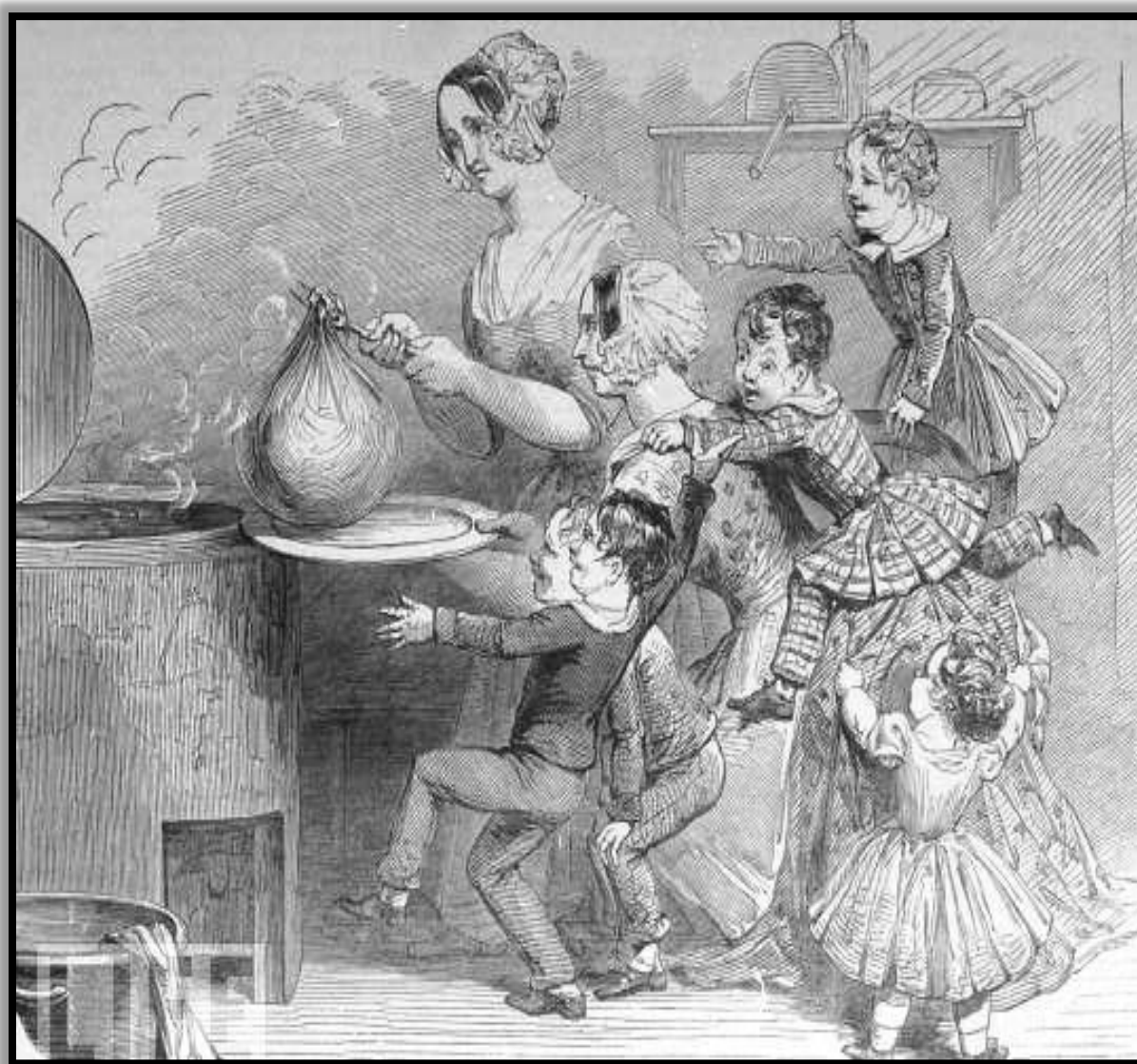


South Canterbury Branch Newsletter



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Lifting The Christmas Pudding

Convenor's Comment

The sale of a house in Timaru recently caught my eye. A modest brick bungalow built in the 1930s, it had once belonged to my grandparents and was their home for over 40 years

Sadly, for me anyway, the house sold quickly with no need for an open day and alas no opportunity for me to sneak another look inside the house that is such a big part of my families' history.

I remember Nana telling me that she had met my Grandfather at a dance in Glasgow at the beginning of the first World War. Nana was a young girl working in a munitions factory in Glasgow whilst grandfather was employed by the Royal Navy. He was the leading signalman on the 'HMS Miranda.'

This last piece of information came from their Marriage certificate. I also have a lovely sepia postcard of their wedding in 1917.

They came to New Zealand in 1922 determined to have a better life for their young family. The New Zealand Railways took Grandfather on, and there followed a series of postings at small railway stations around Otago and Canterbury area.

By using Grandfather's Railways work record (from the National Archives) I have been able to trace their movements right up until they settled in Timaru in 1934 – and that was when they built that little brick house!



Our branch recently visited the Timaru District Council Archives and there we saw all the resources which could be used to help trace your family in the Timaru area.

Old rate books, electoral rolls, house plans, scrap books full of information all are stored carefully within the council buildings.

The archive is not actually open to the public but there is a front desk where you can make enquiries if there is something you are researching.

We were very fortunate that Robert Bruce and his assistant Glenys took the time to show us around. A budding genealogist himself, Robert obviously knows the importance of '*preserving the past for the future*' and our members were all very impressed with the facility.

I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Hopefully I will be seeing some of you at the Christmas dinner in December.

Happy Researching,

Lois White



SEASON'S GREETINGS TO MEMBERS

FROM CONVENOR AND COMMITTEE

'WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE'

The Branch has DVD's featuring the following celebrities:

Rory Bremner
Fiona Bruce
Rick Stein
Zoe Wannamaker
Kevin Whatley

\$2.00 per DVD

Please contact Robyn Davidson

na.re.davidson@xtra.co.nz

FAMILY HISTORY CENTRE
Pages Road TIMARU

Closes: Wednesday 2nd December 2009

Re-opens: Tuesday 26th January 2010

Searching For Owner.....

A photo album, over 100 years old with some daguerreotypes included, is presently owned by a lady who would like to return it to descendants

It is thought the album was probably owned by **Mr. R MILLS**, whose name and London address appear on the back of the album.

Many photos were taken in Timaru by William Ferrier, and in Wellington by Edwin Pollard.

It includes a photo of a Baker and Confectioner shop with the name **E. MILLS** above.

Other names on some photos are:

Charlie who died 18 Sept 1913.

Henry and Kate, Minnie, Alice and also Mariane Grace **COUPON** (?)

If members are aware of anybody researching **MILLS'** families in your area please contact

Research Officer

Dave Jack

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Upcoming Events 2009 – 2010

8 December 2009

Xmas Outing - Speights Ale House

Last minute bookings to Maree BOWEN

mabowen@xtra.co.nz Ph 686-0584

9 February 2010

Visit to Blue Cliffs Station

Visitors welcome at meetings

Non Members \$2.00



RESEARCH QUERY

Jane Ferguson, a social worker at the Salvation Army, Timaru is assisting an elderly gentleman, James MOSSOP locate his immediate family.

James was born in Putaruru.

Mother's name Virginie MOSSOP (nee FINCHAM) Father John MOSSOP.

As James' parents are deceased Jane's next approach is to find contact details for their descendants.

Death registration of James' brother, Robert Birkett MOSSOP on 12 Dec 2007, states he had 3 daughters and 2 sons.

Please contact Jane if anyone can help so she can pass this on to James MOSSOP as he searches for lost relatives.

Jane_Ferguson@nzf.salvationarmy.org

or Phone: (03) 684-7139.

Dave Jack

Research Officer

SC Branch NZSG

ARMISTICE

The term 'armistice' means a cessation of hostilities as a prelude to peace negotiations. In the context of the First World War the armistice is generally referred to in context of the agreement between the Germans and the Allies to end the war on 11 November 1918.

<http://www.firstworldwar.com/index.htm>



A New Zealand Christmas Card



The scene has changed.
In the dear old land by the blazing logs we
were want to stand ;
While here 'our wood in the green' we say,
In the bush we will spend the festive day.
But our hearts are the same as we wish you
cheer,
A Merry Christmas, a Glad New Year ;
And kisses are just as sweet you know,
Whether stolen 'neath broadleaf or mistletoe.

— Florence Howe, Barnard Street, Timaru

Evening Post, 22 December 1894, Page 3

Christmas

*"The merry family gatherings –
The old, the very young;
The strangely lovely way they
Harmonize in carols sung.
For Christmas is tradition time
Traditions that recall
The precious memories down the
years,
The sameness of them all."*

Helen Lowrie Marshall

'A Digger's Disillusion'

by K L TRENT

When I first thought of enlisting
And courageously assisting
In this game the poet calls the sport of
Kings
I had dreams of martial glory
Dashing charge with bayonet gory
And a host of other brave and stirring
things;
But, alas for dreams deceiving
And imagination weaving
Such a web of utter falsehood in my
brain.
For my visions are all shattered
And I've just become a tattered,
weary digger working knee-deep in a
drain.

New Zealand at the Front, 1918

Christmas Cards –



The 'Penny Post' was first introduced in Britain in 1840 by Rowland Hill. The idea was simple, a penny stamp paid for the postage of a letter or card to anywhere in Britain.

This simple idea paved the way for the sending of the first Christmas cards. Sir Henry Cole tested the water in 1843 by printing a thousand cards for sale in his art shop in London at one shilling each.

The popularity of sending cards was helped along when, in 1870, a halfpenny postage rate was introduced as a result of the efficiencies brought about by those new fangled railways.

<http://www.historicuk.com/HistoryUK/England-History/VictorianChristmas.htm>

"History with it's flickering lamp stumbles along the trail of the past, trying to reconstruct it's scenes, to revive it's echoes and rekindle with pale gleams the passion of former days"

Winston Churchill – November 1940

CONTRIBUTED BY JEAN HOLWELL

Grandma's Apron

When I used to visit Grandma
I was very much impressed
by her all-purpose apron
and the power it possessed.

For Grandma it was everyday
to choose one when she dressed.
The strings were washed and
tied, and maybe even pressed.

The simple apron that it was
you would never think about;
the things she used it for
that made it look worn out.

She used it for a basket
when she gathered up the eggs,
and flapped it as a weapon
when hens pecked her feet and legs.



She used it to carry kindling
when she stoked the kitchen fire,
And to hold a load of laundry
or to wipe the clothesline wire.

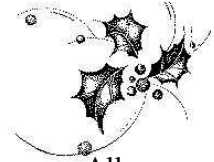
It dried our childish tears
when we'd scrape a knee and cry,
and made a hiding place
when the little ones were shy.

Farm produce took in season,
in the summer, spring and fall,
found its way into the kitchen
from Grandma's carry all.

When Grandma went to heaven
God said she now could rest.
I'm sure the apron she chose that day
Was her Sunday best.

AUTHOR UNKNOWN

Members' Interests



BATCHELOR	NEW ZEALAND	Sth Canterbury	Timaru	All
BROSNAHAN	NEW ZEALAND	Sth Canterbury		All
LOUNEY	IRELAND			c1872
LOUNEY	NEW ZEALAND	Sth Canterbury	Levels	1881
ROONEY	IRELAND			Pre 1899
ROONEY	NEW ZEALAND	Sth Canterbury	Timaru	1899+
SULLIVAN	IRELAND	Kerry	Tralee	c1871
SULLIVAN	NEW ZEALAND	Sth Canterbury	Kerrytown	1884+

Contact: John Rooney, 934 State Highway One, Arowhenua Road, RD 4, Timaru – phone 03 615 7668

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THOMSON	SCOTLAND	Roxburghshire	Jedburgh	pre1840
BEGG	SCOTLAND	Ayrshire		pre1870

Contact: Ian Thomson, 54 Mowbray Street, Timaru 7910 - phone 688 1472

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FUSZARD	ENGLAND	Dorset		pre1815
FUZZARD	ENGLAND	Dorset		pre1815
HORGAN	IRELAND	Kerry	Castlemaine	pre1825
KNOCK	ENGLAND	Devon	Plymouth	pre1875
KNOCK	ENGLAND	London		pre1875
SOWDEN	ENGLAND	Cornwall	St Kew	pre1875
TEAHAN	IRELAND	Kerry	Killarney	pre1875
WOONTON	CHANNEL IS	Jersey		pre1875

Contact: Noel Horgan, 16 Flatman Crescent, Geraldine - phone 03 693 9028

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South Canterbury Branch Library

LATEST ACCESSIONS

Kelvin Grove Cemetery – Burials and Headstone transcriptions

Marine Births, Deaths and Marriages 1853 – 1920

Marriage Index Victoria 1921 – 1942

South Australian Marriages 1842 – 1916

South Australian Deaths 1916 – 1972

Cemetery Transcriptions: Index to selected M.I. Transcriptions held at AIGS (Australian Institute of Genealogical studies)

Essex Phillimore Parish Records Volumes 1 – 4

Gloucestershire Phillimore Parish records Volumes 1 – 17

Hampshire Phillimore Marriage Records Volumes 1 – 16

Oxfordshire Parish records Volumes 1 and 2 (Marriage Registers)

Wiltshire Phillimore Marriage Records Volumes 1 – 14

Yorkshire Phillimore Parish records Volumes 1 – 4

The Clergy List for 1852 (all clergy throughout England, Wales, Ireland, the Scottish Episcopal Church, and the army, navy and colonial dioceses)

*The Scots Link - May 1996 (No.37) August 1996 (No.38) November 1996 (No.39) February 1997 (No.40) May 1997 (No.41) August 1997 (no.42) [Donated by a member]

* Long Time Passing: the Centennial publication of the Mataura Rugby Football Club – Edited by D.C.W.Muir (1986) Illustrated with named photographs. [Donated]

*One Muff Too Tough (Ocean Beach) – Michael Turner (Ocean Beach Meat Works) [Donated]

*A Cut Above: Early History of the Alliance Freezing Company (Southland) Ltd – Clive A. Lind (1985) [Donated]

*Family History 2010 Bookshop Catalogue

* St. Joseph's Parish, Temuka 1876 – 1951 [Donated]



Latest NZSG Branch Newsletters

Reference Only

Blenheim – October, November

Dunedin – November / December

Gore – November

Hutt Valley – November

Kilbirne – November

Wellington – November

Mosgiel – October

Motueka – October

Oamaru – October, November

Riccarton – November, December

Waimakariri – November

South Canterbury – October/ November

Family Tree Magazines:

Autumn 2009, November 2009

USEFUL WEBSITES



Family history – preserving our past for the future. The official site for the **New Zealand Society of Genealogists Inc.** Information on genealogy and family history for New Zealand and New Zealanders.

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

Our own **South Canterbury Branch** web page is indexed at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~nzlscant/> This site is maintained by Olwyn Whitehouse who welcomes items of local interest.

National Archives of Scotland

<http://www.nas.gov.uk/>

Australian Cemeteries new site

<http://www.australiancemeteries.com/>

The **1901 census web site** now has records for Co. Galway. Most of the records are for East Galway.

<http://www.leitrim-roscommon.com/1901census>

Glossary of Scottish terms <http://pagespro-orange.fr/euroleader/wedderburn/glossary.htm>

Pre-1839 Foreigners in NZ

<http://sites.google.com/site/pre1839settlersinnz/home>

Bits and pieces for research in Kent

<http://www.kenthistoryforum.co.uk/>

<http://www.oldbaileyonline.org/>

The Proceedings of the Old Bailey, 1674-1913

Parish baptism registers, kept at the Archive Office of **Tasmania**

<http://www.archives.tas.gov.au/>

The unofficial **Third Division histories of NZ in the Pacific** (13) in WW II are now online, plus "Pacific Commandoes" (NZ & Fijian):

<http://www.nzetc.org/tm/scholarly/tei-corpus-WH2IP.html>

South Canterbury Museum



LATEST ACQUISITIONS

Transcript of the Geraldine County Ratepayers Roll for 1896-1897.

Databased and printed in two listings - one alphabetically by occupier and one by owner.

Transcribed by:

Elaine Aitcheson & Barbara Hertnon, 2009.

Database will be on the website at a later date

Book – An account of the Deal boatmen and their families that came to Timaru and Lyttleton - their origins, motivations and their fates.

TONY RIPPIN
CURATOR DOCUMENTARY HISTORY

<http://www.timaru.govt.nz/services/museum/Home.aspx>

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY HOURS

Archives room:

Closed 24 December 2009

Reopens on 5 January 2010

Gallery:

Closed 25-26 December 2009

and 1 January 2010

SOUTH CANTERBURY MUSEUM

Research Library Hours:

Tuesday – Friday

1.30 – 4.30 pm

Sunday

1.30 – 4.30 pm

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Branch Meetings

All meetings of the Branch are held at the South Canterbury Museum on the second Tuesday of the month, and commence at **7.30pm** unless otherwise notified.

The meeting room is at the rear of the museum, and can be accessed along the driveway on the east side of St Mary's Church Hall on Church Street.

Queries, help and successes form part of each meeting. You may submit your queries in writing if you wish, or you may speak at the meeting.

Sunday Library Roster 2009 – 2010

Sunday 6 December	Doreen Hudson	686-2188	Maree Bowen	686-0584
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