

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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October 2019

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

Thursday 10th October - 7:30pm - Evening Meeting – Parkview Community Lounge - Hall (*Library open 7:00-7:30pm – cuppa after*)

Under Two Flags

Kingsley Sampson, retired major in the Salvation Army and trainer at the Booth College of Mission, the Salvation Army's Bible College, will talk about the Salvation Army's roll during WW II.

Thursday 17th October 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.

Local Lives: A History of Addington

John Wilson will talk about the book he has published on the history of Addington. John has an academic background in history and is a self-employed Canterbury historian and writer.

OCTOBER 2019 - **BECA Christchurch Heritage Festival** - see website ccc.govt.nz/heritagefestival & brochure for events

Saturday 12th **BECA Christchurch Heritage Festival – Family History Day – Tūranga** (see Page 8)

Saturday 19th **BECA Christchurch Heritage Festival – Canterbury Branch** will be running an all-day seminar / workshop (10am – 4pm) on how to expand your family history beyond the birth, death and marriage dates you have collected. Cost \$10. Need to register and pay before the day. **10:00am - Parkview Community Lounge – Hall** See Page 2 for details.

Labour Weekend **NZ Irish Feis 2019**, a celebration of all things Irish. <https://www.nzirishfeis.co.nz/> The 2019 NZ Irish Feis will be a celebration of our culture, dancing and sport. We're planning a multicultural family friendly and free event to welcome all from Christchurch. Amaria Connell, 021 239 4939, Christchurch Irish Society Committee

Labour Weekend **Cheviot Area Schools 125th Anniversary** – October 25 & 26 – Ring Cheviot Area School 03 319 8787 or go to facebook.com/cheviotareaschool to register. Schools include Cheviot Area Schools, McKenzie School, Parnassus, Spotswood, Domett, Port Robinson, Leamington, Conway Flat, Ethelton, Leadervale, Tormore, Gore Bay. *Kathy Bisman*

NOVEMBER 2019

Saturday 2nd **Irish Interest Group** - Bi-monthly informal group asking & answering questions, sharing information, resources & knowledge, with Evelyn Robertson. **10:00am - Parkview Community Lounge – Donnington Room**

Thursday 14th **Evening meeting – Kathy Bisman**, is going to talk about taking a second look at information on certificates.

Thursday 21st **Morning meeting – Mary Stapleton-Smith, "Wet to the Skin"** – the story of a North Canterbury Doctor in the 1850/60s.

Saturday 23rd **Computer Interest Group** – Bi-monthly informal group asking & answering questions, sharing websites, discussing computers & genealogy programs. We will browse the Internet, & look at some FamilySearch Affiliate Library records. A stop half way through for a cuppa break. Led by Fiona Lees. **10:00am-12noon - Parkview Community Lounge – Hall**

Saturday 23rd **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.**

Saturday 23rd **Seminar - Michelle Patient** - Michelle Patient is visiting Ashburton for a one day seminar. *Open to the public – in the upstairs meeting room of the Ashburton Art Gallery & Heritage Centre, 327 West Street, Ashburton – doors open at 10am – sessions begin at 10.30 – BYO lunch - \$20 per person. Thanks, Shari Early, Ashburton District Family History Group.*

Topics suggested to Michelle but not confirmed (may only be time for three sessions) –

1. Your DNA results have arrived – now what?
2. Reviewing your Research – or how to get past that roadblock in your tree
3. Ancestry, FindMyPast, My Heritage and FamilySearch
4. Under the Hood - Indexes and Archives in a Digital age: how they are created and why they are useful

Monday 25th **Australian Interest Group** - Tri-monthly informal group asking and answering questions, sharing information, resources and knowledge, with Atholin Pierre. **10:30am - Parkview Community Lounge – Donnington Room**

DECEMBER 2019

Saturday 14th Christmas Lunch 10:00am – 1:00pm **Parkview Community Lounge – Hall**
Saturday 14th Last day for branch library to be open 10:00am – 1:00pm

For user groups, why not stay for lunch & use Branch Library resources for research after a meeting! If your surname is between Q & Z 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:

It's that time again when we are starting to wind down for the year, with only four more branch meetings before our Xmas lunch.

As we have done in past years, we will be having **Xmas hampers** for the raffle prizes at the November meetings, which means we need to start collecting your donations during October so we can have them ready. The usual box will be in the Donnington Room and at branch meetings, so if you would like to donate some non-perishable items, we would much appreciate it.

The books donated to the branch by Marie Corser have now been sorted, with some to be catalogued and shelved and others have been added to the sales shelf in the Donnington Room. Take some time to have a browse through these; you never know what you may find to help your research or just something of general interest. Hopefully by the end of the year the shelves will be much depleted, and we can decide what to do with the remaining books.

The City Council have installed sensors in each of our three rooms linked to the alarm system which makes us a bit more confident that our resources are as safe as we can make them. The Council are also looking at other measures such as removing, or cutting back, some of the trees along the path and better lighting. These will take more time as they involve different departments of the council and their budgets, but fingers crossed some further changes will be made in due course.

You all like to read the write-ups of our branch meeting topics in the newsletter and generally it falls to committee members to do these each month. We would love to hear from members who would like to offer to take this on occasionally. It doesn't have to be too detailed or too long, the only requirement is to meet the newsletter deadline. If you are interested please get in touch with Fiona, David or me to find out more.

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



Remember Enclosed Enclosed

to bring your contributions in October, for the Christmas Hamper raffle prizes in November. Magazine Round Robin form for you to order your selection before end of December for next year. 2020 Branch Calendar for next year's meetings



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.

The Branch is running an event as part of the *BECA Heritage Festival* - we will be holding a "Beyond the Basics" Mini Expo on Saturday 19th October.

The talks will take researchers beyond the basic BDMs and give tips on how to collate research into a narrative of family history.

"Encountering Your Family's Story" – 19th October 2019, 10am-4pm - Parkview Community Lounge.

A day-long workshop with short seminars and an opportunity to see the well-stocked library at the NZ Society of Genealogists Canterbury Branch.

Morning and afternoon tea are included but BYO lunch - or buy something at one of the food places across the road at the Queenspark shops.

Cost - \$10 for the day (or part-day). <https://www.ccc.govt.nz/news-and-events/whats-on/show/2996>

Booking required - email canterburynz@genealogy.org.nz to register or see <https://canterburygenealogy.wordpress.com/> or email Natasha Wells, Coordinator, natashawells552@gmail.com for more information.



Programme

10.00am - 10.15am	Morning tea
10.15am - 10.30am	Introduction
10.30am - 11.15am	Using a questionnaire to draw out information from family members (or ourselves) to structure a narrative of our past – Lorraine Wilmshurst
11.15am – 12.00pm	The richness of information found in a cemetery – Kathy Bisman
12.00pm – 1.00pm	Lunch
1.00pm - 2.30pm	(1) How to search historical New Zealand newspapers using <i>PapersPast</i> and how the information found aids research into our family - Philip Worthington. (2) What's available on <i>FamilySearch</i> ? <i>Explore Records, Genealogies, Catalogs, Books and Wiki</i> , as well as discover the additional records available through Canterbury Branch having <i>FamilySearch Digital Affiliate Library</i> access - Fiona Lees
2.30pm - 2.45pm	Afternoon tea
2.45pm – 4.00pm	(1) Benefits of being a NZSG member - Bruce Holm (2) NZSG Canterbury Branch resources - Jenny Mayne

BECA Christchurch Heritage Festival - 7–28 October 2019 - [ccc.govt.nz/heritagefestival](https://www.ccc.govt.nz/heritagefestival)

<https://www.ccc.govt.nz/news-and-events/whats-on/?programme=1>

See more on Page 8.

Fiona Brooker & Heritage Festival - I've got lots happening during the month: <https://memoriesintime.co.nz/pages/workshops-presentations>, but it would be great if you could promote the free workshop that I'm doing on 15th October '**Past Encounters Telling Our Stories**' – 3 hour workshop. - <https://memoriesintime.co.nz/collections/workshops/products/past-encounters-telling-our-stories>

Fiona Brooker, Genealogist, Phone 027 313 8202 <http://memoriesintime.co.nz> facebook.com/memoriesintimenz/

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 additions to Branch library listed below have come from Marie Corser who is downsizing and has donated a number of books to the Branch:-

- Tracing your Family History on the Internet
- Tracing your East End Ancestors
- Tracing your Liverpool Ancestors
- Tracing your Legal Ancestors
- Tracing your Huguenot Ancestors
- Tracing your Trade & Craftsman Ancestors
- Tracing your Merchant Navy Ancestors

These all have the code (**M**) and will be shelved in the Meeting Room / Donnington Room.

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

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

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.

PROBLEM OR BRICK WALL

Would you like some one on one help?.

If you are close to Fendalton Library – an NZSG member is at the Family History computer on the first Wednesday each month.

If you live near Upper Riccarton library – an NZSG member is available at their Family History computer on Wednesdays each week.

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.

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

GOVERNMENT BUYS KATE SHEPPARD'S HOUSE FOR EDUCATIONAL AND HERITAGE USE

Suffragist Kate Sheppard's house is to become a public educational space focusing on New Zealand women and social change.

Heritage New Zealand has bought the Christchurch house where Kate Sheppard lived and led the fight resulting in New Zealand women becoming the first in the world to vote in 1893. Prime Minister and Arts, Culture and Heritage Minister Jacinda Ardern said the purchase recognised all women who had made a difference, and would highlight social change in the country's history.

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/life-style/homed/houses/115907747/government-buys-kate-sheppards-house-for-educational-and-heritage-use> Stuff, Liz McDonald, Sep 19, 2019 - announced on Suffrage Day

**AN 1870'S EXAMPLE OF VACCINATION**

With the recent publicity on the benefits of vaccination to prevent the spread of measles I was reminded of some entries in the diaries of Frances CAVERHILL née KING, my GGG Aunt. I read her diaries held by the Canterbury Museum during 2010 and made extensive notes as I went, including these references to vaccinating two of her babies:

Aug 12th 1870 – *Dr vaccinated baby today.* This would have been her son, Francis King, born November 1869.

Aug 9th 1872 – *Dr vaccinated baby making her arm bleed.* Referring to her daughter Christina (Cissy) Isabella who was born July 1871.

September 5th 1872- Frances refers to Cissy being vaccinated again with some vaccine Mrs Smith has sent her.

Dr went to Ferniehurst, took a little matter from Esther's arm and vaccinated Cissy with that and some Mrs Smith sent me. (Esther was the daughter of the manager at Ferniehurst, a neighbouring station to Hawkswood where the Caverhill family were at the time. Mrs Smith's identity is unknown).

I imagine what Frances meant was extracting some fluid from a pustule on Esther's arm as a result of an earlier vaccination, then mixing it with vaccine to be injected into her baby's arm. Clearly, Frances was not an anti-vaxxer!

The vaccine would have been to prevent smallpox, the only vaccination available at that time. Edward Jenner developed and performed the first vaccination in 1796. This website has a timeline showing the development of vaccines over time and various epidemics throughout the world, almost to the present day but not including the present measles outbreaks around the world.

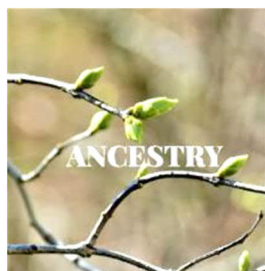
<https://www.historyofvaccines.org/timeline/all>

Sandra Serra

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.

- **The Maori Interest Group of the NZSG** has published "Whakapapa - An Introduction to Maori Family History Research". This is a useful guide for those learning to navigate their Maori history heritage and culture. *From the NZSG Facebook page, Bruce Holm*
- **"NZ Society of Genealogists journals from Nov-Dec 1988 to August 2019"**. No charge. Phone Christina Williams on 359 1544 to arrange a time for the journals to be collected from my Harewood address. *Thank you. Christina Williams NZSG#11678*
- **Last Soldier Project - Can you help?** *Stuff, in conjunction with RSA NZ, is working to collate a national database of the last surviving WWII veterans. This database will be available to all New Zealanders via Stuff.co.nz when it is finished, and it is hoped it will be a useful resource for people studying New Zealand's war history. Titled **The Last Soldier**, the project will include a database and stories, photographs and videos. If you can help, please email Nicole.johnstone@stuff.co.nz or phone 027 243 1976. For the database, we are looking for the following information on surviving WWII veterans: Full name, location, force, theatre and service number.* *Sandra*
- **"Polish Settlers to Marshland 1872"** - I am writing to advertise to your members the possibility of purchasing a book by Martha Schimanski "Polish Settlers to Marshland 1872". Martha is the granddaughter of Christopher Schimanski, and grandniece of Mathew Schimanski, among the first Polish settlers in New Zealand. Matthew arrived in 1872 on *The Friedeburg*, Christopher followed him here in 1882. Like many Polish immigrants at the time, they settled in the Marshland area and were instrumental in draining its swampy land and converting it into fertile agricultural soils. The book is a result of many years of Martha's research and is self-published. It records the history of the Schimanski family but, by proxy (through marriage), it is also history of the early Polish community in the Marshland area. Martha recently celebrated her 90th birthday which I attended and she entrusted me with a limited number of copies to sell on her behalf. The book is priced \$25 per copy and anyone interested can contact me: *Ann Gruczynska - President, Polish Association in Christchurch Inc., Email: Christchurch@polonia.org.nz Phone: 021 0657 306* *From Jim Copland*
- **Watch this Space - March 2020**
A DNA event is to be held in Christchurch towards the end of March 2020 in conjunction with Christchurch City Libraries. We have international speakers on our list of possible speakers. We're just putting together the details and will have those out soon. In the meantime keep some space in your diary if you are interested in hearing from some great speakers. *Fiona Brooker*
- **Female Convicts Research Centre Spring Seminar Reminder - Date:** Sunday, 20th October 2019 **Venue:** Hobart Town Hall **Topic:** "A more hopeless class of subjects?", Convict Women at the New Norfolk Asylum
The 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; and Female delinquency and madness in VDL. Also included is "*The FCRC Database: what it is and how to use it*". An interactive demonstration of the Female Convicts in Van Diemen's Land Database.
Check out website at <https://www.femaleconvicts.org.au/>. *Dianne Snowden, FCRC, from Alister & Denise Mckenzie*

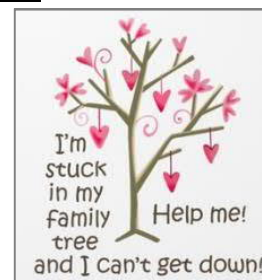
"BRAINSTORM BUDS" - BRANCHES, TWIGS, BUDS AND A MESS OF KINDLING

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.

October Brainstorm Bud - Suggestions on how to confirm a link with my Great Grandmother Jane Esther LeBrun née Maretz who married in Dunedin 1875, with a

Jane Esther Maretz born c.1845 in Jersey would be helpful. Intention to Marry indicates she was in Dunedin about 1872 although death certificate. indicates she may have been in NZ in the 1860's. Parent's names are unknown and NZ documents confirm she was born in Jersey, Channel Islands.



Sandra Serra

September Brainstorm Bud was – We have wonderful school record resources in Canterbury that fill a gap as we don't have detail from 10 yearly Census takings as they do in UK. What and where would we find what schools our ancestors would have gone to in UK, and do these have arrival, departure, guardian and age details? Any suggestions gratefully received at meeting or email. *Fiona*

- 1870 Education Act came into force - *Jenny Mayne info*
- County offices may have local records for schools or be able to tell you where they might be held.
- Local Family History groups
- The National Archives directory - search schools
- Public Schools would have their own records... if you knew which one of course.
- School centennial books - if ancestor was well known for some reason schools liked to skite about them so names may be included.
- FamilySearch- catalogue search for books.

Thanks for your help and suggestions, will enjoy following through with these, *Fiona.* nzsg-cantygroup-newsletter@hotmail.co.nz

BECA CHRISTCHURCH HERITAGE FESTIVAL 2019**Photo Hunt 2019**

Be in to win! Share your photos and help us to create a picture of our city's heritage. This year's theme is **Encounter Our Stories**.

Photographs will be uploaded to the Discovery Wall at Tūranga (Central Library).

Presented by Christchurch City Libraries.

When - 1 Oct 2019 to 31 Oct 2019

<https://www.ccc.govt.nz/news-and-events/whats-on/show/3089>



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

- **Historic Lyttelton tug gains funds to stay shipshape** - New Zealand's oldest operational steamship, based in Lyttelton since 1907, has been thrown a funding lifeline by Christchurch City Council agreeing to give the Tug Lyttelton Preservation Society a grant towards conservation and maintenance work on the 112-year-old tug, including dry docking fees. This is a much-loved piece of local history and a wonderful piece of craftsmanship that's very accessible to the public as a passenger boat and tourist attraction. For several decades the *Lyttelton* helped ships get safely in and out of the harbour. On 1 January 1908 she escorted Antarctic explorer Ernest Shackleton's *Nimrod* to Lyttelton Heads with locals crowding the surrounding hills to watch. The tug was retired from service in 1971 but since then has forged a new career as a passenger steamer taking people on cruises around Lyttelton Harbour and on charter trips. <https://cccgovt.nz.cwp.govt.nz/news-and-events/newsline/show/3873>
- **"Women Mean Business - Colonial Business Women in New Zealand"** - Book launch Whanganui, Thursday 3rd October — Dear genealogists in Christchurch and around. I am an NZSG member in Australia coming to NZ to promote my book. I am hoping that you will all spread the word among your members about the book and also about my forthcoming talk at the Canterbury Museum on Tuesday 29th October at 6pm, Bird Hall, Canterbury Museum, Christchurch. Come and hear the stories of some of Christchurch's early businesswomen - the respectable and not so respectable! Free but bookings required: bookings@canterburymuseum.com. Go in the draw to win a free book (*And Friday 25th October, Ashburton, 11 am, Ashburton Museum, 327 West Street.*) I am particularly keen to meet Cantabrians because my father's family originated from there - not the Bishopdale Bishops but the brewery Bishops - one of whom had the delicious name of Rookward Comport :) ... and my grandmother was a Vincent, who came from Timaru but before that the Oxford area. The website below gives details of my talks around the country, hope to see many of you there! Cath <http://catherinebishop.wixsite.com/history>
Dr Catherine Bishop. Winner of Ashurst Business Literature Prize 2016. cathbishophistory@gmail.com
- **Suffrage in Stitches Exhibition** - I was talking to a chap yesterday who told me about this exhibition in Wellington where people have got together & created panels representing family stories of women who signed the suffrage petition. The link below has a video about it which might be of interest to members. In it she says she hopes it will tour the country so it possibly may arrive here in Christchurch eventually, but in the meantime you can see the concept in the video. 546 Makers, 300 metres long, 500 fabrics, 27,000 individual hand stitches. A new exhibition has opened in Flux at Wellington Museum. **Suffrage in Stitches** matches the length of the original Suffrage petition and consists of 546 individually designed and stitched fabric panels (reflecting the number of pages in the petition). They tell the stories of those who signed the petition or those relatives who have influenced the 546 makers. The work includes the names of the 546 women & over 27,000 hand-stitched marks, one for each signature on the petition, along with multiple surface decoration techniques. https://youtu.be/WkJfAJ8cr_g <https://www.museumswellington.org.nz/suffrage-in-stitches-the-exhibition-2/>
Sandra
- **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 of your PC or tablet. <https://christchurchcitylibraries.com/Heritage/LocalHistory/Bibliography/LocalHistoryResources.pdf> Fiona
- **NZ History – Dates in NZ History** for October - <https://nzhistory.govt.nz/calendar/10>
- **First Albertland Settlers Arrive in Auckland** - 8 September 1862 - The *Matilda Wattenbach* brought 352 Nonconformist (non-Anglican Protestant) immigrants from England. Another 315 arrived on the *Hanover* a week later, and six more immigrant ships had arrived by 1865. The newcomers were the nucleus of a model community planned by the *Albertland Special Settlement Association*, set up in Birmingham in 1861 and named for Queen Victoria's recently deceased husband. These idealists even brought a printing press with them. Like many of the immigrants, this stayed in Auckland for some time. Only a few hundred of the 3,000 who had signed up for the scheme eventually made a go of it on the 40 acres that had been surveyed for each adult (plus 20 acres for each school-age child) around the Arapāoa, Ōtamatea and Ōruawharo 'rivers' – shallow inlets on the eastern side of Kaipara Harbour. Access via the 'Great North Road' was impossible and the bar at the entrance to the Kaipara Harbour was dangerous to cross. Worse still, the soil was generally infertile. Most sections in the planned town of Port Albert were land-banked by speculators and it never prospered. <https://nzhistory.govt.nz/page/first-albertland-settlers-arrive-auckland>



Natasha Wells was reminded that this was an anniversary of her family arriving on these two ships.

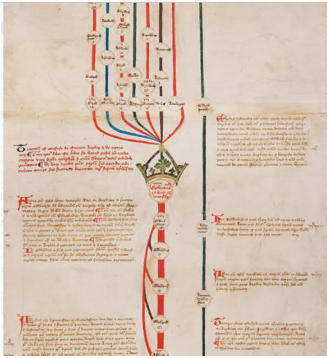
I didn't realise it was the anniversary of the Albertlanders' landing. My Wells family were Albertlanders, arriving on the Hanover. I have a photo of the family just before they departed England. Two of the elder daughters travelled on two separate ships as governesses, one of them arriving on the Matilda Wattenbach, so arrived earlier than the rest of the family. One daughter married and settled in Wellsford, a little inland from Port Albert, while the rest of the family sold their Port Albert holdings to settle in Auckland.

It's unclear which is which of some of the daughters, but the parents are my 3x great grandparents James and Frances WELLS (née SEAMAN), the son at the back is Samuel WELLS, brother to my 2x great grandfather who came out with his wife, maternal uncle and his family three years later on the Andrew Jackson. I was really excited to come across this picture as the only photos I'd seen were of the daughters as old women. Anyway, I'd thought I'd share.
Natasha Wells



MEETING REPORTS

Thursday Morning Meeting – “Canterbury Roll” - Professor Chris Jones, Department of History, University of Canterbury



The September evening meeting was a fascinating, and interesting talk from Prof. Chris Jones, on the Canterbury Roll.

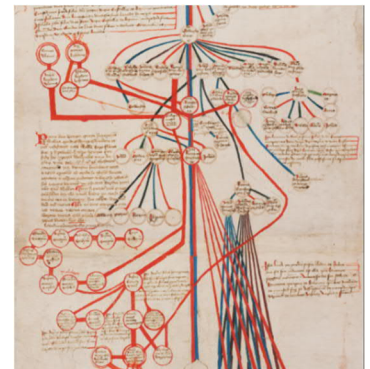
Written entirely in Latin, and compiled between 1433 and 1468, the Canterbury Roll is a medieval scroll containing genealogies of the kings of England. In Medieval times, rolls were revived as prestige items for transmitting genealogies. In the early middle ages, monks produced these rolls, but later professional scribes produced them.



The Canterbury roll was brought to NZ by the Maude family in the 19th century from England, and it was purchased by the university in 1918 for 100 pounds. The roll begins with Noah of the Biblical flood and continues to name Greek and Roman gods, then legendary King Brutus, an early settler of Britain, then to King Caracticus. It then lists the Anglo-Saxon

kings of the heptarchy (7 kingdoms) and then to the Normans and Plantagenet monarchs. It does not list King Henry the 6th, and has been heavily modified by a Lancastrian scribe. Hence some of the Yorkist monarchs are omitted. However, it was reworked by a Yorkist scribe between 1463 and 1468, adding the name of King Edward 4th with a white rose – symbol of the house of York faction in the wars of the roses. Norman Dukes, French kings and the Mortimer family who married into the Plantagenet Kings are also shown as sub-trees on the roll. King Richard 3rd and his nephew's names did not appear on the original roll.

The Neville and Percy families appear at the end of the roll, as they married into the royal lines, and aspired to the monarchy. The names in the main line are all written in red ink, and there is a historic commentary on each one, but some of this has been redacted and written over the top. Using spectroscopic analysis, Prof. Jones showed how historians uncovered the hidden text overwritten by the palimpsest.



The roll was kept hidden away in the drawer of a filing cabinet, and nearly sold before its significance was revealed. It is estimated there are about 15 similar rolls in the U.K. which comprise genealogies from Noah. This roll is probably a copy of an earlier roll. Its value is estimated at several million dollars and it is occasionally displayed at the university.

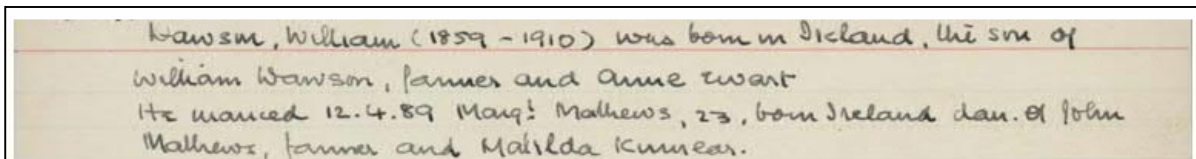
Professor Jones has a Doctorate in Philosophy in history from Durham University, a M.A. and a Licence in Medieval studies from Toronto University. He is president of the Australasian association for medieval and early modern studies, and a fellow of the Medieval Association of the Pacific. He is the director of the Canterbury roll project, in which the roll has been digitised, and specialist historians have written several academic articles based upon studies of the content and context of the roll in the politics of 15th century England. More information is available on the History Department UOC Canterbury roll studies. <https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/canterburyroll/> Thanks to Philip Creed for report

Thursday Morning Meeting – “Crowd-Sourcing the Macdonald Index” - with Christopher Thomson & Jennifer Middendorf

Most of you will have heard of “Crowd-funding”. This is used increasingly to obtain the funding for projects that may or may not be within normal banking parameters, and requires the support of many people to donate sufficient cash for this to happen.

Under a joint venture between the University of Canterbury & the Canterbury Museum, this same principle is being used to update the **G.R. Macdonald Index**. This index is made up of around 22,000 cards that were researched & written up by George Ranald Macdonald (1891 - 1967) during the period 1952 – 1964, and is information concerning early Canterbury settlers and families. This can be from just one sentence, or up to several cards of details. While this can be a great source of family history, most of the cards are only for the males of families! Out of the 22,000 cards, only 66 are indexed under a Female name! Maori references are almost negligible as well.

Out of this imbalance has come the joint venture – to fully index all names that are found in the cards, as well as other information that may be included. This is where the Crowd-sourcing comes in. Instead of having a few researchers



The G R Macdonald Dictionary of Canterbury Biography, a popular research tool much loved by Cantabrians and their families, is getting an update for the 21st century.

spending many hours going through all these cards, the idea is to use hundreds, thousand or even millions of people to do part of the same job for a shorter time. This can be done, as all the cards have been digitised and anyone who has some spare time, or has a mind to be involved in this project, is able to go onto a site, register, and then they will be shown a card. They will then be able to read the card and by following the instructions, re-index all the details on each card. Each card will be shown to four other people as well to check, and then when the five results have been completed, it will go to a group who check for accuracy. The cards are then re-indexed with as much detail as possible shown. When you are presented with a card, you can accept or reject it. They like you to finish the whole card once you accept it.

The site to go to is zooniverse.org. - then go to “projects”, “history”, “Macdonald dictionary”. A card will appear - draw a box around a name, and then answer questions as prompted.

If you have any questions about the accuracy of the information on the cards, you can contact Chris Thomson at Christopher.thomson@canterbury.ac.nz. If you get really interested and do further research, you can forward this by going into the “talk” tab at the top of the site and write it in. (See also at Museum - <https://collection.canterburymuseum.com/highlights/17/objects?limit=25>) This could be a great way to spend a wet spring day when you are not doing anything or want a change from your normal research! The other good thing to note is that you don't have to be an expert researcher to do this. Thanks to Ian Dunbar for report

Computer Group Meeting

- *BECA Heritage Week*
- *Parcel with posted with 50 year old stamps and a family tree story in stamps*
- *FamilySearch – FamilySearch – Affiliate Library Library and Family History Centre*
- *CyndisList - Cyndi Ingle's talk led to an exploring session of some of her tips.*
- *FamilySearch – Raymon Naisbitt's talk led to an exploring session of some of his tips.*
- *Canterbury Roll - <https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/canterburyroll/>*
- *Macdonald Dictionary - <https://collection.canterburymuseum.com/highlights/17/objects?limit=25> - can help by transcribing cards. The site to go to is <http://zooniverse.org>*
- *Young lady in Ypres, Belgium 'adopted' Evelyn's grandfather's brother from cemetery at Ypres and trying to track down family in NZ.*

“THE 3-2-1 RULE OF BACKUPS”

from Jan Watts

We have often mentioned at meetings how critical it is to have your data backed up. The rule that is widely recognised as the best method for keeping digital information safe is the 3-2-1 rule, developed by Peter Krogh, a photographer and a pioneer of digital archiving.

The 3-2-1 backup strategy is:

- Keep 3 copies of your data. This includes the original data and 2 backups.
- Keep your digital data on 2 different storage types. Your data should be kept on 2 separate storage types to minimise the chance of failure. Storage types could include an internal hard drive, external hard drive, removal storage device (USB stick) or cloud backup.
- Keep 1 copy offsite. At least one copy of your digital data should be stored in an offsite or remote location to ensure that a disaster can't affect all data copies.”

Support for Windows 7 is ending - After 14 January 2020, Microsoft will no longer provide security updates or support for PCs running Windows 7. Now is the time to upgrade to Windows 10 from \$100.00+GST.

What does end of support mean? - If you continue to use Windows 7 after support has ended, your PC will still work, but it may become more vulnerable to security risks and viruses. Your PC will continue to start and run, but Microsoft will no longer provide the following support for your business. *Barry Pycroft*

Speakers notes / presentations from the Family History Expo mentioned on Saturday: Here's the link

<https://www.aucklandlibraries.govt.nz/Pages/family-history-expo.aspx> *Jan Watts*

Beyond Basics Computer Workshops - We are having 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.

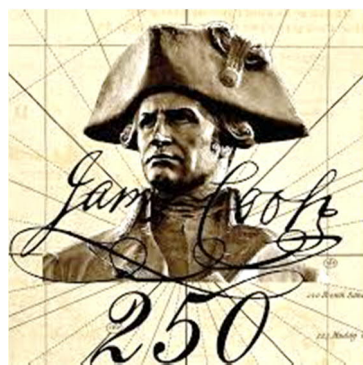
Initially based on Windows PCs and Android tablets, but Apple and iPad as well if there is demand. Small evening or weekend sessions, BYOD – bringing your own device eg. laptop or tablet. Initial sessions would deal with fundamentals, some of which will be new for some and revision for others. Learn 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 details will be emailed.

We have eight possibles, so likely to run in Donnington Room, one evening, or weekend. Apologies for delay in running these – will be in touch.

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

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

CAPTAIN COOK – 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF 1ST NZ LANDING



In 1768 James Cook began the first of his three famous voyages to the Pacific. They ended with his death in 1779, and the return of his men in 1780.

In 2018 began the 250th Anniversary of these voyages with many commemorative events taking place around the world.

Information about Cook's life, his men, his ships, and the modern commemorations can be found on these pages.

In October 2019, **First Encounters 250** will commemorate the early meeting of Māori and Europeans during James Cook's 1769 voyage to New Zealand, including a commemorative voyage around New Zealand by a flotilla including a replica of the *Endeavour*. The *Endeavour* replica will visit four of the main James Cook landing sites as well as other harbours from October to December 2019. The flotilla will be a celebration of two epic voyaging traditions – Polynesian and European – and the historic foundations of our nation.

First Encounters 250 will link together commemorative events, including a National Opening Ceremony to be staged in Gisborne in October 2019, scientific conferences, cultural performances and exhibitions. In October 1769, James Cook and the crew of the *Endeavour*, including the Tahitian chief Tupaia, reached New Zealand after observing the Transit of Venus in Tahiti.

<https://www.captaincooksociety.com/home/detail/250th-anniversary> <https://mch.govt.nz/first-encounters-250-commemoration-launched>
<https://teara.govt.nz/en/european-discovery-of-new-zealand>



STOKES FAMILY BOOK LAUNCH AND REUNION – LABOUR WEEKEND 2019

William STOKES (agricultural labourer) and Sarah WARD m.1835 Croxton Kerrial, Leicester, England. Emigrated to Canterbury, NZ in 1850 on the “*Randolph*”. Book launch and descendants re-union Labour Weekend 26-28 October 2019, Kaiapoi. Events fully booked. Copies of the book “*In Search of a Better Life – The Story of the Stokes Family*” by Peter and Kathy Williams still available. 224 pp incl. charts of all known descendants in PDF format. \$25 + pp. Orders thru the *Eventfinda Stokes reunion page*. Eleven out of 12 children from the marriage survived to marry and have descendants.

Mary CONNELL b.1835, Elizabeth MORRISS, Thomas, James, Sarah WINTER, William Ward, Charles, Fanny MONCRIEF, Annie WINTER and finally twins Harry & Robert b.1854. The Connells settled in Australia, the rest, throughout NZ. The Roy Stokes Hall (New Brighton) and Ben Stokes cricketer (ENG) are possibly the best known reference points to us in Canterbury. As Sarah Stokes (Snr), Margaret Copland has told the story of Sarah to more than 50 thousand people over 25 years in NZ, Australia and U.S. Several thousand books and CDs that include this story have been sold.

Genealogical enquiries initially to Margaret Copland coplalex@snap.net.nz

Jim Copland

FAMILY HISTORY EVENTS COMING SOON AT TŪRANGA

We thought you or your organisation might be interested in some upcoming events and courses being offered at Tūranga in the near future on Tuakiri – our identity and heritage floor. Please do share with anyone you think it may appeal to.

Firstly – on Saturday the **12th of October**, on the first anniversary of the opening of Tūranga, we have a [Family History Fun Day](#). There are a number of events happening across the building, including a storytelling session with Margaret Copland, a talk by Fiona Brooker and Dr Rob Cruickshank on DNA testing for family history, an introduction to the library archives including tips on how to preserve your family papers and photos, and a session for brainstorming ways around your family tree dead ends!

In Term 4 we are again offering some 6 week courses:

[Introduction to Local History](#) (beginning Thurs 24th Oct) We will cover topics such as our Māori heritage, immigration and settlement, how to research the history of your house and neighbourhood, events that would have impacted the lives of locals (from snow days to influenza to war), and so much more.

[Capture Your Story](#) (beginning Wed 23rd Oct) – as suggested by Dr Nick Barratt who spoke here at Tūranga recently, have a go at recording a part of your family history into a digital format! This class will provide help to record an aspect of your family history as a short iMovie.

We are also offering a few short introductions to some of our online historical resources across October and November – for more details search 'Tuakiri Tasters' as an event in the top search box on our website, or try this link: [Tuakiri Tasters](#).

We hope you may find one (or more!) of these events of interest and look forward to hopefully seeing you!

Kind regards, Fiona Allison - on behalf of the Tuakiri team

BECA CHRISTCHURCH HERITAGE FESTIVAL 2019

The district's annual Heritage Week has grown to become the Christchurch Heritage Festival.

With more than 80 heritage events to choose from in Christchurch, Banks Peninsula and Selwyn over three weeks in October, there's something for all ages to enjoy.

Here in Ōtautahi Christchurch and Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula we have many stories, from Ngāi Tahu, the European settlers, Pasifika and people of other ethnic and cultural backgrounds who have made this place home.

The BECA Christchurch Heritage Festival 2019 is an opportunity to share the stories of the past that link us to this place. He tātai muka, he tātai tangata – weave together the strands, weave together the people.

Search the programme online at <https://www.ccc.govt.nz/news-and-events/whats-on/?programme=1> or pick up a copy of the Heritage Festival printed guide from your local library or service centre.

- **Spirited Cemetery Tours** at various cemeteries, with your guide, Richard Greenaway
- **Red Zone Stories: Digital Heritage Trail** - Download the Red Zone Stories app and encounter manawhenua and community stories in the Avon-Ōtākaro River Corridor on this self-guided walk through the residential red zone. Share your own red zone stories too. Keep an eye out for QR codes in the red zone to scan and download the app. Learn about the importance of the awa (river) and surrounding areas in the manawhenua story told by Ūpoko of Ngāi Tūāhuriri Dr Te Maire Tau. Switch on the heritage layer and follow the yellow pins on the map to discover significant sites identified by Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga.
You can also use Red Zone Stories to share your own stories about former communities or how you use the area now and add to the layers of history and memory in this place. You must be 14 years of age and over to contribute. This project is funded by the Building Better Homes, Towns & Cities National Science Challenge and hosted by the UC Arts Digital Lab. [View the Red Zone Stories map](#).
Search Red Zone Stories in Google Play or the Apple App Store, or visit: www.redzonestories.nz. Alternatively, keep an eye out for QR codes in the Red Zone to scan and download the app.
- **The Baches of Taylors Mistake and Hobsons Bay** - Visit an exhibition of photos and stories about baches 48 to 72 in Taylors Mistake and Hobsons Bay, with an accompanying publication. Matuku Takotako: Sumner Centre, 37 Nayland Street, Sumner - 8 Oct 2019 to 27 Oct 2019 - This event continues on from the stories of the baches of Boulder Bay, the lost Cave Baches and the baches of Rotten Row Taylors Mistake of previous years.
- **Historic Akaroa Cemetery Tours** - Join a guided walk through the historic Catholic, Dissenter and Anglican Cemeteries of Akaroa. <https://www.ccc.govt.nz/news-and-events/whats-on/show/2991>
- **Yaldhurst Museum 50th Anniversary Year** - Yaldhurst Museum celebrates 50 years in 2019. Come and see a little piece of our local history set in the original buildings and grounds. <https://www.ccc.govt.nz/news-and-events/whats-on/show/3017>
- **Akaroa FrenchFest 2019** - Escape to picturesque Akaroa and immerse yourself in culture, entertainment and romance as you celebrate Akaroa's unique history at Akaroa FrenchFest. <https://www.ccc.govt.nz/news-and-events/whats-on/show/2932>

Goodbye Lancaster Park: 130 Years of Sporting Memories.



BISHOPDALE BRANCH
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NEXT MEETING: Thursday 24th October 7:30 p.m. at St Margaret's Hub, 94 Farrington Avenue.

Topic: Lynda Seaton – Necro Iconology or Understanding Headstones.



Bishopdale branch celebrated their 25th birthday at their September meeting with a slice of delicious cake and a cuppa, which was enjoyed by members, guests and visitors. Guest speaker was Bruce Holm who talked us through what's involved in DNA testing and what we should expect to get from the results.

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

Regards *Christina Carroll*

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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 15th October at 7.30pm

Topic – To be advised.

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

Thanks to Philip Worthington

Convenor & Newsletter Contact: *Philip Worthington* Phone: (03) 313-6730 Email: woolstone@scorch.co.nz
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DEFINE: BARKING UP THE WRONG TREE

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

Research can lead us in many different directions

- We may end up simply looking at the wrong family tree & then wasting valuable time following that tree.
- By following the wrong tree and the limited information about those relatives, you may be missing out on readily available info on your own family tree.
- It may be that you start following good data but are distracted by something more interesting, which may be potentially treacherous or frustrating.
- You may even find that the research may lead to something so confusing that you just get completely stuck. Never fear! There are some tips that will help you avoid 'barking up the wrong family tree'. [Tips And Tricks To Avoid Barking Up The Wrong Family Tree - Petersen](#) *Fiona*



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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 members
Janet MAW, Arthur & Kaylene, & Robert BRUCE.*

[New Zealand Society of Genealogist's 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.
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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!!

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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