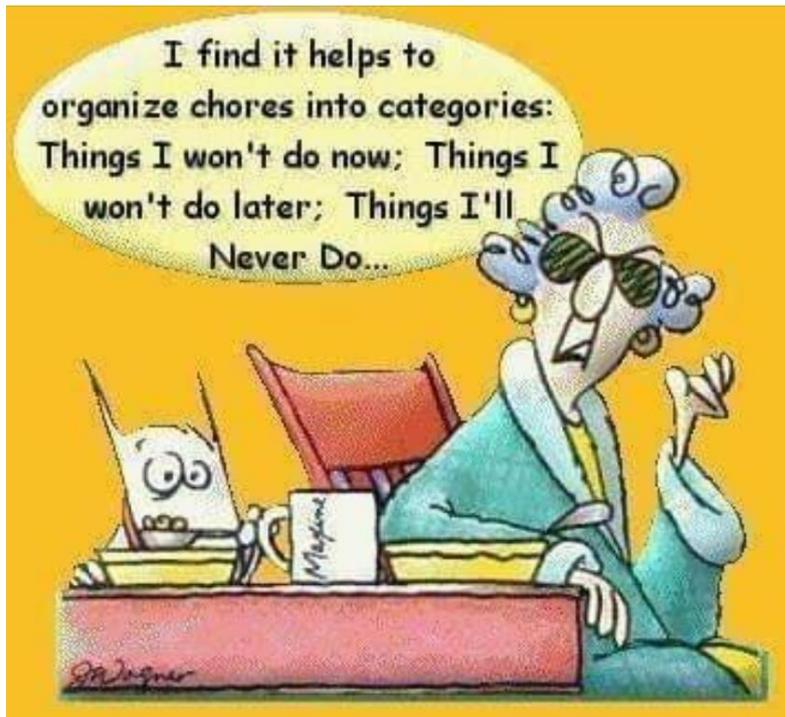




⇐ **BRANCH LINES** ⇒

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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.

February 17	<u>Branch meeting: Organising Your Research – Digital & Paper.</u> Venue: The Shed (downstairs on Dee St) 5pm
March 5 & 6	'Drop In Clinic' at Resource Room 10am - 2pm
March 12 & 13	'Drop In Clinic' at Resource Room 10am - 2pm
March 17	<u>Branch meeting</u> : Tips, tricks and computer shortcuts Venue: 1 st Floor Meeting Room 5pm
March 19 & 20	'Drop In Clinic' at Resource Room 10am - 2pm
March 26 & 27	'Drop In Clinic' at Resource Room 10am - 2pm



About Branch Lines

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

The views expressed are those of the contributors, and do not necessarily represent the views of the Branch of the Society.

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

New releases on paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/newspapers

- [Manawatu Times](#) (1937-1945)
- [Nelson Evening Mail](#) (1938-1945)
- [Timaru Herald](#) (1929-1935)

Family Search have recently added 1.6 million records to their 'New Zealand, Obituaries, 1844-1963' collection, search it from the link. This includes post 1950s obits that are not covered in Papers Past.
<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/2538222>

Currently the local Invercargill Family History Centre is a bit short staffed – email them to book a time to visit for research

Oamaru: the museum is finally open

Remember the Archives NZ Christchurch office is now at the old Wigram Air Base if you were planning to go to Christchurch

Find My Past has now got our own Lyttleton Times online! Easier and cheaper to use Papers Past methinks.

Overseas News

Family Search additions:

Australia, Victoria Petty Sessions Registers 1858-1985 (sadly no images, browse only).

England, Middlesex, Westminster, Marylebone Census 1821 & 1831 (no images).

England, Devon, Plymouth – they appear to be doing a lot more work in this area – check it out.

France, Isere and Nord regions Civil Registrations 1524-1893/1900 (no images).

Germany, Catholic records for North Rhine-Westphalia & Rhineland areas (no images).

England:

GRO Online Indexes have now extended to 1934 with births

Find My Past have released Shropshire Quarter Session Rolls Index 1831-1920 as well as Ecclesall Bierlow Workhouse Admissions 1883-1915 so if you are missing you folk in Sheffield, Yorkshire it may be worth looking there.

Lancaster and Liverpool newspapers added online with Hereford Prison Register Index 1849-1915 and Bedford Gaol Registers also on Find My Past

The Genealogist have released more headstone images.

Wales:

Find My Past have released more records from Denbighshire for baptisms, marriages and burials as well as Court of Great Sessions (if your relative appeared in the courts on charges).

Scotland:

Scotland's People saw the release of 1000 Maps and Plans of waterways in Scotland. There are now over 2,500 maps that can be accessed and downloaded FREE from their site.

Caribbean:

1830 Petition of Coloured Inhabitants
Newspapers from this region.

South Africa:

<http://www.theheritageportal.co.za>

A marriage was celebrated in Sussex, at which the bride having no arms received the ring on the third toe of her left foot. She signed the register with her foot, in a “decent hand,” and is said to be an able needlewoman.

Source: NZ Tablet: 10 Oct 1874

Southland History Spot: Leven Street School / Invercargill Grammar School

Section 8, Block LXXII (72), Leven Street between Spey and Leet Sts – now the site of Bed, Bath & Beyond shopping complex.



Mr McDonald's School, Leven St- 1870s (Invercargill City Libraries and Archives A0105 S27520001_056)

Mr Andrew McDONALD/MACDONALD started the Invercargill Grammar School in Clyde Street around 1861 – “a 2 roomed cottage on a sand hill opposite Southland County Council offices” (Southland Times: 7Oct1902 – Obituary). He was reportedly known for his use of the cane but was deemed a fair disciplinarian by his former pupils at a reunion in 1902. By September 1864 he had relocated the school to a building in Leven St where it remained until approximately 1873. The shortage of suitably trained teachers led McDonald to begin using pupil-teachers that he had trained to his own standards.

The Invercargill Grammar School site in Leven Street was put up for sale in September 1873 – this being the time this school relocated to Esk Street and later became known as Invercargill Middle School. Mr McDONALD was granted by the School Committee to lease the property out for a period of 12 months in 1874.

Lot 3. The building known as the Invercargill Grammar School, Leven street, opposite the Public Gardens, with the section on which it stands; it is 46 x 36 x 14; the rear half is built of blue gum studs and plates, and American weather boards and flooring, and lined with calico and paper; the front is of native timber, with tongued and grooved lining; the section is drained and fenced, and that part of it on which the building stands is gravelled throughout, the remainder is fenced off as a vegetable and small fruit garden; there is a well and pump, also outhouses; a trifling outlay would convert it into a most substantial, convenient, and healthy home.

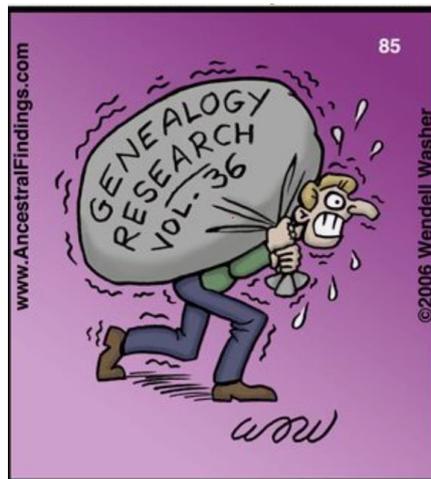
Terms at sale.

Southland Times: 31 Oct 1873

A school for young ladies on North Road, south of Earnslaw St firstly run by Mrs Elizabeth PETTENGALL, then in partnership with Mrs Edmund ROGERS (her real name being Fanny Frederica Rosina ROGERS (nee

WILLIAMS). Following the death of Mrs Pettengall in 1871, Mrs Rogers then moved her school to the Temperance Hall (Esk St) and in again in 1885 to Maitland House, Leven Street which was the site of McDonald's school. This she ran until 1899 when she handed over the reins to Miss WEBBER when she moved with her family to Johannesburg, South Africa.

There was a Ragged School run by the ladies of the Benevolent Society from 1866. Mr A BURNS was the master, who taught the children in Dee St at the rear of the Newmarket Hotel (Hanan's building) – near but possibly the same site as McDonald's school.



Not hoarding – necessary for genealogy research!

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Third Wednesday of each month Feb-Nov
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[Research facilities from 4 p.m.]

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

Genealogical Computing Group website ~

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

