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Next Meeting]
4 June 2019
 7pm at Isite Centre
Research Night
Can we assist with your
Brick Walls???

Report Annual meeting May 2019

Our branch is so very fortunate to have such a wonderful and efficient Convenor and secretary. All positions remain the same but unfortunately Jo Muir has relinquished her position as Treasurer after several years. **We need your help to continue the running of our branch.** You will be MOST welcome if you can assist in this vital position.

WW2 Parachute

Whilst doing family research, my sister mentioned she had our father's parachute from WW2 with her in New Zealand, and asked what she could do with it. I put it on Rootsweb site and was inundated with museums wanting it. It has ended up at Classic Flyers Museum in Tauranga.

This museum also have Dad's large thermos flask. When I say large, take my word for it, it's large! It has three containers inside to keep a hot meal ready for the pilot when he needed it on a bombing raid - he took part in over Germany during WW2.

When I got the history of the thermos, from the company itself, I was informed that many parachutists had them so that when they parachuted down they had a hot meal with them. This flask has a thick glass lining, and Thermos mentioned to me, when the Queen Mum used her Thermos the lining broke and they had to find one to replace it for them.

Thanks to Adel Petony /Famnet for this interesting article

Eastern European Prussian Genealogy - facebook is the best site

Archion is a paid site.

Finding the documentation to support a change of name by Deed Poll

After some initial enquiries on a Facebook genealogy page I asked if documentation would be kept for anyone who changed their name it was suggested that I try Archives NZ, An unexpected trip to Dunedin and some time to spare I visited the Dunedin office.

I enquired of the receptionist and she ordered the Miscellaneous Case Files Register. I knew the approximate time frame so three very large, heavy index books were brought to me covering the 1923 – 1945 period. I looked through all three books which fortunately had in index of names in the front of each one. Unfortunately I did not find the name I



was looking for, however when returning the books **I commented that the person had lived in Northern Southland. This info was vital and I was presented with another set of three books, this time from the Invercargill.**

After finding the name in the index, further reference information was found in the book. Off the staff go to the stack again and this time I'm presented with a single page, prepared by a lawyer for the person wanting to change their name. This outlined the reasons for asking for the change of name and declaring that he wanted to take the new name officially, not only for himself but for his heirs and issues. The document was filed in the Supreme Court in Invercargill.

This information filtered through the system and now if I check on the NZ BDM website and enter the birth surname, it comes up with the new surname and the correct Christian names of his parents but no reference to the birth surname.

On the microfiche both names are entered and both have the same Folio numbers

Sincere thanks to member Margaret Sutherland



Finding an Adoption – Maori – Pakeha

My husband, Willie was born in Northland to a Maori mother and father unknown. He was adopted out and the only clue he ever had re the identity of his father was “he was the pakeha stationmaster down the road”. After many hours searching through electoral rolls on microfiche, and putting it aside for years, I came up with 4 men who I thought were possibly the one, although I stood out more than the rest.

I did a tree for each of them and couldn't prove any of them were the right one. However on the tree for the one that I felt was the right one, I recognised a name of someone we could contact. He lived in Invercargill!

Of course we didn't expect him to know anything, however he suggested a **DNA test** and it turned out this lovely man and Willie are first cousins! Willie now has 4 more sisters, his story is complete and his roots are firmly planted in Southland as well.

He has great grandparents and a gg grandmother buried in Riversdale (10mins from where we live)!
Sincere thanks to member Pauline/Solomon



- Additions to Ancestry include the following:
- UK World War Two Alien Internees Index Cards (with images)
 - Ireland Cork Marriage Licence Bonds Index 1623-1750
 - Norway Censuses for 1891, 1900 and 1910
 - New York (Eastern) Vital Records 1777-1834 (10,000)
 - New York (Central) Vital Records 1813-1850 (10,000)
 - France (Haute-Alpes) Censuses for 1836, 1856, 1876 and 1896
 - France (Vienne) Census for 1896
 - Germany, Nuremburg Births 1876-1905
 - Germany, Nuremburg Marriages 1876-1925
 - Germany, Nuremburg Deaths 1876-1983
 - Germany, Berlin Births 1874-1906
 - Germany, Berlin Deaths 1874-1920
 - Germany, Minden Births, Deaths & Marriages 1809-1873 [later ones after 1874 already there]
 - Germany, Minden Military Records 1783-1856

- Germany, Saxony Lutheran Baptisms, Marriages & Burials 1760-1890
- Sweden Emigration Registers 1869-1948
- Sweden Births 1859-1947
- Sweden Marriages 1860-1947
- Sweden Deaths 1840-1947



FINDMYPAST NEWS

Added databases not mentioned previously include:

- The History of the Lincolnshire Regiment 1914-18
- The Green Howards in the Great War
- The *Pinner Observer* (added to the British Newspaper Archive)
- The *Kingston Informer* (added to the British Newspaper Archive)
- Liverpool Roman Catholic Baptisms, Marriages & Burials 1754-1988 (from 47 parishes)
- Liverpool Workhouse Registers (from 7 different institutions)
- 1st Battalion Royal Scots Guards in the Boer War 1899-1902
- Scotland Criminal Database 1801-1917
- Banffshire Kirk Session Minutes 1334-1851
- Irish newspaper BDM extracts 1756-1850 (54,000)
- Cincinnati Roman Catholic Baptisms, Marriages & Burials 1880-1979 (from 103 parishes)

Recent additions to Ancestry include the following:

- UK World War Two Alien Internees Index Cards (with images)
- US Navy Muster Rolls 1949-1963 (not indexed, browse images only)
- Kent Church of England Baptisms, Marriages & Burials 1538-1914 (transcripts only)
- Durham Bishop's Transcripts

FUNERAL SERVICE

These are still very welcome. If you do not need or want to keep, could you please hand them to me at any meeting.
Avis McDonald

PAPERSPAST NEWS

Additions have recently been made to five titles:
The Press: some gaps in the years 1887 and 1903 have been filled; coverage now 1861-1945
Lyttelton Times: years 1915-1920 added covering WWI; full coverage now 1850-1920

Manawatu Standard: years 1924-1945 added covering WWII; coverage now 1883-1945
Nelson Evening Mail: years 1923-1930 added; coverage now 1866-1930
Waikato Times: years 1922-1928 added; coverage now 1872-1928 Many thanks to Riccarton Branch



**Use It OR
LOSE IT**

This is so true!!! What am I referring to????
Family History Centres.

'Oldies' will remember how we spent so many days at our local FHC. Now, much of what we did there, is available for us to find at home.

BUT NOT ALL.

As always, FamilySearch is very mindful of copyright and privacy regulations, living people etc. But they always try for the best use for us.

So, as you research at home, you may receive a message that "you have to visit a Family History Centre or Affiliate Library to be able to view this record" or similar words.

Where is your nearest Centre or Library? Go to FamilySearch.org. I think ours is in Dunedin.

FAMNET

Do you want to receive this newsletter every month? *As requested by some members last month,*

This newsletter

is free. There are not many free newsletters of this length in New Zealand. I am biased but it should be an interesting read.

To subscribe is easy too. Go onto [the FAMNET website](http://www.famnet.org.nz) - don't misspell it as I have, twice already.
<http://www.famnet.org.nz> Thanks to Peter Nash

<https://www.lostcousins.com/newsletter>

Lost Cousins recommend the Ancestry DNA test because they have the largest database of results by far, which means that - if your ancestors spoke English - you'll get more matches with cousins than at any other site. Of course, whichever site you test with you'll get more matches than you can handle, but with more matches to choose from you're likely

to find - that Ancestry provide more useful matches than any other site.

Tip: *if you test with Ancestry you can transfer your data to most other sites to get additional matches - so you get the best of both worlds. However, Ancestry don't accept transfers from other providers, so the only way to match your DNA against the biggest genealogical database in the world is to take the Ancestry test.*

ScotlandsPeople add 1940 valuation rolls

With the addition of more than 60,000 images of the 1940 valuation rolls, containing 2.8 million entries, ScotlandsPeople's collection of valuation records now extends to more than 120 million entries from 1855 to 1940.

What can you learn from valuation rolls? They tell you who owned each property, who the tenant was (if rented out), and who the occupant was (if not the tenant). And they'll also give the annual value of the property, as assessed for tax purposes.

The years of coverage are 1855, 1865, 1875, 1885, 1895, 1905, 1915, 1920, 1925, 1930, 1935 and 1940 - you can search by name or by place, and you can learn quite a lot from a free search (it costs 2 credits to view an image).

Tip: the name search finds both landlords and tenants.

The Theory of Eight Surnames

Everyone -should be able to recite their eight Grandparents surnames.

In Scotland people can be expected to know two ancestral surnames (fathers and mothers).

I know dozens of my family surnames, and I thought this is easy, but **The Eight**..

I admit *had I to cheat and look on Legacy to solve it.*

So here are my 8.

Johnston, Finlayson, Cumming, Wilson, Cameron, Shields, Miller, McLeod.

You are no more identified by your fathers surname than by the other 7, scattered through the generations.

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