



Kapiti Branch

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www.rootsweb.com/~nzlsgkb/

July 2008 Newsletter

Upcoming meetings:



Sunday 20 July
10am - 4pm
Scottish/Irish Research Day
Kapiti Community Centre

\$10 at the door, no registration required
Online research, specialist reference books, expert research assistance.

Irish Interest Group, Lower North Island (Jenny Martin) and Scottish Interest Group Greater Wellington Area (Pen Brown).

For more information contact Derek Griffis or Jackie Holland (phone numbers on page 4).

Monday 21 July 1.30pm

Family Tree Maker Special Interest Group
contact Hanley Hoffmann (see page 4)

Tuesday 22 July

Kapiti branch meeting
What's happening at NZSG
with NZSG Executive Officer Peter Nash
7pm research facilities and help available
7.30pm questions
7.45pm main session begins

Saturday 2 August 10-12noon

Help with your research
Alison Procter Family History Centre upstairs, Paraparaumu Library

Monday, 11 August, 7.30pm

Computer-Friendly Genealogy
Find my past/Ancestors on Board sites
Speaker: Clive Palmer

Looking ahead:

Thursday 14 August (note date change)

Visit to National Library 10.30am
Meet in the library foyer
Includes ordering service of LDS films and Alexander Turnbull Library. Register with Jackie Holland (see page 4) **by 2 August.**



Tuesday 26 August

Kapiti branch meeting
Help with your research
Laptops, online, CD databases, microfiche collection, and. . . .

Genealogy sale at August meeting

- see page 3 for details

Saturday 6 September, 10- 12noon

Help with your research
Alison Procter Family Research Centre upstairs, Paraparaumu Library

Monday 8 September 7.30pm

Computer-Friendly Genealogy
GED Coms

Meeting venues

All meetings are held in the Kapiti Community Centre, Ngahina Street, Paraparaumu unless stated otherwise.

Need a ride to Branch or Computer-Friendly Genealogy meetings? Jackie Holland will co-ordinate car pools. Ring her on 293-2296 if you would like to be picked up or if you can offer a seat in your vehicle.

Dates for 2008

The complete list of meeting dates and topics for 2008 is available on the Branch webpage, www.rootsweb.com/~nzlsgkb/

For your calendar:

Writing Personal Experience

26-27 July

Kapiti Coast Friends of the Library are hosting this two-day workshop conducted by Lindsay Rabbit. The cost is \$45. Brochures and more information at any of the Kapiti Libraries.



**Scottish Interest Group
Greater Wellington
winter meeting
Sunday 17 August
1 pm to 4 pm**

St Oran's College, 550 High Street, Lower Hutt
Resources from Auckland about deaths, cemeteries, headstone inscriptions, mortcloths, obituaries, etc as well as the group's own usual resources will be available. There'll be a **small charge** to cover expenses.

WEA course (four weeks)

Researching your family history

starting Tuesday 30 September, 2-4pm
Paraparaumu Library
Tutor: Rachel Brown
Contact WEA for details: 293-8077 or
[office\(at\)kapitiwea.org.nz](mailto:office(at)kapitiwea.org.nz)

Find your family (at) Coastlands

Labour Weekend, October 2008

We need 30 volunteers at this event for one morning or one afternoon each. Contact Jackie Holland if you can help.

Australasian Federation of Family History

Organisations congress (AFFHO)

16-20 January 2009

Kings College, Auckland

The New Zealand Society of Genealogists is hosting this congress, which is held every three years. It will replace the Queen's Birthday conference in 2009.

The theme is **Preserving the past for the future**, and there are four streams: Migration, History, Technology and Preservation. Over four days there will be 14 lectures in each stream, as well as eight plenary lectures and a number of two-hour workshops.

You can register online, making programme choices and booking accommodation with a credit card at www.affhocongress2009.org. You can also go to that website to download a registration form and pay by cheque. Post the form to Secretary, AFFHO Congress, P O Box 14188, Panmure, 1741.

Write to the secretary if you would like a registration form to be mailed to you. A list of speakers can be found in the May/June issue of *The New Zealand Genealogist*.

Early bird registration, due by 30 September 2008, costs \$395, and includes programme

choices, lunches and morning and afternoon teas.

Convenor's comment

Another busy month, with July being the halfway house of 2008. **Sunday 20 July** sees our Irish and Scottish research day from 10am to 4pm at the Kapiti Community Centre. Lots of help and resources from two groups coming up from Wellington to run the day. CDs, books, microfiche and online facilities should make it a must for those with Celtic ancestors.

Then on **Tuesday 22 July**, our monthly meeting will host Peter Nash, Executive Officer of our parent body, the New Zealand Society of Genealogists (NZSG) who will update us on the resources available through our national society. This will be an excellent opportunity for our associate members to learn more about benefits of national access to resources to complement those we can offer. NZSG members will also find this a useful occasion to be updated on where the Society is going and future plans.

We are pleased to confirm that Kapiti and Otaki Branches have been invited for a second year to provide the technical wherewithal for October **Labour Weekend's** "Find Your Family (at) Coastlands". Some 12 national groups have indicated interest plus an international organisation. We will keep you posted, but a key event will be presentations by several national identities on their family history, aided and abetted by our help with finding those skeletons in the cupboards. Watch this space.
- Clive Palmer

**Introducing . . . Jackie Holland
Kapiti Branch programme organiser**

I began genealogy, once I gave up full time teaching, to follow up what my father had done for 20 years. He found a large number of family links through letters and meticulous research, with three journeys to England to research. My job has been to put all of the information on a package on the computer. I still have much to do. I have been lucky to meet with some of these relatives in England, seeing burial grounds and old homes.

As you will all understand, I have got caught up with genealogy. I've successfully traced my grandmother's father's family with the help of a historian in a small town called Farsund in southern Norway. My great-grandfather was a

Norwegian sailor who jumped ship in Australia and later gained naturalisation, then married an English woman, Mary Ann Mann, and had 12 children. I have been fortunate in finding his sister's family near Oslo and meeting them in 2004 and 2007 along with 60 relatives. It was a wonderful experience. I still have some loose ends to follow up there.

Now I'm following my husband's relatives, who came to New Zealand around 1827. It has become quite a challenge trying to link up with relatives in England.

I am employed part time at a local art gallery which is interesting and stimulating. In my spare time I look after a small block of land with accompanying animals, spend time with family and friends, and enjoy driving my donkeys when I have a spare minute or three.



Branch notes

New members

Welcome to Barbara MOUNTIER and Sherryn HINKLEY, who have become members since the previous newsletter. We now have 231 branch members.

Brenda Margaret MACDONALD

It is with sadness that we report that local branch member Brenda Macdonald died peacefully at Waikanae Country Lodge on Monday 16 June 2008, after having suffered a serious stroke late last year. She was 79, and had four children, seven grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Brenda was a member of the then independent Computer Group when it merged with Kapiti Branch in 2004, and served for that first year on our Branch Committee.

Branch meeting report



In June, archivist Ken Scadden described what it was like travelling to New Zealand by ship in the 19th century. With fascinating examples, he told about the dangers they faced.

These included collisions with 50-mile long icebergs in the Southern Ocean, fires on board ship miles from land, storms at sea that swept away people, livestock and parts of the ship, collisions with other ships in the busy English

Channel and the spread of disease, which was fatal to many children.

Often, emigrants hadn't seen the sea before, let alone sailed on it, so it was hard for them to know how much to worry when the hatches were battened down and they were left in the dark (candles prohibited during storms for fear of fire) in the turbulent seas, while others were seasick around them.

As the person thanking the speaker noted, those who listened won't complain about the discomforts of air travel ever again.

Wanted: Genealogy material and more to sell at August meeting

In the early part of our August monthly branch meeting we propose having a number of sale items available as a branch fundraising activity. Wanted for re-sale are

- (1) Genealogically relevant books, magazines, microfiche, and CDs – but absolutely **no** *New Zealand Genealogist* magazines thanks, as you cannot give these away. Contact Derek Griffis for collection and storage.
- (2) Anything else, within reason, that has the potential to be sold. Contact Sandy White for collection or storage, on 04 293-6975 or [tersan\(at\)xttra.co.nz](mailto:tersan(at)xttra.co.nz).

Library news

Found in other branch newsletters received this month: Balclutha: a most interesting article on photos on sticky pages plus two great stories. Levin: excellent write up of the conference, much commented on. Quite chocker with news. Plus the usual branch letters. Do browse through these, there are always helpful hints/ideas.

Sales and raffles

Please start sorting out those books, magazines, genealogy items etc. for the sales table in August. Remember, one man's treasure.....!

Also thank you for supporting our raffles - it helps keeps the subs down as they pay for the hire of the hall for our monthly meetings.

Help desk

Valerie Freeman runs the "Help Desk" at our main monthly meetings, but those seeking basic advice and guidance on Family History research may also ring her at home (298-7396) at any time, within reason!

Special Interest Groups:

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On the web

Archives New Zealand reference guides to resources have been updated. They can be found online at
www.archives.govt.nz/doingresearch/researchinfo/refguides.php

NSZG website

Well worth a search through the project register under Members Only menu to see what work is underway
http://www.genealogy.org.nz/Search_Register_407.aspx

The first release of the **2008 Electoral Roll** for the UK is now available at www.192.com.

New Zealand shipboard diaries

This link takes you to a list of diaries available on the site. Some ships are *Bengal Merchant* (1840), *Mariner* (1849), *Canterbury* (1851), *Roman Emperor* (1860), *Excelsior* (1870), *Pleiades* (1886). Listed as coming soon is the diary of Isaac HARDY who sailed to Port Chalmers in 1849 on the *Larkins*.
<http://www.yesteryears.co.nz/shipping/shipdiary.html>

Births, Marriages, Deaths and Censuses

Cheshire is the first county to offer on-line ordering of certificates. For now it covers the three main regions of Cheshire, namely East, West and Central, but it is hoped that other regions within Cheshire, and the other

counties, will offer this facility in the future.
www.cheshirebmd.org.uk

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