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Next Meeting
3 Jul 2018
7pm ISite, Gore.
Speaker **Elaine Scott**
on her experience of researching
in the Library at Salt Lake City
library. – on her own.

June Meeting 2018

The annual General meeting was held in May thanks to Liz O'Connell who was the acting President when Elaine was overseas. Next months meeting will be a report from Elaine on her time in LDS library in Salt Lake City, Utah.

<https://www.familysearch.org/>

One of the newest features on the [FamilySearch Family Tree mobile app](#) will allow you to have multiple screens open while you're doing your research, much like using multiple tabs in an internet browser. This can allow you to be more effective as you navigate your family tree and compare information from searches with your ancestors' profiles. This new feature is still being tested and should be fully functional in a week. FamilySearch recently published [its 2 billionth digital image of historical records](#). Yes, that's billion with a "B." [Full Story](#)

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.Lost Cousins - are you signed into their newsletter? Another free resource to try. Go to <https://lostcousins.com>

It contains interesting articles and links to useful websites. Try the following for example:

https://www.huffingtonpost.com/marshall-p-duke/the-stories-that-bind-us-_b_2918975.html

This link came from the LostCousins newsletter, <https://www.lostcousins.com/newsletters2/may18news.htm>,



The full NZ Gazette is available on our computers at the APFHC. You can find helpful instructions on

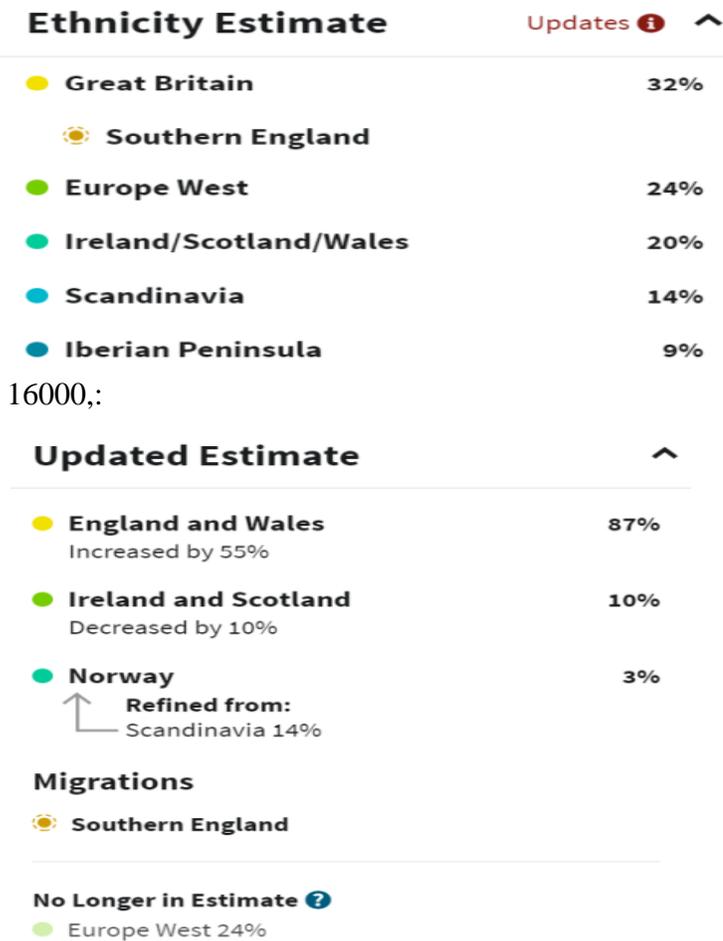
how to use the Gazette in the red folder. The New Zealand Gazette is the official newspaper of the government and is produced every Thursday by the New Zealand Gazette Office, Department of Internal Affairs. This project includes the years 1860, 1870, 1871, 1873, 1882-1888, and 1890-1894. Gazettes are full of material that can be of use and interest to family historians. They include notices about: * bankruptcies, * appointments and releases of receivers/managers, * appointments and releases of liquidators, * meetings and last dates by which to prove debts or claims, * cessations of business, * partnerships, * land transfers, * charitable trusts, * friendly societies and credit unions, * incorporated societies, * changes of name, * justices of the peace, * native land court dealings, * native adoptions * military notices, * nurses, doctors and teachers registers, and * general notices
Thanks to Kapiti Branch

(I once found a family looking for a well known Austrian immigrant family who lived in Gore in the 1880's!!)



After procrastinating for weeks I finally sent off my Ancestry DNA sample, which unfortunately was not accepted. When the new kit arrives I will try again!

Ancestry's ethnicity estimates are in the process of updating their estimates following an increase in the size of their reference panel from 3000 to





Illegal adoptions in Ireland

Between 1946 and 1969 there were 126 illegal adoptions arranged in Ireland by the Catholic agency St Patrick's Guild according to an apology by the Irish government, but one adoptee featured in this article in The Guardian claims that the number could be in the thousands.

The first law to regulate adoption in Ireland was passed in 1952, but it has been estimated that over 100,000 children have been separated from their parents through adoption or fostering since 1922 according to the Adoption Loss website_run by The Natural Parents Network of

This might seem irrelevant to most readers of this newsletter, but if you take an autosomal DNA test you may well be contacted by people who

were adopted, and are trying to trace their birth families - please do your best to help them.

Search the PRONI Historical Maps viewer Search and browse a range of historical Ordnance Survey of Northern Ireland (OSNI) maps and find information on sites, buildings and landmarks of historical interest.

Before you start

PRONI Historical Maps viewer can be used to search and browse seven historical OSNI maps and four modern basemaps (including aerial imagery). The viewer displays county, parish and townland boundaries and includes information on sites, buildings and landmarks of historical interest. Go to

<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/about-proni-historical-maps-viewer>

To mark International Archives Day on 9 June, the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) and UNESCO announce the addition of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission's Casualty Archive to the UNESCO UK Memory of the World Register.

The Register, which promotes the sharing of knowledge for greater understanding and dialogue, recognizes records of national significance. The archive documents the details of the 1.7 million men and women of the Commonwealth forces who died in the First and Second World Wars. This includes over 300,000 separate documents detailing the registration of the graves or memorials of the men and women of the Commonwealth forces who died in the First and Second World Wars.

CWGC Archivist Andrew Fetherston said: "It is a huge honour for the Commission's Casualty Archive to be recognised by UNESCO for the UK Memory of the World Register."

The archive will be formally added to the register at an inscription ceremony on 19 September 2018. The records include Grave Registration Reports, which record the burial locations and basic details of those individuals, such as their name, service number, rank, regiment, unit and date of death, and Burial Returns, which provide information as to where their remains were recovered and how they were identified.

They also include Headstone Schedules, which were used to produce the final permanent headstone, and Final Verification reports.



This rich seam of information will serve as an invaluable resource to any family historian hoping to learn more about a lost relative who may have fallen during the World Wars.

*Tomb of Dunn, Cemetery Halcro Bower, Caithness, Scotland
This cemetery has three CWGC graves but it is not well tended.*



CWGC cemetery Souda Bay, Crete Note the 6 airmen from one plane

The CWGC are responsible for building and maintaining cemeteries and memorials at 23,000 locations in more than 150 countries and territories.



Family history website Findmypast has released the second phase of its **suffragette collection** to mark the 100th anniversary of women gaining the right to vote.

It added over **22,000 records** from **The National Archives**, including Home Office and Metropolitan Police records of its surveillance of the suffragette campaign and raids on headquarters. Findmypast has also created new transcriptions of thousands of **1911 census returns**, where many women protested by either spoiling the form or listing 'suffragist' or 'suffragette' as their profession. In addition, it indexed the **1866 women's suffrage petition** and added **14 suffrage newspapers** to its newspaper collection.



ScotlandsPeople adds 2,400 free maps

More than 2,400 historic maps, plans and drawings from the National Records of Scotland are now available

for free on **ScotlandsPeople**.

The maps were previously published via projects such as **ScotlandsPlaces**, but this is the first time they have been released on the National Records of Scotland's own website.

The collection includes manuscript and printed topographical maps and plans covering four centuries, with large amounts of estate and railway

plans, architectural drawings, and engineering drawings, particularly of ships, railway engines and rolling stock.

The collection can be searched by year, place name or reference number.

To view it, researchers need to be registered ScotlandsPeople users, but they do not need to buy credits on the site.



FamilySearch adds new collections of American records

FamilySearch has added five new collections of American family history records to its database.

The collections, consisting of 816,658 records and images altogether, are **New Jersey naturalisation records (1796-1991)**; **Washington County, Ohio newspaper obituaries (1884-2013)**; **Kansas cemetery abstracts**; **Sevier County, Arkansas death records (1914-1923)**; and records of Japanese Americans interned at **Minidoka Japanese Relocation Centre** from 1942 to 1945.

In addition, FamilySearch added existing records to its collections of **Southern District, New York naturalisation records (1942-1945)** and **Idaho southern counties obituaries (1943-2013)**.



Suffrage Day is 19th September 2018.

125 years of Womens right to vote in NZ,

Do you have any members of your family who signed the 1893

suffragette Petition, and could you write a biography on them for our newsletter Sept/ Oct 2018?

Look here for signatures on the 1893 petition

<https://nzhistory.govt.nz/politics/womens-suffrage/petition>

For guidance see "Writing a Biography Guide" on **<http://archives.govt.nz/writing-biography-guide-1893-womens-suffrage-petition>**

Thanks to Balclutha Branch.



ANCESTRY.COM UPDATES

The 1939 Register (England & Wales)
Victoria (Australia) Birth Index 1837-1917
New York State Death Index 1957-1968

NEW AT FINDMYPAST

- Surrey Baptisms 1538-1901
- Norfolk Parish Registers (browse only)
- Norfolk Parish Chest Records 1300-1900 (browse only)
- Norfolk Borough Records 1317-1981 (browse only)
- Queensland JPs 1857-1957 Thanks to Riccarton Branch



Papers Past:

<https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/newspapers>

Latest additions to Newspapers (May 2018):

- Golden Bay Argus (1883-May 1911)
- Lyttelton Times (1908-1914)
- Matamata Record (1918-1924)
- Motueka Star (assorted 1901-1938)
- North Canterbury Gazette (Aug 1932-Nov 1939)
- Otaki Mail (1919-1943)
- Southern Cross (1909-1920)
- Waikato Independent (1921-1949)



**LDS Library,
Salt Lake
City. USA**

My 2 weeks in Salt Lake City was awesome! I have 255 images

saved to a flash drive and a whole notepad of written records. It is so easy being able to read the films on computer. Much more control over the image.

The Library is very busy with people coming and going constantly. There are books and films as well as what is available on computer. Access to some websites is also available. There are lots of volunteers who specialize in different areas, and are able to help

I enjoyed my time there so much that I must go again. let me know if you are interested in joining me.

Elaine Scott

**Eating in New Zealand
in the 1950s**

- * Pasta had not been invented.
- * Curry was a surname
- * A takeaway was a mathematical problem.
- * A pizza was something to do with a leaning tower.
- * Rice was a milk pudding, and never, ever, part of our dinner.
- * A Big Mac was what we wore when it was raining.
- * Brown bread was something only poor people ate.
- * Tea was made in a teapot using tea leaves and never green.
- * Fish didn't have fingers in those days.
- * None of us had ever heard of yoghurt.
- * Healthy food consisted of anything edible.
- * People who didn't peel potatoes were regarded as lazy.
- * Indian restaurants were only found in India.
- * Cooking outside was called camping.
- * Seaweed was not a recognized food.
- * Sugar enjoyed a good press in those days, and was regarded as being white gold.
- * Prunes were medicinal.
- * Surprisingly, muesli was readily available, it was called cattle feed.
- * Pineapples came in chunks in a tin; we had only ever seen a picture of a real one.
- * Water came out of the tap, if someone had suggested bottling it and charging more than petrol for it they would have become a laughing stock.
- * The one thing that we never ever had on our table in the fifties...was elbows! *Whanganui Branch April Newsletter*



Find My Past: Latest additions:

British in India, Directories 1792-1948. Browse through assorted almanacs. They contain lists of medical staff, veterinary staff, police, civil servants, and engineers working in India, as well as lists of debtors, charity members, and freemasons. The army lists are divided into different sections, including the names of those who served in the infantry and cavalry, the names of officers, those serving as instructors, and those working in other departments such as accounting and engineering. The civil lists provide details of those working in the Indian Civil Service.