

Hutt Valley Branch of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists



News & Views

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Evening Meeting: 7.30pm 2nd Thursday, February to December
Day Meeting: 10.00am 3rd Thursday, February to November
Venue: Petone Community Centre, 7-11 Britannia Street
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Evening Meeting: Doors open 7pm. Notices begin 7.30pm. Speakers begin about 8pm (approx. 1 hour)

Day Meeting: Doors open 9.30am. Notices begin 10am. Speaker begins about 10.30am (approx. 1 hour). Please note the library does not open until 10am

Members are welcome to contribute to the New & Views, genealogy research, family history stories, 'how to tips', interesting websites, or information sharing. The first weekend of each month is the deadline for the next month's issue. Email to Helene Philpott bhdk.philpott@gmail.com



Branch Meeting Programme for May & June:

Thursday 12 May Evening: AGM



The Annual General Meeting of the Hutt Valley Branch of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists will be on Thursday 12 May 2016 at 7.30pm at the Community Centre, Petone Library, 7-11 Britannia Street, Petone.

The agenda for the annual general meeting is:

1. Receipt of the branch annual report and statement of accounts;
2. Set the annual subscription for the 2017-2018 year;
3. Election of a new Convenor, as well as Secretary, Treasurer and Committee members

***Note: Anita West is stepping down as Convenor; also Graeme McVerry & Alistair Hardy will be stepping down from the Committee
Nominations can be made using the form on the website or taken from the floor as long as both the proposer & seconder are present.***

4. General Business

Note: For election as Convenor, Secretary, Treasurer and Committee, you need to be a member of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists (not just the branch).

However branch only members are also welcome to participate in the work of the committee.

Annual Accounts now available on-line until the AGM.

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nzlhvrsg/agm.html>

Followed by Guest Speaker: Warwick Johnstone who will talk on a local history topic.

Thursday 19 May Morning: -

Helpful Hints for Deciphering old Handwriting, Helene Philpott and
'That Dear Little Home on the Bay' by Andrew Francis, reviewed by Diane Stinson

Thursday 9 June Evening: To be Confirmed

Thursday 16 June Morning: - We Will Remember Them, Lower Hutt Residents who Served in WW1 – Keith Garwood, Lower Hutt RSA. Keith has identified where local serviceman lived in Lower Hutt and this research has resulted in digital maps.

**Heritage Centre Volunteers Available At
Petone Library 10am -12pm**

On duty for: May, June & July

- Wednesday 18 May: Diane Stinson & Susan Wilson
- Wednesday 1 June: Ian Fyfe & Philippa Woolf
- Saturday 4 June: Janet Ketchell & Helene Philpott
- Wednesday 15 June: Cheryl Dreaver & Avril Roberts
- Saturday 2 July: Dawn Chambers & Lynly Yates
- Wednesday 6 July: Marie Perham & Leanna Menchi
- Wednesday 20 July: Deb Beban & Lois Bartlett

For those new to genealogy and/or who want help knocking down those brick walls, this is an excellent time and place to have our experts help you. Our helpers can show you what is available in the library and how to go about finding what you are looking for.



New Members:

Barbara Player, Alistair Macleod, Velma Macleod, Trena Isles, Barbara Rose

David Calvert, Tricia Moir and Mike McParland (returning member)

14 April Evening Meeting: - Herb Christophers gave us a very entertaining presentation about the four Christophers brothers who were killed in WWI and his journey with his wife to Gallipoli last year as the New Zealand custodian of the poppy wall on the Cunard Queen Elizabeth.



Marguerite and Herbert Christophers in front of the poppy wall on board the Cunard Queen Elizabeth.

For the Christophers family in Invercargill, World War 1 took an extravagant toll.

Four brothers in four years.

- Victor died in Gallipoli, 1915, aged 29.
- Bert in France, 1916, aged 27.
- Julian in Passchendaele, 1917, aged 33.
- Reg in France, 1918, aged 36.

Herb Christophers and his wife Marguerite were the guests of honour on the Cunard Queen Elizabeth as it embarked on a world cruise that would anchor off the Dardanelles for a service to mark the 100th anniversary of the historic landing at Gallipoli.

It marked 100 years since a ship of the same name, the HMS Queen Elizabeth, led the British invasion fleet at Gallipoli, with those on board firing her 15-inch guns to bombard the Turkish positions high above the Anzacs as they came ashore..

The day after commemorations, the Christophers toured the battlefields and visited his great-uncle Victor and laid a poppy at his grave at Outpost.

The story of the Christophers brothers inspired Invercargill author Lynley Dear to write an "interpretation" called 'Poppy Boys'.

Hutt Valley Branch Research Day – Saturday 30 April 2016

Heritage Centre, Petone Public Library



Thanks to Dawn Chambers for the photos



<http://christchurchcitylibraries.com/Heritage/Digitised/Norris-1942/>

The North Canterbury Hospital Board: fragments of history: hospitals: tuberculosis and benevolent institutions and miscellaneous

Unpublished manuscript by Winifred Norris: detailing the history of selected hospitals, orphanages, sanatoriums, and benevolent institutions, in and around Christchurch and Lyttelton.

Includes: short histories of the country hospitals of: Akaroa, Amuri, Cheviot, Chatham Islands, Darfield, Ellesmere, Lincoln, Little River, Kaiapoi, Kaikoura, Oxford, Rangiora, and Waikari.

Unpublished, [1942]

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Hospital Lady Visitors Association; Chalmers Wards; Influenza Epidemic; Orthopaedic Unit; Ophthalmic Department; Artificial Limb & Splint Department; Private Paying Wards; Nurses' Training School; Nurses' Memorial Chapel; Nurses' Home; New Nurses' Home

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Country Hospitals; Akaroa Hospital; Amuri Hospital; Amuri Doctor's House

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Darfield Hospital; Ellesmere Hospital; Lincoln Hospital; Little River Hospital; Kaiapoi Maternity Hospital; Kaikoura Hospital; Oxford Hospital; Rangiora Hospital

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Waikari Hospital; Charles Thomas Wilson Little, M.D.

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Tuberculosis Institutions; Sanatorium; North Canterbury Sanatorium for Consumptives

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Benevolent Institutions; “Tuarangi”. Old Men’s Home, Ashburton ;Female Refuge – Essex Street, Linwood; St. Helen’s Hospital; The Queen’s Jubilee Memorial Home. Woolston.

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Waltham Orphanage; The Armagh Street Depot; Samaritan Home; Charitable Aid; Girl’s Home, Burwood; Durham Industrial School

View complete [North Canterbury Hospital Board : fragments of history](#) [PDF 51.8 Mb] Warning: large file.

Hutt Central School Reunion Labour Weekend 2016

To register for the reunion email admin@huttcentralschool.nz or

Phone 04 566 0059

Part 2: FamilySearch Microfilm services at the National Library Wellington, a Presentation by Jenny Martin

Renewals:

Renewals: on line (microfilm only) NZ \$2.00

Renewals: Via service desk (microfilm only) NZ \$2.50

Short-term renewals: Gives additional 60-days duration and need to be actioned before the return date. This is used if you need more time to finish reading your film.

You must renew a microfilm via the same source as the original order.

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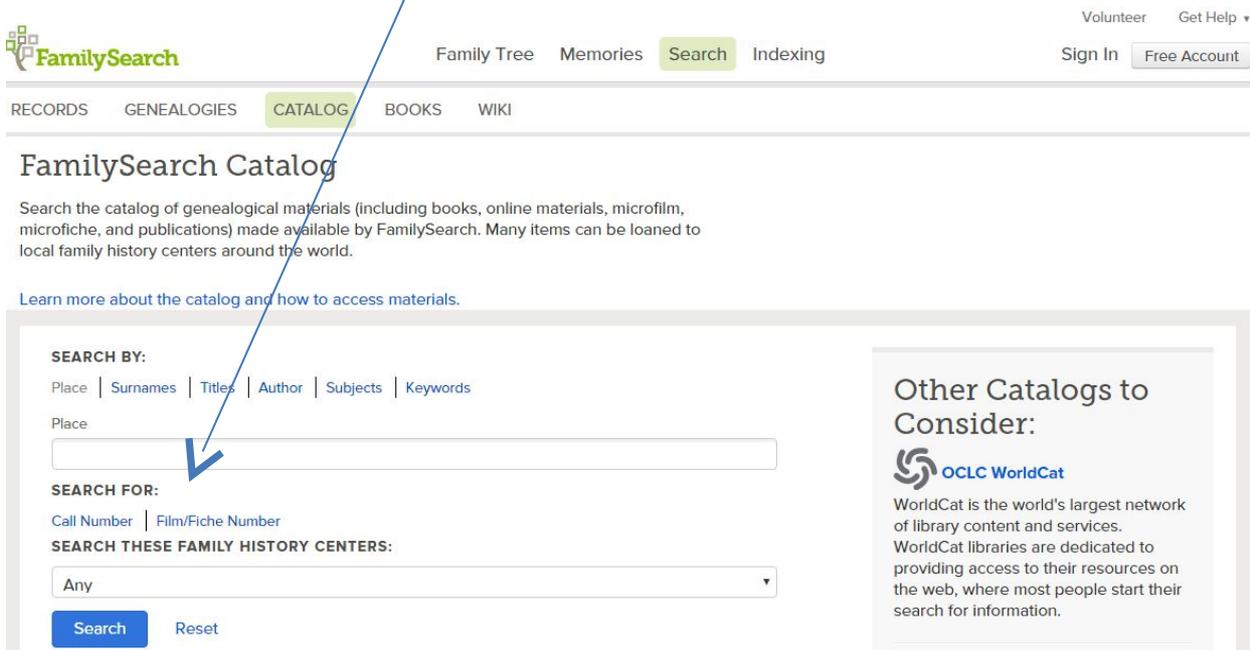


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FamilySearch Catalog

Search the catalog of genealogical materials (including books, online materials, microfilm, microfiche, and publications) made available by FamilySearch. Many items can be loaned to local family history centers around the world.

[Learn more about the catalog and how to access materials.](#)

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Other Catalogs to Consider:

OCLC WorldCat
WorldCat is the world's largest network of library content and services. WorldCat libraries are dedicated to providing access to their resources on the web, where most people start their search for information.

ArchiveGrid
ArchiveGrid is a collection of nearly two million archival material descriptions.

This will bring up the Film title. This one says 1-1 of 1 results. Click on the title.

FamilySearch Family Tree Memories **Search** Indexing Sign In

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Print List

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[Bishop's transcripts for St. Peter-the-Great Church, Chichester, 1610-1894](#) Add

Author: Church of England. St. Peter-the-Great Church (Chichester, Sussex).

Refine your search

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This will show you how many films are in the set and you can cross-check that the dates and records are the ones you require. If more than one, you will need to scroll down and find the same Film number you entered to see if it holds the records you require. As you see this one has two Films with the record dates on left side.

Subjects
LOCALITY SUBJECTS
England, Sussex, Chichester - Church records

Location
Family History Library

Film Notes (This family history center has 2 of 2 films/fiche.)

NOTE	LOCATION	COLLECTION/SHELF	FILM/DGS	FORMAT
Baptisms and burials, 1610-1639, 1664-1686, 1698-1846; Marriages, 1610-1639, 1664-1686, 1698-1837.	Family History Library	British Film	1468999	🔍 🖨️ 🌐
Baptisms, 1847-1849, 1851-1855, 1686-1884, 1886-1887, 1889-1894; Marriages, 1868-1878, 1880-1884, 1886-1887, 1889-1894; Burials, 1846-1849, 1851-1855, 1868-1884, 1886-1887, 1889-1894.	Family History Library	British Film	1469000 Items 1 - 2	🔍 🖨️ 🌐

As it happened, the dates needed were not on the original film (1468999) but on (149000) so this order was changed to the other film and thereby saved a wasted purchase.

Note camera picture on right side!!

If you click on this you will be asked to sign in and then you will be able to view photograph Copies of what is on the film. Not all films have this option so it is a eureka if it does.

Responsibility for ordering the correct film online is the patron's and only service desk order will be checked for mistakes.

We have no control or responsibility over the website orders so please check your dates and places carefully.

You may ask yourself "Why order the film when you can see them online? (Not all Films are digitised.)

This film was not digitised when the original order went through. The plus now is the person has two options of looking at the film.

The images can be captured off the Film by memory stick but cannot be captured off the web (designed to prohibit this) so if you want a copy will have to contact the Parish for this, plus there may be a cost involved.

Come and visit the FamilySearch affiliate library based on level 1 at the National Library, Mulgrave Street, Wellington.

Our friendly volunteers will answer any of your questions for you.

Does Anyone Remember This?

An Excellent Marmalade of Carrots

Take any number of carrots (those of the month of September and October are the best), wash them thoroughly in cold water, cut off the tops and tails, and wipe the carrots clean.

Cut them into pieces about two inches in length, dividing the whole circumference into four parts, if the carrots are large, and into three or two pieces if they are small, taking care to throw away the part that is decayed.

Put these bits into a pan, with as much water only as will prevent the bottom of the pan from burning its contents.

Cover them close, and let them stew over a moderate fire until they are very tender. Mash them thoroughly, and then pass through a hair sieve. Then prepare and clarify syrup, using for every pound of pulp, a pound of sifted sugar and half a pint of water.

Clarify, and boil until it adheres to the spoon. Put in the pulp; boil it, evaporating the moisture, until it forms a thick marmalade. This will keep for two years or more, and it is strongly recommended as a confection for the breakfast table. It is excellent for persons of scorbutic habit. *Scorbutic: relating to or affected with Scurvy.*

NZ Heritage Magazine Summer 2009



Waikumete Cemetery

Familysearch.org has added Waikumete burial records to its New Zealand collection. These images of the burial registers 1886-1948 have details that are not included in the usual online data. These include: occupation, address, cause of death, where from, native place, years in province, & informant.

NZSG Library Stocktake:

The recently completed the 2015 stocktake takes place every three years.

A very interesting consequence was that the Volunteers discovered resources they weren't familiar with, or had forgotten about.

Comments/discoveries from some of the volunteers included.

- I never knew there were so many 'school record' resources.
- Great to have a resource sorted by country/county/topic - easier to find
- I've never looked in the filing cabinets before, lots to find -
- Those amazing microfiche – some lesser known examples –

There are over 55.000 items – all on the library catalogue found on the NZSG website for members to access.

NZSG Revised Rules - Postal Ballot:

NZSG members will receive a document relating to the postal ballot for a revised set of rules with their April issue of *The New Zealand Genealogist* magazine.

This documentation will comprise a covering letter from the President and the revised rules. In addition there will be a Question and Answer document on the Society's website, along with copies of the President's letter and the rules themselves.

Our existing rules have been widely acknowledged as being no longer fit for purpose. Legal advice also points to inconsistencies between the rules and the by-laws and recommends amalgamation. Applications for funding and sponsorship are becoming more dependent upon evidence that the Society is operating in a business-like manner, in surplus, and within rules that are appropriate for purpose. We cannot continue to operate as we have in the past, and revised rules are part of the necessary change.

It is appreciated that a large proportion of the Society's members just wish to get on with their research and that rules may be of little interest to them, and I understand that. However, please do read the documents and then cast your vote. It is vital that all NZSG members take the opportunity to participate in this postal ballot as a two-thirds majority of valid votes cast (existing Rule 9.1) is needed for the new rules to be adopted.

Voting papers are due back to the Returning Officers by 4pm, Friday 20 May 2016.

Thank you. Peter Gibson

NZSG Councillor & Facilitator, Rules Review Working Group March 2016

Grandma's Laundry

I remember Grandma's laundry with a basket made of cane
And lines that stretched from wall to wall to hang things when it rained.
There used to be a copper out where Grandma used to toil
It used to take forever to wash when the water reached the boil.
There were twin tubs made of concrete with a wringer in between
A wringer in a laundry now is hardly ever seen.
Upon a shelf a little box of starch called "Silver Star"
Kero tins for buckets, remember back that far?
A dipper with a handle to help our Grandma cope
And a little wire basket with a piece of Sunlight Soap.
She used to have a washboard for scrubbing out the clothes
You must be getting on in years if you used one of those.
A saucer on the windowsill with bags of Reckitt's Blue
To make the white clothes whiter still and good for bee stings too.
Some sand soap and a scrubbing brush, for scrubbing all the floors
And some firewood for the copper in a box behind the door.
A tin roof and some guttering with a funny sort of sag
And a heap of wooden dolly pegs in a homemade hessian bag.
And out the back a clothes line not the kind that spins around
But a clothes prop held the clothes up high from dragging on the ground.
I wonder what Grandma would say if only she could see
That wash-a-matic marvel where the copper used to be
The dryer in the corner the tubs of stainless steel,
Hot water pouring from the taps - I wonder how she'd feel.
I think that Grandma would approve the changes made and yet
There were things in Grandma's laundry that I simply can't forget.

Nelson Branch March Newsletter

Otaki Family History Expo Saturday 28 May 2016 10 - 4pm

Memorial Hall cnr Main & Aotaki Sts Otaki

Entry Gold Coin Donation

A number of excellent speakers and people have tables and information available. Some of these are from the Irish Interest Group, Scottish research, Family Search, Ancestry, the NZSG Maori Interest Group, hopefully someone from Archives and more.

Hutt Valley High 90 Jubilee



**Friday 12 August - Saturday 13 August
5pm - midnight & 9am - midnight**

Hutt Valley High School was opened in August 1926 and so we are now looking forward to celebrating **90** years.

You may have attended HVHS, or know of people who did. Please join us over the weekend of 12-13th August 2016 for a

time of sharing memories with other past pupils or staff, and old class mates.

Join in with the school tours, displays, Mix 'n' Mingle and the 'Black n White' Jubilee party. The school is setting up a Database of past pupils so go online and fill out the form.

More details and registration forms available on the HVHS School website www.hvhs.school.nz



A H Turnbull and 'that most entertaining little man, Dr Hocken':

Dr Donald Kerr, on his research, and the relationship between Dr Thomas Hocken and his contemporary Alexander Turnbull.

Thursday 19 May 5.30 - 6.30pm

Tiakiwai Conference Centre, Lower Ground Floor, National Library of New Zealand, Wellington

Islands of Resources:

Navigating Samoan family history resources with Roger Swanson & Shaun McGuire

Monday 31 May 12:10 - 1:10pm

Te Ahumairangi (ground floor), National Library, corner Molesworth and Aitken Streets

What's on at your Local Branches?

Kilbirnie:

Wednesday 1 June – *Women's Fashions 1860 – 1914*, Walter Cook

Time/Venue: 10am The Park Bowling Club, Kilbirnie Crescent, Kilbirnie

Kapiti:

Tuesday 24 May – *LDS Family History Centre Upper Hutt*, Mike Guest

Time/Venue: 7pm Kapiti Community Centre, 15 Ngahina St, Paraparaumu.

Wellington:

Wednesday 25 May – Annual General Meeting followed by, *Finding the King – Forays into the 1939 Register*, Ann Ball

Time/Venue: 5.30pm Connolly Hall, Guildford Tce, Thorndon

Porirua:

Wednesday 11 May – Annual General Meeting

Time/Venue: 7.30pm Helen Smith Community Meeting Room, Pataka Cnr Norrie & Parumoana Sts, Porirua

NZ's First Woman Barrister and Solicitor

Appointed 10 May 1897



Born into a prominent Dunedin Jewish family, Ethel Benjamin excelled at Otago Girls' High School, where she passed the university junior scholarship examination in 1892.

The following year she became the first woman to be admitted to law school when she entered the University of Otago, the first university in Australasia to permit women to take a law degree. She proved to be an outstanding student and duly graduated LLB in July 1897.

Following the passage of the Female Law Practitioners Act 1896, on 10 May 1897 Ethel Benjamin became the first woman to be admitted as a barrister and solicitor of the Supreme Court of New Zealand.

Image: [Ethel Benjamin](#)

<http://www.nzhistory.net.nz/>