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Next Meeting
 1 November 2011 at 8 pm
 Research night...
 Demonstration of how
 to work the new film
 reader.

Genealogy Hints

Branch News –November Meeting 2011

A large number of members were present for and excellent talk on OASES by Bob Matthews. OASES now has nearly 150,000 name entries and contains early settlers from pre 1849 (whalers etc) and up to 1890. He is currently working on a third debtors list [In addition to the 1869 and 1872 ones]

If you have any queries regarding Otago /Southland Early Settlers, drop Bob an email.

The information held in OASES is freely available to all..... <http://pastfinders-avitus.hostzi.com>

Bob wrote *Thanks for an enjoyable night.....*

Please encourage everybody to email me with their queries..... Bob M.

Thank you to everyone from all over NZ who commented on the private nursing home list

NZSG News. For more information about the NZSG and the latest KIT go to

<http://www.genealogy.org.nz/>

Cost of Postal Borrowing for Members has halved!

Postal Borrowing cost has halved for members - From 1st October members will be able to enjoy a reduction in the cost of borrowing from the NZSG Library, as they will not be asked to refund the outward portion of the postage. This means that library borrowing will be sent from the Library and members need only fund the return postage. I hope to see many members take advantage of this fantastic service. You can get to the library system via the NZSG website. If you have any difficulty logging into the library system, please contact me directly on library@genealogy.org.nz for assistance. Christine Hurst, Library Supervisor, NZSG.



Did you look at the Gore Branch website and check your information.

Congratulations to Liz for her excellent work – it looks fabulous and is an incentive to

all members to submit their family names and stories. *Thanks Liz.*

~ Always request a **photocopy of NZ certificates** which include more information i.e. witnesses on marriage and informants on birth and death certificates.

~ Pre 1881 Intentions to Marry can have extra information. These are held at National Archives, Wellington and NZSG members living in the area, often assist with a 'look ups'.

~**New Zealand marriage** certificates prior to 1881 **DO NOT have birth places, ages, or parents** of the bridal couple. Obtain the birth certificate of the first or 2nd child – it should help.

~ **Birth and death certificates before 1876** also lack this vital information. Once again, purchase a later child's birth.

~ List your sources as you find them. If using websites keep a note of where and when, successful or unsuccessful. Keep returning to them – more information is being added all the time. ~ Re visit certificates and information from time to time. Facts are easily

Tidbits from other Newsletters

- HMS *Neptune* was a World War Two battle cruiser crewed by the New Zealander and British navies. It was sunk by enemy mines off the coast of Libya on 19 December 1941 and as a result all except one of the 765 crew members lost their lives. This total included 150 Kiwis, making this NZ's worst naval disaster. (Dunedin FHG NL, Sep 2011)

- A loblolly boy was an assistant to a ship's surgeon. (Stratford Br NL, Sep 2011)

- Challenge assumptions and question family stories, especially on your direct line. (Waimate Br NL, Aug 2011)

- Margaret Bird, a Canterbury branch member who resides in Birmingham, is willing to do free research in the records there which cover the West Midlands/Black Country areas. Contact: mbird@me.com (Canterbury Br NL, Aug 2011)

- The NZ Lawyer magazine advises that your will should make clear if, how, when and to whom access should be provided to your digital legacy, i.e. your family tree records on your computer. (The Arboretum, Wairarapa Br NL, June 2011)

- What is a genealogist? A full-time detective, a thorough historian, an accurate reporter, an inveterate snoop AND a complete nut! (The Arboretum, Wairarapa Br NL, May 2011)

Picture at top of this page is *Dead Mans Penny* – see pg 2



CATHOLIC ARCHIVES - A LIGHT IN THE DISTANCE?

"We all grieve for what the earthquakes did to our loved Cathedral, but added to that pain which we all experience, for us who are part of the Archive Group, or have an interest in the Archives, there is an added sense of loss, of desolation, when we look up at the façade from Barbados Street and see a gaping space that was formerly the archives.

We see a door which now opens to nowhere; we see the ceiling light still suspended and moving in the wind; and, sadder still, we see the shelving tilted and empty of files.] Fortunately, all the files and boxes of correspondence, all the photos, in fact all the papers stored in the archives were boxed and moved after the first quake in September. The Diocese has leased a building in Washington Way (behind the old Railway Station) and there, in the meantime, all the contents of the archives rest in complete disarray." Kevin Clark

Canterbury Branch NZSG Oct Newsletter

From NZSG KIT September 2011 Badges



There have been requests from some of our members on where they can buy badges displaying their

names and membership numbers.

We are pleased to announce that anyone who wishes to get a name badge can now ORDER one ONLINE. Simply visit the NZSG website and click on the Shop tab and follow the steps. Badges will be sold for \$15 including postage and GST.

X Blenheim Branch Newsletter

Lost Military Medals – from a Lister

This week I was overwhelmed when I received an email from a Lt. Col. at Duntroon Military College, Canberra, advising that he had come into the possession of a medal awarded to my grandfather's brother who had died after being evacuated from Gallipoli.

Crawford Ernest EYES was a member of the Canterbury Regiment from Christchurch in New Zealand.

I had obtained his Gallipoli Medal and his military record from the New Zealand Defence Force several years ago; my mother had already passed on his family's "Dead Man's Penny".

The military record indicated that his mother, my G grandmother, had received his other medals in the early 1920's. Lt. Col. Llanwarne operates the return of "lost" medals as a hobby and had taken less than an hour to find me after contacting the War Memorial Museum in Auckland and moving onto RootsWeb.

He does this all for no cost.

The current list of medals that he is trying to find a home for is at <http://www.lostmedalsaustralia.com>, and although it refers to Australia the current list includes medals issued to New Zealand and British servicemen that have turned up in Australia.

One of my Brick Walls - Avis McDonald

ATKINSON James, born c 1831 at Ballymore, Tandragee, Armagh, Northern Ireland 1879, the son of **William ATKINSON**, mother **Mary McBURNAY**.

James immigrated to Australia on the ship "Commodore Perry" into Sydney, sponsored by his cousin **John McBURNIE** of Rushcutters Bay. His religion was Church of Ireland and he could read and write. His parents were William and Mary of Ballymore Co Armagh. Source Passenger list **James Atkinson** (bachelor) married 31 December 1857 at 1 Crown Street, Sydney, Australia (according to the rites of Baptist Church) to **Bridget DOGUE** (spinster) Witnesses **John MUIALLY, Hannah MEDCALF**.

Source #1043 Marriage cert

Their first daughter Mary died 1858 aged three months.

When the fourth child **Mary ATKINSON** was born in 1867 James was the informant, and he stated the mother was

Catherine WILSON and they married 1857, and they had 2 boys living and 1 girl dead. The first three children all have Bridget's named as the mother. Had James been in the pub??? In 1864 when he sponsored his sister Isabella ATKINSON to come to Australia, James was a store keeper in 611 George Street Sydney.

James and his sister Isabella, and the three children came to Bluff in 1873 where Mary supposedly started school at Limehills. This has not been verified. She was a first day pupil at Dipton school.

James died 16 January 1879 at Oreti Station, Southland, aged 48. Information on the death certificated states; born Tandragee, Armagh, Ireland, married in Sydney at age of 27 to Catherine WILSON and had been in NZ 5 years. He is buried in an unmarked grave at Dipton cemetery. The death was not certified by a Doctor. Source death certificate

My question is – **does anyone know where Oreti Station is? – Was it the Oreti station or the Dipton Railway Station???**

Isabella ATKINSON married **Samuel STANFORD** and lived and died in Lumsden. She was known as Granny STANFORD and raised William aged 19, John aged 17, and Mary aged 12 after her brother **James ATKINSON** died.

New Kiwi CD Full Members Price \$60

No upgrades from previous NZSG Index versions. Runs on Windows systems XP, Vista, Windows 7. Runs on Mac OS 10.4 or greater (No need for a PC emulator programme !!) & this includes the recently released Mac OS 10.7 Lion.

8 million+ records in the Full Members version.

1.4 million records not previously indexed on any previous NZSG index CDs.

460,000+ more indexed records than on NZSG Index v5

Because of Privacy reasons, not ALL records on NZSG Index V5 are included in the NZSG Kiwi Index V1.

New record types included in the NZSG Kiwi index V1...

Industrial School Admission records

Industrial School warrant records

Wairarapa Newspaper Index

West Coast School records

Queenstown, West Taieri and Green Island Burial & Headstone Indexes

also more....

NZ Probate records

NZ School records to 1916

NZSG Collections (especially Certificates Collection) records

Otago Nominal Index Records

Undertakers Records (Sibuns & Sons)

Dunedin Burial & Headstone Records

.... plus many more smaller records types

WEBSITE WATCH

Australian Military

www.awm.gov.au/research/people/nominal_rolls/first_world_war/

www.wv2roll.gov.au/

www.naa.gov.au/

Australian Defence Forces - The National Archives of Australia holds records about service in the Australian defence forces from Federation in 1901, from the Boer War, WWI, WWII, service between and after the Wars and also civilian service. Access may only be given to records more than thirty years old, and an initial payment is required.

RecordSearch describes over 8.1 million records created by 9000 Australian Government agencies, mostly since 1901. Searchable records include documents, photographs, posters, maps, films and sound recordings. Generally, you can access records once they enter the open access period.

New Zealanders serving with the Australian Forces.

<http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/services.aspx> or

<http://australia.gov.au/topics/defence-and-international/military-history>

Christchurch Press = Death Notice List of names

<http://www.stuff.co.nz/the-press/about-us/reader-services/2259796>

Death-Notices-List-of-Names

Lamb & Hayward Funeral Directors CHCH Funeral Notices online <http://www.lambandhayward.co.nz>

<http://www.betts.co.nz/funeral-notice>

Timaru - Betts Funeral Notices online

<http://www.amemorytree.co.nz>

Records updated hourly. List 99% of all deaths in NZ. – gives date, but to obtain the death notice costs.

Shetland Family History Society?

<http://www.shetlandheritageassociation.com/members/shetland-wide/family-history-society>

<http://www.bayanne.info/Shetland>

Records for Belfast City cemeteries, Archives etc.

www.belfastcity.gov.uk/burialrecords

NSW BDM site, free to search.

<http://www.bdm.nsw.gov.au/familyHistory/searchHistoricalRecords>

Otago

<http://caversham.otago.ac.nz/resource/index.html> Oral Histories

<http://caversham.otago.ac.nz/dbaccess/index.php>

<http://orac.otago.ac.nz/fmi/xsl/southern-people/search.xsl>

<http://www.archives.presbyterian.org.nz/firstchurch/firstchurchdatabase.html>

<http://www.archives.presbyterian.org.nz/page3.htm>

Some good sites for Convicts.

To Aussie.

<http://members.iinet.com.au/~perthdps/convicts/index.html>

Claim a Convict <http://www.claimaconvict.net/>

Female Factory

<http://www.femalefactory.com.au/convlinks.htm>

Members of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists (NZSG, <http://www.genealogy.org.nz/>) can access The Illustrated London News Historical Archive online from the comfort of your own home. It covers 1842 to 2003.

Go to the NZSG website, log in (this is for members only), then click on "Members Area" in the bar at the top of the page. On the page that comes up, scroll to the end and look for the link in the right-hand bar "Online Newspapers" - click on that. Now you've got a list of all the newspaper archives that can be accessed as an NZSG member - click on the link for the newspaper or archive of your choice, and go searching /browsing/hunting..

www.dalesman.co.nz This is the website of a well known magazine called *The Dalesman* which is published in Skipton, North Yorkshire. In the panel at left side of the home page click on "Family Quest". This is where you can enter details of any family members you are looking for with a Yorkshire connection and also browse through all the thousands of entries that other researchers have entered.

Scottish handwriting assistance

<http://www.scottishhandwriting.com/>