

Kapiti Branch Newsletter

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Tonight's Meeting

Are you totally overawed by modern technology? Which genealogy programme is for you? Tonight the Computer Group will present:

"COMPUTERS & GENEALOGY"

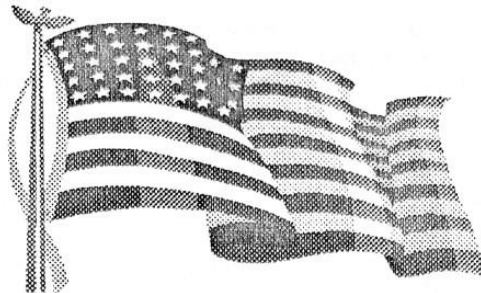
Come prepared with your questions (which will be drawn from a hat so everyone has opportunity to take part).

March Meeting

We will look at getting the maximum information from Marriages in:

NZ Marriages A La Carte

Bring pencils & notebooks to record any tips and hints that will help you.



Did an ancestor salute this flag?

1840s Wellington School Register

The Wellington Wesleyan Methodist Sunday School Attendance Register for the 1940s is similar in content to the state admission registers of the 1880s and later. It contains details of parents, residence, which children were in the same family and who left to go where, right down to who left for Australia, Auckland, etc. The register is moderately fire dam-

aged and some sections are lost forever, but quite a lot of valuable information could be transcribed. It is available on microfilm at the Alexander Turnbull Library Manuscripts Room. Refer to Microfiche 14 Reel 3.

What a Name!

A Rotorua baby boy born in 1996 has been given perhaps the longest name in New Zealand, Anaru Tipene Hamuera Erimana **Ngapuhi Maungaturoto Omepere Patutou Kotahitanga Ngatokimatawhaorua Titirangi Ngati-Kahungunu Waikato Ngati-Porou Tainui MORGAN**. The first four names are family names, the rest coming from the parents hapu, iwi, waka, lake and river. Parents say Anaru is their 6th and last child.

The Dominion

Genealogist's Nightmares

A mother in New Orleans, USA, gave birth to **twins, a boy and a girl, in different years, and 95 days apart**. The first child was born over 3 months prematurely. The child's twin was born 95 days later at full term.

A 51 year old woman, Vivian McDONNELL, became a mother of triplets when her 31 year old daughter, Piper, donated her eggs to her mother, **who gave birth to her own grandchildren**.

TV Guide Dec 27 1996

A London couple, Andy DOLAN and Tracey SPEAKMAN have had **twins, Paige born 19 Dec 1996 and Abbey born 7 Jan 1997, 19 days apart**.

Sydney Daily Telegraph 13 Jan 1997

A French court has been asked to rule to whether a sailing-mad couple name their twins "Port" and "Starboard".

The Sunday Age, 19 Jan 1997

A Researcher's Lucky Dip

The Box of Miscellaneous
 Microfiche
 Phone Brian, 2970710



Family Reconstruction

Mr. Andrew TODD gives the following advice to family historians.

The definition of Family Reconstruction is tracing all children of a particular couple and all their dates. At a single level this means just finding out the births/baptisms of brothers and sisters of your direct ancestors but can be taken further levels to include their marriages, burials and the births/baptisms of their children and eventually the reconstruction of all local families of the same surname.

Mr. Todd suggested some problem situations which may sound familiar, ie, two children of the same name and roughly the same date of birth/baptism - but which is your ancestor? Or perhaps the surname does not appear where it should, although a similar sounding name does: or maybe the sudden appearance of a new lone surname in the parish records for no particular reason.

There are several points to consider when we appear to have come to a dead-end. Look for the wider family and note all children born to a particular mother to estimate her child-bearing years and therefore guess her probable date of birth.

Remember that Parish Registers may vary in information over the years; when later children of that family are baptised, there may be extra information such as abode, father's occupation, etc. Perhaps the new vicar's handwriting will be more legible. Or the recorded death of a brother or sister in another parish - that of the family's origin, may be a possible break through.

Naming patterns can be helpful - a rare Christian name that is carried through a number of generations can be a great help, eg., finding the Christian name "Mordecai" passed down in the "BROWN" family. In isolate communities where a surname is common, one will often find the mother's surname used as a Christian name. This practice was a tradition with Yorkshire gentry.

Remember that **errors do occur in parish registers**. Perhaps the Clerk misheard the mother's name at the time of baptism or got the surname wrong because of unfamiliarity with the local accent. Surnames evolve, eg., "Dewhirst" can become "Dewrose" in Staffordshire.

The Banyan Tree, January 1994

A Much Needed Resource

Five volumes of *Death of Emigrants at Sea, 1847-1869*, "the vast majority of which are NOT included in the indices at St. Catherine's or the registers of births, marriages and deaths of passengers (BT158) held at Kew" are being transcribed by:

Mrs Stella STAGG
16 Woodbridge Rd,
Barking,
Essex IG11 9ER, UK.

So far she has more than 4000 names with another 12 years worth to extract. Stella feels sure that these may help anyone who have lost ancestors somewhere en route to Australia, New

Zealand or South Africa, because they do not appear on any arrival list. A search can be made for 1 pound per name plus 2 IRCs or a SAE.



NZSG, Please Take Note!

"Students today cannot prepare bark to calculate their problems. They depend upon their slates, which are more expensive. What will they do when their slate is dropped, and it breaks? They will be unable to write." (Quote from *Teacher's Conference, 1790*)

"Students today depend upon paper too much. They do not know how to write on slate without getting chalk dust all over themselves. They cannot clean a slate properly. What will they do when they run out of paper?" (*Principals Association, 1815*)

"Students today depend too much upon ink. They do not know how to use a pen knife to sharpen a pencil. Pen and ink will never replace the pencil." (*National Association of Teachers, 1907*)

"Students today depend upon these expensive fountain pens. They can no longer write with a straight pen and nib (not to mention sharpening their own quills). We parents must not allow them to wallow in such luxury to the detriment of learning how to cope in the real business world which is not so extravagant." (*PTA Gazette, 1941*)

"Ball point pens will be the ruin of education in our country. Students use these devices and then throw them away. The American virtues of thrift and frugality are being discarded. Business and bank will never allow such expensive luxuries." (*Federal Teacher, 1950*)

"640 K ought to be enough for anybody." (*Bill Gates of Microsoft Windows fame, 1981*)

(Source, 'Inside Cue', newsletter of the Computer Using Educators of British Columbia, August 1996.)
Submitted by Dallas Hinton, Vancouver, Canada on Genboard

Any Welsh Heritage?

The following is attributed to the then Bishop of Litchfield shortly after the Act of Union in 1536 which joined England and Wales:

"Take ten," he said, "And call them RICE,
Take another ten, and call them PRICE;
A hundred more and dub them HUGHES;
Take fifty others, call them PUGHES;
Now ROBERTS name some hundred score,
And Williams name a legion more;
And call," he moaned in languid tones,
"Call the other thousands J O N E S."

From Brian O'Brien, The Cappie Connection, Wainui

Snippets

* Wanting to join **Genboard**? Annual donation for this service is \$40, sent to E. GOLDSBURY, 26 Kandy Cres., Ngaio, Wellington.

* Researching **British Columbia, Canada**? A B.C. Archives Index of Deaths from 1872-1976 and Marriages 1872-1921 (Births due shortly) is available on the Internet: <http://www.bcarchives.gov.bc.ca>.

* Researching **Queensland**? The Qld Genealogy Society Home Page is on internet:

<http://www.st.net.au/~dunn/gsq.htm>