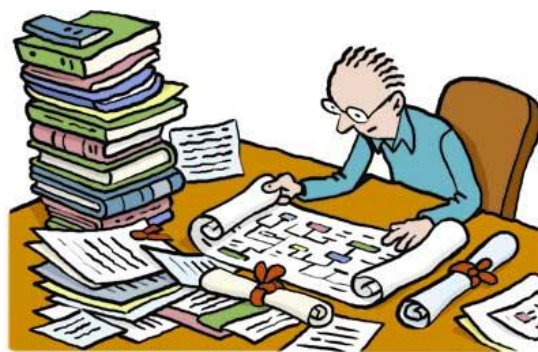




NZ SOCIETY OF GENEALOGISTS SOUTH CANTERBURY BRANCH NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE EDITOR

Carol Bell



As 2022 arrives I'm sure we were all hoping that Covid would have moved on, but no such luck. Our comfortable association with the Museum is still on hold under the various restriction levels and we have decided to make other arrangements before you all forget that you even belong to a genealogy group. See all about this on P4.

And as you will have gathered from your emails, the foundations of our group are also under question, so while things have been quiet on the group meeting front, a lot of work has been going on at committee level, setting up the new rooms and trying to find a way through the maze of challenges that have arisen.

On a personal research level I had a breakthrough just before Christmas and I've been trying to find chances to pursue my new leads ever since - so difficult through holiday and family times. My favourite bad girl is now proved to have a convict record. She was transported to Tasmania in 1850 and brought her son with her. It was his presence that had me thinking she couldn't have been a convict, but I now know that convict women were able to bring children with them to the colony if there were "special circumstances" ie no-one at home willing to be responsible for their care. And I now know that her Tasmanian marriage was bigamous. So much to learn! A whole new family in Scotland for me to look at, obviously abandoned by scary Mary. Onward and upward!

CONVENER'S REPORT



from Liz Shea



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

South Canterbury genealogical resources timaru.gen.nz

Welcome to a new year and it has certainly started off with more interesting changes due to Covid19. In my last newsletter I was hopeful of visiting Perth to see my new granddaughter, but the doors are again closed, so have to make do with skype and Messenger to keep in contact.

You will note further in this newsletter, that the branch has set up a new space now that we are unable to go the SC Museum for Sunday helpdesk, transcribing or meetings. Thanks to a dedicated team, Lois and Carol in particular, there is now a great space for all those things that we have been missing. Our next meeting is to be held there, following all the Covid procedures and remember to bring your vaccine pass too.

The Committee met on 9th February to plan for the year ahead as best we can in the circumstances, meetings and activities that everyone wants to attend.

We also considered the possibility of the branch disaffiliating from NZSG and setting up our own branch. A meeting on 15th March will be an opportunity for all members to give the committee feedback on what they would like to do. 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. A point to note, that even if the branch disaffiliated, members of the proposed new organisation could still retain their NZSG membership.

There is lots to think about, but firstly, join us on 15 February for the new location tour and then diary the 15 March for a robust discussion on what the future holds for the branch.

5 Golden Rules of Genealogy

1. Leave no stone unturned, unless it is a headstone.
2. Handwriting legibility is inversely proportional to the documents importance.
3. The further away a cemetery or library is, the more awkward the opening hours will be.
4. The relative you most need to talk with is the one whose funeral you are currently attending.
5. Wherever you find two or more siblings, there also will you find two or more surname spellings.

MAREE ANNETTE BOWEN (NEE MCFALL) 1949-2022

It is with great regret that we record the death of our group member Maree Bowen. Maree resigned as a committee member at the annual meeting last year, ending a 19-year stint in that role, much of it also as treasurer. Few have given so generously of their time to the cause. Maree was always happy to share her time and expertise. She was most recently associated, along with Lois Shears, with the transcribing and photographing of the Salisbury Park Crematorium and the creation of their online database. We have all benefited greatly from the myriad of indexes Maree has helped to create and the group she helped to shape. She will be very much missed by us all and our condolences go to her family.



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. It 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.

FUNERAL SERVICE SHEETS

We are collecting scans of funeral service sheets of people with South Canterbury connections. Most sheets include the date of birth and date of death and many have photographs of the deceased and their family. It is hoped this resource will grow into a significant and useful local research source. If you have any funeral service sheets that you are willing to share please scan the information page(s) as below at high quality PDF and email to carolbel49@gmail.com, place on a flash drive and pass to a committee member; or give to a committee member for scanning.

PUBLISHING HELP

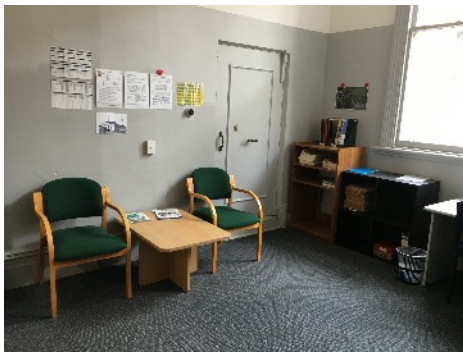
The "Writing up your Family History" group meets on Wednesdays 1-3pm when required. If you would like help getting your research to the final stage contact Carol at carolbel49@gmail.com or 027 3399447.

PLANS FOR 2022

- 15 February:** Coffee and cake to launch our new rooms. Liz and Dave Jack will speak, research facilities open.
- 15 March:** Where to from here? Decision day.
- 12 April:** Annual general meeting.



OUR NEW PREMISES

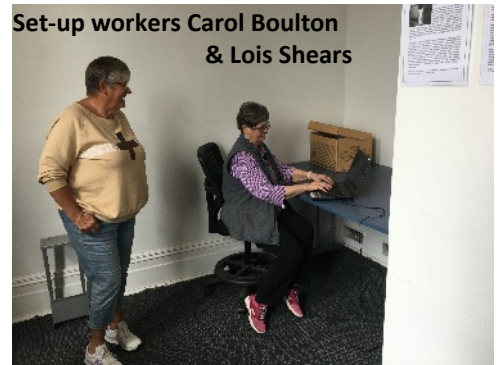


Under recent Covid restrictions our transcribing work at the museum, our monthly meetings and our Sunday help sessions have had to be curtailed. And it's not looking good for the immediate future either. In light of this we have accepted Dave Jack's

generous offer to share his rooms at No.19 Royal Arcade for as long as is necessary. These rooms are upstairs just to the right of Dave's office door. Members who came to the meeting held at Dave's rooms might remember the upstairs rooms. We have already returned to our transcribing work so if you're interested in joining our groups on Wednesday or Thursday mornings please ring Lois on 688-1655. All Covid protocols are being observed and digital or written log-in is available. A vaccine pass is required. There are five rooms available to us, so space is not so much of a problem and a reasonable amount of social distancing can be observed. Personal research can also be undertaken during this time.

Our Sunday afternoon sessions at the museum have also had to be put on hold, so plans are under way to restart this service in The Arcade, even if it has to be in a limited capacity, once the Red Light setting is relaxed. It could take place on Wednesdays and Thursdays during transcription time 10am-1pm and might be extended if there's a demand. Members might find this time useful for personal research. We have computers with wifi to access the usual online sites, electoral rolls for the 90s and 2000s are available to take up from where online rolls end, local online records, there are old cemetery transcripts, some parish registers, books and magazines, some of Paul McNicholl's SC war records and the Hall & Moore registers that are being worked on by our transcribers. Access to Dave's office downstairs and his extensive library is also available on request. In the meantime our monthly meetings will also be in these rooms.

Ultimately our plan is to return to the museum for all these activities but we can't say when this will be. We will soon have to remove ourselves for the proposed building work too, so we're very grateful to have this alternative venue made available. This is your space. Please make use of it. Hope to see you there soon.



Set-up workers Carol Boulton & Lois Shears



Jim Macdonald takes care of the handyman work.



Lois works on beautification projects

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Name	Birth	Baptism	Child	Names of the Parents	PBT 2 17 197
James Johnson	Feb. 27 th	Apr. 1 st	2 nd Son of	George Johnson Cordwainer of Barnard Castle Son of Jonathan Johnson Native of Barnard Castle by his Wife Bridget Jackson Daughter of John Jackson Native of Whorlton	
Elliott Sevel	Feb. 2 nd	Apr. 8 th	illegitimate Son of	Sarah Sevel of Barnard Castle Single	
Isabella Willis	Mar. 8 th	Apr. 8 th	5 th Daug. of	Thomas Willis of Barnard Castle Native of Tynmoe by his Wife Elizabeth Appleby Daug. of John Appleby Shoemaker Native of B. Castle	
William Procter	Feb. 14 th	Apr. 10 th	2 nd Son of	John Procter of Barnard Castle Grocer Native of Barnard Castle by his Wife Mary Todd Daug. of	
Robert Rippling	Mar. 2 nd	Apr. 8 th 1798	3 rd Son of	Nathan Rippling of Bar. Castle Woolcomber Native of Staiths by his Wife Ely. Head Daug. of John Head Native of Templeborough	
Elizabeth Ewbank	Feb. 28 th	Apr. 15 th	2 nd Daug. of	William Ewbank of Barnard Castle Manufacturer Son of Henry Ewbank Native of Bar. Castle by his Wife Jane Jackson Daug. of James Jackson Native of B. C.	
Elizabeth Robinson	Mar. 14 th	Apr. 15 th	1 st Daug. of	Cornelius Robinson of Thropton Husbandman Son of Thomas Robinson Native of Thropton by his Wife Sarah Walker Daug. of John Sharp Native of Lanchester	
Anthony Butler	Feb. 18 th	Apr. 15 th	2 nd Son of	William Butler of William Barnard Castle Shoemaker Son of Anthony Butler Native of Middleton in Teendale by his Wife Jane Raine Daug. of Anthony Raine Native of Colchester	

Oh how we wish all parish registers and bishop's transcripts were so detailed! This is an extract from the bishop's transcripts of Barnard Castle in Durham in 1797: The top entry reads James Johnson born 27th February, baptised 1st April, second son of George Johnson, cordwainer of Barnard Castle, son of Jonathan Johnson, native of Barnard Castle by his wife Bridget Jackson, daughter of John Jackson, native of Whorlton.

BUT

June 16. 1810. This being the Saturday immediately preceding the Dispensation of the Lords Supper in this place: The following Testimonials of Character were produced viz. One from Dunbarney in favour of Janet Thomsony unmarried. One from Thimoul in favour of Betty Bruce unmarried. One from Drone in favour of Anne Arsbite, unmarried. One from the Manse of Dunbarney in favour of William Dunbar, a married person. One from Forlaxiot in favour of Helen Anderson unmarried. One from Bothwell in favour of

... our sympathies go out to Anne Arsbite in the parish of Forgandenny, Perthshire. What a name! Not surprisingly it does not appear to have survived to the present day.



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

*A story of Siceley Clark and
the Palliser family: From
Yorkshire to Timaru to Napier*
by Libby Palliser



Introduction

Most New Zealanders will know the name Palliser, from Cape Palliser – named by James Cook after his esteemed friend Admiral Sir Hugh Palliser – and Palliser Bay. Up front, I have to say that although both lines came from what is now North Yorkshire, I have as yet been unable to find a direct link between the famous Admiral and our branch of the family. Nor have I found a link with the Bishop or the Major.

This story begins and ends with Cissy. Siceley Palliser was our Grandma.

For us, her place was Napier, where she lived with Grandfather in a lovely villa on Bluff Hill. We often spent time there, and it felt like a second home to us. But we know that Timaru was her home for the first 28 years of her life, and these years formed the person she became. After Grandfather died, Grandma became frail, and she stayed with us intermittently in Hastings. Had she been well, we would have been able to ask her about her family and her childhood. Most of all, we might have been able to find out about that facet of her character that had propelled her into going from Timaru to Edinburgh to marry her Scottish fiancé, and making a home so far away from her family. With so many questions about Cissy unanswered, we will explore her parents' stories, and those of her Yorkshire ancestors. These will give us some clues about what made Cissy the person she was, and enable us to reflect on our own Palliser legacy.

This account, then, opens with an overview of Cissy's life. The focus then goes back to Yorkshire, its geography and its history. What was life like for our Palliser ancestors? How might their lives have been impacted by the social changes over the centuries? What factors are likely to have prompted their emigration? Timaru is the next chapter in the Palliser story. We shall relate how the Palliser migrants became established there, how their family grew, and something of what life was like for Cissy and her brothers and sisters.

This is a work in progress. My hope is that over time, Cissy's descendants and relations will continue the research and cast further light on her story and that of her ancestry.

Libby Clark

September 2021

Siceley Clark (née Palliser)

Cissy's birth certificate states that she was born on May 17, 1888, at St John's Wood. (This, apparently, was the name of a suburb in Timaru.) Her father, Francis (Frank), was 34, and her mother, Margaret, was 33. Both were from Yorkshire.

Siceley¹ was named after her mother's unmarried sister, who at the time of Cissy's birth lived at Mirfield, in West Yorkshire. There had been ancestors with the same name, but the spelling varied, and we don't know how the name was previously pronounced. Our Cissy's full name was pronounced as it is written, with the first syllable rhyming with 'nice'. She gained the nickname Cissy when she was young, nicknames being common in her family.

Cissy was the sixth child and second daughter in Frank and Margaret Palliser's family of 11 children. We have a record of her starting at the 'Infant School' at Timaru Main in March 1894, and of her moving on to the Upper School in October 1897, having "passed" Standard III. We also have reports of her receiving prizes at her Sunday School, St Mary's.

There is no evidence of her having a secondary school education, which is not unusual, as at that time schooling was compulsory only between the ages of seven and 13. The Education Act of 1877 covered children up to Standard VI (Year 8), so while a primary school education was a right, secondary school was only for a select few. Cissy would no doubt thereafter have helped her mother in the house and garden, and cared for her younger siblings. We found a newspaper report of her taking part in a street collection for the local ambulance service.

Her father Frank was an active and well-known member of the Timaru community. Like his brother, father and grandfather before him, he was a builder and bricklayer. Fishing and hunting were high among his recreational interests. The family regularly enjoyed outdoor activities and picnics around the district and broader region. From the family albums,² we can see that the girls as well as the boys rode horses, went boating, swam, camped and had fun in favourite places out of town. The Palliser girls also played hockey and tennis, alongside more domestic activities like helping their mother provide afternoon tea for Frank's bowling club.



Cissy with her Grandmother, Elizabeth Palliser (née Warwick).



Maggie, Lena and Cissy

¹ Cissy's aunt Siceley later moved to the nearby village of Dewsbury, to live with her widowed mother and siblings, and this is where she died. Sadly, she never met her niece and namesake, and did not live to see her married in Scotland.

² There are three albums referred to here. Captions and labels are rare, making identification a challenge.



Taken in about 1913 in the garden of their home, this photo shows Frank and Margaret with daughters (from left) Maggie (Margaret), Lena (Selena), Elizabeth (who may have been called Lizzie or Beth), Clara and Cissy. The child is Cissy's niece Rita, Jim (James) and Minnie's daughter. The boy is Michael, Cissy's youngest brother. Minnie is on Frank's right.

There were frequent gatherings at the large family home, Saltburn House¹, built by Frank on the corner of North and Wilson Streets. The property had ample surrounding land, which was cultivated, landscaped and developed to accommodate the interests of the adults and young people in the family.



¹ Timaru is said to have reminded Frank of Saltburn-by-the-Sea, North Yorkshire, where he had married Margaret Warwick.



OLWYN'S SOUTH CANTERBURY WEBSITE

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

Looking back over the past two decades that the South Canterbury GenWeb Project has been online I see history disappearing. Streetscapes of our local towns are changing; trees no longer exist, World War Two returned soldiers are no longer with us and their oral history has not been recorded, churches are being sold and repurposed, businesses close and our historians pass away.

Even Mt Cook lost 30 metres in 1991 and was renamed Aoraki / Mt Cook in 1998 and St Joseph's Catholic Church in Temuka lost its spire in 2016. The Quailburn woolshed is now taped off as the roof is partially gone. Even websites change and pages no longer exist. Remember to add photos to google maps and we have the Wayback machine. <https://archive.org/web/> Do save pages to wayback.

I noticed a hook missing recently. Many try to take the perfect photo of the Irishman Creek mailbox with the lupins blooming and Aoraki / Mt Cook in the background. Mt Cook Motor Service cars provided a needed service for the high country runholders and hands. The cars would bring all kinds of stores, mail and The Timaru Herald. At a point where the main road passed closest to the station a post would be erected on which a green canvas mailbag would be hung on a hook. Alongside would be a box to hold the loaves of unsliced bread and groceries and other stores delivered by the service car.

On the return trip the driver would pick up the outgoing mail bags off the hooks and many of these hooks were designed so that the mailbags could be retrieved without the driver stopping the vehicle. The driver would also do personal shopping for the womenfolk in Fairlie, a request that was very seldom refused, and wash his car before retiring for the night. So, the road which was originally improved for tourists became essential for the runholders and made life more livable. Even Ngaio Marsh rode in the Mt Cook vehicle.





MEMBERS' INTERESTS

with Carole Cowan

LEVERICK	ENGLAND Norfolk	post 1750
LEVIEN	ENGLAND London	pre1861
LEVIEN	NEW ZEALAND Sth Canterbury Timaru	1863-1900
LEVY (Dr)	FRANCE	pre1862
LEVY	NEW ZEALAND Sth Canterbury Timaru	1862-1865
LEWIS	ENGLAND Gloucestershire Bitton Bristol	pre1800
LINDSAY	SCOTLAND Lanarkshire Barony	pre1844
LONG	IRELAND Offaly Finnoe, Roscrea	abt 1818
LONG	NEW ZEALAND Westland Hokitika	pre1948
LONGUET	NEW ZEALAND Otago/Southland	
LOVE	NEW ZEALAND Otago Dunedin	1924
LOWE	AUSTRALIA Tasmania	1855+
LOWE	ENGLAND Lincolnshire Redbourne	1800+
LOWE	NEW ZEALAND Canterbury	1864+
LUPTON	AUSTRALIA Victoria Echuca	pre1885
LYLE	IRELAND Antrim Raloo	pre1850
LYES	ENGLAND Suffolk	All
LYES	NEW ZEALAND	All
LYONS	AUSTRALIA Victoria Melbourne	1800s
MABERLEY/MABERLY	ENGLAND London	
MABERLEY/MABERLY	AUSTRALIA Sydney	
MABERLEY/MABERLY	UNITED STATES Brooklyn	
MABERLEY/MABERLY	NEW ZEALAND Sth Canterbury Waimate	1864+
MACDONALD	SCOTLAND Angus Dundee	1860-1900
MACDONALD	SCOTLAND Arl Glencoe	pre1820
MACLENNAN	SCOTLAND Ross & Cromarty Contin	pre1825
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

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 2021, 2022:

Cambridge – February **#30/01/2022**

Canterbury – February 2022 **#04/02/2022**

Dunedin – January-February 2022 **#29/01/2022**

Feilding – February 2022 **#05/02/2022**

Hawke's Bay – December **#14/12/2021**; February 2022r **#04/02/2022**

Hutt Valley – February 2022 **#07/02/2022**

Kapiti – January 2022 **#20/01/2022**

Kilbirnie – February 2022 **#27/01/2022**

Mosgiel – February **#04/02/2022**

Nelson – January **#04/02/2022**

New Plymouth Genealogy Society – February **#29/01/2022**

Porirua – January 2022 **#02/02/2022**

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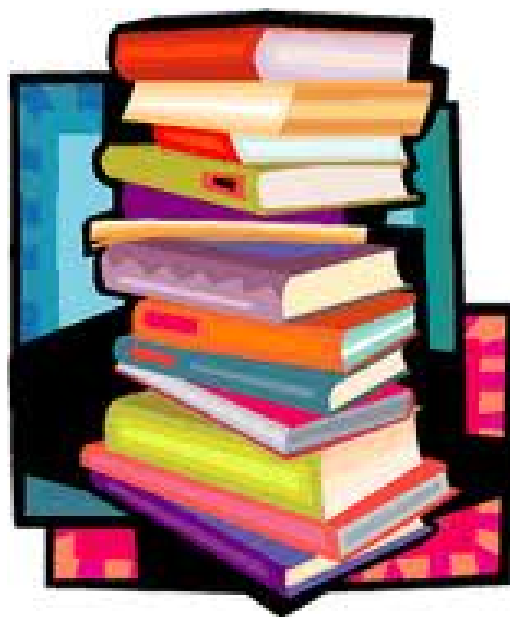
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Wairarapa – February 2022 **#28/01/2022**

Wellington – January 2022 **#19/01/2022**

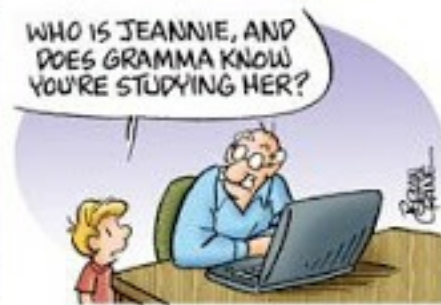
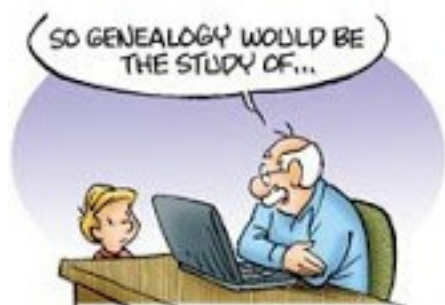
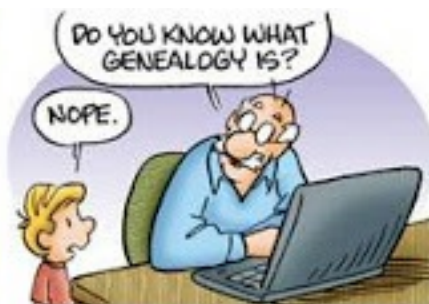
Whanganui – October-December 2021

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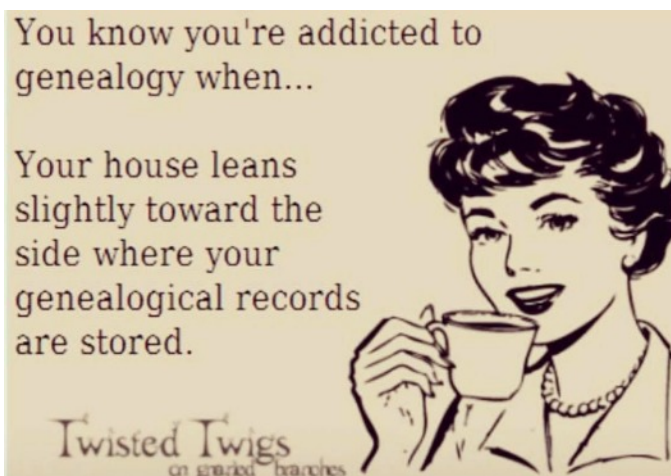
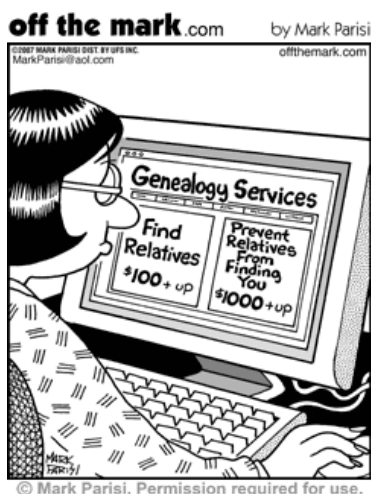
MUSEUM SUNDAY ROSTER

South Canterbury Museum research room

Sunday roster 1.30pm - 4.30pm

NOTE: If you are unable to do your duty please ring
Janette Clarke 684-5327 - email : jansuscar@gmail.com

Museum duty is suspended in Level 2 and we will have to see what form Level 1 takes before restarting. We'll let you know when we can return to the museum.



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