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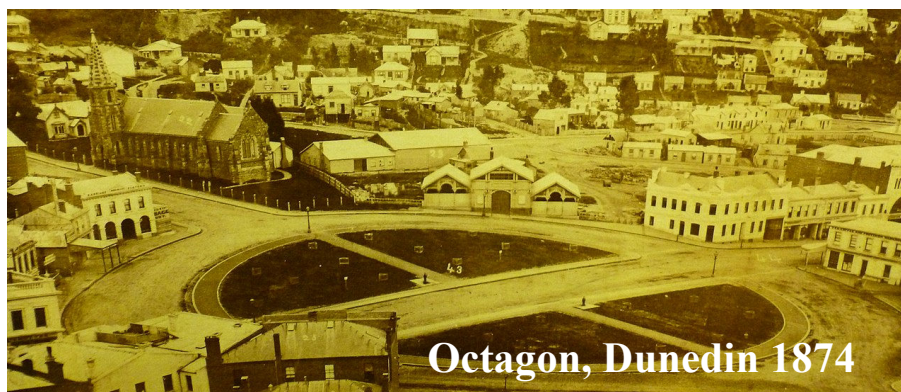
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PROGRAMME FOR 2019



Octagon, Dunedin 1874

Unless otherwise stated meetings start at 7.30 pm
St Peter's Church Hall, Hillside Road, Dunedin.
Free supper follows the meeting.

13 NOVEMBER 2019
Both Sides of the Law

11 DECEMBER 2019
We're all going on a summer holiday
A look at coastal Otago from holiday homes
to permanent residents.

WEBSITE ADDRESS FROM OUR OCTOBER PRESENTATION ON NEWSPAPERS

Paperspast
(for New Zealand newspapers)
www.paperspast.natlib.govt.nz

Australian newspapers
<http://trove.nla.gov.au/>

Welsh newspapers
<http://welshnewspapers.llgc.org.uk/en/home>

American Newspaper Archives On-Line
<http://newspaperarchive.com/>

Newspaper indexes world-wide
<http://www.newspaperindex.com/>

Newspaper indexes
The following form part of Heather Bray's
personal collection of newspaper indexes from
which she is happy to do look-ups.
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Otago Daily Times
Births 1993 - today
Deaths 1988 - today
1862-1919 complete
Memorial notices 2004 - today
Wedding Anniversary notices 2001 - today

Southland Times
Deaths 2001 - 2017

WHEN VISITING A FAMILY GRAVE

~ Ken Elliott

I regularly walk past Andersons Bay Cemetery and since they have allowed dogs on leads to now be walked in the cemetery, I have got into the habit of regularly walking through the cemetery and visiting the graves of relatives. I noticed one day some fresh flowers on my maternal grandparents grave and wondered who could have placed them there as I, and one other cousin in Australia, were the last of our generation alive. The flowers seemed to change on a regular basis and on a couple of occasions the stone was still wet from being cleaned so I must have just missed the person placing them. I began to take careful note of when the flowers were renewed and worked out it was always a Friday and always around mid afternoon. So being the nosy old sod I am I sat on a seat in the cemetery one Friday afternoon and watching over towards my grandparents grave. Finally a car pulled up and an elderly lady got out. She headed over to my grandparents grave so I approached her. I asked who she was and why she was putting flowers on their grave. She replied they were her grandparents and she had not known them in life so felt she wanted to do this small gesture for them. But how could she be their grand-daughter? I had done the family tree and she wasn't on it. She asked me if I had a Sylvia on the tree and I replied that she was my aunt, my mother's sister. She had never married so when she died she was cremated and her wishes were her ashes to be scattered. The woman then told me that Sylvia was her mother and she had given her up for adoption at birth. The woman had searched all her life for details on her birth mother but when she found her, she had died and there was no grave to visit hence why she now visited her grandparents grave. I had no idea this woman existed but we have since had lovely visits together and she has got to know my family and we have met her family. But in doing the family tree I would never have known she existed if she hadn't put flowers on my grandparents grave.

INTERESTING GRAVE IN THE NEW PORT CHALMERS CEMETERY



In Block DB, plot 83 of the New Port Chalmers Cemetery lies the remains of Hector MacKinnon and Alexander MacKinnon. The footplate at the bottom of the plot only records the name "A. MacKinnon". The edging of the plot has anchors linked together by heavy chains.

Alexander MacKinnon died on 14 February 1922 aged 40 years. He was a seaman, born on the Isle of Skye in Scotland and had lived in New Zealand for 15 years prior to his death.

Also buried in the plot is Hector MacKinnon, also a native of the Isle of Skye who died at the Benevolent Institution in Caversham, Dunedin on 21 September 1912 at the grand old age of 105 years. His death notice appeared in the Otago Daily Times on 24 September 1912.

In the course of indexing the Otago Daily Times death notices his death in 1912 is only the fourth person over 100 years of age recorded since the listing started in 1861.

MACKINNON.—On September 21, at Caversham, Hector MacKinnon, native of Strath, Isle of Skye (Scotland); aged 105 years. "At rest."

So Who Was Hector MacKinnon?

Hector MacKinnon was born at Kilbryde, in the parish of Strath on the Isle of Skye. When he was eight years old he moved with his parents to live in the township of Waterloo which forms part of the village of Broadford located in the south of the Island of Skye. Broadford is the second largest village on Skye. At the age of 15 years he went to Inverness to learn blacksmithing and became a first-class general blacksmith.

He left Scotland and moved to Australia. He liked the life on the Southern Ocean and made several voyages as a seaman in the early trading vessels.

He then came to New Zealand and went gold prospecting at Gabriel's Gully. He was one of the first four at the Dunstan goldfields. He was also one of a party of 14 who set out to walk to the West Coast and was only one of the three who, due to the elements, survived to tell the tale. When his prospecting days were over he then went working on the Otago Central Railways.

He then went to live for a number of years at Port Chalmers. When he was buried at the New Port Chalmers Cemetery, many of his compatriots from the Isle of Skye were present. His death notices said he had no relatives in New Zealand and yet ten years later, Alexander MacKinnon was buried in the same plot. His burial records indicated he was in New Zealand for fifteen years prior to his death. What relationship there is between Hector and Alexander MacKinnon is unknown.

HECTOR MacKINNON'S CLAIM TO FAME: Not only did Hector live to be 105 years old but according to Hector's obituary his grandfather was one of the crew of eight men who took Bonnie Prince Charlie (Prince Charles Edward Stuart) in a boat to the Isle of Skye.

What was so significant about this? Well Prince Charlie is tied in with a young Scottish woman Flora MacDonald. Flora is famously known for helping Bonnie Prince Charlie escape from Scotland after the defeat of the Jacobite's in the Battle of Culloden in 1746.

Bonnie Prince Charlie led the second Jacobite Uprising of 1745 to overthrow King George II. The part that Flora played in the escape of Bonnie Prince Charlie 'over the sea to Skye' is immortalised in the 'Skye Boat Song', published in 1884:

"Speed bonnie boat like a bird on the wing,
Over the sea to Skye,
Carry the lad that's born to be King,
Over the sea to Skye..."

So goes the famous Skye Boat Song, which owes its origins to the daring mission of mercy undertaken by Flora MacDonald, a young Highland woman who risked her life out of compassion for a fugitive Prince who had staked everything on a bid to win a kingdom and lost.

Flora MacDonald's adventure with 'Bonnie Prince Charlie' began in 1764 on the Outer Hebridean island of South Uist. Flora's benefactor, Lady Clanranald, was a Jacobite sympathiser, so Flora was kept closely informed of the Prince's whereabouts after the defeat of his troops at Culloden. Although not an ardent Jacobite supporter herself, Flora was touched by the unfortunate plight of the Prince, who now had a price of £30,000 on his head, was being hunted all over the Highlands and Islands by government soldiers. So when a plan was hatched to smuggle the Prince to the relative safety of Skye, Flora agreed to play a part in it.

In June 1746, Bonnie Prince Charlie finally landed on South Uist with a couple of loyal supporters. There they met Flora, and arrangements were made to disguise the Prince as 'Betty Burke', an Irish maidservant, and conduct him to Skye. After a few days' preparation, they sailed in a small boat 'over the sea to Skye', just as the militia landed nearby. The Prince was dressed in a calico gown, quilted petticoat and headdress to disguise his face. It was Hector MacKinnon's grandfather who was one of the men on this boat.

After landing safely on Skye, the Prince's perilous wanderings continued for a few more weeks, until finally he managed to escape mainland Scotland on a ship bound for France. He and Flora were destined never to meet again.

Shortly afterwards, Flora was imprisoned in London for her part in the 'Young Pretender's' escape, but she was soon released and became a society heroine, for even then the story of her courage captured the imagination of the public. She was even introduced to the Prince of Wales, and had her portrait painted by fashionable artists of the day.

Flora married the son of McDonald of Kingsburgh and emigrated with him to North Carolina, where he became a Brigadier General on the royalist side in the American War of Independence. He was taken prisoner there but eventually he and Flora returned once more to his ancestral home, Kingsburgh, on Skye.

Flora MacDonald died in Skye in 1790, and her grave can be seen today, not far from the place where she first landed with 'Bonnie Prince Charlie'.

This is just another interesting example of people buried in our local cemeteries whose ancestry has some connection to an historical event.

MEMORIAL HORSE TROUGH

In our December 2009 newsletter we published the following article.

There is a horse trough near the Junction of Seal Point and Highcliff Roads in Dunedin. It was placed there in 1932 in memory of Annie Dickison. But who was Annie Dickison and what was the significance of a horse trough?



In the Andersons Bay Cemetery is the following headstone.

*Plan: Block 18 Plot 1, 3, 5, 7, 8, 6, 4, 2
Stone 1:*

In Loving Remembrance of William Dunn DICKISON died at Cranston, Anderson's Bay 25 Feb 1909 aged 69 years. The Lord's my shepherd. DICKISON on base.

Right Side: also Annie Lyston wife of W D DICKISON died 16 Jul 1921 aged 78 years.

Back Side: In Loving Memory of my dear husband John MATHERS died 31 Jan 1938 also Catherine loved wife of above died 6 Jun 1958.

Left Side: In Memory of Annie Elizabeth DICKISON died 16 Jun 1961 aged 86 years.

Stone 2:

In Loving Memory of my dear husband James McGILL died 20 Oct 1929 also his beloved wife Margaret died 23 Jun 1946 also my dear sister Jessie died 21 Oct 1929. Not forgotten.

Stone 3:

In Remembrance of my dear mother. Mindful of others forgetful of self. At Rest.



Is the Annie Lyston Dickison, the wife of William Dunn Dickison, who died in 1921, the same Annie Dickison who had a memorial trough erected in 1932. If it is the same Annie Dickison then why the wait of 11 years from her date of death to have the trough erected?

Ten years after printing the above article we finally have the answer we were seeking. Don Corson was reading some of the back issues of our newsletter and was able to confirm the connection between the horse trough and the Dickisons buried in Block 18, plots 1-8 of the Andersons Bay Cemetery.

Don Corson wrote that the memorial trough was built by Jack Dickison in memory of his mother Annie, who was the wife of William Dunn Dickison.

Jack Dickison married Don's Great Aunt and they also lived in the large house, that Don believes was called Cranston. Jack's unmarried sister, whom Don called Auntie Lizzie also lived in the house. Auntie Lizzie was Annie Elizabeth Dickison, the other Annie recorded on the headstone at Andersons Bay Cemetery.

Jack Dickison had a crib near Hoopers Inlet and he used to ride over there on his horse. After the steep climb from Jeffrey Street in Andersons Bay, the horse would be thirsty so Jack built the trough (or had it built) and dedicated it to his mother.

When Don was very young, his friends and him spent many wonderful times playing in the large grounds of 'Cranston' and popping in to see his great Aunt Nell, Auntie Lizzie and Uncle Jack. Jack was an avid collector and the house, originally built for the Somerville family, was like a museum. The large property between Jeffery and Sunbury streets where Annie Dickison lived was originally called Lauriston when William Somerville's family owned it but Don only knew it as Cranston. That particular part of Andersons Bay was called Cranston as was the street nearby.

TALK ABOUT A CO-INCIDENCE

Back in August 2019 the group received the following e-mail (please note I have edited the email just to contain the basic facts) -

I am hoping the Dunedin Family History Group could somehow help me in tracking down information on a possible father for my 96 years old Grandfather, Edward David Walker. He was born in June 1923 in Dunedin, the illegitimate son of a Beryl Frances Walker, who was aged 41 years at the time of the birth. No father is recorded on the birth certificate. Beryl died when my grandfather was three months old from blood poisoning. She had been walking barefoot on Brighton Beach and cut her foot on a rock. She died 48 hours later. My grandfather was raised by his elderly widowed grandmother. He remembers as a boy, a man often visiting who would bring him presents for Christmas and his birthday and when he came for Sunday lunch he would give my grandfather a shilling when he left. My grandfather knew him only as Uncle David. He remembers Uncle David giving his grandmother money during several of those visits. When my grandfather asked his grandmother who his birth father was, she would never tell him. But then just before she died she said his name was David. As there was no other man named David in the family my grandfather assumed that Uncle David must have been his father. When cleaning out his grandmother's estate he found a postcard from 1931 which read "How is wee Eddie (as my grandfather was called). I hope he is now feeling better regards David MacDonald". Grandad is convinced that David MacDonald is his father and would love to make contact with a relative who could help him learn more about who this man was. We have tried DNA testing with no luck. We have also tried randomly phoning people called MacDonald and McDonald in the telephone book but also no luck. We have extracted death information for several David MacDonalds but have no idea which one could be him. Any suggestions.

~ Mary Walker

Then we received this email at the start of October (please note I have edited the email just to contain the basic facts) -

Can you please provide me with some clues as to how I can obtain information about a child we know was fathered by my great grandfather in the 1920s. My great grandparents were David Ross MacDonald and Mary Sarah MacDonald nee Sutton. They married in 1890 and had three children before Mary suffered from depression issues and was admitted to Seaclyff Mental Hospital where she remained for over 30 years until she died. My great grandfather never divorced her but his children, who were all married by this time, were aware he had a lady companion for many years. They never met her or even knew her name as he kept this relationship quiet. Before he died he told his children that he had a son whom he had financially provided for as the mother had died. We have searched for all MacDonald or McDonald births registered in the 1920s but realise the child may not have been registered as a MacDonald. So we can't find who this illegitimate child was because we don't know who the mother was. We have considered doing our DNA in a hope we may match with someone but feel this is also like looking for a needle in a haystack. Can you offer us some advice where to look next?

~ Denise Morrison

I passed the emails to each of these ladies and you guessed it; they were able to share information and photographs which proved that David MacDonald was the father of Edward Walker. What a small genealogy world we live in.

LODGES IN OTAGO

A history of Lodges in Otago can be found in the Hocken Collections Bulletin No 43. Copies of this bulletin are available from the Hocken Collections or as a .pdf file on the following Internet site –

http://www.library.otago.ac.nz/pdf/Hoc_Fr_bulletins/Bull_43_Lodges.pdf

The late Bob Booth compiled a list of all Lodges and Masonic Lodge members in Otago. Before his death he gave a copy to our group. The following is a list of Lodge members mostly from Otago. While this list is of use to genealogists, Bob has not identified which lodge the members actually belong to. The dates below relate to the first Lodge they joined. Many joined more than one Lodge. While the source of the Lodge is missing, it is still a worthy research tool as it provides genealogical information, such as ages and addresses, for researchers to use as a reference.

Over the next few months we will print part of the lists alphabetically. This issue we record "L".

SURNAME	FIRST NAMES	ADDRESS	OCCUPATION	AGE	DATE OF ENLISTMENT
LAIN	Sam Chew	Tuapeka Flat	Publican	55	09.02.1893
LAING	James Millar	Dunedin to Invercargill	Commercial Traveller		07.10.1896
LAING	John Edward	North Harbour	Settler	54	14.11.1878
LAING	William				13.09.1890
LAMONT	Allan Adam	SS "Waihora"	Fireman	27	13.11.1884
LANCASTER	Richard	Lawrence	Cattle Dealer	27	07.02.1866
LAND	John	"Niagara"	Shipwright	45	27.02.1879
LANDORF	Edward John Ferdinand	Princes Street, Dunedin	Fruiterer	37	08.09.1885
LANGLEY	Parmenas Pearce		Langley, Hayward & Co		00.00.1866
LANKESTER	William E.		Coal Merchant		00.00.1888
LANSEIGNE	Jules Eugene	High Street, Dunedin	Clerk		14.12.1864
LAPSLEY	William	Lawrence			01.11.1865
LAPTHORNE	George	Dunedin			20.12.1883
LARNACH	Douglas John				26.01.1888
LARNER	Henry	Dunedin	Auctioneer		17.09.1889
LARSON	J. F.	To Coolgardie	Seaman	25	17.08.1882
LATIMER	George	Port Chalmers	Shipping Agent	32	08.01.1863
LATIMER	George (Junior)				21.01.1885
LAWLESS	William George	Moray Place West, Dunedin	Manufacturer		21.04.1891
LAWRENCE	Arthur	Bannockburn	Miner	23	24.05.1899
LAWRENCE	Charles	Bannockburn	Miner	27	13.10.1897
LAWRENCE	James	Bannockburn	Baker	37	25.01.1899
LAWSON	John	Dunedin	Hotelkeeper		20.11.1888
LAWSON	Peter	Waitahuna	Miner	35	26.06.1877
LAWTON	James H.	Moke Creek, Queenstown	Stockowner		29.04.1871
LAYARD	T.		Store Keeper		00.06.1864
LAZAR	John	Dowling Street, Dunedin	Clerk to Town Council		22.12.1866
LAZAR	John O.	Hanover Street, Dunedin to West Coast	Town Clerk		27.02.1864
LAZARUS	Alexander				02.12.1862
LE FANU	William John		Mariner	29	21.12.1897
LE GROVE	Edwin James	Dunedin			07.07.1875
LEA	William Samuel		Teacher		24.05.1899
LEACH	David	Port Chalmers	Bricklayer	27	19.09.1881
LEAN	Herbert Humphrey	Port Chalmers	Mariner		01.06.1899
LEARY	Richard Henry	Caversham, Dunedin	Merchant		12.10.1864
LEDINGHAM	James	Cromwell to South Africa	Dredgeman/Miner	30	20.04.1898
LEDLIE	Robert McIlroy	Lawrence	Miner	57	22.07.1897
LEE	David	Port Chalmers	Joiner	33	22.07.1875
LEE	Ernest Page	Oamaru			23.01.1891
LEERS	Moritz Samuel	Jetty Street, Dunedin	Commission Agent		02.12.1862
LEGGATT	Francis Charles	Dunedin	Solicitor		03.06.1863
LEGGOE	Christopher	Port Chalmers	Bootmaker	45	27.08.1874
LEGGOE	Christopher				03.09.1878
LEHMANN	Anton				03.08.1880
LEIGH	Julius Henry		Traveller		25.07.1888
LEIGH	Julius James		Traveller	33	23.02.1898
LEIGHTON	George		Commercial Traveller		29.08.1888
LEIJON	Charles Gustof Victor	Port Chalmers	Mariner	28	31.12.1868
LEISLER	John William Smith	Timaru			30.11.1881
LEITCH	Archibald	St David Street, Dunedin	Butcher	35	10.12.1889
LERVIS	George		Storeman		21.11.1864
LESLIE	Henry	Lawrence to Napier	Police Sergeant	35	09.04.1868
LESLIE	T. W.				04.11.1875
LEVEN	George Henry	Port Chalmers	Carter	36	30.08.1877
LEVES	Nathaniel	Dunedin	Artist		18.01.1881
LEVI	Abraham				04.08.1863
LEVI	Herbert M.				28.04.1863
LEVI	Laurence				05.07.1869
LEVI	Lewis Lyon				02.12.1862
LEVI	William I.				02.12.1862
LEVICK	Robert	Melbourne	Clerk		08.08.1860
LEVIEN	Caspar Joseph	Princes Street, Dunedin	Boot & Shoe Importer		15.08.1865
LEVOI	Ralph		Insurance Agent	39	20.02.1884

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LEVY	Laurence	Arcade, Dunedin	Furnishing & Ironmonger		23.07.1866
LEVY	Leonard	Arcade, Dunedin	Crockery & Glassware		10.11.1868
LEVY	Lewis Longuet	Bluff Then Dunedin	Gentleman		08.08.1860
LEWELLIN	William E.		Clerk	35	15.07.1879
LEWIS	Frederick	Dunedin	Merchant		19.04.1881
LEWIS	James A.	Portobello	Farmer		14.12.1883
LEWIS	James George	Dunedin	Settler		24.07.1861
LEWIS	John Gardiner	Otakou	Farmer		18.04.1889
LEWIS	Thomas Bernard	Dunedin	Commercial Traveller		21.12.1880
LEWIS	William Harry	Dunedin	Clerk		05.04.1882
LICHTENSTEIN	Bernard		Jewish Minister		20.05.1879
LIGGINS	Charles James	SS "Wakatipu"	Purser	22	31.05.1879
LILBURNE	David	Port Chalmers	Draper	26	12.05.1864
LILLY	Alfred William	Lilly Bros, George Street,	Watchmaker	31	08.08.1899
LINDSAY	Andrew		Compositor	26	17.09.1896
LINDSAY	James	Strachan & Co, Dunedin	Commercial Traveller	32	04.09.1876
LINDSAY	John		Farmer		00.00.1886
LINDSAY	William	Green Island	Miner	40	15.08.1873
LINDELL	Frederick	Port Chalmers	Mariner	24	17.03.1883
LINE	Vivian Bruce	Lawrence	Saddler		12.08.1897
LIPPERT	Hugo	Leckhampton Court, Caversham, Dunedin			24.03.1879
LISKEY	E. W. M.				18.03.1875
LIST	James Henry	Greytown	Railway Surfaceman		02.02.1888
LITTLE	Henry	Lindis to Stirling	Hotelkeeper	27	08.12.1897
LITTLE	Ridley	London Street, Dunedin	Merchant		14.05.1862
LITTLE	Thomas		Land Steward	29	16.04.1885
LITTLE	William Watson	Dunedin to Melbourne	Barman	32	08.04.1884
LITTLEJOHN	Arthur	Milton	Builder or Butcher		14.06.1887
LIVINGSTONE	John West	Dunedin	Master Mariner		01.07.1891
LLEWELLYN	Walter	Port Chalmers	Draper	40	30.07.1885
LLOYD	Charles E.				01.05.1878
LLOYD	Fergus L.		Cadet		00.00.1890
LLOYD	George	Palmerston			28.11.1890
LLOYD	George Augustus Hamilton Fitzwarren		Architect		15.08.1881
LLOYD	William	Great King Street, Dunedin			1862
LOBB	George Alfred	2 Melville Street, Dunedin & SS "Taupo"	Mariner USS Co	36	26.08.1897
LOBB	Henry	SS "Hero"	Steward	45	03.08.1882
LOCKIE	Albert Victor James		Commercial Traveller		10.06.1890
LODDER	Arthur Robert Vent	To Wellington	Torpedo Corps	34	12.06.1889
LOFT	Edward	N.E.V. Dunedin	Bootmaker		02.06.1880
LOGIE	William	Cumberland Street, Dunedin	Chief Inspector Of Sheep		27.03.1861
LOMAX	Charles	Duddingstone	Builder		08.01.1885
LOMBARDI	Francesco				25.10.1899
LONG	David				15.10.1890
LONG	H. N.		Store Keeper		17.04.1865
LONG	John Charles Joynton	Dunedin	Salesman		21.12.1881
LOPEZ	Joaquin				31.03.1863
LOPEZ	Joaquin				23.12.1862
LORIMER	Charles	Queenstown	Chemist		04.09.1865
LOTHIAN	John		Builder	24	15.02.1894
LOUDEN	John	Green Island, Dunedin	Master Mariner		26.09.1860
LOUDON	Richard	Cromwell	Bank Clerk	24	12.03.1879
LOUTHILL	Andrew		Store Keeper		17.10.1864
LOUTHILL	Robert		Store Keeper		05.12.1864
LOVE	Alexander	Fairfield, Saddle Hill, Dunedin	Miner & Publican	36	01.03.1875
LOVE	John C.		Clerk, Lawrence Athenaeum	40	16.09.1875
LOVEDAY	William Thomas	Ship "Waipa"	Steward	29	02.12.1879
LOW	Jack		Tyler		06.01.1865
LOW	Peter Kidd	Outram	Saddler		04.02.1886
LOW	Thomas Bell	Public Works Office, Dunedin	Civil Engineer		21.01.1879
LOW	William		Tyler		1867
LOW	William Jack (Sandy)		Seaman then survey		26.01.1864
LOW	William T.				05.08.1870
LOWCAY	William James R.		Clerk	22	22.08.1883
LOWE	Walter Reginald	Bransons Hotel, Dunedin	Steward		17.07.1893
LOWRY	Bennet James	Harbour Terrace, Dunedin	Boot Importer then DCC		00.03.1866
LOWRY	Wallace Henry	Melbourne	Clerk		08.08.1860

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LUBECKI	A. D.		Store Keeper		26.12.1864
LUBECKI	John K.		Store Keeper		15.12.1864
LUCAS	Louis John	Piano Warehouse	Died in California	38	14.01.1879
LUCAS	W. Stanley			36	21.12.1883
LUCKETT	Joseph		Store Keeper		30.01.1865
LUCKIE	Thomas		Carpenter		18.12.1869
LUKE	William				27.02.1864
LUKS	John Bernard Ludwig	Black Bull Hotel, George	Hotel Keeper	44	03.09.1877
LUTNING	Frederick	Princess Street, Dunedin	Wholesale Tobacconist		02.12.1862
LUXFORD	J. A.		Wesleyan Minister		10.07.1879
LYDERS	Peter Andrew	"Jessie"	Master Mariner	30	26.11.1875
LYLE	Louis Alex Walter		Engineer		14.09.1898
LYNES	Philip Charles	Port Chalmers	H. M. Customs	34	05.02.1863
LYON	David Murray				07.05.1877
LYONS	William				06.09.1875

TERMINOLOGY FOUND IN OLD NEWSPAPER NOTICES

During the presentation at our October group meeting we discussed some of the old terminology found in newspaper. The following is a list of these:

Communicated (often abbreviated Com.): Indicates that the item was written by someone other than a staff writer, and "communicated" to the newspaper for publication.

Requests to Insert: Generally, this indicates that a person or family once resided elsewhere, or has a familial or business connection outside of the published location, and therefore readers in that additional location will have an interest in news about the individual or family.

Banns or Bans (or Publishing of the Banns): Original Banns certificates are rare, but the announcement may appear in the newspaper.

Consort: A consort is a partner, and in the case of a death, a female who leaves a surviving spouse.

Relict (relictus): Relictus is a Latin term meaning having inherited or been bequeathed. Often a death notice will show the surviving spouse as the relict.

Instant (often abbreviated inst.): This term refers to a recent occurrence in the present or current month.

Proximo (often abbreviated prox.): Proximo refers to something that will occur in the future usually the next month.

Ultimo (often abbreviated ult.): Ultimo is a Latin term/phrase that refers to an occurrence from last month.



"Grandma says that she has so many skeletons in her closet that she can only do her family history work at Halloween!"



MARGUERITE MIRABAUD SHIPWRECKED 1907 AKATORE BEACH, SOUTH OTAGO

Akatore is a farming and forest locality about 8 kilometres south-west from Taieri Mouth. It is located on a major fault line. Akatore Beach is now known as Chrystalls Beach. It was re-named after Francis Chrystall, an early settler.

The area is a popular holiday spot and is well-known for being the location of a ship-wreck which took place 100 years ago.

The *Marguerite Mirabaud* was a 2,293 gross tons French Barque built at Nantes, France in 1900. She sailed in late 1906, under the command of Captain J. M. Tattevin, from La Rochelle in France bound for Tahiti. Aboard was a cargo of wine and 1000 tons of coal briquettes for the French Navy.

After a call at Hobart, Tasmania the *Marguerite Mirabaud* rounded the bottom of New Zealand and sailed up the East Coast of Southland and Otago. The official version tells that she was sailing in increasingly dense fog and high seas. Early in the morning of 17 February 1907 she was wrecked at Akatore Beach due to what was described as a lack of ability to accurately establish her location because of the weather.

The first mate Mr M. Guihu (who was the only English speaker in the crew of 24 sailors) swam ashore with a line to secure the vessel. But this was soon lost. The ship's life boat where also lost when launched but eventually all crew were safely brought to shore.

The following day the survivors were taken by horse and cart to Milton where after a short welcome they were taken by express train to Dunedin and eventually secured passage home to France.

In the meantime efforts were made to salvage the vessel. Messers Hopkins and Geddes provided top bid for the ship's hull while Mr J. Nelson, of Milton, won the tender for the ship's cargo.

By mid March most items had been secured and on the 20 March, 1907 an auction of various salvaged goods was held at Chrystalls Beach. By this time very little remained of the vessel itself.

The mainmast from the vessel however has been erected just above the beach as a reminder of the wreck and a plaque was erected at the site in February 2007 to commemorate 100 years since the shipwreck took place.

The above is the official version but there are many who witnessed the shipwreck who believe that the sea that day was like a mill pond, the weather clear, and there was no reason for the ship to be wrecked at all, except that the crew had helped themselves to the cargo of wine and spirits.