

Kapiti Branch

New Zealand Society of Genealogists
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Editors Corner.

The Computer Friendly group meeting for June was a discussion on publishing. There were some interesting and varied publications that members bought along. As this was such an interesting topic we will look at this again for our 2012 programme.

For the first time since the Computer Friendly group has been meeting we cancelled our July meeting due to the appalling weather conditions that week. Our apologies to anyone who did turn up. I will include the topic using Rootsweb lists etc. in the August meeting if there is time.

Please all members note the following.

Every month we change the passwords on the computers. The reason for this is to make sure that the resources are only used by those who are current members of the branch.

The reason we have the sign in book at the counter down stairs is to make sure that members show their current membership card to library staff. Once again to ensure only current branch members are using our facilities.

Signing the attendance book is a requirement too since it is from this book that we obtain our statistical returns for not only the Charities Commission but also Pub Charities who gave us the money for the equipment.

"You pay a sub for this privilege. In the past we found that ex members who knew the pass words were using the facilities."

When using Findmypast.com **DO NOT** click "SIGN OUT" to close Findmypast just close the web page.

If you have any items to submit to the newsletter email Sue Greene at sueg-97@xtra.co.nz or tel: 063648196. **Copy closes the 2nd Wed each month.**

June Branch Meeting.

June meeting speaker was our APFHC Librarian Bev Chappell on Wills and Probates. Bev explained how to use the resources of ArchivesNZ indexes to locate wills and probates and the vast amount of useful information contained in them. These covered clues to family members and their names, occupations, land descriptions, handwriting and signatures and an insight into the social mores of the time



**THE
ANCESTRAL DANCE**

**THURSDAY 18 AUGUST
4PM & 7.30PM**

**SOUTHWARDS, OTAIHANGA RD
PARAPARAUMU**

**With SIR JON TRIMMER
Royal New Zealand Ballet**

A trip down the memory lane of this well known dancer and actor whose first paternal ancestor arrived in NZ five generations ago from England to the Royal New Zealand Fencibles; and maternal line from the potteries of Staffordshire.

He will also share stories of his favourites in 50 years of dancing, and growing up in an artistic and musical family.

***Full details on our website.* In short - a stamped addressed return envelope to Jackie Holland, 95 Greenhill Rd, R.D.1, Waikanae, indicating number of tickets and session - cheques to "Kapiti Genealogy"; on sale at our monthly Branch meetings; or from Fibre Flair, Main Rd, Waikanae; Unichem Pharmacy, Kapiti Lights, Paraparaumu; Furnishing Affair, Margaret Rd, Raumati Beach; Genevieve Flowers, Beach Road, Paekakariki.**

**Cafeteria open for refreshments and light snacks
Exhibition and DVD display of his career and family.**

Meetings

Alison Proctor Family History Centre. Upstairs in the library. APFHC
Kapiti Community Centre, 15 Ngahina Street. (near the Paraparaumu Library.
Kapiti Community Centre.

Start time 7pm supper, 7.30pm Q & A session sharing experiences, 7.45pm
guest speaker.

For full details go to the branch web site at
<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nzlsgkb/> Click on programmes.

Meetings coming up: July.

Thursday Jul 21st. Research session. Structured research session on NZ birth death marriage records. On line and microfiche. 5pm-8pm. (APFHC)



“The A to J's are the Appendices to the Journals of the House of Representatives. They are the documentary record of every report, memo, document, and correspondence tabled in the NZ house of representatives. The A to J's website works just like Papers Past, and in fact uses the same technological platform. It has only been around since late last year, and we have just added new content (as of yesterday) - it now covers 1861 - 1906, 116 volumes, and something like 128,000 pages. Aside from being a social and political record of great significance, it is also becoming a genealogical resource of some use – it is chock full of lists of names. The address is <http://atojs.natlib.govt.nz>.”

August.

Thursday August 18th. YURU Sir Jon Trimmer. The Ancestral Dance. Tickets \$10.00 4pm and 7.30pm Southwards, Otaihanga.

Tuesday August 23rd. Branch meeting. History of photography, Bill Main. (To be confirmed) (KCC).

Friday August 26th. Family History Month visits. Archives NZ and Alexander Turnbull Library. 9.45-10.45 and 11-12pm. Wellington.

September.

Tuesday Sep. 27th. Branch meeting Tony Looorporg, Estonian Honorary Consul.

Interest Groups.

FTMUG (Family Tree Maker user group), LUG (Legacy User Group), IIG (Irish Interest Group), CFG (Computer friendly Group), AIG (Australian Interest Group), SIG (Scottish Interest Group)

AUGUST.

Sat Aug 20 FTMUG 9.30am to 12.30pm KCC

Sat Aug 20 LUG 12.30pm to 4.30pm KCC

SEPTEMBER

Sat Sept 10 Irish Interest Group (IIG) 9.30-12.00noon APFHC

Mon Sep 12 CFG 7.30pm KCC Using Virtual Libraries online

worldwide Tues Sept 20 AIG 10am to 12noon APFHC

OCTOBER

Sat Oct 8 Irish Interest Group (IIG) 9.30-12.00noon APFHC

Mon Oct 10 CFG 7.30pm KCC Investigating sites to submit your family tree online
Tues Oct 18 AIG 10am to 12noon APFHC

Sat Oct 29 FTMUG 9.30am to 12.30pm KCC

Sat Oct 29 LUG 12.30pm to 4.30pm KCC

New members.

We welcome the following new members. Humphrey BABBAGE, Brian MIDDLETON, Myra COLLETT, Elaine STAPLETON, Adam & Helen KAKE, Diane COPSON, Nicole STEPHENSON, Richard MORGAN, Marion PATTERSON-GREEN, Carole STEVENS and Doreen BAULD.

Tea makers at July branch meeting. M-R.

Alison Procter Family History Centre – what's on

Open 7 days a week, Paraparaumu Public Library, Mezzanine Floor during Library hours. See our website for details of the extensive book, microfiche and CD collection plus access to 4 PCs and several microfiche readers. This is the core of our services to members. Access is by presenting your membership and library card at the Information Desk on the Ground Floor. Check out the User Guide in the drawer unit for computer access codes and other information. FREE access to ancestry.com, findmypast.com, New Zealand Gazette Archive and heaps of other web based sites.

Help Sessions.

Every Wednesday 10am to 12noon – help with your research, volunteers on hand to give guidance. Dates for **July, Wed 20,27. Aug. Wed, 3,10,17,24,31. Sep. Wed 7,14,21,28. Oct. Wed 5,12,19,26**

FamNet.

Go to <http://www.famnet.org.nz/> and log in.

This site is free to use to all Kapiti Branch members until 2012.

On the Web This Month

Australian Irish

National Museum of Australia

<http://www.nma.gov.au/irish/>

Many Irish did cross the ditch after being in Australia.

Even if they came to NZ directly there are lots of tips and hints worth browsing through if you have Irish research interests.

Suggested Model Disaster Recovery Contract Available Online

From Dick Eastman's Genealogy newsletter... 24-6-2011

Time and again, I have reported on losses of historic documents, caused by fires, floods, earthquakes, burst water pipes, and even one building collapse a year or so ago. All of those sad events raise a question: "How can we salvage what is left?"

The quick answer is: "plan NOW for future disasters."

The Library of Congress Preservation Directorate has created a model Collections Emergency Response Contract that can be consulted by other institutions for their own collections emergency response contract development. The contract describes the services and associated requirements for stabilization and recovery of the institution's collections when it is confronted with a disaster that affects or has affected its collections and the magnitude of the disaster outstrips the resources of the institution to respond effectively.

The Library of Congress stresses the following:

Advance planning to mitigate the risk and damage from disasters is key to institutional recovery after a disaster. There are actions that can be taken in advance to reduce damage to collections, and there are workflows that can enhance recovery of materials. Creating a Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) will assist an institution in returning to regular operations after a disaster, even if collections are not immediately available for use. Recommendations are compiled here to provide a convenient, efficient access to key concepts for reducing risks and planning before disaster-related emergencies. These suggestions are general, and based on good practice in libraries, archives, museums, and other collections-holding institutions. They may be superseded by requirements of a specific institution or emergency, or by the instructions of civil defence or other emergency responders.

If you are responsible for any sort of archive, you might want to read the information that starts at <http://goo.gl/py0bO>.

Scottish Interest Group.

Coming up in August.

The NZSG Scottish Interest Group of Greater Wellington will be holding a research afternoon with their resources in the Meeting Room at the Petone Public Library, Britannia Street, Petone on Saturday 13 August 2011 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm, Door charge \$3, all welcome.
Contact Pen Brown, 389 7211.

NZSG Conference 2011 Proceedings

A reminder to all: copies of the Conference Proceedings "A Golden Opportunity" are available from the Dunedin Branch NZSG. 132 pp.; illustrated. \$35 (incl. P+p). Note overseas postage is an additional \$NZ6.

Write to the Dunedin Branch NZSG, PO Box 6534, Dunedin. Cheques payable to Conference Committee, Dunedin Branch

What can happen between wars:

By Lorna Henderson.

Recently found in the American draft registration cards on ancestry -two brothers registered on the same day in 1917, both claiming exemption because of loss of limb. One is shown as both legs and an arm (but height described as tall), the other as missing his left arm & right foot.

Roll forward to the 1942 draft and the former is only shown as having lost his left arm, and the latter has "none" recorded under the heading of "physical characteristics which would aid identification".

Medical miracles?

WHY YOU SHOULD JOIN NZSG

Those of you who belong to the Branch as Associates are not members of our parent body and are missing out on heaps of resources and research help. So why not consider an upgrade and particularly if you feel your confidence level has reached a point where wider access to resources could be useful.

The engine room of the Society is the Family Research Centre in Panmure, Auckland, but a team of volunteers can search appropriate resources for members irrespective of where they live. The Library collection has a loan service and requests can be made on line. Members also have online access to a huge database of material with links to other agencies. While NZSG can help you with your international family research it has specialist collections of data on New Zealand immigration including BMD certificates, First Families, Pedigree records and much more.

Go to the Society's website at www.genealogy.org.nz and browse through the information on resources available and how to join. There are also items that can be purchased. Key information about the resources is also contained in a series of „Gen Guides” and you can pick these up at Branch monthly meetings. Application forms for membership are available at the APFHC and other district libraries.

The Society's journal "*The New Zealand Genealogist*" is published 6 times a year with further information on services available, updates of international genealogy news and local stories. Copies are in both the public libraries and at APFHC. There are special interest groups with ethnic and geographical focus. A member e-mail message board allows sharing of information and requests for assistance.

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