



British Isles Family History Society-U.S.A.

Newsletter

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Editor: Jim McNamara

GENERAL MEETINGS:

This Month – Sunday, 28 Nov 2004, 1:00-3:00 PM

Titanic Connections from Southampton

By Jill Kirby
(See Page 4 for details)

BIFHS-USA Book Sale 3:30-5:00 PM
Open research time for members

Next Month – Friday, 10 December 2004, 5:30-8:00 PM

Holiday Party.

Please bring your favorite dish or dessert.

Notice:

All classes and monthly meetings are free. There is plenty of free parking. Everyone is welcome. You are welcome to do your own research at any time. Unless otherwise stated, all events are held at:

Los Angeles Family History Center (310) 474-9990
10741 Santa Monica Blvd
Los Angeles, CA 90025

Please contact a board member if you have any other questions.

Visit BIFHS-USA Website at: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~bifhsusa>

Editor's Note:

It is appropriate at this transition time to pause and contemplate what our society has been, and what it could be. It is also appropriate to thank some people who are always doing far more than their share. Two Nancys come to mind, thanks Nancy Bier for taking care of the Irish Study Group, you always have something new to share, some new way to look at research, you have made the Irish Study Group a valued asset of our society. And thanks to Nancy Carlberg, who is in the final year of her second two-year term as president. The president always has an unspoken duty; that is to take care of everything that has been left undone, and that has been plenty. Thanks also to Glen Knoblock for two years as program chair, and thanks for hanging on as a board member at large next year.

This is also a time to welcome our new board members. They have without a doubt stepped up to the challenge. We expect great things from all. Gail Said Johnson is already working on the next few journals, and as a submitter I have first hand knowledge that Gail is a very capable and talented editor. I am anxious to see what co-program chairs Janet Thomas and Evelyn Wallace have in store for us. Welcome also new board member at large, Ivan Johnson, we look for fresh perspectives and advice. And lastly, thanks to Nancy Bier, as 1st Vice President of Education, we've put the society's most cherished purpose for existence in her capable hands.

We also welcome back our returning board members at large, Lydia Jeffrey, Jill Kirby, Joan Semper, and Pat Sorteberg, you are the glue of our society. Always willing to take on those little tasks, to be our sounding board. We gain a perspective of our membership from you, and that is invaluable.

There is one more round of thanks that must be given. Without our members, the society's most precious commodity, there would be no BIFHS-USA. Thanks to all our members who continue to optimistically believe in the potential of our society, and continue to support our efforts. We will continue to try to reward your trust in us.

Best regards to all,

Jim McNamara

Any and all comments are always welcome. JPMTCC@aol.com

PS – I know I have left out several people, all the remaining board members, all the past presidents, your contributions and insights have been invaluable, many thanks.

Thanks to Joyce Dillard for the following information on UCLA Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies:

The Poetics of Penance in Medieval Wales

By: CMRS Distinguished Visiting Scholar Professor Catherine McKenna (English, and Irish Studies Program, CUNY)
Tuesday, November. 16, 2004, 4:30 PM, Place: Royce Hall 314 (Humanities Conference Room)

Bride's Head Revisited

This presentation by CMRS Distinguished Visiting Scholar Catherine McKenna (English, and Irish Studies Program, CUNY) will survey some of the most interesting aspects of the material dimensions of the cult of Saint Brigit in Ireland. Friday, November 19, 2004, 4:30 PM, Place: Royce Hall 314 (Humanities Conference Room)

Advance Registration: Not required. Please sign the attendance sheet at the door. No fee, seating is a first-come, first-serve basis.

Contact information for both events: cmrs@humnet.ucla.edu URL: <http://www.humnet.ucla.edu/cmrs>

President's Message:

I can't believe it is almost the end of the year. I have too many genealogy goals undone yet. And it's time to set some more. Hope you are having better success at keeping up with yourself than I am.

For your calendar:

Our Holiday Party is the 10th of December at 5:30 PM at the library. Potluck, so bring what you want.

Remember, in January you can bring your giveaway books, pamphlets, maps, forms, etc. We'll lay them out on the back tables.

Our trip to Salt Lake City is the 13-20th of February. There will be another group there that week also doing British research - and paying twice as much to stay at the same hotel. We're providing a great deal. See if your relatives would like to come to Salt Lake and work with you. We've been very successful with cousins coming as they get much more done this way.

Jamboree is the 12-13 of May this year. Any old books you think we can sell at the booth are welcome. How about some British mysteries too.

Nancy Bier and I will be in Salt Lake setting things up for the trip and enjoying the snow the week of the next meeting (November), so we will see you all at the Holiday Party.

Nancy Ellen Carlberg

n_carlberg@hotmail.com

A Milestone has passed for 'The Immigrant Ship Transcribers Guild'. From their site, at: <http://www.immigrantships.net/>

<Captain's Log 9 September 2004

On September 16, 2004, Immigrant Ships Transcribers Guild will celebrate her 6th birthday. Each year we have been able to give you 1,000 transcribed passenger lists and we hope to accomplish even more in the year to come.

This year, as a small gift to all of our wonderful readers, we have decided to open up our mailing list to the public. You may subscribe and contribute your input to our volunteers and seek information from them as well. We will attempt to answer any questions you may have and from time to time we may even ask your help in deciphering very difficult handwriting.

You can exchange tips you've discovered in searching for your ancestors, seek out help in translating old records and become a part of our caring and dedicated community.

You do not have to be a Guild member to subscribe and here's how.

Send a message to ISTG-D-request@rootsweb.com that contains in the body of the message the command SUBSCRIBE and no other text. No subject line is necessary, but if your software requires one, just use subscribe in the subject, too.

Peace to you and those you love,
Patty McCormack
Founder/Coordinator>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Nov-2004

20 BIFHS-USA Mail-in Ballot deadline
20 Irish Genealogical Society International's next Quarterly Program is on Saturday, **November 20, 2004**. Susannah Ottaway will speak on **the 1798 Rebellion** in Ireland. Programs are at the Minnesota Genealogical Society Library, 5768 Olson Memorial Parkway, Golden Valley, MN Suggested donation for each program is \$8 or \$5 for IGSI members.

IGSI is always looking for speakers for our Quarterly programs. Recommendations welcomed! Just email Colleen at:

DDRiggs@aol.com

Please put "IGSI speaker" in the subject line.

IGSI normally meets once per quarter, on a Saturday morning. Unless otherwise specified, programs begin at 9:00 AM, and typically last until around 11:30 AM. Programs are held at the Minnesota Genealogical Society library, at: 5768 Olson Memorial Highway Golden Valley, MN

28 BIFHS-USA General Meeting, Program Topic: ***Titanic Connections from Southampton, Hampshire, England.***

Jill's presentation is to focus on the effects of this tragedy in the lives of the people of Southampton; and how significant events in history inspire and help people from around to world to connect and pursue their own research into their families histories. This event has already opened numerous doors to Jill because of her personal connection to the Titanic tragedy.

Bio: Jill Kirby was born in Southampton, Hampshire, England. Jill still considers this to be 'home' and loves to return to explore the history of this lovely city. Jill is a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Jill is also a long time member of the BIFHS-USA Society and often regrets not having more hours in the day to pursue the fascinating search of her family. Not content with books and films and the Internet, Jill has traveled far and wide to pursue her ancestors; this has given her great insight in to their lives and living conditions and a real feel for who they are as part of what she has become. From England & Ireland to Scotland to France to New Zealand to South Africa to Mauritius, Jill has found numerous treasures of information and has had great adventures along the way. Of

course to do this Jill has to work; she is self-employed in the medical field and loves her work almost as much as her research. Jill has many hobbies and when time permits loves to knit and sew, collects stamps and enjoys meeting people all over the globe. She also sends herself postcards from wherever she travels...

Dec-2004

4 OCCGS at Huntington Beach Library 'How to Locate Passenger Records' – Elaine Alexander, 11am Rooms C & D, 'Locating Hard-to-Find Passenger Records, 12:30pm Room C
10 **BIFHS-USA, Holiday Party, 5:30 to 8:00 PM**

Feb-2005

13-20 BIFHS-USA Research trip to Salt Lake City, UT Sign up soon to get as much help as possible prior to trip. Cost is \$450 (shared double room) \$725 (single room).

26 Whittier Area Genealogical Society Presents: 22nd ANNUAL SEMINAR

Speaker: Dr. Gary Shumway

Saturday, February 26, 2005

Masonic Lodge, Whittier, California

7604 Greenleaf Ave. at Mar Vista in Whittier

Mar-2005

12-13 Irish Fair and Music Festival at the Lost Angeles County Fairgrounds, on Fairplex, Pomona, CA 10 AM to 6 PM

21 Family History Fair in Virginia, co-sponsored by BIFHS-USA & Family History Center in McLean, Virginia. Speakers will include Nancy Bier, Linda Jonas, Nancy Carlberg, Brian Trainor, and Fintan Mullan, as well as outstanding speakers from the Washington DC and Virginia areas. The one-day seminar is free, but there is also an eight-day trip to Pennsylvania, Virginia, Washington DC.

May-2005

13-14 SCGS & Family Research Library present the 36th Annual Genealogical Jamboree and Resource Expo at Burbank Airport Hilton and Convention Center, 2500 Hollywood Way, Burbank, CA Info: 818 843-7247 email: sgs@earthlink.net Website: www.scgsgenealogy.com

Sep-2005

7-10 FGS Convention at the Salt Lake Convention Center in Salt Lake City, Utah

From Ignatius Murphy's 'The Diocese of Killaloe, 1850-1904' - 'Fairies and Witches' (941.9 K2mi v.3, ISBN 1-85182-124-4)

"The holy wells were a link with Celtic religion which had been christianised and given a new format after the coming of St Patrick. There were other aspects of pre-Christian religion, which Christianity had succeeded neither in eliminating nor assimilating after more than 1,400 years. According to Hely Dutton, who carried out a statistical survey of County Clare in the first decade of the 19th century for the Dublin Society, belief in fairies, etc., was common and he blamed the books used in the hedge schools for this - 'Can it be surprising, after reading the list of Irish classics, which I have before detailed, that they should believe in fairies, hobgoblins, witches, Will o' the wisp, ghosts, and a multitude of legendary tales, which old women are fond of relating?' Dutton was probably correct in concluding that there was a widespread belief in fairies but the reasons for this belief were to be found in folk memory and not in school textbooks. By the end of the century supporters of the fairies had declined to such an extent that they were in danger of extinction.

Some of the practices by which people invoked other-world powers for help were malevolent. In the mid 18th century, as we have noted earlier, Bishop Nicholas Madgett was aware of the practice of 'sorcery' and had heard evidence which convinced him that milk and butter could be harmed in this way. A tongue-in-cheek item, headed 'The Deil [sic] in Clare', in the Munster News of 30 May 1868 referred to this and similar beliefs:

Wondrous stories are told in Clare of an arrival of no other than the very master of hell, in a certain locality, and his appearance in the extraordinary embodiment of a headless calf. His visit is ascribed to the practice of a party suspected of left-handed incantation, by which corn and butter and such like, are acquired by invisible abstraction from the fields and dairies of others... Parties report that the diabolical calf has been banished by the exercise of religious faith; but affirm that he has returned, not in the form of a bull, but a baboon, taking post in a barn, and grinning such horrible ghastly contortions as to frighten the boldest away from the neighbourhood. It is surprising that any credulity should still believe in the existence of witchcraft, and it is very possible that the suspected parties may be

quite as sinless and honest as those who regard them with suspicion.

'Pishoges' concerning milk, butter and eggs survived strongly in some places throughout the 19th century and were still very much alive in a few parts of West Clare over one hundred years after the incident described by the Munster News of 1868.

For much of the 19th century little could be done to control the majority of serious diseases, and the deaths of children or young people were commonplace. As doctors were often ineffective, even if available, some people turned elsewhere to avert death or obtain cures. Belief in fairies entered the realm of the practical world when people blamed them for tragedies or mishaps and took steps to counter their influence. Michael Grace, PP, writing in 1941, mentioned a Druid's Dell in the townland of Kylebeg, parish of Burgess and Youghal. 'I gather that even in the lifetime of men seventy years of age, children in failing health who were looked upon as hopeless cases, were immersed in the off-chance, kill or cure. I fancy the idea was to save them from being taken by the Fairies. The last dipping took place 60 years ago, and the individual is alive today.'

It is clear from folk tradition that there was a strong belief in the 'power' of the priest and a feeling that he could be reluctant to exercise this 'power'. In most cases he would pray for the sick person or say mass for him without guarantee of the desired result. A small number of priests acquired reputations as healers, no doubt because of a special charism in this area. There were also a few who exploited people's credulity. During the cholera epidemic of 1832 Darby Tuohy, PP, Kilkishen, was visited by throngs of people from Clare and neighbouring counties for a supply of his holy water which was believed to be a sure remedy against cholera. When the disease finally hit Kilkeshen in late September the Clare Journal gloated over his discomfort. 'Ah, Darby, what good can it be afar off, when it fails with yourself? What will all your admirers in this and the neighbouring counties think, when they learn that Cholera has broken out in your own parish?' "

"In times of individual or communal stress, such as the cholera epidemic, some people were prepared to cling to any straw that was offered, even though the source of the possible assistance was very questionable. This left them open to tricksters and charlatans as happened in Castleconnell in 1864:

A witch who has been for some time trading on the credulity of some of the inhabitants of Castleconnell, by persuading them of her ability to deliver them from the consequences of all evils, past, present, and future, was taken before the magistrates at Perry Sessions on Monday, to answer for her pretensions. She appeared under the various names of 'O'Grady', 'Sheridan', and 'Hogan' to the unsuspecting and innocent inhabitants of the picturesque locality. She was charged with obtaining several sums of money and divers potations from Mr. O'Brien, a publican, for informing him that she was empowered to deliver him from numerous enemies, and from a person named Fanning she received a fee for putting aside a pending fit of sickness. She was sentenced to one month's imprisonment to test her power of self delivery from material penal detention.

The Castleconnel 'witch' was simply a trickster. However, Bidy Early, whose reputation for extraordinary powers, particularly cures and uncanny insights, was in quite a different category; Long before her death, at the age of 76, in 1874 she was well known far beyond the bounds of Feakle Parish.

A passing comment in a newspaper six years before her death says that Bidy 'only sought to cure people by simples (i.e. medicinal herbs) and charms'. It is clear that her main interest in people was in curing and helping them. However, Bidy was a much more complex person than the comment indicates, a mixture of herbalist, faith healer, clairvoyant, with a good dash of showmanship. Her blue bottle became the symbol of her power, creating confidence and awe and giving her also an otherworldly mystique which brought her into confrontation with the priests of the parish.

Bidy did not reject the Catholic religion. Her four weddings all took place with the blessing of the Church while, according to Edmund Lenihan, there is no indication in folk tradition that she was unusually lax in the performance of her formal Church duties. She always wore a beads around her neck and used it to recite the rosary. Like many faith healers, her cures were accompanied by prayer, in her case an invocation of the Blessed Trinity. However, because of the mystique which she surrounded the exercise of her talents, she evoked comparison with medieval witches and led people to ask whether she was achieving her results through the power of the devil.

Because of her reputation as a witch it is not surprising that Bidy was denounced by the local priests who forbade people to go to her. The two priests who were mainly involved in the confrontations with her were James Dore (parish priest of Feakle from 1849 until his compulsory retirement in 1860) and Andrew Connellan (first administrator and then parish priest from 1860 to 1874). In his book, *In Search of Bidy Early*, Edmund Lenihan has described in some detail Bidy's relationship with the priests, while also examining the priests' motivation in trying to isolate her and suppress her activities:

A genuine regard for the public image of the church he represented was a worthy enough concern for the priest. But it could take the form of a narrow authoritarianism, a desire to stamp out all individuality, especially of the kind that might seem to bring unfavourable notice on Catholicism - and such notice was nothing new, as can be seen from some of the literature of the time. It would have been an affront to any self-respecting parish priest to have Bidy, in his parish, giving rise to accusations of peasant witchcraft. In his dealings with his counterparts in the Protestant ministry, for example, he would have been sensible of the scandal given by Bidy's seeming to confirm all the old accusations of 'Popish superstition'. Also to be taken into account is the social background of the majority of priests. It was not the same as that of Bidy's people... Such people put their faith - and money - in education as a means of rising in the world. They were only too anxious to leave behind them the half-lit world of peasant lore and herbal medicine. They would not, on the whole, have been sympathetic to Bidy or her ilk...

The folklore accounts confirm what we have said earlier in this chapter about the priest as an authority figure - and, depending on the person, perhaps, also authoritarian. While the people were not against the priest they got a certain delight in seeing him more than meeting his match in somebody who came from much the same background as most of themselves. The Bidy Early story which has survived more strongly than any other folklore is concerned with this point - how Bidy put the priest in his place. The story of the priest's horse is found in a number of versions, but one of them will give the gist. The priest's horse had taken fright and fallen into a trench. Even with the help of passing huntsmen it proved impossible to get it out. Finally, the priest

agreed to send a messenger to Bidy for help. When the messenger arrived, Bidy was already aware of the situation but would do nothing unless the priest himself came and asked her. 'So he had to humble himself and come for her himself. And she went back, and all she did, they said, was to take a scollop out of the fence, and hit the horse on the neck, and up he hopped, up on the road. So the following Sunday, or whenever he was on the altar again, he said she was a useful woman in the country. He had to eat his words, like.'

When Bidy became very ill in April 1874 Fr. Connellan was called to the house and heard her confession, presumably also administering the last rites. She was also said to have given him her bottle, which he threw into the depths of Kilbarron Lake. Folklore seems to have no comment on the fact that the parish priest survived Bidy by less than five months."

End article.

Thanks to Terry Brown for the list of new members:

Joined in Oct:

- Suzanne Boyles Long Beach, CA
 - Donna Moughty Darien, CT
 - Donna Porter Denver, CO
- Interests: Gloucestershire, Westmoreland, Cambria

Thanks to Terry Brown for forwarding the following:

The following article is from Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter and is copyright 2004 by Richard W. Eastman. It is re-published here with the permission of the author. Information about the newsletter is available at:

<http://www.eogn.com>

Genealogists and historians can now view local directories from England and Wales as far back as 1750 by going online. The University of Leicester collected the directories and converted them to

digitized images, using a grant of £335,000 from Lottery funds.

City directories are more or less the Yellow Pages of their day. However, unlike modern-day telephone directories, English and Welsh city directories often include census details, eclipses and even tables showing tide times. People listed in these directories typically have their occupations listed as well.

The new Historical Directories web site uses a search engine developed by document management firm ZyLab. Technology known as fuzzy logic allows users to search documents for specific words, even if the term is spelt differently in the document.

The new Historical Directories site has placed 330,000 documents from some 643 directories online so far and more are planned.

<http://www.historicaldirectories.org>

Thanks to Beryl O'Gorman for the following information on Enhanced British Parliamentary Papers (EPPI):

This is an incredible site. I have just written it up for our newsletter, so am printing the info re. downloading below. There are a few pitfalls to be aware of. And the scanning is ongoing.

EPPI - Enhanced British Parliamentary Papers on Ireland, 1801-1922; EPPI involves the electronic cataloguing and full-text digitisation of some 13,700 British Parliamentary papers (containing around 365,000 pages) from the University of Southampton's unique Ford Collection of Official Publications. This site is still in its infancy and many scanned images are not yet accessible. But keep an eye on it.

<http://www.eppi.ac.uk/18001922/search1.asp>

NOTE: The documents on this site are scans of the originals, so set some time aside if you plan on downloading a document. Choose Medium JPG, Large is far too big for an A4 page. And next time I will save the pages on to my hard drive and reduce them a little more, as 2 or 3 of the bottom lines were missing when I did a direct printout.

Thanks to Annie Lloyd for forwarding the following information:

Dear Researcher,

I would like to introduce you to Colonial CD Books and the products and services we have at this time and will be offering in the future. At Colonial CD Books we scan, digitise and capture old and rare books onto compact disk and offer these for sale to genealogist and historians, at an affordable price to aid in their research.

The majority of the CD books are on historical New Zealand, at this time and include the history of New Zealand churches, military history, biographical, and local histories. Many of the books we have on CD are rare and come under the heading of collectable, the former making them very expensive, and difficult to acquire the valuable information they hold by the majority of researchers.

By copying these valuable resources the original books are saved from further damage that comes from day to day use, yet allowing many more researchers access to the information they contain.

All of the CD's are in PDF format and are easily opened with Acrobat Reader, which is available as a free download from the Internet. They are more user friendly than the old microfiche system, easy to search and printable.

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Regards
Brenda Whiteman

Here is a sampling of what is available, prices range from \$8 to \$25 (New Zealand Dollars):

The Cyclopaedia of New Zealand: The Cyclopaedia of New Zealand, Industrial, Descriptive, Historical, Biographical Facts, Figures and Illustrations. Published in six large volumes that include a collection of biographical portraits, a town and country gazetteer and surveys of local trades and businesses. A must for genealogists and historians with an interest in New Zealand's past.

Vol 1. Wellington
Vol 2. Auckland

Vol 3. Canterbury
Vol 4 Otago & Southland
Vol 5 Nelson, Marlborough & Westland
Vol 6. Taranaki, Hawkes Bay & Wellington

Canterbury Old and New, 1850-1900, written as a souvenir of the Jubilee. Early Wellington is just that, all the information you could want on those early days of Wellington, and the early settlers that made Wellington what it is, including passenger lists and records of Birth, Marriages and Deaths. Wise's New Zealand Index to every place in New Zealand, mentioning every place in new Zealand, detailing where about in the country it is situated, along with a condensed history of a lot of the places. Great for finding where those small, out of the way places are.

Sixty Years in New Zealand, published in 1909 by Gordon and Gotsch. *Sixty Years in New Zealand* is dedicated to the memory of Sir Donald McLean. Includes a lot of material concerning Maori and especially the Land wars or New Zealand Wars, with a chapter focusing on "The Hau Hau Outbreak". There are chapters on specific Maori leaders, Te Kooti and Rewi Maniopototo, as well as one chapter on "The Savages of Otaki".

Brett's Colonists Guide & Cyclopaedia of Useful Knowledge, (830 pp), published in 1883 this book has all the handy information every good colonist should know. Farming- bush and fern land, management of horses, cattle, sheep and crops, monthly calendar of farm operations, dairy and cheese factories, poultry, gardening - kitchen, flower, greenhouse and vinery. Fruit culture, with explicit directions on grafting, pruning and budding for amateurs, etc.

Around About New Zealand, mainly the result of a Diary kept during three or four years of wandering in New Zealand by the artist E.W. Payton. *Around About New Zealand* gives a good description of New Zealand during the 1880's.

The New Zealand Gazette for 1860 In the front of the Gazette there is an index of all the names of people, places and events mentioned within. These Gazettes hold so much information of the time. Includes lists of militia appointed, land grants, an electoral roll for the province of Marlborough, Picton, Beaver, Lower Wairau, Upper Wairau, Wairau Valley, Awatere, Flaxbourne and Clarence districts.

White Wings, 50 Years of Sail in New Zealand - shipping from 1840 to 1900; volume one: *Fifty Years*

of Sale in the New Zealand Trade, 1850 to 1900; volume two: Founding of the Provinces and Old Time Shipping, Passenger Ships from 1840 to 1885.

Stones Dunedin & Invercargill, Commercial, Municipal, & General Directory. Otago and Southland Gazetteer. Almanac and Companion for 1886, contains all the streets in and around Dunedin and Invercargill, with full names and occupations of the inhabitants, whether in business or not. The names of boarders and junior male members of a household above twenty-one years of age are also indicated.

Alphabetical Directory, Trades Directory, Municipal Directory, Educational and Ecclesiastical, An Otago and Southland Gazetteer, A Run Holders Directory, Companion and Advertising Directory. Early Otago and some of it's Notable Men Written by C. Stuart Ross, he tells of the times and the men who stood out to him during the early days of the colonisation of Otago.

The Auckland Almanac, Local Guide, Diary and Dominion Statistics for 1936. Contains a Streets and Postal Guide, lists every place in the Province, and Business Directory.

Old Manawatu, written by T.Lindsay Buick, J.P. and published in 1903. With the assistance of Manawatu's early settlers this book gives an in-depth description of the early days of Manawatu from the Maori history to the European Settlements.

Early History of Wanganui, 1847 and 1856 & Early Days in Wanganui 1840 - 1850 Interesting chapters From the *Early History of Wanganui, 1847 and Wanganui in 1856.* An interesting little book that tells of the early history of Wanganui and the early settlers that instigated the building of a town. The battles that were fought against the Maori, the descriptions of the violent dealings during these times have been recorded from the survivors that were resident at the time. *Early Days in Wanganui (1840 - 1850).* This is also an interesting little book, from the churches point of view it tells of the early missionaries' dealings in Wanganui and their dealings with the local Maori and early settlers.

Roll of Honour 1840 to 1903. Defenders of the Empire Resident in New Zealand - includes a complete official roll New Zealand Contingents & more - history of the war in South Africa containing a thrilling account of the great struggle between the British and the Boers. Including the causes of the conflict; vivid descriptions of fierce battles; superb

heroism and daring deeds; narrative of personal adventures; life in camp, field and hospital. Appendix: Australian colonies make a great record in the war. Chapters on the Australian and New Zealand contingents and the parts they played in the Boer War.

Historic Trentham 1914 - 1917, the main body and first reinforcements sailed on October 14, 1914. On the same day, nearly three thousand recruits and huge quantities of camp equipment arrived at Trentham. This book tells the day-to-day life of the Camp at Trentham, with many black and white photographs. More official history of the Otago Regiment in the Great War Included are the details of the Otago and Southland Regiment's involvement in the battles at Anzac and Helles, Gallipoli Peninsula, Armentieres, the Somme, Messines, Passchendale, Picardy, Bapaume, Mormal Forest, the Battle fields of France and Flanders.

South Africa and the Transvaal War in seven volumes - This is a seven-volume set of books, probably one of the most comprehensive records of the Boer War, descriptions of each battle that was fought, officers involved, and those who died. This CD is searchable.

New Zealand Church Messenger, Nelson, these are a set of monthly newsletters, sent out by the New Zealand Church to subscribers. They include the years from January 1887 to June 1891. In amongst the sermons and Sunday school lessons, there are all the conformations, baptisms, marriages, burials, and the names of the subscribers to the newsletters.

A History of the English Church in New Zealand, from the first settlement of the missionaries, this history tells of the trials and tribulations of setting up the English Church in New Zealand, dealing with Maori and early colonists, the Maori Wars etc., and covers the years 1805 to 1914.

The Dominican Star - Dunedin, this is the golden jubilee for the diocese of Dunedin and the Dominican Nuns, printed in 1921. It tells of the history of the Catholic Church in Dunedin and surrounding towns. Filled with photos of the nuns and their pupils procession through the streets of Dunedin, past pupils.

History of the New Zealand Presbyterian Church, 1899. This book tells of the setting up of the Presbyterian Church in New Zealand, from the send off in Scotland, the voyage out; the passengers on that early ship, first sight of land; first service in Maori land.

Dictionary of Australian Biography, 1892, comprising notices of eminent colonists from the inauguration of responsible government, down to the present time, 1855 - 1892.

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Los Angeles, CA 90064-3124

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