

## SPEAKER SATURDAY

On the afternoon of **Saturday 10 August** 2013 three speakers will explore different aspects of family history research

- In *New Zealand's first ice imports* **Nigel Isaacs**, Senior Lecturer, School of Architecture, Victoria University of Wellington, will explore the people, the voyages and the technology required to bring ice to New Zealand before the days of machine made ice. In his research he made extensive use of the same resources used by family historians – newspapers, business directories, magazines, books, archives, Government Gazettes, web searching and even E-Bay.
- **Walter Cook** of the Alexander Turnbull Library's Arrangement & Description team will give an illustrated talk that will show how 19<sup>th</sup> century photographs can be dated through understanding changes in fashion and clothing.
- Curator of Manuscripts at the Alexander Turnbull Library, **David Colquhoun** will talk about his biographical research into *The remarkable Mrs Wiltshire "Champion female pedestrienne of the world!"*. In 1876 Catherine Wiltshire completed several impressive feats of endurance walking. David has resurrected her achievements in an article for the Turnbull Library Record, which this year has the theme of recreation and sport.

**Venue:** Tiakiwai Conference Centre  
Lower Ground Floor, National Library  
(entrance from Aitken Street)

**1pm – 4pm**

**Entry Koha** (includes afternoon tea)

## FAMILY HISTORY MONTH 2013

Family History Month in August 2013 will be celebrated with a programme of events in the Wellington region.

The programme includes talks, opportunities for research and advice, an afternoon at the movies, and a live show.

## FAMILY HISTORY HELP

Staff of the Alexander Turnbull Library, together with volunteers from the New Zealand Society of Genealogists, are able to assist with your family history research.

They can help start you on your research path, suggest resources that might help, give access to useful websites, and provide contacts to support further research.

The reading rooms are open Monday to Saturday 10am to 5pm. Orientation tours for new users are offered each day at 11.15am.

The NZSG/FamilySearch Microfilm Service is also available at the National Library's reading room at Molesworth Street, 10am and 4pm Monday to Saturday – *with extra help on Saturday 10 August 2013.*

**The Library is also hosting a number of talks through August - see the website for details.**

**National Library**, cnr Molesworth and Aitken Streets, Thorndon, Wellington  
T: 0800 474 300  
[www.natlib.govt.nz](http://www.natlib.govt.nz)

 **ALEXANDER TURNBULL LIBRARY**  
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Te Puna Mātauranga o Aotearoa



## FAMILY HISTORY MONTH AUGUST 2013



**A programme of  
events in Wellington**



Unidentified family, Wanganui area, ca.1870  
William J Harding Collection. Ref no: 1/4-007836-G  
Alexander Turnbull Library



## NZSG BRANCH EVENTS

The New Zealand Society of Genealogists has branches throughout the Wellington region. Branches extend a warm welcome to anyone interested in family history – especially during August.

### KILBIRNIE BRANCH

#### Wednesday 7 August

Paul Jarvis from the Salvation Army will give guidance on *Relies in the Sallies*.

**Venue:** Park Bowling Club rooms. Access is through the carpark off Kilbirnie Crescent or down the drive from Evans Bay Parade.

**10am** (coffee, chat & research from 9.30am)

### HUTT VALLEY BRANCH

#### Thursday 8 August

Hutt Valley local historian Warwick Johnston will talk, based on his new book, about the history of the Gear Meat Company.

**Venue:** Petone Public Library

7-11 Britannia Street, Petone

**7.30pm**

There will be other Family History Monthevents at the Petone Library – for details see <http://library.huttcity.govt.nz>

#### Thursday 15 August

*To the ends of the earth* - Sante Battiston will explore the lives of Italian settlers in the Hutt Valley.

**Venue:** Petone Public Library

7-11 Britannia Street, Petone

**10am**

### PORIRUA BRANCH

#### Wednesday 14 August

Linda Fordyce speaking on the *History of Titahi Bay*

**Venue:** Helen Smith Community Meeting

Room, Pataka, Cnr Norrie & Parumoana Streets, Porirua

**7.30pm**

## WELLINGTON BRANCH

### Wednesday 28 August

*Carved in stone* - grave guide Nick Perrin will talk about Wellington's historic Bolton Street cemetery

**Venue:** Connolly Hall

Guilford Terrace, Wellington

**7.30pm**

Branch library open 4 August 2.00-4.00pm

St Giles Church, Kilbirnie

## AN AFTERNOON AT THE MOVIES

### Saturday 17 August

Session 1: 1.00 - 2.30pm, followed by afternoon tea

Session 2: 3.00.-4.30pm, preceded by afternoon tea

Films: (all four films shown at both sessions)

- *Alexander Turnbull Library* (NFU, 1972) - a day in the life of the library - its staff and users and its history
- *The Years Back - The Twenties* (NFU 1972 ) – a compilation of archival clips including the growth of trade unions and the Labour Party, the 1926 Exhibition in Dunedin, Royal Tours;
- *Around Port Nicholson* (Television Films NZ, 1950) - Wellington over 60 years ago, its streets, the harbour, the wharves
- *The Years Back - The Twentieth Century* (NFU 1972) – newsreel extracts from the turn of the century until the beginning of WW1, including the 1906 Christchurch exhibition, the first train ride to Auckland, Pearse's monoplane, waterfront strike

**Venue:** Time Cinema, 191 Sutherland Rd, Lyall Bay, Wellington

**Tickets:** \$20.00 per person (includes afternoon tea)

Bookings: [porirua@genealogy.org.nz](mailto:porirua@genealogy.org.nz) – give preferred session (subject to availability)

## YURU 2013

Kapiti Genealogy presents the 2013 production of Why You Are You.

*Family Jazz*. **Rodger Fox**, jazzman and trombonist, takes a trip down a musical memory lane of his ancestors, accompanied by his jazz quintet.



### Sunday 18 August, 2pm

Venue: Southwards Theatre, Otaihanga, Paraparaumu

Tickets at Unichem, Kapiti Lights, Paraparaumu; Fibre Flair, Main Road, Waikanae or T: 04 905 8266

### Monday 19 August, 7.30pm

Venue: Circa Theatre, Taranaki Street, Wellington (cash bar open)

Tickets at Box Office or T: 04 801 7992

All tickets \$20.00. Limited seats available so book early to avoid disappointment.

Further information: [www.kapitigen.org](http://www.kapitigen.org)

## SPECIAL INTEREST RESEARCH

Do you have family from England – especially London?

### Saturday 24 August

The Wellington Greater London Interest Group will host a research day

**Venue:** St Luke's Church Wadestown Lower Hall, 34 Pitt Street (Cnr of Pitt Street and Wadestown Road, hall is down the alleyway) **10am to 4pm**. Entry \$5.00

For further information [ball@xtra.co.nz](mailto:ball@xtra.co.nz)