not generally the same as civil parish names and they do not necessarily follow the same boundaries as civil parishes. The same applies for PC boundaries. Should you discover that either your civil, RC or PC boundaries share a common boundary with a parish in another county, it is worth noting the bordering placenames.

Tracing your Irish Ancestors 3rd Ed, by John Grenham Fig 3 provides an in-depth description of Irish record sources covering all 32 counties. It includes diocese names relating to individual parish names with county maps highlighting diocese locations. A section of this publication contains a complete reference to the variant placenames of Roman Catholic parishes, an excellent guide to cross reference against civil parish name.

When searching the 1901 and 1911 census returns, your search will show DED (District Electoral Division) in the heading. Clicking on DED will organise all searched entries in DED order. The same procedure applies for the parish heading; you will access all the placenames within that parish. This can be a benefit if you are searching by a surname only.

A Superintendent Registrar’s District was divided into local Registrar’s Districts. Surnames in Ireland by Sir Robert Matheson was published in 1909 as a Special Report of Surnames in Ireland and lists details of Registrar’s Districts and the Poor Law Union names in which they are situated Fig 4.

The Ordnance Survey (OS) standardised Irish placenames during the official Ordnance Surveys in the 1830s. At that time, placenames were recorded by people who had little knowledge of the Irish language and this led to the loss and obscuring of many of the original Irish placenames which had been based on topographical meanings. It also allowed for distortion of placename pronunciation, which is sometimes needed in identifying the official name of a townland.

The Ordnance Survey Memoirs Of Ireland — these memoirs are written descriptions to accompany the 6in scale maps produced and they contain additional information to clarify placenames and other distinctive features of each parish. There are 40 volumes in this series, Nos 1-37 for Northern Ireland counties, Nos 38-39 Co Donegal and No 40 for a small portion of counties Cavan, Leitrim, Louth, Monaghan and Sligo Fig 5.

While the 40 volumes are not individually indexed the volume OS MEMOIRS INDEX Fig 5a has every placename referenced to each volume. Much of the information about parishes resulted from
research into placenames and was used in the writing of the Memoirs.

Samuel Lewis’ *Topographical Dictionary of Ireland* was first published in 1837 and it details every county, parish, town and village name in Ireland, including topography, parish structures, numbers of inhabitants and much more. This information can be used for family history purposes to construct the lives of our ancestors in the early 19th century prior to the great famine period. This directory is available in book (2 volumes) *Fig 6* and CD form. The CD contains all county maps in colour.

The first major publication which interpreted Irish placenames was by Patrick Weston Joyce titled *The Origin and History of Irish Names of Places* and the first volume was published 1869. Two further volumes followed in 1875 and 1913. P. W. Joyce’s publication [*Irish Local Names Explained* *Fig 7* (1870)] also contains a small section on the vocabulary of Irish root words. Part of the preface of this publication reads: The book has been written in the hope that it may prove useful, and perhaps not uninteresting, to those who are anxious for information on the subject, but who have not the opportunity of perusing the larger volume. What thanks we give to Patrick Weston Joyce for this publication which, while not written for genealogists, provides such useful information to assist us in our research.

I recently had the pleasure of meeting Limerick man Gearóid de Grás who shared his enthusiastic promotion of the Irish language and knowledge of placenames.

**The importance of pronunciation**

Just a few thoughts on placenames. Firstly, on their retention. Well, the smaller townland names (Ballinacassa, Gortnacoolanh, Cloghaderreen) have been retained more or less in many cases in their pronunciation.

What I mean by that is that a Gaelic speaker hearing the place-name Cloghaderreen for instance, would not have much trouble in deciding what the place-name would have been written as originally (in Gaelic of course). In this case, it would have been Cloch an Doirin which means the stone of the little wood/grove (possibly an oak wood as the word “doire” comes from “dair” meaning oak) — that is me surmising by the way. Judging by the spelling, you would expect that the end syllable of Ballinaclogh is the same word “cloch”, meaning stone, that we had in Cloch an Doirin.

But my dad and all the locals have a distinct ‘a’ sound at the end when they pronounce Ballinaclogh and in any case the Gaelic for the town/home of the stones would be Baile na gCloch with a distinct ‘g’ sound, while the town/home of the stone would translate as Baile na Cloiche which has a different pronunciation again. Judging by the local pronunciation, I am inclined to think the old Gaelic word ‘clish’ which is no longer in use, might have been what was in this placename — Baile an Chláidh would translate as the town/home of the ditch. That is my theory anyway!

I hold great store in the work of Limerick man P. W. Joyce, who published 3 volumes on Irish placenames in the latter half of the 19th century. The books were called *The Origin and History of Irish Names of Places*, Vols 1, 2 and 3. In that work he emphasises the importance of local pronunciation rather than on the official spelling in English. Gortnacoolah is certainly derived from the word “gort” meaning field but I do not know what the “coolagh” part refers to. We have a word “cúl” in Gaelic meaning back and also goal (as in back of the net) but, the ‘a’ sound at the end of the placename makes it difficult to fit ‘cúl’ into it with any sense of grammatical correctness. Ballinacassa also has an ‘a’ sound at the end which makes it difficult to pin down — the first part ‘Baile an’, we have met before. It means the town/home of “something”. We have a Gaelic word “casadh” meaning a turn and the full placename in Gaelic may have been Baile an Chasaidh but this does not have the ‘a’ sound at the end. I am sure the people in the area a century or two ago could enlighten us but it is too late for that now unfortunately!

“Placenames identify us as a people, they give us a sense of history, culture, heritage . . . they tell us the way we viewed and used the landscape over the centuries . . . they are hugely important.”

Dr Eamon Lankford-Cork/Kerry Placenames survey.
There are several books on placenames that are well worth reading and details of some them.

Ulster’s rich and diverse cultural heritage is reflected in its placenames, which have their origins in many languages including Irish, Scots, English, Old French and Old Norse. This book remedies the long-standing need for a reliable and up-to-date dictionary of Ulster placenames, supplying the derivations and meanings of around 1300 names in the nine Ulster counties.

This volume covers the large civil parishes of Aghalurcher, most of which lies in east Fermanagh, but a small portion of which is in West Tyrone.

Eneclann Website

Several times recently we have been asked to repeat details on where to purchase CDs that could be considered essential for Irish research for genealogists working at any level. Check out Eneclann (www.eneclann.ie) a free site that once you have registered and created a password, you will be able to access all they have to offer.

Usually over the holiday period Eneclann offer a set of three CDs that are valuable sources for Irish research, at
The study of place names provides a revealing window on the land and its people. This major series on the place names of Northern Ireland concentrates on townland names. Early spellings of the names discussed have been abstracted from historical sources, and provide the evidence to reconstruct the original form of the name and trace its development down to modern times.

This volume contains eight essays by experienced local historians who describe the development of their townland over the past 400 years and more. The story of each townland is presented in a format which demonstrates how that most valuable resource, the extensive range of sources available in the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland, can be used in a study for every townland in the province.

NZSG Library references for Placename books:

Townlands Index A17103807.
A new genealogical Atlas of Ireland by Brian Mitchell A36724017.
Lewis’ Topographical Dictionary fiche A00992781.
OS Memoirs of Ireland INDEX A36728649.
A Dictionary of Ulster Placenames by Patrick McKay (9 counties) A29726905.
Irish Placenames by Sean McMahon A39644255.
Book of Irish Names A38151413.
Land Owners in Ireland 1876 A10912177.
Townlands of Leinster A29763243.
Townlands in Ulster A29726836.
Ireland A34603284.
Shell Guide to Ireland A3457555X.
Aer Lingus Complete Ireland A34603284.

Useful websites

To help you with your online research, here are some of the foremost Irish websites and free to search, unless otherwise indicated.

www.libraryireland.com
www.census.nationalarchives.ie
www.irishtimes.com/ancestor
www.RootsIreland.ie
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ireland
www.seanruad.com
http://www.kerrycountylibrary.com

And should you be looking to encourage your grandchildren into the enjoyable hobby of genealogy in Ireland, try www.ireland101.com

www.seanruad.com complete details from Townlands Index free online.
www.census.nationalarchives.ie 1901 and 1911 Census Returns for Ireland.
www.libraryireland.com/topog/index.php Lewis’s Topographical Index.
www.placenamesni.org The NI Place Name project.
www.ulsterplacenames.org Ulster Place-Name Society celebrating Ulster’s Townlands — check out pictorial feature of places.
Passwords and logging in

By Roger Shearer, NZSG Webmaster

Passwords and logging on to the website continue to be the main reason for members seeking help.

And one group in particular, those who joined “manually” i.e. posted in an enrolment form seem to experience particular problems. So a quick run through on the what, how and why of passwords and logging on is probably in order.

Members set their own passwords on the NZSG website. Those who join online via the website create their password as part of completing the enrolment form.

Those who join manually have to “introduce” themselves to the website. This is a straightforward process. In the Members Login box click on Members get a password. A window opens asking for your NZSG Number and last name — then click on the (go) button.

Next step: your membership information form opens and you complete the boxes [Create your password] and [Confirm your password] then tick the box that says “I have read and accept the Privacy Policy of the NZ Society of Genealogists”. (Actually it is a link so you can click on it and read what you’re agreeing to!). Then click the (Submit) button. The moment you have completed this process you will have access to the whole website.

Website users have to be recorded on two databases to access the website. The Membership database, housed at the FRC, is the primary database, the website database is the secondary database. It is based in the servers of the IT firm that hosts our website. The two databases synchronize every day on an hourly basis.

When you join online, the Membership application passes through the website on its way to the Membership database and, as it does so, the Website database extracts those bits of information it needs to enable you to log on to the website. However, for the member who has joined manually things work in a slightly different way.

All your membership information is held in the Membership database at the FRC but remains unknown to the Website database until such time as you, the member, activate the Website. And you do this by using Members get a password as described above, and away you go!

If after joining online, or at anytime for that matter, you cannot remember the password you entered (or you simply want to change your password) this not a problem, just use Forgot/Change Password. It really is that easy.

An impression I get from dealing with members’ problems is that quite a few members, often long-time members, have only ever accessed the open or public side of the website and it is only after a long period of time that the decide they would like to get into the Members Area.

It does not matter how long you have been a member, to access the website you need to go through the processes outlined above. As long as you are financial, have an Internet connection and an email address, you can get a password and log on. If you joined manually then use the process outlined for those members; if you joined long ago online — simply use the Forgot/Change Password routine.

Another if: if you joined the computer set after joining the NZSG and got yourself connected to the Internet and acquired an email address then pass this information on to membership@genealogy.org.nz.

This information will be loaded into the membership database and you too will be able to access the website. Just use the members get a password process described earlier in the article.

So how does the website know who it is dealing with?

All genealogists know about the regularity of surnames and given names, and how many John Smiths or Mary Jones there are in the world. To differentiate between members the website database looks at those things the separate us, “unique identifiers”, they are called. While our name identifies us, the “unique identifiers” really set us apart.

For the web database these are, our membership number, our password and the email address that is recorded on the membership database. Actually the email address is very important; should you change your email address, let the membership officer know. These are easy things to change, but if not changed can be the source of a lot of angst.

In fact if you have any personal details that need updating contact membership@genealogy.org.nz and if any of this information affects the website that information will be updated automatically on the website database.

Some of the queries I have received about passwords:

Q Can you tell me my password?
A No. Your password is encrypted and all I can see is [EA8AE78E5F12ECD07]. This will mean nothing to you and it certainly means nothing to me.

Q I haven’t received my password yet?
A Read the above article — please.

Q My password won’t let me in! It worked last time but isn’t working now.
A Stop, think, act. (schoolteacher talk I know — sorry.). Are you typing it in correctly? Is Caps Lock on or off? Was it your password, or your membership number, i.e. have you entered your Membership number correctly?

Q I want to change my password but the link had a strange number on it, not My number. Should I use the link?
A Yes any number on the link is simply part of the address that the link is connecting to, it has nothing to do with your personal data.

The webmaster can help with passwords, but usually as a last resort. If you really get stuck email webmaster@genealogy.org.nz.

I don’t want members so frustrated they throw in the towel!

Finally a big thank you to the member who alerted me to the fact that I had typed the webmaster’s email address “.co.nz” rather than “.org.nz”. Proof that, from time to time, we all get things wrong!

Visit the website, have a look at the Website News, it is in the Latest News box, this article along with images of the pages being talked about will be there.

Roger

Life on the WEB...
This essay has all the ingredients of a timeless romance novel. There is a beautiful young lady, an earl or two, a secret marriage and an orphaned baby. But unlike other fairytales, this story is true and is preserved for “all time” by the poetic words of a famous Scottish bard. Sadly, for this story though, there is no “happy ever after”.

First told to me, as a child one Sunday afternoon, when I was only 10 years of age, this story was later to impact my life and provide answers to my heritage.

Oft hae I rov’d
by bonnie Doon

BY SUZANNE TORKINGTON

E VERY Sunday, regardless of the weather, my mother would prepare a huge roast dinner before attending morning church services.

On our return we would sit down to dine on roast beef or lamb and all the trimmings. Of course back then lamb and beef were cheap and chicken was an expensive luxury, kept for special occasions.

It would be nice to praise my mother for producing the best roast dinner in the world, as I have seen others do, but that would be a lie. My mother’s roasts were terrible and memorable only by the bilious feeling that remained long after the meal was over. Cooked with heavy lashings of dripping, they were fat sodden and usually either over, or undercooked. Still, we ate them anyway without saying a word, for it was not the “done thing” to complain. We were left feeling overfilled, but somehow just accepted that was “how it was”, and to suggest something other than a roast for Sunday lunches never entered our heads.

Unable to play outdoors with our friends because that was not allowed on Sundays, and feeling lazy after our weighted meal, our family would settle itself in front of our black and white television set to watch the regular Sunday afternoon movie. Mum loved the romantic musicals. Anything with Fred Astaire was extra special. For Dad, it was the westerns, John Wayne being his favourite character. As children, my brother and I did not get a say in what was viewed, although true to our sexes, my taste rested with my mother’s choice, and my brother loved the “cowboy and Indian” slaughter scenes.

There was, however, one particular movie that crossed the boundaries of these gender preferences; the 1947 classic Brigadoon. This romantic musical, with Gene Kelly and Cyd Charisse, had all the ingredients for blockbuster when it was made. Pretty girls, handsome heroes, and a story line backed by the beauty of Scotland’s countryside. Like all good romances, the heroes in this movie won the hearts of their girls, and everyone lived happily ever after. Strangely enough, despite the “girly” plot, my father loved the movie, which awakened memories from his childhood.

Ready to reminisce when it finished, dad sprang to life. Animated by the excitement of a deep-set memory, he vigorously recited a poem by the famous Scottish bard, Robbie Burns -- Tam o’ Shanter, the poem on which the movie had been based. It told an ancient tale of early Scottish life, mystery and intrigue, using a bridge across the River Doon as a prop. When the poem ended, he lowered his tone and sternly said, but that “damned River Doon had other secrets which need to be told.” Suckers for a good story, we “egg’d” him on, while mum sat there rolling her eyes.

H e recounted a tale of a beautiful young girl with the brightest eyes and prettiest smile, who, although betrothed to another, met a gallant young lieutenant, on the banks of the River Doon. Falling hopelessly in love under the magic of that river, they quickly married in secret before their families could stop them. Encouraged by the handsome officer to return to her family, and keep the secret until the time was right for all to be told, the pretty young girl bid her lover goodbye.

However the gallant young man was not as brave as he seemed, unable to disappoint his parents, he forgot his wedding vow to his bride and returned to the arms of the woman to whom he had been promised. Unbeknown to him, his secret was soon to be revealed, when his bride confronted him with the news she was carrying his child. The cowardly lord declared the woman a liar, and the child certainly not fathered by him.

A feud developed between the two families. Lords and ladies of Scotland chose sides and many turned against the family of the broken hearted young lady. Her father, fraught with anger, and the shame brought upon his family, drowned himself in that “damned River Doon”. Unable to bear her grief and pain, despite the birth of a beautiful baby girl, the sad young bride sank into a deep melancholy, from which she eventually died.

According to my father, that “river” was to blame; its beauty enchanting unwary lovers, and bringing pain and heartache to all who kissed on its meandering banks.

Like most impressionable young girls, the story touched my sense of romance, and so I remembered it every time Brigadoon was aired.

Time went by and marriage and children kept me busy until the moment, experienced by most genealogists, where the desire to discover our roots is inflamed. My father’s family history had been explored by an aunt who had written a document, which to me, did not quite mesh. It appeared a whole generation was missing. She was close, but not exact, and so my “voyage of discovery” to find our “missing link” began.

A note in a family Bible stated my great-great-great-grandmother’s name was Robina KENNEDY, daughter of Robert Kennedy, esq. of Dalgarooch, Ayr. All the usual searches were conducted and evidence of her marriage, and the birth of her children was found in
Manchester Parish Registers, but despite an extensive search, neither Scotland’s People, nor any other source would “cough up” the details of her birth. They had the names of other children of Robert Kennedy of Daljarroch, but appeared “our Robina” was not among them.

One day in sheer desperation I used the words “daughter of Robert Kennedy, Daljarroch, Ayr” in the search field. The results produced many links.

The first reference sent me to a site dedicated to the Scottish bard, Robbie Burns who in 1781 had written a poem about a beautiful young woman, Margaret, the daughter of Robert Kennedy, of Daljarroch. At last, a link that matched not only the names, but the dates too. Apart from the wonderful feeling of delight that comes when such a significant discovery is made, on this occasion there was double pleasure, because Burns was also my favourite poet.

Finding conflicting evidence regarding the dates and interpretation by Burns’ critics online, I grabbed my very old copy of Robbie Burns Works, which soon determined Burns had met Margaret Kennedy while visiting his friend Gavin HAMILTON, in Mauchline, Scotland. Enchanted with the young lady, who was known as “Peggy”, he had penned the following poem.

**YOUNG PEGGY**

Young Peggy blooms our bonniest lass,  
Her blush is like the morning,  
The rosie dawn, the springing grass,  
With early gems adorning.

Her eyes outshine the radiant beams  
That gild the passing shower,  
And glitter o’er the crystal streams,  
And cheer each fresh’ning flower.

Her lips, more than the cherries bright,  
A richer dye has graced them;  
They charm th’ admiring gazer’s sight,  
And sweetly tempt to taste them;  
Her smile is as the evening mild,  
When feather’d pairs are courting,  
And little lambs wanton wild,  
In playful bands dispersing.

Were Fortune lovely Peggy’s foe,  
Such sweetness would relent her;  
As blooming spring unbinds the brow  
Of surly, savage Winter.

Detraction’s eye no aim can gain,  
Her winning pow’rs to lessen;  
And frettful Envy grins in vain  
The poison’d tooth to fasten.

Ye Pow’rs of Honour, Love, and Truth,  
From ev’ry ill defend her!  
Inspire the highly-favour’d youth  
The destinies intend her:

Still fan the sweet connubial flame  
Responsive in each bosom;  
And bless the dear parental name  
With many a filial blossom.

Now I had a mental picture of one of my beautiful ancestors. The poem had been sent to Margaret Kennedy in the following letter, which demonstrates the bard’s impressions and caring for the niece of his friend, Gavin Hamilton.

To Miss Margaret Kennedy  
(autumn of 1785)

_Madam, — Permit me to present you with the enclosed song, as a small though grateful tribute for the honour of your acquaintance. I have in these verses attempted some faint sketches of your portrait in the unembellished, simple manner of descriptive TRUTH. Flattery, I leave to your LOVERS, whose exaggerating fancies may make them imagine you are still nearer perfection than you really are.

Poets, Madam, of all mankind, feel most forcibly the powers of BEAUTY, as, if they are really POETS of Nature’s making, their feelings must be finer, and their taste more delicate than most of the world. In the cheerful bloom of SPRING, or the pensive mildness of AUTUMN, the grandeur of SUMMER, or the hoary majesty of WINTER, the poet feels a charm unknown to the most of his species; even the sight of a fine flower, or the company of a fine woman (by far the finest part of God’s works below), have sensations for the poetic heart that the HERO of men are strangers to. On this last account, Madam, I am, as in many other things, indebted to Mr Hamilton’s kindness in introducing me to you. Your lovers may view you with a wish, I look on you with pleasure; their hearts, in your presence, may glow with desire, mine rises with admiration.

That the arrows of misfortune, however they should as incident to humanity, glance a slight wound, may never reach your heart — that the snare of villainy may never beset you in the road of life — that INNOCENCE may haud you by the path of HONOR to the dwelling of PEACE — is the sincere wish of him who has the honor to be, &c.

R. B.

(FROM THE COMPLETE WORKS OF ROBERT BURNS, VOL 1)

Margaret Kennedy was born on March 3, 1766, the second daughter of Robert Kennedy of Daljarroch and Grizel CATHCART. Historical accounts from the House of Cassillis, the “home
and peace was something she knew very little of.

When Margaret was in her late teens, she was promised in marriage to a Captain MAXWELL, who was a young member of the oldest and richest family in Galloway. However, when she met the handsome Lieutenant Colonel Andrew McDouall, the Laird of Logan, (b December 7, 1758; d May 3, 1834) who was in Ayrshire with the Breadalbane Fencibles 2nd Battalion, she became infatuated with the young officer. According to the records, the couple, bought up with the strict moral code of Scotland’s gentry, married in secret to avoid embarrassing their families who had arranged marriages to other members of Scotland’s “best”.

When Margaret gave birth to McDouall’s child, a daughter named Helen; McDouall rejected his new fatherhood, and denied any legal union between the couple. Furious by the slight on his daughter’s honour, Robert Kennedy took legal steps against McDouall. Initially the Courts of Scotland found in favour of Margaret, upholding the marriage and acknowledging the child’s paternity. But, the McDoulalls, a very wealthy and powerful family, would not accept the decision, and proceeded to challenge it both in the courts and the parlours of Scotland’s gentry. Papers stored neatly in the National Archives of Scotland, reveal a court battle between the families, which stretched over 10 years. (NAS CC8/6/1120).

Margaret’s mother, Grizel Cathcart, being the niece of Earl of Cassillis, empowered the scandal. Having a great-niece treated in such a manner was not acceptable and the argument split Ayr’s greatest and wealthiest families. An argument that was soon to be fuelled by the writings of Robert Burns, who had become very popular, especially in social circles. Upon hearing of McDouall’s treatment of “Young Peggy” he penned the following poem, overnight, about the sad affair.

YE BANKS AND BRAES O’BONNIE DOON

Ye banks and braes o’ bonnie Doon,
How can ye bloom sae fresh and fair?
How can ye chant ye little birds,
And I sae weary, fu’ o’ care?

Ye’ll break my heart, ye warbling birds,
That wanton through the flow’ry thorn,
Ye ‘mind me o’ departed joys,
Departed never to return.

Oft hae I rov’d by bonnie Doon,
To see the rose and woodbine twine;

And ilka bird sang o’ its love,
And fondly sae did I o’ mine.

Wi’ lightsome heart I pu’d a rose,
Fu’ sweet upon its throrny tree;
And my false lover stole my rose,
But ah! he left the thorn wi’ me.

The famous bard did not stop there. Armed with his pen he attacked Andrew McDouall of Logan, at every opportunity. In the Second Heron Election Ballad he referred to McDouall, who was standing for election:

“... There’ll be Logan McDouall
Sculd’ddy’ry an’ he will be there”

Burn’s defence of the Kennedys was unfailing, and his life works are peppered with examples of correspondence and penned lines, to those who saw fit to denigrate the family of his friend. They say “the pen is mightier than the sword”, and it appears in this case, that was so. Many a “titled lord, lady and earl”, backed down after being “put in their place” by this powerful writer.

Despite the support of Robbie Burns, and others, eventually after years of campaigning, the McDouall’s succeeded in influencing the courts to hear the matter again, and a decision was finally reached in 1801. This was too late for “Young Peggy” and her father. Robert Kennedy had lost his life when he drowned under a bridge, on the River Doon in 1792. Margaret, falling ill after hearing of the lieutenant’s desire to bring the matter back before the courts, died in 1795, at the young age of 28 years. Perhaps it is fortunate she did not live to see the court’s final decision. The previous ruling declaring the marriage legal was overturned. The courts decided the marriage had never occurred. They did, however, acknowledge McDouall as Helen’s father, and ordered him to pay costs of £3000 to the now orphaned child.

The sad saga of Margaret Kennedy’s failed romance and tragic life is immortalised in the writings of Robbie Burns. His life works, published in their entirety, including his correspondence, give many examples of his affectionate regard for “Miss Peggy Kennedy”. Sadly my father died before my discovery. I am sure he would have loved to know the origins of a “story” he had been told by his father. As a little boy, long before the filming of Brigadoon, his father would read to him from a book of Robbie Burns’ poems, bought to New Zealand by his father (my great-grandfather) and tell Peggy’s story, without knowing her name or that she was his great-aunt.

It is an old and somewhat “tatty” book now, but it sits proudly on my shelf, beside an equally faded and worn framed picture of that “Damned River Doon”.

P.S. Andrew McDouall never acknowledged his daughter, Helen, or the several other illegitimate children who became the subjects of other court battles held in Scotland’s National Archives.

“Sculd’d’ry an’ he will be there” — Robbie Burns.
NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY OF GENEALOGISTS

Call for Remits for Annual General Meeting
To be held Saturday 2 June 2012

Notice of Motion: Any member wishing to submit a remit for discussion at the AGM, must give written Notice of Motion for the remit no later than 60 days before the AGM (Rule 11.2). That is, before 4pm on Monday 2 April 2012.

General Business: Any member wishing to raise a matter for discussion under general business, must give written notice to the Office Manager no later than 14 days before the AGM. That is, before 4pm on Friday 18 May 2012.

Voting for Notice of Motion remits will be by the members present at the AGM and by proxy vote. Items discussed under general business are not voted on.

By-law Changes: In accordance with By-law 1.1, any member wishing to propose an alteration to the by-laws needs to give notice, in writing, at least 90 days before the AGM. That is, before 4pm on Saturday 3 March 2012. The proposer and/or seconder must be present at the AGM to speak to the motion.

The NZSG Rules and By-laws are currently being reviewed by the Constitution Review Committee. As such we would prefer not to field any changes to the by-laws at this AGM.

Any suggestions for changes can be made to the Constitution Review Committee, via the Office Manager: office.manager@genealogy.org.nz

All remits must be sent to:
Office Manager, NZSG Office
PO Box 14036, Panmure, Auckland 1741

NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY OF GENEALOGISTS

Call for Nominations for Election of Council 2012-2014

In accordance with the Rules and By-laws, nominations are called for members willing to serve on the Council of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists for a two-year period to commence from the close of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY 2 JUNE 2012.

Nominations are called for the following positions:

- PRESIDENT  one position
- TREASURER  one position
- COUNCILLORS  seven positions

For a nomination to be valid, the nominee, the proposer and the seconder must all be current financial members of the society at the date of nomination.

Nominations must be on the Official Nomination Form which is available from the NZSG Office, PO Box 14036, Panmure, Auckland 1741, or can be requested by email to <nzsg-contact@genealogy.org.nz> or downloaded from the NZSG website: <http://www.genealogy.org.nz>

The nomination form must be posted to the NZSG Returning Officer, PO Box 19702, Avondale, Auckland 1746 and must be received no later than Wednesday, 1 February, 2012.

In the event that nominations exceed vacancies, voting papers will be posted to all members with the March/April issue of The New Zealand Genealogist. Should there be insufficient nominations for one or more of the above positions, members will be notified in the March/April issue of this magazine and nominations to fill the vacancies will be called for at the Annual General Meeting.

Colleen P. Main, JP
Returning Officer
Special Interest Group the Irish Interest Group intends to celebrate the occasion by holding a Research Weekend at the NZSZG library, 159 Queens Road, Panmure. The library will be open from 10am-4pm each day and you are invited to bring your Irish research along and personal assistance will be provided. Workshops will be conducted over the weekend and full use of the library facilities will be available, including use of the computers for free access Irish sites. New members and visitors are welcome. A door fee of $5 each day will apply. Should you wish to bring your lunch, facilities will be available and tea and coffee will be provided throughout the day.

Holiday research
Your committee would like to wish all our New Zealand and overseas members compliments of the Season, and if you are considering spending time over the holiday period on your family history we hope you have some serious success.

Australian Interests
If any members have Australian family genealogy connections and would like to share their Australian stories, please email us at IrishSG@genealogy.org.nz and we will contact you by return. If you want to locate those missing family links you do need to get your stories “out there”.

Accommodation in Ireland
We have received requests from members travelling to Ireland for advice on places where to stay, whether in a city, particularly Dublin, or in a county town. It is our intention to create a database on places of accommodation at any level in all counties, South and North. While this database is in its infancy anyone who has information to share on this subject we would like to hear from you.

NZSG research service
When checking the NZSG library online catalogue and finding the item you are interested in and find it is marked REFERENCE, the NZSG has a look-up service for your use: researchservice@genealogy.org.nz

Always keep in mind the possible variations on the spelling/s of the surname you are researching.

Next meeting
Our usual members meeting will be held on Sunday, February 26, during the Research weekend, from 1-2pm. For any inquires please contact us at IrishSG@genealogy.org.nz or c/o NZSG PO Box 14036 Panmure, Auckland 1072. Geraldene O’Reilly, convenor

Maori
Kia ora.

The 2011 AGM ratified a slight change to our membership structure in that a small annual membership fee of $5 has been reinstated for non-institutional members. This can be paid by cash, cheque or eight Kiwi postage stamps. This will take effect immediately for new members joining the interest group, while existing members will have their first membership fee fall due on April 1, 2012. All members must be financial members of the NZSZG. We hope the reintroduction of a small membership fee will not cause too much inconvenience and will enable us to purchase more resources for our members.

The November issue of our group’s newsletter Te Reo is now available online through our website www.nzsgnz.com

Our 2012 AGM will be held at Taupo during the NZSG conference. It is important that all our members attend these meetings. The committee hopes to be able to secure a longer time allocation for our AGM next year and we ask members to register their intention to attend this meeting with Brenda (secretary) as soon as possible.

Please contact the Secretary; NZSG Maori Interest Group, 17 Peterhouse Street, Tawa, Wellington, WTN 5028. Email: maorisiq@genealogy.org.nz by January 25 if you have any items for inclusion in the February 2012 newsletter. Merry Christmas and happy new year to you all.

Meri Kirihimete,
Bruce Mathers/Puruhi Matera, editor/webmaster.

Scottish
The Scottish Interest Group will be present at the combined research day and Christmas lunch on December 3, being held at FRC, Panmure — $5 for the day.
We will be attending the Thames Research Day on March 31, 2012 and look forward to meeting members from that area.

Contacts for our sub groups are: Waikato, A. Jones, email Jones.aj@wave.co.nz
Wellington, P. Brown, email penbrown@globe.net.nz
Nelson, M. Miller, email duncarror@paradise.net.nz
Greymouth, P. Langdon, email Langdon@minidata.co.nz
Meetings are held in these areas and you are welcome to attend and receive help with your Scottish research.
L. Fawcett, secretary

Irish
On February 25 and 26, 2012, to celebrate 25 years of being an NZSZG

Cornish
On Thursday, August 25, Wendy Ashenden and I set up our stand at the Family History fair in Hamilton all ready for the opening the next day. It was a great start on Friday morning to see so many people waiting for the doors to open. We had a busy and enjoyable day. We were able to help some people with their research and hopefully we were able to guide others in the direction they needed to go.

I was very excited to help one lady with a great find. I do not know who was the more excited, her or me.

As she had not previously used Cornwall Online Parish Clerks website I opened the site, brought up the parish she wanted and entered her research name. Up popped not one hit, but I think it was seven or eight.

Great excitement. I opened the first one and it was a head stone transcription — she was very happy. I started to read it and found it was the man she was looking for. But wait, there was more and more. It finished up with seven of her family buried in that one grave. She was so excited that she wrote all of it down just in case she could not find it when she tried at home.

Wendy and I were so excited. It makes giving up one’s weekends to help at research venues all worthwhile.

Wendy left for home in Auckland on Friday afternoon and Don Henwood joined me on the stand for Saturday, again we had a steady and enjoyable day.

After the doors closed at the end of the fair we took down and packed up our stalls and headed for home, tired but happy to know we were able to help and also may have sparked an interest in someone who had so far not started their Cornish research.

I was surprised at the number of people who had not heard of the Cornish Online Parish Clerks website. It has a lot of information and well worth a look http://cornwall-epc.org

Future events
A Combined Interest Groups Research Day and Christmas Lunch on Saturday, December 3, 10am-4pm, will be held at the FRC, 159 Queens Road, Panmure. Please bring a plate for a shared Christmas lunch. Door Charge: Members $5 all day; non-members, $20 10am-1pm, $20 1pm-4pm.

On Saturday, March 31, 2012 we will once again have a stand at the family History Expo to be held at Thames. The Expo is hosted by the Thames Branch. Roselyn Harlick, publicity
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Rath, LEX, IRL & Thomas, bn c1822,
same place, both joined the 65th
(2nd Yorkshire North Riding) in 1837,
sailed as prison guards on the prison
ship Petonreee Bomanjee from Gravesend, KEN, ENG Sep 1845,
to Hobart, TAS, AUS Jan 1846 &
then to Wellington, WTN, NZ Jul 1846 on
Levant. Particularly seeking info on
Thomas who bought his discharge
31 May 1850 & has gone without
trace. Tony & Helen Campion,
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DROMGOOL, Lucy, bn 3 Dec 1861,
Auckland, AKD, NZ, m 1880 NZ to
Joseph William LEMME. Chn: William
Henry Frank Augustus (bn 1884
NZ), Clarence William Sydney (bn
1886, Sydney, NSW, AUS), Jeannette
Scott, 15 Church Lane, Waiau Valley,
RD1 Blenheim 7271. Email: tuki.
scott@singshot.co.nz

GAULT, Alexander Stevenson, bn
Newcastle on Tyne, NBL, ENG 1907,
m Ethel POULTER in Wellington,
WTN, NZ & Thomson (m Val, chn:
David, Allan & Glen), Janet & lan,
Bruce Hunt, PO Box 1525 Gladstone,
QLD 4680, Australia. Email:
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HUTSON, Peter bn 26 Feb 1851
SSX, ENG, d 21 Jan 1923 Frankton
Junction, WKT, NZ, m(2) Maude
Elizabeth HARVEY. Chn poss:
Hinemoa Holliday, Gladys Stewart,
Connie Fergusson & Roland Hutson.
Mrs. Elaine O’Hare, 6 Avoca Road.
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LEMME, Augustus, naturalised NZ
1870. Farmer Bay of Islands, NLD,
NZ, poss lived Thames/Cormandel,
TVY, NZ later. Jeannette Scott,
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LIDSTON, Charles Henry bn 1851
London, LND, ENG, 1923 Porirua,
WTN, NZ. m Hannah Carolin
WILSON (bn 1853 TAS, AUS, d
1893 Melbourne, VIC, AUS), Chn:
Thomas Arthur (bn 1879 Melbourne,
m Mary Isabel GOUDIE. Chn all
bn Collingwood, VIC, AUS: Richard
Charles (bn 1882), Henry Burton
(bn 1884), Florence Caroline (bn
1887), Emily Hannah (bn 1889).
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Mcauley, Alexander, bn 1853;
George, bn 1842; & Thomas, bn
1840, all bn Ballygally, ANT, IRL,
arr NZ? sons/o Neil (bn 1809, d
1884 Cairncastle, IRL) & Sarah
(nee MOORE, bn 1811, d 1884
Cairncastle) McAuley. Ruth Cooper,
197 Clyde Road, Christchurch 8053.
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Mitchell, Charles Raymond, bn
1898 Rangiora, NCY, NZ, m(1)
Gladys MERCER (bn Patea, TNK,
NZ), m(2) Connie SCOFIELD, Chn
Also,

Mitchell, William, bn Doyleston
1861, m Alice. Son: Harold William
(m Allie ALLEN, chn Annette, m
STRONGMAN; Barry, m Joan; Hellen, m BALLINGER). Bruce Hunt,
PO Box 1525 Gladstone, QLD 4680,
Australia. Email: huntb@selcon.com.au

Parker, Charles bn c1848
Billericay, ESS, ENG, m 16 Oct
1872 Stanthorpe, QLD, AUS to Mary
BRADSHAW (bn c1854 Barlesea,
STS, ENG), both d 1900 Sydney,
NSW, AUS. Chn: Charles Edgar
(bn 30 Nov 1873 Stanthorpe, m 4
Jul 1894 at Pyrmont, NSW, AUS to
Jeannie ANDERSON (bn c1875).
Chn: Charles Edgar (bn 1894, went
to New Guinea). ? Jean Delhina
(bn 1896, m Alex Neven RAMSAY),
Doris May (bn 1899, m Alan Corey
FRASER, occ pharmacist), Thelma
Irene (bn 1903, m Arthur MARTIN),
Phylis Muriel (bn 1911, m Raymond
Clarence CAMPION); Alfred William
(bn 1876, m 1896 Sydney, NSW,
AUS to Charlotte CAVANDER),
& Hubert MORTIMER (bn 1878, m
1901 Balmain, NSW, AUS to
Annie ROBINSON). Tony & Helen
Campion, PO Box 106 Thames
3540. Email: helentropy@xtra.co.nz

Patterson, Thomas, bn c1859, arr
on Oxford 1st Mar 1876 in Auckland,
AKD, NZ as an assisted immigrant,
a 17 yrs, occ farm labourer. Lived
near Carlingford, LOU, IRL. Heather
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SUTHERLAND, Peter & Barbara (nee ROSS) arr 5 Sep 1862 Mansfield Town (now Careys Bay), Otago, NZ from OKI, SCT on Grassmere. Peter once owned a ship building business on Boiler Point. Several chrn incl: Christina (d a 28yrs 17 Jun 1898), & Alexander. Barbara d 15 Sep 1876 a 36yrs. Peter m(2) Annie MEKEAND. Fiona McKenzie, Email: Bonny@xtra.co.nz

SYMonds, James, bn 1801 Carlton, CAM, ENG, m(2) 1839 to Sarah WHISKIN. Have been told there is a photo of James somewhere, prob in QLD, AUS where some of his family went to live. Anyone know of this photo? Patricia Ross, 48 Church Street, Masterton 5810. Email: teddy@wise.net.nz

PAUL, Mary Ann, dau/o George & Mary PAUL (see above), m(1) 1886 to Frederick W. GARARD, m(2) 1906 to William ARCHIBALD. Patricia Ross, 48 Church Street, Masterton 5810. Email: teddy@wise.net.nz

RIDLING, Robert & Jane (nee SCOTT) arr 29 Sep 1857 Auckland, AKD, NZ on Eastfield with chrn: Margaret, Robert (m Frances O’CONNELL), & Andrew (m Ellen GRAY, 12 chrn), Laurence bn Auckland 1859 (m Catherine RUTLEDGE). What became of Margaret? Jeanette Scott, 15 Church Lane, Wairau Valley, RD1 Blenheim 7271. Email: tuki.scott@slingshot.co.nz

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RHODES, Robert Wilfred, s/o Thomas & Janet RHODES, East Gore, OTG, NZ. Otago Regt, d 1917. I have photo available to family member, Shirley Turner, 102 Matipo Road, Mairangi Bay, Auckland 0630. Email: shirleyturner11@hotmail.com

STRANGE, Zena Minnie b 1913, d 1988. Have in my possession photos connected to her. She had a sis Olivia & maybe 2 other sis. Parents pass Fred & Fanny & were from Nelson, NIL’s office area. Some names on back of photos: Jack & Grace WILLIAMSON (confectionery/fruterer shop in Timaru, SCY, NZ), Miss ROIL, Alison Ann READ (a 7/5smiths), Glensys & Allan Ross ANDERSON (wedding 13 Dec 1969), Daph & Don THOMPSON (13 Dec 1969). Would love to pass these photos on to anyone connected. Jan Mingins, 8 Walnut Grove, Kelvin Grove, Palmerston North 4414.
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For a full description of the society’s projects and the services available to members, refer to the Genguides available from the office. If you are unsure where to send your inquiry, address your letter to the NZSG, PO Box 14036 Panmure, Auckland 1741.

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To promote the study of family histories, genealogies and kindred subjects to the New Zealand public.

To advance the education of the New Zealand public in the study of family histories, genealogies and kindred subjects.

To provide assistance for people wishing to compile family histories from sources in New Zealand and overseas.

To set up and operate a library of genealogies and related books and documents and to encourage the preservation of records having a genealogical or historical value.

To encourage accurate and scholarly research into the histories of New Zealand families and from time to time publish the results.

To accept copies of family histories, for the purposes of research, provided such copies are donated with the written permission of a member of such family.

To foster awareness of family links and knowledge of heritage.

To do all such lawful acts and things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects or any of them.

Membership entitles you to

- All issues of The New Zealand Genealogist per year, plus supplements.
- Borrow from the society’s library (NZ residents only).
- Have your research interests published in the magazine.
- Have queries published in the magazine at no cost.
- Have queries answered from the reference material held by the society.
- Purchase society publications.
- Submit Pedigree Registration and First Families sheets.
- Use the research services.

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Applications to become a member of the NZSG may be made in writing to the Membership Department. For membership details and an application form please write to NZSG Membership Department, PO Box 14036, Panmure, Auckland 1741. Application forms may also be downloaded from the society’s website: http://www.genealogy.org.nz

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