



## ⇐ BRANCH LINES ⇒

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Missing – most of February!

Have you ever got up one morning and found you have missed a week? I was looking recently at some English records that happened around 1752 and I can sympathise with 11 days just vanishing which made it a bit tricky sorting out Lady's Day and marriage records. Occasionally I would like to have another 11 days added on to my year just so I can get on top of those many 'round to it' jobs. Even trickier is to acknowledge that this newsletter is going out later than I would have liked!

### Branch Meeting Topics and Special events

- 16<sup>th</sup> March     Eastern Cemetery Notes – Mary Stuart  
This follows the Eastern Cemetery walking tour that happened at the end of February
- 24<sup>th</sup> March     Computing Group – Old Invercargill buildings
- 20<sup>th</sup> April       Local Memorial Boards
- 28<sup>th</sup> April       Computing Group – AGM.  
Bring photo of a WW1 relative
- 18<sup>th</sup> May         AGM followed by Heirlooms 'show and tell'  
Members invited to bring a special treasure

### Free Online Genealogy Courses – check them out

[www.futurelearn.com/courses/genealogy1](http://www.futurelearn.com/courses/genealogy1)

[www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)

Legacy family tree webinars

YouTube – genealogy

[www.genealogy.com/articles/learn](http://www.genealogy.com/articles/learn)

[www.cyndislist.com/education/online-courses](http://www.cyndislist.com/education/online-courses)

Old handwriting – English, Latin, German

[www.many-roads.com](http://www.many-roads.com)



### 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.

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## Overseas News

### Ancestry: New Additions and Updates

	Date
<a href="#">Tasmania, Australia, Police Gazettes, 1884-1933</a>	29/2/2016
<a href="#">Johns's Notable Australians, 1906</a>	29/2/2016
<a href="#">Sydney, Australia, Cemetery Headstone Transcriptions, 1867-2002</a>	25/2/2016
<a href="#">Web: Queensland, Australia, Death Inquest Index, 1859 - 1897</a>	17/2/2016
<a href="#">Web: Queensland, Australia, Will Index, 1857-1900 (all Districts), 1901-1940 (Southern District)</a>	17/2/2016
<b>UPDATED</b> <a href="#">New South Wales, Australia, Government Gazettes, 1853-1899</a>	28/1/2016
<a href="#">Victoria, Australia, Police Gazettes, 1914-1924</a>	19/1/2016
<a href="#">Queensland, Australia, Police Gazette Index, 1881-1945</a>	19/1/2016
<a href="#">Web: Queensland, Australia, Immigration Indexes, 1848-1972</a>	19/1/2016
<a href="#">Web: Queensland, Australia, Naturalisation Index, 1851-1904</a>	19/1/2016
<a href="#">Web: Queensland, Australia, Hospital Indexes, 1872-1908</a>	19/1/2016
<b>UPDATED</b> <a href="#">Australia, Birth Index, 1788-1922</a>	19/1/2016
<a href="#">Queensland and Victoria, Australian Directories, 1859-1947</a>	19/1/2016
<a href="#">Western Australia, Australia, Convict Records, 1846-1930</a>	19/1/2016
<a href="#">Australia, Commonwealth Public Service Lists, 1904, 1920</a>	19/1/2016
<a href="#">Wonthaggi, Victoria, Australia Employee Records, 1909-1969</a>	19/1/2016
<a href="#">South Australia, Australia, Police Gazettes, 1927-1947</a>	11/1/2016
<b>UPDATED</b> <a href="#">Sands Directories: Sydney and New South Wales, Australia, 1858-1933</a>	6/1/2016
<b>UPDATED</b> <a href="#">Victoria, Australia, Assisted and Unassisted Passenger Lists, 1839-1923</a>	19/12/2015
<a href="#">Port Stephens, Australia, Area Cemeteries, 1845-2010</a>	17/12/2015
<a href="#">Web: Victoria, Australia, Outward Passenger Index, 1852-1915</a>	17/12/2015
<a href="#">Australia, Pastoral Directories, 1913-1954</a>	15/12/2015
<a href="#">Queensland, Australia, Bailliere's Gazetteer and Road Guide, 1876</a>	15/12/2015
<a href="#">New South Wales, Australia, Bailliere's Gazetteer and Road Guide, 1870</a>	15/12/2015
<a href="#">Victoria, Australia, Bailliere's Gazetteer and Road Guide, 1879</a>	15/12/2015
<a href="#">Australia, Fox's History of Queensland</a>	15/12/2015
<a href="#">South Australia, Australia, Bailliere's Gazetteer and Road Guide, 1866</a>	15/12/2015
<a href="#">Tasmania, Australia, Bailliere's Gazetteer and Road Guide, 1877</a>	15/12/2015
<a href="#">Australia, Handbook and Almanac, 1886</a>	15/12/2015
<a href="#">Western Australia, Railway Records, 1872-1949</a>	2/12/2015

### Find My Past:

- Irish Catholic Parish registers 1671-1900
- US Marriage Registers being released shortly
- 1939 Register UK
- More Irish Newspapers added

### Scotland's People:

The latest images of Scottish births, marriages and deaths are available from 1 January. This year they consist of births registered in 1915, marriages in 1940, and deaths in 1965. The 1940 marriages are very significant because that year saw the introduction of civil marriages by registrars.

**Southland Branch NZSG Quiz Answers (see previous newsletter)**

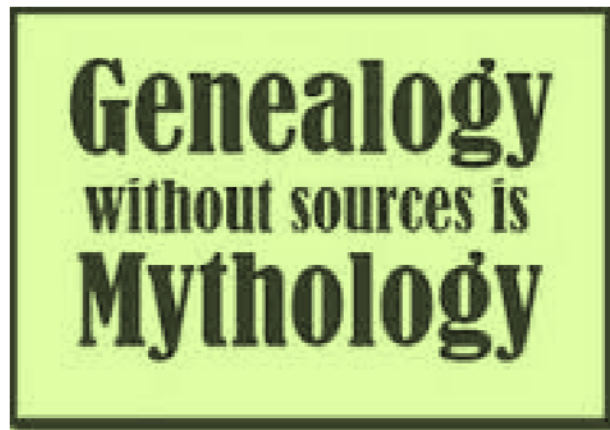
**NZ:** 1) 1841 2) 1870 3) Kororareka 4) Dunedin 5) Waikato 6) Kaiapoi  
7) Japanese POW's riot 8) Wahine sank 9) 1861 10) Sir Joseph Ward

**Australia:** 1) Black Swan 2) Christmas 1974 3) 1854 4) Eureka 5) Coffs Harbour  
6) Lawn sprinkler 7) 11 8) Norfolk Is and Tasmania 9) Kylie Minogue  
10) Joh Bielke-Peterson; Derryn Hinch; Pavlova; Russell Crowe and more

**Southland:**  
1) Capt John Howell 2) Dee St behind current movie theatre 3) Eve Poole  
4) Lady Barkly 5) Trooper's Memorial – Boer War 6) condensed milk  
7) Helen & John Smith 8) Minnie Dean 9) Strang's 10) Orepuke

**UK:** 1) True 2) Cork 3) Murphy 4) Blarney Stone 5) Depends on which county  
but taken at intervals between 1552 – 1683 6) 1752 the year was advanced  
by 11 days 7) branch of Gaelic 8) 1855 9) parish chest 10) 1841

**NZSG:** Answers should be easily known if you receive *'The New Zealand Genealogist'* magazine





**Genealogical Computing Group**  
Special Interest Group of the  
**New Zealand Society of Genealogists**  
**INVERCARGILL Sub-Group**



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

Time: 7pm on 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of month Feb-Nov. The 2016 programme is on the website.

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 a/h) or Convenor Wendy Smith (03217 3595 a/h)

**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!**

## February 1916

- 1st February:** British S.S. "*Appam*" brought to Norfolk, U.S.A., by German prize crew from raider "*Moewe*".  
Russian Premier, resigns with successor appointed
- 2nd February:** Elbasan (Albania) taken by Bulgarian forces  
German airship "*L.-19*" founders in the North Sea.
- 8th February:** British Government request naval assistance from Japan.  
French cruiser "*Amiral Charner*" sunk by submarine off Syrian coast.
- 9th February** Serbian Government set up at Corfu.  
German gunboat "*Hedwig von Wissman*" sunk.  
British command of Lake Tanganyika secured.
- 10th February** Military Service Act comes into operation in Great Britain  
Remnant of Serbian Army concentrated at Corfu  
German Government send Note to US Government stating that defensively armed merchantmen will be treated as belligerents from March 1st onwards.
- 11th February** H.M.S. "*Arethusa*" sunk by mine in North Sea.  
Italian detachment reaches Corfu.
- 13th February** Entente Governments notify Greece of forthcoming transfer of Montenegrin Army to Corfu.
- 14th February** Entente Powers make declaration guaranteeing to Belgium eventual independence and indemnification.
- 15th February** Agreement concluded between British Government and chieftains of the Bakhtiari (Persia) for co-operation in protection of Persian oilfields.
- 16th February** Remnants of Montenegrin army land at Corfu.  
War Office take over anti-aircraft defence of London from the Admiralty, and become responsible for anti-aircraft defence generally throughout the kingdom.  
War Office takes over from the India Office control of operations in Mesopotamia.
- 17th February** Chios (Ægean) occupied by British forces.  
Berat (Albania) occupied by Austrian forces.  
Last German forces in South Cameroons cross border into Spanish territory for internment.
- 18th February** Mush (Armenia) taken by Russian forces.  
Mora, the last German post in the Cameroons, surrenders to the British.  
Conquest of the Cameroons by Entente forces completed
- 19th February** Major-General Tighe succeeded by Lieut.-General Smuts in command of British forces in East Africa

<b>21st February</b>	<b>Battle of Verdun</b> begins. German airship "L.Z.-77" brought down by French gunfire at Revigny German Government inform US Government that defensively armed merchantmen will henceforth be regarded as cruisers.
<b>22nd February</b>	Adjutant-General, British Expeditionary Force, France and Adjutant-General, Home Forces, Great Britain both resign and are replaced
<b>23rd February</b>	Portugal seizes German steamers in the Tagus. Ministry of Blockade formed in Great Britain.
<b>25th February</b>	Fort Douaumont (Verdun) stormed by German forces
<b>26th February</b>	Kirmanshah (Western Persia) occupied by Russian forces
<b>28th February</b>	The nucleus of a British air squadron formed to bomb German industrial centres. Albanian Provisional Government set up at Naples
<b>29th February</b>	Action in North Sea between German raider " <i>Greif</i> " and British auxiliary cruiser " <i>Alcantara</i> ": both sunk.

## MARCH 1916

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<b>1st March</b>	German extended submarine campaign begins. Hostilities between Sudan Government and Sultan of Darfur begin
<b>2nd March</b>	Bitlis (Armenia) taken by Russian forces.
<b>3rd March</b>	Agreement as to provisional administration of the Cameroons concluded between French and British Governments
<b>4th March</b>	German raider " <i>Moewe</i> " returns to Bremen (Germany)
<b>5th March</b>	British advance on Kilimanjaro (East Africa) begins. Persian Prime Minister and Persian Foreign Minister both resign.
<b>6th March</b>	Mr. Baker appointed United States Secretary for War. New Persian Prime Minister and Persian Foreign Minister appointed
<b>8th March</b>	Second attempt to relieve Kut: British relieving force repulsed at Dujaila Redoubt.
<b>9th March</b>	<b>Germany declares war on Portugal</b>
<b>10th March</b>	Taveta (East Africa) taken by British forces
<b>12th March</b>	Allied Military Conference held at Chantilly regarding a general summer offensive.
<b>13th March</b>	New Moshi (East Africa) and Sollum (Western Egypt) taken by British forces.
<b>14th March</b>	Admiral von Tirpitz, German Minister of Marine, resigns (appointed in 1897).
<b>15th March:</b>	Austria-Hungary severs diplomatic relations with Portugal. <b>Austria-Hungary declares war on Portugal.</b>
<b>16th March:</b>	Sudan force advances into Darfu General Roques appointed French Minister for War

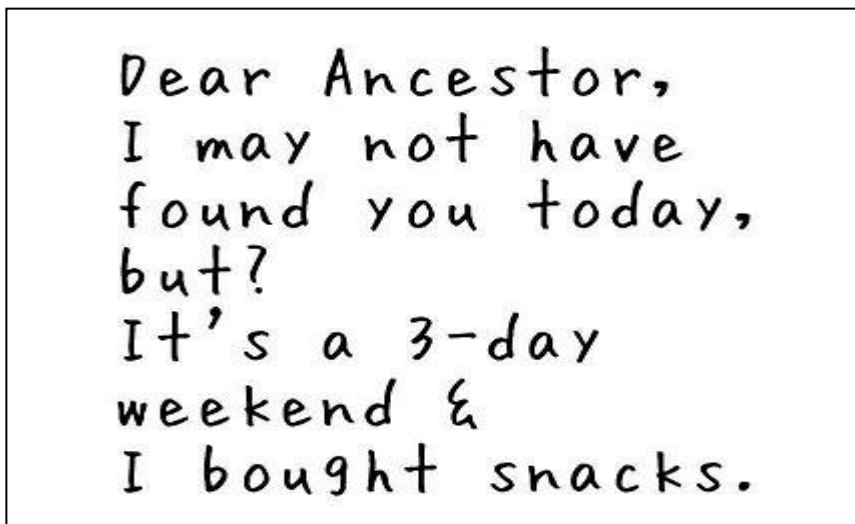
- 19th March:** General Sir A. J. Murray takes over command of the Force in Egypt from General Sir John Maxwell.
- 22nd March:** Yuan-Shih-Kai relinquishes the throne of China.
- 24th March:** S.S. "*Sussex*" (British) torpedoed by submarine in the English Channel
- 28th March:** Inter-Allied Conference in Paris.  
Declaration of Unity between Belgium, France, Great Britain, Italy, Japan, Portugal, Russia, and Serbia regarding military, economic, and diplomatic affairs, drawn up.
- 29th March:** Russian Minister for War, resigns and is successor appointed  
Japanese Minister for War, resigns
- 30th March:** Russian hospital ship "*Portugal*" sunk by submarine in the Black Sea
- 31st March:** German airship raid on England (east coast). Airship "*L.-15*" brought down by gunfire near mouth of the Thames.
- APRIL 1916**
- 1st April** End of period of German mastery of the air on the Western front.
- 3rd April** Greek Government refuse overland route for transport of Serbian army from Corfu to Salonika.
- 15th April** Serbian Army Headquarters land at Salonika from Corfu.
- 17th April** British attacks in German East Africa begin  
Italian Government issue decrees prohibiting trading with Germany
- 18th April** United States Government send note to German Government on "*Sussex*" case and submarine policy in general.
- 20th April** Russian troops from the far East arrive at Marseilles.  
Disguised German transport "*Aud*" sinks herself after capture while trying to land arms on Irish coast.
- 24th April** Outbreak of Rebellion in Ireland  
loss of H.M.S. "*Julnar*"  
Laying of Belgian coast barrage commenced by British navy.
- 25th April** Lowestoft (Suffolk) and Yarmouth (Norfolk) raided by German battle cruiser squadron
- 26th April** French and Russian Governments conclude "Sykes-Picot" agreement for eventual partition of Asia Minor  
Agreement signed at Berlin for transfer of British and German wounded and sick prisoners of war to Switzerland.
- 27th April** **Martial law proclaimed in Dublin** and the county.  
H.M.S. "*Russell*" sunk by mine in the Mediterranean.
- 29th April** "Havre Declaration" signed by France, Great Britain, Italy, Japan and Russia guaranteeing integrity of Belgian Congo.

## Current Branch Projects

**Obituaries** from the Southland Times of local people (and many national figures) are being collected. These are then indexed before placing the books in the Resource Room.

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

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



**Research Enquiries:** All committee members will have access to the enquirers contact details.

**From Eve in Australia:**

Her husband is a descendent of the McKAY Bros who had auction rooms in Invercargill in the early 1900. A family home called "Woodstock" was located at 81 Conon St. They are seeking any photos of the premises.

**From Jill in Nelson:**

Researching Mary Ann MACKAY, she married William James PHILPOT in Dunedin 1878 and later they resided in Invercargill. There were four children Robert James Philpot, b.1879, William Henry Philpot b. 1881, John Samuel Philpot b. 1883 and Ada who died young. Mary Ann later married James HOLMES. Mary Ann's father was James MACKAY who died in 1918 aged 99 in Invercargill.

**From Carolin:**

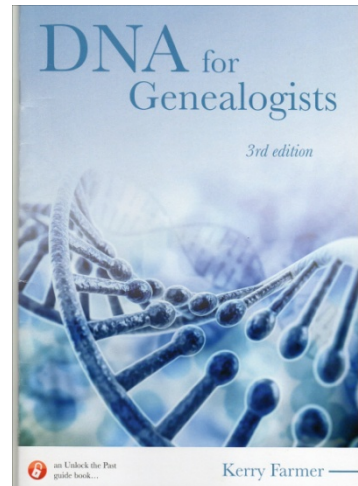
Seeking photos of family members – JOSS, WILLSSON/WILSON, TODD and HOWIE families who all lived around Stewart Is/Orepuki/Invercargill/Bluff areas

## Book Review: **DNA for Genealogists**

Notes by Roger Washbourn.

A recently revised publication on a topic of interest to genealogists has recently become available - Kerry Farmer's ***DNA for Genealogists***. Its main advantage is that the information is right up-to-date and contains details of the latest autosomal testing (which earlier publications lack).

Australian Kerry Farmer has been teaching family history classes since 1987. She has degrees in both science and the arts, is a member of the Society of Australian Genealogists and is the Director of Australian Studies for the National Institute for Genealogical Studies. Kerry has published other titles for Unlock the Past.



*DNA for Genealogists* comes in an A5 format of 49 pages. Following some introductory chat, the author devotes 5 pages to the background science, 5 pages on interpreting DNA results, short considerations of 'Why have DNA tested' and 'Objections to DNA testing', then 7 pages on 'Commercial DNA testing companies'. Finally there are 5 appendices, and an Index.

The section on science is necessary to understand DNA gives a good general cover; it explains the DNA helix, chromosomes, SNPs and STRs, the sex chromosomes and autosomal DNA. The differing types of DNA are described and their behaviour and significance documented.

The second section (interpreting DNA results) begins by describing the 3 types of DNA tests available. The narrative, supported by tables and diagrams, includes a good explanation of how the significance of test results can be interpreted, and family relationships deduced.

There are 7 commercial DNA testing companies ; they are named, with an outline of the services offered by each. There is a glossary of terms and 4 appendices (all with website URLs – (1) Testing companies; (2) Free DNA databases; (3) Tolls for genetic genealogy; and (4) Websites for further reading. The last is a list of reference books.

Recommended as a good starter reference for those thinking about using DNA for genealogy. Order it online, or by mail.

Where can I get it?

**DNA for Genealogists (3<sup>rd</sup> Edition)** by Kerry Farmer.      \$AU14.00 + postage.  
Published by Unlock the Past; 2015.

**Gould Genealogy & History**  
**Phone:** 1300 526 069  
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**Website of the month :      **Family History Daily****

Family History Daily offers research help, news, personal stories, tools and resources for genealogy enthusiasts.

Use the site to explore new ideas and connect with other family historians.

Go to <http://familyhistorydaily.com/about/> and subscribe to their free weekly newsletter.

**Branch Library/ Resource Room:**

**Venue:**      **1<sup>st</sup> floor Invercargill Library, past the computers towards Dee St windows on the left.**

**Hours:**      **Currently only open 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 ~  
<http://www.gencom.org.nz/>

