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Next Meeting
2 May 2023
Time 7 pm
I Site center
This is our AGM - plus:
 bring your "Brick Wall"
 documents so we can see
 the bigger picture
Followed by a small supper

April 2023 Meeting report

Roots Tech - A presentation on DNA 'Shared Matches' tool by Diana Southard explained her method to identify those matches with low Cm's. Elaine also spoke of her method.

ash.howison.co.nz – New Zealand Search Helper

This is an amazing tool..

This prototype tool is designed to assist with NZ-focused genealogical research. It collates results from NZ DIA's Births, Deaths and Marriages searches and Auckland Cemeteries, as well as results from dozens of council cemetery websites and several other online resources such as **Auckland Museum, inle Centotaph and Papers Past.**

Notes from the Regional meeting in Mosgiel-

- Rule 12.
- All Branches need their own Constitution.
- 1.9 million records have been added to the Kiwi index
- Cheaper access for non members
- The NZSG has 3751 members
- It has lost 28 members
- The NZSG Magazine is available **ON LINE ONLY. You have to either read it on line or print it out.**



- **Gore Library receives a hard copy of this magazine each month...with last years publications. .**
- **Check it out**

- Ancestry.com paid thousands of USA \$ for the NZ cemeteries
- Toitu Otago Settlers Museum website on early Otago is available on U Tube.
- **It is also free to visit the museum.**

Mothers Day this year is on 14th May.
 Duck shooting season is 6th May this year

Shipping – Lists–

Here is the Shipping Lists that Beryl told us about in Mosgiel

- Immigrant Debtors List
- White Wings
- Ngaio Shipping Index
- NZ Yesteryears
- National Library of NZ for:
- Unpaid Promissory Notes 1892
- and
- AJHR Appendix to the Journals of the House of Representatives for:
- Southland Island Sheep Farmers 1892
- South Island Native Settlement 1897
- Perhaps your ancestor came into Lyttleton and made the trip south to Otago



Many thanks to Elaine

Websites

Scottishcatholicarchives.org.uk/Collections

More information next month

Findmypast - Ireland, Diocese of Dublin Marriage Licenses 1638-1858. Over 98,000 records have been added to this collection
 You will find date of registration, both spouses names and sometime occupations and residences

Ireland, Diocese of Dublin Wills & Grants

34,450 records have been added from index books that were published in 1890's, recorded between 12.70 – and 1858



Proxy Marriages between Italy and Australia

Approximately **12,000 Italian proxy brides** who emigrated to Australia between 1945 and 1976 to meet, in many cases for

the **first time**, their husbands in Australia. It was usually arranged by the man and her parents or another relative. These promised brides had usually only seen a photo of the groom before making this life-changing decision to marry a stranger.

Following tradition, the ceremony, strictly religious, in a Catholic church, had to take place in the church of the bride village.

On the day of marriage the woman was accompanied to the altar by her father where **she was awaited by a stand-in for her true husband-to-be**: often the brother, the brother-in-law or a friend. Most Italian families wouldn't let their daughters travel out alone if unmarried, so often the only solution was to first marry by proxy and then she could travel unchaperoned.

Intense poverty in Italy at the time, plus the Italian men in Australia were unable to afford travel back to Italy to find a wife.

Following the wedding celebrations, the long bureaucratic procedures that were required to allow the new wife to emigrate to Australia to be with her husband began.

The males lacked all female companionship, not just wives. They didn't have mothers, they didn't have aunts, they didn't have sisters so, it was very lonely for them,

The peak period for proxy marriages was between 1955 and 1961, but the practice lasted until the end of the 1970s among the Italians living in Australia. The last proxy marriage was celebrated in Italy in November 1976 and subsequently registered in the Hawthorn Church, Melbourne, Victoria.



Scottish Words of The Week

'foutery' and 'dreich'

The best treasures come from keeping in touch with your family, near and far

How Ancestry works

Find your ancestor in key collections

From Service Records to Electoral Rolls, uncover what role your ancestors played during times of war, whether it be on the frontline or the home front.

Dive deeper into life during war

Consider what life was like for prisoners of war, or a woman pioneering for women's involvement in the war in unique collections.

Discover even more

Australians and New Zealanders often appear in wartime collections from other countries, therefore you can isolate your search by including a country as a keyword. .



Trove's future secured with Australian government funding

Following warnings that Australia's archive website Trove could close down this year, the Australian government has promised \$33 million per year to safeguard its future.

Gold miners' database. For those who do have gold miners in their family, Dr. Kae Lewis has created a very useful database, Goldrush Online, at <https://www.kaelewis.com/> This database indexes over 85,000 records of goldminers from the Otago, West Coast and Thames gold rushes of New Zealand, spanning the years 1861 to 1872. Kae provides a detailed background to the database and its sources at <https://www.kaelewis.com/database.htm>, and will shortly be adding data from Ohinemuri.

Queen Victoria FamilyTree



Queen Victoria and her husband Albert had 9 children, 42 grandchildren, 22 granddaughters and 20 grandsons . 87 great-grandchildren,

And we thought we had problems!!



Extending your tree beyond 1921

This article was originally entitled 'Extending your tree beyond 1911'

If you have a **Findmypast Premium subscription**, you'll have unlimited access to the complete England & Wales 1921 Census; you'll also have access to the original indexes of births, marriages, and deaths in England & Wales, which go up to 2007 (or thereabouts). By combining these two resources you'll probably find that you can add dozens of new relatives to your family tree – without spending a penny on certificates!

- (1) Search the birth indexes
- (2) Look for marriages
- (3) Search for children of the marriages
- (4) Search the death indexes
- (5) Search for marriages of the next generation
- (6) Search the birth indexes for children of those marriages
- (7) Don't forget the 1939 Register

Australian Certificates



Do remember the information on Australian certificates varies considerably according to the state and the time period –



FREE FOR ALL

Celebrate the 19th birthday of **LostCousins** and the Coronation of King

Charles III with completely free access to the LostCousins site from Monday 1st May to midnight on Tuesday 9th May.



Excrement can happen... Anywhere!!!

There is nowhere in New Zealand that is immune from some or all of the joys of earthquakes, floods, cliff collapsing, landslips, volcanic eruptions, fires and house breaking.

Therefore we must seriously think about keeping our genealogical valuables and research safe.

Let's consider each valuable asset:

Computer files:

Obviously we need to back up our files and store offsite. It's no use if your computer and back up disappear in the same episode of disaster. Store the back up in a place some distance away.

The cloud is a good start.

Make sure somebody else in your family knows what is on your computer.

The **passwords**, files and where they are stored. This will ensure that your hard drive doesn't get dumped when you decide to stay some time with your ancestors i.e. die.

Photographs:

The important photos should be **scanned**. There are no ifs or buts – it has to be done and while you are about it **label the photos naming the people or places in them**. Then store the photographs on shelves or in cupboards that are above knee height.

BDM Certificates:

Scan and save these. Then donate the paper copies to the NZ Society of Genealogists – this is one of the few valuables that society has now.

Also send them electronically to the **Wilson Collection**

Thanks to Peter Nash, Famnet for this wise advice.