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Next Meeting
Hokonui Heritage Center
4th August 2015
Tuesday 7pm
 Elaine Scott - File Organization to sort chaos of clippings, certificates etc

The next version of the NZSG Kiwi collection

The data is under testing at the moment and we are planning to launch this important resource to members on a Flash Drive during Family History Month (August 2015). updates will be available.

Latest PAPERS PAST updates :

- Patea Mail 1875-1903.
- Manawatu Standard 1916-1920 and Manawatu Times 1916-1920.
- Mataura Ensign 1915-1919.
- Nelson Evening Mail 1919-1920.
- Waikato Argus 1896-1914.
- Pukekohe and Waiuku Times 1921-1924 and New Zealander 1853-1866.
- Southland Times 1906-1920

An Online Archive of Nursing Oral History in NZ -
 Posted by Michelle Patient on NZSG Members List
<http://www.nursinghistory.org.nz/index.php/>
An Online Archive of Nursing Oral Histories in NZ

www.railwayancestors.org.uk—Track down your railway ancestors in the UK

Thanks to Stratford Branch

July Meeting 2015 - Cancelled.

This was a very wise decision because of snow, ice and weather conditions. A committee meeting will be held at a later date to organize Michelle Patient and Barbara Wylie's visit to our region which includes speaking in Dunedin, Balclutha and Invercargill.

We are collecting these lovely ladies from Dunedin on Sunday 16th August and hosting them for four nights.

Pot Luck Tea Monday 16th August 6.30pm
Avis McDonald's 53 Frank Street,
All welcome.

Come and meet these two experienced and talented ladies in a relaxed atmosphere.

They will speak at our Gore branch on **Tuesday night 18th August**, and at Invercargill (Southland) Branch on Wednesday 19th August..

Due to ISite being unavailable on 18 August night, LDS has kindly offered us their church hall to meet in.

Michelle Patient – Past NZSG President
Barbara Wylie - Kaitia

When : 18 August 2015.
Time: 7pm
Where: LDS Church, Main Street, Gore
Michelle: "Is It True? the Facts Fun and Fiction of Family History" & Password Tips



Barbara: "The Rest of the Iceberg, researching beyond the Internet"



ALL WELCOME

Please bring a plate for supper

Black Sheep in the family.



Crime, Prisons and Punishment Month is underway and this week's resources are perfect for tracing the black sheep in your family tree. We're bringing you an exciting series of records from the latest additions to our England & Wales Crime, Prisons & Punishment collection with over 1.4 million new records including:

- [Over 625,000 records of convicts on prison hulks, 1824-1854 \(HO 8\)](#)
- [Prison calendars from Newgate in London, 1782-1853 \(HO 77\)](#)
- [Home Office criminal entry books, 1782-1871 \(HO 13\)](#)
- [Over 140,000 additional Metropolitan Police habitual criminal records \(MEPO 6\)](#)

Scotland's People: On 1st January each year an extra year of birth, marriage and death registers is added to their online collection. This year the additions are 1914 births, 1939 marriages, and 1964 deaths.

(Ireland) National archives.ie: Testamentary records from 1923-1951 are available to search by name of the deceased online. This is in addition to the calendars of wills and administrations searchable online for the years [1858-1920](#) and [1922-1982](#).

Australia:

Biographical Database of Australia (BDA).
The BDA database is now online and contains 900,000 records made up of transcripts and indexes of manuscripts and published biographies of deceased individuals who arrived in or were born in Australia from pre-1788 to the 20th century. This site is produced by Malcolm Sainty who was one of the original founders of the former Genealogical Research Directory www.bda-online.org.au

JULY 1915 War Diary

1st July Second Battle of Krasnik begins. Otavifontein (German South-West Africa) is captured by South African forces.
2nd July Action of Gully Ravine (Dardanelles)ends.
Naval action in the Baltic between Russian and German squadrons off the coast of Gotland. The German minelayer "*Albatross*" is driven ashore. The **Munitions of War Act, 1915, becomes law in Great Britain.** Ministry of Munitions formed in Great Britain.
4th July Lahej (South Arabia) taken by Turkish forces. Durazzo occupied by Serbian forces.
7th July First Battle of the Isonzo ends. Italian cruiser "*Amalfi*" sunk by Austrian submarine in the Adriatic.
9th July German South-West Africa capitulates to General Botha.
11th July German light cruiser "*Königsberg*" destroyed in Rufiji River, German East Africa, by British monitors.
12th July British residency at Bushire (South Persia) attacked by Tangistani tribesmen.
13th July Great Austro-German Offensive on Eastern front begins.
Battle of the Narew and Bobr begins. Second Battle of Przasnysz begins.
Battles of Maslomencze and Grabowiec begins..

14th July A Dominion Premier (Sir R. Borden, Canada) for the first time attends meeting of the British Cabinet.

Sherif of Mecca opens direct negotiations with British Government for co-operation against the Turks. Battle of Schaulen begins.

15th July National Registration Act becomes law in Great Britain.

16th July Battle of Krasnostav begins.

17th July Durazzo is evacuated by the Serbian forces at request of Italian Government.

Treaty of alliance signed at Sofia between Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria, Germany, and Turkey. Albania is to be ceded to Bulgaria in return for Bulgarian participation in war.

Battle of Sienna. Second Battle of Przasnysz ends.

18th July Second Battle of the Isonzo begins. Italian cruiser "*Giuseppe Garibaldi*" sunk by Austrian submarine in the Adriatic. Battles of Maslomencze and Grabowiec end. Battle of Krasnostav ends.

19th July Second Battle of Krasnik ends. Battles of Hruhieszow and Wojslawice begin.

20th July Battle of Le Linge (Vosges Mountains) begins.

Battles of the Western Front: 1915 Battles for a Breakthrough

Second Battle of Ivangorod begins.

21st July Ivangorod (Poland) invested by Austro-German forces. Second Battle of Ivangorod ends.

22nd July Bukoba, on Victoria Nyanza (German East Africa), is captured by British forces.

24th July Rozan and Pultusk (North Poland) stormed by German forces.

25th July Nasiriya (Mesopotamia) taken by British forces.

British Government guarantee to Greece eventual cession of Mitylene by Turkey.

26th July Pelagosa Island, in Adriatic, occupied by Italian forces. Battle of the Narew and Bobr end.

29th July Entente Governments warn Montenegro that they will not recognise her occupation of Albanian territory.

Establishment of the East Persia Cordon (Anglo-Russian) begins.

Battle of Biskupice begins.

30th July The Pope sends appeal for peace to belligerent Governments.

Battles of Hruhieszow, Wojslawice and Biskupice end. Battle of Kupischki begins.

31st July Battle of Strelcze (one day).

Thanks to Southland Branch

The British Newspaper Archive

You can now explore 8 million newspaper pages at The British Newspaper Archive

www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk.

While adding editions of the Sheffield Daily Telegraph, Cheshire Observer and The Yorkshire Post and Leeds Intelligencer, the counter on the homepage ticked over to display 8,000,000 pages.

You can see a list of the newspaper titles that have been added or updated in the last 30 days at:

www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/home/

LatestAdditions(From Wanganui Newsletter)

Irish parish registers go online

Towards the end of last year there was a momentous announcement from the National Library of Ireland - they were planning to make all of the Roman Catholic parish registers in their library available online during 2015. And this week they did - you can view nearly 400,000 register pages from over 1000 parishes completely free of charge.

<http://registers.nli.ie/>

WW1 merchant seamen go online

With the help of volunteers working from home, the National Archives have completed a project with the National Maritime Museum to transcribe the Crew Lists and Agreements from the Merchant Navy for 1915. Because there are no surviving files for merchant seamen it's an opportunity to identify family members whose contribution to the war effort might otherwise pass unnoticed.

There are details of 36,000 voyages and 750,000 seamen in the database; you can search the transcribed records free [here](#) (there are no images online).

Tip: The National Archives also has over 155,000 medal index cards for WW1 merchant seamen - you can search them free [here](#), but there is a charge of £3.30 to download an image.

Family Search: View what is available but note some records are only able to be accessed at a Family History Centre.

Find My Past: New records from all over Australia have been added during May. Highlights include over 530,000 additional [Victoria inward passenger lists, 1839-1923](#), over 45,000 [Queensland wills](#) and [Northern Territory births, deaths and marriages](#).

In England over 136,000 records, [City of London Haberdashers, Apprentices and Freemen 1526-1933](#) lists the details of apprentices who trained with the Worshipful Company of Haberdashers in the City of London.

Over 157,000 records with images have been added to the [England & Wales Merchant Navy Crew Lists, 1861-1913](#)

Cairns Family Reunion

Descendants of Timothy and Janet Heddon Bush

To All Cairns Family Members

We feel it is time for a Reunion of Timothy and Janet's Family

WHEN: 24th and 25th October 2015

WHERE: Limehills Rugby Clubrooms

Starting; 10am Saturday 24th at the Clubrooms meet and greet and a cuppa

10.30 Sunday with Church at Winton

We have a Family Fun packed weekend planned so you can meet and reminisce days gone by and remember past loved ones

Timothy and Janet (nee Gilmour)

Timothy came to N.Z 1st November 1874 and married Janet on the 23rd October 1883. They settled at Heddon Bush in the early 1900's

If you have any family Info I would greatly appreciate your help, as if I can fill in the missing gaps I will produce a book after the reunion.

Some of the things I am looking for:

- ❖ Any family info including your own
- ❖ Copies of Birth, Marriage, or Death Certificates
- ❖ Photos
- ❖ Maps or photos of the farm at Heddon Bush
- ❖ War Records and photos
- ❖ Do you know if Timothy had two brothers James and Patrick that came to N.Z

Hope you can help and attend this great weekend.
Rhonda Wilson

NZSG projected change of Rules

Only the Convener, Secretary and Treasurer need to be fully paid members of the NZSG ..



Trace Your Soldier Resources

Avis Smith, Rhonda Wilson and Avis McDonald attended this excellent workshop at the Invercargill Public Library. We each had a computer and very quickly accessed many sites.

Links to Invercargill Library website, but many can be accessed directly.

www.ilibrary.co.nz

Auckland Cenotaph – *many soldiers have photos attached that you can print or save*

Archives NZ World War 1

Ancestry – NZ Military

Kia Mae Toa-com – Southland at Gallipoli 1915-2015 National Library – Research guide, ANZAC's in family blog, and other useful links

NZ History – includes NZ Memorials Register <http://www.nzhistory.net.nz/culture/the-memorials-register>

AJHR'S – Appendices to the Journals of the House of Representatives – NZ Government reports and documents

NZERC - NZ Electronic Text Center. Some full text books on NZ in the First World War.

Research Guides are available on

NZ History Net

National Library

WW100- <http://ww100.govt.nz/>

Sites and sources link also includes links to British Army, Australian Army, European, Soldiers in Calais.

Archives NZ -

<http://archives.govt.nz/research/guides/war>

War letters 1914-1918 <http://warletters.net>

NZ content

Other websites

Discovering ANZAC's –

<http://discoveringanzacs.naa.gov.au>

On the board at Hokonui Heritage Center you can find four pages of **First World War Army Service Records commonly used Abbreviations;**

these often appear to be a foreign language on army records.

There is also a list of relevant World War books. Please feel free to photocopy these sheets.

Some of the WW1 books are at the HHC, but consult Bruce, as they many may be his own personal copies.



Scotland - A 'through stone' is sometimes called a tie stone. It's a larger stone used in the building of a wall or column and goes all the way through the wall or column and "ties" together the levels below and above it. See

<http://encyclopedia2.thefreedictionary.com/through+stone>

Gale newspapers

Did you know that Gale searchable newspapers are available **FREE to NZSG members only** through the society website?

Some of the archives include:

1. Times Digital Archive - 200 years of The London Times
2. 17th & 18th Century Burney Collection - 1,270 newspapers and news pamphlets from the United Kingdom.
3. 19th Century British Library Newspapers - includes papers originating in England, Scotland and Ireland
4. 19th Century US Newspapers - 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
6. 19th Century UK Periodicals Parts 1 & 2
7. Daily Mail Historical Archive, 1896-2004
8. The Sunday Times Digital Archive

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Did You Know-

When reading a bound Ensign newspaper turn the pages with two hands – one on either side of the page/s. These papers are fragile and precious – often the only copy

WW2 Casualties



These records provide information about what happen to soldiers at very specific times during the war. Around 383,000 British men and women in the

forces died in the conflict between 1939- 1945 with a further 150,000 wounded and 180,000 held as prisoners of war. They give the name, rank and service number. Officer service numbers are included. The records are mainly for British Army but do contain troops from elsewhere in the Empire. www.forces-war-records

Findmypast - 2.5 million records from Dublin workhouse. Admission, & discharge Registers and Minute books for 5 years. The records provide a unique view of the impact the mid 19th Century potato famine on all aspects of the Irish population. Thousands of people were in workhouses 1840-1919.