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Next Meeting
 7 February 2017
 Tuesday 7pm
 Research night
 Bring your info on brick walls

December Meeting

It was wonderful to see so many members present for the Christmas dinner at the local RSA restaurant. We hope you have all had a wonderful happy time with your family and now ready to search your ancestors.

The bus trip to Dunedin Archives and Hocken library was excellent, with many wills being read and photographed, Several members filled out appropriate forms for an Archive card so they can pre order wills or material for future trips Lunch was enjoyed at the Hocken Library café, and we all appreciated Rhonda's excellent driving home in the gusty winds.

When ordering wills on line for Archives which have been probated in Invercargill or Dunedin, scroll down to the bottom where Dunedin is listed. I discovered all the names of those people lost in the Tangawai railway disaster 1952.

**“The most meaningful thing about our history
 Is what we learn from it”.**



Remember, if you are using the Gore Borough council cemetery records on line, the left arrow at the top of the page will take you back to the

search option, and you can try for a different name. The hard copies at the Hokonui Heritage Center of the Gore, Mataura, Waikaka, Pukerau, Otaria (closed) cemeteries have more information. ie purchaser and ALL the burials in the plot. The GBC site is excellent, but it is based on the headstones inscription. The photographs are brilliant. Use both for the best results.



research. Please contact Elaine if you are interested

Mosgiel Genealogy meeting 18 February
 Time 2pn - Cost will be \$3
 Transport - mini bus
 Mary Wallace and her husband Dr Keith King will be speaking about DNA and how it may aid us in our genealogy



What are the most important things about your family history”?
 “Sources” “Dates”

No, no, no! the most important things are the stories. The data you discover things from records is relatively unimportant. If you don't find it, the records will still be around for your children, or grandchildren, if they're interested. But don't you wish you could talk to your ancestors and ask them about their lives? The questions that you ask are only incidentally about dates and places, mostly they're about the person. What did they do? What did they think? What sort of lives did they live? So now, turn it around and think about your grandchildren, and imagine that they're asking questions – but you're not around.

If you don't record your memories they'll be lost forever with you. Get them written down while you can! And remember them

A book or booklet has a much better chance of being saved in the future.

Nothing else comes close in importance. Let me repeat my previous message: telling your story, and recording your recollections of those of your family that you knew, is the most important thing you can do in Family History. x *Famnet*

Ancestry DNA passes 3 million tests

This month Ancestry.com announced that the number of DNA tests they had sold had passed the 3 million mark, with 1.4 million sold in the 4th quarter of 2016 alone (compared to 1 million in the WHOLE of 2015).

Apparently over half a million tests were sold on one day alone - Black Friday!

Some gloomy researchers might feel that Black Friday is an appropriate description given the way that DNA testing seems to be taking over from conventional research in the public mind, but for those who have already tested the opportunity to match with so many potential cousins it is an intriguing prospect.

Victoria Petty Sessions records at Findmypast

To celebrate Australia Day Findmypast have released more than 3 million Petty Sessions records for the state of Victoria: the collection includes transcripts and scanned colour images of original registers.

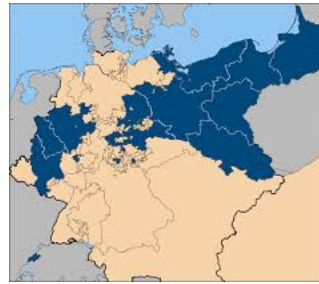
The Petty Sessions dealt with the type of matters that would now be presented at a Magistrates Court; the records cover the period 1854 to 1985

USA Social Security Death Index list most, but not all, deaths - there are over 94 million records for the period 1935-2014 that you can search at Ancestry (most are for the period from 1962 onwards). You can also search the SSDI at Findmypast



Rhonda, Ruth, Avis, Trish, Jo, Jan - Dunedin Archives

Family History Jill GRAEVE



My family history begins in Prussia which became Germany, my **GGGrandfather was Friedrich Teodor Wilhelm Graeve** was born in 1887, it is thought in the village of

Linden. (There were many towns with the same name and Linden was popular at the time) He married Ida Luise Johana Sage, in Hamburg in 1883. (I have been unable to find any record of this but it is recorded on a death certificate for him. Ida was born in Lubeck, Lubeck, Mecklenburgh. 6.April1885.

When they left Germany, many were leaving for a better life, and even if they didn't have permission to leave, it didn't stop them. Many snuck onto ships going to America.

They lived in Australia for a time and that is where my Granddad August Wilhelm Graevewas born in 188 - Melbourne

They consequently moved to New Zealand and Friedrich set up business in Invercargill as a cabinetmaker. After a time they moved to Gore where he setup his cabinetmaking business in Mersey Street, down by where the pool used to be. I had to learn a bit of German to understand some of the records. I joined Ancestry for a year, and have used Familysearch which has been very helpful. On Facebook I meet up with an Eastern European Research group which has ties to Familysearch. I have used other sites.

Google Translate does not work on handwritten Gothic Script which some of the records I found are written in. So I have been unable to read a lot of the records. Many thanks *Jill Graeve*

Archives Dunedin holds an extensive records. i.e. **Railways Dunedin District Engineers Office**

Staff registers (indexed) 1872- 1928

Staff register (no index) 1910 – 1928

Otago Hospital patient registers

Mining – gold – Warden's courts

Hospital patient registers

Otago & Southland land transfers

Complete list available on notice board at the Hokonui Heritage Center.

Ancestry launch UK& Ireland blog

Ancestry have set-up a separate blog for customers whose research interests are primarily in the UK and Ireland. Although the blog has only just launched, Ancestry have thoughtfully added past articles from their main blog which are of particular relevance .

Families in British India Society (FIBIS) has added numerous indexes to its online database at: http://search.fibis.org/frontis/bin/aps_browse_sources.php?mode=browse_components&id=1038

Findmypast

UK special collections

[1841 England, Wales & Scotland census](#)

[Corfe Castle and district 1790 census](#)

[Reveal if your ancestor was born in British India with the British India Office Births & Baptisms](#)

[British India Office births & baptisms](#)

[British Army service records](#)

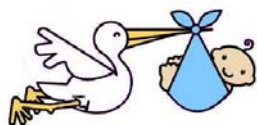
[Royal Navy seamen 1899-1919](#)

[Britain, trade union membership registers](#)

[Powys baptisms](#)

[Britain, school and university register books 1264-1930](#)

Some Maternity Nursing homes - *noted in the birth books*



Nurse Wallace Albany St, Gore; Gordon Private hospital, Rossmoyne Mataura; Nurse McKenzie Wyndham; Nurse Hunt Gore; Nurse Scott Dover St, Mataura; Nurse Colyers, 40 St Andrews St, Invercargill;

Redroofs Dunedin; Nurse Barkers Invercargill, El Nido 61 Duke St, Dunedin; St Helens Invercargill; Nurse Leedin 9 Market St, Dunedin; Nurse Young 131 Gala St, Invercargill; Nurse Shepperd 128 Leet St, Invercargill; Hilljack Dunedin; Quendon Dunedin; Chalmers Strathcona Hospital, Queenstown; 166 Tweed St, Invercargill; Private Hospital 9 Swinton St, Invercargill, St Helens, 100 Nelson St Invercargill; Nurse Ann Russells Invercargill; Sister Gotts, Dover St Dalkeith Mataura and many more

Christmas present from the GRO

Although the PDF trial attracted a lot of attention, the best innovation was the release of the GRO's enhanced birth and death indexes - because they provide researchers who have English or Welsh ancestry with an enormous amount of information that doesn't cost a penny!

Here are some of the many ways these indexes can be used - have you tried them all?

- Identifying missing children revealed by the 1911 Census
- Spotting children of earlier marriages who never appear on a census, not even as a statistic in 1911 - either because they died as infants, or because the family is missing from the only census on which they would have appeared before leaving home
- Finding the birth registrations of the children we already know about in order to confirm their forenames and birth years - there WILL be some surprises!
- Pinpointing the marriages of our female relatives by spotting their children in the birth indexes (see this [Masterclass article](#) for guidance)
- Verifying that the birth registrations for our ancestors' siblings show the same mother's maiden name
- Identifying variant spellings of surnames - they're not always obvious
- Finding elusive death entries

Tip: fewer than 10% of your living relatives have a surname that is one of your ancestral surnames - by tracing the marriages of your female relatives with the help of the enhanced birth indexes you'll greatly expand your tree, and your chances of finding 'lost cousins'

Hint

To avoid confusion when entering records always write the month date as Jan, Feb, Apr Mar etc. Numeral dates in USA are listed in a completely different order. 10 Jan 2017