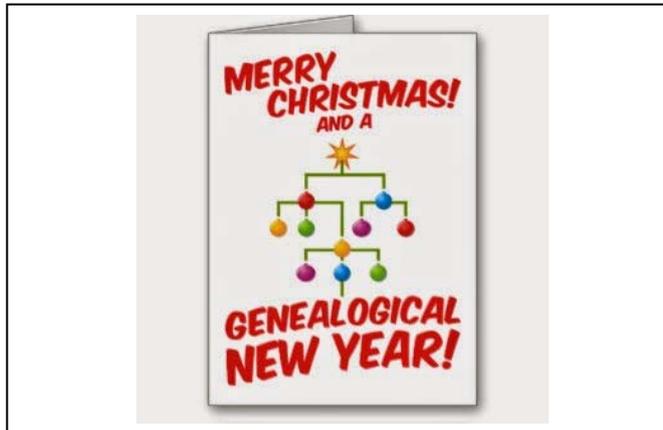




# ⇐ BRANCH LINES ⇒

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## 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.

## Branch Meeting Topics and Special events

Sat 1<sup>st</sup> Dec **Mike Higgins** (Australasian History Manager for FamilySearch International with the LDS Church) and **Jan Gow** (Past President NZSG and owner of Beehive Books, Auckland) will be visiting Invercargill. There will be a meeting at **John Collie Hall, Windsor Community Church at 7pm** to hear them speak. \$5 entry fee.

Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec Meeting with Jan Gow from Beehive Books to talk on her 'Hooked on Genealogy' family history research tours going to Salt Lake City and UK. Venue: Training Room on first floor of Invercargill Library (entrance is through the Branch Resource Room).

Wed 20th Feb Papers Past revisited. Speaker: Wendy Shaw.

Wed 27th Feb **Graeme McKenzie**, Scottish genealogist will present a talk on researching your Highland ancestors. Entry fee is \$5. Venue is **Meeting Room Invercargill Library at 7pm**. Remember the door is locked by library staff at 7pm so get there early or wait downstairs at the outside door by the main entrance and someone will be watching until 7:15pm to let you in up the stairs.

Sat 16<sup>th</sup> Mar St John's Cemetery Tour with Mary Stuart. Start time 2pm.

Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Mar Notable people buried at St John's Cemetery (follow-up from the tour).

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The Copy Press has been helping authors publish their books for over twenty years. Our service is unique and custom-designed to suit the needs of today's indie authors.

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### **Printing your Family Tree with Copy Press (Review of August meeting)**

The Copy Press (TCP) is a Nelson-based company, owned by Dave MacManus (brother of the branch treasurer, John MacManus). Dave came to the meeting armed with cases full of examples of printed material of books and other publications they had produced.

He explained that TCP specialised in digital book printing for NZ authors as well as commercial and personal print services. They offer a 'design and print' service for cards, brochures, stationery, labels and plans for individuals, businesses and the community.

Their special 'point of difference' service was in book publishing, where they can provide assistance to authors to publish and market their books and to get them into bookstores and other retail outlets; this latter process is often difficult without specialist knowledge.

Dave was also at pains to point out that being based in Nelson in these times of digital technology presented few difficulties, and a number of authors had successfully completed family histories without either party having to move from their home bases.

This was a well-received evening; thanks to John for organising Dave's presentation.

### **1918 Influenza Pandemic – from a Medical View (Review of October meeting)**

Dr Ian Shaw, a local paediatrician, presented an excellent talk on the 1918 Influenza Epidemic. He described the difference between an Epidemic and a Pandemic. He had done extensive research on what he considers the origin of it and the vehicles of the spread throughout the world – beginning in Kansas, USA. It has been refuted that it did NOT arrive on the ship 'Niagara'. He gave graphic description of the symptoms and the often resultant catastrophic death of the afflicted person. In discussing its effects in Southland he mentioned the ages, the geographic areas hit badly and the difficulty in interpreting the actual numbers of Maori who died, as not all areas in NZ kept the same records.



### Genealogical Computing Group

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



Venue: SeniorNet rooms, WEA building, Esk St.

Time: 7pm on 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

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### Computing Group Meetings 2019

Next meeting will be February 20<sup>th</sup> 2019 at SeniorNet. This will be to discuss whether the group continue to meet in view of a falling attendance. Please make sure you attend if you wish to have a say in the next step. Wendy Shaw has indicated that she will not be available to continue in the Secretarial role following the AGM due to commitments elsewhere.



### Papers Past latest Updates:

- [Ashburton Herald](#) (Mar 1878-Oct 1880)
- [Evening Star](#) (1943-1947)
- [Gisborne Herald](#) (Jul 1939-1950)
- [Northern Advocate](#) (1940-1945)
- [Otago Daily Times](#) (1943-1950)
- [Te Aroha News](#) (misc.1890-1912, 1914-1925)
- [Thames Guardian and Mining Record](#) (Oct 1871-Aug 1872)

## Overseas News

**Latest Additions:** very few additions at this time of year but be mindful of the 'Black Friday' specials as there are significant reductions in DNA tests and membership drives.



## The Late Lesley Instone

Many of you will be aware of the recent passing of our former Convenor Lesley Instone from a relatively short illness. She had been involved at committee level of the Southland Branch of NZSG for nearly 20 years and had filled the roles of Convenor and Secretary. She had also been involved at national level when she was involved on a committee addressing the proposed changes in the constitution. Her profession as a lawyer made sure that she was able to ensure that there were no legal ramifications to those changes. She had spent many years researching her family history and had made trips to the USA England and Scotland. She was a speaker at many local seminars and local community education groups. Her vast genealogical knowledge will be missed.

## Puzzler –



Death of Thomas Allen Lascelles

Sacred  
To the memory of  
Thomas Allen Lascelles  
Who died  
On the 19th of December  
1863  
aged 31 years

Newspaper announcement of his death appeared in The Southland Times 21 August 1863 and 18 Sept 1863: Otago Daily Times 31 Aug 1863 and 10 Sep 1863 as well as The Argus (Victoria, Australia), Cornwall Chronicle, Tasmania), Launceston Examiner (Tasmania) and Geelong Advertiser (Victoria, Australia).

On the 19th August, at the Plough Inn, Harrisville, Invercargill, Mr Thomas Allen Lascelles, of the firm of Thomson, Lascelles, and Co. Mr Lascelles was a native of Tasmania; but for the last fifteen years resided in Geelong, Victoria, where he carried on business as auctioneer and stock agent. During his short sojourn in Southland and Otago he made many friends. In Victoria his loss will be deeply regretted by his relations and a large number of acquaintances. He leaves a wife and family, but not unprovided for.

(Launceston Examiner)

Mr. LASCELLES,--The Southland News of the 22nd ultimo has the following paragraph:- "In our obituary notice of this day will be found an announcement of the death, after a short but painful illness, of Mr. Thomas Allen Lascelles, of the firm of Thomson, Lascelles and Co. Though but a recent resident among us, Mr. Lascelles had gained the respect of every person who had made his acquaintance and having been extensively known both in Tasmania (of which island he was a native) and in Geelong, very general sympathy has been felt for this untimely stoppage of a new career of usefulness in which there was little reason to doubt he would have been very successful. His remains were followed to the grave by one of the largest processions of carriages, horsemen, and pedestrians yet seen in Invercargill. Mr. Lascelles' father was for a long period chief magistrate in the New Norfolk district.

Burial records state buried **16 Dec 1863**. Why the discrepancy in date of death between headstone and newspaper announcements? The monumentalist engraved on headstone is possibly Mason of Geelong, in Victoria, Australia. Was the headstone engraved in Australia and transported to Invercargill? Who checked the date was correct?

Henry was a son of Thomas Allen Lascelles Sen who was private secretary to the Lieutenant Governor Davey. Thomas Allen Lascelles Jnr was an auctioneer originally from Tasmania but was lately working in Geelong. He arrived in Southland in March 1863 to establish an auction business. He left a widow with 3 children aged 8, 6 and 3 back in Geelong.

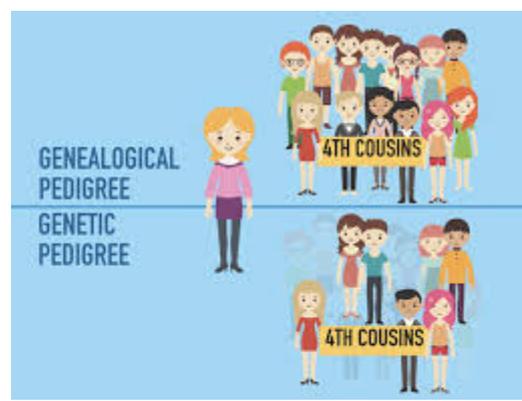
His headstone also bears a Lascelles Coat of Arms – his forebears were peers based at Stank Hall, Yorkshire, England.

### Another headstone error

**Charles Martin Whelan** died 09/03/1923 Buried Karori Cemetery Plot 244G. NZ BDM affirms this and Karori burial records give the correct name and date of death. His headstone is engraved with Charles MICHAEL Whelan. This is the name of one of his sons. Charles Michael Whelan is in fact buried in Waikumete Cemetery, Auckland having died on 23 Jun 1947. Charles Martin Whelan's widow Mary (nee Malcolm) died in 1954 and is buried in the same plot as Charles at Karori.

Why the discrepancy in the name given his children and wife were alive and were around at the time? Was it an error by the stonemason, or the incorrect information given to the stonemason? If this was the case, why was it not corrected?

Alex Haley, author of *Roots* said it best when he stated: *"In all of us there is a hunger, marrow deep, to know our heritage – to know who we are and where we come from. Without this enriching knowledge there is a hollow yearning. No matter our attainments in life, there is still a vacuum, an emptiness, and the most disquieting loneliness."*



### **Hop Tokens, Tally Sticks and Hop picking in Kent**

THE Hop appears to have been introduced into England for cultivation about the year 1524 by immigrants from Flanders. The village of Little Chart, in Kent, claims to have "England's oldest hop-garden". The cultivation of hops was a popular industry, first because it was very profitable, and secondly because it employed labour for almost all the year, "Planting, Soiling, Houghing, Poling, Tying and Picking". About the year 1870, some 46,600 acres were under hop-cultivation in Kent, and as all the picking had to be done in a few weeks, many thousands of pickers were required. These came chiefly from London, for "a holiday with work and pay" and were known as "furiners".



Payment for picking was arranged through the medium of tallies and hop-tokens. Hop tokens are almost exclusively associated with Kent and Sussex. Tokens showed the number of bushels picked, and were the basis of payment after the rate was agreed upon, which sometimes took several days. Tally-sticks (from the Latin "talea" a rod), were used either separately or in conjunction with the tokens. Both pieces were numbered for identification, usually with ink, the picker retaining the shorter piece. The tally-sticks were gradually superseded by the tokens, also known as tallies. As the hop-growing industry increased, many varieties of hop-tokens were made, with more or less elaborate designs, the usual metal used being lead alloyed with zinc, but brass, copper, iron, cardboard and paper were also used. Nearly all were home-made, or made in the neighbourhood of the hop-gardens in which they were used.



Many were countermarked with initials when one grower took over a stock of tokens from another. The letter "B" however, usually denotes bushels, and "D" dozens of bushels. Some sets of tokens are uniform in size for the different values, while others have been made progressively larger as the values increase.

In East Kent, five-bushel baskets are provided for the pickers, but in the Weald the hops are measured out of the canvas bins into which the hops have been picked. Children sometimes pick into separate receptacles, such as umbrellas and odd baskets, and if they do not behave, are "given the bine," a somewhat painful form of punishment! After the hops have been measured, they are put into long sacks called "pokes" in which they are carried to the oasts for drying over fires on which sulphur is thrown. After drying, the hops are pressed into "pockets" which are marked with the name of the grower and the date, and are ready for sale to brewers.

In Kent, the buildings in which the hops are dried are called oasthouses, and the hop-grounds are known as hop-gardens. In Herefordshire and Worcestershire these are called hop-kilns and hop-yards respectively.



By 1870, special trains were being run to transport families to the hop fields. Londoners who could not afford to get out into the country normally looked on harvest time as something of a holiday. Living conditions were squalid. Families lived in barns, tents, stables, even pigsties. Hygiene was poor and disease spread — in 1849 cholera killed 43 hop pickers on a single farm. Cholera continued to kill the hop pickers until the mid 1870s. Hop pickers were gradually given improved accommodation in "Hopper Huts," - rudimentary timber or brick shacks. Cooking and washing were communal, with many families sharing the tasks of feeding men and children. Toilets were rudimentary.

When the hop-pickers were finally "paid off," they would go into the nearest town to buy new clothing, etc. Their discarded garments, boots and shoes would be left in the roadways outside the shops!

(Ref: Archaeologica Cantiana Vol 66 1953; Wikipedia; various books on Hop Picking and East End Londoners; <http://www.hoppingdowninkent.org.uk>)



**If you cannot find your ancestors in London during the UK Censuses, consider they just might be having a 'picking holiday' in Sussex or Kent!**

## Do you have any Western Isles/Hebridean/Barra/Lewis Connections?

**Jerzy** is a journalist who is interested in articles for a publication early next year.

It may be the history of a particular group and its origins in the Western Isles; ongoing links with the Islands; personal memories and photographs; tales of trips back home; services and connections that can be offered to descendants in Scotland; or, indeed, anything that else that fosters the spirit of community between those, home and abroad, whose roots lie between the Butt of Lewis and Barra – we would be happy to even consider a series of articles as we did with the former Schools Hebridean Society. There is absolutely no fee involved in this, it is, purely and simply, aimed at expanding the growing history of the Hebridean culture and language.



## Hei Hei Information wanted:

Brian is researching the history of the **Hei Hei** settlement, which is now incorporated into the Christchurch suburb of the same name. The settlement was set up after WWI for returned servicemen, who were mostly disabled from TB. The land was subdivided into 3-4 acre sections deemed suitable for poultry farming.

If anyone has family who were original settlers or others living there before about 1935 I would like to hear from them and possibly exchange some information.

## Research enquiries: Committee members can provide the contact details

- Graeme is looking for records for **Harriet Alice Lawrence** (1887-1964). Attended school in Arrowtown and Bannockburn area.
- Charles is looking for information on a **McNaught** family based around the Thornbury/Limehills/Makarewa area in the early 1900-1930s
- Lison is enquiring about **William (Willie or Wallie) Steel** Invercargill's first letter carrier and later singer performing at public concerts, Scottish bard and town crier. Lived in Penicuik Cottage in Invercargill. Member of the temperance movement.

## Branch Resource Room:

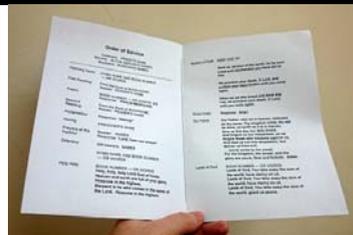
Once the Library renovations are completed and we have access to our Resource Room (the renovations may last until December!), it is proposed that we open the Resource Room every Tuesday afternoon for research next year. There will be one or two people available to assist with your research during this time. Members of the public may do research in the Resource

Room for a small fee. Start date for this will be announced at a later date once access is assured.

## ***Current Branch Projects***

### **'Order of Service'**

The order of service sheets from funerals are still being collected by the branch. The information on them will continue to be indexed as an ongoing branch project. Photographs on them remain copyright to the family and will not be made available. Copies may be donated at branch meetings, posted, emailed, given to any committee member or brought to the Resource Room on Open Days.



### **Bluff Births (1930-1970) and Marriages/Licences (1887-1986)**

This is currently being indexed and will be available on the branch computer next year.

**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 computer.

### **Certificate Collection Service**

Copies of any birth/death/marriage certificates, graduation, qualification certificates are being collected to send to our Family History Centre in Panmure. They will be sent up in bundles. They are then made available for and NZSG members doing personal research.

**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.

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### **Meetings**

Third Wednesday of each month; February to November

Meeting Room, Invercargill City Library at 7 p.m.

[Research facilities from 6 p.m.]

The Resource Room will be open before and after the meeting

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