



Do Your Family History!!

Branch Meeting Topics and Special events

**All meetings are
hereby cancelled
until further notice**



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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<https://www.tepapa.govt.nz/>

Online jigsaw puzzles of pictures in their collection are available to complete. Pictures, with varying degrees of difficulty to choose from, will change regularly.

Papers Past:

Be aware that due to unprecedented demand, there are times when access to this terrific website is unavailable – it has been crashing with high use as folk us the lockdown time as an opportunity to focus on their genealogy.

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Facebook Groups:

- Christchurch, The Way Our Ancestors Knew it
- Genealogy Addicts UK & Worldwide Research Group
- New Zealand History and Genealogy
- New Zealanders of Scottish Descent Genealogy and DNA Family Finder Database
- Genealogy – New Zealand Super Sleuths
- New Zealand Obituaries, Genealogy, Family History
- Taranaki Families – Genealogy and DNA
- Unknown Soldiers to the NZEF – identifying WW1 soldiers in photos
- London Westminster & Middlesex FHS help and discussion group
- German Genealogy
- Legacy User Group
- Lancashire Genealogy
- Australian Genealogy
- Kent – Ancestors & Genealogy
- Lost Queensland
- There are also many blogspot.com e.g. <https://thatmomentintime-crissouli.blogspot> who produces a large number of articles, genealogy newsletters from around Australia

Keep looking for more – use the search bar for finding groups operating in the areas of your family history...

Webinars – there are a large number of webinars relating to family history online – many free.

Invercargill City Library and Archives:

Log onto the Library website and have your library card handy – **Library Edition of Ancestry** is now available to access from home while the Covid-19 lockdown is enforced.

Seacliff Asylum Field Trip

Approximately 30 folk met at the Truby King Reserve at Seacliff in early February.

This was arranged to access the neighbouring private property which housed the outbuildings of the former asylum.

The weather on the day meant lunch was held at the former blacksmith's forge – a heritage building gradually being restored by the owner. Following lunch we went on a walking tour of the other buildings – only viewed from the outside due to recent confirmation of asbestos within them. The former bakery, butchery, garage, open



bathroom, sewing areas and the last two isolation cells were viewed.

The mortuary was viewed, having received funding for restoration. Following the tour of this property many continued on to the reserve next door and wandered around viewing the foundations and other structures left from the demolition of the asylum. 'The Magnolia Tree' talked about in one of Janet Frame's books was also found. There are helpful memorial plaques around this reserve – the most poignant being one to the 37 women lost in the 1942 fire. This institution originally housed 50

patients and a staff of 50 from 1882 through to its closing in 1973. Due to land instability the facility gradually moved to the nearby Cherry Farm and the mostly stone buildings were then demolished. The support services area now on private property. (Photos – W Shaw 2019)



Ireland:

Discovery at National Archives have maps online of Ireland from 1558 -1610



March 2020 Releases from Christina at <http://www.igp-web.com/IGPArchives/>

DUBLIN, Genealogy Archives - Headstones

Search Engine can search just Mount Jerome

<http://www.igp-web.com/IGPArchives/ire/dublin/photos/tombstones/1mj/mt-jerome-ndx.htm>

CAVAN, Genealogy Archives - Headstones

Our Lady of Lourdes (R.C.), Ballyconnell

St. Patrick's Graveyard, Kilnavart

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

MAYO, Genealogy Archives - Headstones

Achill Sound, Polranny Cemetery Pt. 3 - L-M

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

MAYO, Genealogy Archives - Headstones

Kilmaclasser Old Cemetery - Part 1, Clogher Lough

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

OFFALY, Genealogy Archives - Headstones

Killeagh, St. Patrick's Cemetery (partial)

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

ROSCOMMON, Genealogy Archives - Land

Cancelled Valuations ca 1911-1920's, Cloontogher, Cruit, Curry Derrinturk, Derrycarby, Doogarymore, Fearagh.

<http://www.igp-web.com/IGPArchives/ire/roscommon/land.htm>

WATERFORD CITY, Genealogy Archives - Headstones

Cathedral of the Most Holy Trinity (R.C.)

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

England:

https://www.maps.thehunthouse.com/.../Old_to_New_London_Stree...

If you are looking for addresses that have disappeared, this above link might help.

Old Name/new name/London streets.

The National Archives:

“We’re pleased to confirm that we will be giving everyone free access to our digitised collections very soon, but it’s taking our amazing digital team a bit of time to make it happen. They’re facing similar challenges to the rest of the world with regard to connecting to our various technical systems while working from home, and many of them are also juggling childcare duties.

EDIT: To clarify, we’re referring to digitised collections that are available on our website (and usually chargeable) – at this stage, this doesn’t extend to our collections on other sites.”

British History Online <https://www.british-history.ac.uk>

BHO was founded by the Institute of Historical Research and the History of Parliament Trust in 2003. The collection currently contains over 1,270 volumes and is always growing.

To 31 July 2020 all transcribed BHO content will be freely available for individual users. This adds 200 volumes of primary materials. As a result, BHO's full complement of 1280 volumes is now available for research.

The "search within volume" box is currently not working properly. This is a known problem and we ask for your patience while it is working on the fix.

GENUKI

The Content Management System on which the GENUKI website runs is being upgraded. As a consequence GENUKI itself has had to be modified. These modifications are now nearly complete, but now there will be a period while checks are carried out during which GENUKI visible information content will not be changed.

Scotland:

Archaeology Data Service – 3 Streams - searchable Monument & Event Records, Data in Archives and Library – Journals, Books and Reports. A wide variety of articles on a multitude of subjects – it is worth taking a look. <https://archaeologydataservice.ac.uk/>

Australia:

Trove:

Trove Newspapers in the Government Gazettes publish ‘Tickets of Leave Cancelled’. Many list the names of the convicts but also the reason for the cancellation. It can include the ship they came on. See also headlinesofold.blogspot.com

Family Search:

Due to high demand, there are occasions where the site is unavailable. Persevere and try for ‘off peak’ access.

Historical Images can be accessed – Log in – Search – Images:

- You can then search for records from a specific place – adding date range for more defined search
- Pick a Records Collection to Browse
- Once isolating collection you want to see, you can browse – you may be able to identify in the thumbnails of each image indexes, section markers or title pages
- The record you want may be attached to Wiki Family Tree

Book Reviews:

Marriage Laws for Genealogists by Rebecca Probert

Publisher: Takeaway (Publishing) 2016. Revised second edition. ISBN: 978-0-9931896-2-3

First published in 2012, this book has become indispensable to anyone tracing the marriages of their English and Welsh ancestors. It explains the where, why, how and when people married in the past – if they did at all.

It covers the legalities such as Lord Hardwicke's Clandestine Marriage Act of 1753, registration of marriages, common-law marriages, broomstick weddings and hand-fasting, defining who was free to marry (mental capacity, prohibited degrees i.e. marrying dead wife's sister before and after 1835.

Probert then covers Anglican, non-Anglican/non-conformist and civil marriages including Jewish/Catholic/Quaker ceremonies. She then moves on to age of consent and how this changed through the years, calling banns or marriage by licence, seasons and days of the week most marriages occur finishing with marriages across the Globe including on board ships.



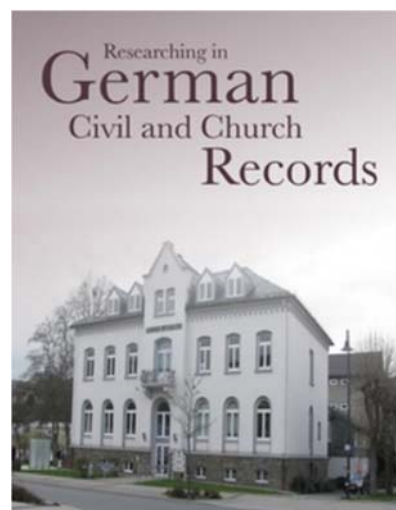
I found this to be a fascinating book to read – great detail and research which helped me understand why in my own family tree one forebear who was a churchwarden was taken to court by a disgruntled parishioner for marrying his dead wife's sister . (W Shaw)

Researching in German Civil and Church Records by Eric Kopittke

Publisher: Unlock the Past, South Australia. 2015.

ISBN: 978-1-925323-08-5 (print edition), 978-1-925323-09-2 (eBook)

Eric Kopittke is a well known author based in Queensland who, along with his wife Rosemary, produce a number of books and guides to assist with searching for your German Roots. He covers understanding the intricacies of the German system of registration of births, marriages and deaths by civil authorities. Prior to civil registration, churches kept their own registers of baptisms, marriages and burials. This guide explains how to access these records as well as providing a list of key words found in records and a brief guide to German handwriting with very helpful advice on Sutterin – an old style of handwriting and which letters can be confused.



I found this brief but excellent guide helped me to decipher my g g grandmother's signature – a problem identifying her surname as every record about her had a different surname. Now knowing what her actual name was will help in identifying her family in Hanover. (W Shaw)

Southland History Spot: Te Rata Nursing Home, 166 Tweed Street



Taken prior to demolition in 2019/20

Proprietors: Helen Carnahan and Ellen Scales – both Registered Nurses with Midwifery Certificates. Ellen Scales qualified as a midwife in Melbourne, Australia in 1905 before moving to Southland. She previously operated a Maternity Home from 163 Tay Street which she had called Te Rata, now site a motel near the corner of Tay and Ness Sts, from 1909 until early 1912 when she moved to premises in Leet Street. She then joined forces with Helen Carnahan, who was born in and had qualified as a midwife at Dee Street Hospital in 1907. They set up in Tweed Street from July 1912 also naming the premises Te Rata. The previous owner of the property was solicitor William Macalister of Macalister Law Firm.

The women operated from this site until around 1925-28 when Nurse Scales removed to Ashburton around 1925 with Nurse Carnahan remaining at Tweed Street until around 1932 before retiring from practice. Nurse Meredith then took over the premises, continuing to deliver Southland babies followed by Miss Esther M MacKinnon from 1940 onwards. In the 9 years Nurse McKinnon was the licensee of the home, nearly 2000 babies have been born. She then married and settled in Victoria, Australia with the premises then being taken over by the Misses Violet, Jessamine and Helen Burnett – 3 Southland sisters who decided to rename it the “Elizabeth George Obstetric Hospital” after their parents. Births were announced in the local papers 1949/50.

One of many maternity and nursing homes in Invercargill, there were many children who can discover their entrance to the world was heralded in Tweed Street. Names include: Adams, Angus, Banks, Barra, Barrett, Berry, Blomfield, Boyd, Brass, Bridgman, Bridgewater, Brown, Carswell, Chambers, Chewings, Cheyne, Cockburn, Copland, Cotterell, Crawford, Crofts Cushen, Dallard, D’Auvergne, Dillon, Double, Dougherty, Dowsett, Faulks, Ferguson, Findlay, Ford, French, Gardner, Gimblett, Grieve, Hair, Halloran, Hastie, Hayward, Holloway, Holst, Hynd, Israel, Jukes, Kean, Kelly, Kilkelly, Knewstubb, Lucy, Lyons, Macfarlane, McCaskill, McGoun, McIntyre, McKenzie, McRae, Maslin, Menlove, Menzies, Merrick, Messer, Middlemiss, Milligan, Mills, Milne, Murphy, O’Brien, Peters, Paape, Pryde, Rankin, Reed, Rhind, Riddle, Russell, Reid, Semmens, Sinclair, Stuart, Tait, Thomson, Toogood, Turnbull, Weir, Wheeler, White, Young.

The house later reverted to private ownership before being subdivided into flats. The building gradually deteriorated and within the last few months was demolished.

Profession or Occupations in the 1881 Census.

52 Years an Imbecile
 Artificial Scone Maker
 Assisting at Mangle
 Beef Twister
 Bottie Washer
 Bounder
 Boy for General Purposes
 Can Make Nothing of the Paper
 Carrot and Mangle Salesman
 Cleans Onions
 Clod Hopper (Ft)
 Colourist of Artificial Fish
 Count as Female
 Cow Banger (Ag Lab)
 Curer of Smokey Chimneys
 Custard Maker (Carpet)
 Dead
 Decayed Publisher (No Occ)
 Describes Himself as Leaving No Trace
 Disinfecter of Railway (Oths)
 Dog Performer
 Driving Channel Tunnel

Drowner
 Egg Breaker
 Egg Cracker
 Electric Bath Attendant
 Emasculator
 Employed with Head Off
 Examiner of Underclothing
 Fatuous Pauper
 Feeder in Bump Factory
 Feeding Boy to Printing Machine
 Ferret Weaver
 Fish Bender
 Floater
 Follows Wifely Occupations
 Formerly Fat
 Gold Fish Catcher
 Grape Dryer
 Gymnast to House Painter
 Hand in Hartleys Jam
 Head of Female
 He Play All Day Long
 Invalid Kings Evil
 Invisible Net Maker
 Keeps Own House at Home
 Knight of the Thimble
 Knocker Up of Workpeople
 Maker of Sand Views
 Negro Comedian White Eyed
 Musical Kaffir

Pensioner in Charge of the Magnet
 Prime Minister (No Occ)
 Proprietor of Midgets
 Proprietor of Solution For Protection of Turnip From Fly
 Random Waller
 Ripper Coalmine (Blows Roof Down)
 Rotters Boy
 Running About
 Runs Abt Selling Fish (Hawker)
 Rust Attendant at a Lavatory
 Sampler of Drugs
 Scarecrow
 Seperated from Head
 Sick Maker
 Slob Brickmaker
 Supposed to be a Lady
 Teacher of Wax Flowers
 Tender of Charge of Cubes
 Tool Maker (Screws) Wife
 Travels With an Entire Horse
 Turnip Shepherd
 Unsettled Through Recent Death
 Very Feeble
 Watchmaker Master (No Hands)

Don't forget to wash your hands



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. Many are on the Kiwi Index.

Branch Resource Library. The project to have this online is still in progress. The resources being sorted and reshelved are 90% complete with an ‘open house’ being planned once access to the room is regained.

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

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

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

