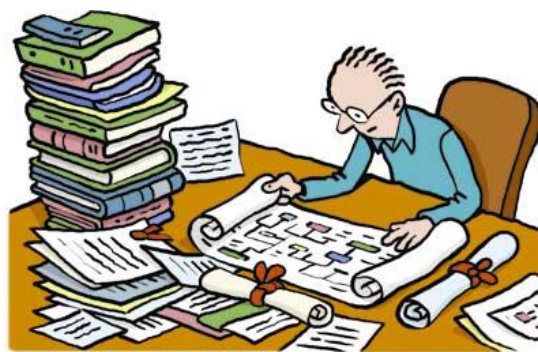




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FROM THE EDITOR

Carol Bell



I've just had a sharp reminder that I'm not as clever as I thought I was and I need to be more careful. I found that my great-grandfather's sister Charlotte Taylor had married later in life - she was at home with her parents in the 1861 census, a seating weaver aged 38, but in 1871 she was married with a 10-year-old son. How nice I thought. I worked out that she didn't marry widower Thomas Paull until 1865, although the boy, Albert, was born in 1861. Naughty Charlotte, I thought. The first wife didn't die until 1863!! Oh well.... So I started tracking Albert through censuses, marriage and so on and then tracking his children. This absorbed several days until one of Albert's daughters was found housekeeping for her grandfather Robert Paull. Not Thomas? Ooooookay ... backtrack. And then I found that there were two Albert Pauls born in Crewkerne, Somerset within two years and of course I'd managed to follow the wrong Albert. Careless! But oh so easy. So I sighed and removed all these lovely children, and his lovely wife, from Albert's page. Sorry Albert! But, then, what DID happen to Albert? There appeared to be only one Albert making his way through the censuses. Did my Albert die as a child? I couldn't find a burial, so I decided to look at the baptism to see if it would give me any clues. But I couldn't find one.... And I tried VERY hard.... And then I spent a lot of time staring vacantly at the screen.... And then the penny dropped. Albert wasn't Charlotte's son at all. Just because I'd found Thomas, Charlotte and Albert in a census with Albert listed as son of the head of the house I'd assumed Charlotte was the mother. Thomas's first wife was Albert's mother. She had had her last child in 1861 and then died in 1863. And two years later Thomas had married Charlotte, probably because he was the harrassed father of several small children. Because I came into the story half way through I interpreted the facts to suit myself. And my Charlotte wasn't a loose woman after all. And she was childless. So, although I still don't know what happened to Thomas's Albert, I don't care very much either. He's not mine!! And I've learned (or re-learned) two lessons: Don't make assumptions and be wary about who you chase through the censuses. It saves time.

CONVENER'S REPORT



from Liz Shea

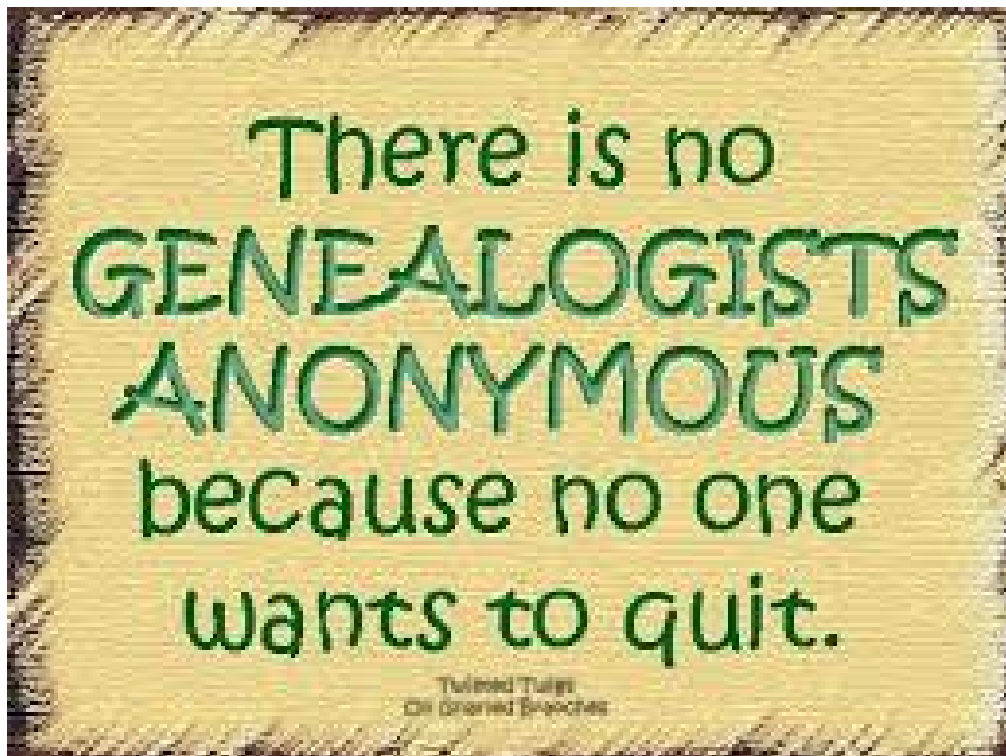


NZ Society of Genealogists <http://www.genealogy.org.nz/>

South Canterbury genealogical resources timaru.gen.nz

In my last newsletter I talked about the possibility of the branch disaffiliating from NZSG and setting up our own branch. A meeting on 15 March was planned but due to a spike in Covid in South Canterbury, we decided to postpone the meeting until 12 April.

This meeting will be an opportunity for all members to vote on a resolution to disaffiliate from NZSG. Members of the branch are not always members of NZSG and there is some concern regarding the levy being imposed by NZSG on non-NZSG members of the branch. Some committee members have also indicated that they may not renew their NZSG membership, so it would put the committee in a tricky situation, ie no committee. Hoping for a good turnout of members for a robust discussion on what the future holds for the branch.



OUR ARCADE ROOMS

Work in our rooms at The Arcade has been a stop/start affair with various Covid restrictions. But so has life in general. We're used to this! When restrictions ease these rooms will be available for advice and general research on Thursday 10am - 1pm or by appointment. Just phone Lois on 688-1655 or Carol on 027 3399447. Dave has also generously made his extensive library and facilities available to members on the same basis. Laptops are available for research on Ancestry, FindMyPast and Family Search.

Because of restrictions at the museum we have moved some BDM fiche from the museum to The Arcade and these are available to research. There are also lots of CDs and books there. Make yourself a coffee and read them there or take some home. Our normal library is still held at the museum and books are available there by appointment with the museum only until restrictions ease.

TED HANSEN

QSM, MSTJ, JP, SGT RNZ SIGNALS, RNZIR.

Once again we must record the death of a fellow member and good friend - this time Ted Hansen who died on 1 March. Ted was a dearly loved husband of Lesley, a loved father and father-in-law of Carl (Adelaide), and Kirsten and Paul (Goolwa, SA) much-loved grandfather of Samson, and Locky, and loved brother of Norah Fraser. In recent years Ted focussed his genealogical attention on the Scroll project and he was an active member of the Thursday transcribing team as well as a volunteer for Sunday duty. We will miss his wisdom, his boundless good humour, his dad jokes and his endless willingness to share his extensive knowledge. RIP Ted.



FUNERAL RECORDS

We have been working on a local project to transcribe and index funeral records loaned by local funeral directors. This project is near the end of the transcription phase but more projects await, and they're all adding to our local resources. Group members were meeting at the SC Museum 10am-1pm Wednesdays and Thursdays to carry out this work. This work has now moved to our rooms above Dave Jack's office at 19 The Arcade. If you are able to help please contact Lois Shears on 688-1655.

PLANS FOR 2022

12 April: Extraordinary meeting. This meeting will be held at St Thomas's Church lounge, 12 Mountainview Rd



ANCESTRY ADD PHOTO-SCANNING AND RETOUCHING TO THEIR APP

Ancestry has announced a collaboration with a company called Photomyne: their proprietary technology allows the Ancestry app to scan photos – and:

- Auto-detect image boundaries and auto-crop photos

- Scan multiple images from one page and split into individual images

- Enhance and restore the quality of images



This should streamline our digitisation process. On Photomyne's website they talk about scanning in 100 photos in 10 minutes. By integrating Photomyne's Artificial Intelligence (AI) based technology, Ancestry customers will get an even easier way for family historians to digitize old family photo albums, by scanning and uploading multiple photographs at once through the Ancestry mobile app. Ancestry customers will now also be able to upload and share images of photo albums previously added to Ancestry and apply the same auto-cropping, rotation, and image enhancement.

You can find out more in this Ancestry blog post

<https://www.ancestry.com/corporate/newsroom/press-releases/ancestry-integrates-photomynes-best-class-technology-help-mobile-customers>

LINKING THE 1939 REGISTER TO MODERN MAPS

The most recent England & Wales “census” available to us is the 1939 Register. Findmypast were the first to make the 1939 Register available online, in 2015, but since then it has also become available at Ancestry, and more recently The Genealogist have published their own transcription.

The Genealogist have now linked the 1939 Register to their Map Explorer – when you find a household in the register you can view the house on a range of maps, from the late 19th century right up to the modern day. Whilst there's been a similar feature at Findmypast for some years, The Genealogist have taken it one stage further by adding maps and satellite images provided by Bing.

The 1939 Register is a very important and useful record set that is made all the more important by the fact that the 1931 census for England and Wales was destroyed by fire during the Second World War, and no census was actually taken in 1941 because of the war. The 1939 Register, therefore, provides us with the most complete survey of the population of England and Wales between 1921 and 1951, which makes it an invaluable resource for all family, social and local historians.

An additional benefit of the information contained in the 1939 Register is that the surnames of women were regularly updated upon their marriage because the Register continued to be updated until 1951 and then, after this, by the NHS from its inception in 1948 until they began to transfer their records to computers in 1991. This means that you can search for your female family members listed by both their maiden and married names in this data.

Living people under 100 years of age were redacted from this database due to the requirement of meeting privacy rules. However, each year the database is updated with the latest unredacted records.

AN INVITATION TO FAMNET

Do you want to receive our newsletter every month?

The newsletter is free. There are not many free newsletters of this length in New Zealand. I am biased but it should be an interesting read.

To subscribe is easy too. Go onto the FAMNET website - don't misspell it as I have, twice already. <http://www.famnet.org.nz>

The front page is lovely, but click on [Newsletters]. A page opens showing you a list of all the past newsletters, you can click the link to read one that you're interested in. Like the front page, the newsletters page has a place where you can log on or register. It's in the top right-hand corner. Put your email here and click [Continue].

If you aren't already on our mailing list, there will be a message "Email not in database" and a button [New User] appears. Click this and follow the dialog to register. It's free and easy. You should receive a copy every month until you unsubscribe.

Robert has assured me that he will not send begging letters to your email - apparently, he has enough money at the moment. You will not have to put in your credit card number. You will not be charged a subscription.

Tell other genealogists so they can enjoy the newsletters too.

Regards, Peter Nash

IN FAMNET THIS MONTH

The women of the New Zealand goldfields

<https://www.rnz.co.nz/national/programmes/standing-room-only/audio/2018829516/the-women-of-the-new-zealand-goldfields>

Find your 19th- and 20th-century New Zealand ancestors in a huge new electoral roll records release at FamilySearch

The newly available collection contains electoral rolls from New Zealand for the years 1865 to 1957 and is taken from microfilm of original records at the Wellington General Assembly Library, Wellington.

It consists of registers of persons qualified to vote for members of the House of Representatives. The records are grouped by electoral district, then by surname.

Information that you can find in the records includes:

- the person's name
- residence
- electoral district
- qualifying residence type
- location of property.



Search the collection at FamilySearch.

Australian Shipping and Passenger Records

<https://www.nla.gov.au/research-guides/finding-ship-and-passenger-records?fbclid=IwAR2hCmmcSGPt4Dd2iFkcGQziYB-MIToxLV7Mo5IrvaxoHE3I1QJzHwybPLY#>

Explore this website and go into the individual state sections and get lost in all the options!!!

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

by Libby Clark

1888-1967

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



John Clark first came to Timaru on the *SS Arawa*, in 1907, when Cissy was 19. At that time he was gaining his marine qualifications as sixth engineer on the Shaw Savill & Albion steamer, which was on what the Timaru Herald described as a "trial trip", with newly developed refrigeration and insulation technology. He subsequently returned to Timaru twice a year, staying with the same ship, and progressing to second engineer.

The *Arawa* was at Timaru for only two days each time, so there was not prolonged contact with the family. Nevertheless, John must have relished his visits and outings with the large and busy Palliser family and the five daughters. Elizabeth, the eldest, was seven years older than he, but at least two of the other four must have been in his sights. Cissy was two years younger, and Maggie five years younger. Lena and Clara were younger still. "The 5 Disgraces" below are posed in order of their age.



The other photo below appears to show that John has made his choice. He and Cissy are in the middle at the back. Frank and Margaret are seated in front of them, and young Clara is at the front with the sailor's hat on. The child is most likely to be Rita, Jim's daughter, and if so, the woman beside her in front would be Minnie, Jim's wife. It could be Jim seated on the left, with a hat on. One of the sisters - probably Elizabeth - is beside Frank, and the men on either side of Cissy and John - being tall - look like Palliser brothers.



In 1913, John left Shaw Savill and joined William Beardmore and Co, which would have made his returning to New Zealand unlikely. In effect, the result of this change meant that he wouldn't be seeing Cissy any more. Perhaps their relationship had not developed to a point where either of them felt any kind of serious attachment. Or, perhaps, it had, and they had an informal understanding about finding a way to be together without his being absent at sea for most of the time. There would no doubt have been letters exchanged with Cissy and perhaps others in the family over the following years, maintaining contact and friendship and more.

Notice of the engagement of Cissy and John does not appear to have been published locally, and we are unable to establish when it was announced. It is tempting to speculate on the possibility that they had become engaged on one of his visits, or maybe through their exchange of letters. The outbreak of war in 1914 was doubtless a significant factor in their thinking and planning.

What we do know is that Cissy arrived in London with her parents on May 3, 1916, and that she married John in Scotland a month later on June 4. Was she excited? Nervous? Scared? Confident? Determined? It is likely that she felt all of these emotions as she sailed to the other side of the world to marry a man she hadn't seen for several years. However she managed her feelings, her courage and strength of character are to be affirmed.

Because it was wartime, John had not been granted leave of absence from his essential work to come to New Zealand. At the time, he was on the technical staff as electrical engineer and designer at Beardmores' naval construction works at Dalmuir on the Clyde in Glasgow.

The wedding was at St Giles Cathedral, Edinburgh. This church was the centre of Scottish Presbyterianism, pre-dating Henry VIII. The Minister of the parish of Cellardyke (John's home parish) officiated, and Cissy's address was given as Shore Street, Anstruther, which is where John's family lived. Her brother William gave her away. Having served at Gallipoli, where he was wounded and became ill, he had been sent back to England to convalesce. At the time of the wedding he was Sergeant in charge of an internment camp near London.¹

One of the witnesses to the marriage was Maud Palliser, probably Cissy's first cousin, who lived in Durham. The *Christchurch Star* reported on the wedding (in their 'For Women Folk' column), and commented that several other Anzacs were present, including four Timaru boys. The bride and bridegroom, the article concluded, "hope, when the war is over, to settle in New Zealand".

The newlyweds settled in Scotland for the next eight years, living in Glasgow, where Cissy was registered as a voter in 1919 and 1921. Their son John Summers Clark, my father, was born there in August 1917.



From family photos, we can see that they occasionally travelled to Anstruther to visit John's family.

After the end of the war, the British shipbuilding industry declined, and in 1923 John resigned from Beardmores as he could see no future there. The couple decided that this was the time to move to New Zealand, and they sailed with their six year-old son on the *SS Arawa* – the ship on which John had worked and lived for six years.



When they arrived back in New Zealand, Cissy and her son John (hitherto referred to as JSC to avoid confusion) stayed with Cissy's parents in North St, Timaru, for a year. According to JSC's reminiscences, his father was absent for much or most of that time, working on the installation of machinery in the hydro-electric power station at Hora Hora. JSC remembered "a large two-storeyed stone house, with several stone lions in the garden, on a considerable area of land including an orchard and a paddock for the horses. Family transport in those days was usually in the form of horse and gig, but my uncles Tom and Jim had cars (a model T in the case of the former ...). The family building enterprise also had a model T Ford truck." Young John went to the Timaru Boys' High preparatory school.

As a keen fly fisherman, Frank Palliser had a 'shack' on the Opihi River, near Temuka, and two of his sons – Tom and Jim – also had a crib on the Pareora River. There were frequent family fishing expeditions, and the women and girls usually went along, as support crew, participants or both. The albums show family groups with horse and cart loaded up, picnicking and having fun at the crib, by the river, on the dam, on the rocks in the gorge, and on the ruins of the old lime kilns. In 1921, Cissy's sister Lena married Les Purves, who farmed at West Pareora.

Cissy and John then moved to Wellington, probably in 1924. John had a job in the Marine Department, and young John went to Clyde Quay School. They lived in Ellice St, close to Brougham St, where Cissy's brother Ernie lived with his wife Jean and son Ernie. Cissy's uncle Charles¹ had lived (and died, in 1916) at 38 Ellice St, so it is possible that the same house was still owned and occupied by the family.

In 1925, after less than a year in Wellington, John gained employment with Jas J. Niven Co Ltd in Napier. This was a large engineering firm, with branches throughout the country and an office in London. Its main

engineering works and foundry were in Napier. John also became Lloyds' surveyor of ships at the port there.



Initially, John and Cissy rented a house in Enfield Rd, and after a few months they bought the home at 39 (now 142²) Thompson Rd, Bluff Hill, where they spent the rest of their lives. Their son John and his wife Alison later moved into this home after retirement.

**MORE TO COME
NEXT TIME . . .**



OLWYN'S SOUTH CANTERBURY WEBSITE

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



We never missed an Anzac Day service when we lived in Fairlie. Dad was born in 1916 and named after two of his uncles who were serving in the trenches in France at the time. Dad served in World War II in Italy and the Middle East, and was overseas for 4½ years. His cousin, 50211 Bombardier Ernest Somme Ashworth – A/A (Anti Aircraft), NZ Artillery, 2NZEFServed in the Pacific until the end of the war and saw some very fierce fighting in places like Guadalcanal in the Solomon Islands. Ernie died in Timaru on 23 August 2015 in his 98th year. Ernie received a letter dated 28 Nov 1942 from No. 19697 Private Edward Alexander "Ted" Tonkin, H.Q. Coy, 23rd Battalion, 2nd NZEF, ME Forces, who prior to his departure overseas was a labourer employed at the Waimate Hospital at which institution Harry Crawley was employed as gardener. Harry was from Awatoto, Hawke's Bay and was the husband of Ethna May Crawley (nee Peck) of Waimate. Harry is remembered at the Alamein Memorial, El Alamein War Cemetery, Column 101. DOD 5 November 1942 aged 35. The letter refers to Harry Crawley, No. 10584 aka Henry Herbert CRAWLEY. Letters can be found in the probates of servicemen who died during WWII. <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1865481>



Dear Ernie

Your most welcome letter arrived two or three days ago. You will guess by the address by the heading on top of the page that I am in hospital. Was wounded on 5th Nov, a jerry machine gunner got me in the hip with an explosive bullet, the bastard, Harry Crawley was killed in the same scrap, he used to be gardener at hospital. I will miss old Harry when I get back to the unit, he was the only Waimate chap in the platoon, we were both in mortars.

Madge [Ernie's sister] said in her letter that the stumbling block had left the hospital. I always reckoned he was a spy perhaps the new man did not encourage his type. I dropped Helen a few lines yesterday, have always intended to write her, but kept putting it off. It was nice to be camped so near to the sea, it's all right to be able to have a swim in the old briny. We were camped on the sand dunes on the shores of the Mediterranean, but she is a treacherous sod, so many cross currents, we lost a few chaps there, drowned.

So you are in the Ack Ack, and pump up plenty of shot at those yellow devils, old jerry had a go at dive bombing us quite a bit, but this last push of ours he only came over our sector once, the RAF had the upper hand. It would be nice meeting Eddie over there; he would be glad to get home leave after being over there a year. We have our own Canteens over here, each Coy has one, there is a good selection of beer over here, when one is lucky enough to get hold of it. At base it is always plentiful but up the desert it is a red-letter day when beer is available. Canadian beer is the most plentiful, now & again we see English lager, any amount of Yankee tinned beer. Three or four brands of Aussie including Tooheys, Pilsner Lager which you mentioned. I have seen NZ beer at our base camp canteen but was in a very limited quantity. Most of these brands range in price from 1/6 to 2/- in English money. Then last of all there is the locally brewed stuff, but it is not up to much. I had a paper from home & in there was an account of the hospital board meeting, they were considering having a new hospital built, also laundry & porters quarters, high time too, what you say. Phil Hanson is over here, had a few lines from him not so long ago, said he was in Aussie for two months, before coming here. Well this seems to be all the news for now so will close. Cheerio & All the best for Xmas & New Year, Kindest Regards From Ted.

Winston Churchill wrote in 1951: "Before Alamein we never had a victory. After Alamein, we never had a defeat."

The 1950 US Census has been released, was restricted for 72 years, it is free and searchable and it helps to know where someone was living in 1950, by state and county. <https://1950census.archives.gov/search/> Search for head of household using initials and surname if you can't find the head of household by first name. Men often went by initials. The surname was written on the census form only on the line for the head of household. During World War Two the number of American Servicemen in New Zealand reached a peak of 42,000 in mid-1943. Almost 1500 New Zealand women married American servicemen, between the years 1942 and 1952.



MEMBERS' INTERESTS

with Carole Cowan

MACDONALD	SCOTLAND	Angus	Dundee	1860-1900
MACDONALD	SCOTLAND	Argyl	Glencoe	pre1820
MACLENNAN	SCOTLAND	Ross & Cromarty	Contin	pre1825
MAIHAROA	NEW ZEALAND	Sth Canterbury		1860-
MALLEY	IRELAND		Galway	1840
MARK	SCOTLAND	Edinburgh	Musselburgh	1775-1875
MARSHALL	AUSTRALIA	Victoria	Dunolly	All
MARSHALL	SCOTLAND	Durness	Rhifail	pre1860
MARTIN	AUSTRALIA	Victoria	Castlemaine/Bendigo	All
MATSON	ENGLAND	Nth Riding, York	Lastingham	1700-1800
MATSON	GUERNSEY	Jersey		1900
MATTHEWS	ENGLAND	Durham	Port Clarence	1864-1880
MATTHEWS	SCOTLAND	Angus	Dundee	1885-1940
MATTHEWS	NTH IRELAND	Tyrone	Eglish	1860s
MAYBURY	WALES	Monmouthshire		All
McCALL	NTH IRELAND	Tyrone		1860s
MCDADE	AUSTRALIA	New South Wales	Mudgee	c1848
MCDADE	NEW ZEALAND			All
MCDALD	AUSTRALIA	New South Wales	Mudgee	c1848
MCDALD	NEW ZEALAND			All
McDONALD	SCOTLAND	Perth		abt 1843
McINTOSH	SCOTLAND	Nairn	Nairn	abt 1717
MCINTYRE	SCOTLAND	Perthshire	Blair Drummond	pre1870
McJENNETT	ENGLAND	London	Newington, Hackney	pre 1880
McLEAN	SCOTLAND	Banff	Rothiemy	abt 1770
McLEAN	SCOTLAND	Isle of Bute		1793
MCMILLAN	SCOTLAND	West Lothian	Linlithgow	1800s
MCMILLAN	SCOTLAND	West Lothian	Whitburn	1800s
McSTAY	IRELAND	Armagh	Lochgilli	abt 1850
McVEIGH	NEW ZEALAND	Canterbury	Lincoln/Southbridge	1860
MENDELSON	LITHUANIA			pre1855
MENDELSON	NEW ZEALAND	Sth Canterbury	Temuka	1865-1920
METZ	NEW ZEALAND	Sth Canterbury	Timaru	1880-1920
MICKELSON	FINLAND	Somero		1800+
MICKELSON	NEW ZEALAND	Otago	Dunedin	1870+
MILLER	SCOTLAND	Roxburghshire	Cavers	All
MILLER	SCOTLAND	Roxburghshire	Teviothead	All
MILNE	SCOTLAND	Morayshire	Forres	pre 1873
MORE	SCOTLAND	Nairn		abt 1700
MORGAN	ENGLAND	Oxford	Sandford	pre1900
MORNS	NEW ZEALAND	Sth Canterbury	Fairlie	1878-1905
MORRIS	GERMANY	Posen		pre1855
MORRIS	NEW ZEALAND	Canterbury	Christchurch	1868-1945

Any member wishing to have their surname interests published in this newsletter or who wishes to add or delete names from their present list, please contact Carole Cowan, phone 03 684-5491 or ce.cowan@xtra.co.nz



LIBRARY REPORT

from Teresa Scott

South Canterbury Branch Library - recent accessions include:

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Canterbury – March **#08/03/2022**

Dunedin – March-April **#01/04/22**

Feilding – March **#08/03/2022**

Hawke's Bay – April **#31/03/22**

Hawera – February March 2022 **#30/03/2022**

Hutt Valley – March **#13/03/22**

Kapiti – March **#27/03/22**

Kilbirnie – March **#24/02/22**; April **#01/04/22**

Mosgiel – April **#04/04/22**

Nelson – March **#14/03/22**

New Plymouth – March **#26/02/2022**; April **#02/04/22**

Oamaru – February 2022 **#09/02/2022**; March **#06/03/22**

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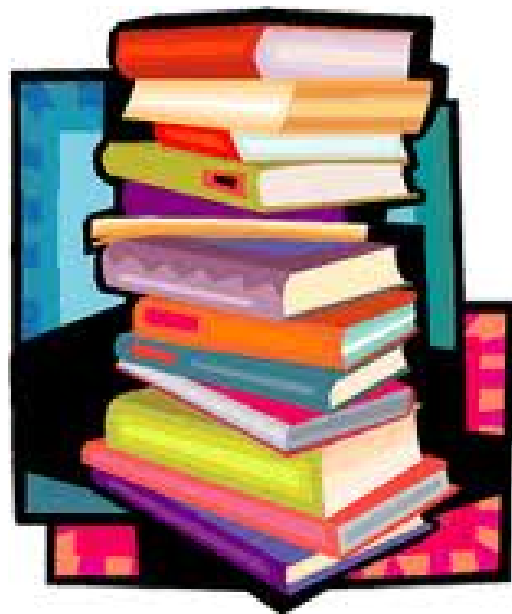
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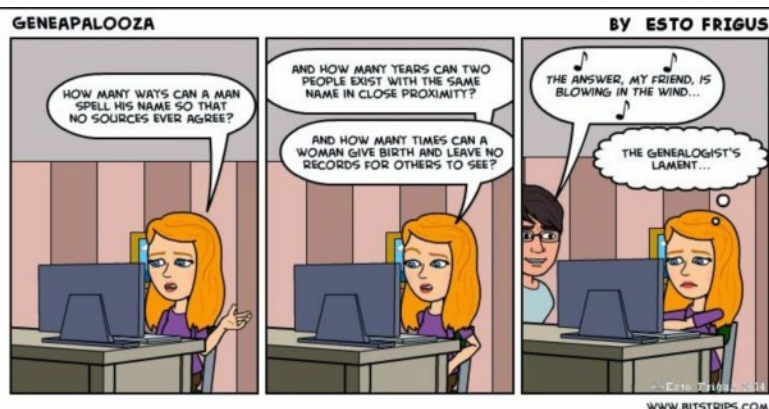
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Whanganui – January-February 2022 **#27/03/2022**



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The Gazette: Journal of the Toowoomba and Darling Downs Family History Society – March 2022



MUSEUM SUNDAY ROSTER

South Canterbury Museum research room

Sunday roster 1.30pm - 4.30pm

NOTE: *If you are unable to do your duty please ring
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Museum duty is still suspended. We'll let you know when things are clearer and we can arrange a return to the museum.

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