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Next Meeting
4 October 2011 at 8 pm
Bob Matthews will speak and show the **Oases data base – Arrivals in Otago prior to 1890**

Branch News –September Meeting 2011

As a follow up from last month's speaker, members displayed and spoke of photographs and albums of their ancestors. This included photos of the Mataura Paper mills in 1899, a milking machine engine shed at Edendale of the same era ; a small album with a photo of a great grandmother on a ship which gave her age in 1911; an uncles post card album of places where he fought in WW 2 photographed.

Latter Day Saints films which have been ordered by members and are held at Family History Center and can be viewed at home by members on their own computers for a small charge. This is still coming ?

Congratulations to Heather Bray who is the NZSG Mainland South Regional Educational Co-ordinator. Heather will be brilliant.

Rosalie suggested members create a A3 page of their family for display at 2012 Edendale Crank Up.



Our website is undergoing a change – do go on line and look at the members interests. If you have already submitted your names; information, dates and names may have changed.

Maybe your list would be of more interest to others if the Christian names, birth or death places and approximate dates were listed. *Mine is a long -list of names which is of little use to anyone, but I will remedy that very soon..*

The brickwalls and articles submitted and printed in the newsletters by members over the past year are now on the website. They are searchable by names. Thanks to Liz for tackling this massive task.

Did YOU KNOW???

Fighter pilots and their crews in World War 11 had to survive 30 bombing raids /sorties before being given a safe land job. The chances were seriously stacked against them lasting that long.

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Some Private Nursing Homes in Southland & Otago

These were noted when indexing the birth registers from Gore, Wyndham, Tapanui, Lumsden and all little registration places in between. There will be dozens more birth places not listed. First time mothers often went back to their mother's house to have their first baby but most babies were born at home before circa 1915. Some mothers even went to a hotel!

Nurse Wallace, Albany St Gore
Nurse Scott, Dover St, Mataura
Nurse McKenzie, Malta St, & Lennell St Wyndham
Nurse Hunt, Gore
Nurse Colyer, 40 St Andrews St, Invercargill
Nurse Leedin, Market St, Dunedin
La Rochelle, 97 Elm Rd, Dunedin
Redroofs, Dunblane St, Dunedin
Nurse Barker, Invercargill
Rossmoyne, Mataura
Nurse Young, 131 Gala St, Invercargill
Nurse Shepperd 128 Lee St, Invercargill
Nurse Chalmer, Mataura
St Helens, 100 Nelson St, Invercargill
Gordon Hospital, East Gore
Strathcona Private Hospital, Queenstown.
El Nido Private Hospital, 61 Duke St, Dunedin
Private Hospital, 9 Swinton St, Invercargill
Wharenuia, Clyde St, Balclutha
Nurse Hynchey, 9 Hyde St, Gore
Nurse Finlay, Hall St Edendale
Islay Cottage, Edendale
Nurse Leitch, Wyndham
Nurse Urquhart, Lumsden
Greenways, Winton
Chelsa Home, Winton
Nurse E F Milne
Nurse Hume, 32 Herbert St, Invercargill
Nurse Young, Invercargill
Nurse Kinnon Te Rata 166 Tweed St Invercargill
Any further information of addresses or places is most welcome

Genealogy Hints

THE DO'S AND DON'TS OF GENEALOGY

Do keep record of everything that you do
Do speak to as many living relatives as possible
Do use internet sites with searchable databases
Do find out if other people are researching the same family tree
Do create a form that you can hand out relatives for them to fill in
Do verify any dates with certificates when possible
Do search through obituary columns regularly

DON'T

Don't do things too quickly - a methodical approach to genealogy is much safer
Don't try to use your memory in order to remember dates when talking to people
Don't rely on the internet too much. Some information is not available online and often incorrect.
Don't ever give up - try looking at things from another angle if you are stuck – go sideways

BACK TO BASICS - FAMILY HISTORY TIPS

Interviewing Relatives

You should always begin your family history research with what you and your family knows, before visiting any archives – but remembers that this can stir up some sensitive issues.
Talk to as many family members as you can, but be sensitive– let them speak as they wish (use a voice recorder if they don't mind), and make sure you take comprehensive notes. Talk to them over more than one session if necessary, and ask if they have any old documents such as letters, photographs, medals or awards.

Be Organized

This is one of the golden rules in genealogy.
Always list your resources
When you first start it's easy to keep track, but the further back you go, the more material there is!
Writing that essential piece of information on the back of an envelope is not recommended. It is too easily lost – buy a colourful notebook, number and date it. **When it is full, save it for future reference.**

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 are also lacking in this information. Once again, purchase a later child's birth.

It is possible to discover birth, death & marriage dates on NZ RGO site. Establish the year, then redefine the date from 01/01/?? to 31/01/?? and progress through each month, then eliminate dates until it appears. It does actually work!!

Use FreeCen, FreeBMD and LDS sites on your home computer.

FamilySearch (www.familsearch.org) has reinstated its popular International Genealogical batch numbers in search results.
Unusual occupations in factories in Lancashire Census :- 'turban weaver' & 'loin cloth maker' – for export to India

Ten tips for visiting Archives or Library

Go online and if possible order records to be ready for you
Come prepared – know what you want to find
Put everything on silent – cellphones, laptop
Make a note in your note book of all you find, or don't
Make a copies – it will help you remember later.

Researching in Scotland

In Scotland you may occasionally find words in session records that are written in Scots – i.e. relict for 'widow', eodem die – 'on same day'

www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk - official resource for Scottish genealogy. Searching on line indexes is free

<http://endina.ac.uk/stat-acc-scot> Statistical Accounts of Scotland. This provides perfect backdrop to understanding parish life

www.nas.gov.uk/onlinecatalogue - Kirk Sessions which have survived. Kirk sessions are the equivalent of the Anglican church's vestry. If possible check the session registers – even if you don't suspect anything unusual. Illegitimacy was seriously frowned on and the mother often had to do penance in church for several Sundays.

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WEBSITE WATCH

Aberdeen & North East Scottish family History Society

<http://www.anceshus.org.uk>

www.findmypast ship passengers records leaving UK.

www.ellisisland.org – 12 million immigrants from 1892-1954 arrived at Ellis Island New York. They were all subjected to stringent health checks for any contagious diseases. Originally kept in metal pens but later waited on wooden benches, or on the ships for hours and days.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_museums_in_England

Industrial museums

www.historicaldirectories.org find you ancestors occupations

West Yorkshire & Dorset - over 10 million parish records from 1538 to 1980 [.ancestry.co.uk/Yorkshire](http://www.ancestry.co.uk/Yorkshire)

Deceased Online Additions include -40,000 records from 1871-1994 Romford, Essex; 175,000 from Northamptonshire- 40,000 from Aberdeenshire www.ancestry.co.uk – Dorset Wills

<http://catalogue.postalheritage.org.uk/dserve/bpmadocs/memorials.htm> - war memorials in Britain www.postalheritage.org.uk 95,000 searchable records

www.ancestry.com.au Ann Bronwell's NZ Electoral rolls 1853 – 1981 *Thanks to Bruce for creating a brilliant flow chart to assist members with this.*

Jeni Simpson Family

One of the families I am researching is my mother's LIVINGSTON/E family.

Dugald LIVINGSTONE, my g-grandfather, b. 1851, Appin, Argyll, Scotland d. 1920 at Simon's Pass Station, near Twizel, South Canterbury. Dugald had been a shepherd in Argyll and travelled to New Zealand on board the 'Adamant' leaving Gravesend 14 July 1875 and arriving 02 December 1875 in Bluff. Dugald married Annie McIVOR, b. 1851 in Glen Orchy, Argyll, Scotland, at the Registry Office, Riverton, 24 Jan 1879.

Dugald and Annie had 5 children:

Dugald John LIVINGSTON, b. 27 October 1879, Riverton, m. Florence Emily FISHER, d. 23 Jan 1933, at Fortification;

Duncan Charlton LIVINGSTON [my grandfather] b. 01 January 1881, Riverton, Southland, m. Alice Louisa ROSS, 3 Apr 1912 at the home of her parents, Three Springs Station, Kimball, South Canterbury. Alice was the daughter of Hugh ROSS and Louisa CHRYSTAL. Duncan d. 28 August 1952 in Mataura;

Annie LIVINGSTON, b. 13 July 1883, Riverton, m. William Boyd STEVENSON, 1906. Annie d. 1966 at Upcot Station, Marlborough;

Angus Ewan LIVINGSTON, b. 1885, d. 14 May 1954 while mustering at Benhopai Station, Marlborough;

Lillie Vyner LIVINGSTON, b. 25 July 1886; d. November 1886. Lillie has only recently been found via our NZ BMD site when I searched for births of the children of Dugald and Annie and found this one extra child. It was only when I searched the records on the Southland District Council website for deaths of LIVINGSTON that I found Lillie was buried in Lumsden. At the time of her birth, Dugald was working at Five Rivers Station in Five Rivers and Lumsden was the nearest town. I telephoned the SDC and was informed this child was, indeed, a child of Dugald and Annie and that the grave was bought by Dugald. Upon checking a book about Five Rivers Station, I found the Station Manager was one Philip Vyner, which may explain Lillie's middle name;

Charles Murdoch LIVINGSTON, b. 1887, m. Alice Frances Amy KEACH, 1915. Charles was killed in action on 20 September 1916 and is buried in Heilly Station Cemetery, Mericourt-L'abbe, France.

Dugald and Annie are buried in Timaru, South Canterbury.

My grandfather, Duncan LIVINGSTON, m. Alice Louisa ROSS on 03 April 1912 at Three Springs Station, Kimball, South Canterbury. Duncan d. in

Mataura on 28 August 1952. At some stage Alice and Duncan moved south to Northern Southland. Alice d. 28 July 1949, Invercargill.

Duncan and Alice had 6 children:

Annie Louisa LIVINGSTON, Otautau, 04 February 1913. Nan married Roy MCVICAR at St Pauls Church, Invercargill, 18 December 1940. Nan died on 03 May 1993. Nan and Roy MCVICAR settled in Mataura. They had three children;

Duncan Hugh Ross LIVINGSTON [Hugh], b. Mount Linton Station, 20 April 1914. Hugh d. Seacliff Hospital, 18 February 1944;

William Charles LIVINGSTON [Charlie] b. Otautau, 5 February 1916. Charlie was a private in the New Zealand Machine Gun Battalion and was killed in action on 20 July 1942 and is buried at El Alamein Cemetery in Egypt;

Eileen Alice LIVINGSTON [my mother] b. 8 March 1920. Eileen m. Gordon Strachan SIMPSON at First Church, Invercargill, 16 October 1946. Eileen and Gordon SIMPSON lived in Invercargill. Eileen d. 05 May 1985 in Christchurch. They had five children;

Lloyd John Murdoch LIVINGSTON b. Invercargill, 30 January 1922, m. Mona KING, d. Clyde, Central Otago, 3 November 1969. Lloyd and Mona lived in Gore;

Chrystal Hayes LIVINGSTON b. Invercargill, 23 September 1924. Chrys m. Ngaire Elizabeth TAYLOR, 20 December 1960, d. 1995, Twizel. Chrys and Ngaire lived in Ashburton, Canterbury. They had two children.

At the time of my mother's birth in 1920, the family were farming at Titiroa, near Waimahaka. I know Duncan, along with a Miss BOYD, bought Fairlight Station near Garston in 1919 and Nan began her schooling in 1920 at Waimahaka and in 1921 she attended school in Garston. At some stage Nan also attended school in Kimball, South Canterbury. I have yet to ascertain the movements of this family.

MERCHANT NAVY ARCHIVES One million 20th century Merchant Navy Seamen records (**British**)

www.findmypast.co.uk/search/merchant-navy-seamen

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Scottish Post Office directories (Free)

<http://www.nls.uk/family-history/directories/postoffice>

Scottish Post Office directories provide a perfect base for researching family or town history. Annual directories include an alphabetical list of a town's or county's inhabitants, called a general directory, enabling you to easily find out where people lived at a certain time. Online you can now access 694 directories 1773 to 1911, covering 28 of Scotland's towns and counties. The number in brackets with each place name is the number of directories available.

1. Tracing your family history is like growing potatoes, the best part is underground x Elaine Scott

2. When writing the story of your life, don't let anyone else hold the pen.