



Kapiti Branch

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www.rootsweb.com/~nzlsgkb/

June 2008 Newsletter

Upcoming meetings:

Tuesday 24 June

Kapiti branch meeting

19th Century ship travel to New Zealand

Speaker: archivist Ken Scadden

7 pm research facilities and help available

7.30pm questions

7.45 pm main session begins

Saturday 5 July 10-12noon

Help with your research

Alison Procter Family History Centre

upstairs, Paraparaumu Library

Monday, 14 July, 7.30pm

Computer-Friendly Genealogy

Interviewing relatives

Speaker: Bill Carter

Looking ahead:

Tuesday 22 July

Kapiti branch meeting

What's happening at NZSG?

Speaker: Peter Nash

Saturday 2 August 10-12 noon

Winter meeting

Alison Procter Family History Centre

upstairs, Paraparaumu Library

Monday 11 August 7.30pm

Computer-Friendly Genealogy

Using findmypast.com and

ancestorsonboard.com

Speaker: Clive Palmer

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:

Discover your Celtic family history at the Scottish and Irish Research Day

Sunday 20 July 10am-4pm

Kapiti Community Centre

Online research, specialist reference books, expert research assistance.

Jenny Martin, Lower North Island Irish Interest Group and Pen Brown, Wellington Scottish Interest Group.

Pay \$10 at the door for the day.

No pre-registration required.

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

*****Genealogy sale at August meeting*****

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Convenor's comment

The NZSG AGM and conference was held in Christchurch over Queen's Birthday Weekend. There was a ballot for President and council positions which is a good sign as the Society faces enormous challenges. The new president is David Bryant (Auckland), a councillor for several years and convenor of the Genealogical Computing Group. The Treasurer is Bob Matthews, and the council members are: Joseph Gillard (Auckland), Pauline Miller (Alexandra), Lynne Blake (Auckland), Noeline Verheyen (Auckland), Janet Connochie (Christchurch), Barbara Wyley (Kaitaia) and Brenda Joyce (Wellington).

Constitutional amendments passed have major implications for branches. To be in line with

the parent body and comply with the new Charities Commission Act and IRD requirements (many community and voluntary organisations are tax liable from 2009), the financial year of branches will be from April 1 (previously October 1). NZSG has been granted charity status and is thus tax exempt. Now the amendment is in place, branches can also apply for charity status. NZSG will be submitting a bulk application for branches who wish to proceed down this path and we have asked to be included.

Your committee will seek approval of NZSG members at a Special General Meeting to be held in October (which would have been an AGM before the new requirement), for the consequential changes required. This includes a new date for the Annual General Meeting in early 2009, ratification of the subscription arrangements for what will be an extended period and a proposed carryover for the currently elected committee until the new AGM date.

July will be focus month for NZSG. We will be alerting our associate members to the advantages of full membership to include the parent body with its vast resources and services. At our July monthly meeting, senior NZSG personnel will hold a special session to answer your queries and explain what is available.

Member Interests

There was a good response from members interested in having details of their family enquiries and research experience listed for sharing with other members. The 2008 listing is now on our website, a copy posted at the Alison Procter Family History Centre, Paraparaumu Library, and on the Branch Research Officer's notice board at monthly meetings. Each listing is prefixed with a number. If you wish to follow this up, contact the Research Officer who will put you in touch with the member concerned.

- Clive Palmer

Computer Corner with Sue Greene

At our July meeting, Bill Carter will be doing a demo on interviewing relatives. Below are some questions that you may find helpful if you get the chance to meet with relatives.

- What is your full name? Did you have a nickname?
- When and where were you born?

- How did your family come to live there?
- Were there other family members in the area? Who?
- What is your earliest childhood memory?
- What was school like for you as a child? What were your best and worst subjects? Where did you attend school? College?
- What school activities and sports did you participate in?
- What was your religion growing up? What church, if any, did you attend?
- Who was the oldest relative you remember as a child? What do you remember about them?
- What do you know about your family surname?
- Is there a naming tradition in your family, such as always giving the firstborn son the name of his paternal grandfather?
- Are there any special heirlooms, photos, bibles or other memorabilia that have been passed down in your family?
- What was the full name of your spouse? Siblings? Parents?

Family History magazines collection

In the Alison Procter Family History Centre, upstairs at Paraparaumu Library, is to be found our growing collection of Family History magazines. Being on open shelving, these may be freely accessed by anyone and everyone any time during library hours but, being for "Reference Only", the magazines cannot be borrowed. Together they contain vast amounts of Family History material, much of it localised to specific geographic areas, and they make for absorbing reading.

Several are national magazines (*Family Tree Magazine, Australian Family Tree Connections, Irish Roots*) and these may be subscribed to through our Round Robin system. Nearly all the rest are produced by various Family History Societies located mainly in Britain. Many members of those societies have

donated back-issue magazines to us, and it is these magazines that are on shelf.

For people with whose ancestors came from Britain, if the matching geographic area magazines can be found, then it is an investment of time to read all of them from cover to cover, no matter how old the magazines may be. The solution to one of your long outstanding research problems may be sitting on shelf just waiting for you to read about it. If pertinent information for one of your research lines is there, it matters not whether the magazine was published in 2008, 1998, 1988, or even earlier.

Inevitably some of the information will be stale or irrelevant to today's reader, but other information is timeless, as I was to find when sorting the Essex FHS magazines into date order. In the Feb 1990 issue (Pages 28-30)

there was a fascinating article on British World War II "National Registration Identity Cards". I still have mine (and my Mum's), just in case!

The range of magazines is continually expanding, but listed below are the areas currently covered, plus the dates quoted in brackets being the first and last years in the run. There is no guarantee that the run is unbroken.

Aberdeen & North-East Scotland (2/95 - 11/04), Australian Family Tree Connections (7/01 - 10/04), Bristol & Avon (3/04 only), Buckinghamshire (12/93 - 12/05), Cleveland (Sth Durham/Nth Yorks) (7/92 - 7/07), East of London (Essex) (1994 - 2005), Essex (8/83 - 5/95), Gordon Gazette (1997 - 2001), Huddersfield (10/98 - 7/05), Irish Roots (6/96 - 12/05), Isle of Man (10/80 - 5/03), Kent (1988 & 89), Lancashire (2/84 - 8/97), Midlands (Warwickshire, Worcestershire, Staffordshire) (12/93 - 12/01), Norfolk (3/92 - 3/07), Northampton (10/91 - 6/95), North Cheshire (2/86 only), Northumberland & Durham (3/03 - 9/05), NZ Nth-East England (Northumberland, Durham, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire) Interest Group (7/97 - 5/02), Practical Family History (8/00 - 12/03), Family Tree Magazine (12/91 - 1/06), Scots Link OZ & NZ (6/87 - 12/03), Society of Genealogists (London) 3/84 - 9/04, Somerset & Dorset (2/97 - 11/99), South Australia (1999), Sussex (12/00 - 6/02), Waltham Forest (Essex) (3/01 - 9/04), Wiltshire (4/96 - 7/99), Yorkshire (2/97 - 12/99).

If any of our members hold back-issues of magazines from areas not listed above, or for listed magazines but for dates outside the quoted ranges, and are willing to part with them, then we would be most pleased to receive them as a donation to extend the range of our collection.

- Derek Griffis

Branch notes

New members

Welcome to the following new members who have joined us since the previous Newsletter: Joan O'Dea, Rachael Oldham, John Sargent and Barbara Mountier.

Branch meeting report

The presentation at the May meeting on the New Zealand Gazette archives was disappointing as the presenters' expertise was in technical aspects of the material rather than using it for research. However, Clive Palmer got a commitment from them to send the branch a list of the major items which are included in the archives, together with some additional instructions on searching. Help in using the Gazette is available at the Alison Proctor Family History Centre during research sessions there (Wednesday mornings). There is an instruction pamphlet in the cupboard and the search tab is clearly indicated once the user has opened up the Gazette site on our two PCs.

Genealogy sale 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 (2) Anything else, within reason, that has the potential to be sold. To discuss the practicalities of collection and storage would you please contact for (1) Derek Griffis, on 04 293-1092 or [kapiti\(at\)genealogy.org.nz](mailto:kapiti(at)genealogy.org.nz), and for (2) Sandy White, on 04 293-6975 or [tersan\(at\)xtra.co.nz](mailto:tersan(at)xtra.co.nz) .

Cash for used ink cartridges

Recently a large batch of used cartridges was taken in to the dealer, and in return we received a very welcome cheque for \$275 as a useful boost to our Branch funds. This is a

continuing fund-raising venture and we are, as ever, very pleased to receive used ink cartridges for: Canon, Lexmark, Hewlett Packard, Epson and also, apparently, Brother. These may be brought to Branch monthly meetings, or left in the labelled box in the middle one of our locked steel cabinets upstairs at Paraparaumu Library. If more convenient, you may leave them in Derek's letter-box at 94 Ngaio Road, Waikanae.

Thank you to Brian Mountjoy for his recent donation to the Branch of a microfiche viewer. Donations such as this are particularly welcome. With the cost of repairs and replacement being what they are, the opportunity for us to increase our stock on hand of working equipment is always appreciated. Thank you again, Brian.

Library news

We received the usual newsletters this month with an interesting one from Waiararapa about basic British research and ancestors' ailments! Worth a read.

Help desk

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

Special Interest Groups:

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On the web

Findmypast.com has added records from Selby and Bubwith in Yorkshire to its online burial records. Searching the index is free but for details you will need to pay per view or by subscription.

Old occupations are explained on this British website. <http://www.rmhh.co.uk/occup>

Search births, deaths and marriages in New South Wales.

www.bdm.nsw.gov.au

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