

MAY 2023 NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING MEETINGS THE HUB, 33 JOHNSONVILLE RD 7 for 7:30 pm

<p>Wednesday 17 May</p> <p>Annual General Meeting AND <i>Extraordinary stories from Glenside and Halfway House</i></p> <p>Claire Bibby</p>	<p>Wednesday 21 June</p> <p><i>Finding the Staffordshire-born Ackley Children in Canada</i></p> <p>Rodney King</p>	<p>Wednesday 19 July</p> <p><i>On Scottish Resources: 'In Search of Scotland'</i></p> <p>Doug Miller</p>
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Greetings to All

I have been working on writing up the end of year Convenor's report and reflecting how amazing the year has been with all our various speakers and amazing organising committee. My term as Convenor is nearing at an end. I have been on Wellington Branch Committee since early 2016 and as Convenor from May 2018. It is time for someone else to sit in the chair. Life is busy which I prefer. I prefer to be doing something.

When I was first on the committee Ruth Ward was the Convenor and we met in person. Now we have our committee meetings via Zoom. I have had to learn innovative technology procedures which is good. It keeps the brain ticking over. Please consider sparing some of your time for committee duties, even assisting outside of the committee. It could be as little or as much as you wish.

Family History Month plans are coming along, I have attended a couple meetings to get the month of August set up. The four Wellington District branches all pull together to put on the event. This year it will take the form of four Tuesday evenings starting on 1 August. The evenings start at 5:30pm with a cuppa and chat in the National Library, entrance off Aitken St. Each branch will organise their speaker. More details will be released nearer the time. Watch this space.

Hopefully, many of you responded to the survey on Education from NZSG. I did and now I'm part of a group that has been put together on the subject. This is to assist NZSG to find further ways to educate the members.

See you all on 17 May at 7:00pm at the Johnsonville Community Hub. The meeting will start with our AGM and after that we have Claire Bibby speaking to us about 'Extraordinary Stories from Glenside and Halfway House'.

Take care,

Prue, Convenor wgtbranch@gmail.com

CONVENOR'S CORNER



The Wellington Branch Committee wishes to thank Prue for her long, valuable service and for convening many a memorable meeting. Join us for her last, the AGM, on 17 May.

[Photo Credit: DigitalNZ, Tea Time on the Lawn – Glam Gran March 14, 2008]

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APRIL'S SPEAKER: Kelly Dix on the National Library Website, Digital NZ

Kelly Dix, online engagement manager of DigitalNZ, gave a very informative, very detailed, and engaging talk at April's meeting about this National Library website which landed in 2008. It takes images, documents, etc, from a wide range of content providers, performs a bit of 'magic' on them, and provides the tools that are 'helping make NZ digital content easier to find, share, and use.' It absolutely is! As Kelly showed, there is so much you can do with this site, and the only way to find out how to explore its possibilities is to sit down and try it out.

Starting with the **Home page** of www.digitalnz.org – it's a good idea to click on some of the buttons across the top (see these below): 'Explore,' etc. ... 'Help' is a good place to start because it leads you to: 'How to search DigitalNZ'. It explains how to interpret what you see in the results of your search and offers various search tips and tricks.

DigitalNZ is a very inviting website. I have been staring at the home page for a while now. There is a very striking white rounded oblong with a big red search button next to it. Above it says 'Search 30+ million New Zealand items across 300+ collections in one place. Easy.' Even though I am supposed to be writing up Kelly Dix's talk to us, I can't resist any longer. What does a crazy cat lady search on? Yes, I typed in 'cats.' Totally non-judgmentally it instantly brought up the screen below: 381,426 hits in total, 961 of them 'audio'.

The screenshot shows the DigitalNZ search interface. At the top, there are navigation links: EXPLORE, ABOUT US, PARTNERS, DEVELOPERS, HELP, MAKE IT DIGITAL, SIGN UP, and LOG IN. Below these is a search bar containing the text 'cats' and a red 'SEARCH' button. Under the search bar, there are filters for 'ALL' (381,426), 'IMAGES' (8,213), 'AUDIO' (961), 'VIDEOS' (332), 'STORIES' (39), and 'MORE' (371,900). Below the filters are dropdown menus for 'CONTENT PARTNER', 'COLLECTION', 'USAGE', and 'DECADES'. The main content area displays four search results, each with a thumbnail image, a title, a content partner, and an 'ADD TO A STORY' button. The first three results are from the Air Force Museum of New Zealand and feature photos of veterans being greeted at an airport. The fourth result is a placeholder icon for a document.

What is an 'audio' of cats? Intrigued, I clicked on 'audio' and discovered that Radio NZ National does a lot of stories on cats. I listen to a few minutes of 'backstage at a cat show'. This is the first of several times I realise I could waste a lot of time on this site. I go back to the previous screen (above) and wonder why The Air Force Museum of New Zealand has so many items on cats. Clicking on the first one brings up the screen (below left) which beautifully sets out everything I need to know about the item, including why it showed up in my search for cats – location is Phu Cat,

Title	Oh1342-34-98
Content partner	Air Force Museum of New Zealand
Collection	Air Force Museum of New Zealand Photograph Collection
Description	Members of No. 1 Services Medical Team return to Bong Son, Vietnam. Veterans being greeted on arrival at Phu Cat.
Format	Image
Date created	July 1998
Creator	RNZAF Official
URL	https://fotoweb.airforcemuseum.co.nz/fotoweb/archives/5003-Search-the-Collection/Collection/Oh13...
Locations	Phu Cat
Related subjects	RNZAF / Vietnam / Phu Cat

Vietnam. If I go back to the search and type in: 'cats not phu cat', they disappear. This is fun.

Now I can scroll down a range of items almost all of which are clearly feline-related: photos, radio items, research articles, etc, all of which invite me to '+ add to a story'. One catches my eye and again I click on it: its description is 'A newly developed cat collar claims to translate cat meows into human speech - using a voice owners decide best reflects the cat's personality'. Well, after watching it, I immediately want to share it with you so I check below under 'What is the copyright status of this item?' and

discover, unfortunately, 'No sharing' in red. You will have to track it down yourself. It's very easy. When you find that page, click on 'View original item' on the right hand side of the page in the red oblong. I highly recommend it.

Enough of cats, what about family history? Well, I decide to try my last name and search on 'Franzen'. To my great surprise there are almost 8000 items. A number of people in the Nelson area in the 19th century were named Franzen, but again I can't share the images of them, their weddings, houses, sail making premises, etc., without further permission. I particularly like 'Franzen and Field Goldminers hut, Collingwood'. I wonder how the order of display is determined. The images seem to come first? Then lots and lots of newspaper references, again almost all in the Nelson area, 4th Q of 19th c. Looking at 'Collection' I see that almost all of the nearly 8000 items come from *Papers Past* (7854) while Nelson Provincial Museum has 28. Well, this isn't really family history either because Franzens turning up in NZ in the 19th century aren't relations of mine. My family's original surname was Franzone, anglicised to Franzen by my Sicilian grandparents in the early 20th century in America.

I am doing some research for a friend on his Carbis relations. So I try 'Carbis' and get 423 items, 14 of which are images. I immediately recognise the results of searches it took me days to do by other means. Photos of young unidentified Carbises from Waimate museum. War records of several Carbis men. Carbis men involved in various local sports including rifle shooting and pigeon racing. And much more. I find things I hadn't found before such as

REMINISCENCES

SOUTH AFRICAN VETERANS

"I feel I am really a veteran myself," said Mrs. Frank Hay, speaking at a reception given for visiting delegates to the South African War Veterans' Conference which is taking place in Wellington at the present time. Mrs. Hay is a daughter of the late Rt. Hon. R. J. Seddon, and during the Boer War acted as private secretary to her father. She described incidents on the voyage to South Africa, and spoke of her interest in the activities of the veterans today.

The reception took the form of an afternoon tea, and was given in Kirkcaldie and Stains' tearooms by Captain J. J. Clark (president of the Wellington South African War Veterans' Association) and his wife. Mrs. Clark, who received the guests, wore a smart frock of black floral marocain, a black fur coat, and a matching black hat. Her corsage spray was of pink carnations and maidenhair fern.

The function was purely informal, and opened with the singing of some of the favourite songs of 1900, including "Soldiers of the Queen" and "Dolly Grey."

Mr. W. T. Green (Rotorua), who was introduced to the gathering as the "baby" of the veterans, related some amusing anecdotes of his experiences at the war, and concluded by thanking Mr. and Mrs. Clark for

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29 July 1937, p. 18

their hospitality. Other speakers "reminisced" and told many stories of their part in the war which took place so many years ago. A visitor who was made specially welcome was Miss Robin, sister of the late Major-General Sir Alfred Robin, who, through the president, expressed her delight at being present.

The "king table" where the officials sat was set with glass bowls of pink cyclamen, and the other tables, arranged to form a large horseshoe, were attractively decorated with vases of hyacinths, freesias, and primroses.

Among others present were Mr. Thomas McWhirter (Dominion president), Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Warder, Mrs. George d'Emden, Mr. J. T. Goldsmith, Major P. de B. Brandon, Mr. G. Mitchell, Mrs. T. R. Payne, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Aldrich, Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Cull, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. C. Wortley, Miss J. Neville; Messrs. J. J. O'Reilly (Wanganui), W. J. Carbis (North Taranaki), A. McKeown (Waitara), W. J. Green (Rotorua), A. G. Bertram (Auckland), R. W. Todd (Invercargill), T. Richardson (Stratford), M. W. Wall (Tauranga), A. Trenkner (Palmerston North), S. W. Lankshear (Palmerston North), C. A. Knight (Christchurch), H. M. W. Richardson, M. Murray, A. Collins, J. W. Cowdrey, A. J. Harper, R. Tomkins, E. Hogg, A. M. E. Mason, W. H. Hayman, H. C. Thompson, W. McNear Miller, L. J. B. Hammond, F. Burton, J. Remnent, J. H. E. Tilling, G. Gibson, W. Burr, J. V. Scott, A. Duncan, F. Bishop, and C. H. Ritzema.

this charming item, left, about an afternoon tea in 1937 at Kirkcaldie and Stains for Veterans of the South African War.

William James Carbis (1869, Penzance—1956, Hawera), who at the tea represents North Taranaki, sailed on 'Drayton Grange' on 14 Apr 1902 from Wellington, and was a private in the 10th Contingent. He arrived in South Africa on 27 May, four days before the war ended, returning home July 1902. His war service was not... extensive. (back right, below)



I would definitely start with DigitalNZ next time. DigitalNZ pulls everything together and makes it instantly accessible and with all the source information, etc, only one click away. This was what Kelly's talk showed using so many different starting points. She spent quite a while on 'stories'. I didn't try 'stories' though I can see how easy it would be with all the information right at hand. If you go back to 'Help', one of the items is 'How to make a story'. And as Kelly said, in Wellington we can just go down to the National Archives and ask. Have any of our members tried 'stories'? I'd be grateful if you could write up something for our newsletter to show all our members what you did.

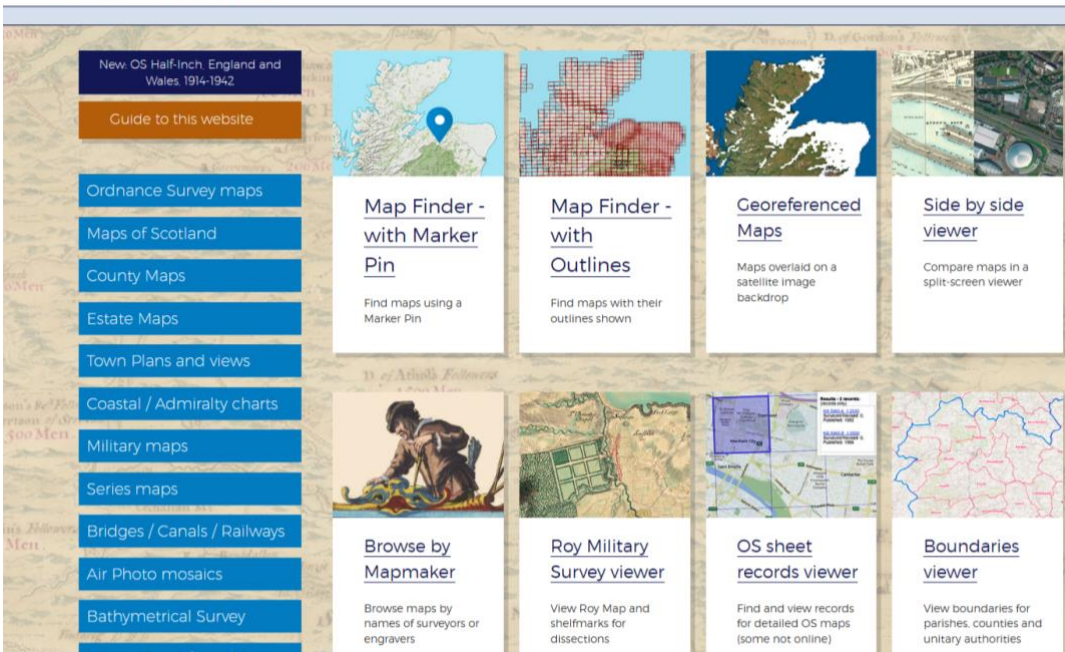
There are some limitations: only about one-quarter of PapersPast is in DigitalNZ now. They don't have BDMs. They have WW1 but not WW2. But they have so much and are adding more all the time, such as out of copyright books to PapersPast. And unlike the Ordnance Survey maps site Ann writes about in this newsletter, DigitalNZ is very clear and easy to use. As Newsletter Editor, I will be using it to find shareable images for future issues.

HISTORICAL ORDNANCE SURVEY MAPS at National Library of Scotland's website

You can access historical Ordnance Survey maps on the National Library of Scotland's website <https://maps.nls.uk>. It is a little tricky until you get the hang of it so I have provided a step by step guide using an example of the area where I grew up, Wigginton Road in Tamworth, Staffordshire.



Map Images



where I grew up, Wigginton Road in Tamworth, Staffordshire.

The home page of the site, shown to the left, gives a taste of all of the goodies you can explore, some of which are only for Scotland. When I have time I will definitely be going back to look at the First World War Trench maps.

How do I find Wigginton Road, Tamworth?

1. Click on the blue 'Ordnance Survey maps' tab on the top left hand side.
2. Under 'Browse all Ordnance Survey maps for a place', click on 'England, Wales and Great

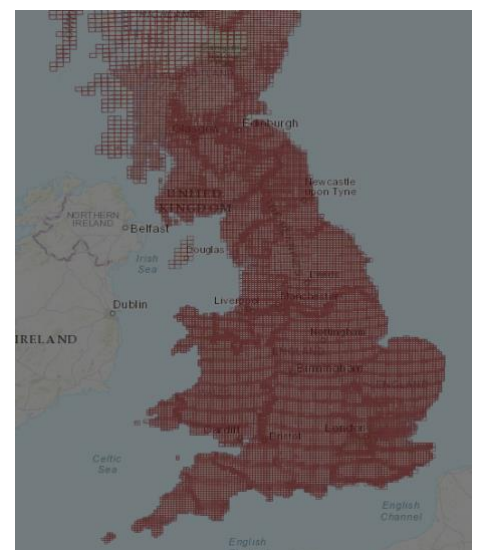
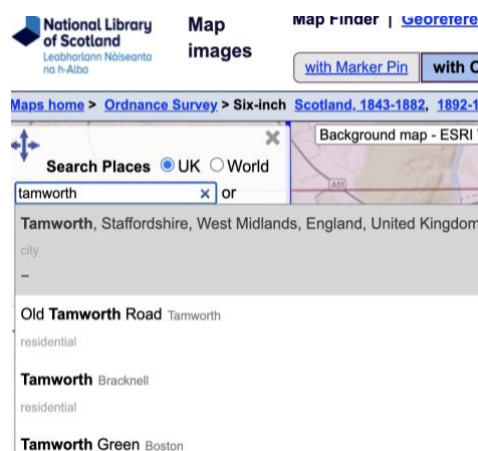
Britain'.

3. On the next screen: 'Map Series – England, Wales and Great Britain', select **EITHER Row 3:** 'Ordnance Survey, 25 inch, England and Wales - 1841-1952 – 89,540 sheets'

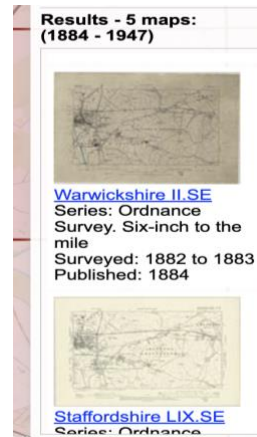
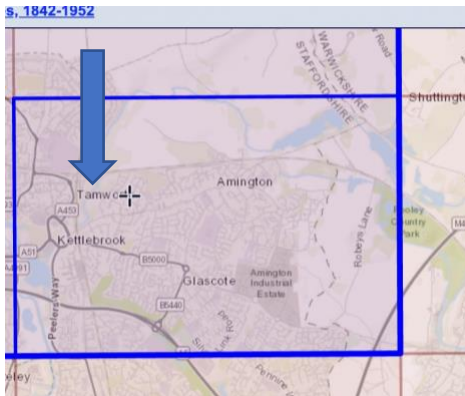
OR Row 4: 'Ordnance Survey, Six-Inch, England and Wales - 1842-1952 - 37,397 sheets'

For the example, I chose Row 4.

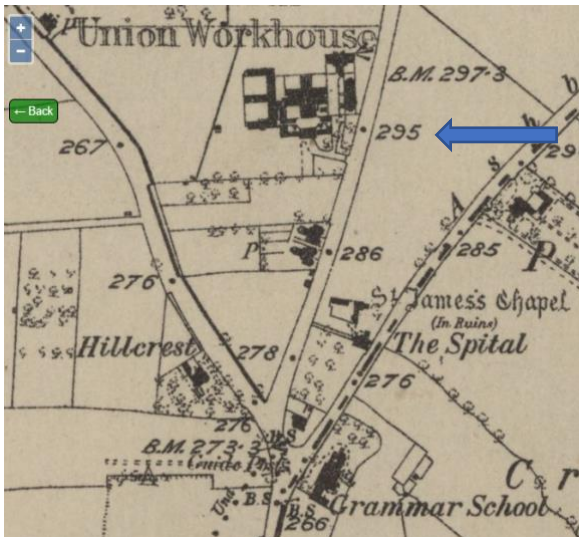
4. Under 'Browse the maps', select 'As individual sheets using a zoomable map of England and Wales' This will load a map of England, Wales and part of Scotland – see below, right. Sometimes it can be slow to load and/or focus. Each red box is a map.
5. Close the map finder (white box in the middle left).
6. You can click on the map with the cursor at the approximate point of location if you know where that is.....but I chose to type in the name of the nearest town in the 'Search Places' box: 'Tamworth' (below, left).
7. Then I selected 'Tamworth, Staffordshire, West Midlands...' from the drop down box (below, middle).



A pink-tinged modern map came up with a grid of red lines. See below, left. I knew I needed the one with the word 'Tamworth' in it so I clicked in that box. Once I'd clicked in the box, I was given a selection of 5 historical maps to choose from on the far right hand side; see right.



8. Of the five on offer, first I chose 'Warwickshire Sheet II.SE Surveyed: 1882 to 1883, Published: 1884'. Above right, not shown. Zooming in I found The Union Workhouse; below, left. My parents built a house opposite it (renamed as St Edith's Hospital) in 1963 (where the '295' is). You can also see St James Chapel and the Grammar School where my Dad, my brothers, and I all went to school.
9. Then I chose 'Staffordshire Sheet LIX.SE Revised: 1938 map', below, right. By 1838 you can see more houses have been built but the Infirmary, St James Chapel, and Grammar School can still be seen. The house that my parents bought their section from (no. 32) had also been built.



Left:
Warwickshire
Sheet II.SE
Surveyed:
1882 to 1883,
Published:
1884

Right:
Staffordshire
Sheet LIX.SE
Revised:
1938,
Published: ca.
1947



10. Instead of typing the name of a town in step 6, above, you can zoom in to the location – the zoom in/zoom out box is at the very bottom left of the screen.
11. This will enlarge your selected area, then it is a matter of geography to find your specific destination. Once located, click on the destination within the grid lines, as in step 8, above. Again, the maps available will be displayed on the right with their dates of survey & printing, as in step 9, above.
12. When you are comfortable moving around the maps, you can select the 'overlay' option at step 4, above.



Using the 'Swipe on' option will allow you to move between a modern map and the equivalent old map. The arrow indicates where I grew up.

Have fun. I've found this very useful – and a great distraction.

Ann Ball

BOOK REVIEW by Ann Ball: *Searching for the Secret River*, Kate Grenville (Melbourne), 2006.

I belong to a book group, part of the Book Discussion Scheme (BDS). Each year we all pore through the catalogue and come up with a list of 25 to 30 book titles we'd like to read. Our convenor removes any we have already read and then sends it off to Head Office in Christchurch. They then send us ten titles from this list in the following year, one per month. In 2021 one of us had requested *The Secret River* by the Australian author Kate Grenville. This is the first in a trilogy of historical novels about Europeans settling in Australia. Unfortunately for our book group the BDS sent us *Sarah Thornhill*, the third book in the trilogy. This was the story of Sarah, the youngest daughter of the family in *The Secret River*. Generally we enjoyed the book, but agreed it would have been better if we had read the first book beforehand. One member then found *Searching for the Secret River* and recommended reading that too.

Growing up, Kate Grenville had heard family stories about her 3xGreat Grandfather, Solomon Wiseman. As an adult, she recorded her mother telling these stories, and she realised there were gaps in the story. *Searching for the Secret River* is the story of how Kate Grenville tried to fill in the gaps and came to write *The Secret River*. The story her mother told her began:

'Solomon was born in London and worked on the docks. He married, and for some offence we don't know of, he was transported to Sydney, arriving in 1806 on the *Alexander*. I've heard that he was a smuggler, but I don't know for sure. His wife accompanied him, which suggests money. He was not only freed but given a grant of land at what is now called Wiseman's Ferry. He started the ferry, made money, built the hotel that's still there – the two lions at the gate were bought especially for the house from England. His first wife died and he married a local girl and had a number of children, one of whom was called Sarah Catherine, my great grandmother. Strong rumour was that he killed his first wife by throwing her down some stairs. Her ghost is supposed to haunt the place.' (*Searching for the Secret River* (2006) p 16).



Solomon Wiseman (1777-1838), by unknown artist
State Library of New South Wales, Original : ML
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The first part of the book follows Grenville as she tries to find out how much of these stories are true; then she wants to know more about her ancestor. She started in the Mitchell Library, the State Library of New South Wales, in Sydney. The Mitchell Library contains most of the documents relating to early settlement in New South Wales (p18). She found the transcript of an Old Bailey hearing that says that Solomon had been tried and found guilty of the crime of 'Stealing on board a ship or barge on the navigable River Thames'. He was sentenced to death.

While on a writer's trip to London commemorating the Federation of Australia in 2000 she had the opportunity to take these investigations further. She visited the Society of Genealogists and then the Public Record Office at Kew (now The National Archives). Information from these visits led her to visit the Thames to find out about lightermen (people who carried cargo on the Thames). This led to a visit to the Waterman's Hall and, after she found out he had served an apprenticeship, the Guildhall Library. It was there that she found his apprentice records and found out that he was born in 1777 and that he married a woman called Jane Middleton in 1799 in Spitalfields.

Back in Sydney she went back to the Mitchell Library and found out much more about the history of the European settlement of New South Wales. She revisited Wiseman's Ferry, the settlement Solomon and his wife had founded on the bend in the Hawkesbury River. The story her mother told her included the phrase 'he had taken up land on the Hawkesbury River' and she realised that she needed to include how Solomon interacted with the local Aboriginal Durag and Darkinjung people. This led Grenville to more fascinating investigations of the history of the local people.

The story starts with what a lot of us would have done – finding out about why he was transported, then moving on to baptisms and marriages and where he lived. I was frustrated as a genealogist that her approach seemed so unfocused, but it was obvious that she had done a lot of work that she couldn't put into the book. And she was a non-genealogist writing for non-genealogists. Her story was told in such an engaging way that I wanted to keep reading. After each discovery I wanted to know what she was going to find out next.

The second and third parts of the book, both much shorter than the first, show how Grenville started to write Solomon Wiseman's story. She has also written books on how to write, and these sections show how the book slowly evolved from a non-fiction book into a historical novel using Solomon's story as its foundation. The novel became about William Thornhill and his wife Jane. How the novel developed out of the original story is as fascinating as the genealogical journey. It includes chapters on how she struggled to create 19th century dialogue and how early readers and her editor helped her sort out some problems with certain characters. A lot of the feedback she got back was about William's wife. She was grumpy on the boat and then had nowhere to develop to. Grenville realised that

if she changed Jane's name to Sarah that allowed her to change her back story and allowed her to develop emotionally. These sections are equally as fascinating as the genealogical section.

Searching for the Secret River is available through Wellington City Library in book and ebook form, as are the books in *The Secret River* trilogy (*The Secret River* (2005), *The Lieutenant* (2010), and *Sarah Thornhill* (2011)). All are available in Kindle on Amazon and as books on Amazon and Book Depository, although the books are very expensive.

While researching for this review I found out that *The Secret River* has been adapted into a play of the same name and has also been made into a 2-part miniseries (still available on Netflix).

Googling Solomon Wiseman revealed some interesting websites about him: <https://adb.anu.edu.au/biography/wiseman-solomon-2809> https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Solomon_Wiseman

So if you have a juicy family story and you are thinking about turning it into a blockbuster novel, or you are interested in how someone went about researching their family, it is an interesting and engaging read.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

The October 2022 Wellington Branch Newsletter had an article about an unusual name: Vigessima. Several people sent in unusual names which I have been saving up. Two recent events make a couple of them newsworthy.

1. The Dominion Post is no more.

On 26 September 1907 *The Dominion* newspaper published its first edition and named itself after a very important event on that day: New Zealand's status was formally changed from Colony to Dominion. Wellington Branch member Claire Dawe sent me this note on 12 Oct 2022:

'Re unusual names I have just finished compiling the latest Newsletter for Village at the Park and in it said that Dominion Day 1907 was 'celebrated' by giving commemorative names which people may find in their families:

"Six babies, four boys and two girls born that day were named **Dominion** (from Eketahuna, Waihi, Christchurch, Dunedin and Arrow Flat) also **Dominus** from Christchurch and later that year a Poverty Bay baby was born and named **Dominionette**."

Surprisingly there are still a handful of people being named 'Dominion', for example, Dominion Dennis Garratt born June 1999 in Leicester [FamilySearch]. Not surprisingly I haven't found a single 'Dominionette'.

2. The Coronation of King Charles III

Will this result in 'commemorative' names and if so, what will they be? On 18 Feb 1838 an ancestor of my husband's was baptised 'Queen Ann' Baker but always called 'Annie'. I assumed the name referred to Anne, Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, 1702-14, but does it? There is also Queen Anne's lace (a wild carrot) and 'Queen Anne' as a style of architecture, though not of the period of her reign. But naming a daughter after a style of architecture, for example, 'Perpendicular,' is almost as absurd as naming her after an obscure queen of over a century earlier. Perhaps it was a kind of affectionate superlative rather than a reference to a specific 'Ann'. Her father was a Lincolnshire farmer who later called himself 'gentleman'; she was his first child. She isn't the only child baptised 'Queen --', by any means. Queen Ann Wright, 8 (below right), in the 1901 census in Maldon, Essex, has a 19 year old brother, King David, with a couple of commoners, Charles and Mercy, in between. Their father was a fisherman. There's Queen Bishop (1906-96, Kent); Queen Mary Smith, b. 1920; Queen Elizabeth Smurthwaite, d. 2006; and quite a few more. 'Queenie' is both a name in its own right and a nickname. But now England and NZ won't allow you to register a name which is an official title. 'King' was the most declined name in NZ in 2022. I guess we have to wait to see if there will be sudden surge in names like 'Coro,' 'Corrie,' 'Republique' depending on the leanings (and viewing habits) of new parents. Or, as Ann Ball suggests, will Charles finally avenge his eponymous Royal ancestor by toppling Oliver from the Department of Internal Affairs list of most popular baby names?



Hannah C. Wright	Head	Wid		54	
King David	Son	S	19		Fisherman
Charles	Son	S	16		
Mercy	Serv.	S	13		
Queen Ann	Serv.	S	8		
William Wright	Head	M	24		Marriner
Mary	Wife	M	23		

Robert's great-grandmother, Queen Ann Baker

WELLINGTON BRANCH NEWS

Thank you to those who have paid their subscriptions. If you haven't yet, please do so as soon as possible. Only members who have paid their subs will be able to vote at the AGM on Wednesday 17 May. If you have mislaid the form, look for 'NZSG Wellington' in your email inbox under 4 April. There will be some forms at the meeting but you don't want to risk not getting it filled in time to vote for the candidates of your choice (among other important issues). I will be sending out all the papers to do with meeting on Friday 12 May.

Please arrive well in time for the meeting. We will start with the AGM promptly at 7:30 and aim to finish it within 20-30 minutes to leave plenty of time for Claire Bibby's stories from Glenside and Halfway House. If you have friends who might be interested in these wonderful stories or in NZSG in general, be sure to invite them along. We will not be charging visitors for attending the 17 May meeting. For a brief introduction to Halfway House, see www.glenside.org.nz/halfway-house.html.

Thank you to Ann Ball and Clare Dawes for providing material for this month's newsletter. I'm always looking for contributions. Next month's talk is on Canada, and July's on Scotland. Perhaps a family history story from one of these countries? Or another country which we don't often feature?

Ann Ball and I wrote (quite separately) 'how to use' pieces on two very different but exceptionally valuable research tools for genealogists: Ann, on the amazing array of maps available on the National Library of Scotland's website, and I, on DigitalNZ, the subject of Kelly Dix's talk in April. Of the two, DigitalNZ is the easier to use, very well laid out and with lots of 'help' tools near at hand. Ann's guide to the maps is much appreciated. I had been struggling to use the site and now feel much more confident. Are there other sites you would like help with?



What would be the first thing you would search for on DigitalNZ?

Christine Franzen, Newsletter Editor

Canterbury Public Library Cat Photograph appeared in the Christchurch Star 21 February 1975 File Reference: CCL-Star-529 From the collection of the Christchurch Star

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EVENING MEETINGS

Third Wednesday of the month
February through November
7:00 for 7:30 pm start
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33 Johnsonville Road

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What's on at your local branch?

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Thursday 1 June	Wednesday 10 May	Thursday 18 May	Tuesday 23 May
AGM & Jo Lewthwaite: 'A Fisherman with a Croft'	AGM & Members' Family Photos	AGM	AGM & Members' Stories: 'What I've discovered with the help of DNA'
Matairangi Room, Ākau Tangi Sports Centre, 72 Kemp St 10 am	Helen Smith Community Room, Pataka, Norrie Place, Porirua 7 for 7:30 pm	The Masonic Centre, 65 Udy St Petone 7:30 pm	Coast Community Church, 57 Hinemoa St, Paraparaumu 7 pm