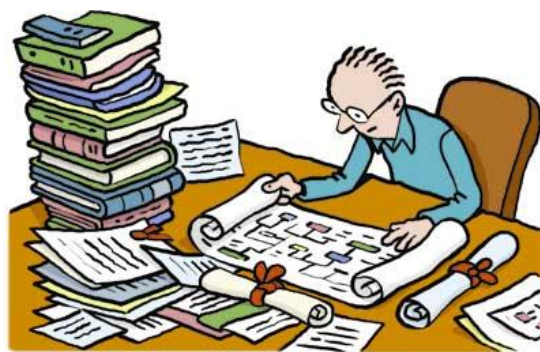




***NZ SOCIETY OF GENEALOGISTS
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FROM THE EDITOR

Carol Bell



Apologies for a late newsletter. I'm just making a wobbly recovery from some anonymous virus-from-hell that thankfully was not Covid-19. No presents have been bought, no cards sent and no newsletters completed. But I'm upright and that's a start.

Christmas/New Year wishes to you all. It's been a hard year. Let's enjoy what we've got.



CONVENER'S REPORT



from Liz Shea



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

South Canterbury genealogical resources <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nzlscant/resources.htm>

Hi everyone,

I was privileged to attend the unveiling of the statue of Ted D'Avergne at the Waihao Forks Hotel, just outside of Waimate on Saturday 7th November 2020. The original unveiling was supposed to be on Anzac Day but Covid put paid to that so finally, as close to Armistice Day as you could be, the 7th was chosen. It was a wonderful turnout of locals and D'Avergne descendants, along with RSA and military representatives.

The statue, while recreating the story of Ted and the bottle he left behind in 1940 before setting off to WW2, also represents all Anzac soldiers who left NZ and never returned. A sad reminder of a sad time for many families. Congratulations to the committee who raised funds to sponsor this project and I recommend to anyone travelling between Waimate and Kurow to stop and sit with Ted for a while to remember those brave Anzac boys. You can also have a drink in the local hotel and see the actual bottle he left behind.

The full story can be found at :

<https://waimate.org.nz/blog/2019/2/18/the-man-behind-the-bottle>



Liz Shea, and Waimate Mayor Craig Rowley

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm at the Timaru Museum

Help is also available at the museum every Sunday 1.30pm - 4pm

A working group meets Wednesday and Thursday mornings at the museum to transcribe various historical documents.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 every Wednesday 1-3pm. If you would like help getting your research to the final stage contact Carol at carolbel49@gmail.com or 027 3399447.

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The Online Genealogical Index – A simple and efficient way of finding genealogical data online <https://www.ogindex.org/> It is a search engine for genealogical data sets found online for England and Wales. It is indexed by place, so helps you find websites that contain records for a particular place. You enter a country, county, town and appropriate year (although year is optional). You don't have to search multiple websites to see if they have records for your place of interest, this one website will lead you to all those websites having records for your place of interest.



The Gravehopping website has some transcriptions and photos for South Island cemeteries. Coverage is sketchy so far but have a look - you never know your luck. There's something there for Maheno, Herbert, Morven and Ngapara - <https://gravehopping.weebly.com/>



PUBLISHING HELP

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PLANS FOR 2021

February: Revisit 2020's planning meeting. Our plans came to little as the year unfolded - meetings themselves didn't even take place. So let's have another look at where we want to go as a group - once more with feeling!

March: Keeping your computer tidy



DO YOU KNOW ?

Compiled by Teresa Scott & Lois Shears

Sexton Records

Pleasant Point Cemetery Sexton's records are held by the Timaru District Council.
Temuka Cemetery Sexton's records are held at the Temuka Library/Service Centre.
For enquiries, an appointment is necessary at both places.
Thanks to Tim for this information.

Timaru Cemetery Sexton's records –

The Timaru District Council Cemetery website burial records have been compiled from the Sexton's records. We also hold the Sexton's records in our branch library – CEM. 04a, 04b, 04c. These often include additional information, e.g. when plot was purchased, purchaser's name, cost, deceased's age, minister's name (which may suggest church records held in our branch library).

Here is such an example, when I was asked for any clues as to R. A. CHAPMAN buried in Timaru Cemetery – a “bingo” find!

Timaru Cemetery. General Section, Row 18, Plot 196
CHAPMAN R. A.
Buried 10 June 1882

Sexton's records [13/12/2016]
CHAPMAN R. A.
28 yrs
10 June 1882
Arch Harper
D 196
Purchased 12.6.1882; £2.2s.; by J. CHAPMAN

St Mary's Anglican Church, Timaru, burial records -
No.: 290
When buried: 1882 June 10th
Name and Surname: Annie CHAPMAN
Age: 27
Names of Parents or Husband: Wife of James CHAPMAN
Place of Residence: Timaru Hospital
By Whom the Ceremony was performed: Henry W. Harper

Death registration (as per microfiche) –
Year: 1882
Name: CHAPMAN Annie
Folio no: 805
Registration place: Timaru
Registration Quarter: April – June

We also hold in our branch library the Geraldine Cemetery Graves Book and the Geraldine Cemetery Burial Book – CEM. 05, 06. These records are very sparse, indeed, and obviously incomplete.



AND DO YOU KNOW ?

Local Newspapers -

It is still possible to access the Timaru Herald (1921 to present day, in bound volumes) at the Timaru District Library, but these must be requested and the relevant copy will be brought up for your perusal. Please remember that many are difficult for librarians to access and the older copies are in big, heavy volumes.

The Timaru District Library also holds bound volumes of The Courier and The High Country Herald; while the Temuka Library/Service Centre holds hardcopy of the Temuka Leader.

We suggest that you try first the South Canterbury Museum which holds many local newspapers in hard copy and/or on microfilm.

South Canterbury Museum newspaper holdings (thanks to Tony Rippin, curator) -

Timaru Herald

Timaru Post

South Canterbury Times

Geraldine County Chronicle

Geraldine Guardian

Temuka Leader

Twizel Chronicle



The Timaru Herald, Sophia St, Timaru

The Waimate Museum & Archives hold bound hardcopy and microfilm of the Waimate Advertiser (various dates) and the Waimate Times (a few issues).





CEMETERY MUSINGS WITH LIZ



Graves – Timaru cemetery – Row 36
Plot 6

Found this small plaque remembering eight miniature poodles. I presume they were the much loved pets of June Matheson CRESSWELL who died in 2012.

Her obituary has been found in the Craighead magazine but no mention of these poodles.

<http://craighead.school.nz/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/OG-newsletter-April-2013.pdf>

Welcome any feedback on June and her much loved pets.

Equestrian Stalwart - June Cresswell Dec 20 1928 - April 28 2012 (Student 514, Craighead Boarder 1941-45)

Aside from being one of the leading lady riders of her era, Canterbury equestrian stalwart June Cresswell will be best remembered for her competitive spirit, determination and devotion to a sport she loved right until the very end. June Matheson Cresswell died recently in Christchurch after a long illness. She was 84.

June was the only daughter of Charles and Elsie (Elsabeth - student no. 32, Craighead Boarder 1912-16) Cresswell. She was born on December 20 1928 and spent her early childhood growing up on the family farm at Lismore, near Mayfield, where her love of horses undoubtedly developed from an early age.



CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS



According to tradition, you should eat one mince pie on each of the 12 days of Christmas to bring good luck. It's technically illegal to eat mince pies on Christmas Day in England. In the 17th century, Oliver Cromwell banned Christmas pudding, mince pies and anything to do with gluttony.

Oliver Cromwell



1599–1658



The first recorded incidence of Christmas (Christ's Mass, the mass of Christ) being celebrated actually dates all the way back to the Roman Empire in 336, during the time of the Roman Emperor Constantine – so technically the Romans invented it, although there's no specific person who is credited with having done so.



Lord of Misrule is a historic figure who was central to British Christmas celebrations until the Puritans managed to ban the festive season in the 17th century. The Lord of Misrule was an elected individual who was charged with coordinating the seasonal revels of the Tudor court and in houses of nobility across the kingdom until Twelfth Night. At that time, the festive period saw servants and the poor given food boxes, and there was much drunkenness and celebrating. The concept of misrule celebrated this annual

reversal of traditional social groups. In Scotland, the Abbot of Unreason played a similar role.



Much of our understanding of a merrie old English Christmas has more to do with the writings of Charles Dickens or Washington Irving than our real medieval ancestors. For the early Victorians, Christmas was an antiquated curiosity, but one that the English bourgeoisie were beginning to remember. Dickens's *A Christmas Carol* is more an idealised romance based on his own childhood memory rather than a chronicle of what was happening at the time. But when the Victorians did rediscover Christmas they couldn't stop themselves and soon we had Christmas cards, crackers and the sense that Christmas was a time for family. And, as Tiny Tim observed: "God bless us, every one."



A 19th Century engraving of Victorian Christmas by Davidson Knowles (1852-1901) a British landscape painter
(Photo by: Getty Images)

SECOND WAVE OF 1918 FLU HIT 102 YEARS AGO

No other event has killed so many New Zealanders in such a short time as the 1918 influenza pandemic.

The second and more deadly wave of a new strain of influenza arrived in New Zealand in October 1918. By the end of the year around 9,000 people across the country had died. Half as many New Zealanders lost their lives in little more than two months than during the entire First World War, and worldwide the pandemic was responsible for at least 50 million deaths.

At the time, many believed that the A(H1N1) virus had arrived on board RMS Niagara, which berthed in Auckland on 12 October 1918 after sailing from Vancouver and San Francisco. But this is no longer thought to be the case. Historian Geoffrey Rice's analysis of death certificates revealed that peak mortality in New Zealand probably occurred on 23 November – six weeks after the arrival of the Niagara, and several weeks later than would have been expected if the vessel had brought the virus, given its incubation period.



The exact details of the flu's arrival in New Zealand remain a mystery. However, it was a New Zealand passenger and cargo ship, the Talune, which was responsible for bringing influenza to Samoa on 7 November. Seriously ill passengers were allowed ashore without quarantine and the virus spread quickly. Between one-fifth and one-quarter of the population died as a result, the highest death rate anywhere in the world.

In New Zealand ordinary life ground to a halt as the pandemic peaked. Schools and many workplaces shut down, and towns and cities set up depots to coordinate relief efforts. Preventative measures included restricting the opening hours of public facilities and postponing or cancelling events that would have brought large numbers of people together – including Auckland's celebration of the armistice with Germany.

Maori were particularly affected by the flu, with a death rate more than eight times that for Pakeha. Military camps and some small towns, such as Nightcaps in Southland, had disproportionately high numbers of deaths. The flu was unusual in that healthy adults had a higher mortality rate than the young and the old. A particularly distressing consequence of infection was that it turned the skin of some of the victims purple–black. This was due to pneumonia, which attacked the lungs after the initial infection and was responsible for most of the deaths.



Dr Margaret Cruickshank

The pandemic declined rapidly after reaching its peak. In its aftermath the government set up a royal commission which resulted in Robert Makgill's 1920 Health Act, considered a model piece of legislation at the time. A number of memorials to pandemic victims were erected around the country, including to Māori victims and to the doctors and nurses who lost their lives. Among them was a monument to Margaret Cruickshank of Waimate, New Zealand's first female doctor. She worked tirelessly during the 1918 pandemic but eventually caught the disease herself and died on 28 November 1918. - NZ Online



MEMBERS' INTERESTS

from Carole Cowan

DEMPSEY	NEW ZEALAND	North Is	1900s
DEMPSEY	NEW ZEALAND	South Is	1900s
DEPHOFF	NEW ZEALAND		pre1900
DERRETT	ENGLAND	Gloucestershire	1800+
de SOUSA	AZORES Pico		pre1840
DIXON	ENGLAND	West Yorkshire Farnley	
DIXON	ENGLAND	Yorkshire Leeds	
DODGSON	ENGLAND	Cumberland Bewcastle	All
DODGSON	ENGLAND	Cumberland Stapleton	All
DONALD	SCOTLAND	Lanark Wishaw	pre1880
DONALD	SCOTLAND	Lanark Craigbridge	pre1880
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+
DRADGE	ENGLAND	Northamptonshire Bozeat	pre1900
DRIVER	ENGLAND	Yorkshire Huddersfield	1824
DUFFIELD	ENGLAND	Devon	1820+
DUGGAN	IRELAND	Co Kerry Bally McEllygott	1800+
DUGGAN	IRELAND	Kerry Ballymacelligott	1879+
EAGER	IRELAND	Tralea	1850s
EATALL	ENGLAND	Gloucestershire Bristol	1796+
EATALL	ENGLAND	Gloucestershire Woolaston	1796+
EDGAR	NEW ZEALAND	Otago Tapanui	1870+
EDGAR	SCOTLAND	Dumfriesshire	1800s
EDGELEER	NEW ZEALAND	Sth Canterbury Temuka	1875+
EDMONDS	ENGLAND		pre1880
EDMONDS	NEW ZEALAND	Wellington Petone	1881+
ELDER	SCOTLAND	Ross	1800s

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:

Branch newsletters 2020 :

Balclutha – September-October #09/11/20

Cambridge – November #01/11/20; December #02/12/20

Canterbury – November #08/11/20

Dunedin – November-December #01/12/20

Feilding – October #23/10/20; November #09/11/20

Gore – October #06/10/20; November #31/10/20; December #28/11/20

Hawke's Bay – October #08/10/2020

Kapiti – November #18/11/20

Kilbirnie – November #30/10/20; December #26/11/20

New Plymouth – November #31/10/20; December #28/11/20

Oamaru – October #08/10/20; November #11/11/20

Otaki – October #18/10/20; November #21/11/20

Rotorua – October #16/10/20

South Canterbury – September-October 2020

South Waikato – November #28/10/20; December #28/11/20

Southland – October #24/10/20

Wairarapa – November #28/10/20

Wellington – October #23/10/20

Those newsletters marked # & date are held by Teresa Scott for three months from receipt; request for forwarding must be made within three months



- Family Tree Magazine – June 2020, July 2020, August 2020 [donated]
- The Press, Wednesday, May 25, 2011 (150 Years) [MR58a] [donated]
- The Press, May 25, 1861 (facsimile) [MR58b] [donated]
- The Press 150 - Celebrating 150 Years 1861-2011 [MR59] [donated]
- Making Use of the Census – Susan Lumas (PRO Publications, 1993) [ENG19] [donated]
- Tracing Your British Ancestors – Colin R. Chapman (1993) [ENG24] [donated]
- Genealogy Source Citations Workshop -SeniorNet Canterbury Inc (2014) [GIG56] [donated]
- A Research Guide to Family History Research – compiled by David Hill on behalf of the Family History Society of New Zealand [GIG57] [donated]
- My Family History: A Record Book – Helen Tovey (2010) [GIG58] [donated]
- Tracing Your Family History: How to Get Started – Kathy Chater (2008) [GIG59] [donated]
- The Devil's Own Brigade: A History of the Lyttelton Gaol 1860-1920 – David Gee (1975) [CANT29] [donated]

- Daily Express, Friday, March 27, 1942 (WWII news) [MR60] [donated]
- Who do you think you are? Gloucestershire Ancestors [CD99] [donated]
- Who do you think you are? Kent Ancestors (May 2009) [CD100] [donated]
- Who do you think you are? South Wales Ancestors (February 2009) [CD101] [donated]
- Practical Family History (Magazine) CDs - September 2005 [CD102] [donated]
- Practical Family History (Magazine) CDs - September 2010 [CD103] [donated]
- Family History Monthly (Magazine) CD, 40 (Somerset, Yorkshire and Kent) [CD104] [donated]
- Your Family History (Magazine) CD Issue 62 [CD105] [donated]
- Your Family History (Magazine) CD Issue 96 [CD106] [donated]
- The Gazette: Journal of the Toowoomba and Darling Downs Family History Society Inc – November 2020
- Newspapers of New Zealand: 1521 New Zealand newspapers (<https://nznewspapers.appspot.com/list>) [NZG34]
- History of the Toohey family of Canterbury (compiled by Tim Brosnahan, 2020) [DH167] [donated]

Resources to give away.

If you would like any before they are given to a book sale, please contact Teresa before 28 Feb 2021.

- Blackburn Through Time – Raymond Smith (2009) [Lancashire, England]
- Burnley Then & Now – Jack Nadin (2012) [Lancashire]
- St Mary's Church Buxhall [Suffolk]
- The Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin Goosnargh: A Brief History [Lancashire]
- The Church of St Saviour, Stydd [Lancashire]
- Exploring St Mary's Church, Combs, Suffolk
- The History of St Lawrence with St Paul's, Longridge – Joseph M. Till and M. Rae Till B.Sc. [Lancashire]
- Longridge: "All of Lancashire in a square mile"
- Ipswich – Map
- Echoes of Our Past – 2018 conference Proceedings, Christchurch, 1 June – 4 June
- Church of St Cyriac and St Julita, Swaffham Prior, Cambridgeshire
- West Derby and Norris Green – compiled by Kay Parrott (The Archive Photographs Series)
- Thirty-Two Picture Postcards of Old Liverpool – selected by David Greeney
- East Ayrshire Picture Special – newspaper supplements from Cumnock Chronicle, 2007
- The Hypogeum: A Jewel of Ancient Malta
- St John's Church, Valletta – Dominic Cutajar (Malta) (1989)
- Malta and Gozo (coloured photographs and text)
- Family Tree Magazine CDs - July 2011, Nov 2011, Jan 2012, March 2012, July 2012
- Legacy 8.0 Family Tree – DVD & Guide Book (Family History Software – Windows 98 – Windows 8)
- Brother's Keeper 6.4 – CD & Guide Book (Genealogy Program for Windows)

Thank you very much to all who have given books, etc to the branch library in 2020. These are much appreciated.



MUSEUM SUNDAY ROSTER



It has been decided that if one person cannot do duty on their allocated day then rather than trying to arrange a swap, which can be difficult at times, we can have just one person on-site, keeping in mind that there will be a museum volunteer also present. If you can't do your allocated duty please advise your duty partner so they know they are going to be on their own. If you are uncomfortable doing a duty on your own please ring Janette on 684-5327 and she will find you a partner.

20 December	Liz Shea	684 7790	Jill Welford	686 2575
27 December	Archives closed			
3 January	Archives closed			
10 January	Archives closed			
17 January	Dave Jack	021 770 000	Janette Clarke	684 5327
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