

# *South Canterbury Branch*



## Newsletter

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### *Family Tree*

*I thought that I'd never see  
A thing so involved as a 'Family Tree'  
A tree whose myriad boughs are spread  
To include the living as well as the dead  
A tree whose roots are imbedded deep  
before the sap begins to creep  
A tree whose branches multiply  
Many times before did I  
Though too  
complex for  
a being like  
me, I'm  
glad I'm  
part of a  
'Family Tree'*

~ Genealogists Never Lose Their Jobs, They Just Go To Another Branch ~

## Convenor's Comment

Hi Everyone,

At the last regional meeting it was announced that a new batch of cemetery microfiche is due out sometime this year. We were told that these fiche will most likely be the last available for sale – a sign of the times, as they are expensive to produce and, like many other records these days, everything is going online.

The branch has amassed a large collection of fiche and will continue to use them for many years. This year, through the generosity of two local charities, we have been able to purchase two brand new microfiche readers – these are much easier on the eyes and have made a big difference to what can be a very laborious task.

Our collection includes NZ Births, Deaths and Marriages, Cemeteries, Electoral Rolls and many other miscellaneous fiche - certainly worth browsing.

September meeting saw us visiting the Craighead Anglican Diocesan School – when I was growing up the Craighead girls were known as 'greengages' because of their distinctive green uniforms!

Dave Batchelor, the school archivist, gave a very interesting and informative talk on the history of the school followed by a viewing of

an old school movie which was recorded in the 1940's.

There is a large collection of photographs and memorabilia. Members were impressed with the way the archive has been so carefully preserved - it will be of great value to the families of former pupils.

It seems the only thing that is missing is one of those white panama hats that the girls used to wear, so any Old Girls out there please take note. If you have one tucked away somewhere please consider donating it to the archive. Dave can be contacted at the Craighead School or through the South Canterbury Museum.

A school reunion is planned for 2011

My own research at the moment has taken me to the Lake District in England and has involved many hours on the internet at home, and more on the Ancestry.com website which is available on computer at the Timaru Public Library. Usage of this site is free, courtesy of the Library subscription to Ancestry.com.

Printouts to their printer (located at the help desk) cost 20 cents - a great facility for all genealogists.

Happy Researching,

*Lois White*

### South Canterbury Branch Office Bearers at 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration



From L: Lois White, convenor; Dilys Loomes, secretary; Maree Bowen, treasurer

## Abebooks.com

Australia and NZ

Abebooks has become the first international online bookseller to launch sites dedicated to the Australian and New Zealand markets.

Abebooks.com is the world's largest online marketplace for books and has announced the launch of :

<http://www.Abebooks.com.au>

<http://www.Abebooks.co.nz/>

These microsites to help Australian and New Zealand booksellers and publishers sell books online

<http://www.abebooks.co.uk/> UK site

Enter 'genealogy' as a keyword



## Upcoming Events 2009

**13 October** Research Night

**10 November**– To be arranged

**8 December** – Xmas Outing  
Speights Ale House

Book now with Maree Bowen

*Visitors welcome at meetings  
Non Members \$2.00*

## Missing Marriage Record

*Do you have an ancestor who married overseas and you can't find their record?*

BMDRegisters.co.uk have just added [miscellaneous foreign marriage returns from 1861 to 1921](#) to their online service. More than 38,000 British marriages worldwide are covered.

This collection includes marriages recorded by foreign registration authorities, churches and British embassies.

Marriages by British servicemen abroad, including First World War servicemen and former prisoners of war, are also listed. [Type in a surname to find your missing marriage](#)

CONTRIBUTED BY CAROLE COWAN

## RESEARCH QUERY

Looking for Mary **O'BRIEN**.

Mary and husband, Richard Cornelius **O'BRIEN**, came to NZ on the 'Carrisbrooke' in 1874 with a family of 7 children.

Mary won a Waimate land ballot in 1912 at the age of 80 years, then disappeared with no death record found.

Contact Dave JACK  
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*New Member:*

Jean ANDERSON



*~ When we were young, we did not ask questions;  
Now that we're older, there's no one to answer them ~*

# In my Little Bottom Drawer

Melody - Will E. Haines and Jimmy Harper, 1928

Associated with Gracie Fields

For years and years I've been a lonely  
Spinster on the shelf  
I'm right fed up with spending all  
Me wages on meself.  
I'm all prepared for married life -  
Its secrets I've been taught  
And here's some little odds and ends  
I've been and gorn and bought.

One bridal gown - one eiderdown,  
I've been saving 'em up  
Since eighteen ninety-four,  
Got me ribbons and me bows  
And me these and them and those  
All packed up in my little bottom drawer.  
One baby's cot - one flower pot  
Where I've planted a rambling  
Rose bush for the door;  
Got a motto for the wall -  
It says 'Heaven 'elp us all' -  
All packed up in my little bottom drawer

Got a pianer  
Under the staircase  
And I'm teaching meself to play  
The 'Maiden's Prayer'.  
Now I'm waiting for love  
To open up the door.  
Got me Aristotle's works  
And a case of eggs from Pearks  
All packed up in my little bottom drawer



I've answered ev'ry advert  
In the Matrimonial Times  
I've bought me own confetti  
And a set of wedding chimes.  
At night I count me treasures  
Just to see they haven't strayed;  
I'm very patriotic,  
Ev'ry one is British made

One cheffoner - one keg o' beer  
And some orange and purple  
Lino for the floor.  
Got a new pyjama set  
Made of bright red flannelette  
All packed up in my little bottom drawer.  
One Persian rug - one china jug  
And some beautiful silver ware  
From Woolworth's store  
With a book by Doctor Fife,  
'How to be a perfect wife'  
All packed up in my little bottom drawer

We'll have a bathroom  
Oh! what a bathroom,  
With a wonderful bath  
Where we can keep the coals.  
Horse-shoe for luck - pail for the muck  
And a President Hoover's cleaner for the floor.  
If the plans go all to pot  
I can sell the bloomin' lot -  
All packed up in my little bottom drawer.

*Item from Savage Club entertainment at the Branch's 30<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration*

## Naval Ancestors

A complete Royal Navy and Royal Marine casualty list from pre 1914 – 2008 can now be found at

[www.naval-history.net](http://www.naval-history.net)

Both World Wars are listed alphabetically and chronologically by ship. This site is complimentary to the Commonwealth War Graves Commission site

[www.cwgc.org](http://www.cwgc.org)



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## UK snippets of information .....

**COUNTY** - A circuit or particular portion of a kingdom, separated from the rest of the country, for certain purposes in the administration of justice and public affairs; also called a shire.

**PARISH** - An ecclesiastical society, usually not bounded by territorial limits, but composed of those persons who choose to unite under the charge of a particular priest, clergyman, or minister. Historically, parishes were usually limited by the distance people could reasonably travel in a day, and the Church made a conscious effort to distribute parishes in such a way that everyone in a region could easily access a church for Sunday worship and church events

**ECCLESIASTICAL** – Pertaining to the church; relating to the organization or government of the church.

# New to Genealogy?

## Research Rules

- \* An essential 'research rule' is to obtain a copy of **original** documents eg: birth, marriage, or death certificates, census records, wills and probates.
- \* Locate as many other records as possible to corroborate findings eg: diaries, photos, birthday books, family bible and other family treasures.
- \* Document the source and date obtained when entering in your records.
- \* Start your Family History record with yourself.

## Genealogical Research - Dangerous Temptations

User-contributed databases are wonderful tools as they can help us get in touch with other family researchers who may have pieces of our ancestral puzzle.

Be wary of internet information though. It is wise to research and verify this information before adding to yours

Maintain a 'sense of skepticism' in *any* genealogical research.

## Research Centres

*NZSG (New Zealand Society of Genealogists)* membership gives access to information and resources from the Society.

South Canterbury Branch members are available every Sunday at the South Canterbury Branch Library to advise members on research matters.

*LSD( Latter Day Saints) Family History Centres* are invaluable for obtaining advice on how to use their extensive resources. Timaru's FHC is situated on Pages Road, Timaru.

## Some Free Internet Sites For Research

<http://archway.archives.govt.nz/> NZ Wills, Probates, War Records etc;

<http://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/> New Zealand Newspapers online

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~shipstonz/cemeteries.html> NZ Cemeteries

<http://www.familysearch.org/> IGI (International Genealogical Index) and 1881 Census UK

<http://www.bdmhistoricalrecords.identityservices.govt.nz/> NZ Historical BMD site.

<http://freebmd.rootsweb.com/> Free BMD UK

<http://www.cwgc.org/> Commonwealth War Graves

<http://freecen.rootsweb.com/UK> Free Census UK

<http://ndpbeta.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/home> Australian News papers online

<http://www.genuki.org.uk/> Genealogical information relevant to the UK and Ireland

## Free Computer Programmes

Before deciding which computer Genealogy programme to use, try a few free versions available for download.

Always backup any information entered, and frequently save to computer disc and/or flashdrive. To prevent a total loss of data, give a copy to a family member for safe keeping.

- **Personal Ancestral File** or **PAF** Free from LDS site <http://www.familysearch.org/>
- **Brother's Keeper** is a Windows genealogy shareware program <http://www.bkwin.net/>
- **Legacy** [www.legacyfamilytree.com/](http://www.legacyfamilytree.com/) Free version available

# SOUTH CANTERBURY

## Branch Library

### NZSG Newsletters 2009

*From Other Branches -  
Reference Only*

Ashburton – October/November  
 Blenheim – August, September  
 Dunedin – September/October  
 Hutt Valley – August, September  
 Mosiel – August  
 Motueka – August, September  
 Kilbirne – September, October  
 Oamaru – August, September  
 Riccarton – September  
 South Canterbury – July/August  
 Wellington – August, September  
 Waimakariri – September, October



### RECENT ACCESSIONS

Family Tree Magazines - September 2009, October 2009

CDs \*CORNWALL – Phillimores Marriages  
 \*LEICESTERSHIRE – Phillimores Marriages  
 \*RUSHTON, NORTHUMBERLAND

Parish Registers (Baptisms, Marriages, Burials) 1538-1837

NZ Genealogist 2008 (bound)

'High Endeavour: The Story of the McKenzie Country' -  
 William Vance (donated by Toni Wells)

'The Crossing of Antarctica: The Commonwealth Trans-  
 Atlantic Expedition 1955 -58' – Sir Vivian Fuchs and  
 Sir Edmond Hillary (donated by Toni Wells)

## MEMBERS' INTERESTS

BLEASE	NEW ZEALAND	Otago	Dunedin	1887+
CUTHBERTSON	NEW ZEALAND	Otago	Dunedin	1863+
CUTHBERTON	NEW ZEALAND	Otago	Hilderthorpe, Oamaru	1863+
CUTHBERTSON	ENGLAND	Yorkshire	Topcliffe	All
GREIG	NEW ZEALAND	Otago	Dunedin	1886+
JOHNSON	ENGLAND	Yorkshire	Pocklington	All
RAINTON	NEW ZEALAND	Otago	Dunedin	1890+
WATTS	NEW ZEALAND	Otago	Dunedin	1886+

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DEANS	IRELAND	County Derry	Tamlaght Finlagan	1820s
HICKS	IRELAND	Co Cavan		1845
HICKS	NEW ZEALAND	Coromandel	Thames	1870
MORROW	IRELAND	Antrim	Drumcrow	1750+
O'MELVENNA	IRELAND	Antrim		1800+
PACKMAN	ENGLAND	Kent	Swanscombe	1750+
PACKMAN	NEW ZEALAND	Sth Canterbury	Timaru	1870+
PEARSON	NEW ZEALAND	Sth Canterbury	Timaru	1830+
PREECE	ENGLAND	Hereford	Humber	1780+
PREECE	NEW ZEALAND	Canterbury	Christchurch/Waimate	1870+1
SIDES	IRELAND	Queens County	Clonin	1830+
SIDES	NEW ZEALAND	Sth Canterbury	Waimate	1900s
VINCENT	IRELAND	Londonderry	Tamlaght Finlagan	1800+
VINCENT	NEW ZEALAND	Sth Canterbury	Timaru	1885+

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# 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 indexed at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~nzlscant/> This site is maintained by Olwyn Whitehouse who welcomes items of local interest.

<http://makeit.digitalnz.org/voting> Vote on NZ  
**Digital Content**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/> **Who Do You Think You Are'** link

**Ashburton Family History Group** website  
<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nzlasfhg/>

<http://www.gdc.govt.nz/> **Gisborne Cemetery**  
Database now online

<http://www.icc.govt.nz/> **Invercargill**  
**Cemetery** Database now online

**Australian Periodical Publications 1840-45**  
<http://www.nla.gov.au/ferg/browselist.html>

## South Canterbury Museum

### Progress Report

The list of items accessioned in the last months is relatively small due to a significant focus on other work. However, while few records have been created some of the current projects are significant, such as the cataloguing of the records of our Presbyterian Church holdings and integration of them into our collection database. This will allow us to provide better listings and reports on the records held.

Our transcription team has also recently finished transcribing our first Geraldine County Council rate rolls for 1894-95, covering the Geraldine Town & Road Boards, Mt Peel Road Board, Temuka Town & Road Boards plus the Arowhenua Town Board. A complete transcript of this rate roll should soon be available via our online databases on our website.

TONY RIPPIN  
CURATOR DOCUMENTARY HISTORY

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



**SOUTH  
CANTERBURY  
MUSEUM**  
**Research Library  
Hours**

**Tuesday – Friday**  
1.30 – 4.30 pm

**Sunday**  
1.30 – 4.30 pm

### RESEARCH

\*The NZSG South Canterbury Branch library is open to all branch members free of charge. Visitors are asked to pay **\$2.00** to use the facilities.

\*The archive user form **must** be signed by all who enter the research room.

\*Volunteer members are present on Sundays and are willing to assist with research where required.

\*Members may use the computer to access records. **Non-members must ask duty member to use the computer for them.**

\*Members may borrow and return books on Sundays.

## 2009 – 2010 COMMITTEE

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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

<b>Sunday 11 October</b>	Lois White	684-4173	Dorothy Tomlinson	688-1333
<b>Sunday 18 October</b>	Carole Cowan	684-5491	Doreen Hudson	686-2188
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