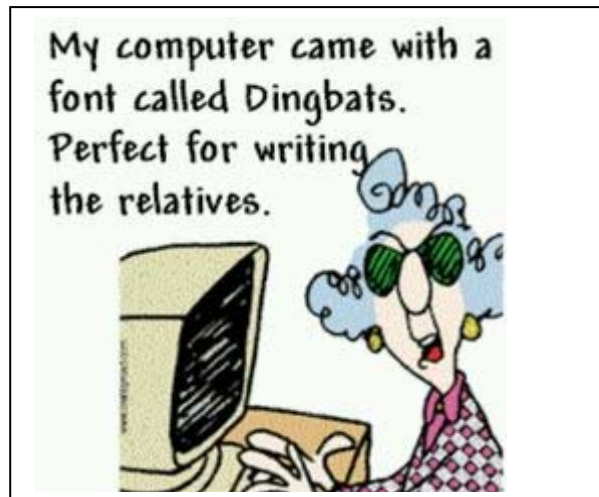




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I returned from a timely 3 week break with a week in Devon, a week in the Channel Islands and 5 days in France. Given I was ‘unsupervised’ for the first 2 weeks I was able to immerse myself in family research. So upon my return when asked for photos of the trip almost all were photos of DOCUMENTS. What do you expect when a genealogy nut goes on holiday???

**Branch Meeting Topics and Special events**

- 15 -19 August      **Family History Month**  
 Lunchtime meetings 12-2 at the Library  
 (See notice in this newsletter)
- 17<sup>th</sup> August      Branch Meeting: **Individual research/help**  
 7pm start.
- 25<sup>th</sup> August      Genealogy Computing Group: 7pm at  
 WEA. **Genealogical Tours** - personal  
 journeys back to ancestral homes/villages.
- 21<sup>st</sup> September    Branch Meeting: **Computers in Genealogy**  
 – meeting is combined with local Genealogy  
 Computing Group to learn how to work  
 smarter not harder in your research
- 19<sup>th</sup> October      Branch Meeting: **Researching in**  
**Queensland** and Resources available

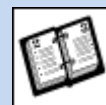


**About Branch Lines**

**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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**FAMILY HISTORY MONTH**

Introducing Family History and Genealogy

The Southland Branch of the NZSG, in conjunction with the Invercargill Public Library, will be presenting a series of **Lunch time lectures** during the week 15 – 19 August 2016 in the Library Meeting Room at 12.15 to 1.00pm each day.

- Monday 15 August 2016 - Introduction to Family History and the resources of the Southland Branch of the NZSG – NZSG speaker
- Tuesday 16 August 2016 – Outline of the Family History Resources available at the Invercargill Public Library – Library Staff
- Wednesday 17 August 2016 – Researching your Scottish Ancestors – NZSG Speaker
- Thursday 18 August 2016 – A Library Archivist will speak about the Local Archives and how to look after your Family photos.
- Friday 19 August 2016 – Introducing Family Research in Australia and Researching WW1 records - NZSG Speaker

Now is the time to invite family and friends to come and listen – and maybe light the genealogy spark in them which will start them off on their own journey of discovery.



**SOUTHLAND HERITAGE FORUM - Annual General Meeting**

An invitation to the Annual General Meeting of Heritage South on Wednesday 24th August. The meeting will be at the Awarua Communications Museum and will be followed by light refreshments and fun historical entertainment.

Museum entry and entertainment \$12 (under 15 years \$8).

1276 Invercargill-Bluff Highway (SH1) (12 kilometres from Invercargill CBD).

**RSVP is essential as numbers are limited.** Email or phone to register and to obtain further details. [southlandheritageforum@xtra.co.nz](mailto:southlandheritageforum@xtra.co.nz) 021 1463739

**Attention all budding authors – sharpen your quills, and put pen to paper!**

**THE TED GILBERD LITERARY TRUST WORLD WAR ONE ESSAY COMPETITION**

This competition is open only to members of NZSG and offers a prize of \$750 for the winning essay. All entries must be submitted electronically to [tgliterarytrust@gmail.com](mailto:tgliterarytrust@gmail.com). Entries close 31 December 2016. Full competition details, including Rules & Conditions of Entry, are available at [www.genealogy.org.nz](http://www.genealogy.org.nz)

**NZSG Dunedin Branch:** Invitation to hear GERARD HINDMARSH author and journalist in ‘Sharing our Stories’ as part of the NZSG Family History Month.

Date: Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at 1:30pm

Venue: Dunningham Suite, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Dunedin Library

The Dunedin Branch is bringing Gerard to Dunedin from his home in Golden Bay to speak to us about sharing his own family stories. Gerard is the author of five books published by Pottton and Burton. Angelina is the story of his grandmother, an Italian born and bred bride who was brought to a new life on an isolated farm on D’Urville Island. It is a wonderful story that illustrates how we can weave known facts with a feasible yarn. ALL WELCOME (Gerard will also be talking in Oamaru on 2<sup>nd</sup> September)

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FAMILY HISTORY - PRESERVING OUR PAST FOR THE FUTURE



**NZSG NEW-LOOK WEBSITE IS NOW LIVE!**

NZSG has relaunched its [website](#) recently. Positive feedback has been received from members who love the clean, fresh look. Members also like the drop-down boxes and readily available links.

**Things to note ....**

**New Log-In** - members now log in using their email address instead of member number. Passwords are unchanged.



## AUSTRALIAN

7-8 October 2016

Immanuel College

history & genealogy

**EXPO** Adelaide  
2016

"A unique opportunity to see many societies, libraries and commercial product and service suppliers in one place and to learn from the many expert presenters."

### UPCOMING EVENTS AT UNLOCK THE PAST

Visit [www.unlockthepast.com.au](http://www.unlockthepast.com.au) for further details.

#### **Australia**

7 Oct 2016 - [Australian history & genealogy expo 2016](#) - Novar Gardens SA

28 Jul 2017 - [13th Unlock the Past cruise – Papua New Guinea](#) - Brisbane - Papua New Guinea

#### **New South Wales**

16 Aug 2016 - [The History of Science in Australia](#) - Sydney

24 Aug 2016 - [Winton Higgins - Rule of Law](#) - Sydney

29 Oct 2016 - [Coffs Harbour District Family History Society Inc. October Seminar](#) - COFFS HARBOUR

29 Oct 2016 - [Shoalhaven Timber festival](#) - Milton NSW 2538

6 Nov 2016 - [Channel Crossings: Social Relations & Networks of Huguenot Refugees](#) - Sydney

#### **Norfolk Island**

4 Nov 2016 - [Norfolk Island History Lovers](#) - Norfolk Island

5 Nov 2016 - [Norfolk Island History Lovers](#) - Norfolk Island

#### **Queensland**

20 Aug 2016 - [CALOUNDRA FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH CELEBRATING NATIONAL FAMILY HISTORY MONTH & SUNSHINE COAST SENIORS WEEK OPEN DAY](#) - CALOUNDRA

23 Oct 2016 - [Introduction to Family History](#) - Wishart, 4122

27 Nov 2016 - [The Huguenot Society of Australia](#) - Toowong

19 May 2017 - [Footsteps in Time - 2017 Old State Conference](#) - Southport

28 Jul 2017 - [13th Unlock the Past cruise – Papua New Guinea](#) - Brisbane - Papua New Guinea

## South Australia

17 Aug 2016 - [Family History Resource Room Open Afternoon](#) - Christies Beach, 5165

7 Oct 2016 - [Australian history & genealogy expo 2016](#) - Novar Gardens SA

## Victoria

28 Oct 2016 - [Huguenot Lunch](#) - Malvern

29 Oct 2016 - [Huguenot Refugees in the Channel Islands](#) - Melbourne



## 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.

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 Wendy Shaw (027 431 5714) or Convenor Wendy Smith (03 217 3595 a/h)

## [WW1Timeline - Remembering the SOMME](#)



## AUGUST 1916

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- 2nd August** Italian Dreadnought "*Leonardo da Vinci*" sunk by internal explosion in harbour at Taranto.
- 5th August** Advance of main body of British force in East Africa begins.
- 8th August** Portuguese Government decide to extend military co-operation to Europe .
- 12th August** Italian troops land at Salonika and join Allied force.
- 19th August** H.M.S. "*Falmouth*" and "*Nottingham*" sunk by submarine
- 23rd August** German commercial submarine "*Deutschland*" returns to Germany.
- 25th August** Russian forces cross the Danube to assist the Rumanian forces.
- 27th August** **Rumanian Government order mobilisation and declare war on Austria-Hungary.**
- 28th August** Rumanian forces cross Hungarian frontier and invade Transylvania ; **Germany declares war on Rumania.**
- 29th August** Field Marshal von Hindenburg becomes Chief of the General Staff of the German Field Armies
- 30th August** Rumania severs diplomatic relations with Bulgaria; **Turkey declares war on Rumania.**
- 31st August** Battle of Verdun ends. [This is the French date for the close of "The Defensive Battle of Verdun." The German list carries the battle up to September 9th.]

## SEPTEMBER 1916

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- 1st September** Bulgaria declares war on Rumania; Russian and British Governments conclude "Sykes-Picot" agreement as to eventual partition of Asia Minor;
- Compulsory Military Service Bill in New Zealand comes into operation.**
- 2nd September.** German raid by 14 airships (greatest number to attack simultaneously) on London and other parts of England. Airship "*S.L.-11*" destroyed by aeroplane at Cuffley; German ships in Piræus harbour seized by the Allies.



- 22nd September** Battle of Flers-Courcelette (Somme) ends.
- 23rd September** Airship raid on England (East Coast and London) involving serious casualties (170, mostly civilian); "L.-32" destroyed by aeroplane at Billericay; "L.-33" brought down by gunfire in Essex.
- 24th September** Krupp works at Essen bombed by French aeroplanes.
- 25th September** **Battle of Morval** (Somme) begins.
- 26th September** **Battle of Thiepval Ridge** (Somme) begins (lasts 2 days).
- 29th September** Formation of Greek Provisional Government in Crete in opposition to the Government at Athens.



### **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/Fiordland area** - Mary Stuart and Yvonne Service continue collecting data on graves in isolated areas.



## SOMME-BER MOMENTS

Those few short weeks of incessant rain, incessant mud, rats and lice, ill fated burst of bravado by ill informed superiors, bodies lying where they fall under the relentless hail of machine gun fire, mortar craters pock marking the open fields where many ended their lives with bodies never to be found.

The shock, the wounds, the gas and the hunger relentlessly eating away at the minds and bodies of the brave men who left our land after rallying to the cause, swept up in the euphoria of fighting for the flag.

Empty graves, changed minds, debilitating injuries - returning home to face an uncertain future.

Some chose to tell it like it was, many chose not to talk at all - burying the horrors deep in their minds. How can one who has faced so much return to a working life - in the office, school room or farm. The hidden pain turns to outbursts of anger and drinking, the dark nightmares.

Carefully tended graves, row upon row, in acres of white memorials dot the landscape where they fought. Walls of names, photos and medals remain. Heroes? Yes all of them, for it is their bravery and sacrifice that changed our country to make it a better place for all who live here. May we never forget and may we continue to teach the young ones the high price paid.

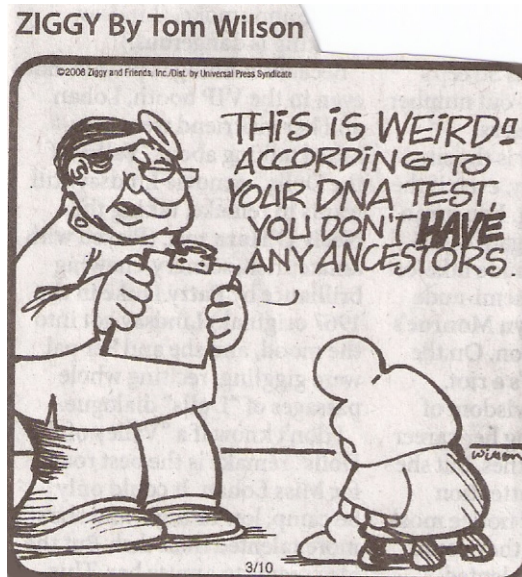
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### Family Tree Maker Lives On

Ancestry announced this week that it has sold the popular Family Tree Maker software program to a company called *Software MacKiev*. This is a bit of an about-face by Ancestry who announced in December 2015 that they were going to retire the popular Family Tree Maker program.

Now it looks like the software will have a new life under a different company. Apparently, this will mean regular software updates and new versions in the future. The program will also continue to have access to Ancestry functionality like hints, searches and the ability to store your family tree on Ancestry.

This recent announcement buys some time for Family Tree Maker users. However, we are not convinced that it would be a good idea to remain with this software program over the longer term. Clearly Ancestry is getting out of the desktop software business. If you are a current user of Family Tree Maker, you might also want to seriously think about your options going forward.



### Unique double accolade for Don Auckram

Former Southland Branch member Donald Auckram completed a unique double this year when it was announced at the Society's AGM in Mount Maunganui in June that he had been awarded the **Lucy Marshall Award** for 2016 for the best 'how to' article published in *The New Zealand Genealogist* each year. The Award, which seeks to encourage an NZSG member to share their research, knowledge and skills with others, was given for an article in the August 2015 edition of magazine entitled **A Foote in Papers Past**.

This is the second award that Don has won. In 2002 he claimed the **Kevin McNulty Award** for a published family history with his 'A New Zealand Surname - Origin and History 1849~1999' which detailed the history of his Auckram surname.

It is believed that Donald is the only NZSG member to have won both prizes. Donald has since moved to Christchurch to take up work there.

Roger Washbourn.

### 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 other arrangements.

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#### Meetings

Third Wednesday of each month  
Meeting Room, Invercargill Public Library  
In the central city at 7.00 p.m.  
[Research facilities from 6 p.m.]

#### Branch website ~

<http://www.nzsgsouthland.com/>

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

#### Genealogical Computing Group website ~

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

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