

**OTAKI BRANCH**  
**(NZ SOCIETY OF GENEALOGISTS)**  
**NEWSLETTER**  
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**Meetings** are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each  
month (February to November) at 7.30 pm,  
**in the Dr Gertrude Atmore Supper Room**  
of the Otaki Public Library,  
corner Aotaki and Main Streets, Otaki.

**Please Note: When the Branch has a guest  
speaker we have a gold coin collection.**

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**OUR NEXT MEETING**  
**Thursday 25<sup>TH</sup> February 2021**

Out of the blue – give us the green light on what you  
have discovered over the holiday break

**Committee news:**

- **Branch meetings:** We are hoping to have a speaker about Seacliff psychiatric hospital in March and a session on the use of maps in your genealogy by Len in April
- **Let's Talk sessions:**  
Next session times to be advised – March 23 probably for DNA followup session, followed on by Writing Your Family Story.
- **Visit to Wellington Archives:** as we have cancelled this twice during 2020 due to Covid concerns, it has been decided to leave the next proposed visit to the second half of the year when hopefully things are more stable and some people might even be vaccinated.
- **Computer replaced in library:** Thanks to Peter Carr, we have a replacement PC in the library all connected up to everything now, though you still need to use the 2 left hand computers to

print to the library printer behind the door by the counter. When printing check it's set to print as black and white, or nothing will happen! The new PC also has a bigger screen!

- **Reminders:** the Library version of [Ancestry](#) is still available to log into from home until the end of March. Remember to log in to your KCDC Library account using Firefox as it doesn't seem to work anymore with Chrome.
- Also: it is possible to join the Levin Library if you live in Otaki. You'll have to go to the Levin Library with proof of your Otaki address and join up. Once that's done, check with them how to log onto [MyHeritage](#) genealogy site from home using this membership.
- In the reference library cupboard above the PCs at the back is an A3 yellow folder. We have just put in here a plot plan of Otaki Cemetery which goes up to 2008.
- **FamilySearch Affiliate Library Wellington:**  
The computers (Kiosks) in the Alexander Reading room on level 1 at the National Library in Wellington have now all been upgraded to Windows10 enabling us to assist you further. I am pleased to announce we are up and fully operating again from Tuesday to Friday 10am-4pm and Saturday from 9am -1pm. We can now take bookings for groups from out of Wellington thus ensuring you a computer. Please book through our email [familysearchmswn@gmail.com](mailto:familysearchmswn@gmail.com) supplying a name and number of people plus how long you are visiting. You can also bring your own laptop as we have plenty of space and power outlets, so don't forget your charger. You can either download to your laptop yourself or we can download digital images on your behalf and email them to you.  
Just ask for a form at our service desk to complete the details of what you require.

*Thanks to Jenny Martin*

### Library Duty

Gail Hall	3 March	Carol Moore	17 March
Anne Williams	10 March	Frances Milne	24 March
		Sue Carroll	31 March

And: Anne McLellan Saturday 13 March

If you cannot do a duty day, please contact one of these members listed below to swap:

Sue Carroll 364 7263	Carol Moore 364 7159	Anne Williams 364 2300
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### Research items of interest



- A whole additional year of historic Births, Marriages and Deaths are now available to view for **free** on the Irish Government's Irish Genealogy website [irishgenealogy.ie](http://irishgenealogy.ie) The records being launched online are the **Birth** Register entries for **1920**, **Marriage** Register entries for **1945** and **Death** Register entries for **1970**.

- [FindMyPast](#) adds Derry and Dublin burial records  
Londonderry (Derry) City Cemetery Burials 1853-1961 This record-set holds transcribed records of nearly 51,000 burials in City Cemetery, which opened in 1853 and catered for both Protestants and Catholics. The amount of information in each record can vary, but most include name, address, age, date of death, date of burial, place of birth, name of parents, grave location, name and address of the owner of the grave, notes, and reference number.

Dublin City Cemetery Burials 1805-2006 This new collection of register transcriptions covers three Dublin cemeteries and its index offers some 7,100 names. While the collection title suggests a span of 200 years of burials, the majority of records date from 1900. The cemeteries featured are: • St John The Baptist, Castle Avenue, Clontarf, Dublin D3 • Drimnagh (Bluebell), Old Naas Road, Dublin D12 • St Canice's, Finglas, Dublin D11. The amount of information recorded in each record can vary, but most will include the name of the funeral director and the burial date; name of cemetery; name, address, age, religion, occupation, marital status and date of death of the deceased; grave reference; previous interments in same plot; observations; and the names of parents if the deceased was not of full age.

- **Ireland, Belfast & Ulster Directories**

<https://search.findmypast.co.uk/search-world-Records/ireland-belfast-and-ulster-directories>

Only available online at Findmypast, explore a pivotal era in Northern Ireland's history with these brand new directories. Year-by-year, they can help you discover names, addresses and occupations from Belfast and beyond.

Covering 1890-1947, these directories chart the transformation of Northern Ireland and the province of Ulster as the Irish Free State was formed. They were published by the Belfast Newsletter to showcase the city's industrial excellence.

Two other sources offer an extensive range of additional directories - PRONI at

[www.nidirect.gov.uk/information-and-services/search-archives-online/street-directories](http://www.nidirect.gov.uk/information-and-services/search-archives-online/street-directories) and the Lennon Wylie site at [www.lennonwylie.co.uk](http://www.lennonwylie.co.uk).

- Clare Heritage and Genealogical Centre has added over 61,000 Roman Catholic and Civil records to its database at [www.rootsireland.clare.ie](http://www.rootsireland.clare.ie) including the following records;

#### **ROMAN CATHOLIC BAPTISMS**

Doora-Barefield: 1821-1900

Ballyvaughan: 1856-1900

Kilfiddane: 1868-1900

Kilmihil: 1849-1900

Ogonelloe: 1832-1900

#### **ROMAN CATHOLIC MARRIAGES**

Clarecastle: 1854-1900

Doonbeg: 1867-1890

Killaloe: 1828-1900

Kilmurry-McMahon: 1837-1889

Newmarket-on-Fergus: 1828-1900

#### **BIRTHS (Civil)**

Carrigaholt Civil: 1896-1949

Clarecastle Civil: 1893-1949

Killaniv Civil: 1895-1949

Kilrush Civil: 1899-1949

Quin-Clooney Civil: 1899-1949

#### **DEATHS (Civil)**

Carrigaholt Civil: 1864-1970

Clarecastle Civil: 1864-1970

Killaniv Civil: 1864-1970  
Kilrush Civil: 1902-1970  
Kilrush: 1864-1939  
Quin-Clooney Civil: 1864-1965

Note: Kilrush Deaths are tagged under both Kilrush Civil and Kilrush.

- Online Church of Ireland Gazette now spans 1856-1989.

The RCB Library has announced that another decade of editions of the Church of Ireland's Gazette has been added to the newspaper's dedicated database at <https://eSearch.informa.ie/rcb>. The free online resource now spans 1856 to 1989. The release of this latest tranche features as the RCBL's first Archive of the Month for 2021, which examines the 1980s through the lens of the Church's then weekly newspaper.

- South Tipperary Genealogy has added over 20,000 Roman Catholic baptisms for the parish of Killenaule to its database at [www.rootsireland.ie/tipperarysouth](http://www.rootsireland.ie/tipperarysouth). These baptismal records span two periods: 1742-1802 and 1814-1900, with a twelve-year gap between both sets of records.
- The National Archives of Ireland features the Ireland-Australia transportation database, and this includes records of men and women who were sentenced to transportation for their crimes during the famine years  
This database, containing just under 20,000 entries, provides information on a particular set of records relating to central government, the files in the archive of the Department of the Taoiseach.  
<https://www.nationalarchives.ie/historical-records/research-guides-sources/>



**SCOTLAND**

- FindmyPast ([www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk)) has extended its coverage of Scottish monumental inscriptions with a further 600,000 entries as sourced from the following societies:

Aberdeen & North East Scotland FHS  
Caithness FHS  
Dumfries & Galloway FHS  
East Ayrshire FHS  
Highland FHS  
Lanarkshire FHS  
Moray Burial Ground Research Group  
Scottish Genealogy Society  
Tay Valley FHS  
Troon@Ayrshire FHS

- Indexes to Aberdeenshire poor relief records applications are freely accessible on the Aberdeen and North East Scotland Family History Society website at <http://www.anesfhs.org.uk/databank/plindex/plindex.php>.  
You can also find additional poor relief resources for the north-east at [www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/services/libraries-and-archives/aberdeen-city-and-aberdeenshire-archives/catalogues-and-indexes/poor-relief-records](http://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/services/libraries-and-archives/aberdeen-city-and-aberdeenshire-archives/catalogues-and-indexes/poor-relief-records).

*Thanks to Chris Paton*

- ScotlandsPeople ([www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk](http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk)) has added a million or so mother's maiden names to its online death record indexes, from between 1855 and 1880. Here's the announcement.

We are pleased to advise that updates are currently being made to the mother's maiden name search field in the statutory register of deaths index, as part of our ongoing improvements to our website and in

response to your requests in our customer survey. Before 1974 the deceased's mother's maiden name was not routinely included. Where this information was included on the death records before this date we are retrospectively adding this to the index beginning with the years closest to the introduction of statutory registration in 1855. We have now updated most years up to 1880, adding mother's maiden names to more than 1 million records, and plan to have completed records up to 1883 by the end of this year. You can populate the name search fields and also choose to 'include unrecorded mother's maiden surname'. You may find that if you enter a name in this search field and the information has not yet been added or it was unavailable at the time of registration then a result will not be found.



**GREAT BRITAIN**

➤ **GRO extend birth indexes to 1934**

At this time of year it's usual for the GRO to add an extra year to their online index of births for England & Wales, so I was expecting 1920 to be added (now that the entries are 100 years old). But in fact they added all of the remaining entries from the registers that have been scanned and indexed, taking them up to 1934.

If you have used the birth index for 1984-2019 you'll know that maiden names aren't displayed in the search results, other than the name you specify - presumably to comply with Data Protection. It's the same for the period 1921-1934.

However, as the original quarterly indexes for this period included the Mother's Maiden Name it's not a major problem – the main reason you'd want to use the GRO indexes after 1920 is to find out the full middle names of your relatives, information that isn't shown in the quarterly indexes.

*lostcousins.com newsletter*

➤ England, Devon, Plymouth, Parish Chest Records, 1556-1950 on [Familysearch](#)

This collection was compiled from parish chest records held by the Plymouth and West Devon Record Office. Images contains varied details from several types of records, such as examinations, pew rents, poor relief, removals, and settlements, to name a few. Index provided by FindMyPast.

➤ British Library adds 18,000 free maps from Topographical Collection of King George III

The British Library in London has made freely available into the public domain some 18,000 digital images of historic maps, views and texts from its **Topographical Collection of King George III**. The images have been uploaded to its Flickr account

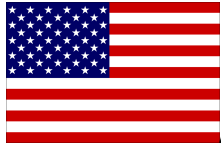
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The collection includes:

- Some of the earliest European printed maps, such as the so-called 'Lafreri' copperplate maps produced in Rome in the mid-16th century
- The complete range of British county maps dating from 1579 to the early 19th century
- Administrative maps
- Planning maps including maps of proposed railways and canals
- Presentation maps, such as the 'Duke's Plan' of New York, made to celebrate its capture by the English from the Dutch in 1664
- Estate maps and maps of Royal palaces
- The results of large-scale surveys, including a manuscript map of part of Newfoundland by James Cook, and William Roy's military survey of Scotland
- A large archive of maps and plans of Hannover and Northern Germany

Scotland is represented amongst the materials presented –for instance, there is a plan of Edinburgh Castle from 1746, the year of Bonnie Prince Charlie's failed Jacobite Rising:

For more on the release visit <https://blogs.bl.uk/magnificentmaps/2020/10/the-ktop-18000-digitised-maps-and-views-released.html>



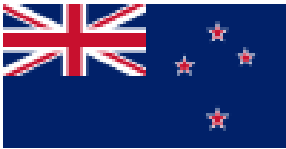
AMERICA

- [Ancestry](#) has now released the US Public Records Index up to 2020, although indexing is a bit hit and miss. When it works it's brilliant. You get two, three, four previous residences in one hit.



AUSTRALIA

- Australia, Victoria, Petty Sessions Registers, 1858-1985 on [Familysearch](#) Court records extracted from several different Archival Series and held by the Public Record Office Victoria in North Melbourne, Australia. The records are arranged chronologically within each of the Magistrate Courts and contain brief details of minor criminal matters and committal proceedings.



NEW ZEALAND

- Latest additions to Newspapers ([paperspast.natlib.govt.nz](http://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz)) January 2021:
  - [Manawatu Times](#) (1937-1945)
  - [Nelson Evening Mail](#) (1938-1945)
  - [Timaru Herald](#) (1929-1935)
  - [Waikato Times](#) (1936-1945)
- Hawke's Bay Knowledge Bank [knowledgebank.org.nz](http://knowledgebank.org.nz) It's a bit clunky to use but has a wealth of genealogical information on Hawke's Bay families.
- Sarah Hewitt has developed two more videos 'Searching Newspapers' and 'Other People's Trees' which are on the NZSG website <https://www.genealogy.org.nz/> and available for anyone to view.

Starting your family history can be daunting! *Getting It Right* is a series of learning resources with a New Zealand focus to help you with your family history research.

In these presentations you can discover practical steps you can take to start on the fascinating story of your family!

Each resource consists of a video and a set of notes. The notes can be downloaded and saved to your own computer.



CANADA

- Ancestry ([www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk)) has added a new collection of 30,877,928 obituaries from Canadian newspapers, which may help with tracing your emigrant ancestors:

This database consists of facts extracted from obituaries found on Newspapers.com™ dating from the early 1800's to current.



**NORWAY**

- Norway Census, 1891 on [Familysearch](#)  
This collection contains over two million records from the Norwegian 1891 Census, recorded on 1 January 1891. While previous censuses used one form per household, the 1891 census introduced one sheet per individual, which resulted in an extremely detailed census. Information about animal husbandry and planting was collected and listed on separate forms, but was lost in a fire in 1939.

The transcription is in English so you can follow the headings in the original record which is in Norwegian.

## GENERAL

- <https://www.blacksheepancestors.com>  
Search for your Blacksheep Ancestors in free genealogical prison and convict records; historical court records, executions, insane asylum records and biographies of famous outlaws, criminals & pirates in the United States, United Kingdom and Canada.  
*Thanks to Whanganui newsletter December 2020*

## Freemasonry

1. [Ancestry](#) holds two useful databases in their freemasonry membership registrations dataset: England, United Grand Lodge of England Freemason Membership registers, 1751-1921 and Ireland, Grand Ldge of Freemasons of Ireland Membership registers, 1733-1923.

2. The Grand Lodge of Ireland Museum, Library & Archive <https://freemason.ie/museum-library-archive> helps researchers to learn more about the details of their ancestors' membership or for researching the masonic fraternity in general.

3. Check the website of the Museum of Freemasonry <https://museumfreemasonry.org.uk/freemasonry-and-family-history>  
The Museum holds the archives of: the United Grand Lodge of England (including predecessor bodies); the Supreme Grand chapter of England (including predecessor bodies; buildings and sites associated with the Grand Lodge; charitable bodies associated with freemasonry; individual freemasons; and many lodges and chapters that are now closed.

4. Masonic Periodicals online [www.masonicperiodicals.org](http://www.masonicperiodicals.org) offers searchable digital copies of the major English Masonic publications held at the Library and Museum of Freemasonry, London  
*thanks to the UK Society of Genealogists February Newsletter*