



⇐ BRANCH LINES ⇒

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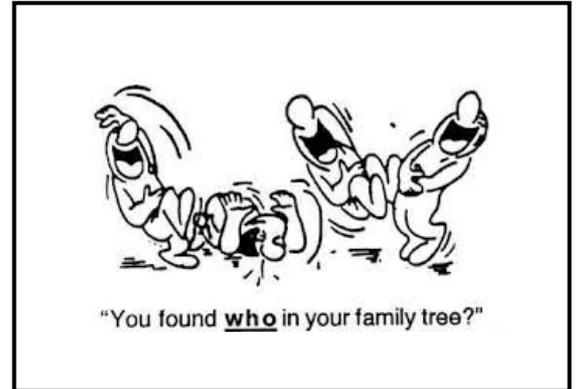


September 2013

Reminder: The monthly meeting begins at 7pm due to the Library changing their hours. Entry after this time can be by the door near the front entrance. Although the door cannot be opened from the outside, there will be someone keeping a lookout at 7:15pm to let anyone in.

Branch Meeting Topics and Special events coming up

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| 18 Sept | Lloyd Esler |
| 16 Oct | Wendy Shaw – family research in Jersey, Channel Islands with lots of photos |
| 20 Nov | End of year supper, planning next year's topics and discussing our brick walls. Please come with lots of ideas. |



Branch Library:

Venue:

1st floor Invercargill Library, past the computers towards Dee St window

Hours:

- 1) 6-6:50pm prior to the monthly meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of month (Feb-Nov)
- 2) 10:30 – 12:30am on last Saturday of the month
- 3) 1:30 – 3:30pm on the first Sunday of month (this is a trial for approx 6 months for those who work other days)

Who can use the Branch Library:

Branch members and NZSG members who have a current subscription so if your subscription has lapsed.....

Members of the public can use the research facilities for a session fee.



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.

It is intended to be produced bi monthly to keep you up to date with events. Wendy Shaw has offered to fill the position of Editor.

- **Name:** Roger
- **Age:** 5 years old
- **Children:** ? but something over 100
- **Occupation:** watchdog
- **Industry connected with:** looking after house
- **Employed or working on own account:** on own account
- **Whether working at home:** at home and outside
- **Birthplace:** Keighley, Yorkshire

Check it out on the 'Find my Past' website

Computing



The Invercargill Genealogical computing Group is for people who use computers for fun, work and genealogy. Meetings are held at the **SeniorNet rooms in the WEA building** in Esk St, opposite the Invercargill City Council on the 4th Thursday in the month (Feb-Nov). Members pay \$2 per person to cover room hire and supper. Contact is GCG secretary Sandy Byers-Evitt (03 218 9344)

August's topic was on family trees – ways to display them, play around with various programmes e.g. GenoPro to create a display be it a drop down, linear branches or written text .

Genealogy Websites to check out

Searching in Yorkshire?? The Borthwick Institute for Archives - <http://www.york.ac.uk/inst/bihr/>

<http://www.omniglot.com/> – an online encyclopaedia for writing and languages. Learn phrases in Breton, Arabic, Gaelic – in fact all languages!

Familysearch (familysearch.org) is encouraging folk to put their family tree on their free website where you can collaborate with other members of your tree to share and amend the information. Familysearch is the largest genealogical website committed to preserving submitted trees as well as continually providing updates and new material available for further research. The bonus is you do not have to keep paying an annual subscription compared with other websites. Check it out....

Do you know someone who used to be a Member of the NZSG?

Please pass on to them the news of this **Special Offer!**

- Council has **waived the joining fee** for members rejoining during August, September and October 2013. In lieu of the new member's pack, members rejoining will receive a letter confirming their membership number and information on members' services.
- We'd be delighted to welcome back former members and reallocate their previous membership number (even if they can't recall the number the membership staff will be able to locate it).
- They can rejoin via the website. From 1 August a link will be found on the home page to take them to the rejoining form.
- Former members without computer access can obtain an application form from their local NZSG Branch, by phoning the NZSG (09 570 4248 ext 6), or by writing to:

Confused who is related to you how?? This might help establish the relationship....

Genealogy Relationship Chart										
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	Common Ancestor	Son or Daughter	Grandson or Daughter	Great Grandson or Daughter	2nd Great Grandson or Daughter	3rd Great Grandson or Daughter	4th Great Grandson or Daughter	5th Great Grandson or Daughter	6th Great Grandson or Daughter	7th Great Grandson or Daughter
2	Son or Daughter	Brother or Sister	Niece or Nephew	Grand Niece or Nephew	Great Grand Niece or Nephew	2nd Great Grand Niece or Nephew	3rd Great Grand Niece or Nephew	4th Great Grand Niece or Nephew	5th Great Grand Niece or Nephew	6th Great Grand Niece or Nephew
3	Grandson or Daughter	Niece or Nephew	First Cousin	First Cousin Once Removed	First Cousin Twice Removed	First Cousin Three Times Removed	First Cousin Four Times Removed	First Cousin Five Times Removed	First Cousin Six Times Removed	First Cousin Seven Times Removed
4	Great Grandson or Daughter	Grand Niece or Nephew	First Cousin Once Removed	Second Cousin	Second Cousin Once Removed	Second Cousin Twice Removed	Second Cousin Three Times Removed	Second Cousin Four Times Removed	Second Cousin Five Times Removed	Second Cousin Six Times Removed
5	2nd Great Grandson or Daughter	Great Grand Niece or Nephew	First Cousin Twice Removed	Second Cousin Once Removed	Third Cousin	Third Cousin Once Removed	Third Cousin Twice Removed	Third Cousin Three Times Removed	Third Cousin Four Times Removed	Second Cousin Five Times Removed
6	3rd Great Grandson or Daughter	2nd Great Grand Niece or Nephew	First Cousin Three Times Removed	Second Cousin Twice Removed	Third Cousin Once Removed	Fourth Cousin	Fourth Cousin Once Removed	Fourth Cousin Twice Removed	Fourth Cousin Three Times Removed	Fourth Cousin Four Times Removed
7	4th Great Grandson or Daughter	3rd Great Grand Niece or Nephew	First Cousin Four Times Removed	Second Cousin Three Times Removed	Third Cousin Twice Removed	Fourth Cousin Once Removed	Fifth Cousin	Fifth Cousin Once Removed	Fifth Cousin Twice Removed	Fifth Cousin Three Times Removed
8	5th Great Grandson or Daughter	4th Great Grand Niece or Nephew	First Cousin Five Times Removed	Second Cousin Four Times Removed	Third Cousin Three Times Removed	Fourth Cousin Twice Removed	Fifth Cousin Once Removed	Sixth Cousin	Sixth Cousin Once Removed	Sixth Cousin Twice Removed
9	6th Great Grandson or Daughter	5th Great Grand Niece or Nephew	First Cousin Six Times Removed	Second Cousin Five Times Removed	Third Cousin Four Times Removed	Fourth Cousin Three Times Removed	Fifth Cousin Twice Removed	Sixth Cousin Once Removed	Seventh Cousin	Seventh Cousin Once Removed
10	7th Great Grandson or Daughter	6th Great Grand Niece or Nephew	First Cousin Seven Times Removed	Second Cousin Six Times Removed	Third Cousin Five Times Removed	Fourth Cousin Four Times Removed	Fifth Cousin Three Times Removed	Sixth Cousin Twice Removed	Seventh Cousin Once Removed	Eighth Cousin

Instructions:

1. Select two people in your family and figure out which ancestor they have in common. For example, if you chose yourself and a first cousin, you would have a grandparent in common.
2. Look at the top row of the chart (in blue) and find the first person's relationship to the common ancestor.
3. Look at the far left column of the chart (in blue) and find the second person's relationship to the common ancestor.
4. Move across the columns and down the rows to determine where the row and column containing these two relationships (from #2 & #3) meet. This box is the relationship between the two individuals.

Gibb Family Research enquiry

If there is anyone in Southland descended from Jesse & Sarah Ann Gibbs, Charles Jeremiah Sparrow, William & Ann Tuffery or Daniel & Jane Thomas who all settled in Invercargill in the 1870's. Also seeking contact with Joanne Stephens, daughter of Marjorie Stephens nee Gibb who was living in Otatara around 1987. Contact a committee member for the contact details of Margaret who is researching these folk.

Book Reviews: (Obtained at Invercargill Library)

1. **Reminiscences of the Early Settlement of Dunedin and South Otago**. Editor: John Wilson. ISBN: 978-0-473-18482-7. Originally published in 1912 as a compilation by John Wilson of early settlers reminiscences as well as other information e.g. land owners and early station settlers. The book has an extensive index at the back that was compiled jointly with the Balclutha Genealogical Society and the South Otago Museum. I found this book fascinating to read and learned much about the trials the early pioneers encountered when travelling, settling and breaking in the land. Details of flooding in Maitauri, having to carry bags of flour on your head while you crossed a stream to get home are some of the many incidences. A thoroughly good read for anyone – even if your family was not connected with Dunedin, many settlers proceeded onwards to settle in Southland and Central Otago. Available to purchase from South Otago Museum or borrow from a library (available in Invercargill and Balclutha)
2. **Wallace – Rebel County** by Ken Bye for the Southland District Council. 2000. ISBN:0-473-06872-9. An interesting read about the establishment and history of Wallace – not just about the council and its committees but about the people who were involved in creating the communities that became theirs. Some names indexed at the back. In reading this book i learned quite a few things about the area. Easy to read.
3. **Scottishness and Irishness in NZ since 1840** by Angela McCarthy. Manchester Unity Press 2011. ISBN: 978-0-7190-7761-6. What makes NZ/Southland/Dunedin particularly Scottish? How does the community preserve the culture, language, festivities of our Scottish forebears? The unique Gore/Southland roll of the 'r's'? Quite a lengthy detailed book crammed with excellent references - fascinating to read.

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Southland Branch's Website

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.

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