



Kapiti Branch

July 2005

Conveners Comment:-

Once again we have witnessed a horrific terrorist attack, this time in a place familiar to many of us, London. Made more poignant and terrifying as many in the Branch are searching for ancestors in the Greater London region and will be familiar with its history and place in the international scale of things. Not that war, persecution, intolerance, political convenience, incompetence and international manipulation are strangers to that history. But that is no excuse for this dreadful modern reaction to events past and present.

I hope as genealogists researching the past through our family history, we can better appreciate the need for understanding and tolerance. The next generations in NZ and elsewhere will be vastly different in ethnic mix, beliefs and outlook as the global effects of migration, employment, business and infrastructure ownership and instant communication take further effect. We do have a role, small that it is, to contribute to a constructive awareness of change.

We have access to the Census records of England & Wales for 1861/71/81/91/1901 and can scan the enumerator's records. These tell us much about our ancestors. All you have to do is fill in a KapitiGen Forum form off our website or at monthly meetings and submit. On the issue of websites our June meeting on-line demo of key sites such as Cyndis List, GENUKI, Free BMD, FamilySearch(LDS) and others was well received. A reminder that our own website has a linkpage to all these sites.

Newspapers will always be a major resource for genealogists which is why we have invited Nigel Murphy of the National Library to talk to us at the July 26 meeting. NatLib has a huge collection of newspapers dating back to early European settlement available for searching in person and in some cases on-line. At our August meeting we are trying to re-schedule the expose on the Waiouru Army Museum.

Again we have been successful in obtaining a grant for Branch resources, this time \$1200 from Pub Charity for further purchases of CDs and microfiche. We will keep you posted as new items are added to the library collection

Clive Palmer

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Recently I have been using a pay to view web site called British Origins. Some of the records available are;

England & Wales Census 1841

Counties: Cambridgeshire, Derbyshire, Devon, Dorset, Essex, Gloucestershire (includes Bristol), Lincolnshire, Norfolk, Nottinghamshire, Somerset and Suffolk. The 1841 census was the very first in the UK to contain names. A full index to and digitised images of the complete census for England & Wales will become available over the coming months.

England & Wales Census 1871

Counties: Glamorgan, London-Kent, London-Middlesex, Middlesex (ex Metro), London-Surrey, Surrey (ex Metro) and Wiltshire. A full index to and digitised images of the original 1871 Census records for the above counties. Further counties will be added on a regular basis.

Boyd's Marriage Index 1538-1840 over 7 million names

An index to English marriages taken from copies of parish marriage registers, Bishop's Transcripts and marriage licences covering all English counties, though none completely. Registers from over 4,300 parishes have been indexed.

Marriage Licence Allegations Index 1694-1850 over 670,000 names

The Vicar-General and Faculty Office indexes contain the names of over 670,000 people issued with marriage licences, identifying couples, particularly Londoners, who intended to marry.

Prerogative Court of Canterbury Wills Index 1750-1800 over 208,000 names

Wills have been proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury since 1383 and are now preserved in The National Archives, London. Via this index you can order copies of the wills from the Society of Genealogists.

Apprentices of Great Britain 1710-1774 about 350,000 indentures

These records are abstracts from tax records kept by the Inland Revenue. They are of exceptional value to the family history researcher. Indentures from all over Great Britain are included, about 20% are Scottish.

If you pay for the full access you will also get access to records covering Ireland and a few Scottish records. The cost is 10 British pounds per month there are also a lot of other records available this is just a small sample.

The web site is <http://www.britishorigins.com/> and well worth it for those in need of the 1841 census. More counties will be added.

Sue Greene.

Notices:-

New Members. Welcome to new members Wendy Norman and Noel Martin who have joined us since the last Newsletter

What Offers? If any member would like copies of NZSG "The Genealogist" for the years 1993-2000 or the loan of the same,

These have some very interesting articles in them

Please contact Rosemary (04) 902-1927.

Round Robins: Have you a special area you are interested in? Perhaps there are other members also searching in the same place. Have you thought of sharing resources? Our Club currently subscribes annually to "Irish Roots" and "Australian Family Connections". Interested members pay a small fee to cover the cost and then can read and pass on. The more members interested, the lower the fee. This is one way to gather information without having to pay prohibitive subscriptions. Anyone interested should contact Meryl Opie: email opiemb@@xtra.co.nz

Supper Helpers: As announced recently, now that we have kitchen facilities at our Meeting Venue we are returning to the past practice of calling for volunteers (by initials of surname) to assist with supper duties, particularly the serving and the tidying up afterwards. , July: A - B

GenGuides: Following January's interesting talk by Sue GREENE on the NZSG Record Collections, all our then existing local stocks of the relevant GenGuides:- (#41 Strays & More, #43 Pre-1856 NZ Marriage Records Collection, #44 NZSG Certificates, and #45 New Zealand First Families) were exhausted. Local stocks have now been replenished and so those who missed out may obtain them this month. They are free of charge.

Ink Cartridges: A periodic reminder that we are collecting used printer cartridges for recycling and to raise funds for the Branch. Any inkjet or bubble cartridges are wanted: e.g. Canon, Hewlett Packard, Lexmark, Epson. There will be a small box at Meetings, in front of the Notice Board, into which these may be placed. Alternatively, there is another box located in the central part of our locked cabinet upstairs at Paraparaumu Library, which may be used at any time.
Derek Griffis

Meeting Dates & Times

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

Computer SIG:- 7.30pm, 2nd Monday, of every second month in the Paraparaumu Public Library (meeting room) -Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct and Dec

Note:- The 2005 Programme of Activities is on our website [Click here](#)

Kapiti Legacy Users SIG:

The next meeting will be on Saturday 27th August 2005, at the Masonic Hall in Tararua Street Paraparaumu. Doors open @ @ 1.00pm with a 2.00pm start. Subject is "Recording Resources". The entry charge is \$3.00 (For hall hire, tea and coffee). For further details: contact Gerald Twiss: gero@@ihug.co.nz or kapitilegacy@@hotmail.com

Wanted to Buy

The newly formed Kilbirnie Branch of NZSG wish to obtain a Fiche Reader, if you

have one gathering dust or taking up unnecessary space, Please contact Hanley Hoffmann ph 04 904 3276 Waikanae or email hdhoffmann@paradise.net.nz

Reports:-

Library Report:-

The new books, mentioned in the last report have now been security tagged and are on the shelves. We now have "Donated by." stickers to go into those books which have come from generous members, although the booklets "Letters From Gunner 7/5 16 and Gunner 7/5 17" and "The Queens and Regimental Colours Presentation to the Second Battalion... Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment" were mistakenly attributed to Deborah Shuker. Thanks to Deborah for the correction, but I would like to know who the anonymous donor is.

You will note that we now have markers, thanks to Judy, so if you take a book out would you please insert a marker in its place and it can then be quickly returned to its correct order without the hassle of looking up the catalogue each time. Your help in this will be much appreciated.

Alison Procter

Big Game Hunting

Three of our members spent up to 5 days on the trip to New Plymouth for this weekend. The other two had ancestral connections with Taranaki, so were able to investigate the Puke Ariki library and family graves in some of the cemeteries in the area and the extra time was not wasted.

It was a surprise to find out that, apart from ourselves, only New Plymouth and Stratford branch members turned up. I expected there would be many from other NZSG branches around the central North Island would have taken the opportunity to join in. Vivienne Parker and Keith Vautier had so much information, experience and handouts to share with us. Both days started at 9 a.m, Saturday finishing at 4.30 p.m. and Sunday an hour earlier as Vivienne and Keith were travelling back to Auckland There were only short breaks for morning and afternoon teas and lunches.

Keith opened proceedings by sharing the contents of his briefcase. "Don't use scraps of paper which can get lost - Use large notebooks" (He had several). Pencils, sharpener, and eraser were included. He also took his mobile phone with him to call for transport after he finished for the day. Keith had excellent advice on listing sources properly to ensure that the information was recorded at the time, saving the necessity of going over it all again at some later date. Shipping mainly covered the various assisted passages schemes and where to find the records in the Archives, on the InterNet (a handout gave a list of some useful addresses) and the Family History Library catalogue.

There was a sessions on U.K. Parish Records, Using the Internet, Occupational Records (which included apprenticeships, Mobility in Britain

In "The Big Game Hunting" session we were in groups of 6 or 7, hopefully with a mixture of beginners and experience genealogists, and set an exercise of tracing a fictitious family tree, carefully noting the cost of accessing records, whether they be parish records, various censuses, BMD certificates etc. These were provided by the Public Records Office (Keith) and had to be returned before the next document was made available. One group cut down the costs by using the telephone! I think we all learnt something from this exercise.

The final session was "Disproving the Written Word". Keith presented his research, as he had found it, and Vivienne kept interrupting with corrections from other sources.

All told it was a worthwhile weekend, catering for beginners and the more experienced genealogists alike. A copy of the notes will be put into our library shortly.

Alison Procter

Lower North Island Irish Interest Group

Levin 2nd July 2005 For those interested in Irish Research there was a wealth of information among the books scattered on the tables around the room, along with IGI microfiche and Microfiche readers, read them, were in great demand for the IGI material There were two or three computers set up for the numerous CD-ROMs that were made available.

The room was packed with interest browsers, some first time researchers and others more experienced with several willing Group members there to help the novices.

The first Lower North Island Irish Interest Group visit was to Wairarapa on Monday 18th April 7.30 - 10pm, which was a most successful evening, with researchers going home happy with their discoveries.

Taihape, on Saturday 14th May. A full day from 10am - 4pm. It was held in the Council Chamber rooms, at the Taihape Town Hall. Many who were within traveling distance came along and joined us. (Two traveling up from Fielding) Several researchers went home happy after having a find. Two Ladies living in the same town, who attended, discovered they belonged to the same family tree and shared a lot of information with each other. Two very happy ladies.

Kilbirnie, on 1st June 9.30am - 1pm. A very successful meeting with researchers finding connections.

Otaki Branch has penciled in for a date sometime in October so when the date is confirmed we will let you know where, when, and what time. Keep an eye out for the flyer at branch meetings.

These research days are not restricted to NZSG or branch members, so if you have a friend doing family history research in Ireland, bring them along to any of our meetings. .We have plenty of new and exciting Irish research resources to help you find those elusive ancestors.

We are compiling a card Index of all the names and counties you are researching, in the hope we can unite some of you researching the same names and places.

We are willing to assist you (members) with your research, but please restrict your requests to one at a time and please don't expect it to be all done for you, as discovering your ancestors yourself is half the fun, besides you don't want us doing your genealogy dance for you when we discover your lost ancestor.

For further details please contact Jenny Martin jenmartin@@paradise.net.nz Ph (04) 478 7621

Kapiti Branch will put an Irish Research Meeting day on the agenda in the 2006 programme

EASYTREE - Family Tree Wallchart.

We still have a limited amount of charts available at the special birthday offer rate and July 2005 is the last month for this offer. Hellrich Heirlooms and the Easytree Family Tree Wallchart are ten years old. To celebrate, we have a very special offer for all NZSG Branches.

Many Branches have ordered and re-ordered from us over the years and to say thank you, we are making a fantastic offer. The normal deal that I offer to NZSG groups is \$15 per unit plus \$5 courier charge couriered to one physical address and for a minimum order of five units. That makes a total of \$80 or \$16 per chart in cylinder.

I am currently offering to NZSG groups the chance to buy at \$13 per chart plus \$5 courier charge couriered to one physical address. That makes a total of \$70 or \$14 per chart. A minimum of five charts has to be purchased to avail yourselves of this offer. All charts are packaged in a sturdy white cylinder and come with full instructions. This is only \$1 more than the original price that they were offered at in 1995! There are limited supplies and we can only make the offer available whilst current printing stocks last.

As I have indicated in the past, I am quite happy for clubs to put a little markup on them if they wish and on sell to members. Otherwise, members could just get

together and order them collectively between themselves.

If you would like to visit my site and have a look, the website address is at the bottom of this email.

You can order by letter, phone, fax or email. Please send the cheque and mailing details to me at 1 Traford Street, Gore 9700 and dispatch will be immediate.

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Genealogy is the new national craze

A recent survey by Genes Reunited, www.genesreunited.co.uk the sister website of www.Findakiwi.co.nz, has revealed that tracing the family tree is turning into a national craze that spans generations. The site has become so popular that two million names are being added worldwide every month, with families being connected every 30 seconds.

Of more than 2000 respondents to the survey posted on the Genes Reunited site, the age of those researching their family trees was spread evenly between 26 and 65 years old. The majority began their search out of curiosity and over a quarter have traced their ancestry back more than three centuries, while 15% of respondents have gone as far back as 1600 and beyond.

Internet technology has created millions of 'cyber detectives' who are harnessing the web's incredible resources and unlocking the secrets in their family tree. The recent surge in interest has seen over six million names added in the last three months alone, taking the number of listings to over 20 million. Anthony Adolph, an expert genealogist who has studied family ancestry for over fifteen years, says: "The number of people interested in the subject is growing far faster than anyone had ever anticipated. The fact that half of those surveyed have only just begun mapping their family history is astonishing and Genes Reunited's contribution to this phenomenon has clearly been considerable. "I'm fascinated to see that the traditional goal of trying to find a link to royalty hardly features in the scale of people's motivation for tracing their family trees, instead the majority are simply driven by a curiosity to know where they have come from."

Here is an interesting discovery made by a Genes Reunited member: o Alan Papprell, 57, Manukau City , New Zealand

With only 33 Papprell families existent in New Zealand , the UK and Australia , Alan thought tracing his ancestry would be a tough challenge. However, he soon discovered that a Silas Papprell was credited with conducting the first trial of the telephone in Christchurch in February 1878. Alan has also traced blacksmiths, engravers and tea and fur merchants in this family history dating back to 1600.