

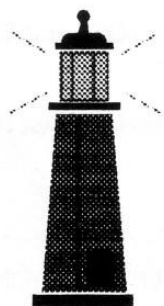


Kapiti Branch Newsletter

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Tonight's Meeting



Tonight 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.

Review - July Meeting

Last night we held another of our "round table" meetings, with plenty of opportunity to ask questions, to learn from, and to help others. The theme was "Where Do I Go From Here?" There were a number of first timers in attendance and they went away with a list of helpful hints on how they can begin their searches. Even the most experienced of us faces a dead end in at least one line of the family research, and are always pleased for a helpful hint from another genealogist. It was an opportunity to enjoy sharing and getting to know others, and we trust everyone enjoyed it.

September Meeting

On 24 September we will learn about "Police Records", with Inspector Sherwood Young of NZ Police Headquarters. Inspector Young has many intriguing anecdotes and case histories to draw from, and is very entertaining in his presentation.

GOOD NEWS
 Porirua Family History Centre
 is open at Ngati Tia Centre
 Titahi Bay

Hours
 Monday 10am to 3pm
 Tuesday 10am to 9pm

Wednesday 6pm - 9pm
 Director: Mr. Shortland
 Phone 04-2375412

Supper Duties

In order to assist our small and rather busy Committee, we are asking members to please assist with suppers, particularly the serving and washing up. Each month we will list duties by the letters of the alphabet. Duties will be once every eight months.

Supper duty for August A - B

Supper duty for September C - D

As a thankyou for your help, we ask that you bring a problem, a query, etc., to share for help at the start of the meeting.

NSW Shipping

Can someone tell me if there is such a thing as an index of shipping into Sydney (or other NSW ports) probably from the US c1853?

How about this one, which was listed in the 1996 edition of my book "Specialist Indexes in Australia: a Genealogist's Guide"?

Unassisted Immigration to NSW 1842-1855 : consolidated index from shipping lists & Sydney Morning Herald, 1842-1855 (1856 in progress). Includes NZ, San Francisco, coastal ports such as Moreton Bay.... etc.

Judy Webster

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Central Register of Indexing Projects in Australia:

<http://www.tsm.com.au/~chris/cr/cr.html>
 Compiling a Central Register of Indexing Projects in Australia.

English Baptisms

Bulk Baptisms happened just before Civil Registration in July 1837. If you have "lost" a Baptism (back to about 1780), try June 1837.

Family Tree Nov. 1996

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\$2 per lot per WEEK
 for Branch Members

A Treasure Trove!
 Miscellaneous Microfiche Box
 which includes
 Nominal Rolls of the NZEF
 for WWI & WWII

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

Missing Victorian Births

Continuing the saga of my researches in the Supreme Court of Victoria, Equity Jurisdiction, Miscellaneous cases (VPRS 259):

If you have missing birth registrations in 1889/1890 from the Orbost, Brodribb River and surrounds in Gippsland, Victoria, you might be interested in the following.

Three families (there may be more) under the amended Act of 1898 applied for an order from a judge sitting in chambers in the Practice Court at the Supreme Court to enable the late registration of their children. They were all from the Orbost area:

1. John CAMERON whose son Hubert James was born July 1890 at Orbost,
2. John JOHNSTONE whose son Robert Richard was b. Dec 1889 Brodribb River,
3. James CAMERON whose son Martin James was b. Nov 1890 at Orbost

They claimed that the particulars were supplied to the Deputy Registrar at Orbost, James John THOMPSON, but that he had not registered them. More than a year later, when each returned to register a subsequent child, and one presented for vaccination, they were informed by the new Dep.Reg (George Daniel PERRY), that their children were not registered, and that, because more than 12 months had elapsed, they could not register their children.

Mr Johnstone said: "I and several others whose children were not registered by Thompson agitated for the passing of the law to remedy our situation"

The law changed in 1898 to allow the court order.

So, if parents in the area had no more children, or moved away and continued their families elsewhere, they would have no idea that this chap did not register their children.

So if you have any missing at this time, here's "one" answer.

Ada Ackerley
Melbourne Researcher

Somerset Records

I have downloaded a Text Delimited file from the W W W and written a data base of the following:

- > Norton Fitwarren, SOMERSET, Baptisms 1726-1812
- > Norton Fitzwarren, SOMERSET, Marriages 1726-1791
- > Nynhead, SOMERSET, Baptisms 1769-1812
- > Pitminster, St Mary and St Andrew, SOMERSET, Baptisms 1813-1885
- > For any members interest I'll search surnames

Brendan Wilson
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Irish Vital Records

The Irish Vital Records CD is now available to bookstores. It is both Win3.1 and Win95. Data covers the following:

1. Ships Passenger Lists to the United States from Ireland. 1766 - 1855
2. Irish Wills for Co. Cork. 1400s- 1800s
3. 1659 Census
4. 1851 Census (Irish of Liverpool)

CD Retails in the U.S. at US\$69.00 + US\$10.00 Foreign air mail.

Round Robin

There are now three magazines being circulated to those members who subscribed to them, "The Greenwood Tree", from Somerset/Dorset, "Irish Roots" and "Australian Family Tree Connections". A Scottish magazine has been ordered. In addition, George Watson has kindly donated recent copies of "Lancashire" for circulation to those members who may be interested. These will be circulated at no cost.

If you would like to be on the circulation list for any of these magazines, see John Glover (Ph 04 298 4936). Apart from "Lancashire", (which is free) the cost for a twelve month subscription is either \$3 or \$4.

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Snippets

Boer War: Are you researching Boer war Veterans? Harry Clapham has a photo of the 50th Remounts, Rough Riders Regiment. If you are interested in seeing this, please phone Harry on 04-2933261.

Welsh Names: Mary McLeod, phone 04-2934487, has a book of Welsh names which people are welcome to consult.

Committee Members Needed: As we draw nearer to the AGM to be held in October, we ask you to please consider the possibility of joining our happy band. You do NOT have to be an expert genealogist to be on the Committee, but it is a good place to learn.

NZSG 1998 Conference
Easter Weekend - 10-13 April
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