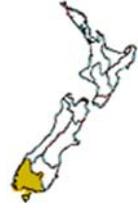




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Branch Meeting Topics and Special events:

- Wed 16 October Catherine Bishop – Women in Business.
See article p3
- Thurs 24 October Computing group – Census Records
- Wed 20 November Heirlooms and Wedding Memorials – bring along your special heirloom as well as the story attached to it. Planning for 2020 meetings.
- Thurs 28 Nov Computing group – Supper/planning



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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Latest Additions:



- 1939 Update – more names released
- Scotland, Forfarshire/Angus/Dundee Poor lists 1821-1840
- Dundee Militia List 1801
- Irish Parish Record Archives – the work of Rosemary ffolliott 1950-1990 transcriptions
- More newspapers added



- Victoria Inwards Passengers 1839-1923 have been started – check often for additions
- Australia, Queensland, Toowoomba Prison Record Indexes 1864-1906
- England, Cambridge Parish Registers 1538-1983
- Ireland, Diocesan & Prerogative Marriage Licence Indexes 1623-1866 (started)
- Ireland, Diocesan & Prerogative Wills & Administration Indexes 1595-1858 (started)
- Scotland Census 1841-1891



- Australia & NZ Find a Grave Index
- Sweden Find Grave Index
- Denmark Church Records 1812-1918
- England, London Poor Law & Board of Guardian Records 1738-1926
- Many records for Bristol are now available – the crossroads for Wales, Gloucestershire and Somerset



- Presbyterian Church records 1752–1855 have been added to with more than 3,000 baptisms added

Southland History Corner: The storming of Puysegur Point



In 1910 an incredible feat occurred at Puysegur Point, where the lighthouse stands on the summit of a sharp and narrow promontory with high cliff like sides. The steamer 'Waikare' had come through Archeron passage from Break Sea Sound, and was heading down Dusky Sound for the open sea en route for Dunedin following a sightseeing trip. The ship was travelling at the usual rate of speed over the usual course. The weather was fine, the time was noon, and the tide was low. Practically every passenger was on deck enjoying the scenery and the beautiful day. Suddenly the bow of the steamer lifted. There was a sudden jolt, a heave, then a third bump, after which the vessel cleared the obstruction and floated in the water beyond. Water forced up by air pressure, through the escape pipe, was immediately thrown upon the deck. The second officer was informed that there was water in No. 1 ballast tank. The 'Waikare' then took a sudden list to starboard. Boats were immediately lowered. In about ten minutes the majority of the 200 excursionists and crew were in the steamer's boats. They scurried up the steep slope to the only bit of flat ground. Tents and makeshift bivouac were erected while awaiting rescue. The crew realised the ship was fast sinking and a call for rescue would be needed. The nearest telephone being at Puysegur Point lighthouse, the second officer and some of the crew offered to row down there in order to raise the alarm. On and on through the high sea they rowed. Arriving at Puysegur Point the crew moored on the rocks below with the mate climbing up the near vertical cliff face to reach the lighthouse. Once the call had been made, he then climbed back down the cliff to the awaiting boat before rowing back up to Dusky Sound to the listing ship. Rescue occurred the following day, by which time the ship was guided to settle onto the edge of the rocky outcrop with its stern resting precariously on the edge.

What became of the heroic second officer, Mr Eric John MacFarlane APPLEYARD? He was promoted to first officer (his fellow rowers were given a monetary reward) and continued to work for Union Steam Ship Company eventually reaching the rank of Captain. He returned to Australia where he died rather anonymously in Sydney in 1947.



Eric Appleyard

What was here before Shearing South / Arcade 55 in Dee St??



1863 Scotch Pie Shop was advertising baking and confectionery firstly by James Grant, then T Chennel, then the famous Andrew McKenzie who had a museum next door exhibiting a large variety of stuffed birds and animals – the forerunner to the Southland Museum. McKenzie ran the pie shop from 1867-1872. Above the pie shop was the City Hotel.



In 1878 F Burwell advertised for tenders to alter the building in concrete and brick. It was renamed the Imperial Hotel by the then proprietor J Sproule. Burwell was responsible for the entire block facing Dee Street to have identical features of arched windows on the first floor.



David Bissett left the hotel to move to the West Coast in 1906 after many years as host at the hotel. The hotel chattels were sold following Bissett's departure. H E Rout then took over the premises for his jewellery business soon after with the premises later becoming a location for Club 55 then Franco's before becoming the Rooftops nightclub held upstairs in the 1970s. It was later converted to Shearing South / Woolshed but currently has been turned into a private apartment (with a colourful exterior).

Our Resource Room: Update: 90% of the contents have been relabelled and colour coded for ease of identification. The shelving has been rearranged to maximise access to material. Remember the room is open 11-1 every Wednesday or by arrangement. Do come to check it out before the branch meeting.

Current Branch Projects

'Orders 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.

Unrelated / related BDM, baptism, other certificates may be donated to the branch for copying and sending to Auckland for inclusion in the national index. Copies will remain at branch level for non NZSG members

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.

Bluff Baptisms and Marriages – Work still in Progress. A searchable database will be made available in the future.

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Meetings

**Third Wednesday of each month February - November
Meeting Room, Invercargill City Library at 7 p.m.
[Research facilities from 6 p.m.]
Resources Room open: Wednesdays, 11am~1pm.**

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