

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

Canterbury Roll

Dr Chris Jones, lecturer at the University of Canterbury, will talk about the Canterbury Roll. The Canterbury Roll is the most significant and substantial medieval artefact in New Zealand. For 100 years, the University of Canterbury has been the guardian of this unique 600-year-old treasure, which tells the history of England from its mythical origins to the late Middle Ages.

Thursday 19th September 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.

Macdonald Dictionary

A group of people led by Joanna Szczepanski from Canterbury Museum have been indexing and working on the Macdonald Dictionary. Joanna has now moved to Wellington but her colleagues **Christopher Thomson & Jennifer Middendorf**, from the University of Canterbury, will talk to us about the indexing work they have been doing.

SEPTEMBER 2019

- Saturday 7th **Irish Interest Group** - Bi-monthly informal group asking & answering questions, sharing information, resources & knowledge. **10:00am - Parkview Community Lounge – Donnington Room**
- Wednesday 11th **Meet Tessa Duder, author, and hear the story of how "James Cook Charted the First Map of Aotearoa New Zealand"**.
Tūranga Library, 1st floor, 60 Cathedral Square. 6:00pm. Please RSVP to tamsin@scorpiobooks.co.nz
- Saturday 28th **Computer Interest Group** – Bi-monthly informal group asking & answering questions, sharing websites, discussing computers & genealogy programs. We will follow up on the great talks from Raymon Naisbitt on *FamilySearch* & Cyndi Ingles on *CyndisList*. We will also look at some *FamilySearch* Affiliate Library records. 10:00am-12 noon. We will stop half way through for a cuppa break. *Led by Fiona Lees.* **10:00am - Parkview Community Lounge – Hall**
- Saturday 28th **Continental Europe Interests – individual research session** – led by Kathy Bisman (kathmark5354@gmail.com) and other experienced genealogists. This will be from **12:30-2:30pm**. **Parkview Community Lounge – Donnington Room**
Canterbury Branch Library will also be open from 1pm – 3pm.
- Monday 30th **Positive Ageing Expo** is on from 9.30am - 2.30pm at Papanui High School, Langdons Road. Our branch will again be sharing a table with Bishopdale Branch. Come along for a look and show your support.

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

- Thursday 10th **Evening meeting – Kingsley Sampson**, will talk about the Salvation Army during WW II – “Under Two Flags”
- Saturday 12th **BECA Christchurch Heritage Festival – Family History Day - Tūranga**
- Thursday 17th **Morning meeting – John Wilson** will talk about the history of Addington.
- 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.
- 25th & 26th **Cheviot Area Schools - Celebration of 125 years schooling in the area.** Ring Cheviot Area School (03) 319 8787 or Facebook to register – [facebook.com/cheviotareaschool](https://www.facebook.com/cheviotareaschool).

NOVEMBER 2019

- 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 and Heritage Centre, 327 West Street, Ashburton – doors open at 10am – sessions begin at 10.30 – BYO lunch - \$20 per person. Thanks, Shari Early, Convenor, 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

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

Finally, we can say that the plastering and painting work has been done and the door to the library room replaced with a new one, so overall, we are nearly back to normal. There is work still to be done on the computer set up, and while Fiona, David, Bruce and Gordy are working on this, it must be fitted in around other commitments. We have received the insurance pay-outs for both burglaries which gives us the scope to make some decisions on replacement equipment.

Jan Watts, David and I went to the court appearance for our suspected burglar, however he was again remanded in custody till early September for another hearing. We are hoping he will plead guilty and be sentenced then rather than ask for a trial by jury. Watch this space for the next instalment!

August was a busy month with some excellent presentations by overseas speakers: first we had Nick Barratt at Tūranga followed by our evening with Raymon Naisbitt from *FamilySearch*, then finishing off with two sessions by Cyndi Ingles, again at Tūranga. All these had very good attendances and, from comments made since, enjoyed by everyone who went along, including a good number of Canterbury Branch members. It was great to see the Christchurch City Library getting involved with these events and making use of the great facilities they have in the new central library. Fiona Brooker was instrumental in getting Nick and Cyndi to Christchurch and Jan Gow organised Raymon's visit. Our thanks to them both for giving us the opportunity to host them here in Christchurch.

Last month we advertised for a replacement School Register Co-ordinator to take over from Prue Purser who is leaving Christchurch at the end of the year. I have decided to take on this role and will be learning the ropes alongside Prue over the next few months. She has kindly offered to be on hand after she moves if needed.

Lastly, a reminder that we have a collection box in the Donnington Room for copies of BDM certificates and other documents and funeral sheets which we send to the NZSG in Auckland for inclusion in the collections managed by them. Eventually the information is made available via the *Kiwi Collection* for NZSG members to make use of. If you have any copies you would like to donate put them in the box and we'll take care of it from there.

Jan Gow donated another raffle which was on sale at Raymon's talk with a prize of a 1 year 'Complete Subscription to MyHeritage' at \$2 per ticket or 3 for \$5. To be drawn 12th September at our evening branch meeting. We will sell tickets at the start of this meeting. That's it for this month but if you have any questions, suggestions or gripes please get in touch. Ph. 349-3806 serrals@xtra.co.nz Sandra

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 application to run an event as part of the *BECA Heritage Festival* has been accepted and 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 from 10am – 4 pm
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).

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

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.****Search our library catalogue online, so when you come to the library, you will already know what is there.**Catalogue Website - <https://canterburygenealogy.wordpress.com/branch-library/> - Some Key Library Holdings - These are in PDF format.

[Histories of New Zealand organisations](#)
[Canterbury church histories](#)
[Canterbury school histories](#)

[Canterbury reference books](#)
[Canterbury organisations](#)
[Family histories](#)

You can open and download (save) these PDF files and use 'Ctrl' + 'F' keys to **Find** what you are looking for.

Fiona

We are happy to arrange hosting research visits to our Library & Research rooms by members of other groups to show what wonderful resources we have.**BYOD (bring your own device) when visiting the Branch Research Rooms) – use your own PC & access the internet, including the FamilySearch Affiliate Library restricted records, and Ancestry & FindMyPast, available while you are in our rooms.****WHERE TO NEXT WITH YOUR DNA RESULTS?**

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

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

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

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

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.

"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.

September Brainstorm Bud – 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



August Brainstorm Bud was - Edward Beck, Surgeon - Looking for sources for where he may have studied and whether he was a Member of the Royal College of Surgeons (MCRS). Also looking sources for his birth details, parents & where he may have been born. **Many thanks for great replies and suggestions from speaker and attendees at meeting and afterwards with books and email:-**

Guilds – London Metropolitan Archives LMA – online <https://search.lma.gov.uk/> - Register of all apprenticeships - Edinburgh list of surgeons. Woolwich & Greenwich family history society very good - Royal College of surgeons – archives. 2 booklets from Marie Corser and in our library) – shown by Kathy B:- 'Records of the Medical Professions – A Practical Guide for the Family Historian – Susan Bourne & Andrew Chicken'; and 'The Medical Professions and Their Archives – Peter Amsden'

Barry – email links - <https://ueaeprints.uea.ac.uk/36355/1/2011IrvineSPhD.pdf>

Would Edward Bigsby BECK (1760-1845) of Needham Market) be the person you seek? (No: same first and last names, not middle name, similar date, different family – I was aware there was another Surgeon Edward Beck). There could perhaps be some pointers or sign-posts here ... <https://www.biusante.parisdescartes.fr/ressources/pdf/histmed-asclepiades-pdf-palluault2.pdf>

Also, but of passing interest ... NZ Doctors - <https://www.library.auckland.ac.nz/external/WrightSt-Clair-HistoriaNuncVivat.pdf>

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

KEAST FAMILY HISTORY

"I have written a family history story about the family of George and Dorcas Keast, who came to New Zealand in January 1864 and settled in Springston, near Lincoln in Canterbury. They had a family of seven surviving children, and all but two settled in Canterbury. They married people with names like Hoskin, Chapman, Bray to name but a few. The book I have written is called 'From Cornwall to Canterbury' and a copy costs \$30. It contains 125 pages on glossy paper and many photographs, as well as letters, and memoirs. Could you put a note in your newsletters about this book please, as we have lost touch with many of our South Island relations and I feel sure they would be interested to read it."

They can contact me at audreyansell52@gmail.com or write to Audrey Ansell, 61/21 Fairview Avenue, Fairview Heights, Auckland 0632.



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

- **Two interesting websites** - here are a couple of websites which might be of interest for members. A link from which to create a calendar for any given year - plus other handy options. <https://www.timeanddate.com/> & winter weather events in UK from centuries ago. <https://www.netweather.tv/weather-forecasts/uk/winter/winter-history> from *Family Tree* mag May 2019. Thanks to Sandra Serra
- **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
- **160th Anniversary of Libraries in Christchurch** - Libraries have been celebrating the anniversary of the first public library opening in Christchurch by the Mechanics' Institute, on 4 August 1859, in temporary premises in the then Town Hall. Staff at each library around the city planned their own low-key celebrations relevant to the community they serve, with displays, talks, photo sharing and customers encouraged to record their memories. This is a significant anniversary in the history of libraries, the Council and Christchurch.
Illuminate: Unearthing treasures from our collection - The 160th anniversary of our libraries celebrations are coinciding with the 'Illuminate: Unearthing Treasures from Our Collection' exhibition now on display in Tūranga's Southbase Gallery until 27th October. This exhibition showcases unexpected, extraordinary and curious items from the Libraries collections. You can [read more about it on Newsline](#).
- **NZ History – Dates in NZ History** for September - <https://nzhistory.govt.nz/calendar/9> Some items listed below.
- **New Zealand Declares War on Germany** - 3 September 1939 - Alongside Britain and Australia, New Zealand was one of the first countries to become involved in the global conflict precipitated by Germany's invasion of Poland on 1 September 1939. In contrast to its entry into the First World War, New Zealand acted in its own right by formally declaring war on Germany (unlike Australia, which held that the King's declaration, as in 1914, automatically extended to all his Dominions). <https://nzhistory.govt.nz/new-zealand-declares-war-on-germany>
- **New Zealand Citizenship Established** - 6 September 1948 - *The British Nationality and New Zealand Citizenship Act 1948* (the order of the terms showed their relative importance) gave New Zealand citizenship to all current residents who had been either born British subjects or later naturalised (granted citizenship). Until this Act came into force, people born in New Zealand were British subjects but not New Zealand citizens. Almost all children subsequently born in New Zealand would become citizens. New residents who were citizens of the British Commonwealth or Ireland could become New Zealand citizens simply by registering, a regime that particularly benefited people from India. <https://nzhistory.govt.nz/new-zealand-citizenship-established>
- **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 – details next month.
- **New Zealand's First Fatal Car Accident** - 8 September 1906 - Janet Meikle became the first person in New Zealand to be killed in an accident caused directly by a car when her 8-hp De Dion Bouton – the most common model in the colony at the time – went over a bank on the family farm, Table Downs, in the Washdyke Valley about 5 km from Timaru. The colony's first two cars had been imported by Wellington businessman William McLean just eight years earlier. Meikle lost control while negotiating a steep, narrow, muddy descent. The car scraped along a fence before overturning into a ploughed paddock, pinning her beneath it. Her husband John suffered a fractured thigh and could do nothing to help her as she suffocated. This sort of accident was common in the early decades of motoring. While cars were slow by today's standards, they had few safety features and their occupants were likely to be thrown out in a collision. The South Canterbury Automobile Club expressed its regret and sympathy and asked that its members attend the funeral three days later – 'without Cars'. The couple had a four-year-old daughter. Janet Meikle was an 'expert' and 'particularly cool' driver with several years' experience behind the wheel. Many rural women drove cars in the early decades of the 20th century, as they were the ones who went into town for supplies while their husbands worked long hours on the land. New Zealand's first motorcycle fatality had occurred in Dunedin the previous year, when Alfred Price was killed by a train after falling from his machine. There were no witnesses to the late-night accident and it was unclear whether there had been a collision. The arrival of mass-produced Model T Fords in 1909 made motoring more affordable, and by 1921 there were 69 deaths on New Zealand roads. The worst year has been 1973, with 843 deaths. Thanks to modern safety features, the road toll has not exceeded 400 since 2007 despite many more vehicles being on the roads. <https://nzhistory.govt.nz/page/new-zealands-first-fatal-car-accident>
- **New Zealand's First Woman MP Elected** - 13 September 1933 - The Labour Party's Elizabeth McCombs became New Zealand's first woman Member of Parliament, winning a by-election in the Lyttelton seat caused by the death of her husband, James McCombs (one of the first Labour MPs, he had held the seat since 1913). Although New Zealand women had famously won the right to vote in 19 September 1893 they were not allowed to stand for Parliament until 1919. A handful of women had contested elections, including the well-known Ellen Melville in Auckland, and McCombs herself in 1928 and 1931. Although James had won Lyttelton by just 32 votes in 1931, Elizabeth achieved a majority of 2600. Sadly, she died less than two years later. The McCombs family tradition continued after Elizabeth's death: she was succeeded by her and James' son Terence, who was MP for Lyttelton until 1951, and Minister of Education from 1947 to 1949. His defeat in the snap 'waterfront dispute' election ended the family's 38-year hold on the seat. The second woman MP was Labour's Catherine Stewart, elected for Wellington West in 1938. <https://nzhistory.govt.nz/elizabeth-mccombs-elected-as-nzs-first-woman-mp>
- **New Zealand's First Grapevines Planted?** - 25 September 1819 - Missionary Samuel Marsden planted about a hundred grapevines of different varieties he had brought from Sydney at the site he had chosen for a new Church Missionary Society (CMS) station at Kerikeri. He wrote in his journal that: New Zealand promises to be very favourable to the vine, as far as I can judge at present of the nature of the soil and climate. Should the vine succeed, it will prove of vast importance in this part of the globe. By 12 October, many of the vines were in leaf. However, the vineyard was inadequately fenced and it was soon destroyed by goats. While it is generally considered the first vineyard in New Zealand, the CMS's superintendent of agriculture, Charles Gordon, may have planted vines at Rangihoua and Waitangi in 1817. While his own project failed to bear fruit, Marsden's belief that the country would prove 'favourable to the vine' was well-founded. By 1840 British Resident and wine enthusiast James Busby was producing vintages

from a vineyard he had planted at Waitangi in 1833. From 1839 Roman Catholic brothers from the Society of Mary (Marists) produced wine from their Whangaroa vineyard for sacramental purposes. When they moved south to Hawke's Bay, they established Mission Estate in 1851. This remains New Zealand's oldest surviving winery. <https://nzhistory.govt.nz/first-grape-vines-planted-in-new-zealand-at-kerikeri>

- **Tell your neighbours, Redwood Library is closing for a short time** - Redwood Library will be closed for longer than expected as further problems were found so will not reopen at end of August. During the closure, a mobile library vehicle will visit the library car park for one hour on Wednesdays (10am to 11am) and Fridays (3pm to 4pm).

MEETING REPORTS

Thursday Morning Meeting – “Sources & Citations” - with Edwina Swingler

Edwina Swingler from the Waimate Branch came to talk to us about recording sources and citations for your family research. She said it is important to record every piece of information. Sources are the evidence to our stories; citations are the proof of the sources. We need to verify or prove all of our data. Every family story has some truth – but it might only be 2%!

Sources and citations:

- Document your research
- Give credibility to your effort and time on research
- Supports your research progress
- Identify the reliability of the types of sources
- Reduces research repetition
- Help when re-evaluating records

Basic Source Citation:

Jane Frost, entry, Burke County Births, Book 1: 117, no 3209, Records Office, Shropham, Norfolk.

Related Discussion:

Jane Frost, entry, Burke County Births, Book 1: 117, no 3209, Records Office, Shropham, Norfolk. Some of the entries within Book 1 do not have full dates recorded in the original book.



Citing your sources at the time of capture is very important – you might not find it again if you don't. It will **help you to go back to where you found a specific piece of information if you need to verify something again.**

Keep the format the same for how you record your sources. It is helpful to use a preset or master template if your genealogy program has this feature.

- Set up and maintain a master list of sources
- Set up and maintain general principles templates for standard and non-standard records
- Label ALL your paper copies with the full citation
- Remain consistent
- Add descriptive notes

The general principles for recording standard records are: source type, country, place, date of event, name(s), repository, volume or registration number, page number of entry number, collection name if the information is in a database, URL, date you accessed it and any optional remarks.

For newspaper articles always put the title of the article. Maps should record the mapmaker, year of issue, title, series, sheet number, scale of map, place of publication, collection, URL and date accessed. Photos should include what, where, date taken, who is in the photo, who took the photo, and URL and date accessed if the photo was found online.

"Genealogy is not a mere gathering of names but a search for truth about ourselves and the forebears who produced us."

A good book on historical analysis, citation and source usage is *Evidence Explained* by Elizabeth Shown Mills.

Thanks to Jan Watts for report

EVELYN ROBERTSON - ARCHIVES VOLUNTEER

It was an encounter at a meeting of her local branch of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists over ten years ago which led retired librarian Evelyn Robertson to begin volunteering here at the Air Force Museum.

Our former Research Curator Vicky Garrington was giving the group a talk about the Air Force Museum archives, and Evelyn approached her afterwards to ask if she needed any volunteers. Upon hearing about her librarian background, Vicky snapped her up, and Evelyn began volunteering with the Research Team in 1 Store at the beginning of 2009.

From Ashburton originally, Evelyn did her library training in Wellington. Her first librarian job was at Otago University in Dunedin, before she moved overseas with her husband Alistair, an electrical engineer. After four years in the UK they moved to Qatar in the Middle East for another two years, before returning to Christchurch. Evelyn then got a part-time contract at the University of Canterbury (UC) library. Beginning in 1988, she led a two-year barcoding project, which saw barcodes added to all books as a tracking mechanism. A permanent half-time cataloguing position followed, which included a three-year stint in the Psychology Department library.

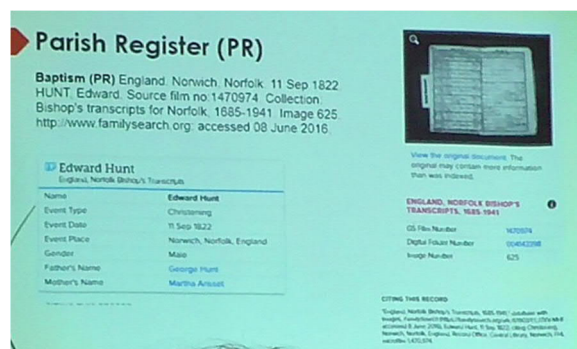
Evelyn retired in 2007, 'early', she said, so that they could go travelling while 'still fit and able'. Evelyn and Alistair have spent three months of nearly every year since campervanning around the UK and Europe. Apart from the Winter months when she is normally overseas, you'll find Evelyn helping out in our archives and research library on Fridays. Most of the work she does involves indexing (recording the contents) of magazines and periodicals in the collection, but she has also lent her librarian expertise to various other projects in our reference library.

Evelyn also volunteers down the road at Archives New Zealand, and in her spare time, she enjoys gardening and tackling cryptic crosswords. As indicated above, she's also a keen family historian and has been a member of the Christchurch branch of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists since 2000.

Evelyn loves the people here at the Museum, but she also enjoys learning 'odd little snippets' about things, and with her father having been a bomber pilot during the War, she certainly has an affinity with our collection; she has a particular soft spot for the Battle of Britain lace panel (currently in storage).

Thanks to Alan Tunnicliffe for passing this on.

[Airforce Museum – Meet our people](#)



ADDITIONAL FAMILY HISTORY MONTH SPEAKERS

We had a great Family History Month. We were very privileged to have three overseas speakers in Christchurch who came to NZ for the Auckland Family History Expo. Thank you to those who made these events possible.

Thursday Evening Meeting – Family History and the Media: Behind the scenes of Who Do You Think You Are? With Nick Barratt



This was a fabulous and entertaining talk by Nick of his work & fascinating experiences. He is best known for his research into the 10 celebrities featured in one of the BBC series *Who Do You Think You Are?* He also worked on BBC *House Detectives* and *Family Ties*. Nick Barratt has a PhD in medieval history, and was a specialist adviser at The National Archive



from 1996-2000. Nick founded Sticks Research Agency, so that anyone could benefit from his experience and knowledge, based in London – visit website www.stick.org.uk to find out more. To find out more about Nick's work see <https://www.nickbarratt.co.uk/>

Navigating FamilySearch.org with Raymon Naisbitt - Exploring *FamilySearch.org* website with menus and tools available, with books and help.



Raymon gave us a thorough and comprehensive tour through the *FamilySearch* website, into many places most of us hadn't seen before. Multiple ways of searching, personalised home page, creating a family booklet, education, books, webinars, tutorials, How to Guides. Help centre with list of topics. Searchable records, browse images, and when you get a locked record you can visit your local FamilySearch Affiliate Library (Canterbury Branch Library). Whats new, solutions gallery, games, blogs. So much to see and explore – not enough hours in the day. We



will however have a look at some of these, and CyndisList at the next Computer Group meeting. naisbitri@familysearch.org

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

We thoroughly enjoyed a guided tour of *Cyndi's List* website and learnt how it had grown from a small idea and still run by Cyndi. Having used this site from many years ago, it was great to meet the person who created it. Over 330,000 links, cross-referenced in more than 200 categories. It is a free jumping off point for you to use for your online research – your genealogical portal onto the internet. You need to explore to realise how much is there – category index at the top and left of the pages and a search field at top right which searches only within this site. Fiona Brooker made great use of hosting Cyndi by introducing her to many of our favourite New Zealand site, which Cyndi added straight away.

Cyndi gave a second talk about how to be your own digital archivist by preserving your research. She gave tips on digital filing, naming patterns, being methodical and capturing the source of your information at the time. Also about securing your computer and its contents – anti-virus, backups. Also making an inventory of your digital data and where to find it – get organised. Publishing family tree online, managing digitised photos and images, digital filing your DNA data. Also how to preserve and conserve your tangible objects.

Cyndi Ingle, a genealogist for more than 39 years, is the creator of CyndisList.com and the author of numerous articles and three books. She is an expert in using technology for genealogy, research in the United States, and organizational methodology. Cyndi Ingle <https://www.cyndislist.com/>



New Facebook group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/genealogysquad/> - includes Cyndi & DNA & general genealogy.

(The mission of the Genealogy Squad Facebook group is to provide a positive space for the sharing of appropriate and reliable methods and resources to assist genealogists at all levels. We focus on answering questions and solving problems, while demonstrating best practices in all aspects of genealogical research.)

Questions relating to the use of DNA testing are better suited for our sibling group, *Genetic Genealogy Tips & Techniques*. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/geneticgenealogytipsandtechniques/>

Fiona

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.

We will contact those who are interested and arrange a time to suit us all. Small evening or weekend sessions, BYOD – bringing your own device. We will run these in the Donnington Room. Please let us know if you are interested.

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



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

Topic: Bruce Holm - **Beginners DNA - Why should I get my DNA tested and other questions.**

This meeting is also the 25th Anniversary of the Bishopdale Branch of NZSG so come along to help celebrate with a slice of cake and a cuppa and some chat!

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 September at 7.30pm

Topic – To be advised.

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

Thanks to Philip Worthington

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BARKING UP THE WRONG TREE

We've all had the experience of finding wrong information in on-line trees and I would like to share my experience of this with my G.G. Grandmother on my Father's paternal side. Dad's side of my tree has always caused me problems and it is only recently that I have made progress on his maternal side after several attempts over the years. This has been especially frustrating as it was Dad's death in 1985 which got me started researching in the first place.

New Zealand records show that his grand-mother, Jane Esther MARRET was born in Jersey, Channel Islands, but finding any link to her arrival in New Zealand has proved elusive.

In 1990 I was referred to a second cousin who, I was told, "*knew all about her*". He had been in contact with the *Family History Society* in Jersey, who had done research on his behalf, resulting in beautifully hand-written copies of a baptism for an Esther Jane Marret and a marriage for her parents, Phillipe Marret and Esther Jane LAVALOIS. They had also sent him an extensive family tree going back several generations for the Marret family. My cousin, an NZSG member at the time, sent me copies of these which I took to be accurate, coming as they did from the *Family History Society*, who had access to the original documents, and an NZSG member who I thought would know what they were doing, unlike me a relative beginner at that time.

I added the baptism and marriage details to my tree but not the tree going back further. I did have a problem with her name in NZ given as Jane Esther but the baptism was for an Esther Jane so there was always a bit of doubt in my mind.

Last year I decided to have another go at finding out more and discovered that Philippe's wife had died in 1848 but there was then no further trace of him or his daughter Esther Jane in Jersey records. On *FamilySearch* I found a life story for him which led me to discover that he had become a Mormon, along with many others in Jersey, and travelled to Utah where he re-married and later died in 1872. He and Esther Jane aged 4 are listed on the 1851 passenger list of the "*Olympus*" along with his soon-to-be second wife Mary Du Hamel, a widow, and her children. I found their marriage record and a census in St Louis for the family, which included her children and two others born in St Louis but no Esther Jane. On-line searching suggests that the ship they travelled on to New Orleans and the steamer up the Mississippi River to St Louis had many deaths from Cholera, so my thoughts are that young Esther Jane was more than likely among them. Plus, how does a young woman get from Utah to New Zealand in the 1860's?

In the Jersey BDM records on *Ancestry* I have found another candidate for my Jane Esther Marret, this time with the names in the correct sequence. I have a lot more research to be done for this Jane Esther and unfortunately no records I have found in NZ has given the names of her parents nor have I found how she arrived here.

I've deleted the wrong baptism and parent's marriage from my tree and I'm very glad I had never gone ahead and entered the full tree I was given. It's back to the drawing board for me, but in the meantime that 1990's family tree from Jersey for Philippe Marret is widely spread on *Ancestry* and elsewhere, including trees belonging to DNA matches with me. I'm convinced it's the wrong family but until I can prove otherwise what can I do? I'm not much further along than I was in 1990 but at least I'm not barking up the wrong tree.

Thanks to Sandra Serra for item

Looks like a great regular item for our newsletter. Who else would like to share their experiences? A Google search for "*barking up wrong tree*" and "*genealogy*" gave over 400,000 hits including this PDF. [Tips And Tricks To Avoid Barking Up The Wrong Family Tree - Petersen](#) Fiona



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WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS:

*We wish a warm welcome and happy researching to new members
Linda SUNDERLAND & John DEERING, and Stuart AVERY.*

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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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**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

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