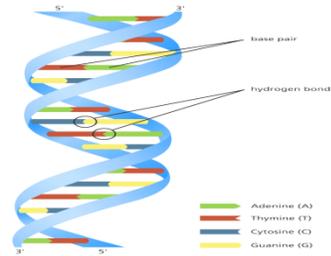


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**Next Meeting]
 6 August 2019
 7pm at I site Centre
 DNA Boot Camp &
 15 August 2019
 James Cumming wing
 6.30 Pot Luck Tea**

Report July meeting

Jill Graeve gave a large number of members an informative presentation of the difficulties of researching German records. The boundaries of the different countries kept being annexed and changing. She had printouts of the strange looking alphabet which is similar to English but with a few extras and embellishments to confuse everyone. Irish research suddenly became easy in comparison. Irish records are at least in English.

Congratulations to Convenor Elaine Scott for researching and writing her book on the dentist ghost in H & J Smiths department store. After reading about it in Australia, a granddaughter has been in touch. Elaine was the well deserved winner of the silver **Rose bowl trophy**. Members vote for the member who has been the helpful and done the most during his year.

August is the NZSG's Family History Month
Two visitors from Salt Lake City, Utah USA will speak on 15 August 2019 at James Cumming Wing. Cost is a door charge of \$5. There will be a finger tea from 6.30pm with the presentation by Raymond Naisbitt starting at 7.30pm.– if coming to the Pot luck finger meal, please bring a plate and join us. Everyone is most welcome.

New records of interest

Findmypast is continuously adding to its collection of records, all of which are available on our computers at the HHC, so its worth rechecking if there's a record you couldn't find.

This month early American records include those of British Officers serving in America 1614-1787 and Pennsylvanian immigrants 1727-1776. Other additions are British army records and regimental histories and updates to British and Irish newspapers.

New records for County Waterford

Waterford Heritage have added over 38,000 Church of Ireland baptisms to their database at www.waterford.rootsireland.ie. For a full list of these records, please visit the link below.

<https://www.rootsireland.ie/2019/05/new-waterford-records-2/>

Nautical Apprenticeship Records

Some men as young as 14 were apprenticed for up to 6 years to learn the trade of a Merchant Navy seamen. **Findmypast** has over **300,000 records of Masters and Apprentices** included in a nautical set of apprenticeship records. These National Archives records contain apprentices in the Merchant Navy between 1824-1910

Ancestry has added (extensive) indexes to the Essex Parish Registers from the Church of England Parish Registers held at the Essex County Council, Chelmsford, Essex, England. The images however are only available at the Essex Archives site and cost £2.99, or are available as part of a subscription to the Archives www.essexarchivesonline.co.uk/

Lost a favourite web page? Have you looked at the Wayback machine on the Internet Archive? OR, recommended a page you believe should be saved for posterity to the Wayback machine? See The Legal Genealogist, Judy Russell's post -

<https://www.legalgenealogist.com/2019/07/09/wayback-it/>

Thanks to Kapiti Branch

NZ RGO deaths Index does not list the names and ages of people aged 38 (or younger) who died in 1996. If they died in Southland a search in the Southland Times death scrapbooks may be successful.

The National Archives (UK)



Opens the WW2 POW Archives. Approximately 190,000 Records of prisoners held in German Camps are now open to

researchers. These documents were transferred to TNA IN December 2014. They are primarily Allied service men and include New Zealanders, Canadians, South Africans, and Australians (many in the merchant navy and some nurses) There are also cards for American, Norwegian, Chinese, Arab and Cypriot origins.

The new collections include several thousand records of deceased Allied airmen whose bodies were found near their downed aircraft. They have varying amounts of information listing individuals name, place of capture and camp details where they were held; place and date of birth, parents details. While these airmen were never prisoners, these documents act as records of death. Some individuals have 15 cards, but most are 1 or 2. For further details see

<http://blog.nationalarchives.gov.uk/blog/opening-prisoner-war-collection/> and to browse series WO 416 so far visit; <http://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/details/r/C14541141>

Genealogy has become much more mainstream. It is possible to research without internet, but why would you? But **NOT EVERYTHING** is available online, but you can manage huge amounts of data securely. Websites may close, be taken over by another company, hacked or disappear. Hopefully Rootsweb pages and Hearth Tax Online www.hearthtax.org.uk will manage to get up and running again. I often wonder if our ancestors would be mortified to know how many secrets we

have discovered of their lives. It won't be very long before the first step in starting your family history is to take a DNA swab/test.



Who Do You Think You Are? on TV?

The long-awaited 2019 series of *Who Do You Think You Are?* will start on Monday 22 July (UK), and the first episode sees Harry Potter star Daniel Radcliffe discovering the powerful stories behind his family mysteries

Websites

three UK sites: -

www.thegazette.co.uk - look at Wills

domesdaybook.co.uk

visionofbritain.org.uk

Ancestry.co.uk Huntingdonshire church records

1559-1836 Updated electoral registers

2003=2010.Registers of Carnegie Music Institution

Dunfermline, Fife asylum registers 1866-1937

Familysearch.org Bishops transcripts for Devon

1558-1887 and Hampshire 1680-1892

Findmypast.co.uk Yorkshire memorial inscriptions

& Sheffield Methodist burials. Kent parish records

& wills. 60,000 more records in 1939 Register.

Jersey Wills 1564 -2000.Greater Manchester

marriages 1570 -1936 and burials 1570 -1990. More

than 65 related reference books. Northamptonshire

memorial transcriptions.

Irishnewsarchiv.com Belfast Newsletter 1939 -

1949. Drogheda Independent 1884-1891, 1995.

Dundalk Democrat 2000 – 2001

Jewishgen.org 105,000 more records and 25,000

photos in JOWBR the online burial registry.

Swil;son.info telephone subscribers of Ireland

1900 – 1901

CWGC – Commonwealth War Graves Commission

have launched a new online archive and catalogue

with far more than the 600 items available for free

at <http://archive.cwgc.org>. this is the first time the

CWGC has digitized content over 2018, including

staff records, photographs, and plans.

[Irish DNA Atlas](http://IrishDNAAtlas) is a genetic study of district

regions of Ireland. Full research paper is at

www.nature.com/articles/s41598-017-17124-4

Findmypast 68 maps which detail the colonization

of Ireland by England and Scotland over the last

500 years. The original maps are held in state

papers at the National Archives of England and

Wales (series MPF 1) The maps were mostly created

in the reigns of Elizabeth 1 & James 1 and were

intended to assist the English with the plantation of

Ireland and focus on Ulster and Munster and

contain rivers, fortifications, harbours, and list

numerous Gaelic clans and their lands.

Find MyPast has launched new resource for family

historians. The British and Irish Roots Collections

brings together a curated collection of 95 million

records [http://findmypast.co.uk/search-word-](http://findmypast.co.uk/search-word-Records/british-an-irish-roots-collection)

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Scotland records, other than Scotlands People

The legal settlement of the

personal estates of deceased persons.

Commissariat courts handled probate before 1823 – one or more having jurisdiction in each county. The highest court was that of Edinburgh. Sheriffs' courts handled probate from 1823.

The main records of interest are 'testaments' and 'inventories.'

The records for 1513-1901 are very well indexed online at <http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk>. You can search the index for free once you have registered. Probate records to about 1823 are on microfilm at the FHL (see register 942 P2gs, #904, in the British Reference area). Later records are obtained through the ScotlandsPeople website. NOTE: Before 1868, only personal (movable) property, not land or buildings, could be transferred through a will or 'testament.'

Land Records—

Service of Heirs—a court process/document for transferring land from a deceased person to his/her heir, usually the eldest son. Indexes and abstracts are on microfilm at the FHL.

Sasines—for transferring land, buildings, and other property (including inherited property). Indexes and abstracts are on microfilm at the FHL.

Deeds—registration for legal documentation of transfers of land, buildings, and other property, as well as contracts. Indexes and abstracts are on microfilm at the FHL.

Look in the **FamilySearch Catalog for Scotland - Land and Property**. Also look for a county of interest and the topic of Land and Property.

Most original records are deposited at the National Archive of Scotland at Edinburgh.

Military Records—

There was no separate military for Scotland after unification in 1707, just Scottish regiments in the British Army.

Some service records of officers are on film at the FHL. See the register listed below.

The best records for foot soldiers are pensions, called '**Soldiers' Documents'** (series WO 97).

These are indexed in the online Catalogue of the National Archives of the UK at

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/catalogue/>.

For pension records on film at the FHL (arranged by

regiment), go to 'Soldiers' Documents' in the FamilySearch Catalog. Soldiers were often drawn for service from the county militias.

Other resources—

Scotland's regional archives also have collections of valuable records. For links to their websites and contact information, see:

<http://www.scan.org.uk/directory/index.htm>.

County family history societies exist throughout Scotland and they have indexed many records of genealogical value. See

<http://www.genuki.org.uk/Societies/Scotland.html>.

Gazetteers are dictionaries of places that provide information about places and give an idea of what life was like there. Some good gazetteers for Scotland are:

Wilson's The [Imperial] Gazetteer of Scotland (FHL book 941 E5j); available online at: Vol. 1: Internet Archive; Vol. 2: Internet Archive.

Mason's Bartholomew Gazetteer of Places in British Isles which is compact and includes maps (FHL book 942 E5bb).

Groome's Ordnance Gazetteer of Scotland (FHL book 941 E5g); available on several websites including:

<http://www.electricscotland.com/history/gazetteer/>.

The Ordnance Survey Gazetteer of Great Britain (FHL book 942 E5o) is the index to the modern, detailed, large scale Landranger series of maps from the Ordnance Survey Office of the UK (FHL book 942 E7lan).

Atlases are bound sets of maps. One of the best atlases, which covers England, Wales, and Scotland, and includes other valuable information, is: The Phillimore Atlas and Index of Parish Registers (FHL book 942 E7pa). copied from

https://www.familysearch.org/.../Finding_Your_Ancestors... Thanks to Mrgaret Milne



Prussian Research by Jill Graeve

This is the process I went through to understand the written Prussian

language. What I found was that I needed to learn about the geography of the country first.

It was based on the feudal system similar to that in England where the counties were managed by the head of the clan. Within these locations there was a major

You will need to identify the jurisdictions it belonged to in 1871, especially the province or duchy. Also, you might need to identify nearby towns where they attended church and where they registered births, marriages, and deaths with a civil registrar. Use [Meyer's Gazetteer](#) or a [regional online gazetteer](#). For help, see [Studying Your German Locality](#).

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RB Hannover - The Regierungsbezirk for Linden is Hannover. The Regierungsbezirk is a government district that is in hierarchy between the State and Kreis level.

AG Hannover - The Amtsgericht for Linden is in Hannover. The Amtsgericht is where the Lower District Court is located.

BKdo Hannover - The Bezirkskommando for Linden is in Hannover. The Bezirkskommando is the District

Military Command. You can look in the BKdo to find military records.

kath. K. 3 - Linden has 3 katholisch Kirche (Catholic Churches).

ev. K. 4 - Linden has 4 evangelisch Kirche (Protestant Churches).

registrar's office Standesamt

registry office Standesamt

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Schiffsregister, Sakristei

- [Births \(Geburtsregister\)](#)
- [Marriages \(Heiraten, Ehen, or Trauungen\)](#)
- [Deaths \(Sterberegister or Totenregister\)](#)

A. = Amt, Amtsbezirk	government office, official district
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Secular Administrations

Office Amtsvogtei Mining Authority Berggericht

Castle Bailiwick Commissariat dish Gohgericht

Grafe court municipal authorities patrimonial

Grandstand office court structure bailiwick court

Immigrant records to Queensland -

<https://data.qld.gov.au/dataset/assisted-immigration-1848-to-1912>

Immigrant records to Victoria -

<https://prov.vic.gov.au/explorecollection/explore-topic/passenger-records-and-immigration>

Queensland Historical BDMs -

<https://www.bdm.qld.gov.au/IndexSearch/>

State Library Queensland -

<https://www.slq.qld.gov.au/>

Queensland Archives -

<https://www.qld.gov.au/recreation/arts/heritage/archives>

Shipboard Lives -

<https://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/stories/shipboard-19th-century-emigrant-experience>

Ryerson Index - <https://www.ryersonindex.org/>
- up-to-date death notices in Australian newspapers

Trove – digitized newspapers -

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/>

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