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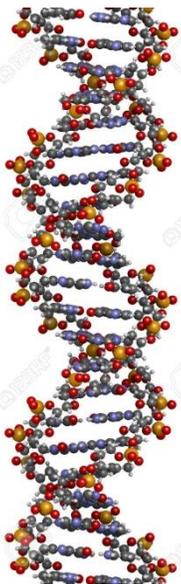


Next Meeting
7pm
3 April 2018
I Site Centre
'Return to Monte Cassino'
This video is an amazing presentation. All welcome

Websites from Donna Hawkins

<https://www.facebook.com/MissingPersonsInFiordland/>
<https://www.facebook.co/Southland-soldiers-and-nurses-4752753159715555/>
<https://www.facebook.com/OnwardProject/?fref=mentions>
<https://www.facebook.com/ZERO.ALPHAA/>

And even More DNA Information



My Heritage only does autosomal testing. (Cheek swab).

FTDNA (this is a cheek swab) does all the tests (not paternity or medical or forensic) for genealogical research.

23andMe (this is a saliva sample) does "health" and autosomal but enough of the sample is considered to give a basic haplogroup for both mitochondrial (mother-line) and Y-DNA (father line).

Ancestry only does **autosomal testing** (Saliva sample).

Elderly people sometimes find a saliva sample difficult, whereas the cheek swab seems more effective...

Thanks to GAIL RIDDELL

I FTDNA Volunteer Projects Admin

Those considering transferring a recent (since ?May? 2016) Ancestry test to FTDNA should read this:

It will often be much more satisfactory to re-test FTDNA's FamilyFinder.

<http://dna-explained.com/2017/12/04/testing-strategy-should-i-test-at-ancestry-and-transfer-to-family-tree-dna/>

The FTDNA FamilyFinder TO MyHeritage is free, as is that from Ancestry

<https://www.myheritage.com/help-center#/path/DNA/Upload-DNA-data/>

going the other way into FTDNA is now the same \$19 US to unlock the tools as from other companies - as of this or last week, before which it was free.

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Re MyHeritage - they have promised a download of all matches, which will be most appreciated as with the increase in matches, it is not easy to quickly see what's new, and relevant without waiting for their weekly email.

I'm currently getting cousins popping out of the woodwork on MyHeritage faster than I can keep up with them.

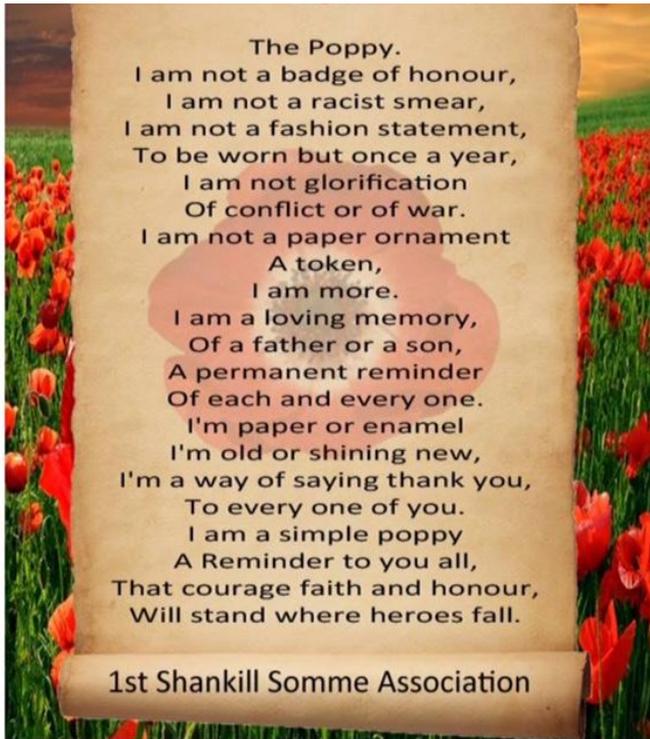
Depending on your heritage, your mileage may well differ of course.

As others have said, do not forget to transfer to GEDMatch for additional tools and matches - free unless you want the more advanced bits.

Many thanks to Lorna

<http://LornaHen.com>

Three red hard copies of Gore Cemetery upstairs in the Heritage Center, frequently has extra information which is **not** on the online Gore District data base.



The Poppy.
 I am not a badge of honour,
 I am not a racist smear,
 I am not a fashion statement,
 To be worn but once a year,
 I am not glorification
 Of conflict or of war.
 I am not a paper ornament
 A token,
 I am more.
 I am a loving memory,
 Of a father or a son,
 A permanent reminder
 Of each and every one.
 I'm paper or enamel
 I'm old or shining new,
 I'm a way of saying thank you,
 To every one of you.
 I am a simple poppy
 A Reminder to you all,
 That courage faith and honour,
 Will stand where heroes fall.

1st Shankill Somme Association



Report of March Meeting

Donna Hawkins is involved in researching burials and headstones in the Southland District cemeteries in preparation for large public boards at the entrances. This is an invaluable resource for visitors and locals when they are searching for a headstone. District organization and people are involved. Some boards are U shaped, others are round shape. Each shape depends on the number of burials and situation cemetery. Several hard copies of cemeteries were available for members to browse through.



Thoughts for next years programme

Housing- your first house? how long has it been in your family? how many houses have you lived in?

Schooling-

Did you stay at 1 school? did you go to several schools around the country Is your school still operating? Where do you find school records?

Transport-

Did you use Shank's pony? travel by Bus, Train or Tram maybe even horse and cart, or private Car? Have you worked in the transport industry?



Women's Suffrage

On 19 September 1893 the governor, Lord Glasgow, signed a new

Electoral Act into law. As a result of this landmark legislation, **New Zealand** became the first self-governing country in the world in which all **women** had the **right to vote** in parliamentary elections. However many husbands and fathers didn't approve of their spouse or daughters enrolling, so you may find there are many women missing from the first electoral rolls.

Without looking in your wallet, which NZ banknote has Kate Sheppard on it?



Find A Grave has been revised.

This website collects individual's cemetery and other information ,whether there is a headstone or not. There are over 165 million worldwide memorials, and 1 ½ million are added each month. The site is menu driven, **registration is optional and free**, and gives the visitor access to features that are not available otherwise. Everybody should explore the tutorials. Caithness cemeteries do not appear to be listed, so it may be focused on USA. . The most common use of Find a Grave is hunting cemeteries.

<https://www.findagrave.com>



New York Roman Catholic Parish Baptisms

Over 1 million records
 These sacramental registers have been released in partnership with the Archdiocese of New York. The collection consists of transcripts for discovering when your Catholic ancestor was baptized, where they were baptized and the names of their parents. **FindmyPast**



PROGRAMME 2017-2018

1st May - AGM



Using Birth, Death and Marriage Databases

English or Welsh civil registration has become easier with **Ancestry**, **FindMyPast** and **FreeBMD** index which are online since late last year. The latter database is free, but Ancestry and FindMyPast are subscription sites. However they both offer occasional free weekends, and do remember FindMyPast is available at Hokonui Heritage Center.

The General Register Office requires the sex of an individual and can only search a 5 years period at one time.

FindMyPast is far more accommodating, letting you search for the date of an even plus or minus 40 years. Ancestry & FindMyPast will let you look for a birth as late as 2005/2006.

Ancestry lets you search by exact name, similar sounding names, phonetic matches and initials Wild cards which let you replace on or more letters can be used on FreeBMD, Ancestry and FindMY Past but instructions can be obtuse. No site is perfect.



The Commonwealth War Graves commission is collaborating with Shrouds of the Somme to collect stories and images relating to the more that 72,000 men commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial.

Visit www.shroudsafterthesomme.com for more



details. The CWGC has also released another appeal to find relatives of people remembered in other memorials.

<http://bt.ly/2nbDFB1>

More Websites

Britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk Carmathen Weekly Reporter. Coventry Evening Telegraph. Hereford Journal, Northhampton Chronicle, Sports Argus



Familysearch.org 653,000 more Irish civil registration indexes, 1845-1913. Parish registers for Derbyshire and Warwickshire

Irishnewsarchive.com Irish Daily Independent 1893-1904 Limerick Chronicle 1994 -2001

Deceasedonline.com Records of cemeteries in Macclesfield. Knutsford and Alderly in Cheshire. Records from West Norwood in London are in the pipeline

Findmypast.co.uk Brompton cemetery records. Cheshire school records 1782 – 1950 Norfolk and Middlesex monumental inscriptions. Wiltshire baptisms index 1538-1917 Oldham cemetery register 1797 – 2004. Jersey BMBs

Guernsey If you use the #AncestryHour hashtag, you may find experienced genealogists and family historians are able to assist you with your search. Guernsey Ancestry website



www.guernseyancestry.com

www.thisislandwiki.org/index.php/Family_History_in_Guernsey

Guernsey forbears

<http://forebears.co.uk/channel-island/Guernsey>

www.societe.org/gg/sections/familyhistory.php



Suicide If someone died after committing suicide, he or she was often denied a Christian burial within the a church graveyard. Prior to 1882 it was illegal in England and Wales to bury a suicide victim in daylight hours; the burial had to take place beyond the church's walls, often at crossroads, between 9pm and midnight.



*DNA - When you test with Ancestry you can download your results and transfer them to other sites, but you **cannot** do things the other way round; in other words, the only way you can compare your DNA against that of the estimated 10 million people who have tested with Ancestry is to test with Ancestry yourself.*



Statistical Accounts of Scotland

describes the economy, social character, local history and natural resources for each individual parish within the country as recorded between 1791 and 1799.

The reports were written by the Church of Scotland ministers of the 938 parishes. They were asked to respond to a series of 171 questions by Sir John Sinclair, the Westminster based MP for Caithness. In some cases, it took years for ministers to make a return, but they were finally published across 21 volumes in 1799. This exercise was repeated in 1834 and 1845, with the second "New" Statistical Accounts compiled until the 1830s. A third series of accounts was published from 1951 to 1991, but these are not available online.

<http://stataccscot.edina.ac.uk/static/statacc/dist/h> offers an interactive parish map and keyword search box. You can read it, but need a subscription to print it.

Gazetteers

The National Library of Scotland has 12 free to access digitized gazetteers 1803-1901.

<http://digital.nls.uk/gazetteers-of-scotland-1803-1901> or on the Internet Archive website at <https://www.archive.org/details/scottishgazetteers>. These can be browsed, searched and downloaded.

Topographical Dictionary

This is also available on the NLS website. And Samuel Lewis' 'A Topographical Dictionary of Scotland', published 1846 is free at www.british-history.ac.uk/topographical-dict/scotland

The Ordnance Gazetteer of Scotland of six volumes 1892-96 is freely available to consult www.electricscotland.com/history/gazetteer/inex.htm The 6th volume includes a survey of Scotland from the period covering population, Ecclesiastical state.

The Edina based website is freely available in a searchable format on both Google Books <https://books.google.co.uk> and www.archive.org.

When you have consulted the vital records and the censuses the Statistical Accounts should always be your next port of call for Scottish research

While you are waiting for your DNA results....

Make sure that you have extended your family tree as far as you can in every direction - if you've only focused on your direct line you'll struggle to make sense of your DNA matches, because all of your living cousins are descended from the branches of your tree - indeed, that's what makes them cousins.

Do everything you can to connect with living cousins who are researching their family tree, not just at 'LostCousins', Ancestry or FindMyPast and other sites.

It's much, much easier to determine how you match your genetic cousins if you have shared matches with documented cousins, especially if they have tested their DNA or are prepared to do so. I know there are people who have never spent an hour or two completing a simple Ancestry sheet. You have to do the basic groundwork!

Irish Newspapers



As well as being home to the largest collection of Irish records online, Findmypast's collection of historical Irish newspapers is unrivalled.

Use these fascinating snapshots of Ireland's history to discover details about your ancestors unavailable elsewhere.

1. You'll find at least one newspaper for each of the **32 counties** of Ireland on **Findmypast**, so no matter where your family hail from you can read their local paper
2. Use the '**Article type**' filter to hone your research to the information you're specifically searching for. Narrow your search to articles, advertisements, family notices, illustrations and miscellaneous
3. When searching the newspapers, **start broad** with a name or keyword, and gradually include additional information, using the range of filters to narrow your results.