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Next Meeting
6 September 2022
7pm Maruawai Center
Theresa Blackbeard will
speak on Genealogy
resources available at
the Gore Library

August 2022 Meeting report

Several members presented well researched results of their convict ancestors who were transported to Australia. Many convicts were transported for very minor offences e.g. stealing bread or a handkerchief. It was a easy way to reduce the number of orphans, and homeless in London in the 1800s. One went to Tasmania in 1817.

Between 1788 and 1868 more than 162,000 convicts were transported to Australia. Of these, about 7000 arrived in 1833 alone. The convicts were transported as punishment for crimes committed in Britain and Ireland. In Australia their lives were hard as they helped build the young colony.

About 89%) are recorded on this website
<http://convictsrecords.com.au>
[Browse By Surname](#) · [Convict Ships](#) · [Ships](#)

Victoria death certificates list the children's names and ages. another . Tasmania is checking all Convicts – Convict House, Treasure. Trove newspapers is an excellent source of Australia



Ancestry's CEO announced plans to offer Ancestry DNA tests in 54 new markets across 5 continents, including **Italy, Portugal, Spain, Belgium, Argentina, South Africa, and Japan**. It was also revealed that Ancestry currently has 3.8 million subscribers globally, though it's still only a minute percentage of the number of people around the world who are researching their family tree (which is why posting your tree on Ancestry is valuable to people in other countries).



1921 Census of England and Wales

Was your grandmother one of the first female racing car drivers? Or your grandfather one of the last mole catchers? The 1921 Census reveals where they were, who they were with and what they were doing one summer night a century ago.

The most extensive British census open to the public, this detailed snapshot of **38 million lives is only available online at Findmypast.**

findmypast

Not only can you find out where your relatives were living and what they did for a living, you can find out who their employers were and precisely where they worked – information that you're very unlikely to find on previous censuses (nor is it usually given in the 1939 Register).

If you want to dig deeper there is even more detail on the [Findmypast](#) site.

As ever, searching at Findmypast is free: you only pay to view transcripts or images. Since all the information in the transcripts is available from the images .

Corrections and other alterations to the census schedule frequently provide insights that you can't possibly get from a transcript.

You also get to see your relative's handwriting – and their choice of ink.

Change of date

From 1752 the year began on January 1st, effectively slicing 84 days from 1751 and making it the shortest year in English history.

Note: 1752 was also a shorter year than usual – Britain changed from the Julian calendar to the Gregorian calendar

Although under English law the year began on March 25th, many people considered January 1st to be New Year's Day – **in Scotland the change had taken place in 1600, so for over 150 years there was a difference in the calendar between the two countries.** *Fun Fun*

Lady Day – March 25, Feast of the Annunciation of the Virgin Mary, the traditional day for hiring farm workers for the coming year

Midsummer – June 24, Feast of St John the Baptist, the midpoint of the growing season

Michaelmas – September 29, Feast of St. Michael the Archangel, start of the harvest

Christmas – December 25, Feast of the Birth of Jesus, high point of the year, when farm workers were paid for the year's labor

Headstones in England often have 'died Lady Day'



Ancestry hints:

Turn off members' tree hints under Account Settings – Trees – **Untick Records only from Australia**

Hint Notifications

Card catalogue: search by place or title eg Cyclopedia (available for both Australia and NZ)

Untick Ireland, Lawrence Collection of Photographs 1870-1910. Browse by county.

Principal Women of the Empire (Australia & NZ)

New York Passenger lists for Castle Garden & Ellis Island and Canadian census can be searched by birthplace eg New Zealand. Useful for finding people with gaps in their timelines.

Travel from New Zealand involved Union Steamship to San Francisco, train to New York or Halifax then ship to England.

Search UK Ireland Incoming Passenger Lists 1878-1960 and

UK Ireland Outward Passenger Lists 1890-1960 for people going 'home' for visit and returning to NZ.

P&O boats went via Suez Canal to Sydney so search Outbound Australian lists to NZ.

NZ Electoral Rolls up to 1981 – not all are indexed. **Maori Electoral Rolls 1908 & 1918** – give tribal affiliations, collected as verbal record on election day so surname and first name may be reversed

Canterbury Provincial Rolls give landholding details.

Australian Electoral rolls are worth searching for missing husbands. They start in 1903 after Federation. Limited records on Ancestry for South Australia. Best to join SAFHS

Useful Websites



Ryerson Index Death notices and obituaries in Australian newspapers <http://www.ryersonindex.org/links> to

<https://austcemindex.com/>

British Newspapers FMP subscription doesn't give access to all newspapers on BNA Look for Anglo-Indian and Anglo-Chinese newspapers Isle of Man has own newspaper archive Women are rarely under their full name unless in court.

Look for Mrs husband's initials and surname Go wide and filter search from sidebar

Find a Grave Funded project for Old Te Puke Cemetery Build a family tree via deaths by linking graves <https://www.findagrave.com/>

Find My Past: Article on using the 1921 census for England and Wales. Searching the 1921 data base is free meaning you can see how many people there were alive with your name at the time for example or search for specific people. However there is a charge of £2.50 for every record transcript and £3.50 for every original record viewed. The 1921 Census included detailed questions on education and was the first in which householders could submit separate, confidential returns.

Thanks to Papakura Branch

The Wilson Collection

This free collection coordinated by Diane Wilson over the past 40 years includes records from many and varied sources to assist with your research.

<https://wilsoncollection.co.nz/>

1. Search by name only You can also use shortened form of name, even just the first letter The search engine will also look for surnames that “sound like” your chosen name/. Click on the bar “Starts with” and choose “Sounds Like”

2. Search by name only. This requires at least one character in both the first and surname fields.

3. Show data sources.. This button sits above the “search button. You can tick any or all options for your research.





1939 Register

The registers for Scotland and

Northern Ireland are not online.

Information from Scotland’s

1939 Register is available only for people who have died and costs £15 from National Records of Scotland

FindMyPast has better address search function than Ancestry.

Redacted records are cleared for those with birth dates older than 100 years or if a record of the death has been reported to The National Archives. You can send in death certificate to FMP to clear redacted record.

1939 Register does not give the person’s place of birth but it does give their exact date of birth which can be matched against a death record and makes it easier to find civil birth record.

Married = status, doesn’t necessarily mean that a couple are married to each other.

www.thegenealogist.com also has 1939 Register. The 1891 census, 1901 census, 1911 census and the 1939 Register are connected to the Map Explorer™ at TheGenealogist. This means that researchers are able to identify where their forebears lived and see the routes their ancestors used to visit shops, local pubs, churches, places of work and parks.

<https://www.thegenealogist.co.uk/featuredarticles/2022/from-census-to-map-in-1891-1578/>

Ancestry:

New record sets Updated Find a Grave index for burials at sea and other select burial locations.

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Television Programs on SKY that search for Family

UKTV Who do You Think You Are - celebrities finding out about their ancestors Living Channel Long Lost Family - An American documentary television series based on the Dutch series “Sporloos”.

It is presented by Chris Jacobs and Lisa Joyner. The show helps provide aid to individuals looking to be reunited with long-lost biological family members. Family History Research and DNA Testing to help make discoveries possible.



Las Vegas Marriage Records 2022

Online Database. is offered by the Clark County to search for Vital Records, Including marriage certificates. (I have not tried it)

The records system is easy to search. To marry in Las Vegas, you do need a Licence.

It is cheaper to get the Licence online. To find a record, use the County Clerk's Search System.

The Nevada Divorce Records are Public Information and are available on request. For further information, just Google "Las Vegas Marriage Records". This will give more information on searching and what can be found.



Interesting article in The Guardian newspaper (England) on plans to relax wedding rules in England and Wales.

"The Law Commission is recommending that weddings should be able to take place anywhere, providing the presiding official considers it safe and dignified.

Under existing rules, religious weddings must generally take place in a registered place of worship and civil weddings in a register office, or on approved premises or their grounds."



Battle of the Boyne – why is it celebrated on the 12th of July? This famous battle was fought between James the second and William of Orange (William the third) on 1st of July 1690 but as eleven days were lost with the change from the Julian to the Gregorian calendar in 1752 it is celebrated on "The Twelfth"(or the Glorious Twelfth if you arer so inclined). – *with thanks to the Irish Culture and Customs newsletter and Papakura Branch*

From around the websites Papers Past:
Latest additions to Newspapers (July 2022):

- Press (1972-1979)
- Timaru Herald (May-June 1912)
- Waikato Times (March-April 1920, May 1925, August 1931)
- Wairarapa Age (1921-March 1938)

Archives New Zealand:

Have 12 research guides to help with your research, find out what the archives have on the topic, how to find them and what information they contain. E.G. the guide on Citizenship and migration covers – How to search the archives for migration and shipping information like passenger lists, naturalization and citizenship files, and refugee and immigrant information.

The guide on Maori covers Te ao Māori research guides, including how to research your whakapapa and find information about land blocks

Ancestry: New record sets Nottinghamshire births burials and marriages, US Southern Baptist records

Find My Past: Norfolk marriage licences. Parish registers Suffolk & Staffordshire

Ireland Reaching Out: Does the key to your Irish roots lie in Scotland? see this article for more information. <https://irelandxo.com/ireland-xo/news/does-key-your-irish-roots-lie-scotland>

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Can you help?
Descendants of Robert McWilliam DUNCAN and wife Jessie nee CRUICKSHANK

Ruth Richardson of the Balclutha Branch is seeking descendants of Robert McWilliam and Jessie DUNCAN, who arrived into Port Chalmers in 7th February 1878 on sailing ship "Wellington", with 3 children, one born on the ship.

Both Robert and Jessie are buried in Wyndham Cemetery. Ruth's husband Ian is a descendant of Robert and Jessie's son Thomas.

If you are a descendant and would like to make contact, please get in touch. Ruth is currently writing a family history.

Her email address is ruthianrich@rivernet.co.nz.