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Next Meeting
6 May 2014
Tuesday 7pm
Dating Apparel in Photographs
Stephanie & Muriel

Mothering Sunday. UK

In England Mothering Sunday, sometimes known as Mother's Day, is held on the fourth Sunday of Lent. It is exactly three weeks before Easter Sunday and usually falls in the second half of March or the beginning of April.

In New Zealand, Mother's Day is celebrated on the second Sunday in May. This is very opportune in Southland when duck shooting is the first weekend in May! The New Zealand tradition is to give cards and gifts and serve their mothers breakfast in bed.

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The Balclutha Museum are planning an evening in October on the Shetland & Orkney Islands. Date will be advised once confirmed.

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FamilySearch and puzzilla

Do you use FamilySearch"s FamilyTree?
Ever wanted a descendant chart to supplement their standard pedigree and fan chart options?
Try https://puzzilla.org/ . It is a website certified by FamilySearch to integrate with their FamilyTree.
Once you have logged in to your FamilySearch account from puzzilla, if your account is linked to your pedigree that is displayed.
Hover over a name to see which ancestor, select one and a descendant diagram is drawn, or use the change person to alter the focus. You can jump from the chart to the tree to make updates.
(Also available from the main page of FamilySearch)

Interesting Websites

Australia

FamilySearch.org has indexed 1 million records from their State of Victoria probate register collection. The collection covers the years from 1841 to 1989 and generally involves wills. A typical record lists the name of person, date of death, address, occupation, date of testament and a declaration. Most wills list names of children, names of heirs, name of the spouse and name of the administrator of the will.
Access is free. Under the collection „State of Victoria Probate Records", and also available directly from the Public Record Office of Victoria -
http://prov.vic.gov.au/wills-and-probate

Ireland
New records for County Armagh

RootsIreland https://www.rootsireland.ie have recently made the following announcement:
"Armagh Ancestry have completed the computerization of 6,327 new Presbyterian, Quaker and Church of Ireland Church records for county Armagh. These have been added to the online research database and are available to research."

Europeana
1914-1918 – untold stories & official histories of WW1

www.europeana1914-1918.eu/en
Europeana 1914-1918 has relaunched their website to better cover the First World War. One of the changes involves collecting from the public previously unpublished letters, photographs and keepsakes from the war. The website has already added 90,000 items and more than 7,000 stories and the collection continues to grow.
The website also contains a substantial collection of over 400,000 pieces of material and 660 hours of film from eight different national libraries.
Most of the material focuses on the human and cultural aspects of the war.
New material is added on a regular basis. There are many things here that would be of interest to genealogists.
Access is free. *Sincere Thanks to Kapiti NZSG Branch*

Work and Life Balance

Do you know what a 'puddler of slub doffer did in his working life. Search http://rmhh.co.uk/occup/index.html

Hokonui Heritage Sunday Duties

It would be wonderful if more members could assist the 7 members who fill the roster for Sunday duties..
It is not a difficult task, and training is available. There will be printed instructions for using the film reader, Ancestry.com and all other data bases on the computers. It is often quiet, and an excellent opportunity to do your own research. If possible come in on a Sunday and observe, but bring your own research because it is often very quiet

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Irish Famine Records

First English translation of important accounts of Irish emigrants to Canada.
The university of Limerick has launched a virtual archive of people's stories from the Great Famine in Ireland in 1840s. It is freely available at
www.history.ul.ie/historyoffamilyfaminearchive

is a translation of records kept by the French-Canadian Sisters of Charity, or Grey Nuns. They cared for the Irish Famine emigrants to Canada in the 'fever sheds' of Montreal during the summer of 1847 and also provided homes for Irish widows and orphans.

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TNA goes to War

www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/first-world-war A major release of WWW unit war diaries. First batch of digitised diaries from France and Flanders. Also launched is Operation War Diary, on online crowdsourcing partnership www.operationwadiary.org which is a combination of the National Archives, & Imperial War Museums. Making the WW1 unit diaries available online allows people across the world to discover daily activities, stories and battles of each unit.

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Illegitimacy was treated differently over and under the old Poor Law (up to 1834). Unmarried mothers-to-be were expected to name the father, and actually coerced to do so. Overseers of the Poor would try to persuade him to marry her, and if he wouldn't, steps were taken to ensure maintenance was paid to avoid the parish having to support the mother and child.

Bastardy documents are held with parish registers and deposited at the record office.

In 1927 adoptions in UK were registered- before that it was an informal matter, with the child being taken by a family, friends or neighbours. Stillbirths were registered in the same year.

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Census returns seldom record any employment of married women outside the home, because it would appear the head of the household could not support her.
Actually many did earn money as dressmaking or taking in washing.
Until 1930 young women had to choose between marriage and a career: as teachers, nurses and civil servants. But they all had to resign from their post when they married.

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Trade Directories

Use these resources for free on the internet and fill in the gaps to help in your research.

The UK censuses from 1841 – 1911 are basic resources but use the trade and Post Office directories for the in between years which date back to the early 18th century, although a London merchants directory exists from 1677 with Henry Kent's annual editions for the city appearing from 1734 – 1828. http://tinyurl.com/np6qace. Scroll down to the Historical Directories of England and Wales and click to gain access.

The University of Edinburgh's addressing History project at http://tinyurl.com/38qj4no is a joint one with the National Library of Scotland which has linked the Post Office directories for Aberdeen and Glasgow in 1881 and 1891, and Edinburgh in 1784, 1865, 1881. 1891 and 1905 with maps for those cities.

Census Finder www.censusfinder.com – various records online, including trad directories- separate sections for England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland, all listed in United Kingdom Census Record's category

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Report of April 2014 Meeting

A large number of members attended, but unfortunately there was no speaker due to a communication glitch. Members had research time, and others were given a training on Sunday duties.
LDS library has NZ wills on line, which are free, but there is a embargo on recent wills, possibly 50 years.
National Archives have WW1 soldiers records, also free.
Forward Planning : A 2 day (1 night) trip to Dunedin in the school holidays to research in National Archives, Library, Hocken and Early Settlers.
A night at St Peters College searching Ancestry.com