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Next Meeting
 2 May 2017 - Tuesday 7pm
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 Research Night.
Bring your problems, queries, pedigree sheets, iPads or laptops.
 We would love to assist you.

Annual General Meeting Report May 2017

This had to be the most rapid AGM in history. Well done to our super efficient Convenor and Secretary – Elaine and Vicki. All positions remain the same. Congratulations to Elaine on winning the Milnes / Shaw Rosebowl trophy for being the member who contributed the most to the club. (She also won the raffle!!)

Several members remarked they were sorry they missed the wonderful meeting of the Soldiers folders last month. Maybe it could be repeated at a later date.

The restricted hours available when the public and visitors have access to the Hokonui Heritage Center was discussed, with the suggestion of the branch members volunteering on Thursday afternoons, as they do on Sundays.

Bruce demonstrated the many data bases and programs that are on the computers.

The center is open **Sunday 1 – 4pm.**



A warm welcome was extended to 3 new members – Graeme Clayton, Pat Williamson and John Osborne.



All members are welcome to contribute to the Gore Branch Newsletter which is circulated throughout NZ branches and overseas! Thanks to Margaret Allan



Have you started to write your own story which is far more interesting than BDMS.

Procrastination a Problem???

Join the club!!

Make your goals small and achievable – a timetable might help.

Don't leave someone else to tell your story – they will probably get it wrong! *X Kapiti Branch*

Ancestry app to have a copy on your tablet/ipad <http://www.ancestry.com/cs/ancestry-app>
 Not that it is recommended to only have an online tree. Your data is too precious to have only one copy, and that at the whim of the service provider. Keep your master copy in the program of choice on your computer with lots of backups, including off site ones separate from your computer /location. Thanks to Lorna of Kapiti Branch

NSW - Assisted Immigrants (digital) Shipping Lists

Passenger lists online in NSW were hard work - but here it's a breeze -. Copy and paste maybe: <https://tinyurl.com/n2y33s3> - a link to NSW State records. For the safety conscious tinyurl shortens long url addresses.

FamilySearch.org has births, baptisms and marriages, but NO DEATHS.

When reading the genealogical information in 'the family bible' look for different handwriting or ink, which could indicate the dates were entered by other family members, and maybe at a later date.

Websites

Findmypast - they are collaborating with the Catholic Church to make available online around 100 million baptism, marriage, and burial records from the UK and USA

[England - Roman Catholic marriages](#)

[England - Roman Catholic burials](#)

[Ireland - Roman Catholic baptisms](#)

[Ireland - Roman Catholic marriages](#)

[Ireland - Roman Catholic burials](#)

[Archdiocese of Philadelphia - sacramental registers parish list](#)

Ancestry has just released the Metropolitan Police Registers from 1852-1932. They contain birth and marriage records and, from 1923, details about spouses.

Papers past. from late April: Manawatu Times (1924-1928); Patea Mail (1921-1941); Pelorus Guardian and Miners' Advocate (1911-1919); Rangitikei Advocate and Manawatu Argus (1907-1920); Southern Cross (1893-1935); Waihi Daily Telegraph (1924-1935) and **Western Star (1873-1920).**

FindMyPast has announced the launch of their **Six Counties in Six Months** project which will see the online publication of vital parish records from six counties across England over the next six months. First up is **Wiltshire's parish records** published to mark the opening of 'Who Do You Think You Are Live! 2017' (2017 show will be the last of this amazing show) The Wiltshire parish records will be followed by Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Nottinghamshire, Somerset and Warwickshire.



The Wiltshire collection comprises transcriptions of nearly 5 million parish records of baptisms, banns, marriages and burials dating back to 1538.

They form the largest

online collection of Wiltshire records available. They are full of fascinating details of life through the ages. Anyone can go online and search for their Wiltshire ancestors by name, location and date.

Thanks to Kapati Branch

I climbed to the top parapet – fabulous view.



Irish Rebellion

Thousands of people were killed and injured during the bloody Great Rebellion. Findypast '1798 Claimants and Surrenders' database includes rebels who surrendered to Magistrates in the Dublin area, and persons claiming compensation for their losses during the unrest. <http://tinyurl.com/hd25qk>



Coal Mining in United Kingdom

There is no online database of everyone who worked in a coalmine. Companies kept their own independent records. During World War 1 over a million people were employed, so there is a good chance you will find an ancestor who was a collier. Surface **mining** and deep underground **mining** are the two basic methods of **mining**.

Unfortunately you are more likely to find a coalminer if he was killed or injured in a disaster. There are over 128,155 injuries and deaths. Names from 1950 have been withheld.

www.cmhrc.co.uk/site/disasters/index.html

North (Durham) ww.dmm.org.uk/employee/ has historical documents relating to mining in the North East UK, including biographies and obituaries of engineers and mine owners.

Durham Miners trade union records of 211,742 are at . <http://tinyurl.com/zgse4w5>.

For mining relatives in Scotland

www.scottishmining.co.uk.

If your relative was killed or injured underground, in the North Eastern area, you may find him on this site. <http://tinyurl.com/zaddg69>



Webistes

www.bayanne.info/Shetland

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(Shetland)

Scottish Naming Pattern

1st son – named after the father's father

2nd son – named after the mother's father

1st daughter, named after the mother's mother

2nd daughter named after the father's mother.

My daughters are relieved we didn't follow this pattern



Civil Defence Volunteers WW2

We are familiar with medals for servicemen and women but during the war 1.9 men, women and teenagers, some as young as 15 served as Civil Volunteers. This included men who were too old or young for the armed forces, those in 'reserved occupations' such as Doctors and nurses, miners, dockworkers agriculture works. They were air raid wardens, first aid workers, ambulance drivers, firewatchers and messengers. Ancestry has released records for WW2 Civil Defence Gallantry awards 1940-1949. The main awards given to civilians for meritorious service were the **British Empire medal** from 1922, the **George Cross** from 1940, later replaced with **Empire Gallantry Medal**. The London gazette should have a citation at www.thegazette.co.uk/ Commendations are also listed. You can also find WW2 gallantry awards at Ancestry

<http://search.ancestry.co.uk/search/db.aspx?dbid=9160>

Sometimes it Pays to Try the Obvious

Last week I attempted once again to find out when and where my mother's aunt was married. Using Familysearch.org I discovered that she had married Louis Weatherbee in San Francisco in 1905. I put in their surnames, the possible year of their marriage and a district. (I already knew that she had lived there for some time but had assumed that she may have married in another US state.) I presume it was a registry office wedding as the US County Courthouse, California was the reference cited. Then I investigated the Message Boards and Forums and found out more about thrice-married Louis Weatherbee! Now I would like to respond to the person who posted the message, but am not sure how to do this. Next try was to the Family Tree section where I learnt a little more about Isabella's uncle in Illinois and found that some of his siblings had also come to the US from Scotland. Now I need to go back to the Scotland censuses for some more information. I haven't found everything yet that I want to know!! What's new?
Margaret Allan

Who Do You Think You Are? Live Speakers' Handouts

<http://www.sog.org.uk/learn/who-do-you-think-you-are-live-2014-speakers-handouts/>

Speakers' handouts or slides presented at WDYTYA? Live shows in Birmingham 2017 and previously in Glasgow and London are published here as PDFs or online links. Not every speaker will have provided slides of their presentations but they do expect more to arrive, so if the talk you wanted isn't yet represented on the list below do pop back to this page and check again later. Click on the speaker's name to download the PDF. *Nelson Newsletter*

Papers Past -new releases

Southern Cross 1893-1908 (Invercargill)

Western Star 1873-1920 (Riverton)

Rangitikei Advocate & Manawatu Argus 1907-20 (Marton) *Great news for Southland genealogists*

www.workhouses.org.uk

The home page of the site aims to provide a single navigational point to any of the 2,000 pages. Prior to the Poor Law Act of 1834, any help for provided the only hope for through to the National Health Service Act of 1946 Locations

Legacy users –if you have the deluxe 8 version the new updated version 9 is now available to download.. A Legacy Customer Number will include dashes and look something like **71-234-567-89**. Legacy customer numbers are version-specific. A version 7 customer number will start with a 7

Websites

Ancestry.co.uk Updates to Somerset baptism, confirmation, marriage and burial records
FindMyPast.co.uk Scottish non -old parish registers 1647 marriages, British Army discharges 40th Foot 1854 – 1880. Gloucester Apprentices 1595-1700. 36,000 more Kent parish records. Scotland Prison registers index 1828-84
FamilySearch.org Warwickshire and Manchester parish records, bishops transcripts for Cambridge shire. Scottish synod and kirk sessions records. Irish Valuation Office books 1831-56

TIMELINE:

Documenting Our Ancestors.

Key dates in the history of registers in UK

- 1538 Henry VIII ordered the keeping of parish registers for baptism, marriages and burials
- 1801 The first census taken by parish officials in England and Wales and schoolmasters in Scotland
- 1837 Civil registration of births, marriages and deaths in each district of England & Wales.
- 1841 First Govt census, with exact ages for children under 15, but rounded down to nearest 5 for adults.
- 1851 Census recorded parish where each person was born, but foreigners including only stated country they were born in
- 1855 Compulsory civil registration of all births, marriages and deaths in Scotland
- 1861 Census-Householders were asked whether individuals were deaf or dumb, blind or lunatic and made a separate census of people on board ships.
- 1864 Compulsory registration of births, deaths and marriages introduced in Ireland, but **non-Catholic marriages were registered from 1845**
- 1874 Fines for non registration resulted in more accurate and complete records
- 1911 The first census where people completed the forms themselves, instead of giving information to an enumerator.
- 1931 The census for this year was destroyed by fire during WW2
- 1941 No census taken because of the continuing war, the 1939 Register therefore provides the key information during this period

Although registration of births was introduced in England and Wales in July 1837, it was not compulsory until 1874.

Prior to that, approximately **15% of births were not recorded.** Some parents thought a baptised child did not need to be registered.

Scottish compulsory registration started later 1 January 1855 – and births, deaths and marriages for 1855 contain comprehensive information

PRONI Maps

The Public Record Office Northern Ireland has launched an online historical map viewer featuring a range of old Ordnance Survey naps. Includes maps from the six inch County series from 1832 – 1963 and covers the six counties of modern Northern Ireland,

www.nidirect.gov.uk/services/search-proni-historical-maps-viewer



Canadian WW1 Army Records 70% complete

Although attestation forms for soldiers who served with the Canadian Expeditionary Force have been available online for many years, the project to digitise the corresponding service files has taken longer than anyone expected - the original completion date was December 2015.

As of yesterday 438,679 of approximately 640,000 files were available online - you can search them (after reading the information about the records choose *Search database* from the menu). They're being uploaded in (approximate) alphabetical order and the last surname recorded is Oliver. <http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/military-heritage/first-world-war/personnel-records/Pages/personnel-records.aspx>

Australian Red Cross WW2 POW record cards online - It's hard to keep track of everything that's happening in the world of genealogy, 58,000 Missing, Wounded and Prisoner of War Enquiry Cards (mostly from WW2 - there are some post-war items) donated by Red Cross Australia to the University of Melbourne Archives are now available online.

<http://gallery.its.unimelb.edu.au/umblumaic/imu.php?request=search>

Subscriptions 2017

Singles Full membership \$30.00 (after 30th June 2017)

Prompt payment \$25.00 (after 1st April 2017

Sunday vounteer \$20.00

Married Couples Full \$50.00

Prompt Payment \$45.00 dates apply as above

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