



⇐ BRANCH LINES ⇒
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Following the Branch AGM last month Lesley Instone is once again elected Convenor with John McManus holding joint office as Secretary/Treasurer. The remaining committee members are unchanged from last year

Branch Meeting Topics and Special Events

- 6th June Cousin's Day – a fun community event aimed at encouraging people to begin searching their family roots. Aimed to be a worldwide event but NZ is the first! Venue: LDS Church, North Road, Invercargill
- 17th June Branch meeting – Soup and Bun night (2 soups and bread rolls will be provided). The Hardings from the local LDS church will also be talking about Familysearch.
- 25th June Computing Interest Group meets
- 12th July NZSG Regional Meeting at Balclutha
- 15th July Speakers: Michelle Patient and Barbara Wiley have offered to speak at our branch meeting as they visit and speak at other southern genealogy groups. (To be confirmed)
- 23rd July Computing Interest Group meets
- August will be Family Heritage Month - so watch this space for developments

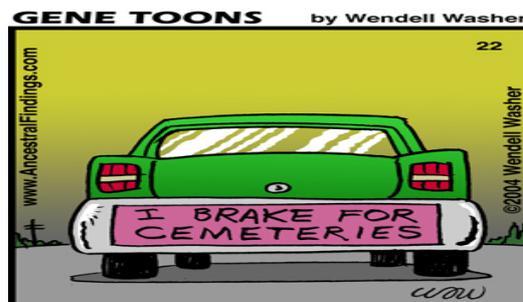


About Branch Lines

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.



Genealogists on the road.

New Zealand News

Papers Past:

NB: the queue to have newspapers digitised is very long. The Invercargill City Library is applying to have the Southern Cross newspaper digitised. The NZSG Southland Branch supports their request.

New additions as at May 2015:

- [Alexandra Herald and Central Otago Gazette \(1902-1948\)](#)
- [Hawke's Bay Herald \(July-December 1894, 1901-1904\)](#)
- [Samoa Times and South Sea Advertiser \(1888-1896\)](#)
- [Samoa Times and South Sea Gazette \(1877-1881\)](#)
- [Samoa Weekly Herald \(1892-1900\)](#)
- [Samoaianische Zeitung \(1903-1920\)](#)
- [Sun \(1916-1920\)](#)
- [Thames Advertiser \(April 1897-March 1898\)](#)
- [Waikato Times \(July-December 1887\)](#)
- [Wairarapa Standard \(1867-1887\)](#)
- [Wanganui Herald \(1910-1920\)](#)
- [West Coast Times \(September-December 1878, 1910-1916\)](#)

Archway NZ: All WW1 soldier's records have now been digitised – some who also served in WW2 may not be available digitised. The current wait time for WW2 records is approximately 5 months.

Family Search: Have you looked at the [NZ Probate Records](#) that are on this site? They are not indexed so you have to trawl through them by regional office and date. You need a bit of time to look but can save a visit to the respective Archive branch – especially if it is not accessible for you.

Overseas News

Family Search: View what is available but note some are only able to be accessed at a Family History Centre.

Find My Past: New records from all over Australia have been added during May. Highlights include over 530,000 additional [Victoria inward passenger lists, 1839-1923](#), over 45,000 [Queensland wills](#) and [Northern Territory births, deaths and marriages](#).

In England over 136,000 records, [City of London Haberdashers, Apprentices and Freemen 1526-1933](#) lists the details of apprentices who trained with the Worshipful Company of Haberdashers in the City of London.

Over 157,000 records with images have been added to the [England & Wales Merchant Navy Crew Lists, 1861-1913](#)

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.

(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.

Australia:

Biographical Database of Australia (BDA).

The BDA database is now online and contains 900,000 records made up of transcripts and indexes of manuscripts and published biographies of deceased individuals who arrived in or were born in Australia from pre-1788 to the 20th century. This site is produced by Malcolm Sainty who was one of the original founders of the former Genealogical Research Directory.

www.bda-online.org.au

England:

Is there an extra census due for release in 2022?

Everyone knows that the 1921 Census is due for release in 2022, but did you know that there's another, much more recent, census that should be released around the same time?

The 1946 Family Census sampled less than 10% of the population, but for some of us it will fill in some gaps - and there might even be some revelations. Here's how this extra census is described on the National Archives site:

"In 1944 a Royal Commission on Population was appointed by royal warrant to examine the post war population trends in Great Britain, to investigate the causes of those trends and to consider what measures, if any, should be taken in the national interest to influence the future trend of population and make recommendations. Arrangements were made by the commission to take a sample family census in January 1946 because some of the most important demographic questions with which the commission was concerned could not be answered in any other way. There had not been a fertility census since 1911 and vital statistics under the Population Statistics Act dated only from 1938. The sample was representative of 10% of all women who were or had been married and 10% of those who did not say whether or not they were married and was drawn from the reference leaves of ration books returned to the food offices at the exchange of ration books in 1945.

"The sample was taken on 7 January 1946. Enumeration took place between 21 January and 16 February 1946 and the following questions were asked: marital status; date of birth; date of marriage and, if applicable, its termination; date of birth of every live born child; number of children who had not yet reached their 16th birthday; husband's occupation. The name of the recipient was on the reverse."

There's no mention of address, but presumably this must be in the records somewhere, otherwise the enumerators wouldn't have known where to go. According to the National Archives this unusual census is subject to 75 year closure, rather than the 100 year period that applies to normal censuses, but it's possible that the Data Protection Act might prevent some of the information from being released.

The Genealogist have been adding to their collection of tithe records and tithe maps, and to coincide with this week's show they have announced the addition of tithe maps for Bedfordshire, Berkshire, Cambridgeshire, Hertfordshire, Huntingdonshire, Lancashire,

Oxfordshire, Staffordshire, Worcestershire, Warwickshire & Yorkshire together with tithes apportionments for Wales.

Check out this English website committed to providing FREE records

<http://ukga.org/index.html>

"One of my Great Great Aunts on my mother's side had compiled a family tree which was totally believed by all her family and descendants.....until the current generation. My elder cousin started poking at the facts and discovered some 'embellishments' and flights of fancy when it came to our ancestors. I became interested and worked on it as well. The tree was a fairy tale based on (mostly) correct family names which was perpetuated in obituaries and oral stories handed down. Some of the older generation didn't believe us when we told them the truth and stuck to the line 'My Mother told me, so our ancestry must be true'.

"Sorting out this puzzle was enthralling and I was hooked! However it taught me early on to check, check and check again, cite sources and leave notes for future generations of anything I am even slightly unsure about."

It's a salutary tale - if you want to have a fairy-tale ending, make sure you don't have a fairy-tale beginning!

(Copied from a recent newsletter at <http://www.lostcousins.com/newsletter>)



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)

**WW1 – a timeline presented every 2 months for you put together by Wendy.
Remember the battles went on in Africa as well as many places in Europe!**

JUNE 1915

- 2nd June** **Blockade of coast of Asia Minor announced by British Government.**
- 3rd June** Przemysl is retaken by Austro-German forces. Amara (Mesopotamia) is captured by British forces.
- First meeting in Paris of Allied Conference on Economic War.
- Act Passed in British Parliament empowering Customs to compel all exports to Holland to be consigned to the Netherlands Overseas Trust.
- San Marino declares war on Austria-Hungary.**
- 4th June** **Third Battle of Krithia (Dardanelles).**
- 5th June** First Conference of British and French Ministers to co-ordinate war policy and strategy held at Calais.
- 7th June** German airship "L.Z.-37" destroyed in mid-air by Lieut. Warneford, R.N.A.S., near Ghent (first occasion of airship successfully attacked by aeroplane).
- Russian and Chinese Governments conclude agreement respecting Mongolia.
- First meeting of Dardanelles Committee of the British Cabinet** [Under this title the War Council exercised its functions during the critical period of the Dardanelles campaign.].
- Allied Commander-in-Chief in the Cameroons decides to abandon the advance on Yaunde
- 8th June** Stanislau is recaptured by Austrian forces.
- 9th June** Monfalcone (Isonzo) taken by Italian forces.
- 10th June** Garua (Cameroons) capitulates to the Anglo-French force under General Cunliffe
- Battle of Zydaczow begins.
- 11th June** Battle of Przemysl ends. Battle of the Stryj ends.

- 12th June** Battle of Mosciuska and Lubaczow begins.
- 14th June** Turkish Attack on Perim.
- 15th June** Battle of Mosciuska and Lubaczow ends.
- 17th June** Third Battle of Lemberg begins.
- 18th June** Second Battle of Artois ends.
- 19th June** South African forces begin advance on Otavifontein.
Dr. José de Castro succeeds Senhor J. P. Chagas as Portuguese Premier.
- 22nd June** Third Battle of Lemberg ends: city retaken by the Austrian forces. Battle of Zydaczow ends.
- 24th June** Mr. Lansing succeeds Mr Bryan as United States Secretary of State.
- 26th June** San Giovanni de Medua (Albania) occupied by Montenegrin forces.
General Sukhomlinov, Russian Minister for War, removed from office (appointed in 1909); succeeded by General Polivanov.
- 27th June** British advance up the Euphrates begins. Battle of the Gnila-Lipa begins.
- 28th June** **Action of Gully Ravine (Dardanelles) begins.**
Operations of the first advance on Yaunde (Cameroons) ends.
Ngaundere (Cameroons) captured by the allied Northern Force.
- 29th June** First Battle of the Isonzo begins. Battle of the Gnila-Lipa ends.

JULY 1915

- 1st July** Second Battle of Krasnik begins.
Otavifontein (German South-West Africa) is captured by South African forces.
- 2nd July** **Action of Gully Ravine (Dardanelles)ends.**

Naval action in the Baltic between Russian and German squadrons off the coast of Gotland. The German minelayer "Albatross" is driven ashore.

The **Munitions of War Act, 1915, becomes law in Great Britain.** Ministry of Munitions formed in Great Britain.

4th July Lahej (South Arabia) taken by Turkish forces. Durazzo occupied by Serbian forces.

7th July First Battle of the Isonzo ends.
Italian cruiser "Amalfi" sunk by Austrian submarine in the Adriatic.

9th July **German South-West Africa capitulates to General Botha.**

11th July German light cruiser "Königsberg" destroyed in Rufiji River, German East Africa, by British monitors.

12th July British residency at Bushire (South Persia) attacked by Tangistani tribesmen.

13th July **Great Austro-German Offensive on Eastern front begins.**

Battle of the Narew and Bobr begins. Second Battle of Przasnysz begins.

Battles of Maslomencze and Grabowiec begins..

14th July A Dominion Premier (Sir R. Borden, Canada) for the first time attends meeting of the British Cabinet.

Sherif of Mecca opens direct negotiations with British Government for co-operation against the Turks. Battle of Schaulen begins.

15th July **National Registration Act becomes law in Great Britain.**

16th July Battle of Krasnostav begins.

17th July Durazzo is evacuated by the Serbian forces at request of Italian Government.

Treaty of alliance signed at Sofia between Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria, Germany, and Turkey. Albania is to be ceded to Bulgaria in return for Bulgarian participation in war.

Battle of Sienna. Second Battle of Przasnysz ends.

- 18th July** Second Battle of the Isonzo begins. Italian cruiser "Giuseppe Garibaldi" sunk by Austrian submarine in the Adriatic.
- Battles of Maslomencze and Grabowiec end. Battle of Krasnostav ends.
- 19th July** Second Battle of Krasnik ends. Battles of Hruhieszow and Wojslawice begin.
- 20th July** **Battle of Le Linge** (Vosges Mountains) begins.
Battles of the Western Front: 1915 Battles for a Breakthrough
- Second Battle of Ivangorod begins.
- 21st July** Ivangorod (Poland) invested by Austro-German forces. Second Battle of Ivangorod ends.
- 22nd July** Bukoba, on Victoria Nyanza (German East Africa), is captured by British forces.
- 24th July** **Rozan and Pultusk (North Poland) stormed by German forces.**
- 25th July** Nasiriya (Mesopotamia) taken by British forces.
- British Government guarantee to Greece eventual cession of Mitylene by Turkey.
- 26th July** Pelagosa Island, in Adriatic, occupied by Italian forces. Battle of the Narew and Bobr end.
- 29th July** Entente Governments warn Montenegro that they will not recognise her occupation of Albanian territory.
- Establishment of the East Persia Cordon (Anglo-Russian) begins. Battle of Biskupice begins.
- 30th July** The Pope sends appeal for peace to belligerent Governments.
- Battles of Hruhieszow, Wojslawice and Biskupice end. Battle of Kupischki begins.
- 31st July** Battle of Strelcze (one day).

Branch Library/ Resource Room:

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

Hours: Open 3rd Wednesday each month Feb-Nov from 6-6:50pm prior to branch meetings. Other times can be made by emailing the branch beforehand or by contacting the Convenor who may make the arrangements.

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**Genealogical Computing Group website ~
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