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Next Meeting
4 December 2018
RSA Dining room
Christmas Dinner
Pay for your own meal
as per menu

Report November Meeting 2018

Ian Davidson's Power Point presentation of the hundreds and of photos of World War 2 soldiers from the Southland & Otago Regiments was extremely interesting. His mission is to name as many as possible soldiers from the group or studio photos. He had several large photo albums with many of the photos of soldiers. He would welcome any photos in uniform from members who have relatives who went to the First World War.

Soldiers of World War 1 frequently gave their sweethearts and mothers lovely memorial brooches, of which Ian had many photos. He also helped members to identify medals and insignia.

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How Many Ancestors Do You Have

- Parents :2
- Grandparents :4
- Great Grandparents :8
- 2nd Great Grandparents :16
- 3rd Great Grandparents :32
- 4th Great Grandparents :64
- 5th Great Grandparents :128
- 6th Great Grandparents :256
- 7th Great Grandparents :512
- 8th Great Grandparents 1,024
- 8th Great Grandparents :2,048
- 10th Great Grandparents : 4,096

Thanks to Ancestry for this amazing table



On the Irish Trail

<https://www.irishancestors.ie/weve-added-14000-more-names-to-our-bmd-database>



Seasons Greetings to Everyone

DNA

Testing your brothers and sisters will produce more matches with genetic cousins, but you still won't know which part of your tree they come from - for that you need someone who shares some of your tree rather than all of it. It's simple when you think about it - if you and a known cousin of yours have a DNA match with the same genetic cousin, you can be almost certain that the match comes from the part of your tree that you share. All you need to do is identify the most recent common ancestors that you and your known cousin share - the new cousin you've both been matched with must either be descended from them, or from one of their ancestors.

Of course, this works the other way round too. If you're trying to crack a particular 'brick wall' you need to figure out which cousins are going to provide you with the best clues.

Tip: DNA tests are expensive, so start by connecting with as many 'lost cousins' as possible - they're also researching the ancestors you share, and some will have tested already, others will be prepared to test if you explain how you can both benefit. A couple of hours spent adding relatives from 1881 to your My Ancestors page might save you hundreds of pounds and hundreds of hours of wasted effort - and it'll also help with your conventional research, which makes it a really smart choice!



MISSING BIRTH AND DEATH RECORDS

Thousands of birth and death records have been found to be missing from the **General Register Office (GRO) online indexes, according to Lost Cousins founder Peter Calver.**

The indexes were introduced in November 2016 and list the 1837-1917 birth records and 1837-1957 death records held by the GRO. The new civil registration indexes have been welcomed by family historians because, unlike the historic printed GRO indexes, which are available on a number of websites, the new indexes enable researchers to verify mother's maiden name on birth records and age at death on death records going back to the start of civil registration in 1837.

[FreeBMD](#), a website run by the charity Free UK Genealogy has published its own transcriptions of the GRO's original printed indexes. 7,000 birth entries from volume 4A of the July-September quarter of 1881 had been duplicated in volume 3B, whilst over 5,000 entries that should have appeared in 3B were missing.

In three other missing record sets there were up to 11,000 births missing from volume 11A in the October-December quarter of 1902.

In the final quarter of 1860, 4,000 birth entries were missing from volume 6C and had been replaced by 3,000 duplicated entries from volume 4B in the April-June quarter.

About 2,000 death records from volume 1C in the January-March quarter of 1863 were gone, and had been replaced by 4,500 records from volume 2C. Readers who complained about the missing records, to the GRO were told that their query had been investigated but no amendment was required.

A spokesperson for the Home Office, which runs the GRO website, said: "We welcome potential errors or omissions in our online index being brought to our attention and have a process in place to ensure that the details are corrected.

"Customers should be reassured that any issue with entries in the online index will not prevent them from ordering certificates from the General Register Office where they have identified the index reference number from another source."

The moral of the story is:

Humans make mistakes which are then copied.

Search several sources and Indexes

Births on Deaths at Sea Births and Deaths at Sea



The Registrar General in 1837 requested all captains or commanding officers of British vessels, that if any child of an **English parent** shall be born at

sea on board a British vessel, they are to record the details and on arrival at any port of the United Kingdom or by any sooner opportunity, send a certificate of the details through the post office to the registrar general. Not all captains complied with the notice and of those that did, not all were received or acted upon, and there was also plenty of scope for a birth to not be recorded if a parent wasn't English or Welsh.

And the wording "on the arrival of the Vessel in any Port of the United Kingdom" does not explicitly say the first port of the UK.



New Records on FamilySearch from October 2018

FamilySearch expanded its free online archives in

October 2018 with over 12 million new indexed family history records and nearly 400,000 digital images from around the world. New historical records were added from **Belgium, Chile, Colombia, France, French Polynesia, Germany, Ireland, Italy, New Zealand, South Africa, Spain, Switzerland, Ukraine, and the United States**, which includes **California, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Montana, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Texas, and West Virginia**. New digital images were added from **BillionGraves** and **Belgium**.

See all the great content on the [FamilySearch.org blog](#)

New Zealand Cemetery Transcriptions 1840-1981
1525 records-

Find a Grave Index - 2,471,668 records

Over 6 billion searchable historic records are available from around the world

on FamilySearch.org. Records are published with the help of thousands of volunteer indexers who transcribe digital copies of handwritten records to make them easily searchable online.



The British Red Cross has launched a new online archives database. The British Red Cross Museum and Archives has about 56,000 items, one of the largest Red Cross collections in the world.

<https://museumandarchives.redcross.org.uk/explore>

Glenorchy



After a hair raising 4-wheel drive expedition down Skippers Canyon, it was a surprise to find not only a graveyard

but also a renovated school building with pictures of the teachers and pupils in this very remote place.



There is also a water wheel memorial to the miners who died in the West Coast mines on the sea wall in Greymouth.

Ancestry has new records including: - Nuremburg, Germany Deaths 1876-1983 and Marriages 1876-1925 and updated their Civil registration Marriage Index 1916-2005, the US Obituary Collection 1930-2018, Surrey Electoral Rolls 1832-1932.

They have also just launched the first stage of the Western Front Association pensions records, featuring naval records. .

Findmypast has added, amongst others: - England and Wales Electoral Registers 1920 – 1932. Northumberland and Durham Burials, Middlesex Irregular baptisms 1543-1876, Waterford Ireland Poor Law Union board of Guardians Minute Book (If this is like the Scottish ones, records may include details of applicants) **Staffordshire, Dioceses of**

Lichfield & Coventry Marriage Allegations and Bonds, 1636-1893

Have you heard of?

DNA Painter: DNA Painter is a website that you can use to visualize and make notes on your DNA matches. The site is intended for genealogists and family history enthusiasts who have taken a DNA test. We have a natural desire to discover who our matches are and how we're related to them, but interpreting test results can be a challenge, with unfamiliar names and pages of numbers.

DNA Painter helps by providing a platform where you can:

- Enter the numerical information provided by the testing company for each match and visualise it on your chromosomes.
- Make notes and indicate how certain you are that you've identified correctly how you are connected to each person

<https://dnainter.com>

Have you tried?

FamilySearch Research Wiki: A free, online genealogy and family history guide that lists websites, provides research strategies, and suggests records and resources to help you find ancestors from all over the world.

https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Main_Page

thanks to Jane Brooker, Papakura Branch

*Three Wise Women
would have.....
Asked directions,
Arrived on time,
Helped deliver the baby
Cleaned the stable
Made a casserole,
Brought practical gifts and
There would be
Peace on Earth*



**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
Travel safely You are all Precious**