

Branch Lines



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or by handing it over at the next meeting.

Writer's Block and Big Branch News

You get writer's block sometimes so with some help from a few Branch Friends and the big news for this month is the creation of a web site for our Branch.

Yes you are reading correctly—we now have, courtesy of Roger Washbourn and a few others, but mostly Roger, our very own web site at:-

http://www.geocities.com/nzsg_southland

Roger says a bit about how he got interested in this web page and developed it on page 2 inside.

I'm impressed with it. Useful, easy to use, and a credit to all involved. Well done and every success with it's future. Some of it looks like :-



NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY of GENEALOGISTS (Inc.)
SOUTHLAND BRANCH

*At 46° 25' South latitude, we are the
southern-most Branch in New Zealand*



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Calling all settlers.....calling all settlerscome in please

The Southland Branch has finally got its Millennium Project ('millennium' as in 2001, not 2000) under way - the **Southland Early Settlers (Pre-1900) Register**. A specially designed form is available from Secretary Lesley Instone on which details are to be recorded. (see example below)

The Register is designed to provide a record of the details of any families who settled in Southland prior to 1900. Details sought include names of the families (parents and children), dates and locations of births, deaths and marriages, names of immigrant ships and port of embarkation, locality of settlement in Southland, and other life events such as occupation, military and public service, etc. There is sufficient space to record the names of 20 children in any one family, which should be adequate for most people.

The forms will be kept in a central register, filed in surname order. The details volunteered by Branch members will be put into a computerised database at some point in the future, and made available to the NZSG national body for indexing.

This project complements similar efforts by the Gore Branch (Eastern Southland Settlers Register) and the North Otago Branch (North Otago Pioneer Register), both of which have similar data entry forms.

SOUTHLAND EARLY SETTLERS (PRE-1900) REGISTER



Southland Branch, NZSG
P.O. Box 1329
Invercargill

FAMILY SURNAME
(Locality in Southland)

WIFE: Maiden Name

Please print clearly in a BLACK pen and forward to the Southland Branch.

HUSBAND				WIFE			
Christian Name				Christian Name			
D.O.B. Day/Month/Year				D.O.B. Day/Month/Year			
Birthplace: Town				Birthplace: Town			
County/Country				County/Country			
Occupation				Occupation			
Parents				Parents			
S				S			
S				S			
Name of Ship				Name of Ship			
Sailed From:		Date		Sailed From:		Date	
Port of Arrival				Port of Arrival			
First Sailed				First Sailed			
Later places of settlement				Later places of settlement			
Date of arrival in Southland				Date of arrival in Southland			
Date of Death				Date of Death			
Place of Burial				Place of Burial			
If settled in another Country prior to NZ, state where and for how long				If settled in another Country prior to NZ, state where and for how long			
Activities e.g. Local Body, Sport, Member of Society, Military, Trade, etc. <small>(If more than one, please continue on a separate sheet)</small>				Activities e.g. Local Body, Sport, Member of Society, Military, Trade, etc. <small>(If more than one, please continue on a separate sheet)</small>			

Complete for the Southland Branch of the NZSG as a Millennium Project
Details will be held on a computer database and may be published at a later date.

MORE TECHNO — STUFF

- URL: <http://www.scotlandsc clans.com/cemeteries.htm>
 TITLE: Scottish Cemetery Records
 DESCRIPTION: Links to sites that have posted monumental inscriptions from around Scotland.
- URL: <http://www.oldprintsandmaps.co.uk>
 TITLE: OLD PRINTS, MAPS AND CYCLING BOOKS
 DESCRIPTION: Old Ordnance Survey Maps of Britain.
 Some NZ cemetery sites are listed on
<http://home.clear.net.nz/pages/nzsoghamilton/NZ.htm>

Be warned though these don't have full or anywhere near full lists—something perhaps that the site owner should be encouraged to fix.

BRANCH WEB SITE

— by Roger Washbourn

I started learning HTML back in the days when the computer group met at Cargill HS - actually Peter Johnson sparked my interest. I borrowed his 10-minute HTML book and did a couple of personal-type pages, but they never went up on the web. (I cringe when I look at them now!)

Fast forward to late 2000. I wanted to do a family page for my kids who are all overseas (make them cry their little hearts out to see what they were missing), so started revising HTML again. Bought myself a book with a series of lessons (24-hour HTML, not 10-minute like Peter's), and buried myself in it. Grabbed Arachnophilia (freeware little program; does a validation check on your coding too). Decided also to play with a web page for the Branch; looked around other sites; and it grew from there.

Turned out better than I thought, so grabbed a site at Geocities (it's free), got hold of WS-FTP software to upload everything and got it sorted out there. Later, when I was getting happier about it I let Mary Stuart have a look at it (on the Open Day) and she leapt at it because she felt Southland was dragging the chain a bit relative to other branches; it grew from that. The Committee looked at it last week, made a few changes, blessed it, and so it's on its way.



2001 Programme

- 20 June Rosemary Bigwood—
Scottish Genealogist from
Edinburgh
- 18 July Old Handwriting
- 15 August Local Historian
- 19 September “County Cork to the Colo-
nies” Toni Grafton and Carol
Todd
- 17 October AGM and Speaker
- 21 November Pot Luck Supper and Talk on
1901 Census.

This programme is subject to change if circumstances
arise which will benefit members



Seeking.....

Hair	1920—1940
Anderson	1877—1900
Frederickson	1889—1930
George	1897—1925
Fox	
Tran	
Condon	1900—1930
Brooks/es	
McLelland	1884—1900
Phillips	1870—1890
Johnston	1870—1890
Ferguson	1917—1930
Naylor	1903+
Rowe	1919+
Woodhouse	1913+
Anderson	1876—1895
Flint	1890—1910

Research requests

IT WEREN'T ME YER HONOUR !

For those of us who are interested in people with shady pasts!
Leon Vance (ex the net)

AUSTRALIAN CONVICT INDEX, 1788-1868

The accepted authoritative work on Australian convicts is Charles Bateson's "Convict Ships" (Library of Australian History, out of print). In it, Bateson states that 160,151 total convicts were sent to Australia.

Although most of the convicts were from the British Isles, some were also from various British colonies. The British Government first sent convicts to New South Wales, Australia in 1788, after the American Revolution. But NSW refused to accept convicts after 1842 because the population had grown after the success of free immigration.

Convicts were first sent to Tasmania (formerly Van Diemens Land) in 1803.

Western Australia accepted male convicts only from 1850 to 1868. [An attempt was also made to send convicts to Port Phillip (Melbourne, Victoria), but this failed.]

This database is an index compiled from the convict indexes for each state through numerous publications, as well as from many Internet sites. It gives the name of the convict, his/her age or birth year, birthplace or place of trial, occupation, marital status, ship, and year of arrival. The database includes more than 48,000 names of convicts sent to Australia between 1788 and 1868.

Source Information: Reakes, Janet, comp. "Australian Convict Index, 1788-1868" [database online] Provo, UT: Ancestry.com, 2001. Original data: "1788-1868 Convict Records." Records kept at

the New South Wales State Records Office, P.O. Box R625, Royal Exchange, NSW 2000; at the Archives Office of Tasmania, 77 Murray St., Hobart, TAS 7000; and at the State Records Office of Western Australia, Alexander Library, Perth Cultural Centre, Perth, WA 6000.

To search this database, go to:

<http://www.ancestry.com/search/rectype/inddb/5517.htm>



Quarry Hills Cemetery

WHO'S PAROCHIAL NOW ??

**The Scots keep the Sabbath and anything else
they can get their hands on;**

The Welsh pray on their knees and their neighbours;

**The Irish fight the good fight and anyone else who's
drunk;**

**The English are self-made and worship their creator,
thus absolving the Almighty of an awesome
responsibility.**

Introducing: Strays & More Collection

Strays

A Stray is anyone who has left a record of a marriage, death, employment or any other event in a state, county or country other than where he or she was born.

& More

The majority of entries included in this Collection contain information that you may not know about your ancestors, such as:

- * Date and place of birth, marriage or death
- * Name of spouse and parents
- * Employment
- * War service
- * Where they lived

Even if you have "found" your ancestor it is worthwhile checking to see if there is an entry relating to the person you are researching.

A Gen Guide, to replace what was formerly known as Fact Sheet 9, is being produced. If you would like a copy, once they become available, please send me a long stamped addressed envelope and quote your membership number.

Strays from the Cyclopaedia of Fiji for 1907 have now been added. As a copy of this publication is held in the NZSG Li-

brary why not check to see if your ancestor is included in the Strays & More Collection.

Lyane Kendall, Strays Officer, NZ Society of Genealogists
P.O. Box 143, Westpark Village, Waitakere

Check out the Society's website: <<http://www.genealogy.org.nz>>

Features on the Strays page include:

Online search request form.

Online submission form.

Online subscription newsletter form.

For an explanation of the Strays entries included in Version 2 of the NZSG Index on CD see page 54 of the Jan/Feb 2001 "NZ Genealogist".

Please remember to quote your membership number.



MARRIED 10 YEARS WITH 19 CHILDREN

by Chandra Martin ex the internet

From the ILLINOIS-IOWA-MISSOURI SEARCHER, Vol. 16 #1 Issue 53, page 25 (originally from THE NEWS-REPUBLICAN, Farmington, Iowa, April 6, 1911, but the dateline is Muskogee, Oklahoma).

Married 10 Years, Have 19 Children
 Muskogee, Oklahoma -- Mr. and Mrs. Frank Scott of Highland, Kansas are seeking a home in this state with plenty of land. They will need it, for although they have been married not quite ten years, they are the parents of nineteen children, all boys, and thirteen of them living. They hold the record for triplets, having five sets to their credit, and two sets of twins. All of her thirteen boys are under five years.

Recently the Scotts, deciding that they must find more land, went to Alberta, Canada. They were not satisfied there and returned. On the return trip Mrs. Scott and her thirteen children all rode on one first-class ticket. At Omaha the conductor made a vigorous protest.

"Madam, you cannot carry a whole Sunday School along with you on that one ticket," he said, "and you need not tell me those are all yours. You will have to pay for some of them."

"The rules of this railroad provide that a child under five years may ride free, when accompanied by its parent with a first-class ticket, don't they?" retorted Mrs. Scott.

"They do, but you will have to show me."

Mrs. Scott dug down into her valise and brought out the Family Bible in which was recorded the names and ages of each of the children. The conductor had to give in. The mother and children occupied five double seats in the homeseekers' car and paid for only one.

The names and ages of the children are: Ashbell, Archer and Austin, triplets 4 1/2 years old; Arthur and Arnold, twins, 3 1/2; Allan, Almon and Albin, triplets, 2 1/2; Albert, Albion

and Adolph, triplets, 18 months; Abel and Abner, twins, 6 months. Mrs. Scott is 30 years old and her husband is only a year her senior.

A tale that would make anyone feel tired—thanks Roger. Ed.

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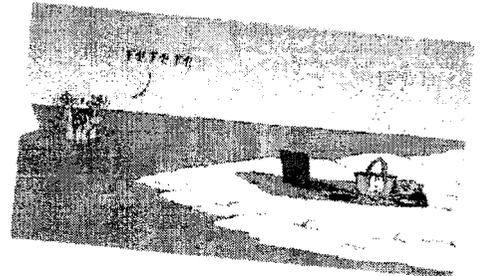
WANTED: Somebody to go back in time with me. This is not a joke. P.O. Box 322, Oakview, CA 93022. You'll get paid after we get back. Must bring your own weapons. Safety not guaranteed. I have only done this once before.

Federal Agents Raid Gun Shop, Find Weapons

ATTENTION HOUSEWIVES IN WARREN COUNTY OR THE STATE OF OHIO:
 If your husband or varmint that you live with has bragged about getting a **FREE CHRISTMAS TREE**, it may be stolen!

Six men, their faces covered with red bandanas, got out of the Cherokee carrying a knife, baseball bat, billy club and rolling pin, said Davis, 30.

"I knew when I saw the rolling pin that something bad was going to go down," Davis said.



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Southland Branch of the New Zealand Genealogy Society holds a meeting on the third Wednesday of each month except December and January at 7.30 pm. A wide range of research resources owned by the Branch are available from 1.30pm on the meeting day to Branch Members only. Visitors are welcome at the meeting and also to some research material from 7.00pm on meeting day at no cost for one introductory meeting. Full membership would be necessary thereafter. Venue: First floor Scottish Hall Esk Street Invercargill Supper and photocopier provided at the meeting (each for a small charge).



One of the many early nursing homes in Tweed Street—this one still standing.