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January 2007 Newsletter

Next Meetings:-

Kapiti Branch: Tuesday 23rd January 7pm for 7.30pm start. First meeting of the Year. "The Brown's of Kapiti". Guest speaker Margaret Brown..

Computer SIG: Monday 12th February 7.30 pm Using ancestry.com – Speaker: Sue Greene. (Yes we have the dial up network operating)

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, Paraparaumu. (off Hinemoa St).

CONVENERS COMMENT:-

A very Happy New Year to you all and here's to lots of genealogy breakthroughs in 2007. Programme planning is well underway in the hands of our special sub-committee and once details are finalised they will be on the website and circulated. The major news is a change to the overall format of our monthly get-togethers. Instead of more formal presentations every month we are planning alternate monthly sessions focusing on research assistance. These informal research sessions will focus on regions e.g. England, Scotland, Australia and on methodology. We will have members providing help and relevant resources available for scanning.

Recent purchases of 2 laptops mean we can provide access to our CD collection at every meeting from 7pm to 7.30pm and after the main session. We will continue to provide on-line access whenever required and are trying to engage a sponsor to purchase a wireless data card facility which will reduce our reliance on dial-up access and the problems we have faced with this. I offer our apologies to those of you who came out in force to the December meeting of COMSIG for a presentation on Ancestry.com only to find we could not get telecoms access.

Two upcoming events are worth a diary note and an appeal for volunteers to help. Our Family History EXPO is scheduled for Saturday March 16 and Sunday March 17 at the Kapiti Community Centre. A golden opportunity to soak up displays and workshops plus research material with input from NZSG, Family Research Centre, National Library/Alexander Turnbull,

Genealogical Computing Group, Creative Memories, Beehive Books, Maori Interest Group, Lower NI Irish Interest Group, Scottish Group(Wgton), Kapiti Historical Soc., and others. We need help to cover a range of activities from security, information, research assistance, catering so please let the Secretary or me know if you would like to help out.

The second is the NZSG Annual Conference in Wellington, Queens Birthday Weekend (1-4 June) and hosted by Wellington and Hutt Valley Branches. Help is requested to deliver catering goods for morning and afternoon tea breaks, for scrutineering at the AGM, and to assist with electronic equipment. Again please let either of us know if you would like to help out.

Clive Palmer

COMPSIG:- Computer SIG

Happy New Year to everyone. I apologise to members for the December meeting debacle. Unfortunately it was one of those things that was out of my control, however I intend to make sure by the February meeting the Internet connection will be up and running and if we are let down again., I will have a backup system. Our February meeting is a demo on using and getting the most out of Ancestry.com, touching wood we don't have a power cut. That would be out of my control.

What are my chances of recovering a deleted file? Something I guess we have all thought about and at some stage could happen.

Thanks to Kay Carter for the site to lookup on what to do. I suggest we all have a read of the helpful info. So if it does ever happen you will know what to do. [Go to http://forums.cnet.com/5208-10149_102-0.html?forumID=7&threadID=202638&messageID=2170835&tag=nl.e497](http://forums.cnet.com/5208-10149_102-0.html?forumID=7&threadID=202638&messageID=2170835&tag=nl.e497) Sorry it's such a long address. You may need to copy and paste it into your web browser first.

2007 Programme.

We have setup a programme committee. Our aim is to have a programme set for the year - almost completed, however we do need some ideas for the COMSIG meetings, so put your thinking caps on and let us know what you would like to see.

Sue Greene

LIBRARY REPORT:-

My thanks go to all the volunteers who have helped with the Library roster over 2006 and especially those who have been able to do an extra one when needed. I have written to them all but have only heard back from four, one of whom will fill in at any time. Especial thanks goes to Carol McDonald who offered to do a monthly duty, taking on the first Wednesday of each month over the past year or so. This was a great help.

Val and Ray Davison supported me in counting all our books and microfiche for the possible inclusion in the NZSG insurance scheme. This was a marathon, as there were only a few categories, and it was difficult in deciding if a book belonged to A4 or A5 when it came somewhere in between, or was larger or smaller. You will notice either red or yellow dots on them which relate to this exercise.

The totals come to:-

A4 perfect bound with hard cover	46
A4 stapled with hard cover	9
A5 perfect bound with hard cover	30
A5 stapled with hard cover	1
A4 perfect bound with soft cover	84
A4 stapled with soft cover	717
A5 perfect bound with soft cover	113
A5 stapled with soft cover	157

Total number of microfiche 9636
(plus another 5004 I.G.I)

Alison Procter

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, J.Plummer, Lesley Parker, and Allan & Helen Humphries, who have joined us since the previous Newsletter.

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. January G to J, February K to M. Please make yourself known to Meryl, the Supper Organiser.

Family Tree Charts: There will be a full range of Charts available for sale at this month's Meeting. Please see our Sales Officer, Sandra White, who will be happy to sell you these, and various other items. Each chart is 50 cents more than the asking price on the NZSG web-site to enable us to recoup the p&p costs: 7-generation (\$3.00), 8-generation (\$3.50), 9-generation wheel (\$3.50), 12-generation (\$4.00).

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.

Paraparaumu Library Wednesday Morning Sessions: These recommence on Wednesday 24th January, upstairs in our Branch Resource area.

DVD Conversions from Videos and / or Films:

Conversions can be made by Bright Photo Lab, 9 Mahara Place, Waikanae (Phones: 04-9027555 or 021-1255928) Email: [brightphoto\(at\)paradise.net.nz](mailto:brightphoto(at)paradise.net.nz) Costs are a matter of individual negotiation, depending upon the size and condition of the original, and the technicalities of the task. Whilst some enhancements may be possible, much depends upon the quality/condition of the original, and a silk purse cannot be made out of sow's ear!

Australian Service Records (WW1 & WW2):

Photocopy Service Records may be obtained from National Archives of Australia, Canberra – Army & RAAF: A\$25, Navy: No charge. Service details of the service(wo)man need to be quoted at the time of placing the order. For WW2 check the Nominal Role website: www.ww2roll.gov.au for basic service details online. Following my recent visit to Australia, a very limited number of Order Forms will be available on request from me (Derek Griffis), at this month's Meeting.

WANTED : Ideas for 2007

Let us have your thoughts for activities you would like us to consider as we prepare the 2007 programme. Drop the Secretary a line or [e-mail](#) us. Speakers, events, visits, research evenings, courses, etc, etc!

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](mailto: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.

LDS Resources

Jan Gow phoned me recently in her role as liaison person with NZSG negotiating to obtain direct access to LDS material. She advised that negotiations had been productive and a number of key agents would be allowed access to material currently the sole premise of LDS Family History Centres.

In the Wellington Region, the National Library would be an agent through whom material could be ordered. On questioning she saw no reason why other agents should not be appointed in the region where demand proved positive, for example KCDC libraries.

I have been asked to keep members informed. Further info will be released in weeks to come and at regional meetings.

Clive Palmer

Nobody There

(An apocryphal tale)

Once upon a time, somewhere in New Zealand, there was a lady (let's call her Mary) of uncertain years, who began to reflect upon her family's origins, and who began to wonder about her late Grandad XXXX who had arrived alone in New Zealand as a young immigrant about a century ago. She was vaguely aware that he was said to have been one of a large family, but beyond that she knew nothing other than that he was said to have come from the County of ZZZZ. Perhaps she had unknown second cousins

living in the Old Country. In high hopes, Mary subscribed to both the ZZZZ and NZ Mailing Lists, regularly reading all the messages posted, ever looking for the surname XXXX, but never once did it appear. A whole year went by without success until finally, sadly, Mary sighed, there was nobody there, and so she unsubscribed from both Mailing Lists.

About the same time that Mary was subscribing to the ZZZZ and NZ Mailing Lists, there was another lady (let's call her Ann) of similar age, back in the Old Country, who had begun to wonder about her family. She knew that her late Grandad XXXX had had a brother who had emigrated to the other side of the world, to New Zealand it was said, but contact had been lost long long ago. Perhaps she had unknown second cousins Down Under. Full of hope, Ann subscribed to both the NZ and ZZZZ Mailing Lists, regularly reading all the messages, eagerly looking out for the surname XXXX. Time passed, her spirits sagged, until after a year went by without success, she sadly told herself that there was nobody there, and so she unsubscribed from both Mailing Lists.

Both Mary and Ann were "lurkers", and so never ever made contact with each-other.

[Like ships that pass each-other in the night, neither Mary nor Ann were aware of each-others existence for the simple reason that they had not made their own presence known. In the world of Mailing Lists, Forums, and Directories, this is known as "lurking", and it is to be recommended in the short-term whilst becoming familiar with the system, but in the long-term it becomes largely unproductive. It has been said that upwards of 90% of users of Mailing Lists, Forums and Directories, only read what others have written, yet they themselves never contribute anything at all of their own. That 90% represent a very large volume of missed opportunities].

Six Decades of Scotland's Census Records

The project to make available online the handwritten census records in Scotland from 1841 to 1901 has just been completed, with the addition of the very first census in 1841 - when the population of the country was only 2,620,184. The five-year ScotlandsPeople project was launched in 2002 and is claimed to contain the most comprehensive online set of family history information for any country in the world.

It is currently one of the largest single information resources on the web. In addition to the census records, the material includes the indexes to the Old Parish Registers from 1553, indexed digital images of the statutory registers of births for Scotland, 1855-1905, the statutory registers of deaths for Scotland, 1855-1955, the statutory registers of marriages for Scotland,

1855-1930. Wills and Testaments from 1513 to 1901 from the National Archives of Scotland are also available.

There are 50 million historical records accessible from around the world. Their website has over 400,000 registered users paying to download information. See www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk.

1841 Census on British Origins Now Complete

The Origins Network has announced that its online 1841 Census is now complete. The final counties are now all available for searching on the 1841 England and Wales Census. This brings the final 1841 data count to 15,791,795 records online.

The company claims, "We believe our 1841 census index to be the most accurate and complete available, containing 20% more names than other versions. See <http://www.originsnetwork.com/help/popup-aboutbo-census1841-accuracy.htm> for more details."

The Origins Network is a commercial site that offers access to records for modest fees. You can sign up for access to a part of the site, such as only the Irish or the U.K. databases, or to the entire site. More information may be found at <http://www.originsnetwork.com>

Deaths at Sea

BDMs at Sea or Overseas There is a source for deaths at sea on British ships. The British Registry Office (ONS GRO) has a series of what are called Overseas Deaths, Births & Marriage Indexes on fiche They include Births & Deaths (not Marriages) at sea from 1837. Later Deaths in the Air and on Hovercraft & Installations (Oil & Gas Rigs) were included.

The series includes war deaths for WWI, WWII and the South African (Boer) War. Also "Consular" or "Abroad" Registrations. And Army Chaplains and Regimental (peacetime) BDMs, some of which took place in England & Scotland not the colonies! From 1965 the Royal Air Force & Royal Navy (RAF, RN) also. The fiche are held in the National Library Wellington (numbered F1 to F1191) and (I think) the Auckland Public Library. If you are using Ancestry or 1837Online, it may be worth checking that they have included these "Overseas" registrations. See the GRO website: <http://www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/research/searching/overseasrecords/index.asp><http://www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/research/searching/overseasrecords/index.asp>

Find a lost Windows Product Key

In order to install or reinstall Microsoft Windows you must have access to a Product Key for that version of the operating system. The product key can typically be found on a yellow sticker on the CD case of the installation CD, or on a small Microsoft sticker on the outside of the PC's case (if the OS came preinstalled on the machine). If you no longer have access to the product key then you will effectively "lose" a Windows license if you ever have to reinstall the operating system.

Solution

There are several methods you can use to uncover a lost product key for a version of Windows that you currently have installed. For older versions of Windows you can read the Product key from the Windows Registry. Click Start /Run and then type regedit and click OK For Windows 95 and Windows 98, browse to this key:

HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\current Version \ product ID

As the bulk of our members are Microsoft XP users they should use BELARC ADVISOR(Free Personal PC Audit) http://www.belarc.com/free_download.html which can also be accessed through Google. This is worth while downloading as it provides a full audit of your computer and records Key's of all other applications that you have installed.

. Bob Lindsay

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