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Report December meeting -

A large number of members enjoyed a lovely meal at the RSA dining room. Thanks to Rhonda for the beautiful decorations.

Congratulations go to Barbara Kerr, Queenstown, - a member of Southland Genealogy branch who won the Heriage raffle which was drawn at the dinner meeting. Thanks to Margaret Milne who was the tenacious detective and found her addresss. We hope Barbara will find many new contacts and ancesotrs n Heritage.

Another year has flown past. another decade begins (we can debate that). I hope you all had a very pleasant festive season and survived it well.



ScotlandsPeople add an extra year of online register entries

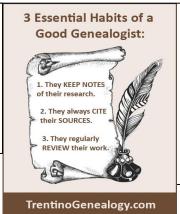
In January each year ScotlandsPeople add to their collection of birth, marriage, and

death registers - all of which are provided by the General Register Office for Scotland. Civil registration didn't commence until 1855, but the information recorded is generally significantly more detailed (and more helpful) than you'd find on an English or Welsh certificate.

This year ScotlandsPeople have added births for 1919 (ie over 100 years ago), marriages for 1944 (over 75 years ago), and deaths for

1969. ScotlandsPeople is a pay-per-view site, but you can search

https://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/search-ourrecords and view the LDS transcription of the 1881 Scotland Census -



Next Meeting 4 February 2020 7pm at I site Centre

Citing Genealogical Sources

This is essential, because it can be difficult to remember which of the old Aunts told you the two different stories of the same event.



Irish Genealogy add 1845-64 marriage images

Claire Santry's <u>Irish Genealogy</u> News blog is a great source of

information for those who have ancestors from the island of Ireland. The latest news is that the Irish government site IrishGenealogy.ie has uploaded marriage registers for the period 1845-1864, which means that all of the civil registers of marriages for the period 1845-1944 are now online - and free to access!

Please bear in mind that the only civil registers kept prior to 1864 were for non-Catholic marriages. There are no civil records of births, deaths, or marriages before that date - so you'll have to rely instead on church registers, not all of which have survived, and not all of which are online.

Although there are no surviving Ireland censuses (other than scraps) prior to 1901, the fact that the civil birth, marriage, and death registers are free online makes it very feasible to track the branches of your Irish family tree through to the 1911 Census Also in the delivery are the rolling 'top-up' years of the 1919 births, the 1944 marriages and the 1969 deaths.

So just one last haul is required – the death register images for 1864 to 1877 remain outstanding – and then free online access to Ireland's civil registration records will be complete, if still (unfortunately) subject to the 100-75-50-year 'rule'



The inside story of a War Hospital during the Great War

Findmypast have recently released some additional medical records from WW1 (you can search them https://search.findmypast.co.uk/search-world-world-Records/british-armed-forces-first-world-war-soldiers-medical-records?sourceID=1)

Records of soldiers that haven't been available before. Sadly abbreviations are not found in the glossary at the beginning or end of the register. The book published in 1917 entitled *Observations Of An Orderly: Some Glimpses Of Life And Work In An English War Hospital* – The free version is available on Kindle. It includes some of the (printable) slang that was used by soldiers back then. Amazon.co.uk Amazon.com

Who Do You think You Are

<u>Transcription Tuesday 2020: Stobs</u> <u>Camp prisoner records</u>

Hannah Bell of the Internment Research Centre explains how you can help uncover records of civilians and soldiers detained in Stobs Camp in the First World War

The NZ Herald is running a series "100 Kiwi Stories from the Great War". You can read the first 37 stories (and presumably more later) here.

Up to 1917, the Calendars cover the whole of Ireland, but since 1918 they cover only the 26 counties in the Republic; those indexes covering the six counties of Northern Ireland since 1918 are in the <u>Public Record Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI)</u>. The Calendars of Wills and Administrations for Armagh, Belfast and Londonderry are <u>searchable</u> online at PRONI.

Glasgow West-end addresses People and Their Occupations

This site will tell you all about who lived in the address that you are interested in, whether it is the house you live in, the house next door, or whether you are engaged in researching a street or district.

This site will, in time, inform you of the occupants of the house, who they were, what they did, how long they stayed at the address, where they worked.

Work is in progress to compile a full register of <u>West End Addresses</u> such that by means of a simple search facility it will be possible to trace the flittings of an individual over a number of years, or to search for a person to complete an entry in a family history, or just to establish whether a person stayed in the West End.

For the moment, a number of West End addresses can be accessed via an address index button below for the years 1836-1915. Once the Addresses Index button is activated, all you need to do is to click on the address that interests you. Happy searching!

Remember that this site will be continually updated, so it will be worth your while to look into it every now and again to see what is new. New addresses will be added to the list, and further information will be given on the occupants listed.

Two dimensions are better than one

We live our lives in three dimensions, but it's surprising how many family historians are one-dimensional in their approach. Even amongst the our own membership there are a few who relentlessly plough the same furrow, never once looking around to see what clues there might be scattered around.

The best family historians are continually looking from side to side, and disappearing down side tracks to see what's down there. Partly it's curiosity, but mainly it's the result of experience and/or training - our ancestors had families, friends, and work colleagues just as we do, so when we ignore what was going on around our ancestors we risk missing vital clues

GRO reveal that hundreds of thousands of index entries are missing

Six blocks of entries, mostly complete volumes (each comprising thousands of entries) that were

missing from the GRO's online birth and death indexes. It was identified about 30,000 missing entries, and almost as many which had been erroneously duplicated in the wrong quarters.

In the last issue it was reported that the GRO had corrected 36,000 death entries which had been indexed with the wrong volume number. We are still waiting to find out what progress, if any, has been made in relation to the missing entries.

The GRO are aware of 85 volumes of births and 50 volumes of deaths which "are yet to be digitally data captured". The number of entries in each volume varies, but if an average of 5000 entries is assumed then the total number of missing entries will be in the region of 700,000. There is a project in progress to resolve the discrepancies, but no timescale has been given, and suspect that funding may be an issue.

Fortunately all of these entries are in the contemporary indexes, which were compiled at the end of each quarter - these are the indexes that you can access at numerous sites, including FreeBMD, Ancestry, and Findmypast. Nevertheless, the release of the GRO's own indexes provided a wonderful opportunity for family historians, because they included information that wasn't in the original indexes, such as the mother's maiden name (births) and the age at death.

It's important to remember that we're fortunate to have these indexes at all - the project to digitise the birth, marriage, and death registers was abandoned half-way through - whether that was an issue of cost, quality control, or a combination of the two hasn't been made clear - and the GRO deserve credit for the fact that it was possible to salvage so much useful information, and for making it available to the general public.

This latest news arrived at 2.45pm on Christmas Eve, if the GRO needs people to transcribe and index the missing registers, they will have volunteers queuing all the way from London to Southport!

Brydone

A settlement we all drive past on the way south on Highway No 1 to Invercargill, seldom knowing it was once a thriving community. There is a beautiful noce board opposite the school on ???road

Founded in 1904, the district north of Edendale was originally called **Ota Creek**, but a railway siding and a Post Office were planned. Brydone was named after Thomas Brydone (1837 -1904) who was the key player in the first frozen meat export. Over its history Brydone had a rugby field, tennis courts, couple of transports, sheep farmers and dairy farmers, poultry farms and everything that makes a fantastic district.

Dairy Factory



1906 – 2007With no electrity until 1924, it was orignall powered by steam boilers to produce cheeses from its 10 suppliers.

Town Hall

1912 –

Built in 1912 to commerate the coronation fo King George V and Queen Mary. Socials, sports events, religious events and everything in between were held in it.

Church 1931 – 1988

Brydone started as a Mission Station as early as 1905. A manse was built about 1910 and bible classes and services were held in various places until 1931 when the church was built.

Brydone School



1906 - 2007

Orignal state

The Brydone school opened with one class of 40 students but was to increase to three rooms at its height in 1960's.

Store

1906 - 1973

Founded as a Post Office in 1906 and traded until 1973. It sold everything from groceries to nails and petrol.

Railway Siding

Establised in 1905, trains ceased operation in 1970. It transported people (including school children) fertilizer, stock and farming equipment.

War Memorial

Erected by the residents of Brydone in honour or those who fought and fell in the GreatWar 1914- 1918
The memorial in memory of the men who lost their lives and the names of the brave men that returned.
Was unveiled Friday 11
November 1921 at 2pm.



DIED ON THE FIELD OF HONOUR

1914-1918

Pvt George Kirkham
Pvt Andrew McLeod
Pvt Andrew McLeod
Pvt William Smith
Pvt James Jewell
Pvt Donald Grieve
Pvt Arthur Sutherland
Lance Cpl Patrick McQuillen

1939 - 1945

Private Ronald R Bagrie Private Leonard (Len) G Cross Bdr Robert (Bob) Mountfield Leiut Charles T Mason M.C. Private Stuart J Sim Gnr George (Digger) M Wyeth Flt Sgt Alan McD. Mortimer

Returned from Active Service 1939-1945

Sgt Fred Byers L.A.C Arthur Byers Flgt Sgt W Bagrie Pvt J S Bagrie Trpr Colin Baynes Private A Campbell Trpr Chales Drysdale L.A.C. Horace Dillon Cpr Mervyn Dillon Pvt Victor Dickson L.A.C.John R.Gibson Spr John N.Hay Pve Albert W Irvine Sgt J D Kennedy Tpr George Kennedy Tpr Hugh N Mawdsley Gnr W. Archibald McDonald P.O. L.Muir Pvt G. Reynolds P.O Gordon Smith

Online Scottish Family History Resources:

Scotland's Places http://scotlandsplaces.gov.uk Tartan Register

http://www.tartanregister.gov.uk/index

Online Scottish newspapers

http://www.onlinenewspapers.com/scotland.htm

Online British newspapers

http://www.britishnewspapersarchive.co.uk/

National Records of Scotland (NRS)

http://www.nrsscotland.gov.uk/

National Library of Scotland (NLS)

http://www.nls.uk/

Gazetteer for Scotland http://www.scottish-

places.info/

Scottish Monumental Inscriptions

http://scottish-

monumental inscriptions. com/index.php? route = co

mmon/home

The Heraldry Society of Scotland

http://www.heraldry-scotland.co.uk

Free Census Information for the UK

http://www.freecen.orh.uk/

Scottish Indexes http://www.scottishindexes.com/

Scottish Documents

Http://www.scottishdocuments.com/default.aspx

Old Scottish Genealogy & Family History

http://www.oldscottish.com/