



⇐ BRANCH LINES ⇒

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Important Note: Be inside the meeting room by 6:45pm as the Library is locked at 7pm. Those who are late should wait beside the exit door (at the right of the entrance portico as you face the library entrance) to be opened up to 7:15pm. Arrangements must be made with the Library for disabled access to the lifts and exiting the building after the meeting.

Branch Meeting Topics and local special events coming up

- 20th August 7pm Branch meeting: Computers and Genealogy
(combined with local Genealogy Computing Group)
Speaker: Roger Washbourn.
- 24th August Maori History as Maritime History
Speaker: Dr Michael Stevens (from Bluff)
Venue: Te Hikoi Museum, Riverton at 4pm. \$12
- 28th August NO computing group tonight!
- 17th September 7pm Branch meeting: Early Settlers in Canterbury
Guest speaker – Mr Richard Greenaway, local Canterbury historian. A light supper will follow.

Notice of a forthcoming field trip from Te Hikoi (Riverton Museum)

20th September Field trip with Nick Mortimer, Jenna Halder, Russell and Ann Beck.

Geology of the cliffs and beach at Orepuki Carpool from Te Hikoi at 1pm. Return 5pm. A simple 1.5 km walk along Orepuki Beach starting at Dudley Street and finishing at Gemstone Beach. We can see a great geological history/stratigraphy lesson in the cliffs including a fossil forest layer.

25th September Computing group meets at WEA building.

29th September Train trip from Invercargill to Dunedin
Details included in this newsletter.

15th October 7pm Branch Meeting: Publishing your Family History
Speaker: Don Auckram.



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 currently fills the position of Editor.

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What you may NOT want to have on your gravestone!



Here is resting my
dearest wife,
**BRUNJILDA
JALAMONTE**
1973-1997
Lord, please
welcome
her with the same
joy I send her to you.



Here rests
**PANCRAZIO
JUVENALES**
1968-1993
He was a good
husband, a wonderful
father, but a bad
electrician



**GUSTAVA
GUMERSINDA
GUTIERREZ
GUZMAN**
1934-1989
Rest in peace
A memory from all
your sons(except
Ricardo who did not
pay any money)

Famous or almost famous relatives – how far do we go to claim them??

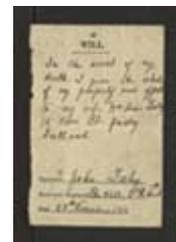
I have been having fun recently trawling through the distant branches of my tree. I found hanging on a branch – **Sir David Wilkie a famous Scottish artist**. In relaying this news to a sister, she made straight for the British Art Gallery when she was in London recently. As she herself was an artist, a grandmother was an artist and a sprinkling more out amongst the cousins; she was delighted to know where her talent came from! Another branch claims **Sir Algernon Montagu**, known as ‘The Mad Judge’ in Tasmania in 1850s who was the son of Lord Montagu - the Earl of Sandwich i.e. presumed inventor of the sandwich!

So who said genealogy was boring

Overseas News

Scotland's People - 31,000 Soldiers' Wills have been added!

26,000 of these wills were made by ordinary Scottish soldiers who died in the Great War, and there are almost 5,000 from Scots soldiers serving in all theatres during the Second World War – there are also several hundred from the Boer War and Korean War, and others from conflicts between 1857 and 1964.



Ancestry.co.au - newest additions:

New South Wales, Australia, Passengers Arriving at Port Phillip, 1846

Victoria, Australia, Assisted and Unassisted Passenger Lists, 1839–1923

UK, Commonwealth War Graves, 1914-1921 and 1939-1947

New South Wales, Australia. Gaol Description and Entrance Books 1818 - 1923

New Zealand

Papers Past recent additions:

April 2014:

- [Auckland Star \(September-October 1911\)](#)
- [New Zealand Herald \(1925-1945\)](#)

May 2014:

- [Clutha Leader \(1901-1920\)](#)
- [Mataura Ensign \(1901-1914\)](#)
- [Taranaki Daily News \(1900-1920\)](#)
- [Tuapeka Times \(1910-1920\)](#)

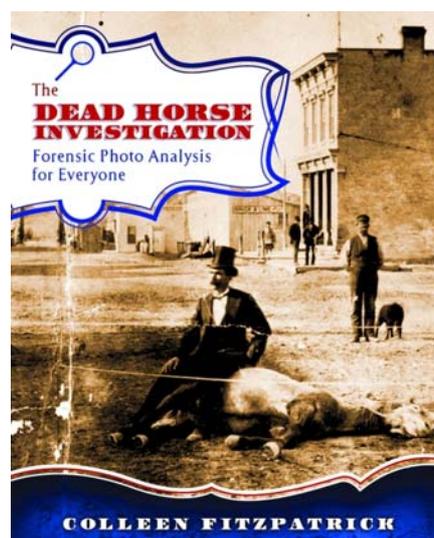
June 2014:

- [Charleston Argus \(1867\)](#)
- [Lake Wakatip Mail \(1863-1920\)](#)
- [Lyell Times and Central Buller Gazette \(1885-1886\)](#)
- [Manawatu Standard \(1913-1915\)](#)
- [Manawatu Times \(1912-1915\)](#)
- [Mt Benger Mail \(1881-1920\)](#)
- [Press \(1921-1928\)](#)
- [Pukekohe & Waiuku Times \(1912-1920\)](#)
- [Star \(1910-1914\)](#)
- [Waikato Times \(1902-1918\)](#)

From the Book Shelf – Latest reviews

- 1) **The Dead Horse Investigation** – forensic photo analysis for everyone. Author: Colleen Fitzpatrick
Publisher: Rice Book Press USA (2008) ISBN: 978 0 796 71605 1

Colleen is a highly experienced forensic scientist who has incorporated her deducting skills into the genealogical realm. The cover photo is memorable – a man sitting on a dead horse somewhere, sometime. Using her skills she unravels the clues to the extent she uncovers where this occurred but also where and when nailing it down to the exact time of day, the date it occurred and where it happened. However Colleen also discusses general photo analysis useful to anyone with unnamed photos – looking at the back of a photo, ghost images, the shape/edges/shape and matting type surrounding the photo; clothing styles of the day; fake pictures and photo doctoring; photographic equipment and photo misidentification. She has listed an extensive list of references and a welcome index at the back of the book. A CD has also been included with the book.



I found this book insightful and it has definitely changed how I now view old photographs. The chapters are well laid out so you can read just one chapter at a time. Although most examples are taken from USA, the knowledge gained can be used anywhere.

- 2) **Whaling and Sealing in Southern New Zealand** by Lloyd Esler
Publisher: Lloyd Esler, Invercargill NZ (2014) ISBN: 978 0 473 26518 2

This is a comprehensive history of sealing and whaling in the southern parts of New Zealand including the subantarctic islands and Macquarie Island. Beginning with an introduction to seals and their habitat Lloyd then moves onto the industry of sealing, seal oil and penguin oil and the eventual demise of the commercial ventures including that of local Invercargill man Joseph Hatch. Fur trading and the seemingly insatiable demand for fur and penguin skins to accommodate the fashion trends in Europe and America up until the 1960s and the growing outcry of animal rights is well covered. Lloyd describes the habitat of the various types of whales, the tools used in the pursuit of hunting, killing and harvesting the whale blubber both around New Zealand, Antarctica and the Atlantic Ocean. He has covered the hunting of whales in New Zealand by Maori and Norwegian mariners in and around Foveaux Strait. There are chapters on dolphins, ambergris and whale strandings with the final chapter on the NZ Otter.

An extensive array of photos from a wide variety of sources is used to illustrate his text. There is an even more extensive bibliography of 99 publications used in his research at the end of the book.

I found the book a little fragmented to read with no flow with the subjects. The many quotations were not referenced and I would have expected that this author, who has produced a large number of books, to have done this. An index of names and places would have been helpful. None the less this is brim full of facts and figures as an excellent resource on local history and the whaling industry.

- 3) **Tracing Your London Ancestors** – a guide for Family Historians by Jonathan Oates
Published by Pen and Sword Books Ltd, England (2011) ISBN: 978 1 84884 130 7

Dr Oates, an Archivist and Librarian in London has produced an extensive book for folk pursuing their London based forebears. He covers the earliest beginnings of what is now London before discoursing on the societal changes, education, health, and the ecclesiastical influences on the metropolis. Resources in tracking down your ancestor if they were in business e.g. taxation, directories, Livery companies, property ownership and electoral rolls are described in detail. Criminal activity such as the trials at the Assizes and the Old Bailey records can

help track down what happened to people and where they went to. Immigration into London by European refugees, Irish folk fleeing the ravages of famine and the seafaring industry are well documented. Both world wars affected all who lived in London – the bombings, the records that were destroyed and those who were evacuated to the country areas. If you are one of the many folk around the world who has connections in and around London, this is an excellent resource to refer to as not only is there full index at the back of the book but he has also included in his bibliography a list of institutions and organisations and websites that may be useful. An excellent resource book.



Southland's Dawn to Dusk Train Journey

Venture Southland are assisting Kia Mate Toa, the Southland WW1 Commemoration committee, with a commemorative train trip on **Sunday 28 September 2014**.

It will retrace the journey our Southland soldiers took 100 years ago from Invercargill to Dunedin, before they embarked from Port Chalmers to head to Gallipoli.

The train will leave Invercargill at 7am on Sunday 28th September, and will arrive at Dunedin Railway Station at approximately 11.30am, where you will be able to join in the Otago commemorations. This includes a parade, welcome speech, market stalls, entertainers and more.

The return journey to Invercargill will leave at 3pm, arriving back in Invercargill at approximately 6.30pm.

To register your interest, and for more details and pricing, please contact Julie at Venture Southland on 211 1806 or julie@venturesouthland.co.nz

Indicative pricing so far is return:

IVC – Adult \$75

IVC – Child \$40 (2-14years)

IVC – Senior \$65

IVC – Family \$200

Gore – Adult \$65

Gore – Child \$35

Gore – Senior \$55

Gore – Family \$180

Tickets will be available for purchase from 1st September subject to funding outcomes.

Current Branch Projects

Obituaries from the Southland Times of local people (and many national figures) are being collected and put into large books. These are then passed onto Ian Joll who indexes them onto a computer database before placing the books in the Resource Room.

The index is available on the resource room computer.

Lone Graves in Southland - Mary Stuart and Yvonne Service continue collecting data on these graves.



Venue: SeniorNet rooms, WEA building, Esk St opposite Invercargill City Council offices.

Time: **7pm** on 4th Thursday of month Feb-Nov.

All are welcomed to the group - there is no subscription, but members pay \$2 per person to cover room hire and supper

Contact is GCG secretary Sandy Byers-Evitt (03 218 9344) or Convenor Wendy Smith (03 217 3595).

Genealogy Computing Group is organising monthly field trips to various parts of Southland. They are designed to be informal and open to all who are interested as well as getting to know one another a bit better.

Branch Library/ Resource Room:

Venue: 1st floor Invercargill Library

Hours: 1) 6-6:45pm prior to the monthly meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of month (Feb-Nov)

2) Other times by arrangement with Librarian

Who can use the Branch Library? - Branch members and NZSG members who have a current subscription or non members who pay a research fee for the session.

What is in the Resource Room:

- school rolls (more complete than that held in Invercargill Library)
- current genealogy magazines from Australia and UK,
- BDM newspaper notices from Southland Times,
- Reference books on local history
- CDs – multiple subjects
- Laptop computer available with multiple databases
- Collection of local and other family trees that have been published into books
- Maps – assorted local, national, overseas
- most of all there are people to help you find the information you want!

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Directory

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Meetings

Third Wednesday of each month
Meeting Room, Invercargill Public Library
In the central city at 7 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/>
