

Kapiti Branch Newsletter

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Tonight's Meeting

Tonight 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. Who knows what we find out about our families!



Review - August Meeting

Ken Skadden of the Wellington Maritime Museum provided a most interesting presentation in our August meeting when speaking on "By Rocks, Fire & Ice". He introduced us to the challenges that faced our ancestors in their journeys from Britain on board the ships bringing them to the New World. Ken used costuming, candle light, and Irish brogue to create the mood, and transport us back into the 19th century and life as a shipwreck survivor. After this introduction he opening up history of navigation and its hazzards with the help of overhead slides.

October Meeting

Many early New Zealand settlers came from "the old country" via the Victorian goldfields. Next month Chris Hurley from New Zealand National Archives (ex Victoria PRO) will introduce us to the record treasures held in the Public Records Office in Victoria.

Supper Duties

To assist our small & rather busy Committee, we are asking members to please assist with suppers, particularly the serving & washing up.

Supper duty for **September C - D**

Supper duty for **October E - F - G**

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.

Snippets

Unhappy with your parents choice of name for you? Then spare a thought for these poor little Kiwi mites:

BURNES, Georgiana Hatton She Lalor McCulloch, born 1905, Invercargill, Index 2625

LINWOOD, Merlewood Alexander Alfred Wray Campbell, born 1906, Gisborne, Index 4497

(Someone, perhaps Merlewood himself, at a later date did feel sorry for the young man, changing his name to Merlin Campbell LINWOOD!)

NZ BDM Index 1905, 1906

Do you feel alone in your genealogy "generation gap"? Sorry, someone has been there before you:

"A Dé, a Muire is mor do na genelacaib sin nac bfuil fis agam ar bith cé h-iaid."

"O God, many are the generations I have no knowledge whatsoever about."

Scribe's marginal entry in Manuscript VI, Advocates Library, Edinburgh

Remember the need for **nominations of Committee Members** for the Kapiti Branch NZSG AGM held at the October Meeting. You do not need to be an expert genealogist, just enthusiastic.

Irish Counties

In 1557 the historic "countries of **Leix**and **Offlay**" were shired.... Henceforth these particular areas of the Irish Midlands would be "henceforth forever" known as Queen's County and King's County, and their principal towns of Maryborough and Philipstown also named after the Tudor Queen (Mary, daughter of Henry VIII) and her Spanish consort, Philip.

Irsih Genealogy, a Record Finder

Edited by Donal F. Begley

Counties named "Laois" and "Offaly" -

Bartholomew All Ireland Road Map (Current Edition)

New Zealand Society of Genealogists, Kapiti Branch, P O Box 6, Paraparaumu.

**Meetings held at Masonic Lodge Rooms, Tararua St, Paraparaumu,
4th Wednesdays of months January to November, 7.30pm,**

Branch Library opens 7.00pm

Microfiche Officer
BARBARA TUNLEY
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for Branch Members.

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with the extended loan time,
there may be others waiting.

NZSG 1998 Conference
Easter Weekend - 10-13 April
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leisure

Notice Board

Future Meetings
22 Oct - "Victorian PRO Records",
Chris Hurley, National Archives
26 Nov - Christmas Meeting

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

Mitral Incompetence - Failure of the mitral valve to
close, thus allowing blood to pass back from the left
ventricle into the left atrium.

Mitral Stenosis - Failure of the mitral valve to open
adequately. This causes congestion of the blood
vessels in the lungs.

Mitral Valve - Heart valve between the left atrium
and left ventricle. Disease of this valve (mitral
stenosis, mitral incompetence) is usually a late
effect of rheumatic.

"Great Encyclopaedic Dictionary", Vol. 3, Medicine
(Reader's Digest Assn. Pty., 1972)

WANTED

Back Issues of the
"GENEALOGIST'S MAGAZINE"

I recently joined the Society of Genealogists of
London, and would like to build up a collection
of pre-1997 issues of their magazine. If you
have any issues for which you have no more
use and wish to dispose of, please contact:

Derek GRIFFIS
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LEVIN BRANCH

RESEARCH WEEKEND

9am to 4pm September 27 & 28
Waiopahu College, Bartholomew Rd, Levin
Pandora's Box, IGI, Cemetery, School
Admissions, & AGCI Fiche, NZSG Libraries,
Books, Fiche of UK, Australia, etc.
Guest Speakers, Sales Table, Photocopier,
BYO Lunch, Tea, Coffee Available,
Cost \$5 one day, \$7.50 two days

Shetland Week

in Wellington

To celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the Shetland
Society of Wellington, September 19-27 has been
designated Shetland Week. Many events will take
place throughout this time, including two genealogy
workshops on Sep 25th 9.30 am - 4.30pm, and 7pm
to 9pm, at the City Cinema, Old Public Library
Buildings, Civic Square. The Stout Exhibition will be
open Monday to Friday at National Archives in
Mulgrave Street (Sir Robert Stout was a
Shetlander), and the maritime Museum will host an
exhibition relating to Shetland settlement in
Wellington. For more information, contact:

Mary Christie, 04-3856454 or
via the Internet Page <http://www.shetland.org.nz>.

Personal Milestones

Congratulations to Barbara Tunley, our Microfiche
Officer, who is a **first-time Grandmother**. We
have her assurance that baby-sitting will not hinder
her availability to loan you fiche!

George and Iris Watson have attained a special
milestone - their **40th Wedding Anniversary**. Very
best wishes for your special day!

Recipe For English Roast Beef

(Is this especially relevant after the recent Scottish
Referendum?)

On a braw, bricht, moonlit nictn send several
clansmen on horseback over the border into
Cumberland to select a suitable beast. It is more
economical if several beasts are collected on the
same sortie. Prepare as usual and invite to dinner
any neighbouring Chief with whom you are not
currently having a feud.

This appeared in the Clan Cook Book in 1981 under Clan
Elliot, and was submitted by Lady Elliott of Stobs

