

Branch Lines



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WHALE OF AN EDITORIAL

I recently did two things to change my genealogical life. I obtained a credit card (after years of the bliss of not having to have one) and with that credit card I made my first ever purchase over the internet—that of the new version 6 of BrothersKeeper. The credit card has been put to another use and this was to order some extracts from Scots Origins. I am now saving to pay these forays off!

It is a reality now, that internet purchasing is well upon us. Not something I as a computer enthusiast would discourage but I can easily see that we humans are effectively making our lives more and more complicated with the introduction of the things that are

supposedly making it easier for us. Now Brothers-Keeper 6 arrived very quickly. I'm impressed with John Steed and his Brothers-Keeper Organisation—, and have been for years! It's installation was relatively seamless except I did get a few errors with long file names and locations of picture files etc. And a weird covert burial field to baptizm which is yet to be fixed. But nothing insurmountable. The nag pop up at the end reminding me to back up is a bit tedious though. And cringes; I hate American "z"

Now Scot's Origins. I've been champing at the bit for yonks to get at this and now with credit card in hand—way hey - I am off!

My first batch of extracts arrived before my credit card was debited. The 30 downloaded pages of index wasn't too bad either for £6 but at £10 (\$35.78) per extract it's getting a wee bit expensive.

Ah but "He's nay so blind as he who's smitten by the tree bug" ... eh?

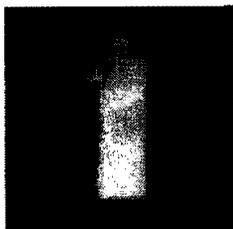
Onwards and Upwards -

Geoff



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Sing this to the tune of the Beatles' "Yesterday"

Yesterday,
All those backups seemed a waste of pay.
Now my database has gone away.
Oh, I believe in yesterday.

Suddenly,
There's not half the files there used to be,
And there's a millstone hanging over me.
The system crashed so suddenly.

I pushed something wrong
What it was I could not say.
Now all my data's gone
and I long for yesterday-ay-ay-ay.

Yesterday,
The need for back-ups seemed so far away.
I knew my data was all here to stay.
Oh, I believe in yesterday.

Contributed by Lewis Thompson

USEFUL SITES

Aussie Post's postcode search page.

<http://www.auspost.com.au/postcodes/>

I typed in "Gree" & selected Victoria and it gave me 10 possible suburbs/towns.

Found this site which has information on newspaper reports on people.

Found some of my rellies.

www.oldnewscopy.com

Pam Atkinson



History Now— published by the History Department University of Canterbury.

Genealogists are often interested in history more generally and *History Now* now in its seventh year of publication has proven its popularity with a wide range of readers, from academics to teachers to students to the general public.

The cost of subscribing to *History Now* in 2001 is \$25 which includes four issues as well as postage and handling.

History Now is a commercial venture and if you want to know more about it you could contact:

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2001 Programme

- 15 August Local Historian Phil Lister
- 19 September "County Cork to the Colonies" 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.....

- Joan of Nelson looking for Jane Ann Forbes CALDER b. 15 March 1880 daughter of George and Mary Ann. She married William James MACKINTOSH b. 27 November 1879 first day pupil Drummond School (aged 8 years) son of Caroline and William. Their children William George b 30 April 1906, Jeannie Huia b. 30 April 1908, Esmond Charles b. 14 Jan 1912 James Alexander b 26 Jan 1914 Thelma Jessie b 17 Feb 1916 and Murdoch Calder b 5 August 1921. All attended Myross Bush, South Ingill and Middle Schools.
- Jennifer of Napier seeking Donald and Florrie GILLESPIE children of Thomas GILLESPIE Gore Main and Maitand Village Schools circa 1913/4.
- Heather of Kaitaia wants information on the MOLLOY family. Gummies Bush School 1878 to 1888 Thomas, Peter, Charles and Elizabeth. 1896 to 1980; Katie, May, Elizabeth, Hugh and James.
- Margraet (nee FEARN) Kaitaia seeks KINGSLAND information. John and wife Charlotte arrived Invercargill Sept 1862. Mayor of Invercargill 1882-3. Names associated—Kate Bennet KINGSLAND, Henry and Hannah SMITH child Rachel Hannah SMITH, William FEARN, George Henry FEARN, John Henry KISSELL and Rachel KISSELL (the enquirer's grandmother)
- Zelda of Cambridge wants information on the death of Euphemia Moffat KILPATRICK killed by lightning strike at Forest Hill 14 November 1883. Plus some other KILPATRICK/STARK/MOFFAT/LAWRIE interests
- Julie via email has lost Priscilla WALKER (nee ARNOTT) born Tasmania 1830 married to John WALKER. From the school indices she thought that the Wendon School names of Priscila WALKER daughter of William in 1904 may be a connection.

DNA

By Pam Atkinson ex the net

The following was posted on the Buteshire site and as someone was enquiring about DNA thought it may be of some interest to others as well.

As an aside, I wonder if, in a couple of hundred years, genealogists will have to search through clone batch numbers to determine which test tube ancestors arrived in rather than immigrant ships.

"HOW NAMES ARE IN OUR GENES

What you are called is closely connected to your genetic makeup, say scientists - and this surprising link reveals a lot about infidelity.

What's in a name? The question has puzzled writers and thinkers for centuries. Now scientists have provided an answer: our names reveal the nature of our genes and our biological past. Oxford researchers have discovered that names are more than labels. They reveal critical information about our natures and our roots.

The discovery is being exploited by individuals who are using their DNA to reveal key information about their family trees. One day it might even be possible to name a criminal simply from the DNA that he leaves behind at the scene of a crime. 'We have found that a person's genotype and surname are incredibly closely connected,' said Professor Bryan Sykes, of the Institute of Molecular Medicine, Oxford. 'It is really quite startling, and very informative.'

The Oxford group's discovery is the result of a remarkable investigation into Sykes's own family tree, a lineage that he has traced back to around AD1300. Surnames were first introduced at this time, when laws were changed to allow farm tenancies to be inherited, forcing people to be able to prove their

identities.

Nicknames, local geographical terms and - most often - professions were adopted for surnames: hence the plethora of Smiths and Millers in Britain. The name Sykes, however, was taken from a Yorkshire word for

boundary ditch - which explains why distribution maps of Sykes's produce a cluster in villages around Huddersfield. Surnames are inherited through the male line - and so are Y-chromosomes, the packages of genes responsible for conferring maleness on a human. The question Sykes asked was simple: Were the two linked in any way?

'I got the idea for researching the two when I agreed to give a GlaxoWelcome lecture on genetics and genealogy,' Sykes said. 'I knew its chief executive Sir Richard Sykes would be in the audience, and so I suggested that we should try to find out if we were related.'

With a DNA brush, used to slough cells from a person's cheek, samples of their genes were analysed, along with those from several dozen other Sykeses who had been selected from the electoral register. Both men, and more than half the sample of other Sykeses tested, were found to have the same Y chromosome.

'It was a wonderful discovery, one of those things that shows how exciting science can be,' Sir Richard said. 'Bryan and I now know we have a common ancestor with all those other Sykeses.'

In other words, for the past 700 years a lineage of Sykes' genes has been spreading like a web through generations - and in the majority of cases has remained unbroken. And what is true for the Sykes clan applies to the rest of the country. Research on other surnames has also shown more than half of their possessors share the same Y chromosome.

Chromosomes are shuffled from one generation to another - except for the Y-chromosome which is passed from father to son like a surname. 'What is remarkable is that both name and

Y-chromosome have remained linked for more than 20 generations,' said Bryan Sykes. 'It would only take a single act of infidelity to break this link, after all. Yet after 700 years, surname and Y-chromosome remained connected in more than 50 per cent of the men. That indicates an illegitimacy rate of less than 1 per cent a generation.'

Such a figure flies in the face of studies which have claimed that—due to mothers' infidelities - between 5 per cent and 10 per cent of people are unrelated to the person they call dad.

'Our work flatly contradicts those figures, and indicates that family life in Britain has been a lot more stable and trusting than it has been given credit for,' he said.

Individuals sharing a surname can now send off to the professor for a set of DNA brushes and sample pouches and so find out if they share the same Y-chromosome.

Launched last month, the £120 test has proved popular with people researching their family tree, particularly Americans. In cases where two unconnected branches of a surname exist - for example, one from Essex and one from Cornwall - a DNA test can reveal to which group an individual belongs. 'This test only works with men because it relies on the Y-chromosome, of course,' Sykes said. If a woman wants to find out such information she will have to find out via her father or brother.'

Sykes is an expert at tracing lineages - including those of pet hamsters, shown to be all descended from a single female found in the Syrian desert 70 years ago. He has used this knowledge to set up Oxford Ancestors, a private company that now operates his Y-chromosome analysis service under the commercial label Y-Line.

It also offers another service - MatriLine - which does for female DNA what Y-Line does for the Y-chromosome. 'There is a packet of genetic material called mitochondrial DNA that is inherited through the female line,' Sykes said. 'We can use that to trace back a whole web of relatedness among individuals.'

In one case mitochondrial DNA was extracted from a 9,000-year-old found in the Cheddar Gorge and linked to a local schoolteacher. Much more is known about mitochondrial DNA than the Y-chromosome. As a result, Sykes has been able to trace the webs of family links back to seven women, whom he calls the founding mothers of Europe. He has named them Ursula, who lived in Greece 45,000 years ago; Xania,

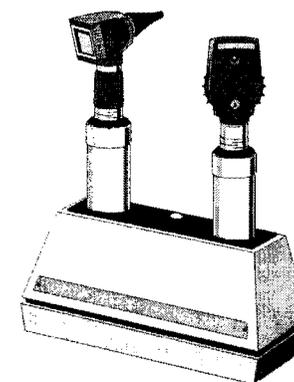
Ukraine 25,000 years ago; Helena, from South-west France 20,000 years ago; Velda, from northern Spain 17,000 years ago; Tara, from northern Italy 17,000 years ago; Katrine, from eastern Italy 15,000 years ago; and Jasmine, from Syria 10,000 years ago.

'Think of them as Eve's daughters,' Sykes said. 'Soon, we will use our Y-chromosome studies to build a similar picture for Europe's fathers. Then it will be possible to find out from which of Adam's sons you are descended.' "

Useful links:

The Oxford Ancestors project

The Science Museum's new Welcome Wing has a interactive display showing the geographical distribution of nearly every British surname Genuki provides help on tracing your family tree Genealogy.com and Ancestry.com give access to massive databanks of surnames "



The following historical rhymes were told to me once when I attended 16th - 18th century history lectures in Enfield, Middlesex circa 1963 and I found them useful for remembering the fate of some royal characters.

Elizabeth Beer

HENRY VIII and his SIX WIVES

Divorced, beheaded, she died,
Divorced, beheaded, SURVIVED !

THE SEQUENCE OF THE STUART KINGS

James was nearly blown sky high (James I - VI of Scotland)

Charles, his son, knelt down to die (Charles I)

Charles-the-next hid in the oak (Charles II)

James-the-next was a bigoted bloke. (James II)

THE STRUGGLE FOR THE CROWN

(Lancastrian and Yorkist armies)

In the fight for England's head

York was white, Lancaster red.

WILLIAM I - 1066

William the first was the first of our kings,

Not counting Ethelreds, Egberts and things,

And he had himself crowned, annointed and blest,

In ten sixty ... - I needn't tell you the rest.

But being a Norman, King William the First,

By the Saxons he conquered, was hated and cursed.

They planned and they plotted far into the night,

Which William could tell by the candles alight.

Then William decided these rebels to quell,

By ringing a curfew, a sort of a bell,

And if any Saxon was found out of bed

After eight o'clock sharp - it was off with his head.

So at Bong number one they all started to run

Like a warren of rabbits upset by a gun;

At Bong number two they were all in a stew

Flinging cap after tunic and hose after shoe;

At Bong number three they were bare to the knee

Undoing the doings as quick as could be

At Bong number four they were stripped to the core

And pulling on nightshirts, wrong side before;

At Bong number five they were looking alive

And bizzing and buzzing like bees in a hive;

At Bong number six they gave themselves kicks,
Tripping over rushes to snuff out the wicks;
At Bong number seven from Durham to Devon,
They slipped up a prayer to Our Father in heaven;
And at Bong number eight it was fatal to wait,
So with hearts beating all at a terrible rate,
In a deuce of a state, I need hardly relate,
They jumped Bong into bed like a bull at a gate.



Sinclair and McLeary's Chaff-cutter

W. Aitken jnr, Lackie Shaw, Wattie Amos, Jack McLeary, A. Aitken snr,
Donald Sinclair, Mrs Aitken, B. Evans, Mary Compton

I found this in a local history book "Life At The Island A History of Mataura Island. Published by Craig Printing 1989. Mataura Island Centenary Committee chaired by Diane Fleck.. The authors are noted as Kay Hunter and Joan McKenzie. I would like to obtain a copy of the original picture (date and source not noted in the publication) Can anyone in the Branch identify the picture and/or tell me how to get in touch with any of these 3 people.

Thanks

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From the Pen of George

Here is the latest from Scots Origins
19 July 2001
Free Surname Search on Scots Origins

Origins.net has just added a free surname search on Scots origins, which works in the same way as the current feature on English origins. Users will now be able to enter in the surname of their choice, and search across all the datasets for occurrences of that name BEFORE they commit to paying the £6 (8.40022 USD or 16.46 AUD) to register.

Users will be able to search across all the years available on the current Scots Origins database (1553 to 1924) or narrow down their search to a specific time period (e.g. 1800-1820). Please visit: <http://www.origins.net/GRO> to access this feature from the homepage.

If you have any further queries about this facility or about www.origins.net in general, please send address your enquiries to: jane@origins.net.

George Henderson



From Lew's stash of interest sites

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~dotwells/Frankfield.htm>
 "Hero of Malown"
<http://www.terrigan.net.au/~perentin/Heroofmalown.htm>
 Ancestral & Family Tree Quilts
<http://www.familytreequilts.com/>
 Association of Amateur Heraldry
http://freepages.family.rootsweb.com/~heraldry/page_coa.html
 Cornish Mining Index
<http://www.incornwall.com/>
 Danger Ahead
<http://danger-ahead.railfan.net/>
 English Colonies 1700-1750
<http://www.ancestry.com/search/rectype/reference/maps/freeimages.asp?ImageID>
 Foreign Names
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~scoconee/names.html>
 Fun and Interesting Conversions
<http://www.onlineconversion.com/funstuff.htm>
 Google Groups
<http://groups.google.com/>
 Immigrant Ships Transcribers Guild - Vol 1
<http://istg.rootsweb.com/index2.html>
 Mexican War 1846-1847
<http://www.ancestry.com/search/rectype/reference/maps/freeimages.asp?ImageID>
 Military Records
<http://www.webyfl.com/generic.html?pid=39>
 New England & Nova Scotia Families Genealogy
<http://www.singlehand.com/>
 New South Wales Rail Transport Museum
<http://www.accsoft.com.au/~rtm/>
 Port Adelaide Historical Society
<http://users.olis.net.au/penta/index.htm>
 Pubs in Rotherham
<http://www.geocities.com/ward4ever/>
 Retouching Old Photos
<http://www.photosforgenealogy.com/nolayers/homepage.htm>
 State Library of Queensland
<http://www.slq.qld.gov.au/>

Stawell at Pleasant Creek
http://home.vicnet.net.au/~shsinc/early_stawell.html
 Today in History
<http://lcweb2.loc.gov/ammem/today/>
 Ukrainian Heraldry
<http://www.heraldry.com.ua/>
 Vital Records Information - America
<http://www.vitalrec.com/index.html>
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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, 4 Street Invercargill. Supper and photocopier provided at the meeting (each for a small charge).