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Next Meeting ]
5 March 2019
7pm at Isite Centre
Gore Womens Club
Speakers Davina Prattley
& Dorothy Marshall

### **Report February meeting**

This year began with a research night which involved a surprising answer to a query. A search on civil registrations revealed the following:

## 1848 European marriages births and death began

1856 European births, deaths and marriages became compulsory

**1867 NZ legislation** passed providing for divorce **1876 Additional information** required for the births, Deaths and marriages. Some pre 1876 districts registers were moved to Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch, Dunedin or Invercargill district offices

**1880 Additional information** required for marriages Always remember this date for early marriages.

**1911 Registration of Maori marriages** became compulsory

**1912 Additional information** required for birth & death registrations.

1913 Registration of Maori births and deaths became compulsory. Registration of all stillbirths became compulsory

**1915 Births of adopted children** re re registered under adoptive parents names

**1933 Marriage of teenagers** under 16 years prohibited

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St. David's Day for Wales. If you are researching in Cymru, the National Library of Wales is a good place to start.

https://www.library.wales/



**Findmypast,** is marking the 260th Anniversary of the birth of Robert Burns, the national poet of Scotland, with the release of almost 700,000 new Scottish records. Over 275,000 new

records have been added to Findmypast's collection of more than 2 million Catholic Sacramental Registers records. Covering all eight Scottish Dioses, fully indexed and scanned in full colour, these important documents can't be found anywhere else online. Almost 75,000 records from the Jacobite rebellions of 1715 and 1745 have been digitised from The National Archives and are now searchable for the first time, forming an expansive collection of assorted documents including lists of prisoners and those banished or pardoned along with correspondence, commission records, briefs of evidence and more.

# Remember -Findmypast is free at the Hokonui Heritage Center.



Over 30,000 records of **Glasgow** smallpox vaccinations from 1801-1850, indexed

and available with images of the original documents have been added from the library of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow. These cover the very poorest parts of the city, and may be some of the only records that survive for many of these individuals.

From the same archive, come documents relating to almost 2,000 newly indexed names taken from class rolls of those who studied Anatomy under Professor George Buchanan at Anderson's College, Glasgow from 1860-1874.

Over 280,000 new burials from cemeteries across Glasgow have joined our **Glasgow & Lanarkshire Death & Burial Index**.

These valuable records have been supplied by the latest Scottish family history society to partner with Findmypast, the Glasgow & West of Scotland Family History Society.

For more information, visit: https://search.findmypast.com.au/searchscotland-records

Thanks to NZSG Kapati Branch





## Price Increase UK GRO Certificates:

The PDF Pilot Scheme, which has been running since October 2017 and allows researchers to order PDF copies of digitized birth and death records, will increase from £6.00 to £7.00.

If researchers make an application to the GRO for a certificate without knowing the index reference, there will be an additional non-refundable fee of £3.00, as staff will have to carry out a search of the Index. Currently this service is free.

There will also be a fee of £3.50 if the GRO are unable to fulfill the order because the staff cannot locate the record with the information provided. There is also to be an increase in the cost of priority certificates.

The GRO announce that these increases are the first since 2010.

#### The GRO PDF Scheme:

Applications must be made online; each PDF currently costs £6.00 (with an increase to £7.00 from 16 February 2019); and include a GRO index reference.

England and Wales records available in this extended pilot include:

Births: 1837 – 1917 Deaths: 1837 – 1957 When you make an application online for a pdf certificate the process usually takes 7 days.

You receive notification that your order has been logged and the date the certificate will be available. You will receive an email advising that the certificate is available to view and download. You then log on to your account via the UK GRO website and download the ordered certificate. You have 3 months to download the certificate from the date of the email received.

#### **GRO** Website:

www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/certificates/default.asp for further information, index references and ordering.

Thanks to Hutt Valley Branch

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**March is NZSG Cemetery Month** 

We are planning a bus trip to Oamaru on 9° 10<sup>th</sup> March, visiting The Riverstone Castle, staying in Oamaru Saturday night and visiting several cemeteries on the way home, including Waikouaiti. In 1838 Johnny Jones bought a whaling station and land near Waikouaiti, and conducted the whaling station. In 1840, Jones' Waikouaiti station became the organised settlement in the eastern South Island known as Matanaka Farm, with about a dozen families from Sydney were settled close to the station as a farming community, providing food for the station, growing crops and raising sheep and cattle

To obtain the best results you will need to research the sites of your ancestors graves. All members are very welcome. *Thanks to Wendy -Southland Branch* 

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## Facebook

Facebook users have been suckered into providing the website with the personal information about themselves and their contacts. There's a saying which predates the Internet along the lines of "If you're not paying for it, you're not the customer, you're the product",

and in the case of Facebook it's very apt.

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# ancestry

- NZ Police Gazettes 1878 1945 all digitised. A bit more user friendly than NZ Archway!
- Sweden Emigration Registers 1869 1948 (Updated)

Search the site by Place or record type



Just a few updates...

England, Cheshire Bishop's Transcripts 1598 – 1900

England, Derbyshire Church of England Parish Register's 1537 – 1918

England, Hampshire, Parish Registers 1538 – 1980 England, Northumberland Parish Registers 1538 – 1950

Ireland Census 1901 and 1911 Australia, South Australia School Admission Registers 1873 – 1985 Australia, South Australia

#### **Latest additions at Find My Past:**



1939 Register updated – some closed entries opened!

# Newspapers – added most weeks – Find My Past blog

- West Surrey Times 1876, 1882-1887, 1893, 1895, 1899-1910, 1913-1914
- Sunday Life 1988-1997
- Heywood Advertiser 1877
- Lloyd's List 1912
- Leicester Daily Post 1879, 1887
- Buckingham Express 1869

- Evening Herald (Dublin) 2005
- Daily Herald 1957
- Express and Echo 1881-1888, 1890-1895, 1899-1900
- Belfast Telegraph 1917
- Gloucestershire Chronicle 1849-1851, 1855-1864, 1866-1870
- Huddersfield Daily Examiner 1872, 1886, 1891-1895, 1901-1904
- Worcester Herald 1859-1860
- Perthshire Advertiser 1933-1935, 1987
- Carlisle Journal 1882, 1884, 1886-1888, 1890, 1893, 1895



#### **Scottish Ancestry**

The Argyll area also includes the islands of Tiree and Coll.

Visit the following website – it is

full of fantastic articles and databases. http://www.tireegenealogy.com

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# Cousin marriages account for a high proportion of infant deaths in this

There is a much higher risk of genetic diseases that results from marriages between cousins, especially 1st cousins, and research into child deaths in parts of England where cousin marriages are now more common has quantified the problem – as per an article in *The Guardian* for more details.

Note: the problems occur where cousins have inherited the same genetic flaws - so the good news is that DNA testing can provide a very accurate assessment of the risks. However it isn't something that routinely happens, even now that the cost of tests has plummeted.

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#### **Findmypast**

The following databases have been uploaded:

- Portsmouth Burials
- Portsmouth Hospital Records
- Portsmouth Poor Rate Books
- Portsmouth Ouarter Sessions
- Portsmouth Police Staff Records
- Co. Fermanagh Parish Registers
- The Lennox Herald (Dumbarton newspaper) 1885-1892 Thanks to Riccarton Branch

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#### Here is a fun site to look at

fabpedigree.com

## Glencoe Memorial -Southland



In February 1999, a <u>cairn</u> was dedicated in Glencoe to commemorate the 1692 Massacre of Glencoe.<sup>[</sup>

The Scottish roots of many Southlanders are recalled both by this memorial and by the name of Glencoe, a locality on SH96 between Mataura and Winton. At Glencoe in Scotland (a very sombre place on a cloudy day) in 1692, many McDonalds were killed without warning by soldiers affiliated with a rival clan, the Campbells, in a frenzied but planned attack.

The attack was justified on the grounds of the McDonalds' purported disloyalty to the new King William, a Protestant who had driven the Catholic King James from Britain in 1688. The murderous action was widely condemned but the Crown shielded the perpetrators from punishment.

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#### **National Library of Scotland**

The GB1900 Historical Gazetteer is available via the National Library of Scotland's wonderful maps portal. Volunteers created it by extracting all of the textual information from the 1900 six-inch OS maps. It holds about 2.6 million place names from not only towns and villages, but farms, fields, woods, wells, footpaths and windmills. Meanwhile the wider NLS site has all kinds of maps covering Scotland, the UK and the world, including town plans, county maps, coastal charts, military maps and estate maps. A boundaries viewer helps you check parishes. You can browse the collection by map-maker or place, or view them overlaid on modern maps.

## Kent - Hop Picking 1900 -1949



Did you ancestors go down to Kent?

The flowers of the hop plant have been used in the brewing of beer for centuries.

First introduced to the UK from continental Europe in the 16th century by Dutch farmers, hops soon

became the most important crop of the Kent area. A trailing plant, the hop plant is trained to grow up strings between poles, and tended to by workers on stilts.

The harvesting of hops was highly labor intensive, requiring more workers than the local population could supply. Whole families from the poorer areas of London would migrate to the hop fields of southeast England at harvest time.

By 1870, special trains were being run to transport families to the hop fields. Londoners who could not afford to get out into the country normally looked on harvest time as something of a holiday. On arrival, though, conditions were squalid. Families lived in barns, tents, stables, even pigsties. Hygiene was poor and disease spread — in 1849 cholera killed 43 hop pickers on a single farm. 1889.



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Whew - it is Done!!!