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Next Meeting
6 November 2018
7pm ISite, Gore.
Ian Davidson – Researcher of
WW1 NZ items
‘Your soldiers medals &
Military Files’

Report October Meeting 2018

Our Show & Tell DNA evening was really interesting with members saying we should do this more often.

Liz showed us her page on FamilyTreeDNA, her results and matches. There were many features for the serious genealogist.

She has also uploaded her results to GedMatch, which is a great place to connect with matches.

Ruth then showed us her Ancestry site, which was well laid out and with good charts. She had lots of matches and has started circles where matches join.

Liz also has an Ancestry page and agreed that she liked the clean, easy to use site.

The highlight of the evening was when Liz and Ruth discovered an ancestor in common!



To capture a photo from facebook on an I Pad or tablet

1. Click the off button
2. At the exact moment you also

push ‘home’ button on the side
3. There will be a click and the photo will appear in the bottom left corner.

4. Save it to your photos and eureka! You have the photo before it disappears from the Facebook site.



Please also read this blog about the 5500 names of victims of the Pandemic in New Zealand that have been confirmed and collated so far:

<http://heritageetal.blogspot.com/2018/10/commemorating-influenza-100.html>

Hear also this radio interview with Jason Reeve, Ancestry:

<https://www.radionz.co.nz/national/programmes/sunday/audio/2018663721/jason-reeve-compiling-the-first-list-of-nz-s-flu-pandemic-victims>

Bus Trip to Cemeteries Saturday 13 October 2018

This was a most successful day left ISite center at 8.30am. Everyone enjoyed the day, even though the ground was very squelchy after heavy rain and it was very chilly. Members helped each other to find headstones in the different cemeteries. Rev. Vivian Gellatley, a past Vicar at Milton Anglican church explained how the St Johns Burial Grounds were excavated and the bodies exhumed at Milton. We are so very fortunate to have Rhonda, our driver and our sincere thanks go to her for taking us through wonderful scenery and parts of South Otago we have never visited before, and Avis Smith for opening many cemetery gates, We visited the following cemeteries; Waipahi, Clinton, Tuapeka, Lawrence, Waitapeka, Waitahuna, Fairfax Milton, old and new Balclutha, and then travelled down to Clinton where we enjoyed a beautiful dinner.



Avis McDonald, Ruth McDowall, Margaret Sutherland, Trish Diamond- Elaine Scott, Rhonda Wilson, Isobel Agnew, Pat White, Margaret Milne, Avis Smith and Margaret Campbell.





This Monument Commemorates the Centenary of the Kaitangata Coal Mine Explosion 21 February 1879

Names of the men and their ages from Register General Office who were killed in the Kaitangata mining accident 21 February 1879. The three Molloy men are not listed on the RGO website.

Coulter Samuel 53	Hodge William 42
Watson William 32	Hodge William 56
Jarvie Andrew 40	Hodge Archibald 34
Jarvie George 29	Hall James 48
Smith Thomas 69	Hall James 48
McGee Barnet 37	Beardsmore James Snr 48
Whinney William 31	Beardsmore James Jnr 14
Clinging John 26	Beardsmore Edward 23
Clark John 52	Beardsmore Caleb 38
Ferguson John 37	Molloy John Snr
McDonald Charles 15	Molloy John Jnr
Dunn Charles 52	Molloy Edward
Wilson William 34	Buchanan David 30
Hay William 27	Spiers James 40
Frew Thomas 40	Black Thomas 55
Lockhart Daniel 18	Cage John 26
Moulton Joseph	McMillan John 28

Twenty of the miners were married and several were new arrivals, having arrived the day before on the steamer *Wellington*'

25 widows and 105 children were left with destitute. A relief fund was set up after the disaster to assist the miners widows. Among those donating were a number of Chinese miners from the Adam's Flat gold diggings. They had given 10 shillings each on average,



[Ships Passenger Lists - Search Ships Passenger Lists](#) [Adwww.izito.co.nz/Find/Invercargill](http://www.izito.co.nz/Find/Invercargill)

Findmypast check this out

Keep checking as more documents are added all the time – below are some recent updates/new additions)

- [Australia Cemetery Inscriptions 1802 – 2005](#)
- [Australia, Victoria, Inward Passengers 1839 – 1923](#)
- [Australia, Tasmania, Civil Registrations 1803 – 1933 \(begun\)](#)
- [England & Wales, National Index of Wills & Administration 1858 – 1957](#)
- [England, Derbyshire Church of England Parish registers 1537 – 1918](#)
- [England, Devon Parish registers 1538 – 1912](#)
- [Ireland Civil Registration 1845 – 1913](#)
- [Canadian Census 1871, 1881](#)
- [France, Calvados Civil Registration 1792 - 1942](#)



Welsh Parish Records -

Over 921,000 new records have been added. Additional parish baptisms,

banns, marriages and burials are now available in almost every county

Kent Parish Records Update - Over 515,000 new records have been added to our collections of Kent Parish records. The new additions consist of transcripts provided by the Kent Family History Society and cover the parishes of Burham, Canterbury, Deal, Dover, Gravesend, Halling, Hawkhurst, Higham, Kilndown, Lydd, Maidstone, New Romney, Tudeley with Capel and Walmer. The records date from 1538 to 1988.

Kent, Canterbury Archdeaconry Registers - Over 35,000 additional records have been added including the parishes of Hythe, Paddlesworth, Sandgate and Westgate on Sea and span the years 1813 to 2001. Each entry includes both a transcript and an image of the original document.

Kent Poor Law Union - This index has more than 111,000 poor law union records. It comprises 16 different types of poor law union documents from 24 different unions across the English county of Kent. It was created from original records held by the Kent History and Library Centre. The collection includes Admission and Discharge Registers, Court of the Guardians records, births, baptisms, deaths, burials, relief Lists and more. Each result will include a transcript of the original source material. In 1834 parishes were grouped into new local government units known as Poor Law Unions.

These unions reported to the newly created Poor Law Commission, later the Poor Law Board, and later again, the Poor Law Department of the Local Government Board, all based in London. Each Poor Law Union was run by a board of guardians elected by ratepayers from their constituent parishes. The day-to-day management of the workhouse was supervised by a workhouse master and matron.



1918 Influenza [Victims Trentham Camp](http://www.lynly.gen.nz/HVUHMSC1918InfluenzaVictimsTrenthamCamp.pdf)
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This (pdf) document provides information about the service personnel who died of influenza at Trentham Military Camp. The 79 deaths are recorded in date order followed by potted histories on each service personnel in alphabetical order. Beyond 2022: Ireland's Virtual Record Treasury:



<https://beyond2022.ie/>

On 30 June 1922, at the outset of the Irish Civil War, a cataclysmic explosion and fire destroyed the Public Record Office of Ireland at the Four Courts, Dublin. Flames and heat consumed seven centuries of Ireland's recorded history, stored in a magnificent six-storey Victorian repository known as the Record Treasury.

On the centenary of the 1922 blaze, Beyond 2022 will unveil Ireland's Virtual Record Treasury—a digital reconstruction of the Public Record Office of Ireland building and its collections.

Ireland's Virtual Record Treasury will serve both as an essential platform for academic research and a public resource with global reach and impact.



Websites:

Old Scottish Genealogy & Family History
<https://www.oldscottish.com/>

Paid website: Indexed records include asylum records, poor law appeals, baptisms, communion rolls.

London Remembers:

<https://www.londonremembers.com/>

The aim of this website is to document all the memorials in London. That's the plaques, monuments, statues, fountains, etc, that commemorate a person, an event, a building, etc.

This website focuses on finding the memorials, photographing them, plotting them on a map and logging them in a searchable database, thus providing a powerful research tool.

Lost Cousins

Isle of Wight Council: <https://www.iw-bereavementservices.co.uk/>

Burial and cremation records from the Isle of Wight are now available online after the island's council launched new website. Almost 100,000 burial records and 72,000 crematorium records, dating from November 1856 to the present day, are available to search. The database, which is free to access, lists the individual's name, their month and year of burial and cremation and the cemetery or crematorium. Digital or print copies of the records are available to buy, starting at £3 each. Otaki Newsletter.



There is a Worshipful Company of Parish Clerks covering the parishes in the City of London. One of the oldest London Guilds

<https://www.londonparishclerks.com/>

The site has a list of all the Company's parishes: - 97 within the Walls and 16 outside the Walls. If you click on the name of the church you are interested in it gives you a brief history of the church. There are some maps of the parishes and other little bits of information which show the churches that still exist and which don't and which are ruins. There are also a series of photographs of parish boundary markers.



Canadian Headstones:

If you are stuck trying to find headstones in Canada with Find-a-Grave try Canadian

[Headstoneshttp://canadianheadstones.com/](http://canadianheadstones.com/)

you may strike it lucky. Thanks *Papkurua Branch*



Who Do You Think You Are? September Magazine

has a fascinating article about children who were evacuated during WWII. Have you heard of Operation Pied Piper? The *City of Benares*? The

Children's Overseas Reception Board (CORB) evacuated 2,664 children: 1,532 to Canada, 577 to Australia, 353 to South Africa, and 202 to New Zealand in 3 months in 1940. There are several resources suggested for tracing these children in the article.

Australian marriage certificates under threat
 Many of the records that family historians now rely upon weren't created with genealogy in mind - but when civil registration was introduced in England & Wales in 1837 the importance of creating a paper trail to resolve inheritance issues was one of the key drivers. The new marriage registers included information not previously recorded, including the names and professions of the fathers of the bride and groom.

When civil registration was rolled out in other parts of the UK, and in other parts of the British Empire, the information was often expanded - and some of the most detailed certificates are issued in (New Zealand) and Australia.

But now there's a danger that our descendants won't have access to the same information - it is proposed to remove key information from marriage certificates'

Information that will be lost to future generations includes:

- 1) Addresses of the marrying couple
- 2) Occupations of the couple
- 3) Parents of the marrying couple
- 4) Occupations of the parents
- 5) Details of previous marriages

Although the consultation only relates to the *Notice of Intended Marriage* it's clear that there will be knock-on effects. Information that isn't collected at the start of the process won't be collected later on - so the information will also be lost from marriage registers.



 Missing pages from 1880 Census discovered
 13 schedules from the United States 1880 Census listing 633 individuals have been recently discovered incorrectly filed in Missouri State Archives - you'll find a link to the schedules

<https://www.sos.mo.gov/records/archives/census/pages/federal>



Armistice Day 11 am on 11//11/1918 was when the day the Great War ended

Armistice Day was originally to celebrate

the end of WW1 which was supposed to be the Great War that ended all wars. New Zealand casualties numbered 16,697.

The 1918 Influenza Epidemic

More people died in the world of the flu than in the war itself. Gore hospital created a temporary tent annex in the Gore racing course grandstand which must have been bleak in the November weather. Neighbours helped each other as much as possible. Patients were charged 6 shillings (60c) for each night they were in either hospital.

The Gore Genealogy Branch index of the deaths was invaluable in creating this list and ages.

<i>Bates John</i> 38	<i>Meechang Richard</i> 35
<i>Burgess Timothy</i> 37	<i>Middlemiss Myrtle</i> 16
<i>Cameron Hugh</i>	<i>Neill Helen</i> 38
<i>Cooper Florence</i> 13	<i>Neill James</i> 51
<i>Drain J</i>	<i>Neill Margaret</i> 54
<i>Ferguson Robert</i>	<i>Pringle Robert</i> 23
<i>Flanagan Thomas</i> 17	<i>Simmonds Alice</i> 23
<i>Green Thomas</i> 79	<i>Smaill Jane</i>
<i>Gutschlag Frances</i> 24	<i>Smith Arthur</i>
<i>Hastie Janet</i>	<i>Smith Charlotte</i> 57
<i>Hodge Daisy</i> 21	<i>Stewart Helen</i> 68
<i>Kirk Mervyn</i> 25	<i>Tucker Henry</i> 46
<i>Matthews Alex Dr</i> 45	<i>Walker Peter</i>
<i>McKay Gordon</i> 31	<i>Woodhouse J.</i>
<i>McKeagg David</i> 31	

Charles Smith lost his wife and many of his family. James Neil died in the temporary hospital, followed a week later by his sisters Helen 38, Margaret 54.

When two sisters lost their mother and their father was in hospital, their grandparents came down to take them back to Christchurch by train. In 2000 one sister remembered the stacks of coffins on the end of the railway station platforms as they travelled north.

Nightcaps population of 718 was decimated with 33 influenza deaths.