



⇐ **BRANCH LINES** ⇒

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Branch Meeting Topics and Special events

3rd-5th June

NZSG Conference and AGM in Auckland.
(There will be a report in a supplementary special newsletter to follow this one.)

Sat 17th June

Our first SATURDAY meeting at 1:30pm.
Bring your certificates to be copied and sent to Family History Centre in Auckland – can be birth, death, marriage, qualifications, baptism or any other certificate. Roger Washbourn will give an introductory talk about the NZSG Certificates Collection.

Sat 15th July

A 'Rootstech' recorded seminar on the differences between the 4 major commercial genealogy sites (Ancestry; FamilySearch; Find My Past; & My Heritage) will be shown. It may help you decide whether to subscribe or not, and which one best suits your needs..

7-11 August

There will be a repeat of our joint lunchtime lectures along with the Invercargill Library staff. Topics are to be confirmed.

Sat 19th August

Heather Bray from Dunedin will be speaking on Otago/Southland Timeline. At the library, from 1.30pm.



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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NZSG - Soutland Branch
Officers and Committee 2017 - 2018

Convenor: Lesley Instone
Secretary: Wendy Shaw
Treasurer: John MacManus

Committee Members:

- Mary Stuart (School Rolls) Lifetime
- Mary Murray (Resource Room) Lifetime
- Pam Jones
- Yvonne Service
- Roger Washbourn

A call has gone out by NZSG Board of Directors for an enthusiastic person to replace the outgoing Roger Washbourn as a representative for the South Island. Approximately 20% of NZSG members live in the South Island. Please consider whether you are willing to undertake this role.



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.

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.

Following the AGM in May no Convenor was elected. Wendy Shaw (027 431 5714) will remain as Secretary but there will be a roster of members to act as host person for each meeting to help share the load.

Meetings:

22 June: **Scanning**, PDFs and attachments – unlocking the mystery

22 July: **Newspaper databases**

24 August: **Backing up your data** – using the cloud, USB sticks and hard drives to be taken by Roger Washbourn

Announcing the 14th Unlock the Past cruise



7 nights from Seattle in 7-14 Sep 2018 on Royal Caribbean's *Explorer of the Seas* visiting Juneau, Skagway, Tracy Arm Fjord, Alaska and Victoria, British Columbia over 7 days.

The conference program will feature 40–45 talks in three streams from an international team of 12–15 speakers. No talks will occur when in port or during scenic cruising. An optional full day extra seminar is planned the day before the cruise to offer additional value to the many who will travel from a distance.

Featured presenters on the cruise are: Chris Paton (Scotland) and Dick Eastman (United States). Other speakers are Dr Janet Few and Caroline Gurney from England, Jan Gow from New Zealand, Shauna Hicks, Eric and Rosemary Kopittke, Mike Murray and Helen Smith from Australia and Cyndi Ingle from the United States.

Visit Unlock the Past website <http://www.unlockthepast.com.au/> for further details

Ancestry: New additions or updates include

- Dorset, England, Church of England Marriages and Banns 1813-1921
- Dorset, England, Church of England Births and Baptisms 1813 – 1906
- Dorset, England, Church of England Baptisms, Marriages and Burials 1538 – 1812
- Gloucestershire, England, Electoral Registers 1832 – 1974
- New Zealand Birth Index 1840 – 1950 (updated)
- New Zealand Death Index 1848 – 1966 (updated)
- Norway, Find a Grave Index 1800s to current
- Italy, Find a Grave Index 1800s to current
- Brazil, Find a Grave Index 1800s to current
- Sweden, Find a Grave Index 1800s to current
- Germany, Find a Grave Index 1600s to current
- US Evangelical Lutheran Church of America Records 1826 - 1940

Find My Past:

1. Surrey institutional records 1788-1939

Explore over 200,000 assorted records from 16 institutions across the English county of Surrey, including poor law unions, workhouses, schools, infirmaries, goals and more. Each result will provide you with a transcript of key details from the source material. The records cover 13 places in Surrey: Addlestone, Chertsey, Cobham, Dorking, Farnham, Godstone, Guildford, Hambledon, Redhill, Richmond-Upon-Thames, Southwark, Warlingham, and Woking. The amount and nature of the information recorded will vary depending on the type of source material. Most will reveal a combination of your ancestor's occupation, marital status and home parish as well as dates relating to their birth, baptism, death and the event that was being recorded.

2. Essex Baptism Index 1538-1917

Over 32,000 records covering 50 parishes across the county have been added to the Essex Baptism index. Each record contains a transcript of original source material. The amount of information listed may vary but generally records will include the child's name, birth date, birth place, baptism date, baptism place, denomination, parent's names and father's occupation.

3. Sussex, Eastbourne Gazette Newspaper Notices

Over 186,000 records have been added to the collection of Eastbourne Gazette Newspaper Notices. The Eastbourne Gazette was a weekly tabloid paper first published in 1859. The collection includes names found in the paper's family notices section (announcements of births, marriages and deaths) as well as other reports on events such as divorces, murders, tragedies, shipwrecks, lynching's and paternity cases. The newspaper reported on stories in Sussex, but also internationally. Stories from Ireland to Switzerland and the USA can be found by using the Keyword search to discover indexed reports from specific countries.

4. Derbyshire Hospital Admissions and Deaths 1855-1913

Over 800 records have been added to the collection of Derbyshire Hospital Admission & Deaths. The collection now contains over 5,000 records taken from two different sources: Derbyshire Royal Infirmary, Deaths 1892–1912 and Victoria Memorial Cottage Hospital, Ashbourne Admissions 1899–1913. The Victoria Memorial Cottage Hospital was opened in Ashbourne in 1899 and was in operation for 65 years until its closure in 1964. The Derbyshire Royal Infirmary was first built in 1810 and rebuilt following a typhoid outbreak in 1890. Queen Victoria laid the foundation stone in 1894 and the hospital stayed in operation for over 100 years. Each record includes a transcript produced by the Ancestral Archives of Derbyshire. Records can include the patient's admission date, reason for admission, condition after admission, marital status, residence, rank or profession, date of discharge or death and cause of death.

5. Irish Newspapers

Over 900 new articles and one brand new title have been added to the collection of historic Irish newspapers. A new title, *The Monitor, and Missionary Chronicle, of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in Ireland* currently consists of twenty 24-26 page editions of the monthly publication dating from August 1853 to April 1855. The reports contained within relate mainly to Presbyterian communities in Ireland and abroad.



FamilySearch: (Keep checking as more documents are added all the time – below are some recent updates/new additions)

- **Cook Islands, Civil Registration 1846 – 1989** includes adoption records, probates, land records, genealogies (Browse images online).
- **Denmark Census 1911**
- **Denmark**, Copenhagen City, Civil Marriages 1739–1964. Index 1877–1964
- England, **Derbyshire**, Church of England Parish Registers, 1537-191
- England, **Essex**, Bishop's Transcripts, 1779-1892
- England, **Northumberland, Cumberland, Durham**. Miscellaneous Records 969–2007
- England, **Northumberland**, Non-conformist Records 1708–1982
- England, **Northumberland**, Parish registers 1538–1950
- England, **Warwickshire**, Parish Registers, 1535-1984
- **Scotland Church Records and Kirk Session Records, 1658-1919** (Browse by name, area)
- France, Cotes -D' Amor Censuses 1876, 1891,1906
- France, Dordogne Census 1856, 1876
- USA, Michigan Obituaries 1820–2006

From FamilyTree magazine (April 2017 e-magazine)

Here are 3 free top map websites to help you on your genealogy journey:

1 A Vision of Britain Through Time

Historic maps for the British Isles from 1805 onwards

2 National Library of Scotland maps

160,000 maps of Scotland, England, Wales & more to explore

3 Old Maps Online

Explore more than 400,000 maps from this global-orientated site.



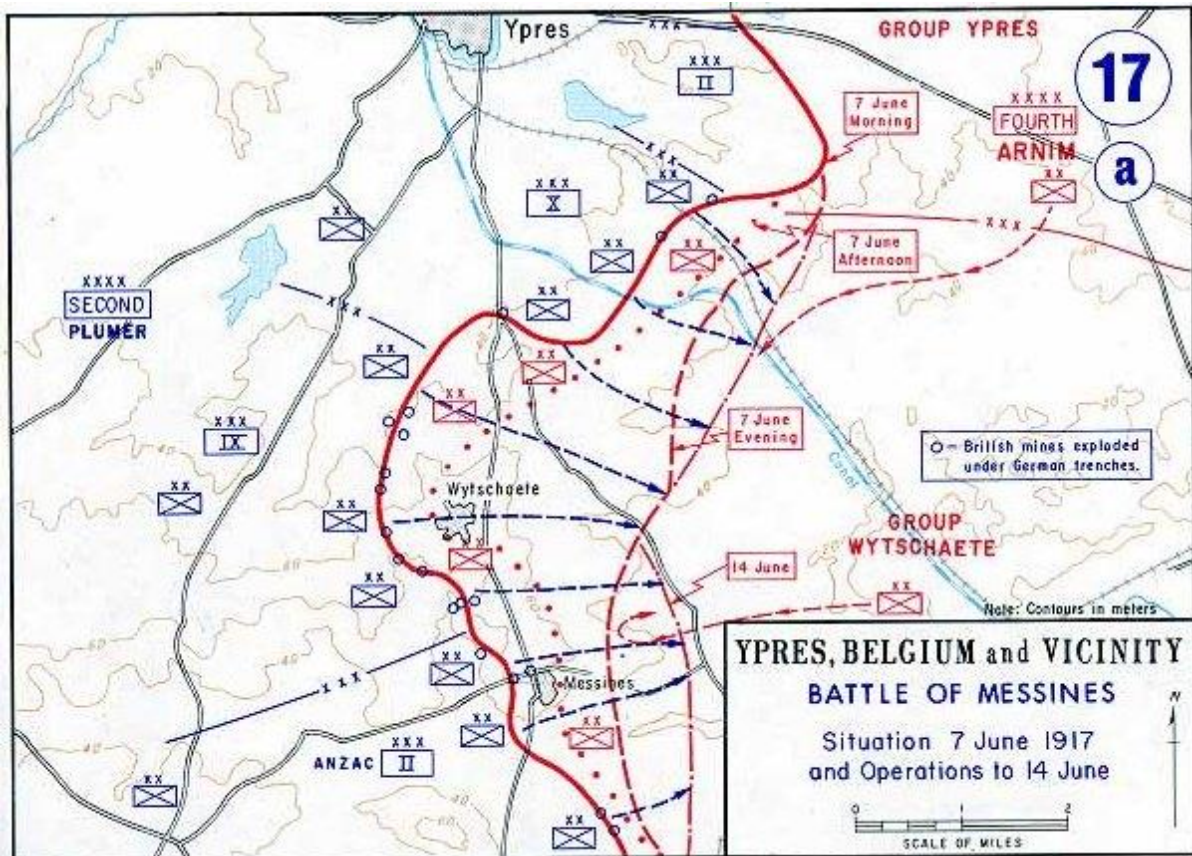
Engineers at Spree Farm (NZ History website)

WW1 – Timeline with a difference

JT's Diary (D Coy Infantry Battalion, 17th Reinforcements (Otago)).

JT had only written the location each day in his diary, places names as he wrote them. The rest of the information was obtained from his Military files located on Archway website.

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Place and Event</u>
1-3 June 1917	Hill 63 (Contained a network of tunnels used by the troops)
4-6 June	Canteen Corner (not established where this was but believed to be near Roumarin – was a place for food and a break for the troops)
7 June	Messines
8 - 30 June	Hospital (Sick – sent to Field Hospital –ankle damage)
1 July	Reinforcement Camp (rejoined Battalion 2/7/17)
2 -13 July	Neuve Eglise
14-18 July	Deulieu
19 -20 July	Roumarin
21 – 24 July	La Bassee
25 – 26 July	Regina Camp
27 – 29 July	Nieppe
30 – 31 July	Le Don



The offensive at Messines forced the Germans to move reserves to Flanders from the Arras and Aisne fronts, which relieved pressure on the French. The tactical objective of the attack at Messines was to capture the German defences on the ridge, which ran from Ploegsteert (Plugstreet) Wood in the south, through Messines and Wytschaete to Mt. Sorrel, to deprive the German 4th Army of the high ground south of Ypres. The ridge commanded the British defences and back areas further north, from which the British intended to conduct the "Northern Operation", to advance to Passchendaele Ridge, then capture the Belgian coast up to the Dutch frontier. The **New Zealand** Division approached over **Hill 63** and avoided the German gas bombardment.

In Our Resource Room: (Showcasing some of our Irish Material)

- 4/1090 Suggestions for Research In Ireland by Gwen Reiher
- 4/731 Surnames of Ireland by Edmond Lysyght
- 4/56 & 4/736 Handbook of Irish Genealogy by Gwen Reiher
- 4/9 A Simple guide to Irish Genealogy compiled by Rev W Clare
- 4/57 Scottish Migration to Ulster by P Maxwell
- 7/109 Book lists of the Ulster Historical Foundation.

- 21 Books available of Memorial Inscriptions of many **County Down** graveyards.

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 the Resource Room laptop.

Lone Graves in Southland area - Mary Stuart and Yvonne Service continue collecting data on these graves – found in isolated places e.g. on farms, in isolated bush, disused dwellings, abandoned mining camps throughout Lower South Island.

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

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Meetings
Third Wednesday of each month
Meeting Room, Invercargill City Library at 7 p.m.
[Research facilities from 6 p.m.]

Meetings June – September will be held
On the third Saturday of the month starting at 1:30pm
The Resource Room will be open before and after the meeting

Branch website ~
<http://www.nzsgsouthland.com/>

NZSG website ~
<http://www.genealogy.org.nz/>

Genealogical Computing Group website ~
<http://www.gencom.org.nz/>

