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Next Meeting
Latter Day Saints church
Main Street Gore
3 November 2016
Tuesday 7pm
FamilySearch.org demonstration
Please bring your own Flash drive

September meeting 2016

Noeline Shaw spoke of her early life in the North Island, people she knew, farming, 'big sheds with many records and photos , writing her books in long hand before giving them to a publisher to set up and publish.

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Websites

FindMyPast

British Army Worldwide Index 1851
OVER 156,000 RECORDS of 300 regiments around Ireland, Jamaica, Canada, Greece and many more countries. You can discover your ancestor's service number, rank and regiment, as well as where their regiment was serving at the time the record was created.

Irish Billion Graves Cemetery Index

New articles: 372,826
Total titles: Irish Times, Weekly Irish Times, Waterford Standard
Covering: International, national and local affairs
Discover: The reality of life in historic Ireland

Scotland Billion Graves Cemetery Index

Scotland Billion Graves Cemetery Index
 New records: 10,021
Total pages: 82,782
Covering: GPS-tagged headstone and burial records from across the country
Discover: Name, birth date, death date, cemetery, city, county, image link

Wales Graves Cemetery Index

Wales Graves Cemetery Index
 New records:670
Total records: 52,369
Covering: GPS-tagged headstone and burial records from across the country
Discover: Name, birth date, death date, cemetery, city, county, image link

United States Billion Graves Cemetery Index

 New records: 1,471,033
Total pages: 13,287,354
Covering: GPS-tagged headstone and burial records from across the country
Discover: Name, birth date, death date, cemetery, city, county, image link

Canada Billion Graves Cemetery Index

 New records: 110,789
Total records: 857,070
Covering: GPS-tagged headstone and burial records from across the country
Discover: Name, birth date, death date, cemetery, city, county, image link

Australian Graves Cemetery Index

New records:107,963
Total records: 1,227,426
Covering: GPS-tagged headstone and burial records from across the country
Discover: Name, birth date, death date, cemetery, city, county, image link

New Zealand Billion Graves Cemetery Index

New records:16,933
Total records: 129,307
Covering: GPS-tagged headstone and burial records from across the country
Discover: Name, birth date, death date, cemetery, city, county, image link

Findmypast

230,000 Staffordshire parish records
782,000 Old Bailey records -1674-1913
500,000 Nonconformist records England & Wales
4 million USA Marriages
Inward immigration Victoria,Australia.
USA Immigration records

Maps.nsl.uk further 150 estate maps South-west Scotland From 1750- - 1840

https://www.llgc.uk/index.php?id=6670
Wales – crew lists 1856-1914 for vessels registered at port Aberystwth (what a nightmare name)

Ancestry.co.uk
 3.2 m electoral registers. Bexley, Kent 1734-1965
62,000 merchant seamen's deaths 1939-1953
Probate records from 1973-1995 have been added to the National Probate Calender for England and Wales

Familysearch.org More that 1m parish records from Sussex, cemetery registers 1797 – 2004 for Oldham cemetery – see meeting notice top right corner

Irish BMD- records now online.
Republic of Ireland released births over 100 years ago, marriages 75 years ago, deaths 50 years ago.
www.irsihgenealogy.ie.
This site had an index family but this release adds images of records which can be downloaded as PDF's. There are also some records from Northern Ireland at this site, placing it in competition with paid site **https://geni.nidirect.gov.uk**

Irish criminals 1861-1893- Police gazettes
http://search.ancestry.co.uk/seaerch/db.aspx?dbid=61046
http//findmypast.co.uk/search-world-records/Ireland-outrage-reports-1836-1840

Barnardo's Archive & family history
http://bit.ly/2ckbSeu
www.barnados.org.uk/forstering

www.wharfedalefhg.org.uk Wharfedale family History – 100 war memorials

Historical newspapers are a fantastic resource for all family historians.

Not only do they give context to your ancestor's life but they often include birth, marriage and death announcements, local business advertisements and community news, perfect for adding new details to your family tree.

Start broad with a name or keyword and then filter by date, location, newspaper title or article type

Remember the wonderful resource of Southern Standard and Mataura Ensign newspapers (hard copies and film 1920-1940) held at Hokonui Heritage Center.

Many of these papers have been indexed by the Historical society ladies many years ago, and latterly by a volunteer who is working on Ensign 1946. These deaths, memoriams (to many local soldiers who were killed in WW2), obituaries and marriages are also entered on the computer.

All donated Funeral Service sheets are held in the named metal filing system on the left as you enter Hokonui Heritage Center.
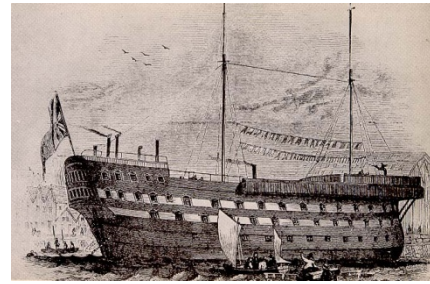
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Australian Transportation.

This was used as punishment for the minor or major brushes with the law. Convicts were shipped to penal colonies in America, (from1615 until the War of Independence) West Indies, Australia and Tasmania.
Originally it was used as an alternative to the death sentence. Following the swing riots in1830 – 1831 19 prisoners were executed, and 500 of the 600 who were imprisoned were transported to penal colonies.

Towards the end of 18th century British prisons became extremely overcrowded.

In late 18 century 160,000 convicts were sent to Australia. They would have experienced hardship and deprivation; in the notorious prison hulks (1776) in the Thames river while they awaited transportation.
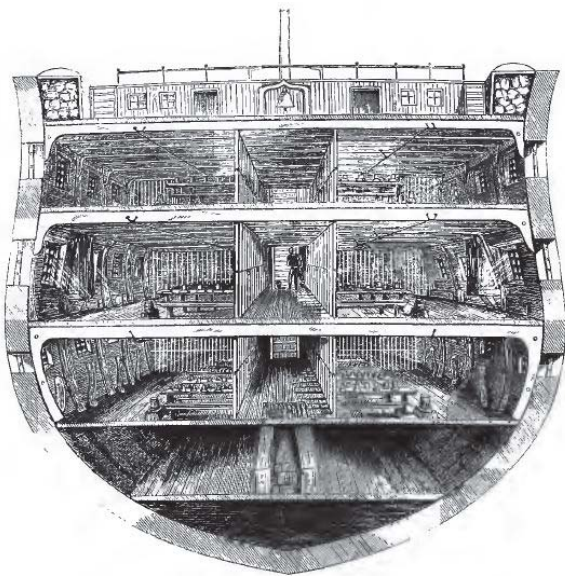

Prison Hulk ship

Sentences from 5 years to life, but were usually 7 years. There were no limits on ages, and some children were as young as nine years.

Interior of Defence hulk1862

SECTIONAL VIEW OF THE INTERIOR OF THE "DEFENCE" HULK.

The sea journey was perilous to say the least. On 13 May 1787, the First Fleet of 550 male convicts and 200 female convicts, plus crew set sail for Botany Bay.
They landed at Sydney Cove. January 1788 and declared New South Wales a British colony. Transportation continued until 1840, after which convicts were sent to Western Australia. Over

67,000 prisoners were transported to Tasmania, then known as Van Deimen's Land.

1597 Vagabonds Act authorizes dangerous criminals to overseas colonies, reprieve from death sentence

1615 Privy Council Order permits the extradition of convicts settlements in North America – Virginia and Maryland

1717 Transportation Act empowers the Brithish courts to sentence convicts to 7 years to North America

1776 Transportation of convicts to America ends after the War of Independence. They are sentenced to imprisonment with hard labour

1776 Parliament sanctions the use of decommissioned ships as 'floating prisons'. First convicts are put on prison hulk *Justicia*

1784 MP William Eden raises the issue of overcrowding in British prisons

1787 First Fleet of convicts sail for Botany Bay, New South Wales- this lasts to 1840

1853 The Penal servitude Act replaces transportation with imprisonment with hard labour for those sentences of less than 14 years

1857 Transportation is abolished for all convicts, including those with long sentences. Despite the ban the practice continues for another decade.

1868
The final convict ship arrives in Western Australia, bringing the total of male and female convicts sent there to 162,000

The Floating Brothel

In July 1789 convict ship *Lady Juliana* left Plymouth destined for Botany Bay, New South Wales. Its sole cargo consisted of 237 female convicts, who were transported to **meet the needs** of the men already there. Mostly London prostitutes, they arrived 309 days later with only five deaths en route.

Top Three Transportation Websites

Port Cities UK - www.portcities.org.uk features maritime history of various British ports. Life aboard hulks, conditions, food, clothing.

Black Sheep Search www.black-sheep-search.co.uk – focuses on convicts following Swing Riots 1839-31. Descriptions of specific convict ships, Eliza and Eleanor.

Digital Panopticon – Through the collaboration of several universities this project is bringing together UK and Australian datasets, in order to examine the impact of the different type of penal plunishments on the live so 66,000 people sentenced at the Old Bailey between 1780 and 1925. Drawing on information from family history and criminal just sources, and nusing data mapping and live course analysis, the study explors the consequences of punishment on health, employment opportunities, family life and likelihood of further criminal offences. www.digitalpanopticon.org

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Ways to Trace Your Convict Ancestors

www.convictrecords.co.au **S**earch the registers 1787 – 1867 by surname, year of transportation, ship name. There are over 600 convicts named John Smith!

www.records.nsw.gov.au/archives/collections-and-research/guies-and-indexes/convicts-guide The earliest convicts to NSW can be the most difficult to trace. The State Records Office of NSW digitized a large collection of convict 'Indents' from 1788 to 1840 which users can search and view free. The indents usually show the name of the transported, the UK country they came from, dates for trial and sail, the ship they came to Australia on – some of the most important information you will need to take your research further.

www.femaleconvicts.org.au/ If official resources show nothing, genealogical groups in Australia can provide comprehensive information on convicts. Sites and & resources run by volunteers can be the key to unlocking a particular ancestors journey. Sites such as the Female Convict Research Centre in Tasmania can provide details that go past the official record = i.e members stories, private photos and information about life past conviction.

www.linc.tas.gov.au/family-history/Pages/Convict-life.aspx **–for a list of** convict records & research guides on line. Search by name, ship or place. A name search will return convicts & free migrants, convict events & civil records. You can view & save to download, print or share.

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ScotlandsPlaces is now completely FREE

When the ScotlandsPlaces website first launched in 2010 it was free, but when more records were added in 2013 a subscription was introduced (£15 for 3 months). It's now completely free once again!

Records at ScotlandsPlaces include a variety of historical tax rolls, mostly from the late 17th and 18th centuries, and Ordnance Survey name books (which are primarily concerned with place names, but sometimes give the name of an owner or occupier).

Great news - the Scotland 1881 census is now FREE!

Have you tried the revamped ScotlandsPeople site? When you do, you'll discover that not only are search results free (you used to pay for each page), you can now search and view the LDS transcription of the Scotland 1881 census completely free. This is great news - because it means it won't cost a cent to get the information you need in order to search for your cousins, **whether your ancestors lived in England, Wales, Jersey, Guernsey, the Isle of Man, or Scotland!**

If you don't already have a ScotlandsPeople account you'll need to register (but you won't be expected to provide payment details); if you have registered previously, but haven't logged-in since the site was updated you'll be required to choose a new password.

Once you're into the site choose *Advanced Search* and click *Census returns*

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