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Next Meeting
2 Jul 2013
Tuesday 8pm
Choosing Genealogy Software
What are the differences
Jeni Simpson.

June Meeting Report

In the absence of our Convener, Elaine Scott chaired the Annual General meeting with skill and aplomb. All positions remained as before, so the meeting was quick and painless. A discussion followed on thoughts and wishes for the programme next year. Voting for the member who gave the most time, energy, enthusiasm to the group was held for the Pam Milne & Noeline Shaw Rose Bowl, and will be presented at the meeting.

Winter has arrived and while it is cold outside, this is a good time to assess your goals in your research.

Do you know who were the witnesses for your parents wedding,.. were they relatives or friends or strangers off the street?. Where did your parents live, is the house still standing, do you have a photo of it (before some louse knocks it down) or can you locate a photo of it with your lovely old aunt? (before she dies), What make of cars did they own, pets, and their names.

If you print off your main line of research, the missing information and gaps will appear.

Consider writing a book starting with yourself. It doesn't have to be a large production, and can easily be achieved inexpensively on your own computer. All the information is in your brain.. Easy peasey.

Identify them with names, date, place, and scan them in. Use a plastic file folder and you can add to your book as you remember more events.

Where were you born, who was the Dr, where did you go to school, your favourite subject, best friend, how many pupils, how did you get to school, walk bike, bus, did you go to Brownies, St Johns, ballet, Highland dancing, music speech, competitions, swimming – who were the teachers. Did you work, attend University, go nursing, teaching or? Where did you meet your husband, first date with him.. When and where did you marry, live.

The questions are endless,, the sky is the limit, and one day your family will love you for taking the time and writing it down.

Tip of the Day

Common Genealogy Acronyms

BDM's – Birth, Death, Marriages
UK use BMD- Birth, Marriage Death
RGO = Register General Office
FRC – Family History Centre
NZSG – NZ Society of Genealogists
C – circa
Do – (on census) – ditto
Dsp - died without issue
Par – parish
Rel – relict
LDS – Latter Day Saints –Mormon Church
Chr- Christened
Cod–codicil
Dec- deceased
Bap – baptized

Brydone

This farming community 2kms past Matura, is named after the founder of NZ dairy industry, Thomas Brydone who immigrated from Scotland in 1868. He was involved in the first frozen meat shipment from NZ ,and the scientific farming methods of using fertilizer. The large nursery was established on the Brydone straight because of the depth of top soil. As we whizz past at 100kms imagine when there was a primary school 1905-2007, (closed with 6 pupils), dairy factory 1904-1990. Presbyterian church 1931-1988, store & P O 1906-1973, railway siding 1905-1970, a Public hall, and many houses. Sadly only the dairy factory and War Memorial remain. The names of the soldiers who died in both World Wars are available on:

<http://www.nzhistory.net.nz/media/photo/brydone-war-memorial> (and the names of those who returned).



Irish Research - KINCH

Researching in Ireland, the family names CHRYSTAL and KINCH



Thank you to Avis for pointing me in the right direction. Since I clicked on that Irish-genealogy-toolkit link the dam has burst and heaps of info has come flooding in to bring down some of those brick walls.

Having a name like CHRYSTAL isn't easy when researching in Ireland. The family migrated from Ayrshire, Scotland prior to 1845 and settled in Gort in County Galway. I managed to find George CHRYSTAL working as Estate Manager on Lough Cutra Estate near Gort in 1846. He died in Gort in 1881 and his occupation is stated as Land Steward.

Family have been to Gort and done a little research over there. I have a photograph of the grave at Gort Cemetery with George, his wife Anne ms LIVINGSTONE, and one of their children, Robert David.

In memoriam George Chrystal. A native of Ayrshire Scotland. Died 30th May 1881 Aged 72. And Anne his beloved wife Died 12th February 1872 aged 54. Also their son Robert David died 24th April 1872 Aged 20. "Until the Day Dawn"

I was given some info on this family through my cousin who had done much research on them. She had managed to find a brother to my great grandmother, Louisa Margaret CHRYSTAL who emigrated to New Zealand in 1878, I think with others who arrived on an alien spaceship! I have not found her on shipping lists at this stage.

From Irish Times Ancestry Search, I received the following information:

Louisa Chrystal, daughter of George Chrystal and Anne Chrystal, was born in Gort, Kiltartan civil parish, Galway around 1849. She didn't marry in Ireland. Some of her children were born outside Ireland, but you don't have details. [I didn't give details]

Her brothers and sisters were :

William , (c1846); Elizabeth , (Nov 1846); George , (Jul 1848) and Robert , (1852)

She left Ireland. She went to New Zealand.

First, you should keep in mind that there are at least 4 variant spellings of Chrystal - Christal, Christle, Cristle, Chrystal [there is also Crystal], - and records of Louisa Chrystal may be listed under any (or all) of these. However, Irish (Gaelic) spellings are rare in records before 1900.

Louisa married Hugh Ross, from Lairg in Sutherlandshire, in 1880 at Sherwood Downs, near Fairlie, Canterbury, New Zealand.

In my research, I found out that Louisa had a brother, also emigrated to New Zealand. William Livingstone CHRYSTAL was a detective in Christchurch and is buried beside the main door of the lovely historic Holy Trinity Church in Avonside, Christchurch, New Zealand, along with his wife Kate ms

MCMENAMIN. The family of William did not know any of his siblings had come to New Zealand, and, of course they couldn't find anyone in a current phone book because it was his sister, and they disappear once they marry, and Louisa married three years after arriving in New Zealand.

Trying to find out what happened in Ireland was difficult, the name didn't show up much, except in Family Search where I managed to find some of the children of George and Anne. The one boy left behind is buried with his parents and there was one other sibling left in Ireland, a sister. How to find Elizabeth and what became of her? Again, with help from Family Search, I found a marriage to Frederick Henry KINCH in 1871. I managed to find some children, however, with a link from Avis' June 2013 newsletter, I managed to find more children and what became of them up until the 1911 Irish census. I clicked on the link for irish-genealogy-toolkit and from there another link to the Irish census.

I found Elizabeth, 54, and Fredk KINCH, 60, residing in a house at 7 in Dunmahon (Haggardstown, Louth)
Children: Alice Chrystal, 25; Frederick Henry, 23; Herbert Chas [Charles], 16 and Gerald Victor, 13

Herbert Chas and Gerald Victor were new to me, so a plus finding this on the census. I have not been able to find Mildred on the 1901 census yet.

On that same 1901 census residing in a house at 4.1 in Mount (Mullingar Urban, Westmeath)

Head of Household: Wyke Patterson SMITH, 41
Lodgers: William Edward ALLEN, 21; George Livingstone KINCH, 21 and Henry Reginald ALLEN, 16

I also was able to find a piece on Frederick in Armagh Clergy and Parishes - Being an account of the Clergy of the Church of Ireland.

1872— Frederick Henry Kinch, B.A., mst. Dec. 3 (D.R.) ; res. in 1874 for Hejniestown, q.v.

[I wonder whether this might be Haggardstown, census images read similarly]

The Irish Census has some wonderful extras such as a family report, a house and building report and an enumerators abstract which gives extra details such as how many rooms, how many out buildings, how many living at that address, whether they could read and/or write, whether English and Gaelic speakers etc. When I found the image of the census, I hadn't realized, at first, there were further images to check so went back and found these treasures.

The 1911 census found Elizabeth KINCH, 64, residing at a house, 19, in Bishopgate Street (Mullingar North Urban, Westmeath)

Children: George Livingstone, 31 and Gerald Victor, 23

I was able to find more of the children, now adults, in the 1911 census.

As a Companion in the house of Anna Maria FLEURY, 55, and residing in a house, 2, in Glenwood (Glanworth East, Cork) Daughter, Marie Annaline Fleury, 32, niece, Fanny Isabella FLEURY, 38, Companion, Emma KINCH and servants, Mary MAHONY, 22, and Minnie POWER, 17

As a Governess to Children in the house of Claude, 39 and Meloria, 30, WILSON and Residing in a house 37 in Doolargy (Ravensdale, Louth), was Alice KINCH.

Children: Kathleen, 10; Wilfred, 9; Norah, 7; Lytton, 4; and Claude, 2

Governess - Alice KINCH, 35; Visitor - Arthur CROLY, 29 and Servants - Mary BRINNAN, 33; Maggie FITZPATRICK, 22; Mary Anne FITZPATRICK, 26 and Mary MAGUINNESS, 28

By the 1911 census, Frederick Henry KINCH, 33, was married to Gertrude Norah, 30, and residing at 5 in Killymuck (Salterstown, Londonderry) along with Servant Margaret EWINGS, 12.

The census return image shows Frederick and Gertrude had been married two years. It was in viewing the images, not the transcripts, that I realised all these family members were the ones from the family I am researching, they were all born Louth except, as in the case of Emma, who was born in Armagh. Ages were correct for all.

I added a message to the Dublin board on rootschat that was transferred to the Ireland-General board and from there, I have Gertrude Norah FRAZER, born 30 Mar 1881, Dublin, to David and Anne FRAZER. From page 328 in the book, Armagh Clergy and Parishes I was given the following information - *1907— Frederick Henry Kinch, Lic. Dec. 31 (D.R.), son of late Rev. F. H. Kinch, of Heynestown ; ord. D. 1902 ; P. 1903 ; C. Christ Church, Cockermouth 1902-6 ; Asst. Chapl. S. African Ch. Railway Mission 1906-7; m. 9 Sep., 1908, Norah, dau. of David Frazer, of St. Albans, Dalkey, Co. Dublin.* This confirms the maiden surname of Gertrude Norah KINCH.

Further searching found Frederick Henry KINCH in Crockford's Clerical Directory KINCH, Frederick Henry.—R. of Loughgall, Dio. Arm. from 1931. Loughgall is a diocese in County Armagh.

I finally found Mildred residing in house 13 in Omard (Ballymachugh, Cavan) with head of household being Clara E MOTHERWELL. Also residing in that house were Clara's father, John KEANE, 79, and her sister, Sophia KEANE, 32. Mildred was visiting that evening and the Servants were John HEADFORD, 24 and Mary FOX, 21. The transcription showed no age for Mildred, however, looking closely at the image, I see it could be 28.

Having this extra information was useful and I was able to google the family in Louth. Finding an index of MI's from County Louth was handy, now, to find the actual transcriptions. Kinch Alice Chrystal, Haynestown (New), H&B ; Kinch Elizabeth (Chrystal), Haynestown, JCLAHS 1993; Kinch Emma

Louisa Anne, Haynestown (New), H&B; Kinch F.H. (Rev.), Haynestown (New), H&B; Kinch Frederick Henry Revd., Haynestown, JCLAHS 1993 and Kinch Gerald Victor, Haynestown (New), H&B and, Kinch Herbert Charles (Bertie), Haynestown, JCLAHS 1993. (New) refers to the new cemetery, I believe.

From my research on the 1901 and 1911 censuses some questions came about. I then went to Rootschat where I was given many transcriptions from the Irish Times newspaper. I was also given a link to the register of the marriage of Gertrude Norah KINCH's parents marriage and a link to the Rev Frederick Henry KINCH's 1907 will. I was given the children of David and Annie FRAZER ms HUGHES in the Irish Times BMD information and was able to build upon that information especially going back to the 1901 and 1911 census' and finding them there. Luckily, one of the replies from Rootschat was from a woman with a subscription to the Irish Times. She has offered to do some research in Dublin for me in the future.

Late one evening, searching Elizabeth Chrystal +Frederick Henry Kinch found me their marriage in 1871 along with the registration image!
<http://churchrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/details/ea45cb0557286>

Sharing this information gathered over the weekend with my cousin, she was able to tell me she, too, wasn't sitting around and she sent me new information on a brother of Elizabeth KINCH, George Livingstone CHRYSTAL who emigrated to Roma, Queensland, Australia and was Town Clerk of Roma for many years. His son, Robert Livingstone CHRYSTAL was Town Clerk of the same town in 1917. She also found a brother of George, Lewis William CHRYSTAL, a man we haven't heard of before now, residing in Roma for a time, too. Lew is buried in Lutwyche Cemetery, Brisbane. I think this 'brother' would likely be a son of George. Still need to check this out. A book, excerpts sent from Roma to my cousin, states he is a brother of George, he died age 61 in 1954. Now to find out whether another Lewis CHRYSTAL lived in Roma and was the brother or George.

Thank you Jeni for an excellent article

NZ PapersPast have added the following

- [Hutt Valley Independent \(1911-1919\)](#)
- [Lyttelton Times \(1866-1869\)](#)
- [Manawatu Standard \(1911-1912\)](#)
- [Manawatu Times \(1909-1911\)](#)
- [Nelson Evening Mail \(1910-1918\)](#)
- [North Otago Times \(1901-1918\)](#)
- [Upper Hutt Weekly Review \(1935-1939\)](#)
- [Waihi Daily Telegraph \(1904-1909\)](#)
- [Waikato Times \(1893-1895\)](#)
- [Wairarapa Daily Times \(1879-1901\)](#)

The Timaru Herald will be online up to 1920, projected date is sometime in August 2013.

<http://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/cgi-bin/paperspast>

Build your bibliography- it works

<http://natlib.govt.nz/publications-new-zealand-bibliography>

Otago Daily Times 26 May 1919, Page 6 The Military Defaulters List

<http://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/cgi-bin/paperspast?a=d&d=ODT19190526.2.61&srpos=30>

National Library and the folks in Timaru

<http://natlib.govt.nz/librarians/national-library-services/collaborative-dig>

Tony Gott's Shetland site has moved

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

The Irish Newspapers on NZSG Website.

Is a stand-alone website available to NZSG members directly from the member's area of the NZSG Website.

The list of newspapers ranges from the 1700's to the present and includes national newspapers plus local papers. These are a great resource for both local history and family history research

The important thing to note is that this service is only available for a short time. The Society's subscription will expire in July, so why not do all your Irish searching this weekend?
X to Hutt Valley Branch

NZ SOLDIERS IN THE GREAT WAR - ONWARD PROJECT -



The *Onward Project* has the aim to publish a photograph of every member of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force that served

overseas between 1914 and 1918. We have been asked to make a plea for photographs on their behalf at our local branch meetings. They have already published the first volume of 4100 portrait photographs. With 103,000 photos to find it is a huge job, but with the help of many they are making progress!

The project is recognized by the government's WW100 official commemoration programme - a century on from WWI. Here is a link to their website where people can send images, and also explains a little more about the project: Phil Beattie & Matt Pomeroy -

<http://www.fairdinkumbooks.com/#!news-and-events/c1pz>

X Canterbury Branch

ENGLISH BIRTHS, DEATHS, MARRIAGES, ETC -

www.Dustydocs.com is a website which brings together

all the online records available for each parish, and you may be surprised at how many different databases are "out there" for you to check. *From Palmerston North newsletter*



AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY

Independence Day, commonly known as the *Fourth of July*, is a federal holiday in

the United States commemorating the adoption of the *Declaration of Independence* on July 4th, 1776, declaring independence from the Kingdom of Great Britain.

Independence Day is commonly associated with fireworks, parades, barbecues, carnivals, fairs, picnics, concerts, baseball games, family reunions, and political speeches and ceremonies, in addition to various other public and private events celebrating the history, government, and traditions of the United States.

In San Jose, California rocket fireworks are banned due to wooden shingles on the house roofs. *Independence Day* is the national day of the United States.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Independence_Day_\(United_States\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Independence_Day_(United_States))



SCOTTISH PROPERTY VALUATION ROLLS FOR 1895 GO ONLINE

"New records reveal a colourful picture of Victorian society in Scotland."

The names of more than two million

Scots from the late Victorian age will be published on 28th May, as records of Scottish properties and their owners and occupiers in 1895 are released on *ScotlandsPeople*, the government's family history website.

Called the Valuation Rolls, the records give an insight into Scottish society during that period, and will be a major resource for genealogists.

The records comprise more than two million indexed names and over 75,000 digital images, covering every kind of building, structure or property in Scotland that was assessed as having a rateable value.

The 1895 Valuation Rolls are available on the *ScotlandsPeople* website (www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk), and at the *ScotlandsPeople* Centre in Edinburgh, and will help to bridge the gap between the 1891 and 1901 censuses. (*The 1905 rolls were released earlier this year.*)

Thanks to Canterbury Branch -

Alexandra NZSG Branch

1 day seminar, at Alexandra, 13 August 2013. Cost 10, Speakers:

Diane Loosle from Utah

Mike Higgins from Auckland and

Michelle Patient- NZSG President

More info next month