





## *New Zealand News*

Papers Past latest additions:

- [Marlborough Press](#) (1860-1861,1865-1883,1886)
- [Matamata Record](#) (1925-1939)
- [Feilding Star](#) (1925-1929)
- [Hawera Star](#) (Jun 1924-1935)
- [Manawatu Herald](#) (1921-1939)
- [Marlborough Daily Times](#) (1880-1888)
- [Te Puke Times](#) (1921-1950)

## *Overseas News*

Please be patient if you have ordered documents overseas. Due to Covid-19 restrictions there may be some delay in results coming to your inbox. This includes DNA sampling.

### Canada:

Kingston and Montreal in Canada (and Halifax, Nova Scotia) were gateways for thousands of immigrants to escape the famines in Ireland. Because the passage to Canada was less expensive than passage to the United States, Canada was often the recipient of some of the most destitute and bereft Irish.

The 3,000 mile voyage from Ireland took over 6 weeks and with many folk crammed into steerage, disease found a breeding ground – especially Typhus. By June 1847 dozens of ships had to wait in a queue for days before they could land their human cargo. On Grosse Ile, just alongside Montreal, it is estimated almost 5,000 Irish perished – becoming the largest Irish burial ground outside Ireland.

Kingston in Ontario (on Lake Ontario at the entrance of the St Lawrence River) held the garrisons of the British Army up until 1844. When Montreal was declared the provincial capital, the garrison relocated there. In Kingston, there are several burial grounds – the Upper Burial Ground, which quickly filled to capacity, became neglected and eventually was cleared to become what is now McBurney Park (or Skeleton Park as locals call it). On the lakefront in front of the Kingston General Hospital there is a mass grave of an estimated 1,400 Irish immigrants who perished during the typhoid epidemic of 1847-8.

Visit <https://www.bac-lac.gc.ca> for more information on the Irish Emigration. Databases are available with information on over 33,000 names that appear on surviving records 1832-1937, Irish settlers brought into the Peterborough area of Ontario in the early 1920s and the Montreal Emigrant Society Passage Book of 1832 which has been digitized and lists the immigrants who arrived in Montreal and their destinations throughout Upper and Lower Canada



### Australia:

South Australia new releases: <https://genealogysa.org.au/resources/online-database-search>

## England:

Ancestry have added Westminster Baptisms, Marriages and Burials to their records

## Scotland:

Inveraray, seat of the Duke of Argyll had a Jail that was closed in 1889 but was restored and reopened as a museum in 1989. Lists of Prisoners held from 1820-1889 are available including age, residence, crime, marital status and punishment – you just may find your missing ancestors and where they went to! <https://www.inverarayjail.co.uk/our-history/>



## Trouble with reading a will?

Here is a formulary using suggested wording for wills – although dated 1898, it is useful to follow what may be in the will you are pouring over.

<https://books.google.com/books?id=Cpmw3VwbcHeC>

A grandfather, a father, and a son are to have a triple marriage ceremony one of these days. The interesting event is to take place in the United States, of course. Thomas Hell, a St. Louis policeman, has been ordered to change his surname or resign from the force.

*Otautau Standard and Wallace Chronicle – 5 Nov 1907*

## Gravestone Inscriptions

Quite often there are sayings or quotes from the Bible on a headstone. The bible quotes are easier to find by just doing a Google Search enclosing some of the legible words in inverted commas. There is an e-book available called The Churchyard Lyrist, Five Hundred original inscriptions by George Mogridge printed in 1832. It is available as a free e-book. It may be a handy tool for you to use.

<https://play.google.com/store/books/details...>

## Southland History Spot

**78 & 82 Don Street** – to be demolished from September 2020 onwards to make way for a new building for the law firm immediately behind on Spey Street.



*78 Don Street. Section 16, Block LXIV (64) Invercargill*

The section was first advertised for sale in 1863. The initial purchaser of the section was reported in the Southland Times as Henri Dreixler who obtained it through a Crown Land Grant in October 1867. Theophilus Heale, chief surveyor in Southland, who had purchased many sections in Invercargill, was also reportedly granted a Crown Land Grant in July 1869. He later became a Native Lands Court judge before dying in 1885. Alexander McKenzie then occupied part of the property 1870-1871. Edward Huffadine, sometime proprietor of the Melbourne Hotel in 1875, was a wheelwright by trade and was living on the property from 1896 through to his death in 1908.

By 1942 Colin Campbell Anderson, radiologist resided there following along the theme of medical practices and residences along Don Street from Kelvin to Deveron Sts.

Southern Community Laboratory became the last tenant of the front part of the building with Griffin Accountancy tucked in the rear.



*82 Don Street. Section 15, Block LXIV (64) Invercargill*

The occupant was John Flanagan/Flanaghan/Flanigan, a labourer, who remained on the property from 1870 - 1882 when he relocated to West Plains. The property, containing a 4 roomed cottage was sold for £310. The property was again for sale in 1908 following the death of Edward Huffadine who lived on the property next door but was part of his estate.

Moving forward to the 1930s a house was built as a doctor's surgery and residence for Dr Robert Burns Watson. He initially had a practice in Lumsden before relocating to Invercargill. He then spent time working in England before returning to Invercargill. He then set up practice with his son. His memoirs are written in his 1971 book "The Doctor must get through – 50 years as a GP/surgeon".

Later, general surgeon Mr Douglas Allan held his private practice on these premises before his retirement. Parts of the building were leased to various businesses including beauty therapists and lawyers.

### Southland History - Correction:

In April's newsletter, the article on this building, the former Te Rata Maternity Home, 166 Tweed Street is INCORRECT. In passing the site recently, I note that the house is being renovated. My apologies for the misinformation but great news to those who have had connections to this house – it is NOT being demolished (unlike other buildings around the town).



### In Our Resource Room

The Resource Room is once again open from 11am-1pm each Wednesday. Come and visit – you will be surprised what we have available.



We have been excited to receive the gift of an **Android Tablet** which when loaded, will be kept in the Resource Room to access the data that was previously on the laptop which unfortunately died. Please watch this space as additions are made to our databases.

Recent additions to our Resource Room with more to come:

- 'Trace your Family Back to the Tudors' – a BBC Who Do You Think You Are series – included meanings of 500 surnames
- 'WDYTYA – Encyclopaedia of Genealogy' written by Nick Barrett
- 'Reminiscences of Inverness – its people and places' by John Fraser written in 1905, republished 1983
- 'Scotland 1733 to Scottsdale – the McKerrow and MacLennan families' (1985)
- Sussex Marriage Index up to 1837 (CD) by Sussex Family History Group

## ***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. An earlier edition was submitted to and is on the Kiwi Index 2.0 but there is more to be added.

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