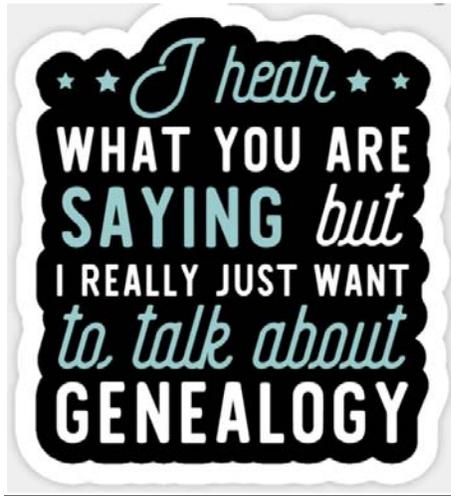
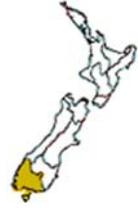




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**Branch Meeting Topics and Special events: 2021**

Meetings are provisional on the current Covid-19 status and may change.

Meetings will commence at **4:45 pm** with a cup of tea and snack.

- April 21      Branch meeting topic: Family Search update with Mike Higgins, LDS NZ coordinator for Family Search.
- May 19      Branch meeting: Western Europe Research and AGM. Following the short AGM there will be opportunity for folk to share a little of their research involving ancestors from any of the countries bordering the English Channel, Baltic and North Seas.
- June 15      Branch meeting: Land Girls and their contribution to the economy and war effort



**About Branch Lines**

**Branch Lines** is a periodic magazine, issued for the members of the Southland Branch of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists.

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It is intended to be produced bimonthly to keep you up to date with events. Wendy Shaw is currently filling the position of Editor.

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## ***New Zealand News***

Port Otago has taken over ownership of, and responsibility for, the heritage-listed Port Chalmers Maritime Museum for the next 35 years. The museum will continue to display the unique history of the port with planned improvements to ensure this treasure trove remains available for research and local history. If you haven't been there, do make an effort to visit.

Did you know? Fire destroyed the records of the following Otago businesses.

Crown Milling (1985)  
Tudor Clothing (1953)  
Monogram House (1953)  
Stephen's Inks (1978)  
Arthur Barnett Ltd

John Edmond Ltd

And these ones have either been lost or destroyed:

Otago Milk Industry  
Penroses  
Cadbury Fry Hudson

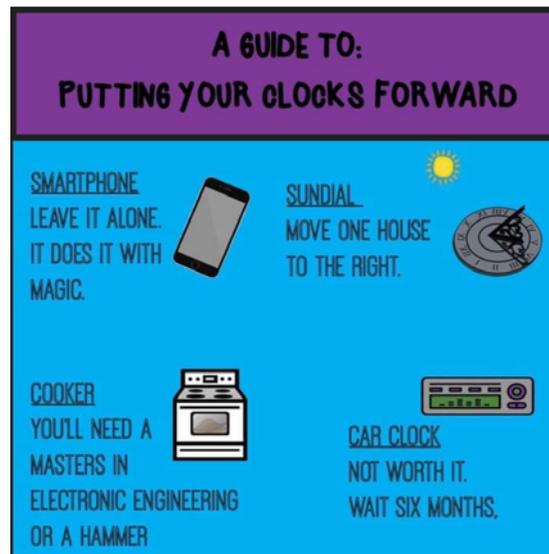
(Source: Dunedin Genealogy Directory 1996)

### **Branch AGM – May Meeting:**

- Minutes of 2019-2020 AGM
- Financial Report 2020-2021
- Convenors Report 2020-2021
- Election of Officers and Committee
- Meeting topic : Sharing your research on ancestors who lived in Western European countries

**A branch cannot function without the input of volunteers willing to lend a hand – please consider extending yours**

**NZ Shipping records? – Don't forget to check burials on Quarantine Island Cemetery in Otago Harbour with reference to Immigrant Ships arriving at Otago**



## Overseas News

### Family Search additions:

- 1891 Census for Norway
- New York, Index to Passengers Lists of Vessels, 1897-1902
- Sweden: Vasterbotten Church Records 1619-1896; Index 1688-1860

### Ancestry additions:

- Ireland, Valuation Records 1824-1856. Related to Griffith's Valuations that took place 1848-1864
- Ireland, Poor Law and Board of Guardian Records 1839-1920

### England:

Looking closer at Middlesex maps?

<https://www.layersoflondon.org/>

<https://maps.nls.uk/.../6inch-england-and.../middlesex.html>

<https://www.lwmfhs.org.uk/images/stories/Middx.pdf>

Ancestors in Salford, Greater Manchester?

<http://www.weasteheritagetrail.co.uk/about/the-history-of-weaste-cemetery/index.htm>

Lancaster:

1785 Map of Liverpool showing the names of individual landowners. Apparently this is a very rare and important map. [https://alteagallery.com/view\\_product.php...](https://alteagallery.com/view_product.php...)

Kent wills pre 1858

<http://sites.rootsweb.com/~mrawson/wills.html>. This collection has been collated from contributions from many folk. It is not complete and is being added to.

### Wales:

Welsh Anglican parish records previously only found on Find My Past are now available on Ancestry and The Genealogist websites. Visit <https://www.lostcousins.com/> for further details.

### Scotland:

Virtual Volumes digitised and now released on Scotland's People website. These are many of the kirk session minutes from parishes throughout Scotland – some have scant information and appear to just be the financial records but in many other parishes there are kirk sessions where some of the parishioners are mentioned – and especially if a woman gave birth to a child out of wedlock or a married couple's first child born before 9 months since the marriage. Antenatal fornication, adultery and other mischief duly recorded in the session. This is a wee goldmine if you are searching a particular parish for an ancestor.

### Australia:

NSW Archives - Newly digitised in Collection Search is the Card Index to Publicans' Licenses, 1920 -1937.

It's searchable by name of establishment or locality: <http://ow.ly/4DgX50DNmRH>. The cards are arranged alphabetically by electorate and then alphabetically by the name of the hotel. Each establishment has a separate card with the following: electorate, licensing district, sign (name), situation, licensing history, name of licensee and information such as orders and repairs concerning compliance with the licensing laws. There are over 2,100 cards to search and download! They also have Railway Cards too – helpful if you know they worked within the Railway Department..

(Taken from Facebook Australian Genealogy page)

**Indexes for Burials at Sea** can be found on Ancestry and Find a Grave websites – worth checking out if you cannot locate your missing person.

## **OLD ENGLAND: ORIGINS AND MEANINGS OF PHRASES, SAYINGS & WORDS**

In Shakespeare's time, mattresses were secured on bed frames by ropes. When you pulled on the ropes the mattress tightened, making the bed firmer to sleep on. Hence the phrase..... "goodnight, sleep tight."

If you were poor in medieval times, you would have slept on a hay-stuffed bag on the floor or on a simple platform. There's a good chance your family would be sharing the bed with you, or at least be nearby; privacy was not a medieval concept. Before turning in for the night, you would have to "**hit the hay**" in an attempt to dislodge bugs from your mattress.

In English pubs, ale is ordered by pints and quarts... So in old England, when customers got unruly, the bartender would yell at them "Mind your pints and quarts, and settle down." It's where we get the phrase "**mind your P's and Q's**"

The saying "**There's not enough room to swing a cat**" comes from the olden days when sailors were punished by being whipped with a cat o'nine tails (whip with nine leather straps). However because there wasn't enough room below deck to lash the whip, the punishment was given on deck, where there was "enough room to swing the cat."

In the 1400's a law was set forth that a man was not allowed to beat his wife with a stick thicker than his thumb. Hence we have "**the rule of thumb**"

Many years ago in England, pub frequenters had a whistle baked into the rim, or handle, of their ceramic cups. When they needed a refill, they used the whistle to get some service. "**Wet your whistle**" is the phrase inspired by this practice.

The saying "**To get one's back up**" (To show anger or annoyance) alludes to a cat or dog, whose fur sticks up on its back when under attack by another animal.

The saying "**The cat's out of the bag**" (a secret revealed) originates in medieval England when piglets were sold in the open marketplace. The seller usually kept the pig in a bag, so it would be easier for the buyer to take home. But some dishonourable sellers would try and trick their customers by putting a large cat in the bag instead. However, if a shrewd buyer looked in the bag - then the cat was literally out of the bag. This good advice was first recorded in London around 1530: "When ye proffer the pigge open the poke" Incidentally, the bag was called a poke, which is where the saying 'a pig in a poke,' also comes from, which literally means 'to buy something which you cannot see' and thus 'to buy something whose true nature is unknown'. Also refers to buying something you don't want (i.e. cat!).

To "**Rub someone up the wrong way**", (Irritate or upset someone) gets its origins from the annoyance a cat displays when its fur is stroked backwards.

The saying "**The apple of my eye**" means that the person who is saying it, is very proud and dearly loves the person he/she is referring to. There are five references to the saying in the King James version of the Old Testament, which demonstrates how old and respected this expression is. The pupil of the eye used to be known as the apple and was thought to be solid and spherical. Because it is also essential to sight, the eye's apple was to be cherished and protected so 'the apple of my eye' came to mean anything extremely precious.

The 'stone', as a measure of weight, came from Ancient Babylon, where sets of stones were kept for weighing commodities on a balance. The trouble was that different stones were used for different things, and in the English history of weights and measures the same held true. When weighing wool a stone was 16 pounds, but for a butcher or fishmonger the stone was 8 pounds. It was only standardised at 14 pounds in 1824 when the English imperial system was introduced.

**(thanks to <http://www.worldthroughthelens.com/family-history/old-english-sayings.php>)**

## Southland History Spot: Lyceum Theatre, Invercargill



20-22 Nith Street, Invercargill. Part Section 28, Block 12, Invercargill.

Following the popularity of concerts and moving pictures, the Lyceum was built mid 1911. James Lambert applied for a hall licence and this was granted in June 1911. Advertising able to accommodate 1000 people – 250 in the Gallery and 750 downstairs it was the first purpose built theatre for movies. Zealandia Hall on the corner of Esk & Deveron Streets had been around since 1889 but was used for other entertainments including Garrison concerts and even as a skating rink. Hayward's Pictures – the company using the Nith Street premises continued until December 1915 when it was closed. The electrical equipment within was removed and the building became offices for J M Brown & Sons.

Eventually the building was vacated by the business and ran into disrepair by 1918 and was later demolished. The site remains vacant and is currently used as a car park.

**(I would be interested in feedback and stories on this building – Editor)**

**Don't forget to pay your branch subscription  
due now \$30 single, \$40 couple**

## The Poppy:



*Today I saw a man distributing poppies stop a lady and ask her if he could reposition her poppy. While doing so, he told her she should wear her poppy on her left side (over her heart).*

*The **red** represents the blood of all those who gave their lives.*

*The **black** represents the mourning of those who didn't have their loved ones return home.*

*The **green** leaf represents the grass and crops growing and future prosperity after war destroyed so much.*

*The leaf should be positioned at 11 o'clock to represent the eleventh hour of the eleventh month - the time that World War 1 formally ended.*

*This man was worried the younger generations wouldn't understand this and his generation would not be around for much longer to teach them.*

*(Author is unknown but this has been copied to pass on the knowledge to those who may not know the symbolism of the poppy as it was intended).*

## Branch Resource Room:

The Resource Room is once again open from 11am-1pm each Wednesday. Come and visit – you will be surprised what we have available.

Did you know we have the burial records of some cemeteries – not just the lists of the headstone transcriptions??

We are always on the look out for books printed on local families. When clearing our your bookcase do check with us if we have a copy – donated items accepted.

Some of the recent additions/donations received:

- Bluff Harbour – J Hall-Jones
- Ruapuke Registers Vols 1-4 containing births, marriages, deaths, burials for Stewart / Ruapuke Island (Rev Wohlers records)
- Sussex Marriages to 1837 (CD)
- London Marriage Licences 1521 – 1869 (CD)
- Run 181 – the history of Castlerock Station
- Stories of the Highland Clearances and emigration to Canada /USA

## Current Branch Projects

**Obituaries** from the Southland Times of local people (and many national figures) are being collected. These are then indexed before placing the books in the Resource Room. Index is on Resource Room laptop.

**Lone Graves in Southland and Stewart Is** - Mary Stuart and Yvonne Service continue collecting data on these graves – found in isolated places e.g. on farms, in isolated bush, disused dwellings, abandoned mining camps. An earlier edition was submitted to and is on the Kiwi Index 2.0 but there is more to be added.

**Bluff Births (1930-1970) and Marriages (1887-1986)** are currently being indexed but restrictions with 100 year and 80 year rules are respected.

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### Meetings

**Third Wednesday of each month Feb-Nov**  
**Meeting Room, Invercargill City Library at 5 p.m.**  
**[Research facilities from 4 p.m.]**

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NZSG website ~

<http://www.genealogy.org.nz/>

Genealogical Computing Group website ~

<http://www.gencom.org.nz/>

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