

South Canterbury Genealogy

July/August 2023



From the editor

Carol Bell



Teresa Scott reports that BMD historical records have uploaded many birth indexes after 17 June 2023. They appear to be ones where death has been confirmed (and many perhaps 80+ years, but not all). See P4. The same criteria appears to apply to marriages, up to 1948. It's good to see access being extended and life becoming just that bit easier for our research. You'll see inside that things are also improving for British BMDs. There's also an update on the funeral directors' records. Huge strides have been made with these transcriptions, and now, even though checking is still to be done on a lot of them, they are available for research. We're very lucky that the information collected for death certificates was so extensive.

I've spent the last few days in Arthur's Pass and Otira at the centenary of the opening of the Otira tunnel. We have a family member who worked on the tunnel and took his wife and children up there with him. What a cold and desolate place it would have been in the winter! And probably not much better in the summer. They were hardy souls in those days.

Chair's report



from Liz Shea



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Hi everyone,

In late June I took a trip to Perth to visit my two twigs and one twiglet (age 2). It was great to be able to meet the in-laws as well and they were most welcoming.

I visited Pinaroo Memorial Cemetery to visit the grave of an in-law whose plaque I had only seen on Find a Grave. It was a huge cemetery with areas for ashes under trees, in cabinets, in the bush and beside small ponds. It was also the best place to see wild kangaroos living in the cemetery. Almost reassuring that the dead were never alone with a furry creature to keep them company. The gravestones were all flat which made it easier to mow of course. A beautiful resting place.

A trip to Fremantle included a visit to the Fremantle gaol which gave one the chills. Built by convict labour, it was a reminder of harsh times for the transported convicts. A view of the port revealed a sculpture to commemorate the Anzacs who stopped off at Fremantle on their way to Egypt back in 1914. I also managed a visit to the Perth war memorial in King's Park with fabulous views over the Swan River. The park also has a memorial drive of gum trees each bearing a plaque in remembrance of a Western Australian soldier lost in WW1. There were numerous other memorials to the fallen from most wars that Australia was involved in.

A train ride to Guildford was another highlight with a visit to a newly unveiled statue in Stirling Park. Created by award-winning sculptor Charles Robb, the 10th Light Horse Regiment memorial statue marks Guildford as the place where the regiment was first raised in 1914. Well worth a visit.



Stirling Square memorial



Pinaroo Cemetery

Anzac memorial





News



SOUTH CANTERBURY FUNERAL DIRECTORS' RECORDS

Waimate Funeral Home from 1950-2016. We hold the original records. All transcribed.

Betts Timaru. We have full transcriptions from 1951-2021.

Hall & Moore/Aoraki. We hold the original records and all have been transcribed from 1938-2016.

All records available at The Arcade on Thursday from 10am-1pm or ring Carol Bell or Lois Shears if Thursday is not suitable. If you can't come to the arcade email a list to Carol or Lois and we will do the lookups for you. The original records do contain more information than a printout or death certificate.

We also have transcriptions of school admission registers.

BRITISH BIRTH AND DEATH ENTRIES

The General Register Office for England and Wales has launched a fantastic service offering instant access to original birth and death entries for just £2.50 each.

<https://www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/certificates/login.asp>

The records available are:

Historic Birth Records from 1837 – 100 years ago (from current date)

Historic Death Records 1837 – 1887

The Online View service is completely automatic, and the only delay is the time it takes to pay. The £7 or a PDF or £11 for a certificate service is still available for the wider range of dates if you prefer. Hopefully deaths after 1887, could be the next improvement. As for marriages – sadly the marriage registered weren't scanned in the 2000s as part of the abortive DoVE ("digitisation of Vital Events) project, so they won't be available any time soon. Your entry will only be available at the GRO site for three months, so be sure to download it before then.

Plans for the year

- August:** Alexander Turnbull library
- September:** A Memory Tree
- October:** Rootstech
- November:** WW1 battle plaques at the Bay



BMD INDEXES EXTEND (SLIGHTLY)

Quite by chance last night, I discovered BDM historical records have uploaded many birth indexes after 17 June 2023. I think they are ones where death has been confirmed (and many perhaps 80+ years, but not all).

So, this morning, I have searched to see if they have gone later with marriage indexes – Yes! It appears that the same criterion applies; only up to 1948.

Some samples below from my own family.

Births

1967/115985	Philp	Brent Andrew	Alva Grace	Brian William	-	Order Product
1969/103703	Philp	Kerry Dean	Aloa Grace	• Brian William	-	Order Product

These two children died as result of accident 1971.

1926/18875	Scott	William Desmond	Jane	William Eliot	-	Order Product
1920/14612	Scott	Charles Alexander	Jane Agnes	William Elliot	-	Order Product
1921/23145	Scott	Terence Elliot	Jane Agnes	William Elliot	-	Order Product
1914/29522	Scott	Jane Helen	Jane Agnes	William Elliot	-	Order Product
1916/28321	Scott	James	Jane Agnes	William Elliot	-	Order Product
1916/28320	Scott	Mary	Jane Agnes	William Elliot	-	Order Product
1918/24892	Scott	James William Lindsay	Jane	William Elliot	-	Order Product
1929/28226	Scott	Kevin Noel	Jane	William Elliot	-	Order Product
1915/27969	Scott	William	Jane	William Elliott	-	Order Product

My father and siblings. All deceased.

NB – William Desmond born 1926; Kevin Noel born 1928 (registered 1929)

I am going to order my Uncle Bill's (William Desmond Scott), simply because of conflicting information within the family.

Marriages –

1946/8226	Jessie Grierson	Gunn	Charles Alexander	Scott		Order Product
1946/8186	Gladys Evelyn	Howell	Terence Elliot	• Scott		Order Product

My father and Uncle Charlie who married two days apart in 1946.

Uncle Bill (William Desmond) didn't marry until 1953, also his wife is still living; Uncle Kevin didn't marry until 1963, though both deceased. Here is Shirley's birth index –

1942/47200	Brown	Shirley Anne	• Margaret Annie	Leonard Douglas	-	Order Product
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Teresa Scott

KEEPING IT SAFE FOR THE FUTURE

Adapted from a discussion by Peter Nash and Robert Barnes in FamNet, the Family History Network <https://www.famnet.org.nz/>

We all have a lot of books, magazines, photographs alongside our digital collections. In the light of increasing natural disasters in the shape of earthquakes, floods, cliff collapsing, landslips, volcanic eruptions, fires as well as unnatural disasters like house breaking we must seriously think about keeping our genealogical valuables safe.

Let's consider each valuable asset:

Computer files:

Obviously we need to back up our files and store off-site. It's no use if your computer and back-up disappear in the same episode of disaster. Store the back-up in a place some distance away. The cloud is a good start but even this may be destroyed by Emperor Vladimir 1 (nee Putin) sending a drone to obliterate the building which "stores" your data.

Make sure somebody else in your family knows what is on your computer. Ask someone to be the caretaker of your "valuable files, records" and, of course, your huge range of writings. This will ensure that your hard drive doesn't get dumped when you decide to stay some time with your ancestors ie die.

Remember that an on-line backup is very little use to your descendants unless they know it's there, know the relevant passwords, they know how to find their way around it, and (if it is not free) they have kept paying the annual costs. You need a searchable copy of your family history that is free, provides the ability to store all your family history including supporting documents, can guarantee its own long-term survival, and can manage privacy concerns so that, for example, information about living people is only disclosed to approved users – the record owner and their friends and family. There are only two options that I'm aware of that meet these criteria.

FamNet is one option, because it meets all these criteria. FamNet would not be able to guarantee its own long-term survival, but this problem has been solved through a relationship with FamilySearch. Eventually, when FamNet can no longer be supported, everything in FamNet will be copied into FamilySearch when their new system is able to receive it.

The other option is to use FamilySearch directly. I don't know if it currently allows you to store documents linked to your records – it didn't when I started developing FamNet about 20 years ago – but it certainly will with the new system that FamNet will be copied into. I still don't know much about this new system, but I do know that it will meet the essential criteria.

Photographs:

The important photos should be scanned. There are no ifs or buts – it has to be done and while you are about it label the photos naming the people or places in them. Then store the photographs on shelves or in cupboards that are above knee height.



BDM Certificates:

Scan these. Then donate the paper copies to the NZ Society of Genealogists – this is one of the few valuables that society has now.

Books:

We all have really valuable books which are very pertinent to our ancestors and, maybe, almost impossible to replace. I have started the process of “downsizing” my library. I have divided my large library into four classifications:

- pertinent to my ancestors,
- local histories,
- “Nice to have” and
- “What the hell is this doing here”.

The “What the hell is this doing here” are no longer here.

The “Nice to have” are being culled over time

The local histories have been donated to a museum for their library or to be disposed of in a fund-raising manner.

The “pertinent to my ancestors” are now on a high shelf in the bookcase. Someone in your family needs to know their value, both financially and genealogically.

Your Filing Cabinet:

Hmmm!!!! I bet yours is full of valuable pieces of paper which you haven't looked at since you created them. In fact, you probably wouldn't miss them if they got dumped due to being inundated. I think you must “digitalise” them. I have scanned some and created a few Excel data bases with the rest. Remember most parish records are now in a digital format and you can easily get a digital copy.

I used to have about 10 boxes and am now down to three or four and one drawer of a small filing cabinet and I need to redo that process to make the pile less.

Your research:

A lot of your genealogical knowledge with respect to your own ancestry is stored in your head. It is classified as “one day I'll write their story”. Maybe you should start that process now. Write your family history. (End of that lecture).

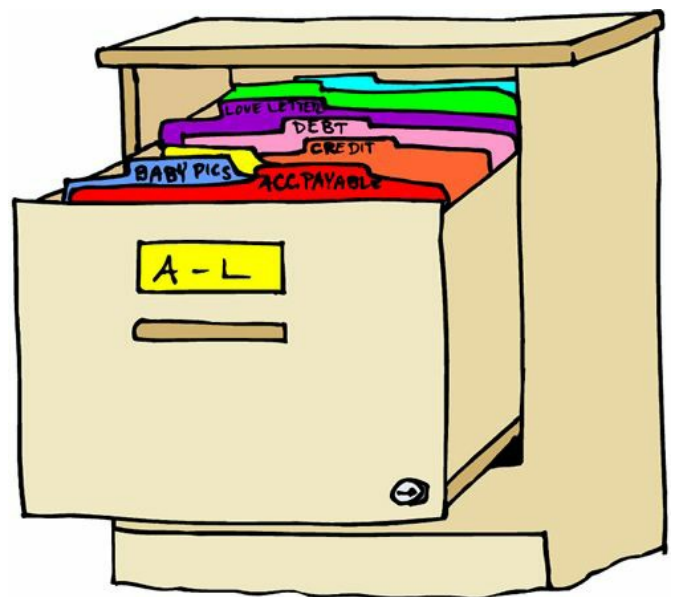
Your computer floor:

If you are anything like me you might be good-looking but the floor of your computer room is not. We all have (sometimes nicely stacked) piles of paper on the floor or on the desk. And I bet that the computer room is in the lower part of the house. Housekeeping is required but don't let your spouse do that job. My floor is now a clear piece of carpet and my cats have lost their favourite sunny sleeping spots

Another great point to do all this safe-keeping exercise is that your partner will be pleased on two fronts:

- You are cleaning out the computer room and
- You appear to be doing something ie not lazing about sleeping and/or reading.

Nobody is immune to a natural disaster. We must make sure our valuable resources, data and photos have the best chance of survival.



Clare Palliser has shared this history of her family with permission from the author. It is reproduced here as a piece of local interest and also to show what can be achieved in our own family history when we put pen to paper. It will be serialised for this format and printed over the next few months.

CISSY

1888-1967

by Libby Clark

*The continued story of Siceley Clark
and the Palliser family: From Yorkshire
to Timaru to Napier*



Meanwhile, in his working life, Frank was responsible for several drainage and sewage projects. In October 1898, for example, he and seven men were engaged by the council to construct an “invert” (defined as an arch constructed in an upside-down position to provide lateral support as in a tunnel) as part of the drainage system in Hospital Gully. The wages paid to Mr Palliser were 13s a day, to the ‘experienced’ men 8s, and the others 7s. One of the councillors protested against the amount of wages paid to Mr Palliser, being higher than any tradesman was getting. The foreman replied that “a man of resource, such as Mr Palliser, was well worth the money”. Mr Palliser, the council heard, was lending them any suitable plant that he had for the purpose.

In 1901 Frank was the contractor for the construction of the Temuka Post Office (still standing). Other buildings erected by him in Temuka were the public school and the Royal Hotel. He also built hotels in Winchester, Fairlie and Pleasant Point, and homesteads at Craigmore and Holme Stations.

In 1908 there was a dispute between Frank and a subcontractor, over responsibility for tunnelling problems related to underground drainage works. After lengthy and detailed public discussion, the Mayor asserted that ‘as far as he was concerned, he trusted Palliser, the contractor’. There was eventually a private settlement, with both parties making concessions.

In 1911, Palliser and Sons entered a float in the procession to mark the coronation of George V. As seen in the photo at right, it was pulled by a borrowed thresher and hauler.



The family albums contain a number of photos of tangata whenua, and because there are few captions or labels, the links are a mystery. As a result of investigation, however, and largely thanks to Papers Past, we were able to shed some light on the connection. In May 1930, the Timaru Herald reported on a 50 year-old canoe that had been presented to Otago University – by Mr F. Palliser. Asked to relate the background history of the canoe, Frank said that in Queen Victoria’s Jubilee year, 1887, the local BNZ manager



(who was interested in the activities of the Acclimatisation Society) had asked the “much-respected local Māori chief Kaitai, of Temuka” to assist with an appropriate way of marking the occasion. Kaitai constructed a canoe or raft (mōkihi), made from raupō bundled together and tied with unscraped flax. It is a little puzzling now to see the significance of a mōkihi in relation to a Royal Jubilee. However, a Mr White (was he the bank manger?) wanted to buy it, but Kaitai would not sell, choosing to give it to Mr Palliser, “with whom he was on terms of close friendship.”

it was truly a pleasing surprise to learn of this friendship, and here was a glimmer of understanding of those photos of whānau Māori. The canoe, as it was called, was accordingly brought into Timaru, where Frank looked after it for 50 years. When he moved from North St to Beverley Rd, he had nowhere to store it safely, hence his decision to gift it to the museum. Frank said that he and Kaitai had been friends for many years, fishing together for trout and using one of those canoes to cross streams.

According to an article in the Temuka Leader (April 1912), Kaitai was the common name of Eruera Waaka, “the last chief of the local pa”, Arowhenua. The hapū here voiced their opposition to the alienation of land, and as far back June 1869, the North Otago Times had reported that “the Maories (sic) at the Arowhenua pah have embraced the Hau-hau superstition”. Kaitai was reportedly an adherent of Te Whiti, so the fact that Frank was a close and trusted friend is highly significant.



This family group photographed on the verandah at Saltburn House shows the mōkihi suspended above them. Cissy is sitting at the far right, and young Rita is beside her uncle Michael, between her grandparents.

Meeting reports



*with Teresa Scott
for Lesley Tennent*



June 2023

Present: 16 members.

Apologies: Lesley Tennent, Hilary Coles, David Jack, Jill Welford, Esmé Jones, Clare Palliser, Heather Fifield, Annette Batchelor.

As the following week was Volunteer Week all volunteers were acknowledged and thanked. Teresa Scott – recently acquired birth certificate from BDM historical records (not own family). Was a chance request that it was for the right person & indication of illegitimacy. Very surprised to get image of original, which is the right one – birth online registered in mother's surname (she had registered); father also named (different surname from that suggested online); word 'illegitimate' not purged; also recorded 'Not married'.

John Sutherland - DNA revealed family link to King Charles, many centuries ago. Fred Knewstubb – seeking relative said to have garage at Gleniti (Wai-iti Road/Gleniti Road) in 1920s. Mention was made of Hyde rail disaster 80 years ago.

Raffle: Pat Smolenski.

Guest speaker: Ting Sun – Digital NZ gave a detailed and lively presentation on what Digital NZ has to offer researchers. Digital NZ is part of National Library (Alexander Turnbull Library) and is helping to make NZ digital content easier to find, share and use (includes radio, audio, newspapers, images, books, etc.).

30 million records now and growing by the day. It stores information about the content and provides access. Digitalnz.org Stories – one of Digital NZ's services – have about 8,000 public stories.

Email: info@digitalnz.org



July 2023

Present: 6 members (Lois Shears, Hilary Coles, Teresa Scott, Alison Connolly, Carol Bell, Liz Shea) and Chris Rapley (museum), guest speaker.

Apologies: Fred Knewstubb, Kathy de Joux, Lesley Tennent, Adrienne Bruce, Denae Holwell, Carolyn Johnston, Esmé Jones, Ann Munro, Clare Palliser, Annette Batchelor

Guest speaker: Chris Rapley – Curator of Social

History at the museum showed members the Royal Connection exhibition and more. Chris explained the layout of the exhibition and expanded on many of the items. The coronation of King Charles provided an opportunity for the museum to display many of the items in the museum's collections – donated, preserved and now seen. Royal visits are presented in chronological order (reverse from left) on the outer wall, while coronations and memorials are presented on the inner wall. Many photographs, posters, certificates, documents and objects (e.g. dress, china, toys/models) feature in the exhibition. The focus is very much visual. Only sufficient words are attached to date and locate. The exhibition also provides a wonderful panorama of South Canterbury landscapes, history, buildings, people, festivities. Chris was able to point out the detail in many photographs, explain the provenance and history of items, and note the quirkiness of some things and situations. A most enjoyable and informative evening.





<https://sites.rootsweb.com/~nzlscant/>

Olwyn's South Canterbury website

Spring is around the corner and South Canterbury is the place to be. Spring marks lambs, snow still on the hills, gardens in bloom and blossoms. Soon we will have Daffodil Day in NZ, 25 August 2023, the last Friday in August. Tourists still come to New Zealand expecting to see sheep. South Canterbury's history with sheep began in the 1840s when Rhodes realised it was fine sheep country. Samuel Butler said "Scenery is not Scenery - it is "Country" - if it is good for sheep, it is beautiful, magnificent and all the rest of it; if not, it is not worth looking at." 25.3 million sheep as of June 2022 the national flock down from 70 million in 1982.

Very few sheep owners were large runholders. When I do local history research, I check the Sheepowners Returns to get an idea of when the sheep owner moved into the South Canterbury region and how tough they had it. I look at a range of years, numbers and losses the previous year due to snow.

<https://sites.rootsweb.com/~nzlscant/sheepowners.htm>

About once a decade we have a decent fall of snow, and 5 August 1973 was the day "Snow" was born on a hill block, just below that Sugarloaf, seen in the photo, in 4ft snow on Sherwood Downs, her mother just dropped her and continued walking. She is a cross. Dad crossed Border Leicester rams across Corriedale ewes. See her open face like a Border Leicester - she was leggy, had good mothering skills, large lean lambs, with strong, long wool and a heavy wool clip. She lived her first six weeks inside near the hot water cylinder cupboard, she was smart, always alert, and never failed in having twins yearly. We used her to take the rams up the road at shearing time. We would walk ahead and she would follow us and the rams would follow her straight into the woolshed. She was a pet, and pets never went to the freezing works.



A NZ sheep breed is the Corriedale from crossing the Lincoln and English Leicester. Another breed is the NZ halfbred from crossing and interbreeding the English Leicester and the Lincoln on the Merino. The Coopworth is a modern New Zealand breed of sheep. It was developed by researchers at Lincoln College in Canterbury between about 1956 and 1968, the result of cross-breeding of New Zealand Romney ewes and Border Leicester rams.

From Papers Past. Otago Witness, 3 November 1892, Page 7 - That sheep know their shepherd (writes The Press' South Canterbury correspondent) is wonderfully instanced in the case of Mr T. Orr, of Waitohi Flat, and the flocks that he owns. Whatever his method, it is a fact that with him dogs are at a discount, for his sheep not only come at his call, but follow him (even to destruction) when he demands. It was a rather amusing sight, on Monday last, at Temuka, to see Mr Orr leading a splendid line of exhibition sheep to the railway station, where they were to be trucked for the Timaru Show. They simply followed him like a pack of beagles, only with a more sedate pace. When he has in the ordinary course of business to submit them for competition in the sale yard, it is a matter of perfect indifference to him if they get "boxed" with other mobs, for when he has been notified of his pen he has no difficulty in calling his sheep into them. This was noticeable upon one occasion at Pleasant Point, when a small line brought over for sale were mixed - with a big lot of similar sheep. Mr Orr penned all his without the drafting race. On another occasion, at the same yards, he caused a good deal of amusement by bringing over a special pet recently shorn, but upon whose bulky carcass were left in neatly trimmed wool the words, "Vote for Rhodes." When he first embarked upon the career of a breeder he took a good deal of care in the matter of selection, and further marked his breeding ewes with a zinc or tin label. The weight of wool these sheep clipped from year to year was carefully noted, and only the best sheep were kept. The progeny of these were naturally good sheep, possessed of even characteristics, and consequently those for sale are readily sought for. Receiving as they do a good deal of personal attention in the winter months it is not perhaps surprising that they follow their shepherd so well. It can only be a stern recognition of the law of nature, or perhaps of agricultural economy, that permits their breeder ever to part with them.



Members' Interests



from John Sutherland

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CHANT	NEW ZEALAND	Sth Otago	Waitahuna	1800s
CHAPMAN	ENGLAND	Somerset	Winiehead/Winsford	All
CHARTERS	ENGLAND	Northumberland	Chatton	1700-1850
CHERRIE	NEW ZEALAND	Northland	Hikurangi	1900s
CHILDS	ENGLAND	Dorset	Chetnole	1800s
CLOUGHLEY	IRELAND	Co Down	Tullylish	1862
CLOUGHLEY	NEW ZEALAND	Southland	Riverton	1862+
COLLINGE	ENGLAND	Lancashire	Manchester	All
COLLINGE	ENGLAND	Lancashire	Newton Heath	All
COLLINS	NEW ZEALAND	Canterbury		1850-
COLSTON	ENGLAND	Huntingdonshire	Bythorn	1750-1850
COMBS	ENGLAND	Oxfordshire	Burford	c1795
COMBS	WALES	Monmouthshire	Varteg/Trevethin	All
COOK	ENGLAND	Gloucestershire	Alvington	All
COOK	ENGLAND	Gloucestershire	Lydney	All
COOK	ENGLAND	Gloucestershire	West Dean	All
COOK	ENGLAND	Gloucestershire	Woolaston	All
COSGROVE	IRELAND	Tipperary	?Oolah	1850-1860
COULL	ENGLAND	Kent	Deal	pre1870
COULL	NEW ZEALAND	Canterbury	Christchurch	1870+
COURTNEY	IRELAND	Kerry	Ballymacelligott	1874+
CRANSHAW	SCOTLAND	Glasgow		All
CROFT	ENGLAND	Devon	Topsham	pre1872
CROWLEY	IRELAND	Limerick	Kilcosgriff	pre1870
CROWLEY	IRELAND	Limerick	Shanagolden	pre1870
CROWLEY	NEW ZEALAND	Otago	Arrowtown	1868+
CULLEN	ENGLAND	Somerset	High Ham	1700-1850
CULLEN	ENGLAND	Somerset	Huish Episcopi	1700+
CULLEN	ENGLAND	Somerset	Huish Episcopi	1775-1875
CULLEN	NEW ZEALAND	Sth Canterbury	Timaru	1865+
CULLOTY/COLLOTY	IRELAND	Kerry	Currovough, Tralee	1883+
CUTHBERTSON	NEW ZEALAND	Otago	Dunedin	1863+
CUTHBERTON	NEW ZEALAND	Otago	Hilderthorpe, Oamaru	1863+
CUTHBERTSON	ENGLAND	Yorkshire	Topcliffe	All
DAVIDSON	ENGLAND	Cumberland	Bewcastle	All

Are your genealogical interests reflected in this list? If not, contact John Sutherland to be included. Take the opportunity to make contact with family members.



Library report

from Teresa Scott

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South Canterbury Genealogy Society Inc - recent accessions include:

Newsletters 2023:

Balclutha – May/June
Cambridge – July; August
Canterbury Genealogy Society – June
Dunedin – July-August
Feilding – June; July
Hawke's Bay – June; August
Hibiscus Coast – July; August
Hutt Valley – August
Kapiti – June; July
Kilbirnie – July; August
Matamata – July
Mosgiel – June/July; July/August
Nelson – June
New Plymouth Genealogy – July; August
Oamaru – June; July; August
Otaki Family History Society – June
Palmerston North – June; July
Papakura – July; August
Porirua – July; August
South Canterbury Genealogy Society – May-June
South Waikato – July; August
Southland – June
Wairarapa – June; July
Wellington – June; July; August
Whanganui – April-June



Please send request for forwarding to Teresa.

- * New Zealand Railways Staff Lists - extracted from Staff Registers, by the NZRLS Archives [MR21a] (continuation of MR21; brings to a close records compiled by Mark Denne)
- * St Peter's Anglican Church, Otipua Road, Timaru 1990 – 2013 [DH188] [donated]

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Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm at the museum.

Research help is also available at our rooms 19 Royal Arcade Thursday 10am - 1pm and at the museum every Sunday 1.30pm - 4pm.

The group library is available at the museum whenever the research room is open - Tuesday to Friday and Sunday 1.30pm to 4.30pm. Books can be borrowed on Sundays but must be signed out by the librarian or a Sunday volunteer.

A working group meets on Thursday mornings at the Arcade and Friday mornings at the museum to transcribe various historical documents. Can you help? Contact Lois on 688-1655

The "Writing up your Family History" group meets Wednesday 1-3pm. If you would like help getting your research to the final stage contact Carol at carolbel49@gmail.com or 027 3399447.

