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Anzac Day Commemoration at Petone. Godber, Albert Percy, 1875-1949: Collection of albums prints and negatives. Ref: APG-0589-1/2-G. Alexander Turnbull Library, Wellington, New Zealand. <http://natlib.govt.nz/records/22821004>

Evening Meeting: 7.30pm 2nd Thursday, February to December

Day Meeting: 10.00am 3rd Thursday, February to November

Venue: Petone Library, Meeting Room, 7-11 Britannia Street

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Branch Meeting Programme for April & May 2017

Thursday 13 April: Evening Meeting - *Lynly Yates* – Upper Hutt Street
Names & their Origins

Thursday 20 April: Morning Meeting- *Julia Stuart* – An Unexpected Journey. Julia will reveal how she went about writing her book 'Half a World Away' Eastbourne in Wartime 1899 – 1928 and what she found.

11 May Evening Meeting: Annual General Meeting followed by Sandra Greig who will present her book about Melling aka Stillingfleet.

The Annual General Meeting of the Hutt Valley Branch of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists will be on Thursday 11 May 2017 at 7.30pm at the, Petone Library, Meeting Room, 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 2018-2019 year;
3. Election of Convenor, Secretary, Treasurer and Committee members
Note: Suzanne Sutton-Cummings is stepping down as Treasurer; also Terry Stock is stepping down from the committee
4. General Business

Note: For election as Convenor, Secretary, Treasurer you need to be a member of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists (not just the branch). 50% of the Committee also need to be members of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists
However branch only members are always welcome to participate in the work of the committee.

Thursday 18 May: Morning Meeting - *Tricia Meehan*, Family History Specialist, Petone Library on Ancestry

50th Jubilee 2017



Maungaraki School
(incorporating the old
Puketiro & Otonga
Schools) will be having its
50th Jubilee celebration on
1st to 4th September 2017.

http://www.maungaraki.school.nz/Site/Jubilee_2017.ashx

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

On duty for: May, June & July

- Wednesday 3 May: Ian Fyfe & Philippa Woolf
- Saturday 6 May Janet Ketchell & Helene Philpott
- Wednesday 17 May: Cheryl Dreaver & Avril Roberts
- Saturday 3 June: Jennifer Flynn & Terry Stock
- Wednesday 7 June: Marie Perham & Leanna Menchi
- Wednesday 21 June: Deb Beban & Lois Bartlett
- Saturday 1 July: Janet Ketchell & Helene Philpott
- Wednesday 5 July: Diane Stinson & Susan Wilson
- Wednesday 19 July: Ian Fyfe & Philippa Woolf

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.



*All members are welcome to contribute to the
News & Views.*

*Members Interests; Family History stories; 'How
to tips', Interesting websites; Sharing
Information*

*The first weekend of each month is the deadline
for the next month's issue.*

Email to Helene Philpott bhdk.philpott@gmail.com

What's on at your Local Branches?

Kilbirnie: Wednesday 3 May - AGM followed by Show & Tell
Time/Venue: 10am The Park Bowling Club, Kilbirnie Crescent, Kilbirnie

Kapiti: Tuesday 25 April – AGM followed by Jonathan Newport, Using Archives NZ's War Records and Diaries in your Family History Research.
Time/Venue: 7pm Kapiti Community Centre, 15 Ngahina St, Paraparaumu.

Wellington: Wednesday 26 April - 'Ngā Tapuwae New Zealand First World War Trails' a WW100 Legacy Project by Sandra Davies.
Time/Venue: **6pm** Connolly Hall, Guildford Tce, Thorndon

Porirua: Wednesday 10 May – AGM followed by Barbara Mulligan, Influenza Project
Time/Venue: 7.30pm Helen Smith Community Meeting Room, Pataka Cnr Norrie & Parumoana Streets, Porirua

It's Time to Renew Your Hutt Valley Branch Membership for 2017

Our branch membership year runs from 1 April to 31 March.

We have included the membership renewal form with this newsletter.

If you pay before 30 April, as usual there is a \$5 discount!

If you prefer, you can pay via internet banking.

Instructions for this are on the form.

If you use the internet banking option, don't forget to include your name in the payment details and do drop us an email to -

HuttValley@genealogy.org.nz and let us know that you have paid and update your contact details as required.

Hutt Valley Branch of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists



FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH DAY



Saturday 29 April 2017, 10 am to 2 pm

Everyone Welcome

Come and learn how to get started on researching your family history, or get help to break down those genealogy brick walls.

Branch members will be there to assist, and to show you how to use the resources available at the Petone Library. Specialists in New Zealand, Australian, English, Irish, Scottish, USA Family History & Military research will also be there to answer questions. Interest Group Resources will be available

Petone Public Library, Meeting Room
7-11 Britannia Street, Petone
(Use the Peel Place Car Park)

\$5 charge for non-members
Tea, coffee and Milo provided
Bring your own lunch

Hutt Valley Branch, New Zealand Society of Genealogists
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More Information www.huttvalleygenealogy.org.nz

Or email us at: huttvalley@genealogy.org.nz

13 Tips For Searching Trove's Historical Newspapers:

From: FamNet Newsletter April 2017.

I have had a lot of success with the NZ newspaper website Papers past. Here is an article about the Australian equivalent. Remember that our NZ ancestors moved quite freely between Australia & NZ. Maybe you lost a NZ relative on your family tree. Explore this site - you may find the lost ones appearing in Australia.

Australians are spoilt by having [Australian historical newspapers](#) available at their fingertips and online through [Trove](#). Not also forgetting that it's all totally free as well. Can you believe that there are over 200 million articles already on the National Library of Australia's Trove Newspapers site, and that figure grows every month, with new papers being added? It is a vast resource which is used not only by tens of thousands of Australian genealogists, historians, students and academics on a daily basis, but also by many overseas who are researching something about Australia, or someone who was in Australia.

But how do you search? Type in a name and see what comes up? Well, there's more to it than that. When searching newspapers you have to think of how things would be written in the newspaper at the time, which can be quite different to general search websites. So here are some tips for you.

- When searching for a birth, don't just look for the person's name, as they often aren't mentioned. (i.e. On the 23rd June, at Hobart, Mr and Mrs E. Smith of a daughter)
- When searching use initials, not just their full name – or an abbreviation (ie. Wm instead of William)
- When looking for a wife, look for “Mrs W. Baker” (as in wife of Mr William Baker) rather than her own name of Elizabeth
- Use place name together with a surname to help narrow down your search
- Or as an alternative to using a place name, use an occupation and surname
- Remember to use different spellings of names, as every name has variants
- Remember some places changed name, so look for a previous place name (ie. Friezland in Brisbane was renamed to Kuridala in 1916; or Tweedvale in South Australia became Lobethal etc)

- If you are looking for immigration details and can't find a shipping list, look for an obituary. Many say when they arrived, and often what ship they came in on
 - When looking at newspapers don't dismiss newspapers from other states, because the news may well have been reported elsewhere (and sometimes has better information) than the ones you're looking at
 - When looking for a death, don't dismiss papers that occur years after the death as they may be mentioned in a "In Memoriam" entry
 - You've done a search, and it's come up with 1000s of entries, too many to go through every one, use the "Refine Your Results" options on the left hand side of the page. So you can choose a state, choose a paper, choose an entry type, narrow down by decade
 - When looking at the paper and date range, it doesn't mean that 'every' issue between that range has been scanned yet. So check what's actually covered by browsing
 - Also one more point is that the text of the newspapers has been scanned and OCRd (Optical Character Recognition). So how well it reads (and can be found by searching), depends on the quality of the original. Sometimes it's best to browse, rather than simply rely on searching as you will pick things up that the search didn't
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Wellington City Recollect website, <http://wellington.recollect.co.nz/> a database administered by the Library containing heritage photos, postcards, books, maps and related ephemera reflecting Wellington's past. It is an interesting site and well worth a visit. Here is one of the photographs:



Description: Buried native tree stumps and logs being uncovered during road works in High Street, Lower Hutt. Date c.1925 Reference 50002-9-229
 Holding Institution [Wellington City Libraries](#) Collection [MacDonald Wilson Collection](#)

NZSG Conference 2017

Looking forward to the past

***Celebrating 50 Years of the New Zealand Society of
Genealogists 1967 - 2017***

Alexandra Park, Greenlane West, Auckland

https://www.genealogy.org.nz/2017-Conference_1571.aspx

For more information and a registration form

NZSG Conference 2017: Speaker

Fintan Mullan



Irish genealogical essentials: Census substitutes and other important sources for the early eighteenth and nineteenth century

Researchers can be left wondering what to do next when they have exhausted the possibilities of tithe applotment books, census fragments and church records for the early nineteenth century. This presentation provides some answers by drawing attention to census substitutes and other lesser known sources for the early nineteenth and eighteenth century, including: school records, 1796 flax growers' list, 1775 dissenter petitions, 1766 religious census, 1740 'Protestant Householders' List, and the Registry of Deeds, a significant, yet often overlooked, archive dating from 1708, which can provide invaluable information on Irish families of Anglican, Presbyterian and Catholic backgrounds.

Tracing Farming Families in the 18th & 19th Century using Landed Estate Records in Ireland: The documents generated by the management of landed estates are among the most valuable of records for the local and family historian.

This presentation will look at the background to landed estates in Ireland, before going on to discuss the more useful sources found in estate collections.

The Ulster Plantation: Sources for 17th Century Families in Ireland (not just Ulster): This presentation will look at those sources which can throw light on Ulster families in the seventeenth century. It identifies documents relating to the Ulster Plantation (1610–41) which can be used to construct profiles of settler families. It also considers sources from the second half of the seventeenth century, such as hearth money rolls, the Civil Survey and poll books, which are of use to genealogists working in this period. This presentation will also present information on a range of new resources and materials recently published which can help researchers explore this early period. While giving background to the Plantation of Ulster, the archival sources discussed, in many instances, also relate to other parts of Ireland and not only Ulster.

The Irish Poor Law & Local Government records: Board of Guardians, Workhouse Registers and Grand Jury records: The poor and destitute in Ireland can be the most difficult groups to trace because they rarely leave a paper trail. The records of the Board of Guardians, i.e. those tasked with administering the Poor Law in Ireland are hugely valuable, especially given the impact of the Great Famine on the period. Through the records such as minute books, outdoor relief registers, indoor registers and vaccination registers, we see glimpses of those admitted to the workhouse, how they were treated, and sometimes giving details on assisted emigration schemes. The session will also explore local government records in the eighteenth and nineteenth century, including records of the grand juries, town commissioners, corporation records and county council records. For example, the grand jury was one of the most important forms of local government of the period, and a greatly underused source for family history.

The Registry of Deeds: Ireland genealogy's best kept secret: In 1708 the Registry of Deeds was established in Dublin as a repository for all kinds of documents relating to the transfer of title to land, including leases from landlord to tenant but also wills and marriage settlements. This presentation explains how the genealogist can maximise their research time in this important, but often overlooked archive.

New Zealand's First Poppy Day 24 April 1922



Veterans of 'Poppy Day.' At the time that this photograph was taken, these five women had sold poppies in the streets of Wellington since the first New Zealand 'Poppy Day' in 1922. From the left they are Mesdames Gendall, Haldane, Anslow, Griffiths, and Gourley. Photographed by an Evening Post staff photographer on the 20th of April 1940.

Ref: Turnbull Library EP-Days of Commemoration-ANZAC Day-05

A total of 245,059 small poppies and 15,157 larger versions were sold, earning £13,166 (equivalent to nearly \$1.25 million in 2016). Of that amount, £3695 (\$350,000) was sent to help war-ravaged areas of northern France; the remainder went to unemployed returned soldiers and their families.

The idea of selling artificial poppies to raise funds for veterans' organisations was conceived by a French woman, Madame E. Guerin. Her plan was to have widows and orphans in northern France manufacture artificial poppies that could be sold to benefit veterans and destitute children.

After Colonel Alfred S. Moffatt took the idea to the New Zealand Returned Soldiers' Association in September 1921, an order for 350,000 small and 16,000 large silk poppies was placed with Madame Guerin's French Children's League.

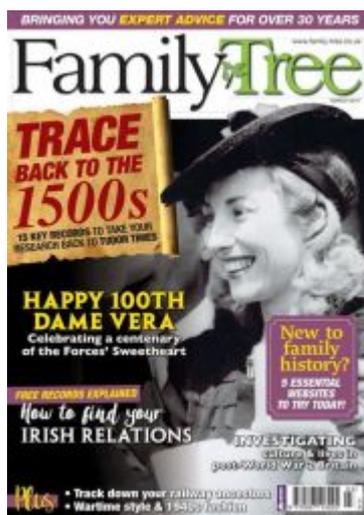
Unlike the practice in other countries, the NZRSA did not hold its inaugural Poppy Appeal in association with Armistice Day (11 November).

As the shipment arrived too late for Poppy Day to be properly promoted prior to Armistice Day; the NZRSA decided to postpone it until the day before Anzac Day 1922.

The first Poppy Day was a 'brilliant success'. The annual Poppy Day Appeal – now generally held on the Friday before Anzac Day – has become the NZRSA's primary means of raising funds for the welfare of returned service personnel and their dependants.

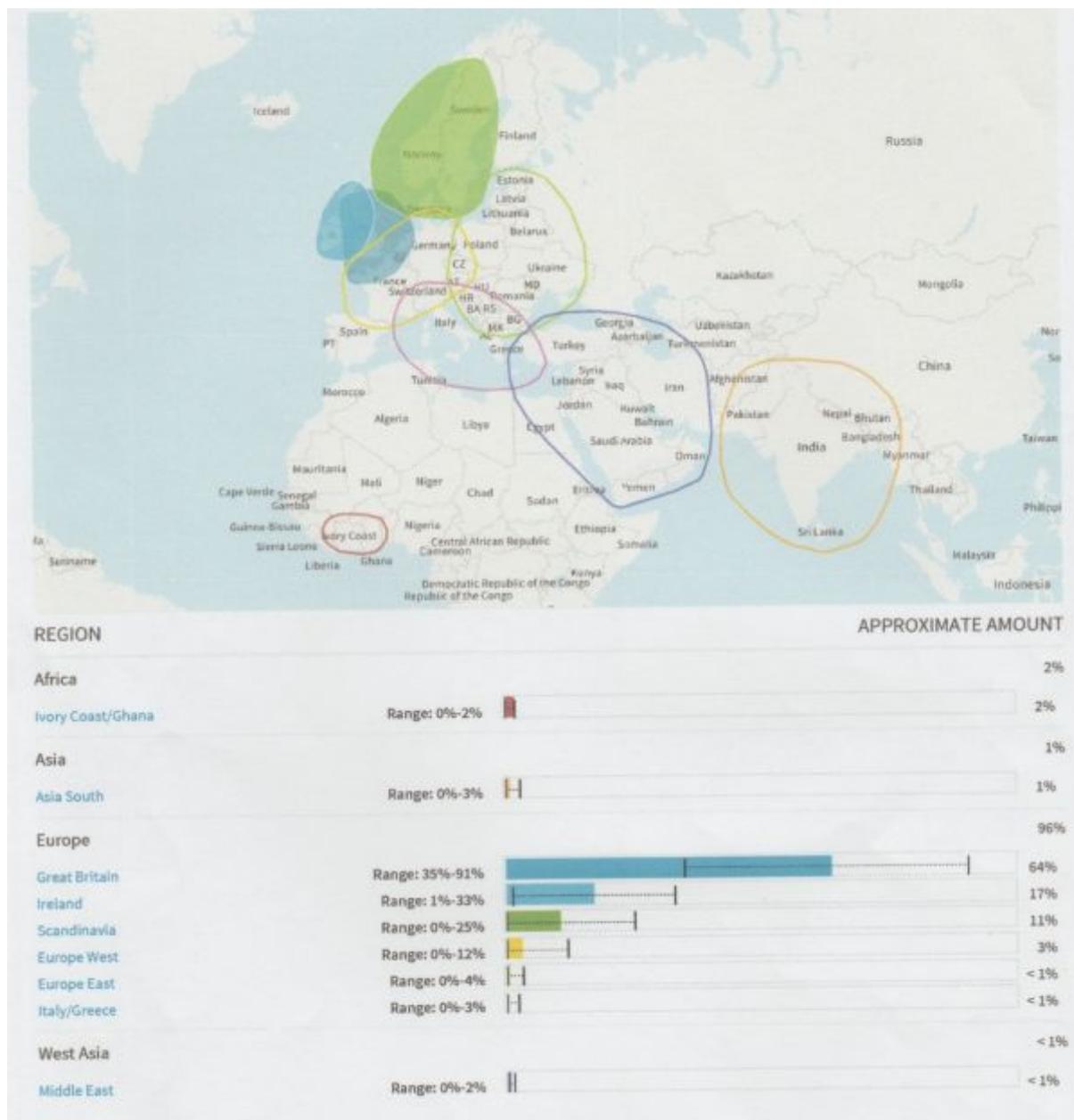
<https://nzhistory.govt.nz/>

Family Tree UK March Issue in the Library



- We've hand-picked 15 records that will take your family history back to Tudor times and will teach you the skills to learn how to use them
- Explore your railway worker ancestors, their lives and work, the many occupations involved
- Esteemed genealogist Mary Evans explores the rich records of Wales to help you find family in this historic country
- Celebrating Dame Vera, the soldier's sweetheart and the nation's treasure
- We've picked five websites that you'll love using right away to learn about your ancestors' lives.
- Take a look at our more recent history, and enjoy a trip down memory lane. From music, to recipes, lifestyle and work, even the lives of our most ordinary ancestors are a world away from ours today.
- Found & free – explore the top resource for your Irish family history

My DNA by Joy Adams



In October 2016 with help from Helene Philpott I completed a DNA Test. November was taken up with my 90th birthday, a great family event. December was a family christmas in Nelson. January 2017 turned out to be a 'stop the world I want to get off' month, so February had to be action.

Results:

Africa/Ivory Coast/Ghana - 2%
 Asia South - 1%
 Great Britain - 64%
 Ireland - 17%
 Scandinavia - 11%

Europe West - 3%
 Europe East - 1%
 Italy/Greece - 1%
 Middle East - 1%

My Mother's parents immigrated from Scotland, KELLY and GIBB. I traced the Gibb Family back to 1795 in Scotland and KELLY Family back to 1808 also in Scotland.

My Great, Great Grandmother, Mary COLVIN was born in Calcutta, India on the 11 January 1799.

My Great Grandmother Jessie MURRAY was born in Jamaica on the 25 August 1827.

Both these ladies arrived in Scotland to relatives after their parents had died, they married into the GIBB Family.

My father's parents immigrated from Somerset and Cornwall, YOUNG and ROSEVEAR.

The YOUNG Family I have traced back to 1784 in Somerset and the ROSEVEAR Family from Cornwall back to 1717.

It has been great fun over the years and these days all I do is sit in front of my computer at home and hunt for more bodies and dates.

I hope to talk my son Robert into doing a DNA Test and that will muddy the waters even more, his father's Great Grandmother was a Maori from Gisborne.

I feel past the stage of going to the National Archives and Family History Centre though some days I itch to go.

So it is now up to the kids, the three of them are now in their sixties.

Many thanks for your contribution Joy - Editor

NZSG Certificates Collection:

It is not possible for NZSG to supply copies of certificates digitally without breaking copyright.

However members can now digitally send certificates to the NZSGmanager@genealogy.org.nz for the Certificates Collection which will then be printed and sent to the Collections officer to process as she does any certificate.

Family Tree UK April Issue in the Library



- **Behind-the-scenes exclusive show guide-** We go behind the scenes to chat to the expert researchers, the genealogy lecturers and specialist family history companies that make Who Do You Think You Are? LIVE
- **How to start your family tree, from home, online, free-** Family history doesn't have to be hard or expensive when you first start out and following the simple steps and search-savvy advice of Rachel Bellerby you'll learn how to do your family tree, find out about the lives of your ancestors and create a family history to be proud of.
- **Hot foot to Gretna Green-** Eloping to marry isn't just the stuff of novels – some of our ancestors actually run away to marry. Research the records of ancestors impulsive in love
- **Your shipbuilder ancestors-** Explore your shipbuilder ancestors, their lives and work, the many occupations involved.
- **Budgeting & bankruptcy-** With the annual budget upon us, take some time out to think about our family members who ended up in debtors' jail.

Petone Heritage Library Volunteers:

At present there is a vacancy for 1 person on Saturday 7 October.

If you are not able to volunteer regularly perhaps you would be prepared to be an 'Emergency' volunteer when someone is on holiday or sick.

The duties consist of assisting people with their genealogy queries and if there are no visitors then you are able to do your own research.

If you are able to assist in any way:

Please Contact Diane Stinson.

A Poem that some can relate to:

The Remember Poem

I remember the cheese of my childhood and the bread that we cut with a knife,
When the children helped with the housework and the men went to work
not the wife.

The cheese never needed a fridge, and the bread was so crusty and hot,
The children were seldom unhappy and the wife was content with her lot.

I remember the milk from the bottle, with the yummy cream on the top,
Our dinner came hot from the oven, and not from the fridge or the shop.

The kids were a lot more contented; they didn't need money for kicks,
Just a game with their mates on the road, and sometimes the Saturday
flicks.

I remember the shop on the corner, where a pennies worth of sweets was
sold
Do you think I'm a bit too nostalgic? Or is it ... I'm just getting old?

I remember the 'loo' was the lav, and the boogie man came in the night,
It wasn't the least bit funny going 'out back' with no light.

The interesting items we perused, from the newspapers cut into squares,
And hung on a peg in the loo, it took little to keep us amused.

The clothes were boiled in the copper, with plenty of rich foamy suds
But the ironing seemed never ending as Mum pressed everyone's 'duds'.

I remember the slap on my backside and the taste of soap if I swore
Anorexia and diets weren't heard of and we hadn't much choice what we
wore.

Do you think that bruised our ego? Or our initiative was destroyed?
We ate what was put on the table and I think life was better enjoyed!

Hawkes Bay Twig