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Southland Branch 40th Anniversary Dinner 30th October 2009



Here is the best of the few pics taken at the 40th Anniversary for the Magazine. Not professionally done I'm afraid. From L- R: Mrs June Stafford (with walker), Margaret Sutherland (partially obscured), Mary Murray, Mary Stuart and Pat Turnbull.

48 past and present members came together to celebrate 40 years of the Southland Branch of the NZSG at the Cabbage Tree Restaurant, Otatara on Friday 30 October 2009.

A sumptuous buffet meal was enjoyed by all.

6 past convenors attended : Margaret Sutherland, Gaynor Aicken, Yvonne Service, George Henderson, Mary Stuart, and Shirley Walker. The present Convenor (Roger Washbourn) was overseas and left an apology which was read. Apologies were acknowledged from several members who were unable to attend. Absent members were remembered.

Councillor Bob Matthews represented NZSG Council and spoke on the achievements of the Branch and passed on the best wishes from Council.

Noeline and Donald McLaren from Balclutha Branch, and Carole Perwick and Jill Youngson from Gore Branch were welcomed.

The cake was cut by 2 of our older members Mrs June Stafford and Mrs Pat Turnbull. Looking on were Margaret Sutherland, Mary Murray and Mary Stuart, the 3 Life members of the Branch.

The gathering was entertained by Mrs Pat. Veltkamp-Smith on her thoughts and experience of tracing family history. All present enjoyed themselves and are looking forward to the 50th Anniversary of the Southland Branch.

(Mary Stuart).

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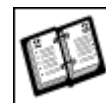


About Branch Lines

Branch Lines is a periodic magazine, issued for the members of the Southland Branch of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists.

The views expressed are those of the contributors, and do not necessarily represent the views of the Branch of the Society.

The position of Newsletter Editor is currently vacant. Aspirants need to be computer-literate, with some knowledge of MS Word : tuition will be given. Please contact the Convenor. Send copy for publication to the Branch Secretary or the Convenor.



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40th Anniversary Dinner :

Attendance List: Gary & Gaynor Aicken, Don Auckram and daughter Billie, June Cooper, Bryan Forde, Marlene Gow, Carol & John Griffin, Helen Hall, George & Caroline Henderson, Ken Humphries & partner, Lesley Instone, Ian Joll, Pam & Evan Jones, John & Janet MacManus, Pam McMahon, Dave Mitchell, Mary Murray (Life Member), Norma O'Neill, Elizabeth Pagan, David & Yvonne Service, Wendy Shaw, June & Bill Stafford, David & Mary Stuart (Life Member), Margaret Sutherland (Life Member), Alex Tate, Pat Turnbull, Margaret Turner & friend, Pat & Ivan Veltkamp-Smith, and Shirley Walker.

Balclutha Branch: Donald & Noeline McLaren.

Gore Branch: Carol and John Perwick, Jill Youngson.

NZSG Council: Bob Mathews.

Apologies were acknowledged from : Linda Clinton, Wynston Cooper, Jack Denniston, Eleanor Easton, Murray Gibbs, Nancy Joll, Lindsay Jukes (Nelson), Barbara Kerr (Queenstown), Gillian Lewis-Shell (Outram), Pam Milnes (Ashburton), Linda Ryder, Richard Stedman (Editor, NZ Genealogist, Dunedin), Bob & Francis Stewart (Levin), Rev. Ron Townsend (Feilding), Maureen Townson, Alan Tunnicliffe (Christchurch), Ann van Leuwen, Roger Washbourn, Ray Watt. Alexandra Branch NZSG, Cottage Branch (Alexandra), Marianne Foster (Invercargill Public Library), Wanaka Branch NZSG.



Branch Contacts

GCG Contacts

Following from the Branch's AGM on 19 May, there are a couple of changes to the office bearers of the Branch. Roger Washbourn stepped down as Convenor after a 7½-year term, and has been replaced by long-time Secretary Lesley Instone. Regrettably, no Secretary has been found - so the new committee's first task will be to address the vacancy. All other committee members were returned.

The Genealogical Computing group had its AGM a month earlier, on 22 April. There were no changes; Ian Joll stays on as Convenor and Maureen Townson keeps her position as Secretary. The evening fee of \$2 per person also remains unchanged.

The table following displays all office bearers :

Branch Committee Contacts			Genealogical Computing Group	
Convenor	Lesley Instone	217-8825	Convenor - Ian Joll	217-2152
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Secretary	(Vacant)		Maureen Townson	218-3600
Librarian	Mary Murray	217-6181	SeniorNet liaison -	
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	Helen Hall	217-6185	Committee - members.	
	Norma O'Neill	217-7133		
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Southland Branch's Website



The Branch's website (which covers the activities of the Southland Branch, and of the Invercargill Genealogical Computing Special Interest Group) has had a small but important change. The former host (Geocities) withdrew its free hosting service in October 2009. A new host has now been found with yahoo.com, but at a cost of around \$70 per year. The new address is given below.

The site is updated on a regular basis, and is provided in part so that members of both groups can keep up to date with future meetings. There is a meetings programme, information for new members, a section devoted to other genealogical resources, and links to a selection of genealogical and Southland-oriented pages. The URL or address for the site is

<http://www.nzsgsouthland.com/>

The site has been live since May 2001. A counter on the page shows that it receives around 120 visits per month.

Branch Projects



The Southland Branch has several projects under way. These are as follow. The co-ordinators' names and Committee members responsible for the projects are given : enquiries should be directed to these people.

1. **Certificates collection** : (Lesley Instone). Copies of Births, Deaths, Marriages certificates are kept locally and sent on to the NZSG Certificates collection. [Not yet indexed.]
2. **Cemeteries** : (Yvonne Service) : updating local cemeteries records. Invercargill's Eastern Cemetery is being progressively updated. When completed, the information is passed to NZSG for addition to the national database.
3. **Schools Admissions** : (Mary Stuart and Helen Hall) : a look-up service is provided for research enquiries.
4. **The Southland Times Births and Deaths Indexes** : Barbara Lilley is recording the current entries and maintaining the paste-up book. Roger Washbourn has completed indexing of a Deaths Index [1971-2005] and a Births Index [1991-2005] : copies are available in the Scottish Hall repository.
5. **Southland Early Settlers Pre-1900 Register** : Lesley Instone collects the completed forms; Roger Washbourn is indexing these as they come to hand. Index to date is available in the Branch's Resource Room.
6. **Southland Branch Members' Interests** : a local database of Branch Members' surname interests is being built up. Input forms available from the Secretary, and a copy of the index to date is available in the Resource Room.
7. **Orders of Service** : Dariel Osborne is coordinating the collection and indexing of Orders Of Service to be added to a Otago/Southland database.

DUNEDIN FAMILY HISTORY GROUP



The Dunedin Family History Group has been operating since 2008, run by Heather Bray, and meets monthly at St Peter's Church Hall, Hillside Road, Dunedin, from 7.30pm on the second Wednesday of each month.

The Group has as its mission : *The Dunedin Family History Group's purpose is to promote interest in the field of family history through educational programs, to collect and disseminate genealogical knowledge and information and to provide support and guidance to those trying to research all aspects of their family history.*

The Group produces a monthly newsletter, copies of which are held in a binder in the Resources Room. The newsletters are real mines of information, often up to 15-16 pages long, and packed with interesting and well-illustrated stories, reviews, and research information. Each issue usually contains a study of a rural township in , so

if your families came from one of these townships, you should have a look. The studies often include history, geographical descriptions, cemetery reviews, war memorials (often with memorial inscriptions transcribed in full), school records and other matters of interest to genealogists. The list of townships/localities covered is ~

January 2008	-
February	Herbert
March	Glencoe
April	Mosgiel; Dunedin
May	Beaumont
June	Tuapeka Mouth
July	St Bathans
August	Green Island
September	Purakanui
October	Waikawa
November	Naseby
December	Kelso
January 2009	Quarantine Island, Otago
February	Drybread
March	Hamiltons; Millers Flat
April	Macetown
May	Lowburn & Queensbury
June	Colac Bay & Orepuki, Ryall Bush & Wallacetown
July	Pukerau
August	Hyde & Albert Town
September	Clyde; Southland
October	Clinton; Upper Junction
November	Mataura Island
December	Riverton & surrounds

January 2010	Merton (Nth Otago)
February	Clifden; Hindon
March	Kauru Hill, Kuriheka (Nth Otago)
April	Wharekuri; Patearoa
May	Kaka Point and Port Molyneux
June	Georgetown nr Oamaru

The group is run by Heather Bray (c/- 28 Milburn Street, Corstorphine, Dunedin 9012).

Email: dfhg@xtra.co.nz

Web:

www.dunedinfamilyhistory.co.nz/dfhg/moodle/

New Zealand Newspapers



PAPERSPAST



Newspapers contain a wealth of information for genealogists. Finding this information is now much easier as newspapers are digitised and made available on the Papers Past website - which contains more than 1.3 million pages of 58 New Zealand newspapers and a number of periodicals. The collection currently covers the years 1839 to 1932 and includes 58 publications from all regions of New Zealand; new additions are being made each month. There is incomplete cover however, and not all issues of all papers are available. The papers may be accessed by date, by region or by title, and are fully searchable.

Currently the newspapers listed below are available to use on the Papers Past website. Papers Past is a National Library website that delivers digitised historic New Zealand newspapers and periodicals. Some editions may have a broken run, so check the website (<http://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/cgi-bin/paperspast>) for each newspaper to discover its history.

- Albertland Gazette (1862-1864)
- Ashburton Guardian (1887-1921)
- Bay of Plenty Times (1875-1910)
- Bruce Herald (1865-1920)
- Bush Advocate (1888-1909)
- Clutha Leader (1874-1900)
- Colonist (1890-1910)
- Daily Southern Cross (1843-1876)
- Ellesmere Guardian (1891-1906)
- Evening Post (1865-1915)
- Evening Post (1916-1945)
- Fair Play (1893-1894)
- Feilding Star (1882-1909)
- Grey River Argus (1866-1920)
- Hawera & Normanby Star (1880-1910)
- Hawkes Bay Herald (1857-1900)
- Hawkes Bay Weekly Times (1867-1868)
- Inangahua Times (1877-1900)
- Kai Tiaki (1908-1929)
- Lyttelton Times (1851-1862)
- Manawatu Herald (1878-1900)
- Manawatu Standard (1883-1886)
- Manawatu Times (1877-1884)
- Marlborough Express (1868-1900)
- Maitauri Ensign (1883-1900)
- Nelson Evening Mail (1866-1909)
- Nelson Examiner and New Zealand Chronicle (1842-1874)
- New Zealand Advertiser and Bay of Islands Gazette (1840)
- New Zealand Colonist and Port Nicholson Advertiser (1842-1843)
- New Zealand Free Lance (1900-1909)
- New Zealand Gazette and Wellington Spectator (1839-1844)
- New Zealand Illustrated Magazine (1899-1905)
- New Zealand Spectator and Cook's Strait Guardian (1844-1865)
- New Zealand Tablet (1873-1909)
- New Zealander (1845-1852)
- North Otago Times (1864-1900)
- Northern Advocate (1887-1906)
- NZ Truth (1906-1930)
- Observer (1880-1909)
- Ohinemuri Gazette (1891-1921)
- Otago Daily Times (1861-1900)
- Otago Witness (1851-1909)
- Otautau Standard and Wallace County Chronicle (1905-1932)
- Oxford Observer (1889-1901)
- Poverty Bay Herald (1879-1920)
- Progress (1905-1910)

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| • Southland Times | (1862-1905) | • Waiapu Church Gazette | (1910-1945) |
| • Star | (1868-1909) | • Waiapu Church Times | (1907-1908) |
| • Taranaki Herald | (1852-1909) | • Waikato Times | (1873-1886) |
| • Te Aroha News | (1883-1889) | • Waimate Daily Advertiser | (1898-1900) |
| • Thames Star | (1874-1900) | • Wanganui Chronicle | (1874-1900) |
| • The Colonist | (1857-1889) | • Wanganui Herald | (1876-1909) |
| • Timaru Herald | (1864-1900) | • Wellington Independent | (1860-1874) |
| • Tuapeka Times | (1868-1909) | • West Coast Times | (1865-1909) |
| • Victoria Times | (1841) | | |

Overseas Newspapers



If you are a member of the NZ Society of Genealogists, you will have access to an increasing number of overseas (mainly British at this point) newspapers online - similar to the local Papers Past website. NZSG has just negotiated more titles to expand the list of On Line Newspapers already available to their members.

Log in to the NZSG website, go to MEMBERS AREA > ON LINE NEWSPAPERS

Searchable Newspapers <<http://infotrac.galegroup.com/itweb/nzsocgen>>

1. **Times Digital Archive** - 200 years of The London Times
2. **17th & 18th Century Burney Collection** - 1,270 newspapers and news pamphlets

from the United Kingdom

3. **19th Century British Library Newspapers** parts 1 & 2 - includes papers originating in England, Scotland and Ireland
4. **19th Century US Newspapers** - featuring full-text content and images from numerous newspapers from a range of urban and rural regions throughout the U.S.
5. **The Illustrated London News Historical Archive, 1842-2003**
6. **19th Century UK Periodicals**

The Scotsman Digital Archive is available online here:

<http://archive.scotsman.com/>

British Library and brightsolid partnership to digitise up to 40 million pages of historic newspapers

- *Mass digitisation to make millions of newspaper pages available online and in the Library's reading rooms*
- *Innovative deal will help safeguard the future of the world's greatest newspaper archive*

The British Library's Chief Executive, Dame Lynne Brindley, announced on 19 May that a major new partnership between the Library and online publisher brightsolid, owner of online brands including findmypast.co.uk and Friends Reunited. The ten-year agreement will deliver the most significant mass digitisation of newspapers the UK has ever seen: up to 40 million historic pages from the national newspaper collection will be digitised, making large parts of this unparalleled resource available online for the first time.

Spanning three centuries and including 52,000 local, regional, national and international titles, the British Library holds one of the world's finest collections of newspapers. Each year the Newspaper Library at Colindale is used by 30,000 researchers in subjects ranging from family history and genealogy to sports statistics, politics and industrial history. This vast resource is held mainly in hard copy and microfilm, necessitating a trip to the north London site for people wishing to use the collection.

The partnership between the British Library and brightsolid will enable the digitisation of a minimum of 4 million pages of newspapers over the first two years. Over the course of ten years, the agreement aims to deliver up to 40 million pages as the mass digitisation process becomes progressively more efficient and as in-copyright content is scanned following negotiation with rightsholders.



NZ's Family History Fair 2010

16 – 18 July 2010

Kingsgate Hotel, Hamilton

- Friday 16 July Official Opening of the Fair 7pm - late
- Saturday 17 July 10am – 8pm
- Sunday 18 July 10am – 5pm

New Zealand Society of Genealogists

16 July 2010

Kingsgate Hotel, Hamilton

- Annual General Meeting 3pm – 6pm Friday 16 July.

The Fair is being organised on behalf of the NZSG by a small but dedicated team of volunteers. Based on the UK-style family history fairs, the New Zealand version will transcend the ordinary and provide a weekend well suited to family, local and social historians.

Whatever your family background, there are common themes and sources of information that need to be explored to get started. New Zealand's Family History Fair provides a wide range of seminars, exhibitors and help desks designed to assist you in your personal journey.

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| • Who am I? – Getting Started | 8 seminars |
| • What Can I Find? Researching Effectively | 11 seminars |
| • Where is my Family? | 11 seminars |
| • Sharing my Past for the Future | 11 seminars. |

There will be more than 20 exhibitors at the fair, representing the commercial interests of those companies serving the genealogical neighbourhood - including Ancestry.com, Archives NZ, Beehive Books, Colonial CD Books, FamilySearch, Find My Past, National Library of NZ, The Genealogist (UK); and up to 12 booths representing regional and NZSG special interest groups.

So Welcome! Come and join in the atmosphere of NZ's 1st Family History Fair...

NZ's Family History Fair 2010
 PO Box 295
 Te Awamutu 3840
nzfamilhistoryfair@gmail.com

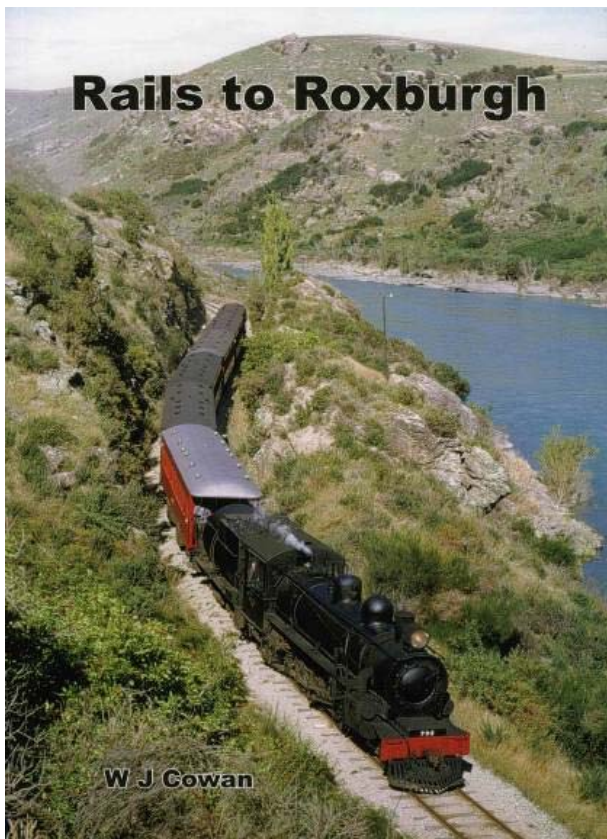
Launch of Nonconformist Registers 1694-1921

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM, ANTI-SLAVERY & WORKERS' RIGHTS - UK PIONEERS OF FREEDOM NOW ONLINE

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The *London Historical Records, 1500s-1900s*, can be accessed at www.ancestry.co.uk/LMA.



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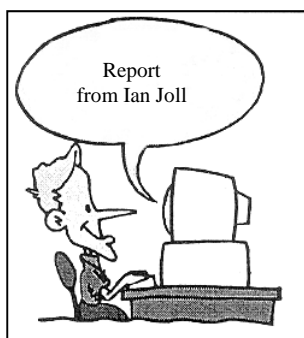
"substantial book incredible detail profusely illustrated"
- Otago Daily Times 24/04/2010.

Technology



Genealogical Computing Group

Special Interest Group of the
New Zealand Society of Genealogists
INVERCARGILL Sub-Group



News from the Genealogical Computing Group

The Invercargill Genealogical computing Group is made up of around 15-20 members who have a particular fascination with computers and genealogy. The group is now into its 16th year - way behind the Southland Branch of NZSG, but nevertheless a good record - and continues to get good support from members. The SeniorNet Rooms are eminently suitable for meetings, being easily accessible, warm, and with good facilities (including internet access and a data projector for displays and demonstrations).

Topics covered last year included a look at the major genealogical softwares (eg, Family Tree Maker, PAF and Ancestral Quest, Brothers Keeper, GenoPro and Legacy), and internet sites of special interest to genealogists. This year we have continued to monitor new web sites, and included some hands-on sessions with members bringing along their own laptops, and the use of image correcting software for members without laptops. Meetings are also useful for solving those little problems that beset all computer users - often the collective experience of the group can provide answers.

All comers are welcomed to the group - there is no subscription, but members pay \$2 per person to cover room hire and supper. Ian Joll is the current Convenor and can be reached by telephone at 3-217 2152.

Check out the national body's website at <http://www.gencom.org.nz>

Introduction to Genealogy Course - 3 July



The Southland Branch is organising and hosting an “*Introduction to Genealogy*” one-day seminar :

Saturday 3 July

Windsor Community Church Hall, Windsor Street, Invercargill

The seminar is to be at 9.30am with registration for a 10am start, and should finish about 3.30pm. Speakers will be members of the Branch Committee (Roger Washbourn, Lesley Instone, Mary Stuart, John MacManus, and Yvonne Service).

Although entitled *Introduction*, it is really a wide-ranging summary of most of the sources and techniques needed by genealogists. There will be a course workbook provided. The cost is \$10 per person (to cover room hire and expenses). Registrants should bring their own lunches; hot water and tea/coffee will be provided.

Those wishing to attend must register beforehand, either by emailing name, address, telephone number and email address to the Branch's Southland@genealogy.org.nz or by telephoning Lesley 217-8825 or Roger 213-0968 (both evenings only).

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Meetings
Third Wednesday of each month
Meeting Room, Invercargill Public Library
In the central city at 7.30 p.m.
[Research facilities from 6 p.m.]

Branch website ~
<http://www.nzsgsouthland.com/>

NZSG website ~
<http://www.genealogy.org.nz/>

Genealogical Computing Group website ~
<http://www.gencom.org.nz/>



THE LAST WORD

'Branch Lines' is currently without a compiler, so it has fallen to a former Convenor to assemble this newsletter. It is a summary of facilities available through the Southland Branch, especially when accompanied by the yellow (for 2010) Information Brochure. You do not have to be a member of NZSG or the Southland Branch to attend any of the programmed evenings - we take all comers, and welcome everyone. If you have any queries, phone one of the people listed on page 3. Details sometimes change however, but the website is kept up-to-date and can be checked for currency. The Committee believes it has an interesting series of speakers lined up for 2010.

Comments and suggestions are always welcomed.

Roger Washbourn.

17 June 2010.

