

CANTERBURY BRANCH NZSG NEWSLETTER

Meetings - Parkview Community Lounge Hall, 75 Queenspark Drive, Parklands
Monthly – 2nd Thursday evening at 7:30pm & 3rd Thursday morning at 9:45am
Visitors welcome – Gold coin donation

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Our meeting venue - Parkview Community Lounge Hall, 75 Queenspark Drive, Parklands

August – FAMILY HISTORY MONTH

Thursday 8th August - NO Evening Meeting at Parkview Community Lounge – Hall

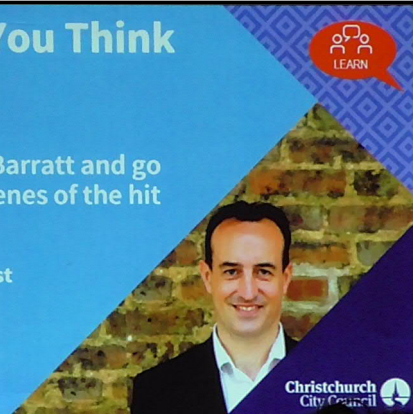
Who Do You Think You Are?

Join Dr. Nick Barratt and go behind the scenes of the hit TV show

Thursday 8 August
6–7.30pm

Tautoru / TSB Space
Hapori | Community
Level 1, Tūranga

Free author talk



Instead, we are taking the opportunity to hear Nick Barratt, a very well known genealogist from the UK, speak in Christchurch.

Family History and the Media: Behind the scenes of Who Do You Think You Are? Nick Barrett

Thursday 8th August

6:00pm-7:30pm - *Note early start time.* Free Event

Venue: TSB Space, Level 1, Tūranga Library, Cathedral Square

English genealogist and Director of Senate House Library at the University of London, best known as genealogical consultant for series 1 to 4 of the BBC show ***Who Do You Think You Are?*** will be speaking in Christchurch.

Website - https://christchurch.bibliocommons.com/events/search/local_start=2019-08-08%20TO%20event/5ceb7cb35447a82400270dd8

To find out more about Nick's work see <https://www.nickbarratt.co.uk/>

Monday 12th Exploring FamilySearch.org from a British Isles Perspective - Explore *FamilySearch.org* from the viewpoint of doing British Isles research. Discover the vast amount of digital British and Irish collections that are accessible online including: records, books, and digital microfilm.

Raymon Naisbitt from *FamilySearch* who will have been talking at Auckland Family History Expo, is making himself available to talk to us.

Venue: Chapel Street Centre, corner Chapel Street & Harewood Road, Papanui. 7.30pm.

Door charge \$5.00 to cover costs. No booking required.

Raffle on sale with a prize of a 1 year 'Complete Subscription to MyHeritage'

- \$2 per ticket or 3 for \$5. To be drawn 12th September at our evening branch meeting.



Sandra

Thursday 15th at 9:45am - Morning Meeting - Parkview Community Lounge – Hall - (Arriving earlier for a cuppa)

Note earlier start time for our morning meetings. The meeting will start at 9:45am with morning tea while we have notices & members input, followed by the speaker from 10 -11am. You are most welcome to go down to the Donnington Room to continue chatting following the meeting.

How to Show Citations

Edwina Swingler, experienced genealogist from the Waimate area will show us how to record and show citations for our research.

Saturday 17th Meet Cyndi: Creator of Cyndi's List and leading online genealogist

Enjoy a guided tour of ***Cyndi's List 2.0*** and learn how to be your own digital archivist by preserving your research. Cyndi Ingle, a genealogist for more than 39 years, is the creator of *CyndisList.com* and the author of numerous articles and three books. Cyndi is an expert in using technology for genealogy, research in the United States, and organizational methodology.

Location: Auaha Hīhī / Spark Place, Ground level, Tūranga, Cathedral Square. Free event.

10:00AM – 12:30PM **However**, this session requires registration as it is in Spark Place, rather than the TSB space at Tūranga. **Check on link below to register.** <https://www.cyndislist.com/>

https://christchurch.bibliocommons.com/events/search/local_start=2019-08-17%20TO%202019-08-17/event/5d3e7e16dbd9c245005f2bd8

Fiona Brooker Genealogist



We are privileged to be having three overseas speakers in Christchurch who have come to NZ for the Auckland Family History Expo. Thank you to those who have made these events possible.

"Watch the Tūranga website for other speakers coming to Tūranga in August."

Weekend 10-11th Prebbleton Heritage - Presents TOP 30 - a display of 30 enlarged photos to show the history of Prebbleton village, and photos of more recent times, at Prebbleton Hall, 10am-4pm. Free entry but donation welcome to cover costs.

Sunday 18th Lincoln & Districts Historical Society AGM & How to Research your House: Lincoln - 2pm - Dr. Christine Whybrew, *Heritage NZ*, has researched a local case study for her presentation. Adriana de Groot, 325-3320, sec.ldhs@gmail.com

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- Saturday 7th **Irish Interest Group** - Bi-monthly informal group asking & answering questions, sharing information, resources & knowledge. **10:00am - Parkview Community Lounge – Donnington Room**
- Thursday 12th **Evening meeting – Chris Jones**, lecturer at the University of Canterbury, will talk about the **Canterbury Scroll**.
- Thursday 19th **Morning meeting – Christopher Thomson & Jennifer Middendorf**, from the University of Canterbury will talk about indexing work they have been doing with the **Macdonald Dictionary**.
- Saturday 28th **Computer Interest Group** – Bi-monthly informal group asking & answering questions, sharing websites, discussing computers & genealogy programs. We will also look at some *FamilySearch* Affiliate Library records. 10:00am-12 noon. We will stop half way through for a cuppa break. Led by Fiona Lees. **10:00am - Parkview Community Lounge – Hall**
- Saturday 28th **Continental Europe Interests – individual research session** – led by Kathy Bisman (kathmark5354@gmail.com) and other experienced genealogists. This will be from **12:30-2:30pm**. **Parkview Community Lounge – Donnington Room**
Canterbury Branch Library will also be open from 1pm – 3pm.

For user groups, why not stay for lunch & use Branch Library resources for research after a meeting! If your surname is between A & H please offer to help the committee with serving tea & coffee and the kitchen tidy up afterwards. Your help would be much appreciated.

FROM THE COMMITTEE**Branch News:**

We are almost at the final stretch with our insurance claim as a result of the burglaries and hope to have this all resolved by the next newsletter. Thanks to Sandra for her perseverance. The committee are working on purchasing a replacement data projector which is the main thing we are missing. We thank Riccarton Branch for the loan of their projector which has helped us out in the meantime.

You may have noticed that we have some replacement computers set up in the computer room. These are a mix of loaned and donated machines and there is more work going on behind the scenes to get us back to where we were, but at least the library can operate without too much disruption.

Plastering and painting work is still to be done which is causing some inconvenience and unfortunately, we have no control over when that will be completed. In the meantime, thank you for your understanding.

On another subject, with a smaller committee, at times we are short of willing hands to help with various tasks such as serving tea and coffee and the kitchen tidy up afterwards. You may have noticed that in the newsletter each month is a request that if your surname begins with, for example A-G, you might like to offer to help with this. We would much appreciate some help in this regard from time to time. As always, any questions, suggestions or gripes please get in touch. Phone 349-3806 serrals@xtra.co.nz Sandra

Marie Corser Donation to Canterbury Branch - Marie Corser has recently needed to make the move into a smaller room at Park Lane Retirement Village and as a result her genealogy collection has had to be downsized considerably.

Her wishes are that her collection of books and CD's, desktop computer and laptop be donated to Canterbury Branch and we now have these. The books will be sorted and eventually made available in the library. Where we already have copies in the library, they will be added to our sales shelf in the Donnington Room. We thank Marie for the kind donation of her collection which is much appreciated by all. We wish Marie well and will be thinking of her as we use her valued resources.

School Register Transcription Project - Co-Ordinator Needed

After several years as the School Register Co-Ordinator, Prue Purser is no longer available to fill this role from the end of 2019, so we are looking for someone to take over from her.

The role involves managing the distribution and collection of the registers to the typists *and those who check the typing*, collating the entries in the correct format and forwarding the spreadsheets onto the NZSG for inclusion in the Kiwi Collection. Experience with using *Excel* is needed for this role. Prue would be happy to have a chat about what's needed so if you are interested in finding out more please give me a call.

Sandra Serra Phone 349-3806.

Burglaries at Parkview - the Police have apprehended and charged a person in relation to our two burglaries at Parkview and probably many others in the area. This was the same guy who Jan Watts found advertising one of our laptops on *Facebook Marketplace* a day or two after our first burglary.

"Arrest made over spate of burglaries across Parklands & Marshland by Matt Slaughter (Journalist)
A 21-year old man has been arrested in connection to a spate of sports club and community centre burglaries. Kadeyn Brent Halkett appeared in the district court last week charged with the burglaries at the Waimairi Beach Golf Club, Parklands Bowling Club, Waitakiri Golf Club and Parklands Community Centre. He is facing seven charges. Some of the premises were broken into more than once. The Waimairi Beach Golf Club was burgled twice and had \$12,000 in computer equipment, gear from the pro shop and money from its safe stolen. Halkett is expected to appear in court again on August 19."

*Pegasus Post – 30 July 2019 - <https://www.yumpu.com/en/document/read/62757094/pegasus-post-july-30-2019>
<https://www.yumpu.com/en/document/read/62700696/pegasus-post-june-18-2019>*

**BECA CHRISTCHURCH HERITAGE FESTIVAL 2019**

Beca Christchurch Heritage Festival (Heritage Week) is on its way, and this year's theme is *Encounter Our Stories* bringing together a wide range of community events and activities from 7th to 28th October. The *Beca Christchurch Heritage Festival* is an opportunity to share the stories of the past that link us to this place. Weave together the strands, weave together the people.

We've been accepted to run an event as part of the CCC Heritage Festival on Saturday 19th October. We'll be holding a 'Beyond the Basics' Mini Expo of talks that take researchers beyond the basic BDMs and give tips on how to collate research into a narrative of our family history. If you or someone you know maybe interested, email Natasha Wells or keep an eye on future newsletters where more details will become available.

Natasha Wells natashawells552@gmail.com

Encounter Our Stories

CANTERBURY BRANCH LIBRARY

AT PARKVIEW COMMUNITY LOUNGE - 75 QUEENSPARK DRIVE, PARKLANDS

Open: 1st & 3rd Thursday of Month from 12noon – 3:00pm & 2nd & 4th Saturday of Month from 1:00pm – 3:00pm.*Use your branch library - a great opportunity to have one on one help for your research.***Recent Acquisitions to the Branch Library**

Some new histories have been added to the Branch Library

- **The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Addington 1867-1967**
- **The de Malmanche Family in New Zealand 1840-1990 - A Brief history and Table of Descendants**
- **The Le Lievre Family, Akaroa**
- **Chippenham Lodge Linked in History, - the curious, colourful 153 year history of a Christchurch earthquake survivor**

Search our library catalogue online, so when you come to the library, you will already know what is there.

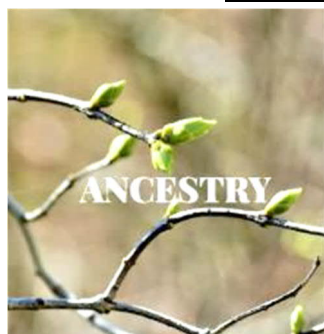
<https://canterburygenealogy.wordpress.com/branch-library/>Jan Slater phone 354-6494 or 022 351 9552, jan.slater46@gmail.com*We are happy to arrange hosting research visits to our Library & Research rooms by members of other groups to show what wonderful resources we have.**BYOD (bring your own device) when visiting the Branch Research Rooms) – use your own PC & access the internet, including the FamilySearch Affiliate Library restricted records, and Ancestry & FindMyPast, available while you are in our rooms.***WHERE TO NEXT WITH YOUR DNA RESULTS?**

There is an informal group to explore the next steps in using your DNA test results including the use of GEDMatch, navigating the test results and participating in various Project groups. The format is collaborative and will use email round-robin or meetings to share information and ideas. Please contact Bruce Holm to join the group & share ideas and information.

Bruce bruce.holm@gmail.com**NZSG members have access to DNA webinars in the Member's Only area of the NZSG website.**

Access to the DNA Bootcamps produced by Hack Genealogy covering a variety of topics by genetic genealogy expert Mary Eberle, JD of DNA Hunters. NZ Society of Genealogists Inc. have purchased a license so that our members can enjoy the Boot Camps free of charge.

Two very successful DNA & Genealogy drop-in sessions were held at Shirley Library in June. There are plans for more in September & November. Thanks to Bruce Holm for organising and running these sessions with some willing helpers.

"BRAINSTORM BUDS" - BRANCHES, TWIGS, BUDS AND A MESS OF KINDLING

This is a new section and initiative from the committee to help answer some of your questions, or suggest an option to follow for your research.

Send us (email or phone) a succinct question to put in this section of the newsletter. At the next meetings, members can come along with suggestions and pointers to help you in your research, possibly suggesting an option you haven't yet tried. We have such a huge wealth of knowledge within our membership who would be willing to help. This is to be a short, buzzy section of the meeting, helping each other.



Edward Beck, Surgeon - born about 1780, died January 1844 in Lambeth, Surrey, England. Looking for sources for where he may have studied and whether he was a Member of the Royal College of Surgeons (MCRS). He did work in Malta and at Woolwich. Also looking sources for his birth details, parents and where he may have been born. He was married twice that I know of – first to Elizabeth Arabella Wood in 1812 in Kent, and then to Clarencina Whitehead in 1825 in Lambeth, Surrey. I have details of at least 8 children. Any suggestions gratefully received at meeting or email.

Thanks, Fiona. nzsg-cantygroup-newsletter@hotmail.co.nz**MEMBERS' RESEARCH INTERESTS & QUERIES AND REQUESTS FOR LOCAL INFORMATION**

Members are invited to submit a recent find, surnames or topics of interest, or to ask a question, for inclusion in this newsletter. This is a section for members to use – with members' names, interests & localities - this could link people who are researching same names or in similar areas.

- **Census Occupations** - attached is an amusing list of occupations → taken from census records. Lindsay saw it on the Isle of Mann Facebook page. Sandra & Lindsay Serra
- **Otago Daily Times BDMs** - Heather Bray has an index of the Otago Daily Times deaths 1988 to today, births 1993 to today and memorial notices from 2004 to today, and Wedding Anniversary notices from 2002 to present day. She also has the Otago Daily Times deaths 1863 to 1918. She is happy to copy any for Branch members. Her email is kandhbray@xtra.co.nz. Thanks to Jan Slater
- **Short film of Christchurch in 1952** - Browsing Facebook I came across this link to a film I thought may be of interest to our members. It's almost 20 minutes long. <https://www.nzonscreen.com/title/christchurch-garden-city-of-new-zealand-1952>
- **Masonic Lodge Contact** - Here is something to put in our newsletter. I have just received a very quick reply from the General Secretary of the NZ Masonic Lodge with information and details of a relative of mine who was a member. communications@freemasons.co.nz

Work, Work, Work

On about this date in 1801, Britain's first census was begun. In a subsequent survey conducted in 1881, residents were asked to furnish their "rank, profession, or occupation." Some of the more puzzling responses, as preserved by the London Genealogical Society, included:

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| • Colourist of artificial fish | • Emasculator |
| • Knight of the Thimble | • Sampler of drugs |
| • Disinfector of railways | • Fatuous pauper |
| • Examiner of underclothing | • Drowner |
| • Invisible net maker | • Count as female |
| • Electric bath attendant | • Fish-bender |
| • Proprietor of midgets | • Goldfish-catcher |
| • Fifty-two years an imbecile | • Cow-banger |
| • Knocker-up of workpeople | • Running about |
| • Maker of sand views | • Grape-dryer |
| • Gymnast to house painter | • Beef twister |
| • Turnip shepherd | • Random waller |

Cheers, Jan Slater

Thanks to Alister & Denise Mckenzie aj.de@xtra.co.nz

SNIPPETS - Some bits & pieces of interest and some to help you with your research:

- **Library - Genealogy Connect** - A collection of genealogy eBook resources grouped together in a fully cross-searchable platform. <https://my.christchurchcitylibraries.com/resources/family-history/>. (Access with your library card number and pin number.) Fiona
- **NZ History – Dates in NZ History** for August - <https://nzhistory.govt.nz/calendar/8>
- **British Assert Sovereignty as French Head for Akaroa – 10th August 1840** - HMS *Britomart* arrived at Akaroa, on Banks Peninsula, a week before a shiplot of French colonists landed there. The ship's captain raised the Union Jack to confirm British sovereignty over the area.

In 1838 the commander of the French whaling ship *Cachalot* made a dubious land purchase from Māori on Banks Peninsula. The Nanto-Bordelaise Company was formed in France with the goal of establishing a settlement at Akaroa. In 1839 King Louis-Philippe agreed to provide assistance. Captain Charles François Lavaud, the French representative for the settlement, sailed for New Zealand in April 1840. A month later, the *Comte de Paris* set off for Akaroa carrying 53 emigrants.

In the period between the land purchase and the departure of the French colonists, the situation in New Zealand had changed. Britain had finally bowed to pressure to colonise New Zealand. The signing of the Treaty of Waitangi (including two signatures gathered at Akaroa at the end of May 1840) and Lieutenant-Governor William Hobson's declaration of sovereignty over the whole country on 21 May confirmed that New Zealand was a British colony.

Until Lavaud arrived in the Bay of Islands in July 1840 he was unaware of these developments. While Hobson was friendly enough, he sent HMS *Britomart*, under the command of Owen Stanley, to observe the French in Akaroa. The warship left the Bay of Islands on 23 July and reached Akaroa on 10 August. When Lavaud arrived five days later he accepted that France could not create a colony without causing hostility. When the *Comte de Paris* arrived on 17 August, the Union Jack was flying over Akaroa.

<https://nzhistory.govt.nz/french-pipped-at-akaroa-british-sovereignty-proclaimed-over-the-south-island-again>

- **First Women's Cycling Club in Australasia Formed - 18th August 1892** - On the night of 18th August 1892, cycling enthusiasts gathered in Christchurch to discuss the formation of a cycling club for women. The male president of the *Bicycle Touring Club* presided over the meeting, but it was Alice Burn who put forward the motion that a women's club should be formed under the name 'The *Atalanta Cycling Club*'. It was hoped the club would make cycling popular with women and reduce prejudice towards female cyclists.

The development of the modern bicycle in the 1880s promised women more freedom to travel without the need for a male chaperone. Cycling opened up new social worlds, but it wasn't without its dangers. Women cyclists were sometimes jeered at, abused and even pushed from their bicycles. Members of the club sometimes cycled with brothers or husbands to protect them against such attacks.

From the first meeting, the topic of uniform was debated. Women's clothing of the 1890s was cumbersome, with long skirts and corsets. For cycling, women had a choice of divided cycling skirts or 'dress reform' attire such as bloomers and knickerbockers. Dress reform was often associated (in an unflattering manner) with the feminist movement. In September 1892 the *Atalanta Club* decided that members could choose their own clothing, so long as the club colours were prominent. A year later, however, it was resolved that the uniform should be a plain skirt with a cream blouse, with colours navy and blue.

The *Atalanta Cycling Club* existed for at least five years and organised many cycle touring events for its members. After the club dissolved, women's cycling continued. <https://nzhistory.govt.nz/page/first-womens-cycling-club-australasia-formed>

- **Assisted Immigration Resumes After World War II - 23rd August 1947** - The first draft of 118 British immigrants arrived in Auckland on the New Zealand Shipping Company liner *Rangitata*. They were among 77,000 men, women and children who arrived from Great Britain under the assisted immigration scheme between 1947 and 1975.

Among the dignitaries waiting to greet them was Auckland's mayor, John Allum. In his speech of welcome, he acknowledged the differences between New Zealand and Britain and 'asked the newcomers to be patient and take time to know New Zealand ways'.

The immigration assistance scheme, introduced in July 1947, was designed to bring skilled workers into New Zealand. Unlike earlier schemes, the focus was on attracting single people with practical skills. There was an initial preference for 20- to 35-year-olds, but the upper age limit was extended to 45 in 1950.

While assistance went primarily to white British citizens, the country also sought other European groups who could easily assimilate into post-war New Zealand. The most favoured were the Dutch – over 6,000 arrived in the 1950s as part of an assisted passage scheme from the Netherlands. Read more about the [assisted immigration scheme](#)

[Assisted immigration to New Zealand 1947-1975 – Assisted immigration, 1947-75; History of Immigration \(Te Ara\); Assisted immigration revives: 1946 to 1975 \(Te Ara\); 'A new life in New Zealand' \(Te Ara\); Immigration post-1944 \(1966 encyclopaedia\)](#)

<https://nzhistory.govt.nz/assisted-immigration-resumes-after-war>

- **200th Anniversary of Birth of Prince Albert** of Saxe Coburg Gotha from *Wikipedia* and the Royal Family website. Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha (Franz August Karl Albert Emanuel); born 26 August 1819 – died 14 December 1861) was the husband of Queen Victoria. He was born in the Saxon duchy of Saxe-Coburg-Saalfeld, to a family connected to many of Europe's ruling monarchs. Further information was in an extra emailed attachment with our June newsletter. Thanks to Philip Creed. Also https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Albert,_Prince_Consort <https://www.biography.com/royalty/prince-albert>

- **Online archive including historic photos** - Did you know that the University of Canterbury has one of New Zealand's premier cultural heritage collections available to access online? Check out the art and archives catalogue, [Kā Kohika](#) for easy searching, image display and mobile compatibility.

http://kohika.canterbury.ac.nz/opac.canterbury/scripts/mwimain.dll?logon&application=UNION_VIEW&language=144&file=%5bopac.canterbury%5dsearch.html

Over 28,000 digital images of artworks and historic photographs have been uploaded to the site, which you can use in your research. The collections are there for all and if you need additional info, you can contact the friendly team at Macmillan Brown Library macbrown@libr.canterbury.ac.nz

Grant Aldridge aldridgegd@gmail.com

- **Tell your neighbours, Redwood Library is closing for a short time** - Redwood Library will close for a month to allow for repair work and minor refurbishment. The library in Main North Road will be closed from Monday 29 July during the site upgrade, which will include installing a new heating and ventilation system, roof repairs and general refurbishment. It's scheduled to reopen on Monday, 26 August. During the closure, a mobile library vehicle will visit the library car park for one hour on Wednesdays (10am to 11am) and Fridays (3pm to 4pm). On the topic on libraries, while Redwood Library closes, Fendalton Library and Service Centre – on the corner of Jeffreys Road and Clyde Road –reopened on Monday 29th July after five months of refurbishment and repairs. Visitors will also appreciate a new heating and ventilation system. All of the usual services will be available, including postal services.

- **Female Convicts Research Centre Spring Seminar Registration** - Spring Seminar, Sunday, 20th October 2019, Topic: "A more hopeless class of subjects?", *Convict Women at the New Norfolk Asylum*. Venue: Hobart Town Hall. Our next seminar will explore the lives of convict women admitted to the New Norfolk Asylum. Presentations will include: An historic overview of the New Norfolk Asylum; • Stories of convict women admitted to the Asylum; The psychiatric impact of solitary confinement; Female delinquency and madness in VDL.
Registrations are now open. The seminar program and registration details are available on our website at <https://www.femaleconvicts.org.au/frcr-seminars/seminar-registration>. Registration will be \$50 (plus 50c. Trybooking fee) and must be finalised by Sunday, 13th October. Regards, *Dianne Snowden, President, Female Convicts Research Centre Inc.*
Thanks to Alister & Denise Mckenzie aj.de@xtra.co.nz
- **FamNet Newsletter** - Go to http://www.famnet.org.nz/newsletters/FamNet/July_2019/Newsletter.htm
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Robert has assured me that he will not send begging letters to your email - apparently, he has enough money at the moment. You will not have to put in your credit card number. You will not be charged a subscription.
Tell other genealogists so they can enjoy the newsletters too. Regards *Peter Nash - Alister & Denise Mckenzie aj.de@xtra.co.nz*

MEETING REPORTS

Thursday Evening Meeting – "Freenealogy - The Researching of Your Genealogy for Free" with Fiona Brooker

Fiona's very interesting talk on free resources for family history research was centred on several main themes.

Learning

- Take advantage of free learning opportunities such as webinars. *Legacy Family Tree* webinars are free to watch for 5 days, or you can subscribe to watch the back catalogue. They have a *Down Under* series at a time to suit NZ. Search *YouTube* for "genealogy".
- Listen to people who know what they are talking about
- Look at the *FamilySearch* Family History Library
- *FamilySearch* Research Wiki – search by place, this will give you a table showing where to find eg. parish registers



Planning

- Time is money. Work out what you want to know and what you already know.
- Make a Research Plan. Go to Fiona's website for a free Family History Research Planner - <https://memoriesintime.co.nz/collections/family-history/charts-forms> or you can make a spreadsheet.
- Stay focused on your research and don't get distracted by BSO's (Bright Shiny Objects).
- Make a Research Repository Info Sheet so you know what to do when you visit a repository.
- Plan before you travel.

Relatives

- Contact your relatives and talk to them. They may have something you need – collections of documents, photos etc.
- Remember FAN – Friends, Acquaintances and Neighbours – they may have resources too.

Done Before

- Look at books (such as the GRD – *Genealogical Research Directories*) to see if someone has already researched your name.
- When doing a *Google* search by name, put quotations marks around the name. Do a *Google* search on "search engine tips" for more help on searching *Google*.
- Use online family trees on *MyHeritage*, *Ancestry*, *FamilySearch* etc. as hints for things to research – don't take them as gospel.

Repositories

- Tūranga run free classes & you can use *Photoshop* free there. You can also access lots of databases in the library – *Ancestry* etc.
- The Church Register Transcript Index could save you from buying a marriage certificate.
- *Archives* has updated their website. A bonus of visiting *Archives* and lifting Deeds books is it saves on a gym subscription!
- Look at museums and City Council archives, and of course, our *FamilySearch* affiliate library.
- Remember the internet is also a repository.

Websites

- NZ Births, Deaths and Marriages – but the search engine isn't great and names have to be spelt exactly as they have them in their records
- *FamilySearch* – can search NZ Births, Deaths and Marriages by first name only which can help when a surname has been misspelt
- *PapersPast* is very good to explore
- John Kinder Theological Library
- *Trove* (Australian newspapers) and Scottish and British newspapers
- *Archway* is the way into NZ Archives – keep going back to *Archway* and put your names in again as new records are being added all the time
- The NZSG website has a list of Local Authorities Cemeteries



- Check map sites such as *MapsPast* (a new site - <http://www.mapspast.org.nz/>), Canterbury Maps. National Library of Scotland is a brilliant site for maps.
- Free UK Genealogy websites – *FreeBMD*, *FreeCen* and *FreeReg*
- *IrishGenealogy.ie* has church and civil records with free certificates
- *Genuki* – UK and Ireland genealogy gateway
- *Cyndi's List* is a huge gateway <https://www.cyndislist.com/>



Network

- The NZSG Canterbury Branch is a great place to network
- Look at mailing lists such as *Rootsweb* – there are lists for surnames, areas and almost everything
- *RootsChat*
- Facebook groups such as *Genealogy New Zealand and Beyond*
- *Evidentree* (soon to be called *Ancestorian*)

Nearly Free Sources

- Buy direct ancestors' certificates
- NZSG members only resources, i.e. *Discovery* – access to UK National Archives

Links to most of these websites can be found on Fiona's Pinterest board - <https://www.pinterest.nz/memoriesintime/>

Thanks to Jan Watts for report

Thursday Morning Meeting – “Comte de Paris” - with Linda Sunderland

Linda Sunderland, Secretary of the *Comte de Paris Descendants Group*, gave a presentation to our morning meeting and began by telling us about the arrival of the French and German settlers in Akaroa.

Captain Jean Francois Langlois spent time round the coast of New Zealand as a whaler, and after believing he had purchased Banks Peninsula from the local Māori, returned to France and set up the Nanto-Bordelaise Company. They bought an old naval ship which was converted for passengers and renamed “*Comte de Paris*”. The company then sought people to join the voyage and become settlers in, what they thought would be a French Colony, Akaroa.



These settlers, gathered mostly by word of mouth, were people off the land from the western coast of France but also included some German people. Each man was to be granted 5 acres of land, boys 2.5 acres, and 17 months rations. The cargo on board included livestock, ducks, geese and hens along with walnut and other tree cuttings, vines and other horticultural supplies.

On 8th March 1840 the *Comte de Paris* with 63 settler passengers, including children, was towed into the channel where she ran aground, finally leaving France 10 days later after repairs. Four months later, off the coast of Tasmania, they were caught in a storm which destroyed the masts. After erecting a ‘*jury-rig*’ a month later they put into Pigeon Bay to bury two settlers who had died, before finally arriving at the Akaroa Heads on 14th August 1840. By this time the *Treaty of Waitangi* had been signed and the British Union Jack raised in Akaroa itself.

After negotiations with the British the settlers finally were ferried ashore on 19th August where they lived in tents while they built more permanent houses. Of the livestock on board only ducks, geese and hens survived so establishing gardens was vital to feed the settlers and they quickly started up gardens at *French Farm* to supply them with food.



The occupations of the settlers included carpenters, blacksmiths, gardeners, farmers, brickmakers and sawmillers which enabled them to establish their community. Over time, intermarriage between the French, German, English and Māori took place and today the descendants of these settlers are spread throughout New Zealand and overseas.

The *Comte de Paris Descendants Group* has around 70 members, a website and Facebook page, and descendants or others interested are welcome to join. Their aim is to preserve the history and knowledge of the settler families and maintain links with their descendants. They are involved in local events such as *French Fest* and recognise both *Bastille Day* and *German Day*. A current project is

tidying up the Catholic Cemetery and they are working with the Council to erect a memorial entrance to the cemetery along with interpretation panels and park benches. Their website contains a list of the settler family names so have a look and see if you have any connections to these families. <http://www.comtedeparisdescendants.org.nz/> Thanks to Sandra Serra for report

Beyond Basics Computer Workshops

We are planning some **Beyond Basics Computer** workshops – not on genealogy but aimed at increasing your computer skills so you gain more confidence in using your computer as a tool. These are designed to help you get to know and navigate your computer to capture and organise your records well, so you can enjoy your genealogy more. You need to find those wonderful records and snippets, you saved, along with saving sources and citations for those records.

Initially based on Windows PCs and Android tablets, but Apple and iPad as well if there is demand. Probably small evening or weekend sessions, depending on response, BYOD – bringing your own device eg. laptop or tablet. Initial sessions would deal with fundamentals, some of which will be new for some and revision for others. Learn that there are several ways of doing many tasks or functions – they are not right or wrong – what suits you best is the one right for you.

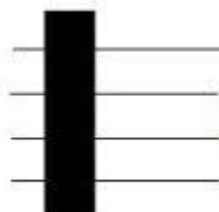
Genealogists use Computers as a Tool. Knowing some basics makes this tool more effective.

Course Outline and further details later. We already have four possibilities, so likely to run in Donnington Room, one evening, late August.

Please let us know if you are interested so we can plan some sessions.

Fiona & David – nzsg-cantygroup-newsletter@hotmail.co.nz

Sir Edmund Hillary's legacy lives on in Nepal on the eve of his 100th birthday - On 20th July 2019, Sir Ed would have turned 100. It's also 66 years since he and Nepalese Sherpa Tenzing Norgay became the first climbers to reach the summit of Mount Everest. A group including Helen Clark and Sir Ed's daughter, Sarah Hillary, have been trekking in Nepal to see how his philanthropic work in the region is being carried on. Sir Ed died in 2008, aged 88. <https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/113088247/helen-clark-looks-at-sir-edmund-hillarys-legacy-in-nepal-100-years-after-his-birth> <https://himalayantrust.org/get-involved/sir-edmund-hillarys-centenary/>



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NEXT MEETING: Thursday 22nd August 7:30 p.m. at St Margaret's Hub, 94 Farrington Avenue.

Topic: Geoffrey Rice on *Cricketing Colonists: The Brittan Brothers in Early Canterbury*

Visitors are most welcome, for whom there will be a \$3 door charge.

Regards Christina Carroll

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Waimakariri Genealogy Branch

WAIMAKARIRI BRANCH

Monthly General Meeting dates are held on the third Tuesday of each month from January to November. Usually there is a Guest Speaker followed by a light supper. There is no charge for these evenings.

Next Meeting: Date: Tuesday 20th August at 7.30pm

Topic – To be advised.

Venue: Waimakariri Branch, Rangiora Brass Band Rooms, Northbrook Road. All Welcome.

Thanks to Philip Worthington

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Computer Group Meeting

Scaled Models of your house – Richard Gardner, a member of the Vintage Car Club, makes beautiful scale models of houses – many have had lovely models made of their previous homes, lost in the quakes – www.scaleddown.co.nz – thanks to Maureen.

Legacy Webinars – these are a great source of tips and tricks. There is a Down-Under Webinar at a time to suit those of us at this side of the world. Can watch Webinars after the event. Hints on the big 4 websites. Thanks to Clare

Wellington City Archives new webpage - <https://archivesonline.wcc.govt.nz/>

Check this out, the main image rotates and they have some really brilliant information on their timeline too.

Old Friends – was on TradeMe – Old Friends (www.olderfriends.co.nz) was a popular social networking website owned by Trade Me. Its purpose was to help people locate former school friends and workmates. Members who signed up to Old Friends could upload photos, post comments, contact each other and compile information for reunions. National Library (natlib.govt.nz) took on the public information from this site (not the private contact, profile and photos). Good news is that the National Library offering is now available and worth a look (<https://natlib.govt.nz/blog/posts/looking-for-old-friends>) and there are some Facebook pages popping up as well which would be worth looking at (Old School Friends New Zealand). Thanks to Fran for passing on.

www.familysearch.org - Record # xxx 2048452 – search catalog – Powhatan Adams – married 14 April 1870 – restricted record, available at our Affiliate Library. Tools in FamilySearch – can invert image if hard to read, black on white, white on black, change contrast Save image, right click > Properties > Details - copy url into Comments field, and some keywords into tag fields. These will copy with the image so can always go back to original address and can search for tags.

Anne Bromell collection now in Ancestry – Probates & Wills

Maps & aerial photos – not all of these were covered at Computer Group, but all worth a look

Canterbury Maps - <https://canterburymaps.govt.nz/> - includes Canterbury Historic Aerial Imagery

<https://apps.canterburymaps.govt.nz/CanterburyHistoricAerialImagery/>

VC Browne – aerial photos – company now run by son - <http://www.vcbrowne.com/VCBHome.aspx>

Retrolens NZ is made up of a treasure trove of aerial photographs that have been taken since the 1936 through to 2005. It is a Crown archive and contains 500,000 images. <https://www.maxpresencemail.co.nz/t/r-l-ijirhye-tylrirjyhr-i/> - need some easy 'how to use' hints

MapsPast (a new site - <http://www.mapspast.org.nz/>)

1851 UK Parish maps - <http://maps.familysearch.org>

UK STREET MAPS - <http://www.streetmap.co.uk>

Genmaps – <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~genmaps/index.html>

National Library of Scotland – maps – <https://maps.nls.uk/> - thanks to Fiona Brooker

WWI military in England – Discovery; WWII military in USA – Fold3 – paid extension of Ancestry

Thanks to Riccarton Branch for the loan of their data projector, since ours was stolen. Thanks also to Gordy, David and Fiona for all the time & effort to ensure we have had computer resources up and going, for library, research and meetings since our laptops were stolen.

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NZSG Canterbury Branch MEMBERSHIP Subscription Notices were sent out in April, payment was due on 30th April 2019 & is now OVERDUE for year ending 31st March 2020. If you have not already paid, please pay now.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS:

We wish a warm welcome and happy researching to new member Linda Sunderland.

IN MEMORIAM: We pass on sympathy & condolences to all those who have lost family & friends recently. We sadly have lost one of our members, Pamela ATKINSON, who was a regular attendee at → meetings, & a passionate genealogist.

[New Zealand Society of Genealogists Website:- http://www.genealogy.org.nz](http://www.genealogy.org.nz)

Please let us know if you are shifting or have changed address, or email address, so we can keep our records current, and keep in touch.

Apologies for any errors and omissions in newsletter. Corrections & additions welcome. Photograph credits – David Lees – thank you

**NZSG CANTERBURY BRANCH LIBRARY HOURS**

**Open: 1st & 3rd Thursday of Month from 12noon – 3:00pm, and
2nd & 4th Saturday of Month from 1:00pm – 3:00pm.**

Bring along your research queries and brick walls to your branch library – use the resources there and receive assistance.

Branch LIBRARY at Parkview Community Lounge - 75 Queenspark Drive, Parklands

Canterbury Branch Library is an Affiliate Library of FamilySearch – access to restricted records here!!

FAMILY HISTORY CENTRE @ 25 FENDALTON ROAD

Hours: Tuesday 10:00am - 2:00pm and 7:00pm - 9:00pm

TŪRANGA - CHRISTCHURCH CENTRAL LIBRARY @ 60 CATHEDRAL SQUARE

OPEN MONDAY TO FRIDAY 9:00AM – 8:00PM (GROUND FLOOR 8:00AM – 8:00PM)

SATURDAY & SUNDAY 10:00AM – 5:00PM

CHRISTCHURCH PARKLANDS LIBRARY @ 46 QUEENSPARK DRIVE

OPEN MONDAY TO FRIDAY 9:00AM – 6:00PM. SATURDAY 10:00AM – 4:00PM

CHRISTCHURCH FENDALTON LIBRARY @ 4 JEFFREYS ROAD

OPEN MONDAY TO FRIDAY 9:00AM – 8:00PM. SATURDAY 10:00AM – 4:00PM

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