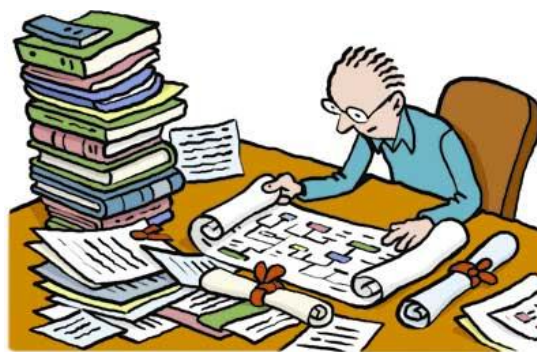




NZ SOCIETY OF GENEALOGISTS SOUTH CANTERBURY BRANCH NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE EDITOR

Carol Bell



So how has lockdown been for you? Have you achieved all of your lockdown goals? I did hear of great strides being made in the housework line - cupboards and drawers being cleaned out etc. Sadly for my household I didn't formulate any housework-type lockdown goals, so nothing is any cleaner or tidier than it was in February, but I did manage to write up the first drafts of my set of family history books. Some were done already and just needed refreshing and updating, but some hadn't been started so there was lots of frowning and concentrating going on, and I was very glad visitors were banned for a while. But then, of course, I started missing everyone - my family and my friends - and by the end of Level 4 I was spending long stretches of time staring out the window. The garden is looking good too. Lots of lovely afternoons out in the fresh air grooming things to perfection.

And I have a new great-grandson: Nikolaj Mark Kearns was born 19 April. He was nearly four weeks old when I met him, and his big brother had turned one without the usual fanfare but I'm sure I was more upset about all that than either of them. And now I get extra cuddles to make up for lost time.



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,

As I write this, there is news that we may go to Level 1 on 10 June, so here's hoping there are no more cases. We have gone through levels 3,4,3 and 2 so nearly there and we have done well. It has been a difficult time for us all adjusting to different ways of shopping and working and has put paid to our usual branch meetings.

We held our first Zoom branch meeting in May and had a good turnout of people online. For many it was a first time using Zoom so expanding people's knowledge. The committee have had two Zoom meetings and again, learning new tips and tricks about the process.

The branch has decided to hold the next two branch meetings via Zoom. While numbers attending meetings has changed, it is now getting cold and members still need to be kept safe.

The AGM will now be held in August and will be an open meeting at the museum, as long as we are still able to by then.

In my last newsletter I talked about looking for an elusive great grandmother, Mary Jane Allen. The week after the newsletter was published, I was able to solve the problem of her birth. I had contacted several people on Ancestry who had Mary Jane in their tree with the same parents with the mother's maiden name as Chalk but one of them said she had a different maiden name of Clow. Then, out of the blue, a second cousin also on Ancestry, emailed to say she had found a birth certificate for our Mary Jane. It was tucked inside some other papers that she hadn't looked at for a while so at last we had a date, a maiden name and confirmation. And yes, it was Clow.

This news meant that I then had to delete the wrong parents, and siblings and great grandparents from my tree and put in a whole new family. That was a bit of a mission but now done. I have emailed others in Ancestry who had the Chalk family connection and advise them of the error so they could correct their tree, which they had obviously copied from my previous tree.

The next mission is to find Mary Jane in the 1871 census along with my great-grandfather Joseph William Gallington born 1870 - they are currently invisible but will keep searching.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

As we teeter on the edge of Level 1 it's still a bit difficult to know just what form the rest of our year is going to take. Things are looking promising for a return to almost normal, or perhaps normal with closed borders, but this month we have opted for another Zoom meeting on Tuesday 9 June. Watch out for an email from Lois with details about time and an offer of help with coming to terms with Zoom for those who are struggling. Zoom can be accessed also from laptops, tablets and smartphones if people are struggling with computer cameras. This link from Otago university might help:

<https://blogs.otago.ac.nz/zoom/how-to-join-a-zoom-meeting-step-by-step/>

There may also be online offerings in July when a lot of members have expressed a desire not to have night meetings in the coldest part of winter, with an annual meeting and return to meetings in person in August. Perhaps a celebration of togetherness!

There has also been discussion during lockdown about a daytime workshop on putting your family history together - writing it up, finding and manipulating illustrations, scanning photos, perhaps scrapbooking, where to go to fill in the gaps - whatever you want really. All this not run by experts but by all of us helping all of us - a pooling of knowledge and experience. If you'd like to participate please send me an email and we'll start work on co-ordinating resources.

South Canterbury Museum has launched the new Heritage@Home resources on their website. There is an initial set of Anzac resources which might be of use to members.

FAMILY HISTORY LOUNGE

Have many of you been joining Fiona Brooker and Michelle Patient's Family History Lounge on Friday nights? It has been conducted via Zoom for a couple of months and was a bright and very informative genealogical spot during lockdown. These meetings are to be continued fortnightly under a subscription basis. Their email says:

From 3 July 2020 you will need to subscribe to join us for our Talking Family History virtual lounge. Each fortnight we'll share the latest news, chat about some of the websites and records we used this week and give you tips to help with your research. We will be live every other week (ie: fortnightly) and will be recording our sessions in case you are unable to join us live. We hope this helps our USA followers and those of you whose Friday night social life gets in the way.

If you wish to come along you can subscribe for just \$10 a month. Initially we are offering 6 months of Talking Family History (12 sessions, 3 July to 4 December 2020) for \$60 NZD. Sessions will be recorded and recordings will be available for subscribers to watch for 28 days.

Subscriptions are available at <https://memoriesintime.co.nz/products/talking-family-history-subscription>



Rosehaugh



A continuation of Dave Jack's case study on Rosehaugh in Scotland. (Notes, appendices, bibliography etc available on request)

It was here Sir George built a small L-shaped house on the lands of Pittanochtie, near the farm called Rosehaugh Mains on the rent-book of 1762.9 (see appendix 1)

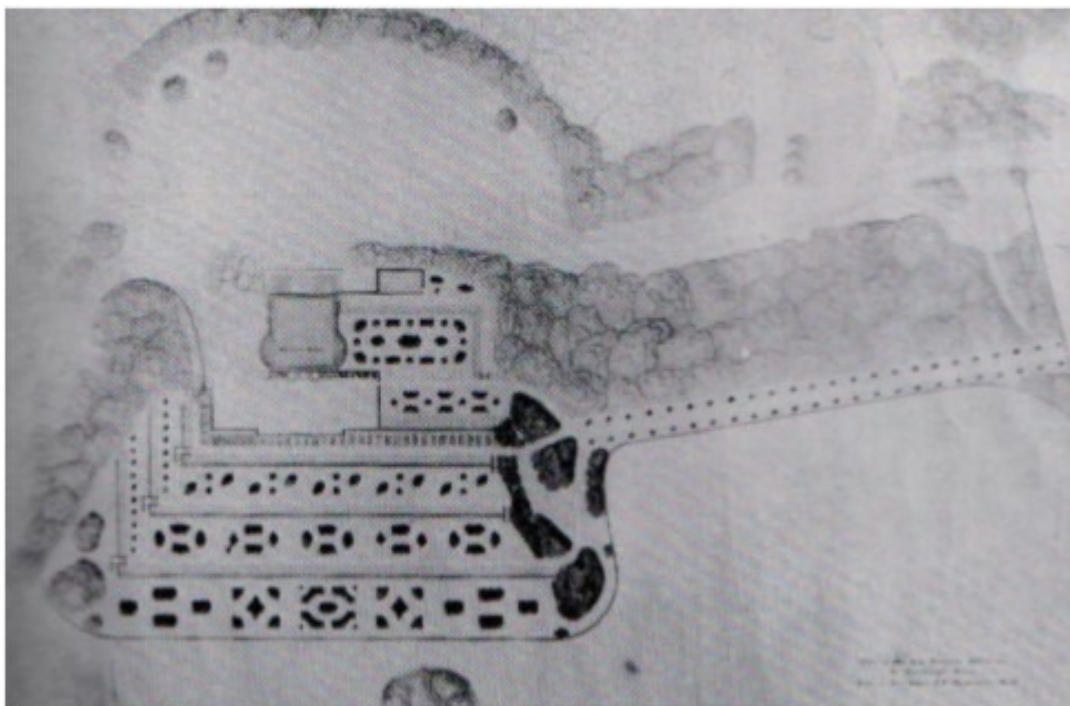
On his death he left his amalgamation of smaller Ross-shire lands to his family and in 1739 his grandson the Right Honorable James Stuart Mackenzie, who became Lord Privy Seal of Scotland succeeded to this estate.

James Stuart-Mackenzie. abt.1719–1800 Born James Stuart, he was a younger son of James Stuart, 2nd Earl of Bute, and his wife Lady Anne Campbell. He inherited the Rosehaugh estates in 1723 through his paternal grandmother Agnes Mackenzie under the entail of his Great Grandfather, Sir George, and assumed the additional surname of Mackenzie. MP for Bute-shire in 1747-1754, Ross-shire 1761-1780, sworn to the Privy Council 1761, Keeper of the Privy Seal of Scotland until 1763-1765, then again in 1766-1800.¹³ He sold Rosehaugh in 1752 to George Ross Esq. of Cromarty.

Sir Roderick MacKenzie, 4th Baronet of Scatwell. 1748-1811

This is the period of Rosehaugh's ownership by the Mackenzies of Scatwell. Roderick MacKenzie built a new mansion in the 1790s on his estate of Pittanochtie, and named it the same as the adjoining estate of Rosehaugh. Following its completion, the MacKenzie family moved from their Findon home on the other side of the Black Isles into Rosehaugh. (see appendix 5) Rev. James Smith, Old Statistical accounts writer said "His seat of Rosehaugh-House stands on a beautiful bank, about a mile and a half from the sea, on the north side of the southern vale. It is a modern edifice, substantially built and commodious; and cost between £3000L-£4000L sterling." (see appendix 10)

The actual site of the house was further inland and slightly further uphill from the site of Sir George's house. No drawings exist, but a later family member writes of it being 'a plain square white house of no great size'.



Rosehaugh garden plan by C.H.J. Smith dated 1844. Shows house site.

James Wemyss MacKenzie, 5th Baronet of Scatwell. 1770-1843

Following Sir Roderick's death his remaining son James Wemyss was installed as fifth Baronet at Rosehaugh. By 1812 he had made a fine new range of farm buildings on the estate and he became MP for Ross in 1824 and later Lord Lieutenant of the county. He appears not to have made any further changes to the house with the family living a comfortable life until the loss of his wife Henrietta Wharton MacKenzie in 1840. Following this his health went into decline, dying in March 1843. He was succeeded by his only son James John Randall MacKenzie.

James John Randall MacKenzie, 6th Baronet of Scatwell. 1814-1884

Educated at Westminster and Trinity College, Cambridge he married Lady Anne Wentworth in 1838. Once in charge at Rosehaugh there was no stopping him. Work was done on planned extensions to the Mains Farm, stables, lodges and cottages at Rosehaugh. Lady Anne's father, who was generous at first with his extravagant son-in-law, gave up his support when the extensions to the house and a new garden started.

He continued to stumble ever deeper into debt and had raised large sums of money on the security of the lands of Pittanochtie and during the late 1850s most of the rest of his properties were sold to repay loans. By 1862 he was bankrupt.

Two years later the sale of his last piece of negotiable property Rosehaugh, was made to James Fletcher. Estranged from his family and insolvent he was forced to not only leave Rosehaugh but Great Britain. He went to France, dying at Versailles in 1884.

The Fletchers (formerly Jack)

James Fletcher. 1807-1885

His father was William Jack and said to be from Avoch and one of eight siblings. James and John founded a trading house in Liverpool called Jack Brothers and they got into the alpaca wool market in Peru making a lot of money. In 1852 he married Frederica Mary Stephen and in October 1855 both James and John changed their surname from Jack to Fletcher. By 1859 he had four sons and one daughter.

In 1864 James began negotiations for the purchase of Rosehaugh Estate finally buying in 1865 from John Randell MacKenzie of Scatwell for the sum of £145,000. James's business acumen did not diminish with age, he continued to widen his commercial interests and also embarked on a series of land acquisitions in the Black Isles and in Forfarshire.

In 1865 Rosehaugh Estate extended to 6400 acres and by 1883, just before James' death, his further land acquisitions had resulted in a total holding of 10,600 acres. Once Rosehaugh was in his ownership James immediately embarked on schemes of reclamation and improvements on a massive and expensive scale, bringing in Alexander Ross, an Inverness architect. Ross was commissioned to alter Rosehaugh House adding a south facing porch, and a conservatory to the east completing the casing of the existing building by ca1888. Ross was credited with 650 commissions but very few of his records have survived and none of his plans for Rosehaugh.



**Rosehaugh
House
c1880.
Extensions
by
Alexander
Ross,
architect,
Inverness**

James Douglas Fletcher. 1857-1927

While the house had been quite satisfactory for his father, James Douglas decided it was not quite in keeping with his own tastes and commissioned the Scottish-born architect William Flockhart to draw up plans for Rosehaugh. Flockhart had extensive knowledge of historical French and English styles and when combined, meant his designs were original though not pure architectural style. There is no doubt these influences were clearly seen in Rosehaugh.

Flockhart was faced with a four square, three-bay house taking up the space he would later plan to devote to the dining room, business room, morning room, library and kitchen. The exterior was in a style far from Flockhart's and it would be fair to say he would have wanted to demolish the entire building and start again. It was decided at this stage, to keep the original house and encase it. His original design below shows a relatively modest and cohesive house with simple terrace



**1893
concept by
William
Flockhart
for
Rosehaugh**

He planned to extend the house to the eastwards with a completely new wing running northward into the hillside. This would contain in Flockhart's own words; "a new hall, drawing room, billiard and smoking rooms etc on the ground floor, with swimming pond and complete arrangements for Turkish bath in the basement and the entire remodelling and casing of the old house".

Flockhart was continually changing things as he disliked anything plain and had the eye of a perfectionist. His practice was based in London so he appointed Stanley Davenport Adshead to act as clerk of works. Adshead went on to greater fame than his master, but stayed in Avoch for four years running the project. Adshead describes a huge house built of stone, practically quarried off the site and during the building phase there were, at any one time, 150 masons and about as many carpenters, bricklayers and labourers working on the job. It is said that without his loyalty and patience, it's doubtful the project would ever have been completed.



**Some of the
Rosehaugh
construction
workers
pose for the
camera**

**More on this
story in the
next
newsletter**

Cyndi's List

<https://www.cyndislist.com/>

Cyndi's List is an online index for genealogists, pointing to just about any website that might help in their research. According to the website, Cyndi's List has been a trusted genealogy research site for more than 20 years. Cyndi's List is free for everyone to use and it is meant to be your starting point when researching online.

What exactly is Cyndi's List?

A categorized and cross-referenced index to genealogical resources on the Internet.

A list of links that point you to genealogical research sites online.

A free jumping-off point for you to use in your online research.

A "card catalog" to the genealogical collection in the immense library that is the Internet.

Your genealogical research portal onto the Internet.

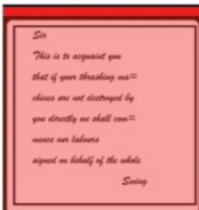
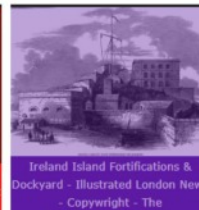
A click on the Categories tab takes you to an A to Z list of categories - try browsing. The New Zealand listing has 422 entries and it was last updated only two weeks ago. The category list with the New Zealand section is huge, and for a US-based website it's surprisingly detailed. The link to cemeteries and funeral homes brings up a good list of online databases - Ashburton is well covered, as are Christchurch and Dunedin, although there's nothing for South Canterbury. But the home page has a tab inviting us to submit a new link, so there's an invitation.

The ships tab brings up such goodies as Canterbury Association passenger manifests, passenger arrivals at Port Chalmers and Bluff, a site index for New Zealand Bound and even discussion about the mysterious sinking of the steamer City of Dunedin. There are pointers to New Zealand blogs, general resources, natural man-made disasters and many other categories.

And even if you're fairly comfortable with seeking out New Zealand sources, how are you with other countries? I find even Australia can be a challenge because I don't very often have to look there. But as I broaden my searches to hunt down DNA matches I'm finding lots of blank moments and empty screens as I look for basic sites. Cyndi has 1651 Australian sites to look through covering just about every topic you could think of - immigration and emigration,

convicts and prisons, photographs and memories, queries and surname lists. Whatever you are trying to find, Cyndi should be able to help you find it. I found my way to the Black Sheep Search website at <https://www.black-sheep-search.co.uk/> which is a fascinating read even if you have no black sheep. I've probably got enough for all of us!

Black Sheep Search

 1830 Swing Riots	 Convict Prison Hulks	 19th Century Juvenile Convicts	 Bermuda Convict Establishment
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JOHN ALBERT YOUNG

From 100 Early South Canterbury Characters, by John Button

John Young was the virtual founder of Winchester. Straight after his marriage in 1858 he and his wife boarded the Strathallan bound for Timaru. He wrote an interesting account of the ship's arrival: "As soon as we landed we looked for quarters and found that the only place unoccupied was Mr Rhodes's shed for storing wool. I went up two or three tiers of bales, and selected the top of two bales. We fixed up a screen of shawls and blankets and made ourselves as comfortable as we could.

"As soon as a stir was made next morning I looked over the top of our screen at the scene below. What a sight! There were men in from the bush to welcome us, with buckets of port wine and rum, and they were ladling it out in pannikins to anyone who would partake of it."

John worked in the bush himself for some time before starting a business in Timaru as a carpenter-builder. In 1863 he moved to Waihi Crossing to build and run the Clarendon Hotel, later known as the Winchester Hotel. It is mentioned in Gillespie's *South Canterbury: a Record of Settlement* as "a charming hotel ... near the river ... later known as The Fisherman's Rest."

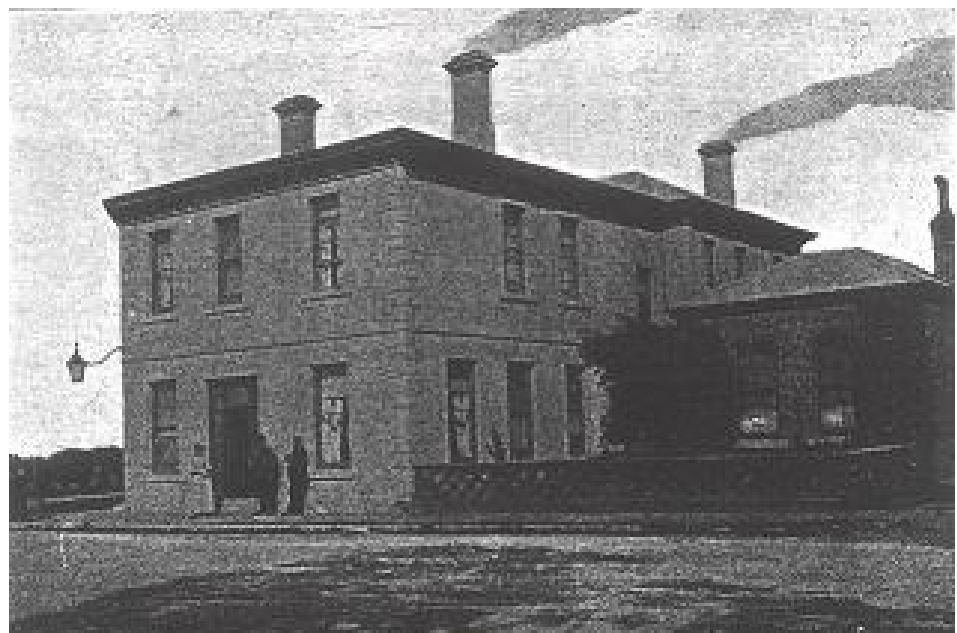
In 1865 he built and ran the First Royal Hotel in Georgetown (Temuka), where he also owned and operated a butchery. He also spent three years as "mine host" in the Arowhenua Hotel before moving back to Winchester to build yet another public house, the Wolseley, in 1883. After five years there he leased it and ran a general store for three years. During this time he also owned a livery stables and livestock saleyards.

In 1868 he had enrolled with the Temuka Volunteer Rifles, becoming a lieutenant in 1870, captain in 1875 and major (unattached) in 1883, receiving several Imperial medals. He chaired the first meeting of the Winchester Domain Board in 1879, retaining the position until 1906, and was responsible for the first 650 trees in the domain. He was born in 1832 and died in 1910.



John Albert Young

The
Wolseley
Hotel in
Winchester,
built in 1864
by Major
John Albert
Young.





OLWYN'S SOUTH CANTERBURY WEBSITE

Note the new URL <https://sites.rootsweb.com/~nzlscant/>

The South Canterbury GenWeb site <https://sites.rootsweb.com/~nzlscant/> has been active for 20 years and covers local history as well as family genealogies. The site has an excellent search engine and a drop-down site menu. Be sure that your family is represented - send an email to olwynbw@gmail.com with information or corrections. Always looking for old photos, postcards, military, farming information etc.

Recently I had an email regarding the brass bi-metal collar badge of the 2nd (South Canterbury) Regiment. The badge has the form of a Maltese Cross, symbolising knightly (military) virtues. It also shows a kiwi symbolising New Zealand. The design of these badges was approved by Lt.-General Godley on 8 July 1911. The Latin motto 'Pro patria' on the larger cap badge means 'For country', the badge earliest 1911 - latest 1921.

It turns out the badge was reused during WW2. The badge was considered obsolete in 1921 when the 2nd South Canterbury Regiment was absorbed into the 1st Canterbury Regiment. During WW2 the badge of 2nd South Canterbury Regiment was used by:

3rd Battalion National Military Reserve

15th Independent Company, Nelson National Military Reserve

16th Independent Company, Blenheim and Picton National Military Reserve

18th Independent Company, Timaru National Military.

National Military Reserve (1939 -1942) (is different from the National Reserve of WW1) was formed late in 1938 to have a reserve of pre-registered men to support the Territorial Force in time of emergency. During WW2 the NMR consisted of 22 Battalions, 21 Independent Infantry Companies and 9 independent Mounted Rifle squadrons. The NMR was a uniformed organisation that wore the army's obsolete service dress jacket and 1908 web equipment.



Nelson
National
Military
Reserve
men, not
South
Canterbury
men, during
WW2.



MEMBERS' INTERESTS

from Carole Cowan

BEER	ENGLAND	Somerset Membury	1700-1900
BEGG	SCOTLAND	Banff	abt 1740
BEGG	SCOTLAND	Ayrshire	pre 1780
BELL	NEW ZEALAND	Sth Canterbury Timaru	1900s
BELL	SCOTLAND	Angus Dundee	1830-1930
BELL	SCOTLAND	Berwick Hutton,Edrom,Ladykirk	pre1800
BELL	SCOTLAND	Perthshire Forgandenny	1800-1850
BILLS	ENGLAND Sussex	Brighton	1860s
BILLS	NEW ZEALAND	Otago Dunedin	1860+
BIRD	ENGLAND	Northamptonshire Badby	pre1900
BIRD	NEW ZEALAND	Sth Canterbury Waimate	1870+
BLEASE	NEW ZEALAND	Otago Dunedin	1887+
BOND	ENGLAND		
BOWDEN	ENGLAND	Devon Helston	pre1900
BOWEN	AUSTRALIA	Victoria Echuca	pre1890
BOWEN	WALES	Pembrokeshire	pre1850
BOWHILL	ENGLAND	Northumberland Berwick upon Tweed	1800s
CADWALLADER	ENGLAND	Shropshire Ludlow	1860
CAIRNS	IRELAND	Armagh	pre1877
CAIRNS	NEW ZEALAND	Sth Canterbury Timaru	
CAMERON	SCOTLAND	Banff Rothiemay	abt 1773
CAMERON	SCOTLAND	Kilmalie	1830s
CAMERON	SCOTLAND	Berwickshire, Forgandenny, Perth	1780-1822
CAMPBELL	AUSTRALIA	Tasmania Port Esperance	pre1910
CAMPBELL	NEW ZEALAND	Otago Dunedin	pre1948
CAMPBELL	SCOTLAND	Invernesshire	pre1866
CARBIS	ENGLAND	Cornwall	1800s
CARR	NEW ZEALAND	Canterbury Leeston	1860+
CARRIGAN	AUSTRALIA	New South Wales Sydney	pre1840
CARTER	ENGLAND	Essex	1910
CARTER	NEW ZEALAND	Nelson	1910+

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 – March/April **#20/04/20**

Cambridge – April **#06/04/20**; May **#28/04/20**; June **#30/05/20**

Canterbury – May **#09/05/20**

Dunedin – March-April **#15/04/20**

Feilding – April **#10/04/20**; May **#11/05/20**

Gore – April **#06/04/20**, May **#11/04/20**

Hutt Valley – April **#05/04/20**; May **#05/05/20**

Kilbirnie – May **#29/04/20**; June **#28/05/20**

New Plymouth – April **#04/04/20**; May **#02/05/20**; June **#28/05/20**

Oamaru – April **#07/04/20**; May **#15/05/20**

Otaki – April **#25/04/20**; May **#24/05/20**

Papamoa – May **#03/05/20**; June **#30/05/20**

Porirua – April **#14/04/20**

South Canterbury – March-April 2020

South Waikato – June **#30/05/2020**

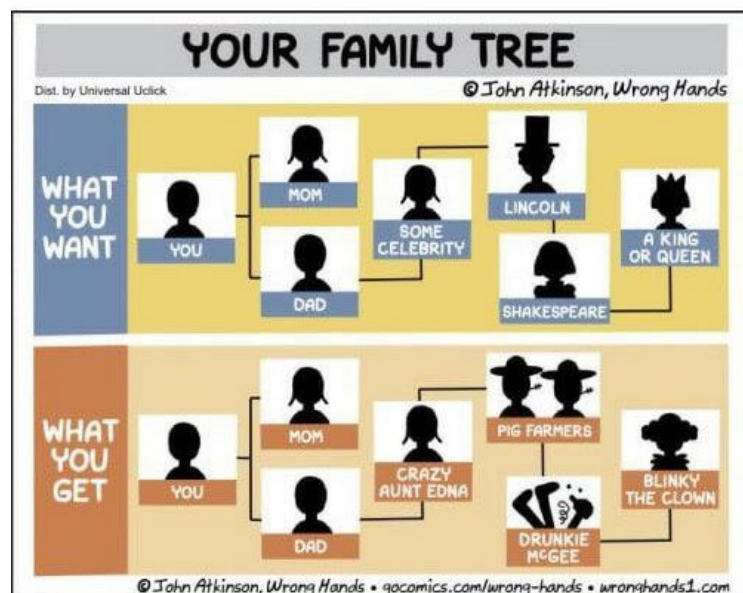
Southland – April **#06/04/20**

Wellington – May **#28/05/19**



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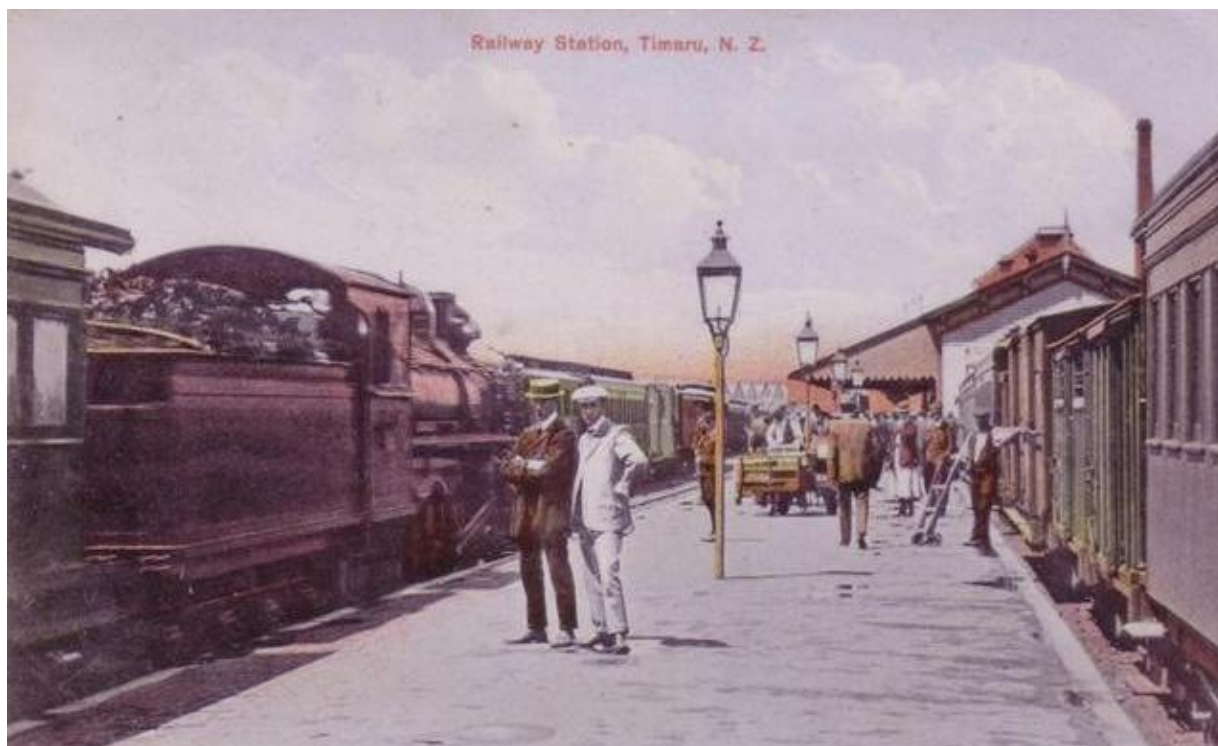
Onward: Portraits of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force, Volume 5 has arrived but has not yet been processed.



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 4,096
 8,192
 16,384
 32,768
 65,536
 131,072
 262,144
 524,288
 1,048,576
 One Million in only twenty generations!

MUSEUM SUNDAY ROSTER

Research help at the museum has been suspended for the duration of the Covid-19 lockdown. We will keep you informed as restrictions ease.



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