

**Welcome** to our new newsletter.

For those of you who receive this by e-mail you will notice that we now have colour. For those of you who receive the newsletter by mail you should find the print size easier to read.

In this issue we have tried to include a variety of material from both home and overseas. We hope you approve. If you have suggestions to make or items to include in the next issue please post them to P.O. Box 5634, Dunedin 9058.

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### **CONFERENCE**

The New Zealand Society of Genealogists Annual Conference "The Golden Opportunity" is here, in Dunedin, in the first week of June. From Friday 3rd until Monday the 6th about two hundred and eighty family historians will gather at John McGlashan College. They will hear a rich variety of presentations from historians, archivists and experienced Genealogists. Staff members from University, Hocken Library, City Council,, Settlers Museum, Archives New Zealand, Presbyterian Archives and the NZSG Family Research Centre Library will share information and explore some of the rich resources of information held here in Dunedin, Otago and Southland.

Anyone can attend the conference (only the Society's Annual Meeting is limited to NZSG members) and most of the presentations have space for late registrations at \$70 per day. Copies of the "proceedings" of the Conference will be available for \$30 (see page 8 for order form).

A large team of volunteers have spent most of a year preparing for the gathering and many more will give their time to the smooth running of the weekend event.

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How can you live in NEVADA without leaving Dunedin?

That was the homework question posed at the Annual Meeting of the Dunedin Branch. The answer will be fully revealed at the July meeting.

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### **MY FAVOURITE RELATIVE**

Most genealogists discover that among their family are men who served in the wars of the world under the New Zealand flag

If you have such a person we would like to share that story.

A report on a single A4 sheet would be great on which you spell out the heroism and devotion of your particular hero.

Copies can be left at the July branch meeting or posted to Box 5634, Dunedin.

There will be a prize for the best presentation.

[An opportunity to tell the story of your favourite female relative will be on the schedule for next year]

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### **The OTAGO NOMINAL INDEX**

A joint effort involving the Hocken Collection, the University of Otago and volunteers from the Genealogical Society. 'ONI' is an index of growing significance. Already thousands of entries are accessible to researchers and at present there is a vacancy for a helper to file the copies of the digitised Electoral Rolls, that are deposited with our Library.

Each file is mounted in a 'Clearfile' with an introduction, an index of electorates and the

relevant pages from the Electoral Atlas, a map of the electorate, an explanatory paper of electoral rolls and a list of the volunteers involved. At present there are 100 rolls awaiting attention.

**CAN YOU HELP?** Please consider this.

Contact Noel Read : 03 488 2213 or 0 021 160 2893

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### **A NEW REGIONAL RESOURCE - "JOYS AND SORROWS"**

Noel Brown is a resident of the United States and a member of the Balclutha Branch of the Society. He has recently completed the transcription of all the Births, Deaths and Marriages posted in *The Clutha Leader* for the years 1874 - 1900.

The more than 3,000 entries are listed alphabetically and are now available for purchase as a CD from the Balclutha branch. All profits will go to the purchase of a microfilm reader. "Joys and Sorrows" will be on sale at the Genealogical Conference.

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What is a "blowing House"? Answer at the July meeting

Who are the "Homagers"? Answer at the July meeting

**SCOTLAND'S PEOPLE** are pleased to tell you that customers can now readily search the 1911 street index by selecting these documents from the search screen. You simply need to select the '1911 street index' and then the town or city.

Unfortunately these records do not cover every street that existed in 1911 but they do cover a large number of towns and cities.

These documents will help you browse the 1911 census records because they provide details of the registration district and the enumeration district number that cover that particular street.

These records can be accessed at the link below.

<http://www.scotlandspeoplehub.gov.uk/research/1911-census.html>

Accuracy of information.

The 1911 census took place on 2 April 1911.

At the time of the census the population of Scotland was 4,759,445 an increase of 287,342 from 1901. There were 2.3 million males and 2.4 million females. This was the first time that the fertility of marriage was recorded in terms of the children produced by the marriage and the number still living at the time of the census.

This was the first census to use the Hollerith machines to assist with the speed and accuracy of results.

The images available are taken from the enumeration books. Unlike previous censuses there are no plans at the present to transfer the books to the New Register House in Edinburgh due to the amount of space needed to accommodate the books. The enumeration books require 73.5 metres of shelving to accommodate the books that measure 34 cm long and 43 cm high.

Suffragettes were active and thus some women may not have been enumerated but the fine of 5 pounds deterred many from taking such action. In Dundee some women gathered in their offices and in Edinburgh some gathered in a restaurant to avoid being counted in

their homes.

In Dalziel in Motherwell 2000 people were absent on census night as 3 April, 1911 was a holiday.

This was the last census taken prior to WW1, so for many Scottish soldiers, sailors and airmen it was their last census. There was also a major migration of Scots between 1901 and 1921, which means that this will be the last time that many of these individuals will be enumerated as well.

The police were used to take the census of the vagrants and people in barns, sheds, caravans, tents, etc., or in the open air.

This is the first census available in full colour.

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Do you want to know more about ANCESTRY?

Representatives will be at the conference to introduce you to this significant resource. You could buy a raffle ticket and perhaps win one of three free subscriptions to ANCESTRY.

### **Some Overseas sites of interest**

#### **Publication of 1926 Irish Census to Proceed, Despite Required Legal Shift**

Speaking at the 75th anniversary of the Irish Genealogical Research Society, Minister for Heritage, Jimmy Deenihan has stated that the government intends to press ahead with the publication of the 1926 census, although it would be in breach of the 100-year rule which governs all such information. He said publishing the census would need a change of legislation, but he had received "widespread approval" for this.

You can read the full story by Ronan McGreevy published in the Irish Times at

<http://www.irishtimes.com/newspaper/ireland/2011/0401/1224293540872.html>

It is interesting that the article also notes the 75th anniversary of the Irish Genealogical Research Society.

**Scotland's DNA** 'The Scotsman' web site and newspaper has published a fascinating article by Alistair Moffat and Dr Jim Wilson about the DNA of Scotland. As might be expected by anyone who has studied Scotland's ancient history, most of Scotland's males carry Y-chromosome DNA from the Vikings.

The Viking attacks began in AD793 with the surprise assault on the Holy Island of Lindisfarne. Later waves of Viking invaders landed in northern, western, and southern Scotland as well as some in what is now Ireland. Clan names often show high percentages of males sharing the same DNA. Clan MacLeod is an especially interesting case study. From a sample of the DNA of 45 Macleod Y chromosomes almost half, 47 per cent, clearly show social selection at work in that they descend from one individual.

You can read a lot more at :

<http://thescotsman.scotsman.com/features/Scotland39s-DNA-Who-do-you.6727434.jp>

**Ireland's Archive Collections Go Online** Ireland's archive collections have found a new central home online at <http://www.iar.ie>. The web site launched today and allows the public to search a wide range of Irish archives online. Some of the collections featured include the Irish Film Archive, the Guinness family archives, archives from UCC's Boole Library and a large number of city and county council archives.

<http://www.iar.ie>

### **Special Interst Groups at NZSG Golden Opportunity Conference**

Meetings of the Midlands and Northern England Group, the Southern England group , the Irish Group and the Scottish group are all scheduled and will mount displays.

### **RECENT MEETINGS**

#### **APRIL**

John Milne made a winter visit to the great war cemeteries of the Somme and his presentation to a good gathering of members on the history of ANZAC commemorations was a moving and enlightening experience.

Not content to focus only on the disaster of Gallipoli, John reflected on the horror of the Somme debacle, the fearful conditions and the awful loss of life. With illustrations of the burial grounds and memorials, he told also of the beginnings of the solemn celebrations taking place on 25th April. Even before the end of the war, services of remembrance were being held in communities in Australia and New Zealand as early as 1916.

He noted that many of these early commemorative services were civic occasions, where there was significant participation by Anglican and other protestant clergy. He did remark that many Catholic Congregations conducted their own services of remembrance.

While the appalling loss of life suffered by the New Zealand troops was marked, John also referred to the terrible loss of life among the other British and Commonwealth troops.

While the cemeteries appear to be well maintained, some of the large memorials, where many of those who have no known grave are listed, are in need of maintenance or rescue.

At the close of the meeting members took the opportunity to speak with John, and he urged them to record what they knew about their fallen relatives.

#### **MAY**

Our Annual meeting in May was held on a cold and very wet night, but more than 30 members braved the night to ensure the continued life of our branch. The Committee elected is listed below.

Following the formalities, Ian Scafe spoke on the topic of "Computer Printers".

Ian analysed the models on offer from the four major manufacturers with a thorough analysis of their strengths and weaknesses.

It was with some shock that members learned that some ink cartridges fitted to ink jet printers hold as little as 4 mls of ink.

Ian analysed the cost per page of print and indicated that costs vary dramatically from as little as 5 cents to as much as 13 cents..

He also revealed that Cartridge World in Filleul Street will check a printer without charge and repairs most printers for a very reasonable charge.

Speaking of paper for ink jet printers, he urged care, for much paper available cheaply is not particularly suitable and may cause clogging.

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### **DO you get the best from FAMILY SEARCH?**

Specialists will be at the NZSG Conference to advise and direct you as you explore the latest developments in this well used free resource.

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Lynn Freeman of Radio National is interviewing some of the Conference Presenters for broadcast on Radio National Arts Programmes.

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### **PROGRAMME**

July 6 At your fingertips.  
The world access to information for Genealogists.  
A live visit to some websites. Demonstration and participation.

August 3 The Shetland Islands  
Kathie Petrie and Jill Harland

September 2 **Friday** Special Meeting "Family Search" for everyone.  
Judy Jones - Official Liason Officer

September 7 Genealogy Awareness month  
Bring a friend. night  
Some new resorces and some updates.

October 5 Sgt Andrew Wilfred Aitken  
Glenys Clements  
'My Favourite family person'

November 2 Hardware-software-somewhere  
How I did it!  
Members share insights and techniques

December 7 Social night- Stories, puzzlers and prizes  
A little seasonal joy and a lot of fun!  
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**DUNEDIN BRANCH LIBRARY ROSTER**  
ROOM 209 KING EDWARD COURT

Wednesdays: Open by Arrangement - Telephone Shirley Smillie 464 0405

Closed for Conference from 27th May until 6th of June

Friday 2 to 4 p.m. June 10 Ian Sime 453 6185

17 -

24 Margaret Batchelor 477 5408

July 1 -

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13 Shirley Hay 455 4169

22 Glenys Clements 482 2640

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Sunday 2 to 4 p.m. June 12 Eleanor Morris 476 3320

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26 Elizabeth Timms 467 214

July 3 -

10 Trish Fleming 489 8808

17 Elizabeth Timms 467 2141

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31 Heather Grimwood 47602161

### **A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY.**

The 2011 NZSG conference proceedings (A digest of the presentations) is available for sale from P.O.Box 5523, Moray Place, Dunedin The Proceedings can be collected from John McGlashan College from Mid-day Monday 6th June .The Proceedings can also be posted at an additional charge of \$5,

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**"A Golden Opportunity" Proceedings of the 2011 NZSG Conference.**

Order Form:

Name (Please print clearly).....

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Please supply Qty:.....@ \$30 .....

Postage - If required @ \$5 .....

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Ancestry - 3 World Platinum Deluxe Subscriptions (Raffle Prizes) Lanyards

Bank of New Zealand- Pens

Lyn Whelan - Auckland Genealogical research (raffle prize )

Emerson Brewing - BBQ beverage

Geology Dept University of Otago -Banner Poster

Amanda Howarth - Wellington Genealogical research (raffle prize)

Cowells - BBQ Dessert

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