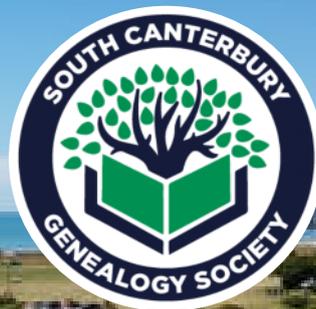


South Canterbury Genealogy

November/December 2023



From the editor

Carol Bell



An interesting photo from Annette Batchelor's husband Mike on P5. Days gone by revisited. Quite randomly I found my brother Brian Bell as a 17-year-old standing by the horse's head, just behind his friend Fraser Shewan. So that's three people identified. Does anyone recognise anyone else?

I've been busy with family matters, attending the marriage of my eldest grandson Matthew, so thoughts have been on family connections and all things family. It's interesting to see so many strands of family come together at these times and enjoy one another's company. Also interesting ... I think ... or maybe disconcerting ... to realise that we were the eldest attendees - in fact the only grandparents left to the bridal couple. And I don't think we're ready for the knacker's yard yet. Now there's a phrase that the happy couple will never even have heard of, I'll bet. How times change!

Merry Christmas to you all. May you all enjoy happy family gatherings.



Chair's report



from Liz Shea



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Another year has whizzed by and Christmas is only two weeks away.

Every family seems to have a Christmas tradition but often these evolve over the years like whether to have a real tree or plastic, which parent you will have Christmas lunch or dinner with. One tradition I have is making the Christmas cake. Every year I make my favourite one, Alison Holst recipe of rum and raisin but



with a variation. Instead of rum, I will use sherry or wine and where the recipe says to rub the butter into the flour, I instead cream the butter and sugar. It makes two reasonably sized cakes and both get iced. I have taken them on holiday to Australia, had them at home and they last until Easter. Enjoy with a glass of Baileys or whatever takes your fancy.

We are asking our members attending the December branch meeting to bring their favourite Christmas tradition and share their story with them.

Wishing everyone merry Christmas and a great new year and hope you have time to do some research. Another year always means a turnover for BDMs as the years roll on and those ancestors born in 1924 should now be able to be found.



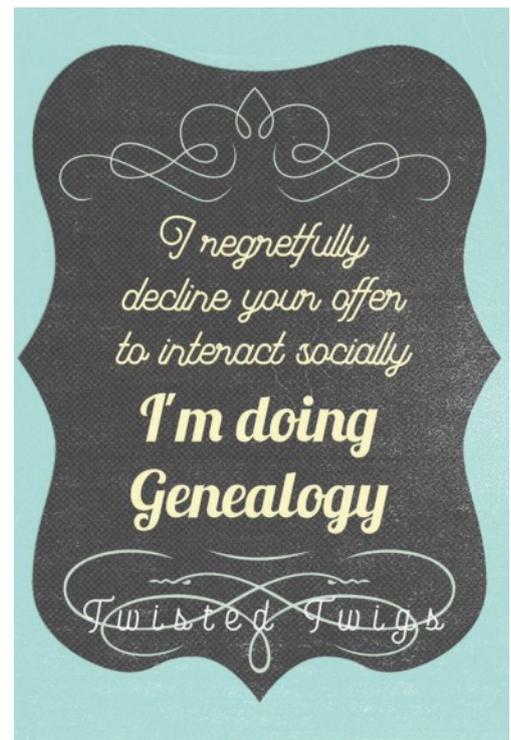
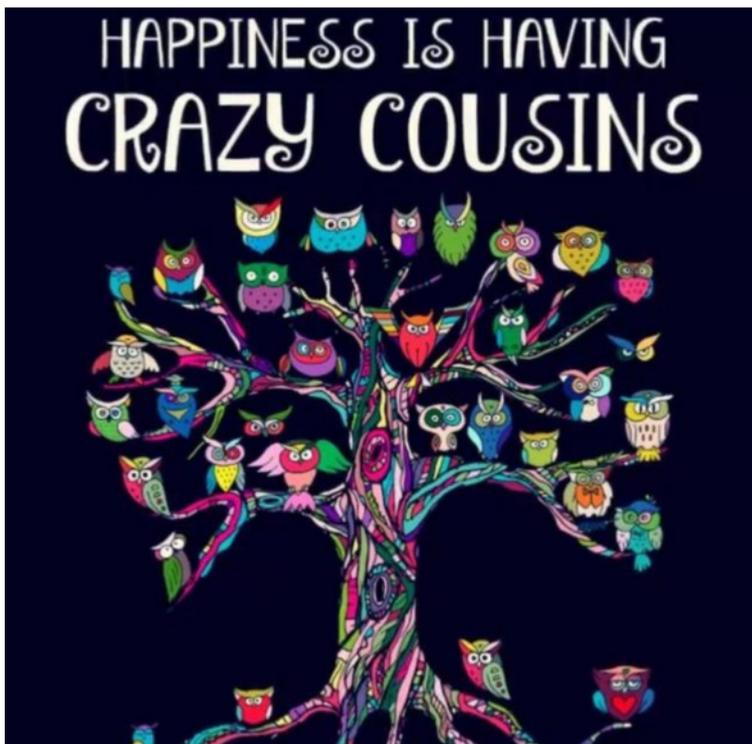


News



DEATHS AT THE GRO

Great news from the General Register Office <https://www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/certificates/menu.asp> - it is now possible to view England & Wales death register entries from 1837 up to 1957, which is the last year for which the registers have been scanned and digitised. Previously you could have paid £7 for a PDF of the entry - and waited about a week to get it - so the new service offers an effective saving of 65% and instant answers. Although birth register entries from 1837-1922 have been available since the public launch of the Online View service in July, death register entries from 1837-1887 were the only ones available. For a detailed explanation of how to use the Online View service see the Special Edition newsletter at lostcousins.com



Plans for next year

- February: Geraldine Cemetery
- March: Team Farm, Otaio - Lesley Tennent
- April: AGM - Remembering Anzac Day



HOPES DASHED AT JACKSON'S BAY, WESTLAND

adapted from <https://polesdownsouth.wordpress.com/in-new-zealand/early-polish-settlers/annis-family/k-o/kreft-family-2/>

Some Polish families arriving on the Lammershagen in 1875 were advised that there was an opportunity to go to the special settlement of Jacksons Bay on the West Coast of the South Island, along with about 300 new immigrants. Families were given assurance that this locality was near the Polish settlers who had previously settled at Waihola in Otago, and that visits could be made to these family and friends at the settlement. On this good news they took passage in a small ship bound for Hokitika. Two days were spent at Hokitika waiting for the Waitara to take them 150 miles south to their destination.

The settlement at Jackson Bay had been quoted as nothing more than a "miserable, unfortunate and very sad fiasco". Some 26,000 hectares of land was set aside for a Special Settlement in Jackson Bay where the first party of settlers from Hokitika landed 19 Jan 1875. Eventually about 120 Poles resided in Jackson Bay at various times during the life of the settlement. Hindered by the wet climate and lack of drainage accounting for crop failure, the isolation together with a growing shortage of remunerative work provoked the general abandonment of the Special Settlement, and an exodus to other, more promising districts was inevitable.

One such incident occurred at the "Beach", the only place of entry or exit to the settlement. A school squabble between children blew up into an outrage when returning home and tales being blown to all proportions got mothers embroiled in the quarrel. Italian mothers, screeching, pulling hair, pushing, belabouring, and punching their opponents, raucously able German or Polish women. The men after work came running to support their wives in an afternoon of no abating free-for-all. It was quoted: "All combatants were supplementing their blows with scurrilous shouts in their own language, ignoring the hopeful pacifiers who spoke only in English". The settlement ceased to exist around 1878.

JACKSON BAY, 8th March 1876.

A ROAR from the Jungle-Prospector, letter to Editor of the Evening Star-HOKITIKA.

Do not come to JACKSON BAY - more especially if you are a sober, steady striving men, losing your time and working entirely upon your own resources, without any aid from Government whatsoever. If you should get stone-broke and on the shelf in this jungle, any settler will give you a few meals

or a shake-down. Though poor, there is benevolence, generosity, and hospitality existing amongst them to as great an extent as I have ever seen existing in any colonial community. They are mostly the true grit. But the case is quite the reverse with Mr. D. MacFarlane, the Resident Agent, or any of his satellites that revolve around him in their own circle. Mr. Editor, this place is dead and a total failure, and never can be a success.





Regent Theatre, Timaru - Mike Batchelor

The entrance to the former Regent Theatre is now the Rebel Sports entrance. About 1955-56 when I was 11 or 12 I worked as an "Ice-cream" boy at the Regent Theatre in Timaru. This involved walking, with a tray up and down the aisles, before the programme started, selling Chocolates and assorted "sweets" and then at "Half-time" or the "Intermission," repeating the process with coned ice-creams. (before "half-time" there was news reels from around the world, previews of movies that were coming, and a cartoon or two).

To see a movie at one of the three theatres in the main street, especially at the weekend) you had to "Book" ahead as they were more often- than-not "booked out". The movie start time was usually 2pm and 8pm, with popular movies having an additional 5pm session. During this period there were about 8 bus routes around the city running a half hour service. In the evening there was a bus leaving each terminus at 7.15 (7.30?) to bring the movie goers in to town. The buses took them home about 10.30pm The movie "The Rainbow Jacket" was on in Timaru during the summer period of 1955-56 as I remember the crowds on the street in daylight before the 8pm start. The Canterbury Farmers (CFCA) store was situated where the WINZ building is In Strathallan Street. It had a saddlery dept and a feature in the department, was the "horse". It was obviously well bred with the poster in the middle of the photo declaring " Imported horse Blockhead by Hatchet out of tree trunk".

Someone had the bright idea to get Blockhead to the movies. So being small enough to be a jockey I was "appointed" to the job. And not long after I am sitting on Blockhead on a Truck (trailer?) down by the port overbridge and then "riding" up Strathallan and Stafford streets to the Regent, preceded by the Timaru Pipe Band (two members in the bottom right of the photo). Being Friday night with all the shops open the town was packed. So much so that it was slow progress in some parts. Dismounted at the Regent, horse brought inside, and then me with the proverbial leg-up.

Notes: Notice the well-dressed people attending the movies. The poster at the back "Ma and Pa Kettle at Waikiki" advertised the next movie. The manager of the "Nibble Nook" , Eileen Kerr, nee Fountaine. died a few months ago. Very, very few families owned two cars and probably a great portion of the population relied on the buses for their main source of transport. We did not own a car until I was about 9 years old. And very few women had a car licence.

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

1888-1967

by Libby Clark

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



How did Frank's parents, Charles and Elizabeth Palliser, fare in Timaru?

We know little of this. They lived in Barnard St, but Charles lived for only five years after they arrived, dying at 62 after "a protracted and most painful illness" (Timaru Herald). His death notice gives his occupation as bricklayer, so he may have remained active in his trade. He belonged to the Manchester Unity Friendly Society both in Northallerton and Timaru, so that was an important link for him when he arrived. His obituary states that he was the "oldest Oddfellow in the Colony, having been a member for no less than 40 years."

Elizabeth lived in till 1907, having reached the ripe old age of 85. She had continued to live at Barnard St.

Papers Past does not reveal anything more of Charles and Elizabeth's activities, and their names do not appear on the electoral rolls. There is, however, a memorial window to Charles and Elizabeth in St Mary's Church, Timaru.

We can probably assume that Charles, at 57 when he arrived, was a mentor to his sons as they established themselves in the line of work he had himself pursued. Elizabeth, meanwhile, is likely to have been content simply to be with her sons and their growing families.



In this photo of four generations Elizabeth is holding one of her great-grandchildren. She is pictured with her son Frank, and one of her granddaughters. It is possible that the mother is Elizabeth and the child her son Francis, born 1904.

To gain a sense of how far back we can go, in my 15th great-grandfather Robert Pallyser's lifetime (1423 – 1472) the Renaissance was flourishing in Europe, and the Ming Dynasty ruled China. Joan of Arc was burned at the stake, Leonardo da Vinci's art and inventions were attracting attention, and the printing press was developed.

Robert lived and died in Sand Hutton, a village about 5kms west of Thirsk. It was within the small area where our Palliser ancestors lived. We do not know how Robert earned a living, but he and his wife Agnes Fitzroberts had a son Thomas, who was born in Sand Hutton in 1445, and died there in 1534 – the year Henry VIII broke away from the Catholic Church.

Thomas and his wife Agnes had a son Christopher (1468-1546), who married Margaret Bell. At some stage Christopher made a bold move – to Maunby, which is about 6kms north-west of Sand Hutton. His son Thomas (1496-1546) remained in Maunby throughout his life, marrying Margaret Hussey. In a baptism record for their son Richard, Thomas is said to be a mason – perhaps he was the first in the long line of builders that followed.

Thomas and Margaret had another son named Thomas, born 1512, died 1546. This Thomas also married a Hussey (so to speak), Dorothy, who was another Maunby local. By the time their son William (1540-1601) was born – and yes, he had an elder brother named Thomas – they lived in South Kilvington. This is a small village just north of Thirsk, which centuries later was famous as the home of the renowned vet, James Herriot. William and his wife Isabella (née William) lived in South Kilvington all their lives.

This account now becomes formulaic and quasi-biblical. William and Isabella begat Michael (1565-1632), who married Agnes Arnett. They lived in South Kilvington all their lives and had seven children, including William (1605-1677). He remained in South Kilvington, and married Hannah Hutton, producing five children.

Their son Michael (1637-1699) married Elizabeth Jackson, and they begat six children in South Kilvington. One of them, Michael (1664-1726), married Isabel, and they begat three children in the home village. One of these, William (1719-1787) broke the tradition, moving all of 4½kms away, to Sowerby-by-Thirsk, where his wife Mary's (née Risdale) family lived.

William and Mary had 12 children in Sowerby. One of their sons Christopher (1753-1805) married Elizabeth Poole, and they had seven children, of whom one, Michael (1789-1869) followed his grandfather's example, moving away from his family home to live with his wife Elizabeth Clarkson in Northallerton, 17kms away. His wife had been born and brought up there, so there was family close by. The 1841 census lists him as a bricklayer. They had 10 children, Charles (1823-1885) being the fourth son, Cissy's paternal grandfather. He was born in Darlington, County Durham, and he was learning the bricklayer's trade from his father.

Michael's father-in-law, John Clarkson was also listed in this household in 1841.

This memorial window to Michael and Elizabeth was erected by their son Christopher and daughter Elizabeth in the All Saints Church in 1873. The window also commemorates their two brothers, Michael and Harry, who apparently died young.

A second window in the church commemorates Christopher himself and his wife Elizabeth Moffitt, who died in 1900 and 1892 respectively. Christopher and Elizabeth are buried in the Northallerton Cemetery.



MORE TO COME NEXT TIME . . .

Meeting reports



with Lesley Tennent



October

Held 10 October at Timaru Museum. **Apologies:** Carolyn Johnston, Esme Jones, Annette Batchelor, Faye O'Rourke. **Present:** 17 members.

We are losing the Arcade rooms at end of November. Discussions on what we can bring back, or want to bring back to the Museum. We are to be transcribing from the Library on Wednesdays, Jan. 2024, 9am – midday. In the meantime there will be a presence at the Library 10-30am – midday. Eventually hoping to get back to the Museum, but that is a long way in the future. The Museum have much of the local resources. Lesley Tennent spoke re 'Teams Farm', Otai. The house, which has been a well known building on State Highway One for many years, was demolished this week. An end of an era. It had got to the stage that it was beyond repair. She gave a brief history and said she had lived there in her younger days. Some good memories but now time for the new owners to do what they want with the property.

The webinar was Slow Down – Planning Your Research. Talked about focusing, then deciding what you actually want to know about the particular ancestor/person. Could start with siblings – what already know in files and laptops, any immigration by any siblings. Do spreadsheets with timelines, the researching including sources like websites, library, books, emailing. Re immigration – look at Google, NZSG Kiwi Collection, Findmypast & Ancestry Passenger Lists & Scotlands People. Researching – take down details and exact copy of the document, can do extract or portion and preserve the detail. Always need to prove where source came from. File as you go. Make a research place. Discussion on various charts that are available.

Raffle: Heather Fifield.

November

Held 14 November at the Museum. **Present:** 14 members. **Apologies:** Lesley Tennent, Kathy de Joux, Adrienne Bruce, Alison Connolly, Heather Fifield, Carolyn Johnston, Ann Munro, Fay O'Rourke. Clare Palliser spoke about a visit to Messines with her family in 2017. Extensive travel before and after Messines commemorations. (4 months in total.) Started with the Camino walk (900 kms). Clare, Hilary & Bob went to Messines in March 2017, and were joined by their brother Peter from England. They had made contact with a man (Johan) in Belgium who was looking to meet/correspond with descendants of men lost at Messines in 1917. (Messines now named Mesen). Their great uncle Duncan Thomas Gillespie was killed in action on 7 June 1917 and is remembered on the Messines Ridge Memorial in Belgium. He is also in a grave. His brother Robert Fraser Gillespie was also there. 7 June 1917 NZ Division took Messines then lost again to Germany; regained 1918. There were trenches and craters right beside the family's hotel (Hooge). They visited a number of war cemeteries and memorials (including Tyne Cot where 12000 Commonwealth men are commemorated). NZ Governor General (Patsy Reddy) attended the 2017 centennial commemoration. Very moving visits in Belgium. Took stone from Peel Forest (Duncan's home) and laid in the field. Visited Flanders Field Museum in Ypres, Belgium.

Carol Bell illustrated and spoke of the history of the battle plaques at Caroline Bay – built in 1929; compiling photos brief histories of the battles. Liz Shea showed school plaques photographed.

Raffle – Margaret Cosgrove.



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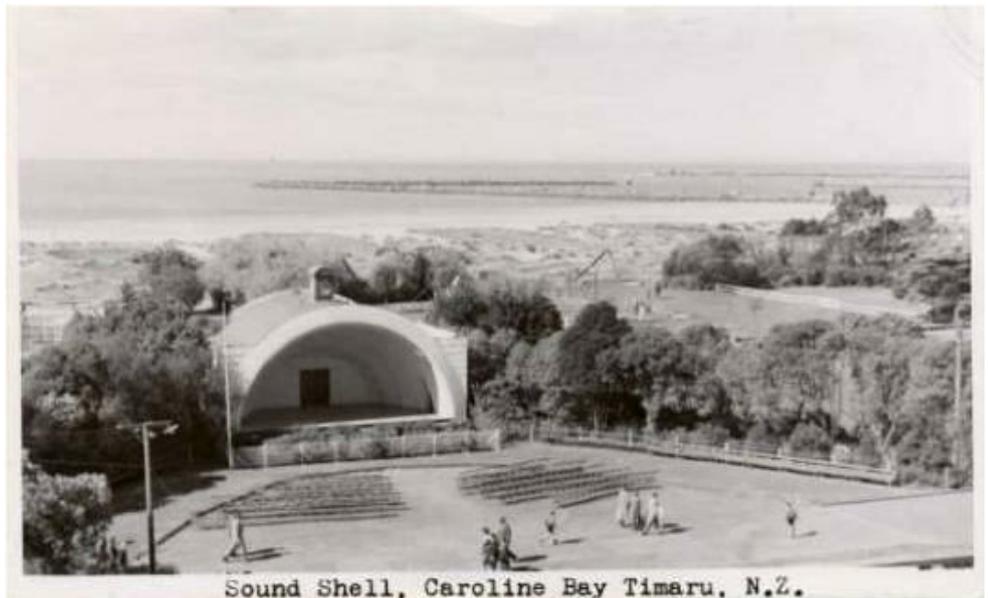
The Sound Shell at Caroline Bay

Built in 1936. Opening ceremony 19 December 1936

Press 21 December 1936 Page 5 NEW ACOUSTIC PAVILION

The opinion that the new sound shell, or acoustic pavilion, at Caroline Bay would revolutionise conditions for the band and other performers using it was expressed by the conductor of the Timaru Municipal Band (Lieutenant W. H. Osborne) on Saturday evening, when the structure was officially handed over by the Caroline Bay Association to the Mayor (Mr P. C. Vinnell) for the citizens of Timaru. The ceremony was held in mild weather, and there was a large attendance. Conditions were ideal for testing the acoustics of the shell. Not only was it possible to hear the band from Stafford street with ease, but songs, violin solos and speeches could be heard further back and to greater advantage than was possible from the old band rotunda, which has now been removed.

In handing over the sound shell to the Mayor, Mr A. S. Aitken, president of the Caroline Bay Association, thanked the architect (Mr V. W. Panton) and the builder (Mr W. Hayes) for the valuable work they had done towards making the building a success, and also Mr C. G. Baker, secretary of the Timaru Municipal Band, for his assistance.



Mr John Hole, patron of the band and one of its foundation members, said that the old rotunda had become out-of-date, and so had to give way to the modern sound shell, which was a credit to Timaru. The Mayor said that the structure represented only part of the work of the Caroline Bay Association, whose efforts were voluntary. He declared the shell open.

Lieutenant Osborne said that it should be possible to hear the softest passages of the band at the top of the piazza, which the sound shell faced, and when more seating accommodation was provided in the piazza the band would be able to play in any sort of weather. Later a concert was given by the band, assisting artists being Mrs J. M. Jenkins and Mr G. H. Andrews (vocalists) and Miss Leila Greig (violinist). [The construction of the amphitheatre had originally been estimated to cost £650, but because of subsidies the association had been enabled to have the work completed for about half that amount. Press 27 Dec. 1938 pg3]



Members' Interests



from John Sutherland

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FARLEY	AUSTRALIA	Victoria	Normanby/Digby	All
FARQUHAR	SCOTLAND			
FARRELL	ENGLAND	Yorkshire	Leeds	1790s
FAWCETT	ENGLAND	Westmorland	Kirby/Stephen	1850+
FERGUSON	NEW ZEALAND	Canterbury	Kaiapoi/Temuka/Woodbury	1860-
FERRIER	SCOTLAND	Angus	Brechin	c1800
FITZGIBBON	IRELAND	Limerick		All
FITZGIBBON	NEW ZEALAND	Otago	Arrowtown	All
FITZSIMMONS	IRELAND	Tyrone	Omagh	abt 1812
FONSECA	CANADA			1895+
FONSECA	NEW ZEALAND	Sth Canterbury	Timaru	1870+
FOSTER	IRELAND	Fermanagh	Aughnacloy/Knockninny	pre1870
FRASER	SCOTLAND		Fort William	1800s
FRASER	SCOTLAND	Sutherland	Kinlockbervie	1800s
FREWIN	ENGLAND	Buckinghamshire		1820+
FRIEDLANDER	GERMANY	Posen		pre1870
FRIEDLANDER	NEW ZEALAND	Auckland		1920+
FRIEDLANDER	NEW ZEALAND	Mid-Canterbury	Ashburton	1870-1919
FRUHAUF	NEW ZEALAND	Sth Canterbury	Timaru	1875-1895
FRUIN	ENGLAND	Buckinghamshire		1820+
GABY	ENGLAND	Wiltshire	Bromham	1615+
GABY	NEW ZEALAND			All
GALL	AMERICA	California		1905+
GALL	NEW ZEALAND	Sth Canterbury	Fairlie	1869-1905
GALLEN	IRELAND	Tyrone?		
GALLIE	NEW ZEALAND	Otago		1900s
GALLIE	NEW ZEALAND	Sth Canterbury	Timaru	1900s
GALLIE	NEW ZEALAND	Sth Canterbury	Waimate	1900s
GALLIE	NEW ZEALAND	Southland		1900s
GALLOWAY	NEW ZEALAND	Otago	Dunedin	1800s
GASSON	ENGLAND	Kent		1870+
GASSON	ENGLAND	Surrey		1840+
GASSON	NEW ZEALAND	Canterbury	Christchurch	1870+
GEE	ENGLAND			
GIBSON	NEW ZEALAND	North Island		1910+

Are your genealogical interests reflected in this list? If not, contact John Sutherland to be included. Take the opportunity to make contact with family members.



Library report

from Teresa Scott

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South Canterbury Genealogy Society Inc - recent accessions include:

Newsletters 2023:

Cambridge – November
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Feilding – October
Hawke's Bay – December
Hibiscus Coast – November
Hutt Valley – November; December
Kapiti – October; November.
Kilbirnie – November; December
Matamata – October
Mosgiel – October/November
Nelson – October
New Plymouth Genealogy – November; December
Oamaru – October; November
Otaki Family History Society – October; November.
Palmerston North – October; November.
Papakura – November; December
Porirua – November; December
Riccarton – November
South Canterbury Genealogy Society – September-October
Southland – October
Wellington – October; November
Whanganui – November; December



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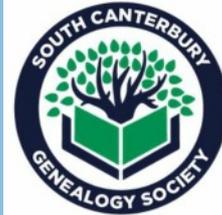
From Kerry to Kerrytown - Descendants of James Brosnan, Born 1812 County Kerry Ireland, Died 1890 Kerrytown, South Canterbury – compiled by Tim Brosnahan, October 2023 [FH50] [on loan]

I'm a
~~Genealogist~~ I'm good at hunting
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Twisted Twigs
on grassed branches

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Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm at the museum.

Research help is also available at our rooms 19 Royal Arcade Thursday 10am - 1pm and at the museum every Sunday 1.30pm - 4pm.

The group library is available at the museum whenever the research room is open - Tuesday to Friday and Sunday 1.30pm to 4.30pm. Books can be borrowed on Sundays but must be signed out by the librarian or a Sunday volunteer.

A working group meets on Thursday mornings at the Arcade and Friday 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 Wednesday 1-3pm. If you would like help getting your research to the final stage contact Carol at carolbel49@gmail.com or 027 3399447.

