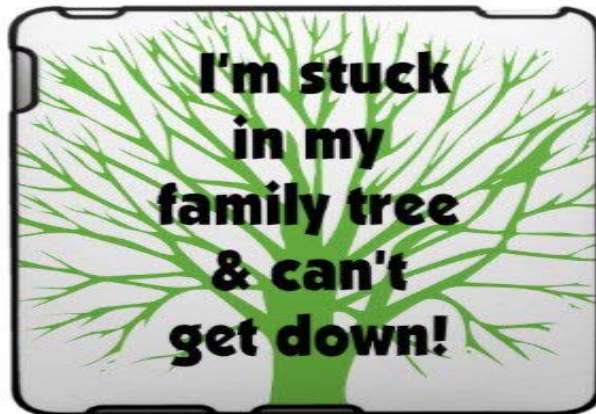




⇐ BRANCH LINES ⇒  
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Family History Month in August saw the development of 'Introduction to Genealogy' classes in conjunction with the Invercargill Library and NZSG Southland branch. Welcome to the new members who have joined the branch as a result of attending these classes. Hats off to Roger Washbourn for organising this.

### Branch Meeting Topics and Special events

- 13<sup>th</sup> Oct      Week 4 Genealogy classes at 1:30pm in the training room on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor Library. Subject: Researching in Australia and UK / Pay per view websites
- 19<sup>th</sup> Oct      **Researching in Queensland.** 7pm start.  
Bring items to donate for next month's raffle
- 20<sup>th</sup> Oct      Week 5 Genealogy Classes – visit to LDS Waikiwi and library tour
- 27<sup>th</sup> Oct      **Genealogy Computing Group** 7pm at WEA  
Location and topic may change
- 16<sup>th</sup> Nov      **Trivia Quiz** to finish our last meeting for the year  
Bring a plate to share while we plan next years programme
- 1<sup>st</sup> Dec      **Note change of date for final Computing group meeting.** This will be held at the **Awarua Theatre** on the Bluff Highway. Cost is \$15. Car pooling from WEA. Bring a plate for a light supper.



### 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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**October 2016** is significant because this is when we as a nation remember those fallen in the Battle of the Somme. In my family tree alone I have 3 young men: Samuel William NOSTER, Charles Leslie HUTCHINSON, William John WILLIAMS, all cut down during this time. Their names are inscribed on the Memorial Walls at Caterpillar Cemetery together – no bodies found. There are many other names - 1,2,3,4 members of the same family who did not return. The names on many cenotaphs in NZ reflect to painful cost. There are many who did come back to NZ and tried to move on from the horror of war. NZ Archives staff have been working hard to ensure the Army records of all who enlisted are available.

Discover the series of books 'Onward: Portraits of the NZEF'. Sold in Volumes 1,2 and now 3. Check them out in your local library. (If any of your ancestors served with the NZEF during the First World War, and you have portraits of them, The Onward Project would love to hear from you. For those who wish to submit photographs they can go to the website [www.onwardproject.co.nz](http://www.onwardproject.co.nz).)

## *New Zealand News*

**Papers Past:** No recent additions but local papers include:

- Maitua Ensign; Otautau Standard & Wallace Chronicle; Southland Times
- Otago Witness; Evening Star; Otago Daily Times, Bruce Herald, Tuapeka Times and more...
- Don't just look up newspapers. Also look under MAGAZINES & JOURNALS e.g. '*The NZ Tablet*' - a Catholic periodical that was published weekly in Dunedin from 1873 to 1996.

Check out PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS – e.g. *The Appendix to the Journals of the House of Representatives* (AJHR), sometimes known as "the A to Js", is a collection of government-related reports published every year from 1858. The reports cover many subjects, documenting the work of government departments and a wide range of other activities carried out by, or of interest to, the government of the day.

**Family Search:** additions and recent updates

NZ Obituaries 1844-1963; Find a Grave and Billion Graves Index; NZ Probates 1843-1988; NZ Civil Records Index 1880-1896

**NZSG Conference 2017** – Queens Birthday Weekend – book you airfares and accommodation!

## **Calling all authors....**

The **Ted Gilbert Literary Trust** is pleased to provide an opportunity for NZSG members to turn their research and writing skills into a permanent record of their family and events surrounding World War One.

The purpose of the competition is to encourage the recording of New Zealand family histories, improving the standard of research of family history, adding it to a national collection and achieve these aims through readable interesting narrative.

There is a prize of \$750 waiting to be won by a member. Entries must be received no later than 31 December 2016. Late entries cannot be accepted. See NZSG website for further details.



Venue: SeniorNet rooms, WEA building, Esk St opposite the Invercargill City Council offices. Time: 7pm on 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of months Feb-Nov.

All are welcomed to the group - there is no subscription, but members pay \$2 per person to cover room hire and supper.

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



**GST or Not to GST – that is the question!** Starting 1 October 2016, in accordance with New Zealand GST laws, Ancestry and (eventually) other non-resident companies are required to charge 15% GST on all electronic services provided to New Zealand based customers e.g. music, gaming, genealogy.... Accordingly subscription prices will be updated to reflect the addition of GST.

Those who are on a limited income may now think twice about which subscriptions and group memberships they will pay for. We may not be able to change the government's charges but there are other options available such as using your local library if they have the Library subscription or check out <http://www.genealogydiscount.co.uk/> gives discount codes for some of the major players. There may be other options out there too.

## *Overseas News*

### **Ancestry: New additions or updates include-**

- UK, The Midwives Roll 1904-1959
- UK, Medical and Dental Students Registers 1882-1937
- Oxfordshire C of E Baptisms, Marriages and Burials 1538-1812
- Oxfordshire C of E Deaths & Burials 1813-1965
- Oxfordshire C of E Births & Baptisms 1813-1915
- Durham Diocese, Bishop's Transcripts 1639-1919
- Denmark: Births & Christenings Index 1631-1900s
- Surrey, UK, Electoral Registers 1832-1962
- Germany, many regions – Lutheran Baptisms, Marriages & Burials
- Netherlands – Census 1645-1940

### **Find My Past:**

- London Poor Law Records 1581-1899
- Lincolnshire Poor Law Removals 1665-1865
- Ireland, Poverty Relief Loans 1821-1874
- Dublin & Clare Poor Law Unions Board of Guardians Minute Books
- South Australia Destitute Women 1855-1860

### **Scotland's People: Upgraded website**

You can search indexes to records, including statutory records of births, deaths and marriages, **free of charge** for the first time. You will now only be charged when you view or download a record image. 😊😊😊😊😊😊😊😊

You can also now link to the Register of Corrected Entries from the relevant entry in a statutory register free of charge. Transcriptions of the 1881 census (1881 LDS) can now be read without charge. Indexes to births, marriages and death for 2015 and early 2016 have been added, and you can now search coats of arms up to 1916.

150,000+ baptism entries from Scottish Presbyterian churches other than the Old Parish Registers (OPRs) of the Church of Scotland have been added. . More of these records will be added in the near future, including marriages and burials. Over the next few months more types of records held by National Records of Scotland (NRS), including records of Kirk sessions and other church courts will be added.

The Plymouth and West Devon Record Office website is now at <https://plymhearts.org/archives/>

## WW1 Battle Timelines October/November 1916

### Battles of the Western Front: Grinding Battles of Attrition in 1916 — the Somme

<b>1st October</b>	<b>Battle of le Transloy</b> (Somme): <b>Battle of the Ancre Heights</b> (Somme) begins: German airship " <i>L.-31</i> " destroyed by aeroplane at Potters Bar, near London.
<b>8th October</b>	German submarine " <i>U.-53</i> " captures and destroys five ships outside Newport, Rhode Island, U.S.A.
<b>10th October</b>	Entente Governments send ultimatum to Greek Government demanding surrender of the Greek fleet: New Greek Ministry formed.
<b>11th October</b>	Greek Government accepts Entente demands.
<b>13th October</b>	Norwegian Government issue orders prohibiting belligerent submarines from using Norwegian territorial waters.
<b>18th October</b>	Battle of the Transloy Ridges (Somme) ends.
<b>20th October</b>	Russian battleship " <i>Imperatritsa Mariya</i> " destroyed by internal explosion at Sevastopol: Anglo-French Conference held at Calais to discuss Greek participation in the war.
<b>21st October</b>	Austrian Premier murdered
<b>24th October</b>	<b>"First Offensive Battle" of Verdun</b> begins [French name and date.] Fort Douaumont recaptured by French forces.
<b>26th October</b>	First German destroyer raid in Dover Straits.
<b>28th October</b>	New Austrian Premier appointed: British hospital ship " <i>Galeka</i> " totally wrecked by mine off Havre.
<b>30th October</b>	New German Minister for War appointed.

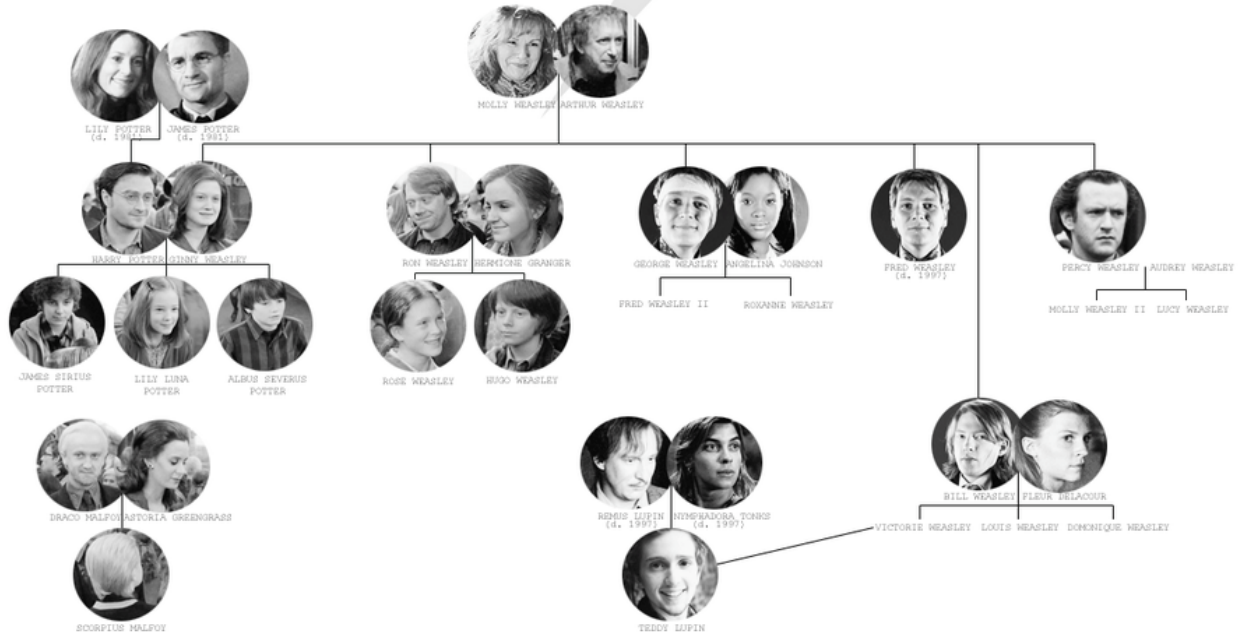
### NOVEMBER 1916

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<b>1st November</b>	Fort Vaux (Verdun) recaptured by French forces.
<b>5th November</b>	Germany and Austria proclaim an "Independent State of Poland".

<b>7th November</b>	Mr. Wilson re-elected President of the United States.
<b>11th November</b>	Battle of the Ancre Heights (Somme) ends.
<b>12th November</b>	Shiraz (South Persia) occupied by British forces.
<b>13th November</b>	<b>Battle of the Ancre</b> begins: Beaumont-Hamel stormed by British forces.
<b>15th November</b>	British advance into Sinai begins: Inter-Allied Conference held in Paris to discuss: (a) the relations between Governments and Staffs; (b) policy and strategy; (c) Greece; (d) Poland.
<b>18th November</b>	Battle of the Ancre,ends: Battles of the Somme ends.
<b>20th November</b>	German Foreign Minister resigns
<b>21st November</b>	British hospital ship " <i>Britannic</i> " sunk by mine in Ægean Sea; Zimmermann appointed German Foreign Minister: Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria dies. .
<b>23rd November</b>	<b>Greek Provisional Government at Salonika declare war on Germany and Bulgaria:</b> British hospital ship " <i>Braemar Castle</i> " damaged and beached in Ægean Sea - probably mined.
<b>24th November</b>	Russian Premier and Foreign Minister, resigns
<b>25th November</b>	The German air force is established as a separate branch of the German army.
<b>26th November</b>	Second German naval raid on Lowestoft: French battleship " <i>Suffren</i> " sunk by submarine in the Bay of Biscay: German raider " <i>Moewe</i> " sails from Kiel on second cruise.
<b>27th November</b>	German airship raid on East coast of England: airship " <i>L.-34</i> " destroyed by aeroplane off Hartlepool and " <i>L.-21</i> " destroyed by aeroplane off Yarmouth.
<b>28th November</b>	First German daylight aeroplane raid on London (by single aeroplane).
<b>29th November</b>	Admiral Sir David Beatty appointed to succeed Admiral Sir John Jellicoe as Commander-in-Chief, Grand Fleet.

# Harry Potter FAMILY TREES



## 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. Index is on Resource Room laptop.

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

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



**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/>

