



⇐ **BRANCH LINES** ⇒

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Branch Meeting Topics and Special events

- Wed 18 Apr **Iain Davidson** will be talking about WW1 soldiers and his involvement in the quest for collecting photographs of every NZ soldier – especially those from Southland
- Wed 16 May **AGM** followed by exploring **Papers Past**
In order to provide a variety of activities here in Southland for you, we need people willing to come onto the committee – not an onerous job but a need to provide a good turnover of committee members and fresh ideas.
- Sat 16 June **Industrial Schools & Children's Homes** in Otago & Southland. Presenters: Mary Stuart & Wendy Shaw. Starts at 1:30pm with Resource Room opening at 1pm.



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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**[18] ECHOES
OF OUR PAST**
NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY OF GENEALOGISTS
2018 AGM & CONFERENCE, CHRISTCHURCH

Friday the 1st to Monday the 4th June 2018 held at Christchurch Boys' High School.

The Friday night function will be held at the Historic Riccarton House

The Saturday night conference dinner will be held at Chateau on the Park.

Are you going??

Clan Johnston/e Association of NZ

Gathering of the Clan

Ascot Park Hotel 18-20 May 2018

Registrations close 20th April

Contact Marie Johnston

027 433 1825 or mariejon@outlook.co.nz



For the month of April, the Invercargill Library is offering its popular Trace your NZ WW1 Soldiers bookings.

Each session is free, and will pair you with a research Librarian for a one-on-one session. You will have access to online databases, websites and library reference collections to help search for information on any New Zealand Soldier who fought in WW1.

If this sounds like you then [head over to the Invercargill Library website to register online.](#)



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 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: Wendy Shaw (hutchshaw@yahoo.co.nz) or Wendy Smith (03) 217 3595 a/h)

Computing Group Meetings 2018

Thurs 26 April	AGM and keyboard shortcuts
Thurs 24 May	'Evernote' – a useful research tool
Thurs 28 June	Exploring TROVE website and Australian brick walls

Overseas News

'Australian Family Tree' magazine has ceased production in July last year on the retirement of the editor. For many years she produced this wee mine of information – it will be missed.

Ancestry: New additions or updates include:

- **Australia & NZ Obituary Index update 2004 – 2017**
- **Australia & NZ Find a Grave update 1800 onwards**
- **Australia, Newspaper Vital Notices 1841 – 2001**
- **Australia WW1 Service Records 1914 – 1920**
- **Victoria, Australia Asylum Records 1853 – 1940**
- **London, England, Church of England Baptisms, Confirmations, Marriages and Burials – various dates from 1800s onwards**
- **Yorkshire, England Church of England Parish Records 1538 – 1873**
- **Gloucestershire, England Church of England Burials 1813 – 1988**
- **Fife, Scotland School Admissions & Discharges 1867 – 1916**
- **UK, Royal Hospital Chelsea Pensioner Soldier Service Records 1760 – 1920**
- **London, England Workhouse Admission & Discharge Records 1764 – 1930**
- **Kent, England Extracted Parish Records 1539 – 1876**

Scotland:

Rolls of Male Heads of Families

In 1834, the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland passed the Veto Act, removing the absolute right of landowners to appoint ministers to their parish. The Act gave male heads of families who were communicants with the parish the right to veto the appointment of a new minister if a majority of them objected. To this end, the Assembly instructed kirk sessions to draw up rolls of the male heads of families in each parish.

We have transcribed the surviving rolls, and are publishing them here. They are significant as they pre-date the earliest nominal census, which took place in 1841.

List of Births with no Father's name 1855-1874

Your research hit a brick wall when you discovered a birth record missing this vital name? Choose Find the Father by any birth to start breaking down that barrier today with our FREE search service. Most parishes have been transcribed and on this website to view.

Board of Supervision poor relief appeals

The Board of Supervision was established under the 1845 Poor Law Act. One of its tasks was to hear appeals by paupers against inadequate poor relief granted by Parochial Boards. These appeals were recorded in the Board of Supervision minutes. Cases were often heard over an extended period. The minutes may contain a variety of information, including about other family members, medical conditions and other circumstances. Some appeals listed on this site but they can provide more information about these records,

Kirk Session Records Index

Some Kirk Session records have been listed on this site

www.oldscottish.com

(Genealogy and History – some free, some \$ look ups)



<https://astheywere.blogspot.co.nz> (Ireland Genealogy Projects Archives)

LATEST FILES ADDED TO THE IGP ARCHIVES Mar 2018

CAVAN, Genealogy Archives - Headstones

Kill Old Graveyard

Holy Trinity Presbyterian Graveyard, Kildorrough

<http://www.igp-web.com/IGPArchives/ire/cavan/photos/tombstones/markers.htm>

DUBLIN, Genealogy Archives - Headstones

Deansgrange Cem., St. Mogue's Section, Pt. 3 (additional)

<http://www.igp-web.com/IGPArchives/ire/dublin/photos/tombstones/deansgrange-ndx.htm>

DUBLIN, Genealogy Archives - Headstones
Mt. Jerome, Dublin - parts 184 - 188
<http://www.igp-web.com/IGPArchives/ire/dublin/photos/tombstones/mt-jerome-ndx4.htm>

DUBLIN, Genealogy Archives - Headstones
Mt. Jerome Little Angels
<http://www.igp-web.com/IGPArchives/ire/dublin/photos/tombstones/mt-jerome-ndx.htm>

FERMANAGH, Genealogy Archives - Headstones
Derryvullen South, St. Tighernach (CoI) Graveyard (partial)
<http://www.igp-web.com/IGPArchives/ire/fermanagh/photos/tombstones/markers.htm>

MAYO, Genealogy Archives - Headstones
Bekan Village, Began Cemetery (B-J)
<http://www.igp-web.com/IGPArchives/ire/mayo/photos/tombstones/markers.htm>

MEATH, Genealogy Archives - Headstones
Navan, St. Mary's (C) -text file added
<http://www.igp-web.com/IGPArchives/ire/meath/photos/tombstones/st-mary.htm>

MONAGHAN, Genealogy Archives - Headstones
Aughnamullen (CoI) Graveyard
<http://www.igp-web.com/IGPArchives/ire/monaghan/photos/tombstones/markers.htm>

MONAGHAN & FERMANAGH, Genealogy Archives - Church Records
Clones Parish Registers - Baptisms & Burials (additional)
<http://www.igp-web.com/IGPArchives/ire/monaghan/clones.htm>

ROSCOMMON, Genealogy Archives - Headstones
Strokestown (CoI) Cemetery
<http://www.igp-web.com/IGPArchives/ire/roscommon/photos/tombstones/markers.htm>

SLIGO, Genealogy Archives - Headstones
Tubbercurry, Rhue Cemetery (partial)
Achonry Cathedral Graveyard (Updated)
<http://www.igp-web.com/IGPArchives/ire/sligo/photos/tombstones/markers.htm>

TIPPERARY, Genealogy Archives - Wills
Wills created in England
<http://www.igp-web.com/IGPArchives/ire/tipperary/wills.htm>

TIPPERARY, Genealogy Archives - Miscellaneous
Tipperary Vagabonds Ordered for Transportation - 1743
<http://www.igp-web.com/IGPArchives/ire/tipperary/misc.htm>

WESTMEATH, Genealogy Archives - Headstones
Genealogy Archives - Headstones Mount Temple, Holy Trinity Cemetery
<http://www.igp-web.com/IGPArchives/ire/westmeath/photos/tombstones/markers.htm>

WEXFORD, Genealogy Archives - Newspapers
Assorted Work House Entries
<http://www.igp-web.com/IGPArchives/ire/wexford/news.htm>

History of The Southland Times

The Southland Times has been published in Invercargill since 1862. Since 1968 it has been Invercargill's only daily newspaper. The Times was set up by Gerard George Fitzgerald, John T. Downes and Charles Reynolds and published its first issue on 12 November 1862 under the title of the Invercargill Times.

The Times was established to oppose the Southern News (later the Southland Daily News), another Invercargill newspaper. The Southern News had begun publication the year before and was regarded as a liberal paper. The Times represented more conservative opinions. 1862 also was a good time to start a newspaper in Invercargill because the town was prospering due to the discovery of gold in the Wakatipu that year. Invercargill was the main supply base for the goldfield.

The history of the paper in the 1860s and 70s is similar to that of other newspapers in New Zealand at the time. The paper experienced financial difficulties, frequent changes of owner and the loss of plant and offices due to fire. The Times ceased publication for several months in 1864 after a fire destroyed its office. When it resumed publication in June that year it was under the new title of the Southland Times.

In 1875 the Times became a daily. In 1878 fire destroyed the newspaper office again. As in 1864, the Times' rival, the Southland News, helped the paper continue to publish by allowing the Times to use their presses. During this period the Times published a weekly edition for its rural readers; the Weekly Times ran from 1866 to 1933.

In the 1880s the Times achieved stability and prosperity. This was due in large part to the management provided by the paper's owner, Robert Gilmour. Gilmour, who had assumed control of the paper in 1879, had been involved with the press in Invercargill since 1864. He had briefly owned the Times in 1869, before taking over the Southland News. In the mid-1870s he had moved back to Scotland for several years. Upon returning to Invercargill in 1879 he acquired the Times for a second time. The Gilmour family owned and managed the paper until 1984, when it was sold to Independent Newspapers Limited.

One of the features of the Times and one of the main reasons that it has endured is that it stayed abreast of developments in newspaper technology. In the 1900s it upgraded its plant twice with the introduction of linotypes and then rotary presses. It was the first newspaper in New Zealand outside of the main centres to employ rotary presses. In the 1970s and 80s the Times was one of the first papers in New Zealand to use computer-driven newspaper technology.

The Times approach to technological change is probably one of the main reasons that it eventually overtook its old rival the Southland Daily News. The Times acquired the News in 1967 and in 1968 replaced it with an evening edition of its own. The Times evening edition ceased in 1976. Again technology and pooling of journalistic articles in recent times has meant a reduction in local news with seemingly more emphasis on online availability. The eloquent and highly descriptive articles that were available in the early editions are now in the past but sensationalism continues to this day.

Newspaper Coverage in Southland via Papers Past:

- Southland Times 1862 –current (Invercargill based)
- Southern Cross 1893 – 1908 (Invercargill based)
- Maitauri Ensign 1883 – 1920 (also covers Gore region)
- Otautau Standard and Wallace County Chronicle 1905- 1932
- Western Star 1873 – 1920 (covers Riverton area)
- Otago Daily Times 1861 – current (Otago, Southland and Central Otago coverage)
- Otago Witness 1851 -1920Evening Star 1865 - 1920

Do not limit your ‘searches’ to the big newspapers as local publications can provide more information on local events.

Genealogical Confusion

‘In the neighbourhood of Beer, we are informed that two brothers have recently married a mother and daughter. The mother must say to her daughter ‘Good morning, sister’ and vice versa. The husband of the mother has become father-in-law of his own brother, who on his own side, can call his brother ‘Papa’ and his sister-in-law ‘Mamma’. As yet there are only four members of both families. There are, therefore, a mother and daughter, two brothers, a father-in-law, two brothers-in-law, two sisters-in-law and if the mother should have a son, he would be half brother to his aunt!’ (Ref: Southland Times 16 April 1869, page 1)

Travelling hazards

Strangers travelling to and from Invercargill and Bluff Harbour, if on horseback, will find that the distance between the above places (20 miles) may be travelled both with speed and comfort by leaving Invercargill at half-ebb, and the Bluff at low water. Travellers on foot to leave the former place at first of the ebb, and the latter at last quarter ebb, bearing in mind that a westerly or S.W. gale will cause a seven hours’ flood, leaving but five hours’ ebb, so that it will be necessary to get under way accordingly. The above distance is generally covered by horsemen in from 2½ to 3 hours, and on foot in from 4½ to 6 hours.

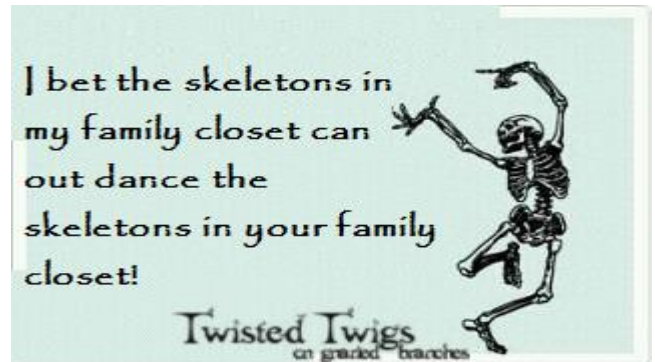
(Ref: Southland Times: 2 Dec 1862)

Now there is an almost completed walking track between Invercargill and Bluff again we are fortunate not to have the same hazards as back in 1862 when the options were by ship, by horseback or by foot. Our current hazards are motor vehicle traffic, icy roads and howling winds (at times).

Another skeleton in the closet??

A mystery solved!

Looking at a Census entry for 1841. Yes I see 4x great grandparents and children there but is the other entry at that address, the parish clerk who has the same surname, related? Not there in 1851 so where was he? Oops – I spy an entry in the local workhouse – is it him? Need to verify all entries in my family tree as all good genealogists do. A trip over to the said county archives. Box 17, Bundle 2 was opened. 15 documents carefully untied and examined. Oops – parish clerk is the topic of conversation. Apparently he was diligent in his office and had attended to all activities expected of the parish clerk – that's



good. A handwritten testimony from his brother (hooray it is my 4x great grandfather's writing!) stating that his brother lived with them but unfortunately in the last 2 years he had found the demon drink and was often 'in his cups' to the point he could no longer live with them. Oh dear! The parish minister and another churchwarden attest that although he had been a good clerk, his attention to his duties have been less than satisfactory recently by appearing to be under the influence of alcohol. His brother writes that he has been lately brought home late at night totally insensible to the point of not being able to walk and needed to be carried home. Not good! The minister wrote that he had to officiate at a funeral in his own clothes without his vestments because the parish clerk did not attend the same funeral bring him his garments. It was found that he had become drunk the night before and had left the said vestments (wrapped in a cloth) on the bar at a local hotel. Unfortunately he was jailed overnight and when released was not able to get to the funeral on time, but when he did, was still under the effects of the grog. Whoops – nearly fell into the open grave. End result? Said parish clerk was removed from his post for drunkenness and misbehaviour. He was sent to the workhouse as he was unable to look after himself. Yes that was him in 1851 Census. Sadly he died a few years later. Yes he is an ancestor – warts and all!

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E	Ⓔ	Ⓔ	Ⓔ	Ⓔ
F	Ⓕ	Ⓕ	Ⓕ	Ⓕ
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W	Ⓦ	Ⓦ	Ⓦ	Ⓦ
X	Ⓧ	Ⓧ	Ⓧ	Ⓧ
Y	Ⓨ	Ⓨ	Ⓨ	Ⓨ
Z	Ⓩ	Ⓩ	Ⓩ	Ⓩ

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i	Ⓢ	Ⓢ	Ⓢ	Ⓢ
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r	Ⓡ	Ⓡ	Ⓡ	Ⓡ
s	Ⓢ	Ⓢ	Ⓢ	Ⓢ
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u	Ⓤ	Ⓤ	Ⓤ	Ⓤ
v	Ⓥ	Ⓥ	Ⓥ	Ⓥ
w	Ⓦ	Ⓦ	Ⓦ	Ⓦ
x	Ⓧ	Ⓧ	Ⓧ	Ⓧ
y	Ⓨ	Ⓨ	Ⓨ	Ⓨ
z	Ⓩ	Ⓩ	Ⓩ	Ⓩ

Various Handwriting Styles to help you decipher those hard to read documents

In Our Resource Room:

Magazines arriving monthly 'Family Tree' –able to be borrowed.

Why spend \$18 or so on 'Family Tree' magazine each month when you can borrow and read it as part of your branch membership.

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 and Stewart Is - 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.

Branch Resource Library. The project to have this online is still in progress but in the meantime, Mary Murray will have a USB stick at each meeting should someone wish to view what resources we have available or find out what material is held on a particular subject/person/area.

The Resource Room is to be open an hour before the branch meetings and at other times by arrangement.

Directory

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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/>

