



Kapiti Branch, New Zealand Society of Genealogists

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June 2006 Newsletter

Next Meetings:-

Kapiti Branch:- Tuesday 27th of June 7.30pm. The future of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists.
Speaker:- Peter Nash Executive Officer. Kapiti Community Centre.

Visit:- Saturday 8th July 1pm.:- Upper Hutt LDS Family History Centre. Car share trip.

Winter Meeting:- Saturday 1st July 10am. Help with your research –Research Room, Paraparaumu Library

Computer SIG:- Monday 10th of July 7.30pm. Housework on your computers

Legacy (SIG):- Saturday 24th June 1pm. Sources and backing up your files.

CONVENERS COMMENT:-

Our special guest at the June 27 meeting of the Branch is Peter Nash, Executive Director of the NZ Society of Genealogists –our parent body. He is the first full time EO of the Society, and the creation of this position recognises the need to separate management from the governance role of the elected Council. It further acknowledges the growth of the Society and the need for greater marketability and accountability.

As Convenor of Kapiti Branch my allegiance is to the promotion of family history research –period! Branches are in a unique situation to provide members with a balanced portfolio and wide range of activities so that members can make their own choices as to who and what they belong to and get involved in. The fact that we have both members & non-members of NZSG is viewed by some as non-PC. To me it is a huge benefit and one I hope will be acknowledged eventually as a powerhouse of genealogy interest not necessarily as Branches, (which I suggest is an inappropriate arrangement in this day and age), but with a group affiliation relationship with our major NZ family history provider. As one of the largest branches in the country, Kapiti can take a lead.

Nevertheless and notwithstanding, for those of you who are not members of NZSG take a moment to explore their website at www.genealogy.org.nz. The facilities and services of NZSG are very extensive. Library material can be borrowed through an on-line service. Research services cover advice, searches and where to go next. Publications & other resources for sale abound. You can request searches of England & Wales General Register Office and order certificates (I

use this service frequently). Likewise for UK probates, Australian and Scottish Certificates. Specialist NZ collections cover matching brides and grooms 1840 – 1956, schools records look-ups, first families, strays and more, certificates, cemeteries, shipping. Even an Internet e-mail ‘chat’ site. Members-only Index CD#4.

Special Interest Groups cover North America, Huguenot, India, England & Wales, Maori, Computers and many more. And when you visit Auckland the Family Research Centre is a must. Pick up an information leaflet at our next Branch meeting Your choice.

Irrespective of whether you are an NZSG member or not, our June meeting will be a unique opportunity to get an update on what is happening in the Society, a view of its future and I hope lots of discussion about options and improvements from YOU –the grassroots. Don’t let this opportunity pass!

Clive Palmer

COMPSIG:-Computer SIG

Now that winter is here it’s a good time to stay indoors and catch up on some genealogy. In stead of writing an article I thought I would give you some web sites worth having a look at.

There will be some repeated that you may all ready have but take a look at some of the other sites you may be surprised at what you will find as I did going back through websites I haven’t used for years. These sites all cover England. Some are pay to view but I am sure many of you will find some interesting reading which will keep you going for many hours on these long cold days. It would be nice to see members submitting web sites they have found useful..

[Cyndi's List of Genealogy Sites on the Internet](#)

[FamilySearch Internet Genealogy Service](#)

[192.com the largest UK directory enquiry service. A vision of Britain through time](#)

[Access to Archives](#)

[Homepage Around.co.uk](#)

[British Data Archive](#)

[British Origins - English genealogy search.](#)

[England ancestor records and England maps](#)

[BT PhoneNetUK - UK online phone directory](#)

[Cornwall Census - Table of Contents](#)

[Counties Gazetteer](#)

[Dictionary of Victorian London - Victorian History](#)

[- 19th Century London - Social History](#)

[Digital Library of Historical Directories](#)
[Dorset Genealogy Resources](#)
[England WorldGenWeb Site](#)
[England](#)
[Family Relatives](#)
[FreeBMD Home Page](#)
[FreeREG - Search English Parish Register](#)
[Transcripts and Indexes](#)
[Genealogy-Links - Derbyshire](#)
[GENUKI Home page](#)
[History of the Workhouse](#)
[http--www.1837online.com-](http://www.1837online.com)
[IGI Batch Numbers - British Isles and North America Index of Transcripts and Extracts of Parish Registers and Bishops's Transcripts](#)
[Lancashire Births Marriages & Deaths Lost Cousins](#)
[Maritime History and British Sailing Ships - Through Mighty Seas](#)
[Public Record Office The National Archives RAF Commands 1939 - 1945](#)
[Regiments.Org](#)
[Search the Proceedings of the Old Bailey](#)
[Somerset, England GenWeb](#)
[Streetmap.co.uk](#)
[THE COUNTRY HOUSE](#)
[DATABASE The UK BDM Exchange](#)
[thePeerage.com](#)
[UK BMD United Kingdom](#)
[Welcome to Stepping Stones](#)
[Online Winster Ancestry](#)
www.46thfoot.com
Sue Greene

Notices:-

Wellington Maritime Genealogy Group

We are seeking expressions of interest in forming a core group/network for people in greater Wellington with particular interest in the maritime side of genealogy and the genealogical side of maritime history and records relevant to both. The starting point would be genealogy but there is also plenty of scope for ship interests in the overlap area. We envisage meetings and workshops about maritime records and sharing resources and experience. However, the form and focus would be tailored to the initial expressions of interest so the possible scope and approach are quite open. For further information contact Jeremy Lowe j_lowe@ihug.co.nz phone (04) 972-4024 or Elizabeth Fisher fishpi10@yahoo.com phone (04) 478-1443

Scottish Research

On Thursday 6 July to Saturday 8 July 2006 there is an international conference at the Hunter Council Chamber at Victoria University of Wellington, on subject of Scots migrants in NZ with a history department emphasis, titled "Scots Abroad, the New Zealand Scots in International Perspective" with confirmed keynote speakers being: John Mackenzie (University of Aberdeen), Marjorie Harper (University

of Aberdeen), Michael Vance (St Mary's University, Halifax), Eric Richards (Flinders University of Adelaide) and Malcolm Prentis (Australian Catholic University, Sydney), being organised by the Stout Research Centre. For information and registration details please contact: Dr Brad Patterson, Director, Irish-Scottish Studies Programme, Victoria University of Wellington. Email: brad.patterson@vuw.ac.nz

Lower North Island Irish Interest Group

The Feilding Branch of NZSG will be hosting the next meeting and research day on the 29th of July 9.30am to 4.00pm at the St Johns ambulance hall, Bowen Street, Feilding. Entry \$5.00 BYO lunch tea and coffee available. There will be raffles and giveaways throughout the day + sales table all welcome. Contact: Bev Fryer 06 323 7122

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New Members

Welcome to new members: Colin CHRISTIE, Elaine & Timothy STAPLETON Mark DOYLE, Sonia BOOTH, and Russell BOWYER, who have joined us recently.

Supper Helpers

We are continuing with the practice of calling for volunteers (by initial of surname) on the night to assist with supper at our Monthly Meetings at the Kapiti Community Centre. In particular this calls for assistance with serving and with tidying up afterwards. June: K –M, July:- N –R August: S - Z Please make yourself known to Meryl, the Supper Organiser.

KCDC Library Hours

Further to the item in last month's Newsletter detailing the planned extension of Public Library hours, these new hours are to come into effect from Saturday 1st July. The introduction of Sunday opening (10am-2pm) at Paraparaumu will be particularly welcome to those members wishing to access our Research Resources but who are otherwise committed during standard week-day working hours.

Family Tree Charts

A very limited number of these are still on hand for sale, and will be available at the June Monthly Meeting. There are one each of 7-generation (\$2.50), 8-generation (\$3.00), 9-generation (\$3.00), and 12-generation (\$3.50). There are also a very few slightly tatty "shop-soiled" charts which make good working sheets, at \$1.00 each

Ink Cartridges

The collection of used printer ink cartridges (particularly Canon, Lexmark, Hewlett Packard, Epson) is a continuing fund-raising exercise, so please let me (Derek Griffis) have these on Monthly Meeting evenings, or by leaving them in the cardboard box in our steel cabinet upstairs at Paraparaumu Public Library. In the 18 months or so since we started the campaign we have received over \$500 from this source, so it is a valuable source of funds, as well as being an environmentally friendly activity

NZSG FAMILY RESEARCH CENTRE, PANMURE

The Kapiti Branch Committee has been looking at the feasibility of organising a Trip up to Auckland sometime, to visit the NZSG Family Research Centre Library at Panmure. For those with on-line computer access, library details can be obtained by going to: <http://www.genealogy.org.nz/> and clicking on "Family Research Centre" to reveal information on Session Times and Charges, and much more if you click on "FAQ". For details of holdings you need to have clicked on "Library". For those without computer access, in brief, the library is closed Tuesdays and Sundays but open for the other five days of the week, and charges are \$2 each for sessions (morning, afternoon, and occasionally evening) for members of NZSG, and \$15 per day or part day for non-members of NZSG.

For such a Trip to be worthwhile and worth the effort to organise, it would need to offer at least a couple of full day's research time in the library itself which, together with all the attendant travel, accommodation, and incidental costs, would lead to a total commitment per person of several hundred dollars, plus several days away from home. Before spending any more time working on developing such a proposed Trip the Committee would like some clear indication of support from those members who feel that they would like to participate. At the moment there are no particular dates in mind, nor any exact costs to hand, but we would be grateful if those members who think that they are likely to be interested would let us know (without commitment) by contacting the Secretary, Derek Griffis (Ph: 2931092 or email: kapiti@genealogy.org.nz)

KBNZSG 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, Feb-Dec in the Paraparaumu Public Library (downstairs)

Kapiti Legacy Users SIG:

The next meeting will be on Saturday 24th June 1pm. To be held at the Masonic Hall, in Tararua Street Paraparaumu. (off Hinemoa St). Doors open at 1pm meeting starts at 2pm. Entry charge has been kept to a minimum and will include hall hire, tea and coffee and any presenter's costs. For further details: contact Gerald Twiss: gero@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 meetings. The full years programme is on the [web site](#).

Library Report

Volunteers: With extra activities in the library, i.e. Wednesday training sessions/familiarization as well as a trial of 3 Saturday mornings over the winter; a couple of volunteers who are unable to continue taking a slot, and some unable to come at present due to health/travel or other commitments, I would appreciate more help coming forward. This is to do an occasional two-hour stint on a Wednesday morning, signing on for the key at the Library Information desk, opening up our cupboards and getting any researchers to register, noting whether they are members or potential members. Your level of expertise is helpful, (although, if not great, it is one way of learning what records we hold) and you have a chance to do your own research. The Davison's have been a great help in tidying up the library shelves over the past month or so. We disposed of the old telephone books, just before a visitor came up asking for them! However, I think she was looking for a more up-to-date issue, and found the information she wanted from our electoral rolls. At last I have been able to move the boxes of donated magazines out of the cupboards and onto the open shelves. Robin, from the Paraparaumu Library, has offered to purchase more magazine holders and these will be used for the donated magazines. Also, speaking of tidying up, the electoral rolls have now been given dividers. The first one appeared mysteriously and a further one followed later, meanwhile your Committee filled the gaps. Many thanks to the anonymous donor. Now we can consider looking at further purchases. **Alison Procter**

Scots 1841 Census online

Hard on the heels of the 1841 Census of England & Wales 1841 Census of Scotland has just become available, at www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk. Like the English & Welsh 1841 census, this one lacks later censuses' recording of marital status and relationship to the head of household. Ages over 15 are rounded down to a multiple of 5 years, and place of birth is merely "in same County" (Yes/No), or England, Ireland or Foreign.

Like the rest of the Scotland's People site, searching requires current "credits". Minimum purchase is 30 credits, for £6, which are valid for 7 consecutive days. Viewing a page of search results (listing up to 25 records) costs 1 credit. Viewing the digitised image of any of these costs 5 credits (i.e. £1). If you have expired credits from earlier sessions, these credits will be revived for a further 7 days by your fresh purchase.

While you're visiting this excellent site, you'll also be able to explore Scotland's civil registration records (from 1855) - births (to 1905), marriages (to 1930) and deaths (to 1955); Old Parish Records (1553-1854); wills (1513-1901); and the later censuses (1851-1901).

BOOK REVIEW

“TheSummerShips–being an account of the first six ships sent out from England to New Zealand by the Canterbury Association in 1850-1851”

by Colin Amodeo, The Caxton Press (2001), soft cover, A4, 358 pages, \$70.

My attention was caught by the title of this book, as much has been said about the first **four** ships (Charlotte Jane, Randolph, Sir George Seymour, and Cressy), but a lot less is said about the following two ships (Castle Eden, and Isabella Hercus), and I was already aware that a very distant family member (John RUTLAND, the eldest son of my Great Great Grandfather RUTLAND) had beaten me out here by over a century in emigrating on the Isabella Hercus..

This is a very well set out book, working progressively from the early planning stages by the Association, to the filling up of the ships with passengers, the various accounts of the trials and tribulations of the journeys out, to their safe arrival into a Canterbury that had as yet only a minimal population of any description. We are taken through their brief temporary accommodation in the basic Immigration Barracks awaiting them at Lyttelton before, as individuals or families, they made their various ways to the embryonic settlement of Christchurch. Once there, for most the first challenge was that of organising permanent accommodation for themselves and their families which, in practical terms was to mean that it was they themselves who had to construct or erect the necessary homestead and to break in the land. Employment seems to have been much less of a problem, as this was a largely empty land that was crying out for labour and development.

It is interesting to see the class distinctions of those times in that the “Colonists” were those of some property or profession and who travelled out as Chief Cabin or Fore Cabin fare-paying passengers, whereas the “Emigrants” were labourers and working-class people who came out as assisted or sponsored Steerage passengers. Early Canterbury society sought to sustain the distinctions, and there were refined and genteel diversions for those who desired them, but most were more concerned with getting on with the practicalities of life and living. In time, Jack was to see himself as being as good as his master, so these distinctions were to diminish, and eventually they were all to become “Colonials”. The Church too played a very prominent role in the order and organisation of life in those early days, with Anglicans the more numerous and dominant, but with significant and stubbornly independent smaller groupings of Methodists, Presbyterians, and Roman Catholics, to name but a few. We read of teachers and of the clergy, and of the experiences of a range of individuals. Births, Deaths, and Marriages, occurred at a brisk rate, and are recorded in fine detail for 1851. Also recorded in

detail are the full Passenger Lists (in the Appendices) of each of the six ships, accommodation allocations in the Immigration Barracks, School Attendances for that first year, Shipping Movements, and Rural Section Selections. The gastronomically adventurous amongst us may be tempted to try some Mrs Beeton's recipes..

The print type is bold and clear to read, and the book is very readable, being well supported by a diverse and interesting collection of largely black and white photographs. It has to be said though, that the index is not comprehensive, and is exclusive of references to individuals mentioned in the detailed lists referred to above, and also exclusive of references in the Notes at the rear. Before reading the book I did have a quick glimpse at the index for my man, and it revealed nothing, yet he (plus wife and son) was there – on page 328 as a passenger, and on page 176 in Barrack B Room 4 of the Lyttelton Barracks. For anyone with family who came out to Canterbury in those very early days this book is essential and enjoyable reading, but remember that the book does indeed have to be carefully read, from cover to cover, if the risk of missing that vital reference is to be avoided.

There is just one copy of this book within the KCDC Library system, at Waikanae (Ref: NZ 993.802 AMO) Derek Rutland GRIFFIS

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