

Lands & Survey Records

are available to **NZSG Members**. [NZSG Land Research Service \(LRS\)](#) – Get expert advice and assistance to access New Zealand land plans, land titles and land transactions, including historic land records.

[NZSG Land Records Collection \(LRC\)](#) – Help grow the new LRC collection by donating copies of your New Zealand and overseas land records (including plans, titles and transactions). Once the LRC Index has been established, you'll be able to search it and obtain copies of records in the collection. Do look at pg 29 of Taupo

German Family History

Church and civil records (certificates) are better detailed – (probably similar to Scotland)

Lists place of residence

'Standesamt – civil district for registrations – like a parish or county

There are two records – Catholic and Protestant

There is a coloured map of German Empire.

<www.findmypast.com.au> has indexed and transcribed emigrants to Australia and New Zealand ports.

Use mailing lists such as rootsweb, yahoo etcto access local knowledge.

Many worked on forming the railway in NZ

www.mapy.eksploracja.pl

The Danes have conducted census from 1769 & these are being indexed are available on line

New Zealand Society of Genealogists

Congratulations to all Council members and especially Roger Washbourn, the only South Island councillor. Well done.

Michelle Patient (President) (Whitianga)

Barbara Wyley (Kaitaia)

Owen Ormsby (Auckland)

Clive Palmer (Kapiti)

Robyn Williams (Treasurer - Auckland)

Diane Wilson (Auckland)

Roger Washbourn (Invercargill)

Gay Williams (Auckland)

Ruth Rye (Waiuku)

Belfast cemetery records online

You can search 360,000 burial records for Belfast completely free

<http://www.belfastcity.gov.uk/burialrecords/index.asp>

Nick's Barrett's final session was on the future of family history. He would like to see:

- Historians and genealogists work together and genealogy taken seriously and not just a pass-time for bored retirees to while the time away.
- Making family history a mainstream activity in schools.
- Personalizing history for the new generation, bringing research techniques into schools – he has found the that ones who benefit from it the most are those who are problem kids.
- Genealogy used to change those involved in crime – giving them a sense of identity
- (presumably not to aid them in identity theft!).
- Genealogy tourism – it is no accident that the Irish have census records online for free. They are cashing in on those in who have ancestors in Ireland and want to go back to their roots
- Ireland, Wales and Scotland have a heritage to be proud of but the English don't – so the English are using regional genealogy tourism as their focus.
- New Zealand can also entice Brits over her to see where those who disappeared
- went and what they did – an opening for genealogy tourism here.
- DNA and genetics – as it becomes more affordable and science progresses we should be able to find out more than just the history of the male Y chromosome and
- the female Mta dna but pinpoint the middle sections of the genome. This will assist
- with family/surname location, 'deep ancestry' mapping and connectivity online.
- While a lot of resources from the British Archives are now online, there is a lot, lot more that is not. As a result the Archives are threatened with reduced hours and closures because they are not being used as much as a result of people thinking that what is online is all there is!

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Websites

www.scottishmining.co.uk – covers coal, shale & iron mining. Over 22000 names, 14000 fatalities from mining accidents

maps.osi.ie/publicviewer Ordinance Survey of Ireland. View maps including 19th century – you can compare these old maps with modern maps of same area.

www.oddquine.co.uk personal site of a genealogist who lives in Caithness of her family tree and also links other people's trees. Photographs of many graves, mostly of Caithness but not all cemeteries and not every headstone. It is easy to see if a gravestone of interest is available by searching the index *Sincere thanks to Riccarton Branch*

BDM – birth, death, marriage

RGO – Registrar General Office.

LDS – Latter Day Saints – Mormon church