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Next Meeting
6 October 2020
7pm at the
Maruawai Center
(Beside Heritage Center)
Shipwreck Cemeteries
 All Welcome

September Meeting Report

The wide selection of varied photographs were wonderful and their history and stories were amazing. Listening to the memories reminded us all to try to name all the photos we have in our possession, especially the older generation. The next generation of genealogists will thank you. **Remove all photos in sticky back albums before they are ruined**



<https://www.famnet.org.nz/>

Do you want to receive this newsletter every 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 - don't misspell it as I have, twice already. <https://www.famnet.org.nz>

The front page is lovely, but click on [Newsletters]. A page opens showing you a list of all the past newsletters, you can click the link to read one that you're interested in. Like the front page, the newsletters page has a place where you can log on or register. It's in the top right-hand corner. Put your email here and click [Continue].

If you aren't already on our mailing list, there will be a message "Email not in database" and a button [New User] appears. Click this and follow the dialog to register. It's free and easy. You should receive a copy every month until you unsubscribe.

Robert has assured me that he will not send begging letters to your email - apparently, he has enough money at the moment. You will not have to put in your credit card number. You will **not be charged a subscription.**

FINDMYPAST UPDATE

New databases added during the past month include:

- London, Scotland, Ireland (Dublin) and Ireland (Belfast) Government Gazettes
- Banffshire & Morayshire Baptisms, Marriages & Burials
- Scotland Burgess & Guild Brethren Index
- Wales Probates 1544-1858
- Wales Denbighshire Wrexham Cemetery
- Montgomeryshire Monumental Inscriptions

Adoptees in New South Wales to get new certificates

Adopted people in NSW will be able to have both their birth and adopted families included on a birth certificate for the first time in the State's history following new reforms. The new certificate will be provided automatically to newly-adopted children, although they'll continue to receive a birth certificate that shows only their adoptive parents – this will enable them to use whichever they choose. Those who were adopted before the change in legislation will be able to apply for a new birth certificate

Isle of Man newspapers to remain free

Over 400,000 pages from newspapers published in the Isle of Man 1792-1960 were made free to view in April, as a temporary measure – but now Manx National Heritage has announced that they are going to be free permanently.

Some strange facts ?????

Grasshoppers have white blood, Caterpillars have about 4 thousand muscles, Butterflies taste with their hind feet, a scallop has 35 eyes, Minnows have teeth in their throats

ANCESTRY.COM:

Recent new databases added are:

- Germany Hannover Lutheran Baptisms, Marriages & Burials 1684-1892

- New York Auburn Prison records 1816-1942

Thanks to Riccarton Branch



Scotlandspeople

research hints

Two things to remember with your searches.

1. Try your search without specifying male or female. Because it is very easy to have the wrong sex entered and then the search engine won't find your entry.

2. Remember you can sort on each column. So, say you have 50 hits and in your search string you have entered that the birth could be anytime between 1700 and 1800. Then you need to click on the date column and this will sort from the earliest date to most recent very quickly and you can go straight to the date span you think would be most likely.

Click on the place column to alpha sort the hits by place.

Thanks to Jan Gow, Famnet

Family Tree Magazine

From the Editor: *Peter Nash*

Spend a bit of time exploring this website. I enjoy reading this magazine and regularly visit this site for a browse.

I was booked into the Family Tree Live Conference that was scheduled to be held in London. Covid intervened but I was able to "attend" the lectures I wished to "attend" via this website.

Also read some of the How-to guides and generally explore the site. <https://www.family-tree.co.uk/>

Who do you Think You Are Magazine

Here is the website of another genealogy magazine I like to read. Spend some time exploring the site.

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

Thanks to Peter Nash, Famnet

This month's Lost Cousins has two amazing stories of serious research which are extremely interesting.

<https://www.lostcousins.com/newsletters2/latesep20news.htm#gsc.tab=0>

Will the 2021 Census be postponed?

It was announced in July that the Scotland census due to take place on 21st March 2021 had been postponed until **20th March 2022** – (drat)

but the Office for National Statistics decided that the England & Wales census would still go ahead on the scheduled date.

Last week it was announced that the Ireland census will also be postponed by almost a year from 18th April 2021 until **3rd April 2022**.

Now that we're seeing another rise in COVID-19 cases will the ONS be forced to think again,

Rootstech goes virtual

This year's RootsTech London conference was cancelled months ago; now the decision has been taken to turn the main RootsTech event, normally held in Salt Lake City, into a virtual event. Best of all, it will be **FREE**

Introducing RootsTech Connect: A Free Online Conference Experience

For the first time ever, the world's largest family celebration event will be **entirely virtual and completely free**. Get ready to celebrate shared connections with people from around the world.

Connect with friends, your family, your past, and your heritage and homelands—all from the comfort of your home and in your browser.

You can find out more details and register

<https://www.rootstech.org/?lang=eng>.

Celebrity Keynote Speakers

Keynotes are a huge part of RootsTech events. They deliver messages of inspiration and hope. Stay tuned for the full lineup of keynote speakers to be announced soon.

Connect with Family from Anywhere

Finding cousins and interacting with other attendees is an important part of the RootsTech model. Enjoy exclusive opportunities to chat with other attendees through various messaging boards, social media interactions, and video chats.

Access to Content Year-Round

All recordings and videos will be available to you on demand throughout the year, so you can make connections no matter where you are!

THE INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS OF NEW ZEALAND

Burnham Camp was the site of an Industrial School. One of the most famous past pupils/inmates was the politician John A Lee.

The head librarian, Gayle Blanch died last week, on 26 August 2020, aged 64. She took an interest in Industrial Schools and on 24 April 2015 began an excellent website with information about and photos of past pupils.

She tried to gather genealogical information about their families too. Her site will hopefully live on as her enduring legacy. It was last updated on 9 April 2020.

The URL for her site is:

www.industrialschoolsnz.tribalpages.com/

Thanks to Riccarton Branch

Nugget Point Lighthouse was first lit on 4th July 1870

The contract was let towards the end of 1869, it took some time to construct, several miles of roadway had to be cut through to the site where all material had to be hauled up to the summit.

The tower was constructed from locally quarried stone and stands 76 metres (249 ft) above the water. The man who supervised the construction for the contractors A.

Carnachan, joined the Marine Department and became its first Principal Keeper.

Originally powered by an oil burner, it was converted to a 1000 W lamp in 1949 with electricity provided by a diesel generator until the 1960s, when the lighthouse was connected to mains electricity. It was automated in 1989 and is computer-monitored and operated by Maritime New Zealand.

Nugget Point originally had three keepers; however, by the time the light was automated this had been reduced to one keeper and his family.

The last keeper was Alan Martin and his wife Shirley.



Bruce Herald, Volume VI, Issue 323, 6 July 1870

The Lighthouse at the Nuggets was formally opened on Monday last.

The lamps were lit at sun down, by Mr Cunninghame, the Lighthouse keeper, in the presence of a large number of

spectators. The Whole arrangements and machinery were pointed out and described by Mr Cunninghame everything was in first class order, not excluding the dinner and accompaniments which had been prepared upon a most liberal scale. After the usual formula, observed upon such an occasion the company separated, every one being highly delighted with the evenings proceedings,

Otago Daily Times, Issue 2627, 8 July 1870

The Nuggets Light.—The following official notice appears in the New Zealand Gazette of the 28th June .—Notice is hereby given, that on and after the 4th July, 1870, a light will be exhibited from a lighthouse erected on the outer extremity of Nugget Point, lat. 46 27 S., and long. 169 51 E. It is a fixed white light, of the first order, dioptric, showing all round seaward, between the bearings of N.E. by N.-quarter-N. and South by East, It is elevated 250 ft. above sea level, and may be seen, in clear weather, at a distance of 23 nautical miles, allowing 15ft. for the height of the observer's eye The tower is of stone, painted white, and is 31ft. in height from base to top of lantern. All bearings are magnetic, and are taken from sea to lighthouse.

Many thanks to Balclutha Branch

How many members have visited this lighthouse?

Fortrose Cemetery

46km from Invercargill on the Southern Scenic Route.

Location 1668 Tokanui Gorge Road Highway, Fortrose, Southland
Memorials 618 added, (88% photographed)

46km from Invercargill on the Southern Scenic Route.

The earliest European cemetery in the area with the first burial recorded in 1873. Fortrose was first established as a whaling station in 1834 and one of the early whalers and first white settler, James Wybrow, was buried here in 1878. Also located here is a memorial and some of the graves of the 131 passengers who lost their lives in the SS Tararua shipwreck in 1881 at Waipapa point - NZ's worst civilian maritime disaster. Other passengers graves are located at Tararua Acre Cemetery about 300m of the road to Waipapa point.

My son in laws ancestor, Stephen England Gillingham was a passenger on the Tararua. He is buried at sea. Maybe his body was never found.



A - Z of Family History

Almhouse: Charitable accommodating for the poor and elderly

Bastardy Order: a document whereby the father of an illegitimate child is forced to pay for the child's maintenance, established his identity as the father

Bevin Boys: young men conscripted to work in the coal mines 1943- 1948 in Britain. Chosen for this service by lot

Black Death: a plague pandemic that arrived in Britain in 1349

Boundaries: explore maps for England and Wales at maps.familysearch.org that map boundaries for parish, county, civil registration district, diocese, poor law union, hundred and more

Bridewell: Prison for petty offenders

Charnel House: a vault in which skeletons were stored

Chelsea Hospital: a retirement home for members of the British Army, which opened in 1692

Colony: the first English colony was set up in America in 1584 – the settlement was Virginia named after the Virgin Queen, Elizabeth 1

Compton Census: taken in 1676 –this census of England and Wales was taken to record whether families were Anglican, Nonconformist or Roman Catholics

Distaff side: the female side of the family tree

Endogamy: marriage strictly within a specific ethnic group

Factory Act 1893: forbade the employment of children under age of nine

Filius: Latin name for 'son'

Gallantry Award – award for extremegallantry of which the Victoria Cross is the hights. List of awards at www.greatwar.co.uk/medals/ww1-gallantry-awards.htm

Gedcom: acronym for Genealogical Data Communication – a file sharing format to help researchers using different history software to exchange research with one another.

Gregorian Calender: named after Pope Gregory XI11. It first came into use in 1582 in Europe as a correction of the Julian Calender and was finally adopted by England and Wales in 1752 (Scotland had adopted it in 1509). During this 170 – year period you may come across *Old Style* (OS) and *New Style* NS dates as the official start of the New Year was also to move 25 March to 1 January

Hearth Tax: first taken in England in 1692, this tax (of one shilling a time per hearth) was payable twice a year. Exemptions were allowed for the poor.

Highland Clearances: The 18th & 19th century of eviction of homesteads in the Scottish Highland to make way for sheep farming

Hiring Fair: annual employment fairs, they were sometimes call “Mop Fairs” – as prospective employees would bring something to symbolise their line of work (eg mops for housemaids)

Huguenots: French Protestants. In the late 1600/early 1700s, 50,000 fled to Britain from France

Hundred: an administrative area with a hundred court
Irish Potato Famine: also known as the Great Hunger, 1845 -1852, during which an estimated one million people died and another one million left Ireland

Pightle: a small field

Quarter Days: 25 March (Lady Day), 24 June (Midsummer, Feast of St John the Baptist), 29 September (Michaelmas) and 25 December (Christmas) These evolved into times when quarter sessions were held.

Relict: archaic term for a widow – sometimes found on headstone

Visitation of God: term found on death certificates indicating unknown or natural casers of death

Window Tax: Introduced in 1696 in England and Wales, this tax wasn't repealed until 1851 and in the meantime many windows were bricked up to reduce the tax bill. Houses were taxed at two shillings per house, with additional tax for those with more than 10 windows.

Workhouse: in house poor relief 0 food and shelter for those who entered its forbidding gates. Poor women in London used it as a maternity hospital

X: the mark made by illiterate ancestors on official documents (some literate ancestors have also been known to sign an “X”).

Websites

Hearth Tax on line www.hearthtax.org.uk – freely search names of people / places In several English counties.

Nationals Library of Wales free online for tracing trees with 15 million articles from 1800 – 1919

<http://newspapers.library.wales>

<http://journals.library.wales>

Maps of Scotland <http://maps.nls.uk>

High resolution zoomable images of historic maps of Scotland, England and Wales. Has county maps, town plans, Ordnance survey maps.
