



# BRANCH LINES

The Southland Branch of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists.

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I am trying to transfer these editions from Publisher to Word so this issue is a mixture of both.

I'm still learning, please bear with me if it looks a bit disjointed.

I have gone back to Seniornet to learn some finer points. I booked in for a Publisher course now I have to join a Word one as well.....Keeps my brain active.....

Also how about a bit of feedback. What would you like articles about?. Why not contribute something. Anything you would like me to look up and write about?

Also it would help if I knew what email Lists you are working with. That way I wont repeat an article I find on one of my Lists that a lot of you already have read. There will be a paper to fill in at the August meeting. No names mentioned just the List Name please.

*Jan*

## 5 STAGES OF GENEALOGY.....

**Denial.....  
I'm NOT related to you!**

**Anger.....  
Im related to YOU?**

**Bargaining.....  
Okay, I'm related to you –  
But only by marriage!**

**Depression.....  
You mean I'm really related to you?**

**Acceptance.....  
I guess I'm related to you.....**

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**About Branch Lines**  
Branch Lines is a bi-monthly Magazine.

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## From the Branch Committee

The Committee has purchased several maps plus local maps and the book 'Huguenots' in France 1893 from the Estate of the late Jack Tourelle.

The Branch is in the process of purchasing a printer and the update of British Vital Records for \$50 16 CDs in all.

We had no new members last month.

Subs should be paid by 30th Sept to be financial for the 2002 year.

Mary Stuart—Convenor.

## Meetings

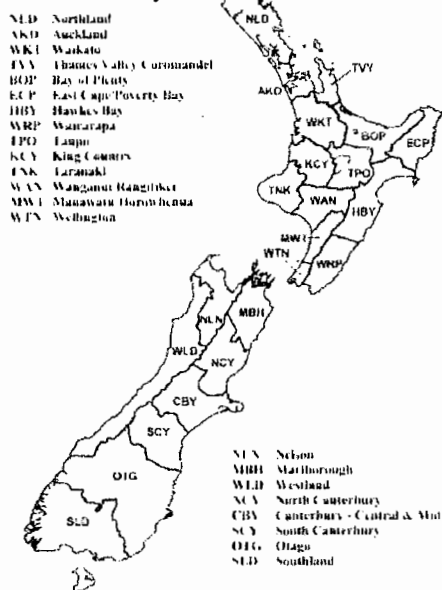
Sat. 5th October 2002

Southland to host NZSG Council in the Methodist Community Centre Invercargill from 9 am—5 p.m.

Regional Meeting of Mainland South Sunday 6th October at Winton.

Next Branch Committee Meeting will be held on 28th August 2002.

### Districts Map



## NZSG

DON'T FORGET !!

### LADY TEVIOT

Speaking

Sunday 29th Sept.

First Floor Meeting Room

Invercargill Public Library

1.30 p.m

To 3.30 p.m.

Gold coin at the door.

## Committee Members

The Southland Branch Committee members for 2002 are :-

Convenor Mrs Mary Stuart  
Vice-Convenor Roger Washbourn  
Secretary Lesley Instone  
Treasurer Suzanne Ballinger  
Librarian Mary Murray

Committee Gaynor Aicken  
Kathryn Davies  
Toni Grafton  
Yvonne Service  
Ex Officio Shirley Walker.

The Committee meets about 6~7 times during the year. They would welcome

comments or constructive criticism on the Branch's programme or any matters which Branch members feel is not being adequately addressed.

We would welcome new members ,bring along someone to share your hobby.

Encourage new members with their research.

### ***Southland Branch's 2002 Programme***

21 August – Photographic conservation and restoration.

18 September – Dunedin Repositories

29 September. - Lady Teviot

16 October – Branch AGM and speaker - to be advised.

20 November. Pot luck supper and speaker. To be advised.

***This programme is subject to change if circumstances arise which will benefit all the Branch members.***

***Gore Branch:*** Contact: Carol Perwick, RD 4 Gore.  
Meeting Venue: Hokonui Heritage Centre Gore.  
Convenor: Avis McDonald.

### ***Alexandra Branch***

Contact: Pauline Miller

Meetings: 7.30 p.m. First Wednesday between February and November.

Venue: Alexandra Public Library, Tarbert Street, Alexandra.

Convenor: Edith McKay

***Genealogy is like playing hide and Seek: They hide....I seek!***

### ***Dunedin Branch***

Contact – Lesley Gray

[graysinn@clear.net.nz](mailto:graysinn@clear.net.nz)

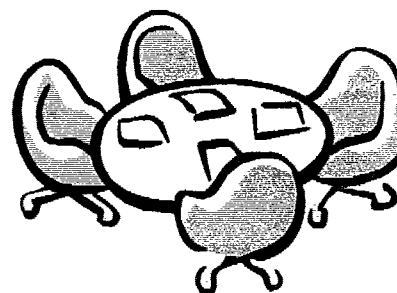
Meeting Venue: Otago Settlers Museum, Queens Gardens, Dunedin  
7.30 p.m.

Postal Address:  
NZSG Dunedin Branch  
P.O.Box 5634, Moray Place  
Dunedin.

Convenor: Stewart Harvey.

### ***Winton Local Area***

Contact: Joan McConachie  
36 Anne Street  
Winton.



### **CESHIRE WILLS ON LINE.....**

The Cheshire Record Office now have all of the Cheshire Wills, which were proved at Chester and are preserved at the Record Office On Line. An index of in excess of 150.000 Wills, Admons; and Inventories is now available on the Internet.

It is possible to search on Place Names, Date or Surname.and copies can be ordered on line.

The Index can be found at  
[www.cheshire.gov.uk/recoff/eshop/wills/search.htm](http://www.cheshire.gov.uk/recoff/eshop/wills/search.htm)



## Computer Group News

Information by  
Roger Washbourn

*Last month the Computer Group met at the Senior Net rooms in the Menzies building opposite the Railway Station—part of a trial to see whether the premises might be a better venue than the Methodist Community Centre.*

*In August the group will again meet in the Senior Net rooms starting at 7.30 p.m. The topic is Internet search engines. Members of the group are to demonstrate and discuss the merits of a number of search engines.*

*Last month the 'Problem Corner' yielded few difficulties, so members must be having a smooth run. The topic for the evening was GEDCOM (Genealogical Data Communication) led by Roger Washbourn. Gedcom is a file format that allows exchange of genealogy data between different computers. The system was originally developed by the LDA Church in the mid-1980's to enable folk to submit their family history data to the Church's Ancestral File. The benefits of having a common language was appreciated by software developers, and it has now become a standard feature of any good genealogy software package. The format is still being developed as new additions (such as pictures and video clips) are offered by the software writers.*

*Gedcom has a number of uses in addition to data submission and exchange. A few of the more common ones are;*

- 1. sharing data with other genealogists*
- 2. splitting a database along family lines*
- 3. transporting databases to another computer*
- 4. repairing some data problems*
- 5. using specific reports from another genealogy program*

*In a demonstration a gedcom file was made up from some 30 individuals of John Slattery's mythical Rhubarb family in Legacy, and transported to be opened in Personal Ancestral File.*

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Website: Cheshire Will On Line" Index can be found at  
[www.cheshire.gov.uk/recoff/eshop/wills/search.htm](http://www.cheshire.gov.uk/recoff/eshop/wills/search.htm)

## Invercargill Sub-group of NZSG's

The NZSG has a number of Special Interest Groups - one of them being Genealogical Computing.

There is a sub-group in Invercargill, made up of genealogists who are interested in using computers to store their family information and print details out in a variety of ways.

The group meets on Thursday evenings

immediately following the Southland Branch meeting. August meeting will be in the Senior Net rooms in Menzies building. Please enter through the West Door. If no one there, just wait. Meeting will start at 7.30.

There is a charge of \$2 per meeting, to cover the cost of room hire.

The Convenor for 2002 is Roger Washbourn, with Pam Atkinson as Secretary.

Anyone interested in combining computers with genealogy is welcome—there is a wide range of experience in group members, from beginners to 'old hands'.

## DO WE HAVE A COMMON ANCESTOR ?

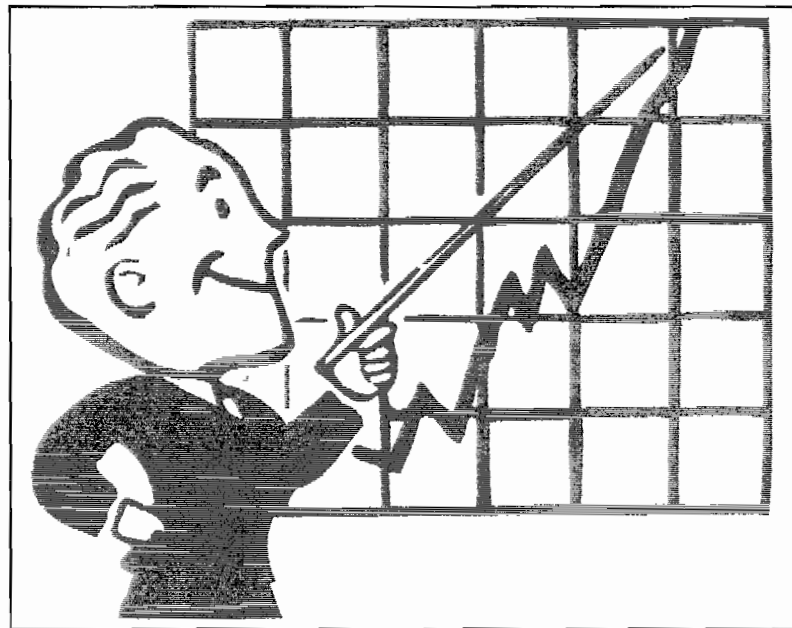
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We have all experienced the problems of tracing our ancestors and the further back we go the harder it gets. With every generation the number of ancestors double. If we go back to 1300 and reckon with three generations every hundred years we have 21 generations and 2 097 1562 individuals in the 21<sup>st</sup> generation. After that the number of individuals increases very rapidly. With seven more generations, which takes us back to the Conquest we have 268 435 456 individuals in the 28<sup>th</sup> generation. If we assume a new generation every 25 years instead of every 33 years then the number of individuals would reach this number in 1300 and we know that there were not so many people in the whole of Europe at this time. With this number of ancestors in the 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> generations the question is were there enough people for every person today to have so many ancestors in that generation. The answer is obviously no. We have to assume that there was marriage between close relatives and that relatively few families were involved. This reduces our search to the number of individuals we are looking for but of course there are other problems involved which don't make things easier. It has been said that the number of individuals in each generation we have to search or actually decreases after about 8 generations rather than increasing.

As the population of England and Wales at the Conquest was estimated at 1.5 million we can see that nearly every person in England and Wales must be related at some point in the last 950 years.

The population figures for the period from 1600 until the turn of the century are as follows:

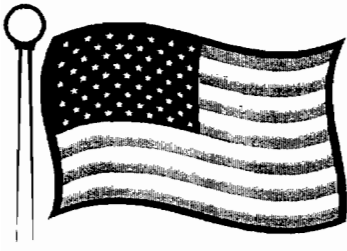
1600	4.8 million
1630	5.6 million
1670	5.8 million
1700	6.0 million
1750	6.5 million
1811	10.2 million
1821	11 million
1831	13.9 million
1841	15.9 million
1851	17.9 million
1861	20 million
1871	22.7 million
1881	26 million
1891	29 million
1900	32.5 million
1911	36 million.



An increase in the years between 1811 and 1911 of 260%

Looking at the number of ancestors we have going back 25 – 30 generations, and the population figures it shouldn't be too difficult to find our forefathers or would it be ???????

**TO BE SEVENTY YEARS YOUNG IS SOMETIMES FAR MORE CHEERFUL AND HOPEFUL THAN TO BE FORTY YEARS OLD. Oliver Wendall Holmes.**



*Have you an American Ancestor ?*

*Be proud of it.....*

This was written after the Twin Towers bombing in America.

There was actually a report that someone in Pakistan had published in a newspaper an offer of a reward to anyone who killed an American any American. So just thought I would write to let them know what an American is, so they would know when they found one.

An American is English, or French, or Italian, Irish, German, Spanish, Polish Russian or Greek. An American may also be Mexican, African, Indian, Chinese, Japanese, Australian, Iranian, Asian, or Arab, or Pakistani or Afghan. An American may also be a Cherokee, Osage, Blackfoot, Navaho, Apache or one of the many other tribes known as native Americans (including Hawaiian).

An American is Christian or he could be Jewish, or buddhist, or Muslim. In fact there are more Muslims in America than in Afghanistan. The only difference is that in America they are free to worship as each of them chooses. An American is also free to believe in no religion. For that he will answer only to God, not to the government or to armed thugs claiming to speak for the government and for God.

An American is from the most prosperous land in the history of the world. The root of that prosperity can be found in the Declaration of Independence, which recognized the God given right of each man and woman to the pursuit of happiness.

An American is generous. Americans have helped out just about every other nation in the world in their time of need. When Afghanistan was overrun by the Soviet army 20 years ago Americans came with arms and supplies to enable the people to win back their country. As of the morning of September 11<sup>th</sup> Americans had given more than any other nation to the poor in Afghanistan. The best products, the best books, the best music the best food.

Americans welcome the best but they also welcome the least. The national symbol of America welcomes your tired and your poor, the wretched refuse of your teeming shores, the homeless, tempest tossed.

These in fact are the people who built America. Some of them were working in the Twin Towers in the morning of September 11<sup>th</sup>, earning a better life for their families. I've been told that the people in the Towers were from at least 30 and maybe many more other countries, cultures and first languages, including those that aided and abetted the terrorists.

So you can try to kill An American if you must. Hitler did. So did General Tojo, and Stalin and Mao Tse-Tung and every bloodthirsty tyrant in the history of the world. But in doing so you would just be killing yourself.

Because Americans are not a particular people from a particular place. They are the embodiment of the human spirit of freedom. Everyone who holds to that spirit, everywhere, is an American.



## Who's Who? Supplied by J.S.

### COUSINS

- 1<sup>st</sup> cousins always share a common grandparent
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> cousins always share a common great-grandparent
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> cousins always share a common 2<sup>nd</sup> great-grandparent
  - 4<sup>th</sup> cousins always share a common 3<sup>rd</sup> great-grandparent.
- (The 'great' always being one less than the cousin relations  
1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> etc cousins are always of the same generation.



### 'REMOVED' COUSINS

Cousins NOT of the same generation are cousins 'removed'. The number of times a cousin is 'removed' depends on the number of generations 'away' they are.

Example:

'1st cousin once removed' being the child of your 1st cousin

'1<sup>st</sup> cousin twice removed' being the grandchild of your 1st cousin.

This is true of PRECEDING generations of cousins as well. (Though not with 1st cousins since their parents and grandparents would be your aunt/uncles and grandparents.

Example:

While the child of your '2<sup>nd</sup> Cousin' is your '2<sup>nd</sup> Cousin once removed' (being one generation 'removed' from yours)...

The parent of your '2<sup>nd</sup> cousin' is ALSO your '2<sup>nd</sup> cousin once removed'

Because they are one generation 'removed' from your generation as well.

Someone who is a 1st cousin to any of your direct lineage family members.

(persons you directly descend from or who directly descend from you: your parents, your grandparents, your great-grandparents, your child, your grandchildren, etc)

is a 1<sup>st</sup> cousin to you, but are 'removed' of course.

Example:

The '1st cousin' of your great-grandparent is:

'1st cousin once removed' to your grandparent

'1st cousin twice removed' to your parent

'1st cousin thrice removed' to you

'1<sup>st</sup> cousin 4 times removed' to your child and so on.

LINEAGE TITLES:

Mother-Father, with their siblings being your Aunt/Uncle





**Grandmother-Grandfather, with Their siblings being your Grandaunt/Granduncle. (Also commonly, though incorrectly, referred to as Great Aunt /Great Uncle)**

**Great-Grandmother-Great-Grandfather with Their siblings being your Great-Grandaunt/Great-Granduncle and so forth.**

**Note:**

**For legal and genealogical purposes the term GREAT does not stand alone for any relative. It is only correct in conjunction with GRAND as in Great Grandfather. GRAND however can stand alone as for grandparent and grandaunt/granduncle.**

**TERMS:**

**A half-1st cousin is the child of your parent’s half-sibling (your half-Aunt/Uncle**

**A half-2<sup>nd</sup> cousin is the grandchild of your grandparent’s half-sibling (your half-grandaunt/uncle) etc.**

**STEP-COUSINS;**

**A ‘step-cousin’ is the ‘stepchild’ of a blood relative. Example: ‘John’ is your parent’s sibling and therefore your ‘Uncle’ and blood relative. He has a son by the wife ‘Jane’ (your Aunt by marriage) and that son is your ‘cousin’. “Aunt Jane’ has a daughter by a previous marriage. This daughter is their sons ‘half-sister’, ‘Uncle John’s’ ‘stepdaughter’ and your step-cousin.....**

**DOUBLE 1<sup>ST</sup> COUSINS:**

**‘Double 1<sup>st</sup> Cousins’ are the children of two marriages where two blood siblings of one family have married two blood siblings of another family.**

**Example:**

**Two brothers from one family marry 2 sister from another family. Their children are ‘Double 1<sup>st</sup> cousins’ to each other.**

**TRIPLE 1<sup>ST</sup> COUSINS:**

**‘Triple 1<sup>st</sup> Cousins’ are the children of three marriages where three blood siblings of one family have married three blood siblings of another family.**

**Example:**

**3 brothers from one family marry 3 sisters from another family. The children of their three marriages are all ‘Triple 1<sup>st</sup> Cousins’ to each other.**

**CONFUSED??????** .....

*Augustus the Strong, the Elector of Saxony who was elected King of Poland in 1679 is believed to have fathered more than 300 children. Nevertheless when he died there was no difficulty about choosing his successor as only one of his sons was legitimate....*

## Directory

### The Southland Branch of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists

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### We're on the Web

Branch Website:  
[Http://www.geocities.com/nzsg\\_southland/](http://www.geocities.com/nzsg_southland/)

NZSG website:  
[Http://www.genealogy.org.nz](http://www.genealogy.org.nz)  
GCG website:  
[Http://www.gencom.org.nz/](http://www.gencom.org.nz/)

Try this on your calculator.:  
Add these figures up and see the result !!  
(don't press + in between)

There was a girl of 13  
Whose bust size was 84  
But she wants it to be 45  
So she went to Dr O  
Who gave her 2 pills to take daily.  
But she took them four times (x4)  
And the result was she became (press = )  
turn the calculator upside down and read it. !!!!

*The Southland Branch of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists was formed in 1969. The aim of the Branch is to bring together those with an interest in genealogy and family history, to promote the study of family history and the preservation of records which have a genealogical or historical value.*

*The Branch meets on the third Wednesday of each month (except for December and January), at 7.30 p.m. in the Burns Room upstairs in the Scottish Hall, 110 Esk Street, Invercargill. Details of the programme for 2002 are outlined elsewhere in this issue.*

*Subscriptions for the 2001-02 year are ~ Single : \$35.00 Joint \$45.00*

*The Branch has a research library in Esk Street, available for use by financial members only of the Branch. The microfiche room normally opens at 1.30 p.m. and the book library at 3 p.m. on the same day as Branch meetings.*



Pat trying to stop Pam from pinching penguin eggs...!!!  
Queens Birthday Weekend-  
Oamaru-2002.

