



*August is
Family History Month*



More details next month

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Changes to Documents Online

With the launch of its new catalogue, *Discovery*, England's **The National Archives (TNA)** has recently announced a replacement for its Documents Online service.

A TNA media release of 7 June says:

"Discovery has been designed to be more intuitive than our current Catalogue, using functionality such as filtering and tagging to reflect much of the search technology that is now becoming commonplace online. However, this means that it looks (and behaves) in a very different way to the current Catalogue, which many of our users have been used to searching our collections with.

We have therefore decided to give our users more time to familiarise themselves with Discovery before we switch off any systems that it will replace, including the Catalogue and Documents Online (our previous image delivery service). This will

allow us to fix some minor technical issues, introduce more functionality (including improvements to the browse feature suggested by user feedback) and thoroughly test the system.

We intend to switch off the current Catalogue by the end of September 2012, and will switch off Documents Online within the next few weeks."

TNA has also digitised many of its microfilm records, enabling you to download some of their most popular files. Many of these records are indexes, which will be helpful in locating other relevant records. They are free of charge to download and are delivered as large pdf files.

For further information, see:

<http://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/SearchUI/>

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/records/digital-microfilm.htm>

Congratulations, Clive!

Kapiti Branch has representation on the Council of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists: congratulations to committee member, Clive Palmer, on his recent election.

Given the predominance of Councillors from north of the Bombay Hills - and only one South Islander - it's particularly valuable to have a voice to represent the Lower North Island region.



Clive Palmer

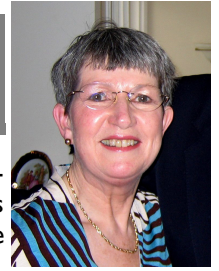
Michelle Patient (Whitianga) declared new President

Council: (7 positions)

Roger Washbourn, Invercargill
Barbara Wyley, Kaitaia
Gay Williams, Auckland
Owen Ormsby, Sth Auckland
Clive Palmer, Kapiti
Ruth Rye, Waiuku
Diane Wilson, Auckland

We look forward to a bright, fresh future for the NZSG and wish the new Council well.

From the editor's desktop



Last month's plea from Lorna did the trick and Kapiti Branch's newsletter has had an 11th-hour reprieve. Although one of my first actions on arriving in Kapiti two years ago was to join the branch, until recently other commitments have prevented me from attending meetings. Now that my circumstances have changed, I decided to volunteer for this role on a 6-month trial basis.

By way of introduction, I spent 30 years as a 'cellist in the NZSO, before RSI curtailed my career. I subsequently acquired computer and web-editing skills which helped lead to work on different Ministries' websites and then in a number of Ministers' offices. Recent cuts to the Public Service, though, have put paid to all that.

A former committee member and Convenor of Wellington Branch -

(last century!) - I began researching my family about thirty years ago, have been a member of the national body of the NZSG since the late 1980s and have been guest speaker for Wellington, Porirua and Otaki branches. As well as researching, I enjoy writing and have had a number of articles published in *The NZ Genealogist*, and a couple in *Family Tree Magazine* [UK].

I'm the product of an English-born father and a second-generation "Kiwi" mother. By pure coincidence, some of their family lines go back to the same English Midlands' parishes, while others are found in neighbouring areas.

With a Cornish-born maternal great-grandmother, however, I've been an "Online Parish Clerk" for that county almost since the scheme's inception ten years ago and am currently responsible for four parishes.

My paternal ancestry - which has probably been the major focus of my research - excepting one Welsh line which strayed into Lancashire, is centred entirely around the English Midlands. Unusually for a Kiwi, though, I've no Scots or Irish ancestry, but those Cornish and Welsh lines provide my Celtic heritage.

Living for more than 30 years within walking distance of the National Library and Archives NZ in Wellington was a great advantage to a committed researcher, but a visit to friends in Waikanae changed all that: we ended up buying their house! It is a decision we don't regret and I look forward to my "hands on" association with Kapiti Branch.

Blanche Charles #10774

[contact details and deadlines on back page]

Profile: introducing Kathy Callaghan



I was blessed to have a mother who loved to tell stories about her life growing up in a small village in Yorkshire and about her experiences in the British Army. Ultimately this ended up with her coming to New Zealand in 1945 as a war bride. Little was known about my father's side but paradoxically it was finding the grave of my father's grandfather in Wanganui that set me on the family history journey.

Andrew Arthur SANDISON was born in the Shetland Islands and died in Wanganui in 1896 of TB, aged only 24. Also buried with him was his infant son who died six months after his father. Standing at the grave I was suddenly hit with the revelation of names becoming 'real people' with their own stories of heartbreak. I could imagine the grief of his wife Louisa, who, aged only 23, was left

alone with no family other than her two-year-old daughter Andrina, (my grandmother).

This was my starting point. As with many beginners, my first attempts were somewhat haphazard, but eventually I discovered the importance of being systematic. I joined the Kapiti Branch when I moved to Paraparaumu in 2008 and have continued to add to my skills as a researcher.

I have been very lucky. I have had some amazing breakthroughs. My journey in finding my Norwegian grandfather is spectacular and was cover story in the *NZ Genealogist*, March/April 2010 and Sept/Oct 2010.

My lineage is what might be considered 'mongrel', with ancestors from England, Wales, Shetland Islands, Norway, USA, Australia and New Zealand.

I have been fortunate enough to visit all these places and found a little of myself in each place.

I do not consider myself an expert in genealogy. I want others to find the joy of connecting to their own family history. We are who we are because of the people who have gone before.

I agreed to put my name forward for the Kapiti Branch committee because I wanted to give something back to the group I have gained so much from personally. It was also an opportunity to get to know other members and increase my skill base. The future of the Kapiti Branch is very bright indeed.

Kathy Callaghan

Convenor's comment

By the time you read this I will have stayed with a distant cousin on Vancouver Island and will be well into my visit to a cousin in Lloydminster, on the Alberta / Saskatchewan border. It's great being able to meet these distant relatives in person and it brings the family tree to life.

I was particularly interested in Howard Chamberlain's talk on the New Zealand Tunnelling Company and its role on the WWI Western Front. The men of this company were certainly the forgotten heroes of the First World War. In this company I had a great-uncle who, after his return to New Zealand, carried on tunnelling at Otira and also on many railway tunnels in the North Island.

The tunnellers' weapons in France were not rifles, but rather picks and shovels. Tunnelling under the town of Arras and out into no mans' land enabled between ten and twelve thousand British troops to emerge from the tunnels and push the German line back some twelve miles.

What Howard didn't mention was that the British troops were relieved by the Canadian forces. The Germans mounted a counter-attack and drove the Canadians back almost to where the British had started their attack, suffering the loss of about six thousand troops in the process. This was the largest single loss by the Canadians in the war. It was a "no win"

situation for everyone, but that was the nature of the First World War.

I will be visiting Arras during my travels and hope to bring back, to show you, some photographs of the tunnels and surrounding countryside as they are today.

Next Branch meeting

(26 June)

Emerson Vandy :

*"National Library
upgrade and its family
history resources"*

Kathy and Frances continue to bring us interesting speakers and you are reminded that at the next Branch meeting Emerson Vandy, from the National Library, will be giving an update on the National Library upgrade and what is available for family history researchers.

I travelled to Taupo recently to attend the AGM of the NZSG, held at the Wairakei Conference Centre. Secretary Lyn Lee and husband Kerry were also there. We were delighted to be able to support Clive Palmer in

his bid to gain a position on the NZSG Council. He was successful with this and together with many new faces sitting around the NZSG Council table we can expect the society to move forward over the coming months.

Finally our thanks must go to those members who have volunteered their services in important areas of the Branch's operations. Blanche Charles is our new Newsletter Editor. This role is an integral part of our branch. Communication between the Committee and members is important, as is our ability to keep in touch with each other. John and Kathleen Gibson have also taken on the role of Publicity and Promotion for our forthcoming YURU programme. More recently Dianne Sleeman has joined the Committee as a co-opted member. Thank you everyone.

Until next time, happy hunting!

Bill McKeich, Convenor



NZ Tunnellers Badge

Wanted: a set of bagpipes

Are there any branch members who may have some bagpipes or a Scottish kilt they would be willing to lend us for **YURU**?

In Kate's family tree are the CAMERON and MACFARLANE clans. Although we don't expect members to have tartans relating to those two clans, we would like to include a Scottish theme for the display.



If anyone is willing to lend items for the display, please contact Sue Greene:

Tel: [06] 364 8196

or

Email: [sueg-97 "at" xtra.co.nz](mailto:sueg-97@xtra.co.nz)



Cameron



Macfarlane

Dorothy Richards (108) and her sister Marjorie Ruddle (105) are the officially the world's oldest siblings according to Guinness World Records: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-cambridgeshire-18352411> – Lost Cousins Newsletter, 16 June 2012

From the Committee

At its June meeting the Committee welcomed a new co-opted member, Dianne Sleeman. New officer appointments were confirmed, with Blanche Charles as Newsletter Editor and John & Kathleen Gibson as YURU Marketing Managers.

With the start of the new financial year, 246 members had subscribed to the Branch.

Evening session at Paraparaumu Library, upstairs at the Alison Procter Family History Centre (APFHC)

Thursday 21 June, 6 - 7.30 pm

The second of four special sessions held at the APFHC will take place this month.

Topic: Accessing online BMD records in UK, Australia and New Zealand

We will also demonstrate how to use microfiche records to find extra information for New Zealand birth, deaths and marriages. Time only allows for overview, but we will use 'real' people as examples so come with some names and dates and you may just find what you are looking for!

Deadline for next month's newsletter contributions : Saturday 7 July

We welcome three new members in June: Allan TAYLOR, Blair HALL, Brian HARDING

This month's meeting:

Tuesday 26 June 26

7:00pm: supper

7:30pm: meeting start

Emerson Vandy, from the National Library, will give an update on the library's upgrade, its family history resources, and how to access information. The integration of the National Library and Archives New Zealand will affect how information will be accessed, so you will not want to miss this session!

Supper roster: **A - E**

YURU tickets now available

VIRTUES FROM THE PAST

with actor and broadcaster DAME KATE HARCOURT

Southwards Theatre, Otaihangā: Tuesday 21 August, 4pm & 7.30pm

Circa Theatre, Wellington: Monday 27 August at 7.30pm

Advanced ticket sales are now on our website www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nzlsgkb

Get those tickets now, as seats are limited

(see flier, p 7)

Stop Press: new grant from Pub Charity

Pub Charity has granted Kapiti Branch \$7,150 to upgrade our PC suite and printer at the Alison Procter Family History Centre.

The continued support of this Charitable Trust enables the branch to purchase major capital items and is much appreciated.

The upgrade will:

- increase to six the number of work stations
- link all the PCs to a master server which should speed up access to our resources
- replace our printer

Get help for those brick walls!

If you have a brick wall in your research, send a brief synopsis for a proposed column in future newsletters.

[Contact details on back page]

Magazine “round robin”

Kapiti Branch of New Zealand Society of Genealogists subscribes to three good genealogy magazines. Join the round robin for the magazine of your choice, pay a small annual subscription to the branch, and you will be on the circulation list to receive the magazine before it is filed at the Alison Procter Family History Centre for general access.

| Magazine | Number of Issues | Sub |
|---|------------------|------|
| <i>Who Do You Think You Are?</i> | Thirteen | \$15 |
| <i>Australian Family Tree Connections</i> | Twelve | \$10 |
| <i>Family Tree Magazine</i> | Twelve | \$15 |

These prices compare very favourably against the cost of an individual subscription.



This issue (April 2012) of *Who Do You Think You Are?* contains an excellent article on 50 ways to get more from FamilySearch.org.

Each issue contains details on how to access the free datasets on the featured area - Hertfordshire in this issue - along with useful tips and resources.

As befits the title, there are also articles on the resources used for the television programme of the same name and often some of the stories that didn't make it to air.

To join Magazine round robin

Please contact **Meryl Opie**

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Email: [opiemb "at" xtra.co.nz](mailto:opiemb@xtra.co.nz)

Once subscribed, please read and pass on your chosen magazine as quickly as possible to the next member on the subscription list.

Global Ireland

The 19th Australasian Irish Studies Conference

When? 7 - 10 Nov 2012

Where? University of Otago, Dunedin

Email: [irishconf2012 "at" otago.ac.nz](mailto:irishconf2012@otago.ac.nz)

www.otago.ac.nz/irish_studies/irishconf2012

Dates for your diary

SHETLAND FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH DAY

Saturday 28 July 2012, 10am – 3.30pm
City of Wellington Pipe Band Hall
[cnr Stoke & Hansen Sts, Newtown]

- Talks (10.30 & 1.30) and expertise from Lily Baker
- Shetland census records, monumental inscription booklets and detailed maps
- Coontin Kin (journal of the Shetland Family History Society)
- Family History and Library collections - Shetland Society of Wellington
- Shetland IGI on fiche
- Displays by Society members
- Computers available
- Book for sale: "Chips off the Auld Rock: Shetlanders in NZ" (\$25)

Legacy Users Group
Next meeting: Sat 30 June,
2pm - 4pm
Kapiti Community Centre
Paraparaumu

\$10 members / \$15 non-members
Refreshments and lunch (tattie soup & rolls) included

Organised by the Shetland Society of Wellington
www.shetlandwellington.org.nz

Enquiries: [04] 234-6952 (Secretary)

LEGACY NEW ZEALAND - KAPITI

Saturday 30th June

Topic: "The Research Guidance Tab"
Kapiti Community Centre, Paraparaumu

- Doors open at 1 pm, meeting: 2-4pm
- Admission: \$2.00
- Refreshments: Tea & Coffee available
- Bring your laptop if you have one (not compulsory)
- Meetings: last Saturday, every 2nd month.

Contact Meryl: [gero "at" ihug.co.nz](mailto:gero@ihug.co.nz)

FAMILY HISTORY EXPO Family History Society Christchurch

13 - 14 October, 10 am - 4 pm
269 Hills Road, Shirley, Christchurch

- *Ancestry.com, FindMyPast, FamilySearch* will be there
- Canterbury Family History and Genealogy societies
- Beginner courses in 'Starting your Family Tree'
- Presentations: researching your family history

Contact Kevin White - Tel: [03] 355 2109
[famwhite "at" ihug.co.nz](mailto:famwhite@ihug.co.nz)

Can you help Te Papa?

Departing shots: Berry & Co portraits of WWI soldiers

Te Papa's William Berry Collection contains around 3,000 glass plate negatives. They were found in a drawer at 147 Cuba Street, Wellington, the former premises of Berry & Co, a well-known firm of Wellington portrait photographers, established in 1897 by William Berry.

Amongst the studio portraits in the collection are almost 80 showing World War I servicemen in uniforms, sometimes posing with families and friends. Because barely any information is recorded on the negatives - basically only a surname and a numeral - the details about the subjects of the Berry Collection have been lost.

Te Papa History Curator, Lynette Townsend, has embarked on a project to identify the subjects of the portraits and connect them to their WWI service records. In the first instance she hopes that members of the public may be able to identify some of the servicemen. The collection can be found on Te Papa's website, via the link below, so don't hesitate to have a look and contact Lynette if you recognise anybody. (Contact details can be found at the bottom of the webpage):

<http://collections.tepapa.govt.nz/theme.aspx?irn=648>

Also viewable on Flickr: Kiwi Faces of War - <http://bit.ly/BerryWWI>

Should you be interested in ordering a print or digital image of any of the Berry portraits, please contact the Te Papa Picture Library: [picturelibrary "at" tepapa.govt.nz](http://picturelibrary.at.tepapa.govt.nz)



Title: Baker; Date: 1914-1918

Photographer: Berry & Co

Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa

Registration number: B.045511

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Statistics NZ historic records online

New Zealand's history goes digital

Statistics NZ has digitised New Zealand's Official Yearbooks and launched them on its website, creating a valuable research resource. From their website:

"The Official Yearbooks from 1893 onwards have been digitised and are now freely available online. For well over 100 years the yearbooks have captured a comprehensive story of New Zealand in words and numbers. The yearbooks

Digital yearbook collection
<http://www.stats.govt.nz/yearbooks>

cover a diverse range of topics from fisheries to friendly societies, and prices to poetry.

The digitisation offers easier accessibility and the ability to search keywords and copy and paste tables into Excel, keeping formatting intact".

The 1893 Year Book includes lists of Honours' recipients, Members of Parliament, pension recipients, staff of government departments and names relating to a variety of other sectors of NZ society.

- Thanks to Hutt Branch

Help needed

Town of Selwyn is 150 years old this year

In November 2012, the Dunsandel Historical Society is celebrating 150 years of the town of Selwyn: the first town in Ellesmere County, and two years older than Leeston. The DHS is interested in making contact with anyone associated with the town or with knowledge of past residents.

Please contact Mike Noonan - Tel: [03] 329 1724
[noonan "at" lincoln.ac.nz](mailto:noonan@lincoln.ac.nz)

(from Canterbury Branch newsletter, June 2012)

Volunteers needed

More volunteers are required to assist with the LDS film service in the National Library. Full training will be given and there are opportunities for your own research as the duties are light and some days are quite quiet. If you could manage 1 or 2 three-hour sessions per month then Marlene Sayers would love to hear from you.

Please contact Marlene - Tel: [04] 970 7682
[m.sayers "at" paradise.net.nz](mailto:m.sayers@paradise.net.nz)

Around the repositories

To complement their Ancestry subscription, **Wellington City Libraries** have recently taken out a library subscription to Find My Past UK, Australasia & Ireland - available free via library computers only: <http://www.wcl.govt.nz/mygateway/>

Sue Greene reports a very new service from **ArchivesNZ, Wellington**: personal visitors ordering photocopies now have the option of scanned pages emailed as PDF files (cost 20c per page) - Thanks to www.famnet.net.nz

National Library Update:

Alexander Turnbull Library reading room now closed: reopens 6 August in Molesworth Street
 Reading Room at 77 Thorndon Quay **closes Wed 25 July**: reopens 6 August in Molesworth Street
 New hours from 6 August: 10am - 5pm, Monday to Saturday

Christchurch City Council Archives re-opened 24 April; Hours: Tuesday and Thursday 12:30- 4:30pm, by appointment only. Location: "Recall", Dakota Park, Ron Guthrey Rd, (nr Christchurch International Airport). For queries or requests for information: email [eva.sullivan "at" ccc.govt.nz](mailto:eva.sullivan@ccc.govt.nz), or Tel: [03] 941 8614. - Thanks to Canterbury Branch

The National Archives [TNA] holds many records which can help you find out about people's lives, deaths and careers. The guides on this page also point to useful records in other archives and organisations, and reveal which records are available online: <http://nationalarchives.gov.uk/records/looking-for-person/default.htm> - Thanks to Lost Cousins newsletter

The **Society of Genealogists [UK]** has updated its probate collection by adding to **Origins.net** a collection of Abstracts of Mediæval Wills for Somerset [1385-1558] and indexes to West Kent Wills [1440-1587] & Kent Inventories [1571-1842]

The **British Library** continues to add new titles from its Colindale newspaper collection to partner Brightsolid's **British Newspaper Archive**: <http://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk>

What's online?

Classified and Alphabetical Lists of Occupations was created in connection with the 1911 Census and, with accompanying notes, describes the way in which they are classified: <http://tinyurl.com/7xttl9f> - Thanks to Lost Cousins newsletter

Belfast City Burial Records Online from 1869 onwards. Around 360,000 records are available relating to Belfast City, Roselawn and Dundonald Cemeteries: www.belfastcity.gov.uk/burialrecords/index.asp - Thanks to Wellington Branch

Reunitem is virtual repository offering items your family may once have owned – old photographs, old schoolbooks, samplers, greetings cards, letters, engraved items, watches and jewellery, commemorative plates, awards and certificates, and lots more! Check www.reunitem.com - From NZSG e-KIT 0002

Three very interesting lists of pioneers in **Papers Past** for those with early settler ancestors:

Auckland Star, 1 Dec 1898, p 13: Auckland Pioneers (including Thames)

Otago Witness, 17 Mar 1898, p 27: Biographical Sketches of Colonists of the First Decade

The Press, 18 Dec 1900, p 8: Reunion (and list) of Colonists who arrived at Lyttleton on the "first four ships"

<http://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/cgi-bin/paperspast>

- Thanks to Porirua Branch

Recent additions to **FindMyPast [UK]** include: 70,000 parish records for Sheffield; 3.5 million parish records for Plymouth & West Devon; British POWs 1914-18 & 1939-1945 <https://www.findmypast.co.uk/>

Meanwhile, **FindMyPast [Au]** has added more than 56,000 records for Sydney's eastern suburbs Waverley Cemetery (from 1877) and South Head General Cemetery (1869) <http://www.findmypast.com.au/>

If you have forebears who lived and worked in the **Thames-Coromandel** area, be sure to check **The Treasury**, the superb website of the Coromandel Heritage Trust: <http://www.thetreasury.org.nz/index.htm>

Following Howard Chamberlain's address last meeting, check the French website devoted to the **NZ Tunnellers** of WWI:

<http://www.nztunnellers.com/>

**Programme details for Branch Interest
& User Groups are on our website:**
<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nzlsgkb/meetings/index.htm>

Kapiti Genealogy presents
its 2012 'Why You Are You' production

VIRTUES FROM THE PAST

With Dame Kate Harcourt

actor and broadcaster, shares
a journey through time with stories of her
ancestors, her family and her life.

Venues

Tuesday 21 August
Southwards Theatre
Otaihanga
Paraparaumu
4pm & 7.30pm

Cafeteria open before and
after each
performance

Monday 27 August
Circa Theatre
Wellington
7.30pm

Cash bar open
before and after the
performance

Display of Dame Kate's
family history and career
highlights at both venues



Tickets

**\$15.00 from
selected outlets**

Fibre Flair, Main Road,
Waikanae

Unichem, Kapiti Lights,
Paraparaumu

Furnishing Affair, Raumati
Beach

Moby Dickens' Books,
Paraparaumu Beach

Life Pharmacy, Queensgate,
Lower Hutt

Circa Theatre, Wellington

and through
the Kapiti Genealogy website
www.rootsweb.ancestry.com

[/nzlsakb](http://nzlsakb)

Enquiries

kapiti@genealogy.org.nz

YORU

WHY YOU ARE YOU.

Why You Are You is a trademarked activity of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists.
Image: as Queen In Jean Bett's "Ophelia Thinks Harder" courtesy Circa Theatre



Branch meetings: 4th Tuesday, Jan - Nov
 Time: 7pm, supper / research
 7:30pm, meeting start
 Venue: Kapiti Community Centre,
 15 Ngahina St, Paraparaumu

Branch fundraiser - Used ink cartridges

The Branch collects used ink and toner cartridges for recycling: *Canon, Lexmark, Hewlett Packard, Epson & Brother*

Bring your old cartridges to Derek at a branch meeting, put them in a box in the locked metal cabinets at the APFHC in Paraparaumu Library, or leave them in Derek's letter-box: 94 Ngaio Road, Waikanae.

Computer Password at the APFHC

APFHC computer password changes every month: check the red folder in the drawer. Members need to get the drawer key from help desk.

Forthcoming Events

Information Sessions for 2012

The remaining two of this year's four evening sessions exploring branch resources:

Aug 9: What's on the computers?

Using Ancestry & FindMyPast

Oct 18: Using Family Search - the LDS site

July meeting

Tuesday 24 July: Heidi Kuglin, Archives NZ

Wed Help Sessions at APFHC

July 4, 11, 18, 25: 10am - 12pm

Branch Committee

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 Publicity & Marketing: (Vacant)
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 Co-opted member: Dianne Sleeman

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 Computer Support: Lindsay Olsen, Kerry Lee (Asst)
 Research Officer: Sue Greene

Committee meetings: 7pm, 1st Wednesday

Newsletter content deadline: Saturday after 1st Wednesday

Send to Blanche Charles: [blanchec "at" paradise.net.nz](mailto:blanchec@paradise.net.nz)

Photos welcomed for illustration - resolution of 300dpi or higher

NB: To ensure publication, submissions **must** be received by deadline

Top Ten Family History Research Tips

from Dr Nick Barrett & Laura Barry

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SAxVA2HC3xg>

NZ Kapiti Legacy Users Group meeting, April 2012

Legacy is a database programme used to record family data and family history. The name sounds a mouthful, but since there are Legacy Users' Groups in many different countries, all groups have a similar naming format and ours is the NZ Kapiti Users Group. There are also groups in Hibiscus Coast, Auckland, Hastings, with another in the process of forming in Canterbury.

Forty-three people - from Wanganui, Palmerston North, Kapiti, Wellington and the Hutt Valley - attended Kapiti group's 44th bi-monthly meeting at the Kapiti Community Centre on Saturday 28 April. The meeting began with a question and answer session for people needing

help with solving their Legacy problems. As usual, it was mentioned



that "there is no such thing as a dumb question at our Legacy meetings - the only dumb questions are the ones that no one asks".

Then followed the topic for the day: "How to use your data to compile a search list for finding people in Census records". Other items we covered were what to take with you when you go searching and new technology (Smart phones etc).

Remaining 2012 NZKLU meeting dates are:

**30 June, 25 August,
27 October. December TBA**

Entry \$2.00 at the door: covers the hall hire, tea and coffee.

For more information about Legacy, please contact Meryl:

[gero "at" ihug.co.nz](mailto:gero@ihug.co.nz)

- Meryl Opie