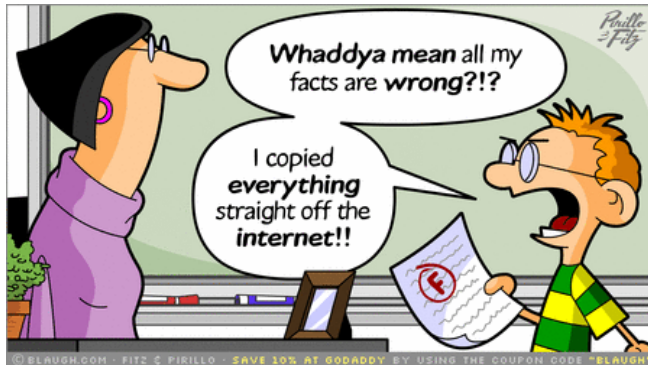




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Branch Meeting Topics and Special events

- 19th August Speakers: Michelle Patient and Barbara Wyley will be speaking at our branch meeting on their Otago/Southland tour.
Topics - *Researching beyond the Internet* and *Australian Research*. **A gold coin entry please.**
- 22nd August **‘Introduction to Genealogy’** at the Invercargill Library (first floor meeting room) from 1-4pm.
Varied speakers. **\$15** charge for materials.
Encourage ‘newbies’ to attend to get started.
- 27th August Computing Interest Group meets at WEA.
- 16th September **Brick wall session** – bring your questions and research difficulties – many heads and others’ experience may give you the breakthrough you have been searching for!
- 21st October **Sue Guthrie** will be speaking on LDS and Family History Centre resources. She is actively involved in indexing projects and regularly goes to Utah.
- 18th November Final meeting – **Quiz Night** and Planning for 2016 over a shared supper. Bring a plate. Come prepared for the curly and local questions – not all sports questions - unless you consider genealogy one!



About Branch Lines

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

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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.

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Overseas News

Family Search:

- Australia, NSW 1828 Census – browse
- Tasmania – many records to browse
- Ireland – Petty Sessions Court Register

Ancestry:

- [Victoria, Australia, Selected Trial Brief and Correspondence Registers and Other Images, 1837-1993](#)
- [Australia Newspaper Vital Notices, 1851-1997](#)
- [New South Wales, Australia, St. John's Parramatta, Baptisms, 1790-1916](#)
- [New South Wales, Australia, St. John's Parramatta, Marriages, 1790-1966](#)
- [New South Wales, Australia, St. John's Parramatta, Burials, 1790-1986](#)
- [Victoria, Australia, Index to Naturalisation Certificates, 1851-1928](#)
- [Australia and New Zealand, Find A Grave Index, 1800s-Current](#)
- [UK, Select Cemetery Registers, 1873-2014](#)
- [Surrey, England Mental Hospital Admissions 1867-1900](#)
- [Surrey, England Calendar of Prisoners 1848-1902](#)
- [UK British Army Muster Books & Pay Lists 1812-1817](#)

Find My Past:

[Victoria, Convict register 1842-1854](#)

[New South Wales, Convict Death Register 1828-1879](#)

[Queensland Convict Register Index 1824-1839](#)

[Queensland, St Helena Convict Index 1863-1936](#)

[Australia Convict Tickets of Leave 1824-1874](#)

[New South Wales, butts of convicts' certificates of freedom 1827-1867](#)

[Irish Army Census 1922](#)

[British Army, List of Half-pay Officers 1714](#)

Scotland:

<http://www.happyhaggis.co.uk>

<http://scottishindexes.com>

Ireland:

<https://www.irishgenealogy.ie>

South Africa:

<http://www.eggsa.org> (many graveyard memorial inscriptions by province)

England:

<http://www.british-history.ac.uk/catalogue>

<http://www.sheffieldfhs.org.uk/>

<http://www.locatinglondon.org/>

<http://booth.lse.ac.uk/> (Booth's survey of London in 1880s with poverty maps)

Australia:

<http://www.naa.gov.au> (National Archives)

New Zealand News

Papers Past: No new additions this month but note local newspapers range extended:

- Southland Times 1906-1920
- Maitua Ensign 1915-1920

Archway NZ:

- As of 1 July 2015, many of Archives New Zealand's fees and charges are increasing.

Family Search:

- Many of the NZ probate records are becoming indexed – making it far easier to locate your persons of interest



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)

RESEARCH REQUESTS – Can anyone help??

- 1) From Vicki - contact details through Committee.

I am trying to trace members of my husband's Ritchie family and wondered if this record may be one of them. It is for Audrey Lavinia DEWE, died 8 April 1987. If it is her she was known as Jessie. Her husband was known as Ike - first name not known to me.

- 2) From Denise – contact details through Committee.

I am trying to find the names of the children of Trevor & Lenore McLELLAND who attended Woodlands school in 1970's -80's. I know there were twin boys & approx 5 in family. They are descendants of a Horton family. A book is due to be printed and we'd like to have more info on them.

All is not fair in love!



I have been reading about what is believed to be the inspiration of the original

‘Pygmalion / My Fair Lady’.

John Montague, the Earl of Sandwich, had a wife who was developing dementia and became locked away. Being lonely, he met a 16 year old stay maker near Covent Garden and developed a long term relationship with her - resulting in several children. A young naval officer fell in love with her at a social gathering the Earl had. This young man then left the navy and became a priest in order to have a placement near where she lived. He met with her and proposed but sadly she declined although he was more her age, duty for the Earl and their children was more important. Spurned, he later shot her at close range as she descended from a carriage on her way to a social event. She died immediately but his attempts to turn the gun on himself were thwarted and he lived to face prosecution. The Earl’s sons and grandson’s became very well known in English law society and his daughter married a very well known playwright. I won’t tell you any more so you will have to look it up on a major search engine or read the newspaper articles online. Good to know that not all romances and drama appear only on television!

Happy reading!

**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!**

AUGUST 1915

- 1st Aug Constantinople harbour is raided by a British submarine.
- 3rd Aug Van (Armenia) evacuated by the Russian forces
- 5th Aug Warsaw occupied by German forces; Ivangorod taken by Austro-German forces; Van is occupied by Turkish forces.
- 6th Aug **Operations of the landing at Suvla (Dardanelles) begin;** Battle of Sari Bair (Dardanelles) begins; Bulgarian Government negotiate fresh loan for 400,000,000 francs with Austro-German banks.
- 8th Aug Bushire (South Persia) occupied by British; Turkish battleship "Barbarousse-Hairedine" sunk by British submarine "E-11" in the Dardanelles; German naval attack on Riga begins.
- 9th Aug Decisive day of Battle of Sari Bair; Viscount Kato, Japanese Minister for Foreign Affairs, resigns.
- 10th Aug Battle of Sari Bair ends; German airship "L-12" extensively damaged by British aircraft off Ostend; Marquis Okuma appointed Japanese Minister for Foreign Affairs (ad interim).
- 12th Aug First ship sunk by torpedo from British seaplane (Dardanelles).
- 13th Aug H.M.T. "Royal Edward" sunk in the Ægean by German submarine. [First transport lost.]
- 15th Aug Operations of the landing at Suvla end; Entente Governments make conditional offer of territorial acquisitions to National Register taken in Great Britain.
- 16th Aug Lowca and Harrington, near Whitehaven (Cumberland), shelled by German submarine.
- 17th Aug Kowno stormed by German forces; Persian Prime Minister resigns.
- 18th Aug Mustaufi ul Mamalek again appointed Persian Prime Minister.
- 19th Aug German battle cruiser "Moltke" torpedoed by British submarine "E.-1" in Gulf of Riga; British submarine "E.-13" attacked by German warships while aground in Danish waters; British S.S. "Arabic" sunk by German submarine; H.M.S. "Baralong" (special service ship) destroys German submarine "U.-27".

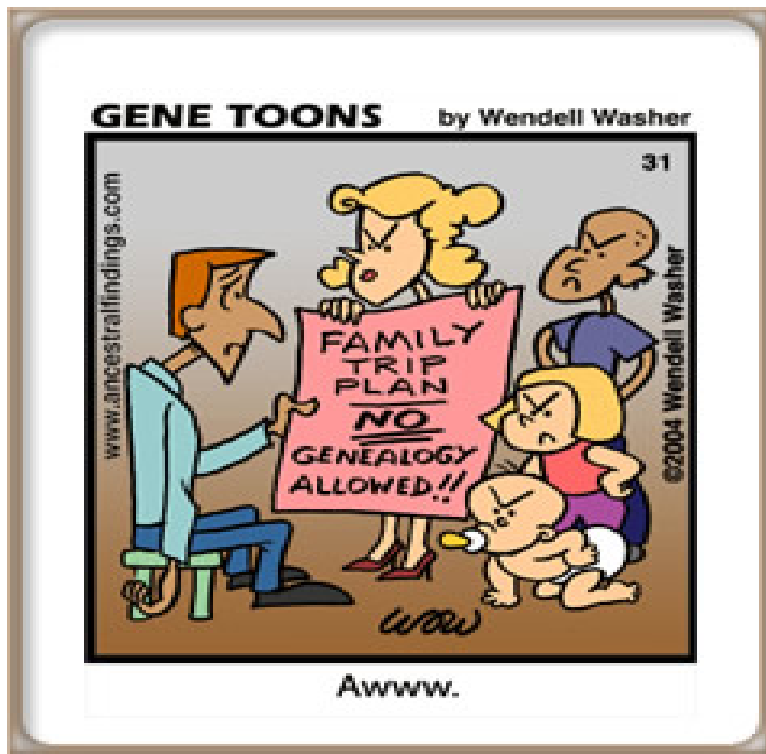
- 20th Aug Novo-Georgievsk (Poland) stormed by German forces.
- 21st Aug Battle of Scimitar Hill (Suvla); **Italy declares war on Turkey**; First authenticated case of German submarine firing on a ship's crew in open boats (British S.S. "Ruel"); German naval attack on Riga discontinued .
- 22nd Aug Osovets (North Poland) stormed by German forces; M. Venizelos again appointed Premier of Greece in succession to M.
- 25th Aug Brest-Litovsk (Poland) taken by German forces.
- 26th Aug Byelostok (Poland) taken by German forces.
- 30th Aug British Foreign Minister (Sir E. Grey) informs M. Supilo that, provided Serbia agreed, the Allies could guarantee the eventual freedom and self-determination of Bosnia, Herzegovina, South Dalmatia, Slavonia and Croatia .
- 31st Aug Durazzo reoccupied by Serbian forces.

SEPTEMBER 1915

- 1st Sept German Government inform US Government that United States demands for limitation of submarine activity are accepted; Ruad Island, off Syrian coast, occupied by French forces.
- 3rd Sept Grodno captured by German forces.
- 5th Sept The Tsar supersedes the Grand Duke Nicholas in supreme command of the Russian Armies with General Alexeiev as Chief of Staff [Though nominally Chief of Staff, General Alexeiev was virtually Commander-in-Chief and performed the duties of that office till the Tsar's abdication on March 15th, 1917 and continued as Commander-in-Chief thereafter.
- 7th Sept Russian counter-offensive in Galicia; Battle of Tarnopol begins
- 8th Sept The Grand Duke Nicholas appointed Viceroy of the Caucasus; Second Allied Attack on Mora (Cameroons).
- 9th Sept Battle of Dvinsk begins; Battle of Vilna begins; Bushire (South Persia) again attacked by tribesmen; Turco-Bulgarian Frontier Convention signed at Dimotika; US Government request recall of Austro-Hungarian Ambassador .

- 16th Sept Pinsk taken by German forces.
- 18th Sept Vilna taken by German forces.
- 21st Sept Bulgarian Government order partial mobilisation; Greek Premier asks for guarantee of 150,000 British and French troops as condition for Greek intervention ; Viscount Ishii succeeds Marquis Okuma as Japanese Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- 22nd Sept "Dede Agatch Agreement" concluded between Turkey and Bulgaria rectifying Turkish frontier in favour of Bulgaria; Bulgarian Government order general mobilisation for 25th; Second Advance on Yaunde (Cameroons) begins.
- 23rd Sept Greek Government order precautionary mobilisation.
- 24th Sept French and British Governments inform Greek Government that they are prepared to send troops requested.
- 25th Sept **Allied Autumn Offensive** begins: Battle of Loos begins; Third Battle of Artois begins; Second Battle of Champagne.

General Sir J. Wolfe Murray, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Great Britain, resigns; Bulgarian mobilisation begins ; Serbian Government give undertaking to Greek Government to cede Doiran and Gevgeli eventually to Greece, and not to claim Strumitsa.
- 26th Sept Lieut.-General Sir A. J. Murray appointed Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Great Britain .
- 27th Sept Greek Premier obtains secret consent of King Constantine to proposed Entente expedition to Salonika.
- 28th Sept Battle of Kut (Mesopotamia); Austro-Hungarian Ambassador, recalled from United States of America; Greek Government formally refuse French and British "offer" of the 24th; British and Russian Governments agree to request of Persian Government for a monthly subvention.
- 30th Sept Lord Derby assumes control of recruiting in Great Britain.



Current Branch Projects

Obituaries from the Southland Times of local people (and many national figures) are being collected and put into large scrap books. Helen Hall had done this for many years but this is now being done by Wendy Shaw. These are then indexed 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. These will be on the new NZ Kiwi Collection due to be released from NZSG in August.

Local BDM newspaper notices: Indexes and notices are held in the resource room (up to 2008). Our branch no longer collects these. The Invercargill Library and NZSG Gore branch have continued to collect and index the notices since then.

Branch Library/ Resource Room:

Venue: 1st floor Invercargill Library, past the computers towards Dee St windows 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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Meetings

Third Wednesday of each month
Meeting Room, Invercargill City Library at 7 p.m.
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NZSG website ~

<http://www.genealogy.org.nz/>

Genealogical Computing Group website ~

<http://www.gencom.org.nz/>

