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Next Meeting
7 February 2023
Time 7 pm
Charlton Park Cemetery
All welcome

December 2022 Meeting report

The Christmas function was enjoyed by many members with lovely food and friendship. Next meeting is at Charlton Park Cemetery. We will walk around the cemetery and share knowledge of the people we knew and their descendants... who were they related to, what their occupation was, and where they lived. Supper will conclude the night at Elaine's home. If wet. Alternative venue at Elaine's place where she will set up a couple of computers.

Hokonui Heritage Center Resources

Bruce Cavanagh (Archivist) is available on internet, and on Tuesday 130pm, to 4pm. His office is presently in the building at the end of the Information Center car park, and a white bell is on the edge of the white door notifies him of your presence.

Ancestry.com, Findmypast are both free and Bruce is there to assist.

Microfiche

Births, deaths Marriage records and indexes

- 1840 – 1990** – for all New Zealand
- Women on 1st NZ Electoral Roll 1893**
- NZ River drownings – index only**
- Shipping lists for Otago Southland**
- Southland Times** paper \-Scrapbooks -Deaths 1974-2022. Indexed by Surname and Given names. Earlier scrapbooks are indexed by Surnames only.
- Electoral Rolls
- Marriages/ christenings for many Southland Otago churches
- Scrapbooks of births, obituaries,
- District Books
- Family History books



findmypast
 A new year means new genealogy records are available. Is your ancestor one of those named in the newly-opened 1939 Register records at **FindMyPast?**

65,000 new records have passed the required 100-year mark for release. NZSG members were offered a 50% discount on Legacy Family Tree Webinars membership.



Trove: Australia's National Treasure receives 22 million visits per year. For family historians it's the Australian equivalent to PapersPast. The National Library of Australia is facing a \$13 million or 21% cut to its operations budget from July 2023 when federal budget support for Trove ends. Without any additional funding the National Library is threatening to cease offering the Trove service entirely. The background to this story is at [The Conversation](http://TheConversation).

<https://theconversation.com/>

More Irish Research Tips

<https://www.irishancestors.ie/>



Founded in 1936, the Irish Genealogical Research Society is a learned society widely recognized as holding the world's largest and most

important collection of Irish genealogical material in private hands. They recently tweeted these research tips:\

IGRS Top Research Tip #25: A century before their destruction in 1922, genealogist Sir William Betham (1779–1853) abstracted genealogical data from all pre-1810 Irish prerogative wills. His scanned notebooks are free to view:

<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/4496119>

IGRS Top Research Tip #26: If you're seeking newspaper death notices & obits, check this website recording details of almost all deaths reported in the Irish press since 2006: <http://rip.ie> Another site tending to cover only Northern Ireland is:

<https://funeraltimes.com>

IGRS Top Research Tip #27: Receive free expert Irish genealogy advice in person or via email from members of Accredited Genealogists Ireland at National Archives Ireland's Free Genealogy Advice Service:

<https://www.nationalarchives.ie/genealogy/free-genealogy-advisory-service/>

IGRS Top Research Tip #28: Census Search Forms note abstracts from the original 1841 & 1851 returns destroyed in 1922. There are thousands of them & your ancestors may be among them. Search free here: <http://censussearchforms.nationalarchives.ie/search/cs/home.jsp>

IGRS Top Research Tip #29: Dublin City voters' lists are online for 1899, 1908-1915. They are a great way to follow movement from one house to another: https://databases.dublincity.ie/burgesses/advanced_new.php

IGRS Top Research Tip #30: Workhouse registers can provide detailed info about those paupers admitted. Free access to those for Dublin city & county, 1840-1919, at FamilySearch: <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/4496114> <https://www.irishancestors.ie/>

Kildare County Archives

Kildare County Archives service has made a selection of interment registers for 15 graveyards in County Kildare available to view online (the earliest dating from 1887). These include Ballybracken, Kildangan; Crosspatrick, Kilmeague; Fontstown, Athy; Laraghbryan, Maynooth; St. Conleth's, Newbridge; St. Corban's, Naas; Nicholastown, Athy, and Yewtree, Monasterevin. Their archives also include Naas Poor Law Union Minute books from 1839 to 1858 and Athy Poor Law Union Indoor Relief registers from 1878 to 1918.



Archway-style Collections Search

Still wrestling with Archives NZ's new Collections Search? Try this instead:

<https://archway.howison.co.nz/>

A prototype tool that uses Archives NZ's new Collections Search, but presents the results in a style reminiscent of the old Archway system (completely unauthorised by Archives NZ).

It's been developed by Luke Howison, a freelance web developer with an interest in genealogy. He also has a similar site called NZ Ancestor Search Helper at <https://ash.howison.co.nz/> that is designed to assist with NZ-focused genealogical research.

It collates results from NZ DIA's Births, Deaths and Marriages searches, as well as results from dozens of council cemetery websites and several other online resources such as Auckland Museum Online Cenotaph and Papers Past.

Sincere thanks to Hutt Valley Branch



Irish Catholic records added to Ancestry.co.uk

By jonbauckham,

Researchers with Irish Catholic ancestors could break down brick walls following the addition of over 700,000 parish records to [Ancestry.co.uk](https://www.ancestry.co.uk)

Family historians with connections to the Emerald Isle could make new breakthroughs following the addition of four Irish Roman Catholic record sets to the web. Spanning 1763 through to 1912, the [Ancestry.co.uk](https://www.ancestry.co.uk) release features baptism, marriage and burial registers from parishes across the country, as well as the records of over 8,000 confirmations.

Although the Church of Ireland was the established state church from 1536 to 1870, the Irish population remained overwhelmingly Roman Catholic. In 1861, almost 78 per cent of people were recorded as adherents of the faith, with this figure rising to 89 per cent within the space of just three decades.

As a result, genealogists may be able to take their research back further and plug important gaps in their family tree. While Protestant marriages were registered by the state from 1845, the statutory recording of births, marriages and deaths for all Irish citizens – including Catholics – did not start until 19 years later.

The level of detail recorded in some of the documents can also be useful given the absence of 19th-century Irish census records, most of which were destroyed during the Public Record Office fire in 1922.

For example, a typical confirmation register not only features the name of the person that was confirmed (usually a child over the age of 12), but their age, parents' names and current residence.

“These records will be vital to anyone interested in researching their Irish heritage, whether they live in Ireland or are one of the many millions living around the world with Gaelic roots.” said Ancestry.co.uk's Senior Content Manager, Miriam Silverman.

“Civil and social discontent in Ireland for hundreds of years made record keeping, especially of Catholics, hard to maintain, which is why this collection opens the door to Irish family history wider than ever.”

That is more Irish information than you wanted to know!



TheGenealogist has released 371,400 Kildare Catholic Parish Registers covering 323,923 records of baptisms, 46,914 marriages and 563 burials.

PapersPast NZ What's new????

Bratska Sloga (1899) · (Haven't a clue)
Dominion (1921-1934) ·
Southland Times (1929-1936) ·
Taranaki Daily News (1929-1935).



Scotland's 1921 Census Now On line for YOU

www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk

While the Scottish census was carried out on the same day as England's (19 June 1921) was scheduled, there are some major differences with what was recorded and how it has been presented on-line.

It was the first to be recorded after the carnage of the First World War and loss of life arising from the Spanish Flu pandemic. From the war alone there had been some 74,000 estimated to have died and over 150,000 injured.

Since the end of the war in November 1918, Britain was dealing with unemployment, low pay and poor conditions, by 1920 the world wide demand for coal had collapsed, with miners involved in disputes and locked out. A national strike was averted in April 1921 when transport and railway workers decided against striking in support of miners.

The Scottish Union of Dock Labourers downed tools on May 7th, as did port workers across the country for the next month. This caused the UK census to be postponed for two months from that date the legislation had prepared for, April 14, until, June 19.

The Irish war of Independence- Ireland was partitioned on May 3rd 1921 into two territories.

Scotland had seen thousands of Irish immigrants arrive into cities such as Glasgow.

There were new opportunities for women, following the Sex Disqualification (Removal) Act of 1919 Women were taking up positions in previous male dominated positions. The 1931 England and Wales census was destroyed in a warehouse in Middlesex in the Second World War.

The census search page allows you to choose the census year, seven fields: **Surname, Forename, Gender, Age range, County/City, District and Registration District.**

The right hand page columns contain **Nationality**, ability to speak Gaelic, occupation, whether National Insurance is held if so 'M' OR 'F' depending on the sex, if no insurance held, the column was left black.

The **number of dependent children** aged 15 or under.

Register at ScotlandsPeople.gov.uk site.

Cost of search –

30 minimum of 30 credits cost 7.50 pounds, cost to view a page 1.50 pound or six credits



Websites

FamilySearch Their plans for 2023 - which includes **RootsTech**, THE event of

the genealogy conference year. Do make sure you follow the link in the plans blogpost to register. There's something for everyone, and all free.

FindMyPast recent additions include: six decades of Gibraltar census records, plus Gibraltar deaths and burials, 600,000 newspaper pages added, including one you have no doubt been waiting for: Lady of the House, an Irish newspaper that dedicated itself to the life of women in the early 20th century:

Thanks to Kapati Branch

From Dick Eastman's Blog

(<http://www.eogn.com>) - **Anonymous**

Registration Now Open for RootsTech 2023

The world's largest family history gathering will return in 2023, and registration for the event is now open. RootsTech is scheduled for March 2-4, 2023, including an in-person event in Salt Lake City, Utah, to complement its extensive online conference. Millions of virtual and in-person attendees are expected to gather for inspiring learning opportunities that will help them connect to their family — past, present and future.

Though 2023 marks the 13th year of RootsTech, it will be the first year since 2019 that the in-person experiences are being offered for the popular global event, which has been completely virtual since 2020 due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. "The incredible blessing and miracle of the RootsTech virtual experiences is that we were able to confirm that there are so many more people worldwide who are interested in learning more about their family history, stories and connecting," Jonathan Wing, creative manager for RootsTech

The theme for RootsTech 2023 is "Uniting." "RootsTech really is about uniting ... with your family first and foremost, but also to connect with stories and discovery experiences through your family. history," said FamilySearch.

Thanks to Ashburton Family history Group

Diane Wilson. www.wilsoncollection.co.nz

Marriage report from the Southland Times in 23rd March 1910. In brief, the second daughter of Mr BEANGE married Mr W SIM

Diane Wilson looked for a SIM-BEANGE wedding? Nothing in the BDM records.

Time to post the clipping on Genealogy New Zealand and Beyond on Facebook – and look what happened.

Sunnie Shine – "I think it may be Christina (2nd daughter) having a second marriage to William AIM 10 1910. She married a George CAMERON 1891."

Christine M Clayton – "As the bride was very popular and it was a quiet wedding, it could be a second marriage for one of them."

Bingo. A BEANGE-CAMERON wedding. The second daughter of Mr BEANGE now has a forename – Christina – and it was indeed a second marriage. She had first married George CAMERON, so of course her marriage details wouldn't say BEANGE.

And there she is in BDM – as Christina CAMERON marrying William ANN. The mystery has not ended. Read on. Her husband's name is not ANN and neither is he Mr W SIM. Back to the fiche – he's William AIM. The Registrar-General has it wrong and that may be because of an earlier transcription error with SIM/ANN/AIM.

How to confirm the finding? There they are in the 1911 electoral rolls from the Wilson collection – Mr William and Mrs Christina AIM in Matura.

That Facebook post not only solved the mystery, but it also showed that we do need to think laterally.

When I first started researching, I accepted certificates and entries in registers as absolute facts. They were not to be challenged because they were the certificate, and newspaper reports were also almost gospel. The microfiche and filmed records mainly provided by the Church of Latter-Day Saints were my go-to sources and many profitable hours were spent looking at films at the Pah Road Library Auckland. I worked on my own or with help from a small band of equally dedicated users, sometimes struggling to make sense of documents written in rather old script or in Latin. Delays in replying from letters sent to Scotland were accepted as part of the task. Digitisation and social media have extended our reach and shown that one should never overlook the context – the second daughter of Mr BEANGE was not Miss BEANGE but Mrs CAMERON and Mr SIM was not Mr ANN but Mr AIM.

Thanks Diane – the Beange family lived in Wyndham