

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

Thursday 12th March - 7:30pm - Evening Meeting – Parkview Community Lounge - Hall (Library open 7:00-7:30pm – cuppa after)

“DNA FOR BEGINNERS”

Three members of the Riccarton Branch will share their experiences of understanding DNA results with us.

Thursday 19th March 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.

“HIDDEN LIGHT EXHIBITION”

Ken Hall, curator at the City Art Gallery, will talk about the **Hidden Light Exhibition** with early Christchurch photos up to 1900.

March 2020

March is Cemeteries Month

Saturday 21st **Cemetery Visit** - There is a visit planned to St James Church & Cemetery, Harewood. → Discover the history associated with the Harewood area – led by Lorraine Wilmshurst. 10am at St James Church. (750 Harewood Road, park in car park off Whitchurch Place.)
Directions – Drive west on Harewood Road towards the airport and opposite Harewood School turn right into Waimakariri Road and then left into Whitchurch Place. There is a carpark on your left at the church hall which we can use.



Friday 20th **DNA talk - Event details: The Story in Your DNA: Blaine Bettinger & Angie Bush. Free entry. Time:** 6.30pm. **Location:** Te Hāpua: Halswell Library Centre, 341 Halswell Road, Christchurch. Come along and hear two top DNA specialists reveal the very interesting stories of two individuals with self-proclaimed uninteresting ancestry. Along the way gather tips on how DNA might do the same for you and your ancestors. Hosted by the Riccarton Branch of the NZ Society of Genealogists.

Sat 21 & Sun 22 **DNA Discovery Lectures** - 10am-4:30pm both days. **Blaine T Bettinger** and **Angie Bush** are leading educators in understanding DNA results as part of Family History research. We are fortunate to have Blaine and Angie touring New Zealand, presenting in Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch. In Christchurch and Wellington there will be eight lectures over two days with plenty of time for questions and answers.

Location – Tūranga, City Library, 1st floor, TSB Space, Cathedral Square, Book online, \$120 for two days. Link, including lecture topics:-

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/dna-discovery-lectures-christchurch-tickets-86201640427?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

Brought to you by **The DNA Discovery 2020 Team** - Michelle Patient - Paul Alpe - Fiona Brooker



Saturday 28th **Computer Interest Group** – Bi-monthly informal group asking & answering questions, sharing websites, discussing computers & genealogy programs. We will stop half way through for a cuppa break. Led by Fiona Lees.
10:00am-12noon - 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**

Saturday 28th **Canterbury Branch Library will also be open from 1pm – 3pm.**

April 2020

Thursday 9th **Evening meeting – Prebbleton Heritage** - Averill Carpenter and Daphne McAven will talk about Prebbleton.

Thursday 16th **Morning meeting – Marriages** - Julia Bradshaw, curator at the Canterbury Museum will talk about marriages.

*For user groups, why not stay for lunch & use Branch Library resources for research after a meeting!
Please help the committee with setting out chairs and serving tea & coffee and the kitchen tidy up afterwards.
Your help would be appreciated.*

FROM THE COMMITTEE**Branch News:**

The year got off to a very good start with the first evening meeting of the year seeing one of our largest attendances. Perhaps everyone is raring to go with their research and feeling the need to re-connect after the annual break.

As a committee we would really like some volunteers to help with the newsletter reviews of our monthly meetings. We are a small committee and the newsletters seem to come around very quickly, so if you would like to offer to write a review occasionally, we would very much appreciate it. It doesn't have to be very long or detailed and we are not expecting you to do it every month. If you can offer to help, please let either Fiona or I know. If we can get 5-6 people involved, you would only need to do it a couple of times per year.

A reminder that the annual subscriptions are due to change for the next financial year, 1 April 2020 – 31st March 2021, with the new rate at \$40 for an individual and \$50 for a joint sub. We do ask that you wait until you receive your renewal form, which will be sometime during April, before making payment. It does help with the branch finances if we get the payments coming in during the correct financial year.

Later in the year there is to be a *Family History Expo* which will be held at Tūranga on 14th & 15th August. As a branch we have applied to be involved as an exhibitor and hopefully the organisers will find space for us to have a presence there. The event is free and open to the public so it will give the branch a great opportunity to showcase what we have to offer.

As always, if you have any suggestions or comments please don't hesitate to get in touch with me or others on the committee.

Phone 349-3806 serrals@xtra.co.nz Sandra

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.

Library Catalogue - 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/>

Our library catalogue is also available to search at the Branch Library. There is also a printout of all books, microfiche and CD-ROMs in the catalogue, as at 23rd May 2019. This printout is also available in PDF format below. Use 'Ctrl-F' to search for a particular word in the title of items. (Click on links below to go directly to your type of interest.)

- [Books in our library 23 May 2019](#) [Microfiche in our library 23 May 2019](#) [CD-ROMs in our library 23 May 2019](#)

Some Key Library Holdings - These are in PDF format. (Click on links below to go directly to your area of interest.)

- [Histories of New Zealand organisations](#) [Canterbury reference books](#)
- [Canterbury church histories](#) [Canterbury organisations](#)
- [Canterbury school histories](#) [Family histories](#)
- [Family history magazines](#) [NZ microfiche](#) – BDM, government, military, shipping & lists of names
- [Irish resources](#) [Monumental inscriptions of Ireland](#)
- [New Zealand Armed Forces](#) [New Zealand shipping](#)
- [New Zealand church histories](#) [New Zealand school histories](#)
- [Computers and Genealogy](#) [CD Collection](#)
- [New Zealand Schools Magazines](#) From our branch website - <https://canterburygenealogy.wordpress.com/branch-library/>

There are also a number of books not required for the library which are available to members for a donation.

Do contact me if you have any queries - Jan Slater phone 354-6494 or 022 351 9552, jan.slater46@gmail.com

Thank you very much to Riccarton Branch for allowing us to use your data projector after ours was stolen and until we secured a new replacement. This was very much appreciated and enabled us to carry on with uninterrupted audio-visual facilities at our meetings. Thank you.

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. Also bring a USB / flash drive with you for saving scans you have done on our A3 printer / scanner, and images or documents downloaded from Internet. This will capture your data in digital files by scanning rather than printing them to paper.

PROBLEM OR BRICK WALL - Would you like some one on one help? If you live near Upper Riccarton library – an NZSG Riccarton member is available at their Family History computer on Wednesdays each week. Have you visited Tūranga (Central Library) yet and explored their family history / local history / genealogy / identity floor – Floor 2. Many thanks, Lorraine

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



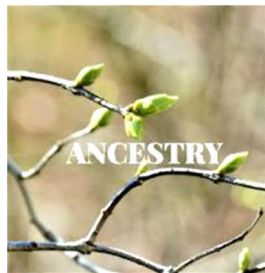
NZSG members have access to DNA webinars in the Member's Only area of the NZSG website.

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.

DNA & Genealogy drop-in sessions - Shirley Library every 1st Saturday of the month this year – book through Shirley Library, phone 941-7923. Thanks to Bruce Holm for organising & running with willing helpers.

HAVE DNA, WILL RESEARCH

Have a family brick wall? Not enough family? Don't know where to turn? An Orphan or Foster nearby? Can't see how to progress your research? Interested in DNA? You have taken a DNA test? You got cousins you didn't know you had? Wrong family? Hmmm. Perhaps I can help with your dilemma? Contact me at barry@pycroft.co.nz and we can discuss what you know and what you wish to know. *Barry Pycroft is offering individual help with your DNA queries. Either email or phone Barry on phone: +64-3-942-8417*

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

This is a section and initiative from the committee to help answer some of your questions / brick walls, 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.

March Brainstorm Bud - Quick Tips for Breaking Through Your Genealogy Brick Walls.

We all have them. Those ancestors who just refuse to be found. In genealogy, we call them "brick walls." Whether you are brand new to the family history game or you have been doing this for decades, the strategies for climbing over, going around, or breaking through those brick walls are the same.

Genealogy Brick Wall Busters => State a clear research problem. => Back up a generation and review. => Use ALL the records. => Create a timeline. => Account for inconsistencies. => Ask for help.

<https://blogs.ancestry.com/ancestry/2016/07/28/quick-tips-for-breaking-through-your-genealogy-bricks-walls/>

February Suggestions on what records are available to try and help Carol – any ideas please? *Carole Jackson* Carjacko@outlook.com

My Brick wall: Charles Augustus Fisher, I would love to know WHO ARE HIS PARENTS. There is a lot written about him in *PapersPast*. Which is why I knew he was in the *NZ Police Gazettes* - the information in here states he was born 1835, Boston, United States of America. I have a newspaper record which I think is him and puts him in Australia in 1863, Castlemaine, Australia. I haven't found when he went to Australia. On one of his child's birth certificate's it says he married on the 4 July 1867 Victoria, Australia. I have my doubts he and Jessie Georgina Ellis actually married. I am yet to find the marriage cert.. They had 4 children in Australia before coming out to New Zealand in 1874 where they had the rest of their family. Any ideas would be appreciated on when he arrived in Australia and any information on his parents.

We need your question / brick wall problem for April newsletter. Please email through to Fiona – details on back page of newsletter.

Archives NZ Changes to NZ Reading Room Hours

Mary Shadbolt, NZSG Board Chair had reported on discussions with Archives NZ.

"Richard Foy Chief Archivist thanking us for our submission on changes to Archives NZ Reading Room hours, saying this is a 12 month pilot, & the suggestion to include full days has been a common one and is being looked into. In our submission members said half day hours were too restrictive, & suggested the rooms open at least one full day mid-week, maybe even fortnightly. Several also commented on the volunteer contribution NZSG members have made to Archives projects over many years documenting, indexing & digitising a number of Archives projects throughout the country. NZSG volunteers continue to support Archives 'behind the scenes' in various ways, & we suggested members may be happy to do so in other ways which could assist Archives NZ re-think the recent Reading Room hours changes."

After the initial announcement of reduction and changes in Archives NZ Reading Room hours, there has been a response to feedback and the new hours are listed here. *NB Wellington and Auckland are now closed all day Monday and Tuesday, but open longer hours on Wednesday to Friday.*

Thanks to Evelyn Robertson for sending through these updated hours.

Radio NZ Interview - Mary Shadbolt, NZSG Board Chair, was interviewed Thursday 13th February 2020 on RNZ's Nine To Noon at 9:15am.

You can listen to the interview on <https://www.rnz.co.nz/national/programmes/ninetoonoon/audio/2018733950/half-win-over-changes-to-archives-nz-hours> A clip from the interview was played on the Radio NZ Midday News on 13th February. <https://archives.govt.nz/publications/change-in-reading-room-services>

Change in reading room hours

From 2 March 2020 our reading room hours are changing. Find out more about our **new hours**.

Changes will still take place from Monday 2 March 2020:

- Auckland: Monday and Tuesday – closed; Wednesday to Friday – open 9.00am – 5.00pm
- Wellington: Monday and Tuesday – closed; Wednesday to Friday – open 9.00am – 5.00pm
- Christchurch: Monday to Friday – 9.00am – 1.00pm
- Dunedin: Monday to Friday – 9.00am – 1.00pm

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

- **Hororata 150th School Jubilee** – 20-22 March. All queries to the Hororata Primary School Office by phoning **03 318 0 803** or emailing office@hororata.school.nz <http://hororata.ultranet.school.nz/Web/106/> *Thanks to Barry Pycroft*
- **MyHeritage 24Hour Webinar** - Have you heard about this, being held 12-13th March starting 11am NZ (that's if we are 2 hours ahead of Sydney)? <https://blog.myheritage.com/2020/01/introducing-the-24-hour-genealogy-webinar-marathon/> "We're excited to announce the 24-Hour Genealogy Webinar Marathon, an unprecedented event hosted by MyHeritage and featured on Legacy Family Tree Webinars. The marathon will begin on Friday, March 13 at 9 A.M. Sydney time = 11am NZ time and end on Saturday, March 14 at 9 A.M. Sydney time = 11am NZ time. Sign up for the 24-Hour Genealogy Webinar Marathon <http://www.familytreewebinars.com/24> If you miss the webinar online, lectures will be uploaded to FamilyTreeWebinars.com after the event and will be available to all absolutely free for a week. *Thanks to Ian Dunbar*
- **"Never Forget" by Jo Bailey** - another chance again to hear Jo talk on her new book "Never Forget". A new group, U3A Malvern is hosting Jo on Friday 20th March 10am-11.45 at the Baptist Church, 15 Greendale Road in Darfield. This meeting is open to visitors (a koha entry). Jo talks about the six true stories in her recent book of New Zealanders and immigrants involved in or impinged by WWII. No booking required. If you want to enquire – U3Amalvern@gmail.com or c/- Jim Copland phone 03 3181712. *(The University of the Third Age (U3A) movement is a unique and exciting organisation which provides, through its U3As, life-enhancing and life-changing opportunities.)* <https://www.u3anetcant.nz/>
- **Swedes in New Zealand - English Translation** - I have just completed the translation to English of the book written in Swedish. **Svenskarna i Nya Zeeland den svenska utvandringen till Nya Zeeland fram till 1940 = The Swedes in New Zealand : the Swedish emigration to New Zealand until 1940** by Sten Aminoff, Published 1988 by s.n. in Växjö, Written in Swedish .. ISSN 0284-8341

It is a literal translation, not very scholarly, using machine technology. It extends to 40 pages (20 sheets A4 paper when bound) and omits the actual 3300 people information records; these are published elsewhere. I have my original in MS-Word and it is available as PDF form and my intention is that it becomes a supplement Hard-copy to the library issuing of the book by Sten Aminoff. It would benefit with a better binding. The list of Bibliography and sources is helpful

I have a personal interest in at least one of the records, and so the context has value also.

Are you interested in a copy?

Barry PYCROFT barry@pycroft.co.nz Phone 942-8417

• **Genealogy Sessions at Tūranga - What's on in your library?**

Free introductory sessions on Tuakiri / Identity, Level 2

Discover how to explore your family history with these fantastic resources:

- How to find a burial 2-3pm, Monday 16th March
- *FamilySearch* 2-3pm, Tuesday 21st April

Talk to staff for more information. No booking is required, just show up. *Thanks to Victoria Wisternoff for sending this through.*

• **University of Edinburgh Genetics Study** - The University of Edinburgh are conducting a study seeking people with at least two grandparents who were born in Orkney or Shetland for a genetics study aimed at improving health. There is believed to be a significant number of people of Northern Isles descent living in Dunedin. Click on the link below to read the article from the BBC News on 18th January 2020 which also has the information for registering for the study. [University Study](#)

• **NZ History – Dates in NZ History for March** – <https://nzhistory.govt.nz/calendar/3>

- **6 March 1830 - Outbreak of the 'Girls' War' at Kororāreka** - The so-called 'Girls' War' was fought between northern and southern Ngāpuhi at Kororāreka (now Russell). Up to 100 Māori were killed or wounded in the fighting, after which the northern alliance took control of the important settlement.... <https://nzhistory.govt.nz/outbreak-of-the-girls-war-at-kororareka>
- **8 March 1921 - First appointment of trainee school dental nurses** - On 8 March 1921 newspapers reported that the first 34 women had been appointed to train as dental nurses for the state-funded School Dental Service (SDS). A world first, the SDS was established to provide New Zealand primary school children with free dental care, in recognition of the appalling condition of New Zealand children's teeth.... <https://nzhistory.govt.nz/page/first-appointment-trainee-school-dental-nurses> [Check out the resources for Dental Nurses in our Branch Library.]
- **10 March 1869 - New Zealand Cross created** - This medal was created because members of New Zealand's colonial forces were not eligible for the Victoria Cross. Only 23 were awarded, all to men who served in the [New Zealand Wars](#), making it one of the world's rarest military honours.... <https://nzhistory.govt.nz/the-new-zealand-cross-is-instituted-by-order-in-council>
- **12 March 1864 - Arthur's Pass 'discovered'** - The summit of Arthur's Pass over the Southern Alps between the headwaters of the Ōtira and Bealey rivers marks the boundary between Canterbury and the West Coast. The pass was known to Māori, who used it to bring pounamu (jade) across the Southern Alps. It was crossed for the first time by Europeans in 1864 and named after the surveyor Arthur Dobson.... <https://nzhistory.govt.nz/arthurs-pass-discovered>
- **17 March 1860 - First Taranaki War erupts at Waitara** - The opening shots of the first Taranaki War were fired when British troops attacked a pā built by Te Āti Awa chief Te Rangitāke at Te Kohia, Waitara.... <https://nzhistory.govt.nz/taranaki-war-erupts-after-shots-exchanged-at-waitara>
- **23 March 1848 - Scottish settlers arrive in Otago** - Otago celebrates the arrival of the immigrant ship John Wickliffe as the founding day of the province. The ship and its 97 passengers sailed from Gravesend, England, on 24 November 1847. Three days later, the Philip Laing left Greenock, Scotland, with a further 247 people. Both ships were carrying Scottish settlers bound for New Zealand.... <https://nzhistory.govt.nz/scottish-settlers-arrive-otago>
- **24 March 1770 - Kidnapped Ngāti Kahu chief Ranginui dies on French ship** - Ranginui was a Ngāti Kahu chief from Doubtless Bay who was kidnapped by the French explorer Jean François Marie de Surville.... <https://nzhistory.govt.nz/maori-kidnap-victim-dies-french-ship>
- **26 March 1896 - Brunner mine disaster kills 65** - At 9.30 a.m. an explosion tore through the Brunner mine in Westland's Grey Valley. Two men sent underground to investigate were later found unconscious from black damp, a suffocating mixture of nitrogen and carbon dioxide.... <https://nzhistory.govt.nz/sixty-seven-men-die-in-the-brunner-coal-mine-on-the-west-coast>
- **27 March 1883 - The 'Sallies' come to New Zealand** - On 27 March 1883 two young English Salvation Army officers, Captain George Pollard and Lieutenant Edward Wright, arrived at Port Chalmers. Their mission was to establish a New Zealand branch of the Christian evangelical movement, which had been founded in the slums of London's East End in 1865.... <https://nzhistory.govt.nz/page/sallies-come-to-new-zealand>
- **31 March 1910 - Hocken Library opened at Otago Museum** - Thomas Hocken's priceless legacy of historical material is the most important collection outside Crown ownership in New Zealand. Its former owner ranks alongside the country's two other famous collectors and benefactors, Sir George Grey and Alexander Turnbull.... <https://nzhistory.govt.nz/page/hocken-library-opened-otago-museum>

• **Female Convicts Research Centre - Seminar 2020:** Sunday, 5th April 2020 – Hobart, Tasmania.

Topic: THE EARLY YEARS 1803-1828 - Two hundred years ago, the *Morley* sailed from London to Hobart Town. This was the first time that convict women were sent to Van Diemen's Land directly from England. The convict women on the *Morley* arrived at a time before the Hobart Town Female Factory was established. The *Morley* disembarked 50 of its cargo of 121 women; the remainder sailed to Sydney. Our Seminar for 2020 will explore the experience of those convict women who came directly to Hobart Town and compare it with those who came via Sydney. Why was the system changed? What impact did it have on the lives of the convict women? Registrations for the seminar will need to be finalised by 29th March. The venue will be the Hobart Town Hall. Details see <https://www.femaleconvicts.org.au/>. Also, VIRTUAL HOBART TOWN - John Stephenson's digital recreation of colonial Hobart Town.

Regards, Dianne Snowden, President, FCRC - Alister & Denise McKenzie aj.de@xtra.co.nz

• **Local history resources** - An annotated bibliography of published sources on the history of Christchurch, Lyttelton, and Banks Peninsula. Produced by Christchurch City Libraries - 167 pages of links to books and web sites. Can download as a PDF to your PC or tablet. <https://christchurchcitylibraries.com/Heritage/LocalHistory/Bibliography/LocalHistoryResources.pdf> Fiona

Local History Talk: Christchurch, A Sickly City

https://christchurch.bibliocommons.com/events/5e4b540ad3e76d3a00225fed?_ga=2.64053295.1287683452.1582483735-1613643002.1582483735

We went to an interesting talk by local historian and author, Gerard Morris. Gerard, who is writing the book: *A Gift to Canterbury's Children, The E.B. Millton Charitable Trust: the Man, his Family and the Trust*, spoke about the Millton family who have lived in Christchurch since its first decade of settlement. This was a time when a deathly shadow was cast over the frontier community. It was a time when Canterbury's citizens best-educated themselves to the needs for pure drinking water, sanitation, drainage, clean air, the benefits of sunshine and sport, and then got on with the physical job of achieving those goals which emphasised the need to improve living conditions for children. It is from those day-to-day struggles that we find the origin of the Trust. Fiona & David

Some Millton family links - <https://birchhillmemorial.wixsite.com/www1-ride/the-millton-family-at-birch-hill->, https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William_Millton, <https://www.geni.com/people/Edward-Millton/600000059394170304>, <https://www.geni.com/people/James-Millton/600000069888145185>

MEETING REPORTS**Thursday Evening Meeting – “Updating Research Resources” - with Sandra Serra**

There have been changes at the Branch Library and the research resources around the city have some new contacts. This was a great chance to catch up with what has been changed or is about to change and what resources are here in the city for us to use to help with our research. Sandra also explained the changes made in the Library and where to find your favourites. In our Branch we have an emphasis towards local Canterbury and South Canterbury resources, including school records and cemetery records. Come along and explore the wonderful resources available – as we have been told many times, there are so many resources for genealogy available that are not yet on the Internet, so we need to explore all resources.

CONTACT DETAILS FOR 2020 RESOURCES

Archives NZ – Christchurch – 15 Harvard Avenue, Wigram
ordering material – www.archway.archives.govt.nz

Air Forces resources – make an appointment if wanting to do research
Defence Department records – personnel.archives@nzfd.mil.nz
research - research@airforcemuseum.co.nz - at Wigram Air Force Museum, 45 Harvard Avenue, Wigram

Church Archives

Anglican – phone 365 9444 archivesdiochch@anglicanlife.org.nz – archivist Jane Teal, need to book ahead, limited space & time

Catholic – archives@chch.catholic.org.nz – archivist Triona Doocey

Methodist – phone 03 366 6049 archives@methodist.org.nz – archivist Jo Smith

Some Methodist records in Dunedin at Hocken Library

Presbyterian - <https://www.presbyterian.org.nz/archives/> - great website

Crematorium Records – phone 03 389 6282 www.cremsoc.co.nz

Can often find what happened to ashes in Canterbury area, private companies

Land records - Chris Ward – wardc@xtra.co.nz

Also LINZ – Land Information NZ and in Archives offices for area

Council Archives

Christchurch City Council Don.Robertson@ccc.govt.nz and archives@ccc.govt.nz

Selwyn District Council records.management@selwyn.govt.nz

Canterbury Museum – research – info@canterburymuseum.com - difficult to access, can volunteer

Libraries – city libraries as well as local libraries and museums

Canterbury Resources – many listed on our branch website - here are some of the museums, archives, libraries, historical societies and other places of research available in the Canterbury region. <https://canterburygenealogy.wordpress.com/canterbury-resources/>

Thanks to Lorraine Wilmshurst for PowerPoint presentation and to Fiona Lees for report

**Thursday Morning Meeting – “Never Forget – Six extraordinary World War II stories of courage, survival and hope” - with Jo Bailey.**

Jo began her presentation with a bit about her own life, which has been influenced by a lifelong love of books and storytelling. As a journalist she has written articles for many magazines and publications and interviewed many interesting people.

This is her 4th book which evolved over several years gathering the stories of individuals she met and interviewed along the way. Each have come from different backgrounds, but WWII had a significant impact on their lives which link them together.

Harry Spencer - born in New Zealand, fought in Africa and had a close relationship with General Freyberg. He married after his return but had no children, but later involved with the RSA in looking after the children of soldiers who did not return.

Bram Uljee - born in Dutch East Indies and lived a privileged life until the Japanese occupation, when his family suffered severe deprivation, followed by Indo civil upheaval. He and his remaining family evacuated to NZ in 1946.

Eva de Konning - as a child she lived in Rotterdam under German occupation and had a privileged life living on a large property where her father was a livestock breeder. Her father became a member of the local resistance with Eva becoming an innocent courier for them. Messages were sewn into the hem of her coat then she would pass through checkpoints unchallenged, and back home with the reply. She came to NZ after the war, married, and later with her husband John, had the Blue Mill milk bar in Sydenham.

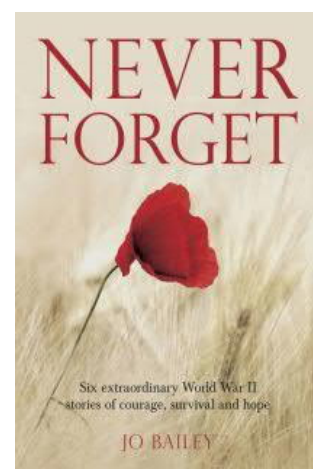
Ronnie Sabin - had a very tough life in the slums of Newcastle-Upon-Tyne, living a life in street gangs after his father was killed in the war and his mother not able to cope. She eventually agreed to her three children being sent to Australia as child migrants arriving at Fairbright Farm in NSW, which Ronnie says saved him from a life of crime. He is keen to acknowledge that he enjoyed a very positive experience, unlike many other children who were sent to various countries after the war. He later came to Christchurch where he is the greenkeeper for Papanui Bowls Club.

Naylor Hillary - born in the UK became a navigator in Churchill's top-secret RAF Squadron known as the *Moonlight Squad*. Their role was to drop secret agents behind enemy lines and flew without light only when the moon was enough to navigate by, hence the name. Jo met Naylor in 2017 at the St Andrews College 100th Anniversary when he was aged 101 years & recorded his story for her book.

Maria Wegrzyn – born in Poland she and her family were sent to Siberia before the Russians gave them amnesty in return for fighting the Germans. She and her siblings became orphans when their parents died then, in 1944 they arrived in Pahiatua along with the other 700+ Polish orphans taken in by NZ. Maria came as a caregiver to other children due to her age – 14 years was considered too old to be an orphan, but old enough to be “mother” to many others.

Each of these people showed immense courage and the will to survive against the odds and Jo has an on-going friendship with all of them who are still living. Jo's book can be purchased via her website: <https://www.jobailey.com> where there is also information about the *Writing Life Story* workshops she runs. If her book and her enthusiasm for writing are any indication, these workshops would be worth considering.

Thanks to Sandra Serra for report



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.

- **Chronology of Wilsons** – Evelyn Robertson showed us an example of how she had created a timeline of her Wilson family, using the resources listed. This showed a different way of presenting the story of a family chronologically with other events listed as well. *PapersPast*, Electoral Rolls, Hocken Library (school records), BDM, Balclutha Branch, Milton Historical Society, Heritage NZ, NZ Archives, Presbyterian & Methodist Archives, certificates, LINZ. Dunedin Archives were brilliant. Presbyterian Archives online. Electoral Rolls, some indexed, some browsable. Main roll and supplementary. During war, rolls were compiled, but no election held.
- **Land Title Searches – current and old** - Chris Ward, who approached me at the *Positive Ageing Expo*, has offered to do land title searches for members at the rate of \$7 per title search. He also has access to survey plans, mainly for the South Island. If you would like to contact Chris send him an email at wardc@xtra.co.nz with your query. Sandra

UPCOMING EVENT - CHRISTCHURCH FAMILY HISTORY EXPO - chchfhexpo@gmail.com – Coming in August!!

Following on from the successes of the free 'Auckland Family History Expo' held at Auckland City Libraries each year, planning is well under way for an inaugural, free entry, 'Christchurch Family History Expo' to be held at Tūranga, Central City Library, Cathedral Square, this year. This will be held **Friday 14th & Saturday 15th August**, following on from the *Auckland Family History Expo*.

This is the first year the Christchurch City Libraries has offered a Family History Expo. Since 2015 Auckland has held a Family History Expo which last year attracted more than 1200 people over the 2.5 days of the event. We are marketing our event beyond the genealogy community to the general public, who have a range of knowledge of the subject – from none to experienced – and we aim for a broad programme that will interest those with a passion for all things history.

There is an email attachment requesting *Expressions of Interest* as Exhibitors and / or Speakers for this exciting event. To assist planning for this event, *Expressions of Interest* will be required by 15th March.

The email address above will be used for communication. If you think you would like to exhibit or speak at this Expo, please send an email to this address. <<chchfhexpo@gmail.com>> **More details later. Watch this space !!**

Interesting Book - 'Hooked on Motunau'

I've recently bought an amazing book called 'Hooked on Motunau' which has a brief history of the Caverhill family in North Canterbury and where they lived in it. Once postage is added the cost is over \$100 but it is well worth it, in my opinion. It is a history of the area through, in some cases, 5 generations and it has some beautiful art work and photographs. The library has copies but if you want your own contact Irene Shepherd at admin@ghost-writer.co.nz I thought someone in the Branch had Caverhill family. Kathie Hughes

I have the Caverhill family in my tree. Frances Caverhill, née King was sister to my GG.Grandmother Sarah King. Frances wrote diaries throughout her life, and are held by the Canterbury Museum which I read over the course of a year. They are a fascinating insight into life on the early runs in the North Canterbury / Amuri district. Sandra Serra

National Remembrance Service to Mark First Anniversary of Mosque Attacks

A national remembrance service will be held on the afternoon of Sunday 15 March 2020 to honour those killed in the Christchurch mosque attacks and to build on the spirit of unity that came out of the tragedy. Fifty-one people died as a result of the shootings at the Al Noor and Linwood mosques on Friday 15 March 2019 and many others were injured. To mark the first anniversary of the mosque attacks, a national remembrance service is going to be held in Christchurch's North Hagley Park on Sunday 15 March 2020 in the afternoon.

The programme for the national remembrance service is being put together with input from those most affected by the attacks, including survivors and families of the victims. The service will be jointly led by the local Muslim community, Christchurch City Council, the Government and Ngāi Tūāhuriri as mana whenua. More details, including the timing of the service, will be announced in coming weeks.

Documentary We Are One Marks the Anniversary of the Mosque Attacks - A new documentary follows survivors or relatives of those killed in last year's Christchurch mosque attacks. **We Are One: The Mosque Attacks One Year On** (TVNZ 1, March 15, 8.30pm) brings to light survivors and family members whose lives were shattered by the shootings on March 15. The documentary also follows as the group joins with 200 New Zealand pilgrims on a trip to perform Hajj in Mecca, a journey that was funded by the Saudi King. This article was first published in the March 7, 2020 issue of the New Zealand Listener.

<https://www.msn.com/en-nz/entertainment/tv/documentary-we-are-one-marks-the-anniversary-of-the-mosque-attacks/ar-BB10yNI1?li=BBqdg4K&ocid=mailsignout>

RootsWeb Mailing Lists to be Discontinued

The following is from an email message sent to many RootsWeb users from the RootsWeb administrators:

Beginning March 2nd, 2020 the Mailing Lists functionality on RootsWeb will be discontinued. Users will no longer be able to send outgoing emails or accept incoming emails. Additionally, administration tools will no longer be available to list administrators and mailing lists will be put into an archival state. Administrators may save the emails in their list prior to March 2nd. After that, mailing list archives will remain available and searchable on RootsWeb. As an alternative to RootsWeb Mailing Lists, Ancestry message boards are a great option to network with others in the genealogy community. Message boards are available for free with an Ancestry registered account.

Thank you for being part of the RootsWeb family and contributing to this community. Sincerely, The RootsWeb team

Join newzealand@groups.io

We've enjoyed using and participating in the Rootsweb list, and the announcement above sparked a discussion about what to do. Hugh has set up another list, and in my inbox this morning was an email from newzealand@groups.io :-

This is a mailing list for family history (genealogy) and local history researchers searching in New Zealand. This is a replacement list for the NZ rootsweb mailing list. Members are encouraged to ask for assistance with their research in New Zealand and to assist others when possible. Topics open for discussion are: The History of NZ and places in NZ; The Genealogy of the families who lived there for any period or settled there; Publications, archives, resources etc. relating to the area; Announcements of related events or events considered to be of benefit / interest to subscribers. Hugh, Administrator, newzealand@groups.io

So Hugh's wonderful service will continue, in fact even better than before as all the old features of the Rootsweb list remain, plus more. So, go to [Subscribe: newzealand+subscribe@groups.io](mailto:newzealand+subscribe@groups.io) and add your email to the list.



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NEXT MEETING: Thursday 26th March 2020, 7:30 p.m. at St Margaret's Hub, 94 Farrington Avenue.

Topic: In house meeting from four members around some aspects of their research. *Topics to be advised.*

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 17th March at 7.30pm

Topic: *Discoveries Made In My Research*

Speaker: Philip Worthington

As usual, convenor Philip Worthington has been side-tracked in his researches. He wishes to share with you some of the things he has found while delving into the Worthington name.

- A charismatic preacher who enthralled Victorian Christchurch.
- A serial bigamist with at least 13 "wives".
- An American lawyer who bilked scores of people of what – in today's money – was millions of dollars.
- A conman who used at least 18 different aliases to perpetrate his frauds.

Oh, and – just as a matter of interest – this is all the same person!

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

Thanks to Philip Worthington

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DEFINE: BARKING UP THE WRONG TREE

To Completely Misunderstand a Situation
 To Make a False Assumption About a Situation

Barking Up the Wrong Tree - What to Do?

If you haven't had this happen yet, you probably will. Your ancestor, perhaps your great-great grandpa, whose lineage you've traced for a decade, turns out to not be your great-grandpa. Uh-oh. Now what?

- * Do you throw your hands up in the air and exclaim "*That's it! I give up!*"
- * Do you slump down in your chair, hang your head and moan "*Woe is me, all my hard work down the drain!*"
- * Do you pump your fist and yell "*Yippee - what fun! Now I have a whole new line to trace!*"
- * Do you take a deep breath, pause, and then calmly say to yourself "*I better be really sure about this before I venture off on a new tangent!*"

Hubs and I faced this dilemma a year or so ago, and opted for reactions 3 and 4. It can happen for many reasons. It can be quite dramatic such as an illicit birth or it can be very mundane - human error. Perhaps there was a hidden affair - a baby born to a married couple but not the husband's child. Perhaps you, the researcher, simply made an assumption that turned out to be incorrect.

In our case with hubs' great-grandfather, we had no idea we had the wrong man until DNA tests were done. They proved conclusively that hubs' great-grandmother's child was born to a different man than her husband.

We weren't shocked, or horrified, and we did not judge his great-grandma. Why would we? We don't know if she hid the truth from her husband or she told him. We don't know the circumstances but we did feel a twinge of guilt that her long-held secret was now out. She certainly hid it from her children and grandchildren but here we were uncovering it and exposing it to the universe.

But I confess that most of what I felt was excitement at having an entire new line of people to find for hubs.

We've spent quite a bit of time now on Bert's new paternal lineage (Cooper). We know his father was one of two men who were nephew & uncle, so we have a two-pronged research. I don't know if we will ever know for sure which man was the father but we have a theory.

As for our original research into the wrong family (Holden), I've saved it all in case anyone is ever looking for the family in Ontario. I have a lot I can share! Do you have a story? <http://olivetreegenealogy.blogspot.com/2018/04/barking-up-wrong-tree-what-to-do.html>

**Barking up
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WELCOME TO OUR MEMBERS:

We wish a warm welcome and happy researching to all members.

IN MEMORIAM: *We pass on sympathy & condolences to all those who have lost family and friends recently. We were very sad to hear of the death of one of our members, Andrew Taylor and pass on sympathy to Adela and family. Adela and Andrew have been members for over 25 years.*

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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.
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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!!

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

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

SATURDAY & SUNDAY 10:00AM – 5:00PM

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Visit St James Church and Cemetery,
Papanui, Harewood Road
Saturday 21st March, 10am

**DNA Discovery Lectures**

Friday 20th March – Halswell Library

- free evening talk

Saturday 21st & Sunday 22nd March

- Tūranga, City Library 2 day workshop