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Next Meeting

6 July 2010

Trip to Invercargill Archives.

Assemble at ISite car park 5.50pm

Departure 6pm sharp.

Numbers to Barbara by 3 July

Supper hostesses –

Lynley Hamilton / Joy Johnston

Branch News –June 2010

Our new Convenor Rhonda welcomed a large number of members for an excellent meeting prior to Rebecca Smith speaking on the archives in Invercargill. Although she is attached to the Library her aim is to create a repository similar to the wonderful Hocken Library in Dunedin. All the hard copies of Southland school records are kept in The Southland Archives, but the indexes remain s they were, in the filing cabinet in the library. Her task to assess and sort what was in the hundreds of boxes that were stored off site was obviously massive. Thank you Rebecca. A lovely supper followed.

A report from the excellent Oral History workshop held in Invercargill by Helen Frizzell was presented. The Gore branch computer upstairs is working gain, thanks to some very clever IT men.

The file of Eastern Southland Early Settlers Register was brought to the members notice. If you have an ancestor who lived in the wide area of Tapanui-Lumsden. Fortrose and all places inside that, please collect a form, or email the newsletter editor to obtain one. All of the sheets are indexed and a valuable resource of early families. There are no restriction of years so all names are very welcome.

Hints for new members

When reading your bulletin– if you double click on any of the web sites, your computer will take you directly to it. This will avoid mistakes of letters etc.

Brick Walls –

After searching for years for the death of Daniel Finlayson, a lister using Free BMD's solved it within hours. I was very delighted. Use the different lists when you have a brick wall. The lister who found my grandfathers ½ brother's death wasn't even related. Another wall falls down. Now to find the rest of the family!!! Genealogy is like a jigsaw with out any outside pieces. There is always another piece to be searched

Welcome to New members;

Wendy and Geoff Sanford from Waipahi. Members are available to assist with your research. Don't hesitate to ask.

Webb Sites

NZSG has just negotiated more titles to expand the list of On Line Newspapers already available to their members. **Only NZSG members can access these sites.**

Log in to the NZSG website, go to **MEMBERS AREA ON LINE EWSPAPERS**

Searchable Newspapers

<http://infotrac.galegroup.com/itweb/nzsocgen>>

1. Times Digital Archive - 200 years of The London Times

[http://infotrac.galegroup.com/itweb/nzsocgen?db=TTDA %20](http://infotrac.galegroup.com/itweb/nzsocgen?db=TTDA%20)>

2. 17th & 18th Century Burney Collection - 1,270 newspapers and news pamphlets from the United Kingdom

<http://infotrac.galegroup.com/itweb/nzsocgen?db=BBCN>>

3. 19th Century British Library Newspapers parts 1 & 2

<http://infotrac.galegroup.com/itweb/nzsocgen?db=BNCN> - includes papers originating in England, Scotland and Ireland

4. 19th Century US Newspapers

<http://infotrac.galegroup.com/itweb/nzsocgen?db=NCNP>>

- featuring full-text content and images from numerous newspapers from a range of urban and rural regions throughout the U.S.

5. The Illustrated London News Historical Archive, 1842-2003

<http://infotrac.galegroup.com/itweb/nzsocgen?db=ILN>>

6. 19th Century UK Periodicals

<http://infotrac.galegroup.com/itweb/nzsocgen?db=NCUK>>

The 1901 census of all Ireland is now online, searchable and FREE. <http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie:80/search/>

Scottish newspapers – <http://newspapers.bl.uk/blcs> -

Caledonian, Aberdeen Journal, Glasgow Herald. The Scotsman from 1817 – 1950 <http://archive.scotsman.com> . Edinburgh

Gazette – 1699- to present day – www.edinburgh-gazette.co.uk

Recent Australian deaths www.obituary.com.au
 Irish records –
 Look for regular additions of new records for Ireland at this website. www.rootsireland.ie
 New Zealand university graduates 1870-1961
<http://shadowsoftime.co.nz/university.html>
Otago university graduates to May 1988 are in hard copy on the shelf at Hokonui Heritage Centre.
 Familysearch.org Even more records can be found on this additional Family Search website.
<http://fsbeta.familysearch.org/>
 For a list of newspaper archives available from different countries, see Wikipedia.
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_online_newspaper_archives

Irish Parish Records on Line.
<http://www.irishgenealogy.ie>
 Church of Ireland records of Dublin City and counties Kerry and Carlow, also a subset of the Roman Catholic parishes in the Diocese of Cork & Ross have also been added. In addition to these records, digital images of the original church records, relating to these areas, are now available to view on this website.
 Working on the completion of the Dublin City and South & West Cork Roman Catholic records. The Central Signposting index (C.S.I) contains over 3 million genealogical records which may help you trace that elusive Irish ancestor. If you are not certain of the county of origin of your ancestor this could help you make a start.
 There are currently 3,198,125 records in the database from Armagh, Cavan, Derry, Donegal, Fermanagh, Leitrim, Limerick, Mayo, Sligo, Tyrone & Wexford. Types of record include Birth, Baptism, Marriage, Griffith's Valuation, Tithe Applotments' and 1901 Census returns.
 Remember Less is best so if you don't get a hit try just the name with no dates or county
 The 1901 census of all Ireland is now online, searchable and FREE.
<http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie:80/search/>
 Also be aware of the following: Released in its entirety last autumn the 1911 Census was made freely accessible on National Archives of Ireland website. www.census.nationalarchives.ie. the first complete Irish census ever to be made available on line with some 4.4. million people being enumerated. By taking the information from the census site and inputting it on the LostCousins database, you can establish connections with others who many also share the same relatives and who are similarly registered for the site. The 1911 Irish Census joins five others already catered for on the site. - LostCousins supports six censuses in all: US 1880, Canada 1881, England and Wales 1841 and 1881 and Scotland 1881. The Irish census is amazing...



New Zealand Registration Acts



The registration acts of 1847, 1858, and 1875 did not allow for registration of births after six months. The first act to specifically do so was the Registration of Births and Deaths Act Amendment Act of 1882, followed by seven subsequent acts:

Registration of Births Extension Act 1889
 Registration of Births & Deaths Amendment Act 1892
 Registration of Births Extension Act 1901
 Registration of Births Extension Act 1906 Births and Deaths Registration Amendment Act 1912
 Births & Deaths Registration Amendment Act 1915
 Births & Deaths Registration Amendment Act 1920

Each act was valid for only one year (two years in 1901), and only applied to children born more than 12 months BEFORE the passing of the act (reduced to six months in 1906).

Permanent provision was introduced in the 1924 Act. From then on, late registrations are noted in the index by sec 24 (1924 Act), or sec 14 (1951 Act), or sec 16 (1995 Act).

Each act required registrations made under its provisions to be recorded in a separate register, so the district keys do not apply in this context.

When you are ordering the certificate, make sure you state "1912 Extension Act" (or the appropriate Act), else you will get a nil return (which still costs). In all cases, the births were registered by the Registrar-General, not the local Registrar.

(There was a penalty of 5/- for late registration of births –one family simply registered the 12 month child with the next one so they suddenly became 'twins'. This had to be done outside their local district. To confuse the genealogist they did the same later so suddenly they had two sets of twins).

Australia Resources



The population in New South Wales has the highest population – it was founded in 1788 but later was carved into Tasmania in 1825, South Australia 1836, Victoria 1851 and Queensland 1859. The early immigrants may have been convicts with wonderful descriptions (no photos available at that time). They can be traced through online indexes, naturalization, land records, census returns, convict, court, police and prison records, early estate records. State records Authority of New South Wales – www.records.nzs.gov.au

www.bdm.nsw.gov.au holds early births, marriages and deaths from 1788- 1855. It also contains civil registrations from 1856 to present day. Included are births 1788-1909, marriages 1788-1959, deaths 1788- 1979. These are free to search but cost Aus \$28 to order certificates online.

Welcome home Carole and Joe.

