



⇐ BRANCH LINES ⇒

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Welcome to another year – opportunities to pursue your elusive ancestors, make connections with living ones and preserve your research for future generations. Embrace new technology, learn more about the regions they came from, learn the history, recheck internet websites as new material is added...so much you can do whether it is 5 minutes or 5 hours. Have a 'to do' list ready for those opportune moments. Seize the day!

Branch Meeting Topics and Special events

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| 9 th February 2015 | Topic: Yule Family Presentation.
Speaker: Michelle Morrison
Venue: Meeting Room, Invercargill Library at 7pm |
| 18 th February | First branch meeting - Research Night |
| 18 th March | Topic: Irish research
Speaker: Sean Brosnahan of the Early Settlers Museum in Dunedin |
| 15 th April | Topic: Gallipoli stories.
Speaker: Bryce Horrell |
| 20 th May | AGM followed by stories/pictures of ancestral homes. Bring your pictures and tell us about them |



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 is currently filling the position of Editor.

National news is the releasing by NZSG of the **NZ Cemetery Records** up to 2009 on the Ancestry.com website. Many branches around NZ will be hosting a cemetery ramble in their area on Friday 6th February. Remember the CD collection is still available at libraries and genealogy groups.

Papers Past: No new additions have been put online since June 2014.

Archway NZ: All WW1 soldiers records have now been digitised – some who also served in WW2 may not be available to be digitised.

Requests for Information – Can you help?

(Contact details can be obtained from Committee members)

1) From Eileen

I have been given a copy of the attached photo in which my Uncle, Leslie David BAILLIE (known as Jack) is sitting at far right in the front row. He enlisted in Invercargill on 1/8/1940. His next-of-kin was listed as Aubrey Frederick Baillie, brother, living in Roxburgh. My cousin and I are trying to find out who else is in the photo but we are unsure whether it was taken in Invercargill or at Burnham camp. I have previously asked the Archives Officer at Trentham Military Camp but they are unable to help. Any help would be most appreciated.



2) From Olwyn

I am looking for records relating to Delwyn Anne, Robert Charles (Bob) and Maida Jane LITTLE.

3) From Wayne in Adelaide, South Australia

He is making a film about a Boer War event and wishes to find more about a NZ soldier involved.

Archie STOCKER was the son of Arch Deacon Stocker of Invercargill. He married Ina, daughter of J Turnbull THOMSON in Christchurch. Further personal details are wanted *e.g.* when he arrived in NZ.

4) From Wendy

Looking for information about Annie WILLIAMS who went to Arthurton Primary School around 1906/7. Also information wanted about John Fiske ROBERTSON born in Invercargill.

Overseas News

Scotland's People: On 1st January each year an extra year of birth, marriage and death registers is added to their online collection. This year the additions are 1914 births, 1939 marriages, and 1964 deaths.

Family Search: Many new additions from Central and South American countries, Belgium, Finland, England BDM up to 2005-2007, Zimbabwe. View what is available but note some are only able to be accessed at a Family History Centre.

Find My Past: New BDM entries for South Australia, Tasmania, Warwickshire and Essex, England as well as Kinder transports.

(Ireland) National Archives.ie: Testamentary records from 1923-1951 are available to search by name of the deceased online. This is in addition to the calendars of wills and administrations searchable online for the years 1858-1920 and 1922-1982.



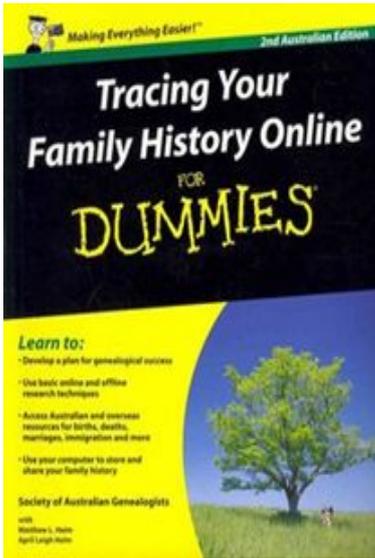
Venue: SeniorNet rooms, WEA building, Esk St opposite Invercargill City Council offices.
Time: 7pm on 4th Thursday of month February-November.

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 Online for Dummies 7th Edition

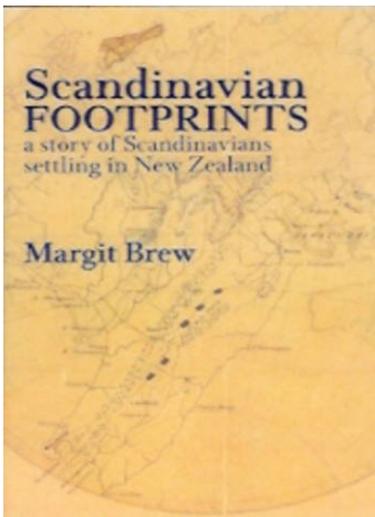


Authors: Matthew and April Helm

Publisher: John Wiley & Sons Inc, New Jersey, USA. 2014. 418p

ISBN: 978-1-118-80810-8

Although a large portion of this book is geared towards research in USA, there are a lot of gold nuggets that will be helpful to anyone researching anywhere in the world. Starting with the basics of genealogy, the authors use real examples of material available on- and off-line. With sections on Molecular Genealogy/DNA, learning to use Facebook for personal or group research, blogging and hosted websites, there is something for everyone. I appreciated the teaching of basics like respecting copyright and privacy if information is put online as well as the fundamentals of organising your research material. The authors are obviously passionate about their work and have worked hard to ensure the latest edition is up to date – even looking at XML as the possible successor to GEDCOM. Well worth a read.



Scandinavian Footprints - a story of Scandinavians settling in New Zealand

Author: Margit Brew

Egan Reid Ltd, Auckland. 2007. 319p.

ISBN: 978-473-11355-1

Margit has written a refreshing account of the life of Bror Erik Friberg – from his origins in southern Sweden to working in Germany and England then immigrating to New Zealand with his bride in 1866. They settled initially in Auckland – the geography, streets and other settlers are so well described that I learnt about the merging of the various clusters of settlements to become the suburbs we know today and the development of the foundation commercial businesses. Bror Erik became an agent for the NZ Government to recruit Scandinavians to clear the dense bush in Manawatu/Wairarapa and Hawke's Bay area's but his deepest concern was for the welfare of these migrants who arrived in NZ. Heavily in debt, living in primitive conditions with their often

young families, with high rates of sickness and deaths these folk, with little or no English, soldiered on and developed roadways that we now take for granted. Although not indexed, she has an extensive bibliography that would be extremely useful to anyone researching their Swedish, Danish or Norwegian roots. I enjoyed reading this book immensely – I learnt so much of Swedish culture, early NZ history and a deep appreciation for men like Bror Erik who took on the challenges head on and developed the character of many regions in NZ. Highly recommended.

Branch Library/ Resource Room:

Venue: 1st floor Invercargill Library, past the computers towards Dee St window on the left

**Hours: Reopening Wednesday 18th February thereafter 3rd Wednesday each month Feb-Nov
Other times can be made by arrangement with Librarian.**



"Testing, testing, once upon a time, testing..."

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Third Wednesday of each month
Meeting Room, Invercargill Public Library
In the central city at 7 p.m.
[Research facilities from 6 p.m.]

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

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

