



Kapiti Branch Newsletter

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Tonight's Meeting



Tonight we will be holding another of our "round table" meetings, with plenty of opportunity to ask questions, to learn from, and to help others. The theme is "Where Do I Go From Here?"

Each of us is sure to be at a dead end in at least one line of the family research - an opportunity to enjoy sharing and getting to know others. Bring along a name, and we will endeavour to find its meaning.

Review - June Meeting

Professor Rollo Arnold was our speaker for the June Meeting. In his address "Brogden's Navies" not only told the fascinating story about those men who helped build the NZ railways, but increased our understanding of the development of the railways systems in Britain as well as New Zealand. The European population of New Zealand grew from 100,000 between 1840 and 1860, to 250,000 between 1860 to 1870, and on to 750,000 between 1870 to 1880. With the 750% increase in population within 40 years, there was an equivalent need for fast, safe transportation. The humble agricultural labourer became the target for an immigration drive to fulfill this need. However this presented considerable problems when those same labourers found that they could dictate the terms of their employment in a labour-starved New Zealand!

August Meeting

On 27 August Ken Skadden of the Wellington Maritime Museum will speak on "By Rocks, Fire & Ice". Ken will introduce us to the challenges that faces our ancestors as they stood on the docks of Britain waiting to board the ships that were to bring them to the New World.

Open Research Weekend

Our Open Research Weekend 28 - 29 June was a very welcome introduction to genealogy to a number of local folk, as well as an opportunity for experienced genealogists, some from out of town, to devote two days to research. The comprehensive NZSG Australian Microfiche and Book Library, as well as our own New Zealand and International Genealogical Index, CD-roms and Marriage Witness Programme gave loads of scope for everyone's needs. Thank you to all who helped with the organisation, and to those who supported the event.

Lost in Liverpool?

Have you lost an Irish Catholic ancestor around Liverpool? **Miss Marie McQUADE, 8 Ecclesall Ave, Litherland, Liverpool, L21 5HQ, UK,** has transcribed and indexed baptisms, deaths and marriages from over 25 parishes. As at April 1997, this amounted to 500,000 names, and includes many of the Irish who came into Liverpool from early to mid 1800s, either to live or to immigrate.

Often Catholic registers contain information such as names of both parents of each party in a marriage, the address of parents not living in Liverpool; and in baptisms the name of the father of an illegitimate child. Some marriages do not appear in Civil Registration (St. Cath's), and some couples remarried in the catholic Church after marrying previously in other churches. **Please send SAE to Marie for details, including list of parishes indexed, and charges.**

From Canterbury Branch Newsletter
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New Microfiche Officer

as from 1st July 1997

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NEW ZEALAND

Births, Deaths, and Marriages

Complete to 1960

NEW MICROFICHE

"The Index to the
 Sacramental Register for Thames
 Roman Catholic Parish"

Notice Board

Future Meetings

- 27 Aug** - *"By Rocks, Fire & Ice"*, Ken Scadden
Wellington Maritime Museum
- 24 Sept** - *"Police Records"*, Inspector Sherwood Young
NZ Police Headquarters
- 22 Oct** - *"Victorian PRO Records"*, Chris Hurley,
National Archives

Genealogy Magazines - Ireland, Scotland, England, Australia
Are you interested in being part of the round robin distribution for a nominal cost? Phone John Glover 29 84936

Scottish Record Office Online

The Scottish Record Office is making its indexes available on-line. The June 23 edition of the "Glasgow Herald" ran an article describing the plans. The following is a brief extract from that article:

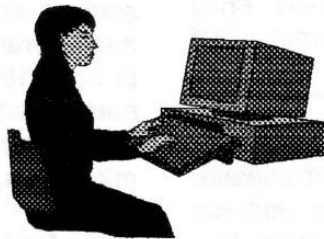
Staff at New Register House, Edinburgh, where the details of all births, marriages and deaths of everyone in Scotland are kept, say they are constantly besieged by tourists wishing to trace the Scottish side of their family trees.

They say a limited number of public access seats to the records means many Scots are unable to carry out searches because of the number of tourists using the files. They say many tourists who come to Scotland claim they are torn between visiting the sights and sitting in stuffy New Register House.

Now computer experts have been hired to make details of all births, deaths and marriages in Scotland accessible via the Internet.

Once the Internet Web site is launched, it is hoped that people living anywhere in the world will access the pages. People will be charged for the subsequent search and it is hoped the scheme will prove to be very profitable. Records enterprise manager John Mackay said: "Tracing ancestors seems to be becoming more and more popular as is using the Internet so we decided to combine the two...". Mr. Mackay said initially

only details of birth, marriage and death certificates from the years 1855 to 1896 would be available on the Internet.



However, plans were under way to have all parish registers between 1553 and 1854 added, along with census details from 1891 and 1881.

Mr. Mackay said: "We have decided at this stage not to put any details of births, deaths, and marriages that have occurred in the past 100 years on the Internet as we appreciate some people may not want their details sent across the world. The Web-site is expected to be up and running by September."

Taken from the Internet by
Anne Picketts via Genboard.

NZSG Council Meeting

On **2nd August** this meeting will be held 9am-5pm, at Hardwick-Smith Lounge, **Belmont Domain, Hutt Valley** (Hutt Riverbank, Nth of Kennedy-Goode Bridge, via Norfolk St) & is open to NZSG members. This is a good opportunity to meet Council members and view the running of a national organisation.

From Hutt Valley Newsletter

Otago Health Records

Dunedin Regional Office of National Archives has recently received the following large quantity of health related archives. They include -

ARCHIVES

- * *Dept of Health, Mental Health Division, Cherry Farm, Orokonui and Seacliffe Hospitals*
- * *Otago Benevolent Institute*
- * *Otago Hospital & Charitable Aid Board & its predecessors*
- * *Otago Hospital Board - administrative & patient records*
- * *Dunedin School of Nursing*
- * *Psychiatric District Nursing Department*

Patient Records from

PSYCHIATRIC

- * *Dunedin Lunatic Asylum - daily reports, medical case books, patient files, etc*
- * *Seacliffe Hospital - registers of admission, deaths, case books, patient files*
- * *Cherry Farm Hospital - registers of admission, death, discharge, patient files, etc.*

Dates 1863 - 1970

MATERNITY (patient registers, etc.)

- * *Forth Street Maternity Hospital*
- * *Batchelor Maternity Hospital*
- * *Queen Mary Maternity Hospital*
- * *Taieri Maternity Hospital*
- * *Hill Jack Maternity Hospital*

Dates c1908 - c1961

GENERAL (patient registers, etc.)

- * *Dunedin Hospital*
- * *Caversham Children's Convalescence Hospital*
- * *Fever Hospital*
- * *Hill Jack (general)*
- * *Infectious Diseases Hospital*
- * *Kaitangata Hospital*
- * *Middlemarch "Louisa Roberts" Hospital*
- * *Palmerston Hospital*
- * *Port Chalmers Hospital*
- * *Pleasant Valley Sanitorium*
- * *Quarantine island*
- * *Roxburgh Hospital*
- * *Rock and Pillar Sanitorium*
- * *Talboys Home/Parkside Hospital (infirmary or emergency ward)*
- * *Tapanui Hospital*
- * *Tuapeka (Lawrence) Hospital*
- * *Wakari Hospital*

Dates c1877 - c1991 (Not all records are held for every hospital for this date range, but this is an indication until detailed lists are available)

DUNEDIN HOSPITAL PATIENT CARD INDEX(DAIII/D288)

- * *Alphabetical index of patients admitted & discharges*

Dates 1914 - 1959

Many of the archives are restricted because of their sensitive nature, but Archivists will advise about applying for access.

**Address: National Archives, 556 George St, Dunedin,
P O Box 6183, Hours 9.30am to 5pm weekdays.**

From article by Claire Wood, Archivist, National Archives, Dunedin,
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NZSG 1998 Conference Easter Weekend - 10-13 April DUNEDIN

150 years of pain & pleasure, labour & leisure