

South Canterbury Genealogy

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From the editor

Carol Bell



A bumper edition this month with a contribution from Geoff Piper of Cranbrook, Kent, England about the Second World War exploits of Timaru's Jim Hayter. It's a great read - enjoy. And it prompts the thought that while our families might find the entire life story of our ancestors a bit hard to take, bite-sized chunks might be a bit more palatable. Lots of men are happy to sit down to read a war story. Lots of kids like to hear about when their mums or dads were kids. If we produce a few small stories for a targeted audience it's no great leap to string them together to produce that seemingly unattainable life history.

There's also an extra-sized piece from our own Olwyn Whitehouse. I do hope you all make good use of her excellent website. I feel Olwyn's site can be a much under-utilised treasure and it's good of her to take time out of her busy US life to send us a piece for the newsletter every month..

I've just started working on another DNA puzzle. Our family seems to be full of them. I've also spent a lot of time building out some of my family lines so that there won't be so many DNA puzzles. So far, somehow, the system isn't working ...

Chair's report



from Liz Shea



South Canterbury genealogical resources <https://scgenealogy.nz/>

Hi everyone,

Spring has sprung and my garden is full of daffodils and spring blossom. A lovely time of the year until the nor'wester roars through and sends petals flying everywhere. I have lovely double pink cherry tree now in full bloom and it reminds me of my childhood living in Redruth Ave, in Christchurch. There was a similar tree growing in the corner of the garden and I have family photos of us standing in front of it so obviously a photogenic tree. Lovely reminders of family times.

There is also a catchy song in a pet shop advert that caught my attention. Wikipedia told me that **"It's a Hap-Hap-Happy Day"** is a popular song with words by Sammy Timberg and Winston Sharples and music by Al J. Neiburg. It was featured in the animated feature film Gulliver's Travels in 1939. It was a hit in the UK in 1940 during the Battle of Britain and was played regularly on BBC radio. The version heard today is sung by Arthur Askey.

It's a hap-hap-happy day

Toodle-oodle-oodle-oodle-oodle-ay

The sun shines bright and the world's aright

It's a hap-hap-happy day

Now you have the ear worm, you'll sing it all day!!!





News



I've been spending far too much time on a website I've discovered called NZ Ancestor Search Helper at ash.howison.co.nz. The online info says:

This search tool is designed to assist with NZ-focused genealogical research, by collating results from NZ DIA's Births, Deaths and Marriages, Archives NZ, dozens of council cemetery websites, military records from Auckland Museum Online Cenotaph and many other online history resources. Continue your search with direct links to results from Papers Past, the brilliant Wilson Collection, Find A Grave, BillionGraves, and more.

All of this information can be found online at the various sources, but here the work is done for you and there might just be some sources you hadn't considered or hadn't explored to their full capacity. That's certainly been the case for me - I've found some interesting possibilities at the various regional National Archives offices that need further research.

I've also discovered that with just a click of the mouse I can get a definitive date on DIA BMDs without the tedious incremental date-changing. Magic!

Do remember that this isn't the final word. There are much wider research possibilities than any one site, but this one does make our research life that little bit easier. Highly recommended.

<https://www.suffolkarchives.co.uk/ancestry-appointed/>

More than 400 years of fascinating historical documents held at Suffolk Archives are to be digitised and made available online, thanks to an agreement between Suffolk County Council and Ancestry.

Suffolk Archives will work alongside family history website Ancestry to create high quality, full colour digital images of millions of baptism, marriage and burial records from parishes within the Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich.

The earliest records being digitised date back as to 1538 and include events in the lives of notable historical figures, such as the 1776 baptism of landscape artist John Constable, and the 1846 burial of Thomas Clarkson who devoted his life to the abolition of slavery.

It is hoped that Suffolk's main parish records will be published online in early 2025 with other collections of local interest to follow. Public access will be free of charge in Suffolk Archives branches or at any Suffolk Library. Anyone with an Ancestry subscription will also be able to access the records as part of their research from their own computer or device.

Plans for the year

- October:** Get organised: Planning your research
- November:** WW1 battle plaques at the Bay and a visit to Messines
- December:** Sherry & cake



SPREADSHEETS

We've been talking recently about spreadsheets and their possibilities in the family history arena.

Genealogists, who research and trace the lineage of families and individuals, find spreadsheets to be essential tools in organizing, analyzing, and displaying vast amounts of information. Some possibilities:

Tracking Research Progress: Genealogists can use spreadsheets to log and monitor their research efforts, noting sources checked, results found, and future areas of investigation.

Family Data Management: They can list family members, birth/death dates, marriage details, children, and more in rows and columns, which can then be sorted, filtered, and analysed.

Chronological Profiles: By entering key events from various ancestors' lives, genealogists can see timelines, spot patterns, or identify gaps in historical narratives.

Source Citation Organization: Keeping track of sources is crucial in genealogy to verify and validate findings. Spreadsheets can hold citation details, repository information, and any notes about the reliability or quality of the source.

DNA Analysis and Matches: For those who venture into genetic genealogy, spreadsheets can be used to track DNA matches, shared segments, and common ancestors. Colour blocks are the main component in the Leeds Method of sorting DNA matches.

Migration Patterns: By plotting migration or relocation events, genealogists can track the movements of families or individuals over time, which can be especially helpful in understanding historical events or migrations.

Cost Tracking: Research can sometimes incur costs, from purchasing documents to paying for online database access or traveling to archives. A spreadsheet helps in budgeting and tracking these expenses.

Surname Variations: Many surnames have changed spellings over time or may have been recorded differently in various documents. A spreadsheet can help genealogists track these variations.

Repository Lists: If a genealogist is planning a research trip or needs to know where certain types of records can be found, they might maintain a list of repositories, their locations, hours of operation, and contact details.

Task Lists and Planning: Genealogists can prioritise their research tasks, set objectives, and determine next steps using a spreadsheet.

Shared Research: Spreadsheets can be shared with family members or other researchers. Collaborative platforms, such as Google Sheets, allow multiple users to edit and comment in real-time, fostering collaboration.

Visualizations and Charts: Advanced spreadsheet software provides tools for creating charts and graphs, which can be useful in presenting genealogical findings in visual formats.

Transcribing Documents: When old letters, wills, or diaries are found, they can be transcribed into a spreadsheet, making the information easily searchable.

Comparative Analysis: Genealogists might have different pieces of evidence about an ancestor that appear to be contradictory. By placing this data side-by-side in a spreadsheet, it's easier to analyse discrepancies and arrive at well-reasoned conclusions.

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2	Sam	372	Yellow	Green	Red	Blue
3	Betsey	308	Green	Blue	Red	Yellow
4	Rudolph	279	Blue	Yellow	Green	Red
5	Paul	266	Yellow	Green	Red	Blue
6	Rudy	201	Green	Blue	Red	Yellow
7	Jonathan	180	Blue	Yellow	Green	Red
8	Elizabeth	164	Yellow	Green	Red	Blue
9	Shelley	123	Blue	Yellow	Green	Red
10	Walter	98	Blue	Yellow	Green	Red
11	Franklin	97	Yellow	Green	Red	Blue
12	Georgia	95	Green	Blue	Red	Yellow
13	Leonard	95	Yellow	Green	Red	Blue
14	Elaine	92	Blue	Yellow	Green	Red
15	Hazel	91	Blue	Yellow	Green	Red

A Kiwi drops in

From Geoff Piper, Cranbrook, England

This is a story about a New Zealand Air Ace: so why are we in Cranbrook?
Interested? Read on!



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James (Jim) Chilton Francis Hayter DFC and bar was nicknamed “Spud”: (Hayter – “potaytah” I assume?). He was born in Timaru, New Zealand in October 1917 and died in Takaka, Tasman, New Zealand in October 2006. He joined the RNZAF (Air Force) and after surviving two low-level crashes as observer he was transferred to the RAF in England. Now as a pilot he crashed low level (survived) and was shot down by an Me109 just as he was landing: he was definitely a survivor!

On 26 October 1940 in the Battle of Britain he was then a Pilot Officer and was flying with 605 Sq. RAF in Hurricane V6943. In one particular dog-fight, on his third sortie of the day, he shot down an Me109 but soon afterwards he was shot down by another. He baled out at 25,000 feet and apparently his Hurricane landed at Baileys Farm, (believed to be in Cradducks Lane), Staplehurst.

If you think that is not interesting enough how is this: he parachuted down and landed in the grounds of **Great Swifts** in Cranbrook *. At the time the resident, Maj. Victor Cazalet MP, was hosting a cocktail party (during the Battle of Britain!!). One of his guests was a female doctor who gave Hayter a little attention: Hayter then joined the cocktail party! He was later joined and taken home by his fiancée (later wife) who lived “nearby”: Ditchling in Sussex. She was Pat Coote (Eleanor Patricia), was also a Kiwi and drove ambulances as a member of the ATS. Astonishingly, Hayter later received a bill from the doctor for treatment: he was very upset!

His story of survival continues:

In 1941 he was posted as an instructor and survived two crashes with the same trainee pilot in three days! Back on operational duties, after shooting down an Me109 he crash-landed near Southend after his aircraft was badly damaged by flak. Hayter was shot down four times in World War II.

On one of these occasions, in North Africa, an Italian pilot shot him down: whilst going in for a crash landing the Italian appeared in front of him so he shot the Italian down! Both pilots survived and they shared a bottle of whisky in the Australian lines.

Hayter was awarded a DFC (and later a bar) and was promoted to the rank of Squadron Leader. In 1943 as Commander of 74 Squadron he took nine Spitfire squadrons to Cos Island.

The airfield was overrun by the Germans on 3 October and so for five days he and four others took to the hills and evaded the patrols. They survived by killing and eating two sheep and later escaped by fishing boat with the help of the SBS. He ended the war having completed 535 sorties.



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V 7609	P/O Scott.	11:35	12:50	..
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V 7468	P/O Dugla.	15:25	15:35	..
P5786	Sgt Puda	15:25	16:50	..
V 6930	P/O Rothwell	15:25	16:50	..
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RECORD BOOK

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All this research was prompted by our recent visit to the amazing Aviation Heritage Centre at Omasa which is just outside Blenheim on South Island, NZ. This museum has what must be the best display of WW1 and WW2 aircraft in incredibly lifelike diorama settings.

Pictures:

1. James Hayter as a Flying Officer, from "Battle of Britain London Monument" (website)
2. James in 1999: picture from 74(F) Squadron Association
3. Painting of James Hayter sitting in a Spitfire, by William Dring in 1944
4. Wonderful lifelike diorama in Omasa Aviation Heritage Centre, NZ of "Spud" having dropped-in.
5. Above picture 4 is a replica of "Spud's" Hurricane after his bale-out.
6. Copy of page dated 20/10/40 from 605 Squadron Records Book.

*This was the “new” Great Swifts which Cazalet had built after demolishing the old one in 1937. However, a castellated “copy” of the old one still exists: it is called “Swifts” and is at Darling Point on the southern shore of Sydney Harbour, Australia. For those of you who have seen “Queen of Oz” on BBC (Catherine Tate), Swifts was used as “Macquarie Palace”. Swifts was built by Robert Tooth (later “Sir Robert”), who emigrated from Cranbrook having lived in Great Swifts: he founded “Tooth’s Brewery” in Sydney. But that is another story.



“Swifts”, Darling Point



“Great Swifts”, Cranbrook

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<http://74sqdn.tk/in-memoriam-farewell-to-old-tigers/sqn-ldrspud-hayter/>

Omaka Aviation Heritage Centre, New Zealand

Lashenden air warfare museum: <http://lashendenairwarfaremuseum.co.uk/>

Book: “Men of the Battle of Britain” by Kenneth G Wynn

605 Squadron Records book (downloaded from National Archives)

Alexia Onakaka of Tasman, NZ

Teresa Scott of South Canterbury Genealogy Society

Madison of Auckland War Memorial Museum

Golden Bay health Centre, Monteka NZ

https://air-britain.com/pdfs/military/Crashes_in_the_South_East.pdf

Becky Hayter NZ (Jim and Pat’s niece): author and journalist.

The Staplehurst Society

Ditchling history project

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

Two of Frank and Margaret's sons served overseas in World War 1.

William's Story

William's story is a tragic one, and his misfortunes undoubtedly had a huge impact on the family. He enlisted in 1914, and was sent with the first draft to Alexandria, then Gallipoli, with the machine gun section of the Canterbury Regiment. The next we know is that in 1915 he was sent back to hospital in Cairo, with what was reported at time as haemorrhoids, influenza and diarrhoea. From here he was sent back to England, and diagnosed with 'Varicoules'. This is an extremely painful condition: to put it simply, it's varicose veins in the scrotum.

William had it in his left testicle. The earlier description of his problem as piles etc was presumably out of ignorance or reluctance to spell it out. According to a later Medical Case Sheet, William had fallen down a cliff at Gallipoli, and injured his testicle.

After a month's treatment in Cairo, he was sent on hospital in Hampstead, England, where he received further treatment and was assessed as being unfit for active service. His disability was deemed to be permanent, and significantly, "contracted in the service". He subsequently filled various non-combatant roles in the home service, and was promoted to Sergeant. In November 1917 he was returned to New Zealand, where he was employed as NCO for the instructional staff of the Machine Gun School at the Featherston Camp. In June 1918 he was promoted to Regimental Sergeant-Major.

At some point during his employment in this role, William applied for leave to marry his fiancée, but this was declined. This was particularly poignant, as he contracted what was then known as 'Spanish Flu', dying from it on Armistice Day, 11 November 1918. William is buried in the soldiers' cemetery at Featherston, and memorialised on the List of Honour in St Mary's Church, Timaru.

Francis's Story

Francis enlisted in 1916, and joined a battalion at Étapes, France in June 1917. In July he was admitted to hospital "sick" (he had dacryl cystitis – inflammation of the tear duct), and in November, he was injured in the temple – off duty, by a hockey stick. He was more seriously wounded, however, in August 1918, in the left thigh and forearm, and this spelled the end of his service. After the war he became a bricklayer in Riccarton, Christchurch.



Margaret Palliser died unexpectedly at Saltburn House in 1923. Her death notice concluded, "Swift and sudden was the parting". According to her obituary, she had suffered heart trouble on and off for some years. The obituary went on to say that she was "widely known for her hospitality, and despite her large family she found time to do a good deal of public work. In all movements for the good of the town in which the help of ladies was required Mrs Palliser was a very willing worker, and she lent much valuable aid in patriotic work when the war was on. Her husband and family will have the sympathy of a wide circle of friends in their great loss."



About 1928. From left, standing John Clark, Clara and Maggie. In the middle are Jim and Minnie, Cissy and Frank. The boys in front are James Keith and John Clark.

It is sad that we have to rely on an obituary to gain a fuller picture of Margaret's life in Timaru and her contribution to the community. Clearly, it wasn't just Frank who was public-spirited and generous as a citizen. In addition to admirably fulfilling her traditional responsibilities as a wife and mother, Margaret seems to have fully adjusted to and embraced the new life that Frank and she had travelled so far to create.

Frank faced another death in the family a few months after losing his wife. Their youngest son, Michael, died at Saltburn House after what was described as "a long and painful illness". He was 21. Another of their sons, Edgar (a taxi driver), died in a car accident in 1926. A report in the Evening Post mistakenly called him Edward, and described him as a "well-known taxi driver of Oamaru". According to the report, Edgar and two passengers were returning from a football match in Christchurch. One of the passengers took over the driver's seat as they approached the Waitaki Bridge, and halfway across the bridge, he lost control and "plunged over the side". Two of the passengers threw themselves clear, but Edgar was killed, leaving a widow and two young sons.

Meanwhile, Frank's sons Tom and Jim had set up a new contracting business, Palliser Bros, which replaced Palliser and Sons.

Frank, with Maggie and Clara (both of whom were single), continued to live at Saltburn House, where the 1928 census places them. but by 1930 they had moved to 83 Beverley Rd, where Frank died in 1934. His obituary in The Press stated that he "was concerned in the erection of" many of the largest buildings in the district, including Timaru Boys' High School, Chalmers Church, the Salvation Army Barracks, Timaru Milling Company's building, Dalgety and Company's building, Waimataitai School, and P.W. Hutton and Company's premises. Elsewhere we learn that he built the Empire Hotel, Mrs O'Driscoll's residence and Elloughton Grange.

He was said to have been a keen and active supporter of the Liberal Party, and a member of St Mary's Church, where four of his family had been married. He served on the building committee when the church tower was built. We also learn from the obituary notice that Frank took a keen interest in local bands, and that he was a member of the Manchester Unity Independent Order of Oddfellows.

Meeting reports



with Lesley Tennent



August

Meeting held Tuesday 15 August. **Present:** 25 members. **Apologies:** Pat Smolenski, Carol Boulton, Heather Fifield, Ruth Campbell.

Carol Bell talked about the My Heritage photo enhancement program and showed some examples. This programme also can colourise, and there is an animation section.

Teresa Scott spoke on BDMs. She noted some births up to 15 Aug 1973 are appearing. If looking for something, don't put in too much info. If name is Jane Agnes, try Jane, & Agnes. Pretty standard that births up to 1948, provided person has died, are online. Marriages have been also extended. Seems the requirement is that both partners have died. Deaths. When looking, in Family Name use a full stop (.), in Christian names in Given Names (advantage if two given names), Dates 01/01/.... to 31/12/..... Teresa noted the advantage of fiche when looking for adoptions. Deaths – there has been some relaxation & there are more recent death entries. There was discussion on mysteries.

Liz Shea then spoke on Family Search. The facility is free. Need to sign in/register. Can set up own family trees. She demonstrated looking into records, which can be searched by name or place. Looked into NZ, and passenger lists. Liz also spoke on Free BDM and demonstrated looking for matches and ways to achieve a result. Cross checked with GRO for confirmation.

Websites. <http://ash.howison.co.nz> connects to Wilson Collection and numerous other possibilities. New Zealand Super Sleuths page on Facebook is good for solving problems. It asks you to leave your post up so others can learn from it. It was highly recommended. Facebook Akaroa Memories – Lois White noted she has got a lot of info as a result of putting photos up. Raffle: Maureen Vuleta.

September

Meeting held 12 September. Liz was away at a conference. Carol Bell took the reins. **Present:** 12 members. **Apologies:** Jenny Dewar, Heather Fifield, Ann Munro, Adrienne Bruce, Carol Boulton, Hilary Coles, Esme Jones, Christine Stewart, Faye O'Rourke, Denae Howell.

Carol talked about our website – it has a new address but can be reached from the old site for a year. It is: <https://scgenealogy.nz/> We had a look at the pages on the website and members were encouraged to make use of it

Teresa Scott then spoke about parish registers that we hold. We don't have them all of course, but there is a good coverage of South Canterbury Presbyterian records. Chalmers Church from 1902. We have all the originals of St Mary's Anglican Church but don't hold any Methodist records other than transcriptions of Pareora West.

Lois Shears spoke about school rolls. Again many are missing but we do have a good selection. We have indexes – can order these by copy and pasting from the index, send them to get records. Info varies greatly. Lois demonstrated some files we have. Discussions ensued.

Raffle: Carolyn Johnston.



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

Olwyn's South Canterbury website

Our ancestors were much more mobile than we generally think.

Joseph Binney, blacksmith, Horsebridge, Devon, UK to blacksmith, Fairlie, NZ.

John Walters Binney, miner, married Mary Jane Trethewey, born in England, in April 1871 in the Mt Hope Methodist Church, New Jersey [USA]. They had one child, William James, baptised in Devon in 1872. After the death of John in 1872 in Devon, Mary Jane then married John's brother Joseph in 1875 in Devon and looks like he took William James on as his own son. The family immigrated to NZ in 1878. Interestingly enough the correct spelling of the surname should be Benney but due to illiteracy in those times and no doubt accents the spelling has been changed to Binney and quite obviously stuck.

Waitangi, fr ship, 1128t, of NZ Shipping Co., sailed from Plymouth, England 18 July 1878. On October 6 arrived at Lyttelton and on the evening 13 October 1878 passengers were placed in quarantine owing to there being scarlatina on board. They were released on 23 Oct. A number of them proceeded to Ashburton and Timaru, but the bulk went to the Addington barracks in Christchurch. Four deaths and eight births occurred on the voyage - the deaths being of three infants and one adult, Isabella Pringle, aged 37, from phtthisis. There were 12 cases of whooping cough under treatment. Dr Rossiss was the surgeon superintendent.

Binney Joseph	26	Devon
Mary J.	27	
William James	5	
Fanny	2	
Binney Samuel	17	Devon Farm Labourer (brother to Joseph)

Joseph Binney settled in Fairlie Creek, South Canterbury, a town founded in 1865, now known as Fairlie. He built a cottage in 1878 up the Main Street, Mt Cook Rd, and a smithy next door. He was energetic, giving his time freely

to the school committee as chairman, cemetery board, St Stephen's Anglican Church member and made rods for hanging the lamps in 1898, Domain Board member, chaired meetings and even ran for the council. He was involved in local organisations such as the Caledonian Society, the Lodge where Bro. J. Binney was a principal officer. In 1972 his daughter, Mabel, a spinster, bequeathed her cottage and smithy to the museum with all its original bric-a-brac intact. Miss Binney participated in the golf club and William J. Binney in the local Motor Cycle Club and the Mackenzie Mounted Rifles. Mrs Binney judged sewing for the school annual retreat.

Mabel was born in November 1882 and her admission date to Fairlie Creek School was 15 October 1888.

My grandfather, Mr S.P. Bray was inspired to strive successfully for the formation of the Mackenzie Country Historical Society in 1954 and as president he held office until 1956. Mr A.A.H. Pinkerton, who was the first secretary and treasurer, continued in office for the following 23 years and was still treasurer in 1977. From the inception the society has progressed well. As a first museum, the County Council graciously granted the use of the original brick power building in the camping ground which served for several years. However, the society's great step forward came when Miss Mabel Binney donated her pioneer cottage as a museum. The society was then incorporated and a committee formed a roster to act as curators when the museum is opened, and only by personal viewing can the displays be fully appreciated.



Timaru Herald, 29 June 1918, Page 3 DEATH OF A PIONEER

The death occurred on Wednesday last of Mr Joseph Binney as the after effects of an operation, which in his advanced age—66 years—proved more than his constitution could stand. Mr Binney was one of the old identities of Fairlie, having come to the then infant township about 35 years ago as a blacksmith. He shortly afterward entered into business on his own account, and was engaged in it actively till his death. He was born in South Sydenham, near Tavistock, in England, where he was married and his two children were born. He visited America, for some time living in New York, and subsequently made his way to New Zealand, being a resident of Temuka for some time before going to Fairlie. From the early days of local institutions till his death he was a keen supporter of anything which made for the good of the town and district. He was connected with the school committee for over 30 years both as chairman, deputy-chairman and member, and the cause of education and the children's welfare ever had his warmest sympathy. He also was a member of the Domain Board as chairman, and of the cemetery trustees. When a movement some years ago was initiated to improve the appearance of Fairlie by planting trees in the streets and adorning the present domain, he took an energetic part. Mr Binney also took a large share in Anglican church matters, and had a great-deal to do with the building of the church and parish hall. He was a keen member of the vestry for many years, being still one of its most active members when he died. Perhaps the most valuable work he did was in connection with the Oddfellows' Lodge, of which he was one of the charter members when Gladstone Lodge was formed. From the start of the lodge till his death he held some office, passing through all the chairs, and being for many trustee for the lodge properties. At the quarterly meeting on Wednesday, a resolution of appreciation of his connection with the Order was passed, and the Lodge decided to go into mourning for six months in his honour. The funeral was held on Saturday last when the Oddfellows' Lodge provided the bearers, except at St. Stephen's Church, where the vestry performed that office. After the church service, conducted by the Rev. H.O. Hanby, the cortege included several hundred persons, among them representatives of the Oddfellows and other bodies to which he belonged, and the older standards of schoolchildren. After the conclusion of the church service, Mr C. J. Talbot, Grand Warden of the I.O.O.F. read the Oddfellows' service. A large number of beautiful wreaths were laid on his grave. Mr Binney is survived by his wife and two adult children, as well as by his brother Mr Sam Binney, of Christchurch. The late Mr Binney was one of the most highly respected residents of Fairlie. and the community suffers by his comparatively early death.

Timaru Herald, 22 December 1903, Page 4 CRUELTY TO SMALL BIRDS.

To the Editor of the "Timaru Herald." Sir, —I see by your valuable paper that the new school syllabus is going to be introduced into our schools early in the coming year. A large portion of the syllabus is devoted to teaching kindness to one another in the school, in the playground, in the street, and in their homes; Kindness to the teachers, to their parents, to the young-and old and last, but not least, kindness to dumb animals. This is a beautiful picture on paper, and also in teaching, but far better is practice. Would you kindly answer me one question? What is the good of throwing away all this time and money and energy of the teachers, when we see what our children put into practice the moment they leave school, namely, cruelty in its worst form to the small birds. The taxpayer is employing our children as a machine to fight their enemy, the small bird because it is the cheapest machine they can employ, but in doing so they are laying the foundation of an enemy which is a thousand times worse one which may cause pain and grief, and far more money to fight. If the small birds are an enemy to man, let him use proper methods to put them down, and not buy for gold all that is noble and kind and godly in our young children, and make them in their innocence subject to that which is a great wrong, namely, cruelty in its worst form. I am, etc.,

JOSEPH BINNEY, Fairlie, December 21st, 1903

The Binney headstone, a heavy white marble headstone made by Hall from Timaru, lies on the grave. Looks like it had fallen years ago and to preserve the stone was left lying flat on a solid concrete block.

One of my favourite websites is Findagrave. Joseph Binney (1852-1918) - Find a Grave Memorial <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/209422158/joseph-binney>





Members' Interests



from John Sutherland

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DAVIDSON	ENGLAND	Cumberland	Stapleton	All
DAVIDSON	NEW ZEALAND	Mid Canterbury	Ashburton/Hinds	1874+
DAVIDSON	SCOTLAND	Dumfries	Middlebie	1780+
DAVIS	ENGLAND			pre1900
DAVIS	ENGLAND	Gloucestershire	Deehurst/Church Downs	1800+
DAVIS	NEW ZEALAND	Sth Canterbury	Temuka	1870+
DAVISON/DAVIS/				
DAVIDSON	NTH IRELAND	Armagh	Lurgan	1780-1880
DAWSON	ENGLAND	Norfolk	Massingham	1700-1900
De BEER	AUSTRALIA	Victoria	Melbourne	
De BEER	NEW ZEALAND	Central Otago	Queenstown	1860-1900
de SOUSA	AZORES	Pico		pre1840
DEANS	IRELAND	County Derry	Tamlaght Finlagan	1820s
DEMPSEY	NEW ZEALAND	North Island		1900s
DEMPSEY	NEW ZEALAND	South Island		1900s
DEPHOFF	NEW ZEALAND			pre1900
DERRETT	ENGLAND	Gloucestershire		1800+
DODGSON	ENGLAND	Cumberland	Bewcastle	All
DODGSON	ENGLAND	Cumberland	Stapleton	All
DONEHUE	AUSTRALIA	Victoria	Portland/Casterton	All
DOUBLE	ENGLAND	Suffolk	Raydon	1780+
DOUBLE	NEW ZEALAND	Sth Canterbury	Timaru	1856+
DOUGALL	SCOTLAND		Glasgow	1800s
DOWLE	NEW ZEALAND	Otago	Waipiata	1884+
DUFFIELD	ENGLAND	Devon		1820+
DUGGAN	IRELAND	Co Kerry	Bally McEllygott	1800+
DUGGAN	IRELAND	Kerry	Ballymacelligott	1879+
EAGLETON	NEW ZEALAND	Canterbury		1850-
EATALL	ENGLAND	Gloucestershire	Bristol	1796+
EATALL	ENGLAND	Gloucestershire	Woolaston	1796+
EDGAR	NEW ZEALAND	Otago	Tapanui	1870+
EDGAR	SCOTLAND	Dumfrieshire		1800s
EDMONDS	ENGLAND			pre1880
EDMONDS	NEW ZEALAND	Wellington	Petone	1881+
ELDER	SCOTLAND	Ross		1800s

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:

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



Please send request for forwarding to Teresa.

To Know Our Past (McLeod family Scotland to New Zealand) – compiled by Rona M. Murray, 1999 [FH47] [donated]
South Canterbury Women: An Inventory of Memorials and Tributes to Women (compiled 1893) [DH189] [donated]
Memoirs – L. O. H. Tripp (1958) [FH48] [donated]
The Advance Guard– Series One – Selected and edited by G. J. Griffiths (1973) [OT70] [donated]
The Advance Guard– Series 2 – Selected and edited by G. J. Griffiths (1974) [OT71] [donated]
The Advance Guard– Series 3 – Selected and edited by G. J. Griffiths (1974) [OT72] [donated]
Early New Zealand Families – Second Series – Douglas Cresswell (1956) [FH49] [donated]
My First Eighty Years – Helen Wilson (1952) [BIO32] [donated]
Australian Family Tree Connections – 10 issues, 2001 & 2002 [AUS22] [donated]
Cheerful Yesterdays: A Centennial History of the Gleniti (Wai-iti) School 1879-1979 - Wm. C. Charteris [DH27] [donated]
Christ's College Register, December 1973 [CANT83] [donated]

Local contacts

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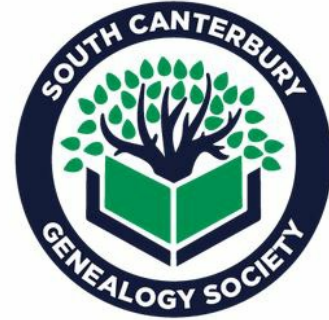
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Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm at the museum.

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.

