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FAMILY HISTORY EXPO 2007 SPECIAL EDITION

Explore your Family History

Saturday March 17th & Sunday March 18th
Kapiti Community Centre, Ngahina Street, Paraparaumu

9am to 4pm each day: \$5 per day or \$7 for both days

**Workshops, demonstrations, displays, research facilities,
help desks, books, microfiche, CDs, Internet access and more.
Opportunities to purchase books, CD-ROM's and other family history items.**

This is the biggest event we have ever organised and follows a very successful EXPO held by the Kilbirnie Branch early last year. 2 days of research bliss for which we have booked the whole centre. Advertised throughout the Lower North Island we hope for a great turnout so make a big mark on your diary NOW. Please let friends and family know – this might be the catalyst to start them off in family research.

Participants are:

NZSG/Family Research Centre
Ancestorsonboard.com – 1890 to 1910 NZ Launch
National Library of New Zealand
Irish (Lower North Island), Scottish (Greater Wellington)
Maori (National) Special Interest Groups
Genealogical Computing Group
Beehive Books (Jan Gow);
Creative Memories (scrap booking)
Access to Kapiti & Otaki Branch research material including NZ BDMs
Kilbirnie Branch, NZSG Display of published Family Histories
Military History & Research (Howard Chamberlain)
Australian Research (Rex Roberts)
KCDC Libraries
Legacy and Family Tree Maker demonstrations
Digital Photography, Scanning, and Photo Repair
Kapiti Historical Society

KEEP AN EYE ON OUR WEBSITE FOR UPDATES

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~nzlsgkb/>

See You There

Sponsors: - Ancestorsonboard.com; Fuji Xerox; Telstra Clear; Harvey's Real Estate (Kapiti)

ancestors on board.com

powered by findmypast.com

[Ancestorsonboard](http://www.ancestorsonboard.com) is coming to town!! Kapiti Family History EXPO will feature the NZ Launch of this UK site. Part of the findmypast.com network (formerly 1837online), this site went into cyberspace some weeks ago and aims to show transcriptions and images of all the original documents held in the National Archives (UK) of passenger records of ships leaving UK ports from 1890 on to 1910. The first batch of records from 1890 to 1899 is now online and others will follow. The company have agreed to be a major sponsor and at the EXPO there will be a special display of their products and online demonstrations. Free vouchers which you can use online in your own time will also be available. www.ancestorsonboard.com

Findmypast.com has added another decade of records to the UK Outbound Passenger Lists currently available. Records now include a staggering 7.5 million names within 50,553 passenger lists spanning 1890 to 1909. Records, once complete, will cover 1890 to 1960 and are expected to contain more than 30 million individual passengers. Nearly twice as many people travelled by ship between 1900 and 1910 compared with the previous decade, and more frequently trips were for business and tourism.

As time went on, more information was included in the original records. Viewing the high quality images may uncover some interesting details not available in transcriptions. See an example of a high quality image. Available for the first time online, these records can provide valuable information on ancestors whose trails have gone cold. [Read Stephen Rigden's article](#) to find out how he broke down a brick wall of his own using passenger list records.

FAMILY RESEARCH CENTRE NZSG

The NZSG FRC display will include access to the New Zealand Gazette, a master compilation of which was released electronically recently. The Gazette is the official newspaper of the NZ Government and this all time record comprises a collection of everything from bankruptcies to appointments. It is a wonderful historical profile of official notices and events. The Branch is discussing with a major local organisation the purchase of a copy. The display and sales table will bring you up to date with the wealth of information now available from the Society as a major genealogical research provider.

KAPITI AND OTAKI RESOURCES

Kapiti and Otaki Branches will have a selection of their research resources available. This will include their CD collections and the NZ Birth, Marriage and Death Microfiche records. Laptops, PCs and microfiche readers will be available. Members will be on hand to assist you. For a complete list of the CDs see our website.

MILITARY RESEARCH AT EXPO

We are very fortunate to have the experience and research services of Howard Chamberlain of Waikanae. A Military historian and researcher of many decades, he is bringing a sample of his major collection of records of NZ and British military history, and can provide assistance with deciphering military records, recognition of medals, badges and awards, regimental and unit identification, embarkation rolls and information, military photograph identification and clarification, assistance with military research sites in UK, medal mounting. So don't leave those records and objects with questions over them at home, bring them with you and share experiences.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

EXPO will feature a number of special interest groups. Jenny Martin and her Irish SIG (L.North Island) return after a successful day in Kapiti last year with their collection of books, microfiche and CDs. Pen Brown also returns with some of the Greater Wellington Scottish SIG material which he shared with us at the Scottish research day last year. The NZSG Maori SIG managed by Brenda Joyce will have research material available and will also hold a workshop on Whakapapa research. Rex Roberts is forming a local informal Australian SIG and he will be available with some of his research material.

COMPUTER BUFFS CATERED FOR

Access to information and data on the Internet is changing the face of family history research. The NZSG Genealogical Computing Group will display at EXPO and are expected to conduct a number of workshops. This is NOT a computer fix-it session but will be a golden opportunity for those with queries on using their computers for genealogy, setting up good systems, data management and security issues. The computer is a great tool for data storage and retrieval and there are a number of software programmes dedicated to genealogy data. The Kapiti Legacy Users SIG will have a display and demonstrate how to use this very popular programme. We are also hoping to run a workshop on using another well known programme – Family Tree Maker.

AIDS AND TOOLS FOR YOUR RESEARCH

Jan Gow and her “one-stop” genealogy shop are synonymous with all aspects of family history research. An experienced genealogist and leader of many overseas research expeditions, including taking parties to Salt Lake City, Jan will be on hand with her books, CDs and other products and will be running some workshops. Creative Memories is a business venture run by Shona Lee giving assistance in preserving those photos, records and stories. So come prepared with a few copies of material you would like help with putting into a scrapbook format. She will also run a couple of workshops on scrapbooking.

WORKSHOPS

Throughout the 2 day event there will be workshops of approx 1 hour duration dedicated to a variety of topics. Most participants have agreed to give special sessions in areas of their expertise. We will publish the timetable on our website closer to the event.

PUBLISHING YOUR FAMILY HISTORY

Kilbirnie Branch will have a display of published family histories. If you have such a publication and would like to contribute to the display contact Hanley Hoffmann on [hdhoffmann\(at\)paradise.net.nz](mailto:hdhoffmann(at)paradise.net.nz), tel. 04 904 3276

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY

Demonstration on how to scan in old photographs. Digitize them, alter, repair, add in different persons and rejuvenate them for your family history. How to get the most out of your digital camera photos. Photoshop 7 will be used, but principles are the same for other programmes!

TE PUNA MATAURANGA O AOTEAROA

That great storehouse of records and information, National Library of New Zealand and Alexander Turnbull Library will be at EXPO. The display will have updated information on the holdings and services available to help with family history research.

Next Meetings:-

Kapiti Branch: Tuesday 27th February 7pm for 7.30pm start. Immigration to New Zealand. Guest speaker (Jeremy Cauchi) from Archives NZ..

Kapiti Branch: Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th March Family History EXPO at Kapiti Community Centre 9am to 4pm each day (expanded details earlier in the newsletter)

Kapiti Branch: Tuesday 27th March 7pm for 7.30pm start Informal problem solving following the Family History EXPO

Computer SIG: Monday 12th March 7.30 pm Using Open Office – Speaker: Brian Mountjoy

Kapiti Legacy Users SIG: Saturday 24th February, 1pm for 2pm start. The subject will be Publishing and Reports. Plus any questions and problems using Legacy. Masonic Hall, in Tararua St,

COMPSIG:- Computer SIG

We are very fortunate to have access to Ancestry.com at or libraries. I hope members will make use of this facility. If we can show there is a need for it hopefully the license will be renewed later this year.

Our programme for the year is almost complete. Please go to the branch web site and print out a copy. We have some interesting things coming up however there are still a few meetings we have not decided on what to do. If there is anything you would like displayed at the meetings please let Sue Greene of Barry Thomson know.

Please make a special note of the October meeting venue. I know this is a long way off but if you mark meetings on your calendar for the year now please make a note the October meeting will be held in the Community Centre and not the library meeting room.

Now summer has finally arrived I expect the last thing most of us want to do is be sitting at a computer and would sooner be outside cleaning up, gardening or just lazing in the sun. However it is important to remember to keep our computers up to date with anti virus programmes, cleaning out of the junk files, etc.

With the start of the new year now behind us there is bound to be new viruses arriving to the unsuspecting. For those eager to purchase the new Vista Windows programme there will be those who will try their best to crack it and start up a whole new war against Microsoft.

I would suggest wait six months before investing in the new programme. Let them sort out all the bugs and problems. It is suggested that most of our home computers we own now will not handle the new

version and we will all need to buy a new computer with the new version.

Just another way of selling new equipment most of us won't need and the country will be swamped with old computers no one wants.

The old saying if it ain't broke why fix it. What we all run now will last us for a few years so don't get sucked into the selling hype just because Microsoft say's the new Vista is the next best thing.

Sue Greene

Notices:-

Australian Special Interest Group (SIG)

Member Rex Roberts has offered to set up an SIG for those Branch members who are interested in sharing research on their Australian ancestors and families. The key to the group will be informality with those interested meeting as and when they desire. Rex has a very large resource base and broadband access to the internet and has kindly offered to host the group at his home. Those interested should contact him direct at [rxroberts\(at\)paradise.net.nz](mailto:rxroberts(at)paradise.net.nz) or (04)905 6570.

New Members

Welcome to new members, Peter Campbell, Pat Edginton, Pamela Alexander, Sabine Bertucchi, and Laurell Nilsson, who have joined us since the previous Newsletter.

Thanks to David Grantham for having donated to us a Microfiche Reader (Brunding 4020) as a very welcome addition to our stock of Branch equipment. Any other members feeling similarly inspired are invited to ring either Clive Palmer (2937631) or Derek Griffiths (2931092).

Beginners Help Line: Valerie Freeman runs our "Help Desk" at our Monthly Meetings, but those seeking basic advice and guidance on Family History research are reminded that they may also ring her at home (298-7396) at any time, within reason!

Supper Helpers: We are continuing with the practice of calling for volunteers (by initial of surname) to assist with supper at our Monthly Meetings at the Kapiti Community Centre. In particular, this calls for assistance with serving and tidying up afterwards. February **N to R**. Please make yourself known to Meryl, the Supper Organiser.

Meeting Dates and Times KBNZSG

Kapiti Branch:- 7.30pm, 4th Tuesday, Jan-Nov at Kapiti Community Centre 15 Ngahina Street (near Paraparaumu Library)

Computer SIG:- 7.30pm, 2nd Monday, Feb-Dec in the Paraparaumu Public Library (downstairs)

Kapiti Legacy Users SIG:

Meetings are held at the Masonic Hall, in Tararua St, Paraparaumu. (off Hinemoa St). Doors open 1pm, meeting starts at 2pm. Entry charge kept to a minimum and will cover hall hire, tea and coffee and any presenter's costs. Contact Gerald Twiss: gero(at)ihug.co.nz or phone 021 151 6714. The Kapiti group is an "informal" one. Anyone with an interest in the Legacy programme can attend.

Used Ink Cartridges: The collection of used printer ink cartridges (particularly Canon, Lexmark, Hewlett Packard, and Epson) is a continuing fund-raising exercise into 2007, and last financial year we were to receive \$529 from this source alone. Let's see if we can do as well, if not better, for the current year. Probably, following the summer recess, there are a number of these used cartridges lying around, and I (Derek Griffis) would be very pleased to receive them at our Monthly Meeting evenings. Alternatively, if more convenient for you, these may be left in the cardboard box in our steel cabinet upstairs at Paraparaumu Library, as I clear this once or twice a week.

Downloadable Genealogy Charts and Forms

Looking for some blank forms that you can fill in during your genealogy research? You can download free, high-quality blank forms online from several web sites and print them on your own printer.

Family Tree Magazine has a huge collection of downloadable forms on the company's web site. The forms include pedigree charts, research calendars, note-taking forms, deed indexes, research journal, correspondence logs, family group sheets and census extraction forms. You can see this impressive collection of forms at <http://www.familytreemagazine.com/forms/download.html>

Ancestry.com has downloadable forms that are as nice looking as the commercially available forms. You can obtain a pedigree chart (called an Ancestral Chart), Research Calendar, Research Extract, Correspondence Chart, Source Summary, and Family Group Sheet. You can do all of this at: <http://www.ancestry.com/save/charts/ancchart.htm>

FamilySearch.org has a collection of online forms, including U.S., British, Irish, and Canadian census

extraction forms, family group sheets, blank timelines, and more. The forms are available at <http://www.familysearch.org/eng/Search/RG/frameset/rhelps.asp?Page=/research/type/Form.asp&ActiveTab=Type>

About.com offers a number of downloadable genealogy forms, including family tree fan charts, pedigree charts, family group sheets, and relationship charts. Take a look at http://genealogy.about.com/od/free_charts/

Misbach Enterprises houses one of the largest collections of downloadable genealogy charts in Adobe PDF format. You can print directly from the web site or store the forms on your local hard drive and then print them later as often as you wish. All the charts are formatted to fit on 8.5" x 11" paper. Go to <http://misbach.org/pdfcharts/>

All of the above are available free of charge.

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