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August is Family History Month



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RNZE Museum Tour

On 14 June a group of Kapiti branch members visited the Royal New Zealand Engineers Museum at Linton Army Camp, Palmerston North. The tour was conducted by the curator, Howard Chamberlain.

We started with a tour of the RNZE Chapel. The chapel has beautiful stained glassed windows dedicated to the courageous RNZE men who fought so gallantly in many wars on our behalf. It was very moving to see plaques dedicated to men who lost their lives in recent years.

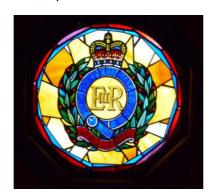


Photo: Kathy Callaghan

The museum is definitely a work in progress, with Howard having many ideas for its development. The completed parts of the museum are wonderfully presented in a logical progression with plenty of things to look at and read. Donations of uniforms, diaries,

equipment and weapons have been kindly donated and make a visit to the museum a visual feast!

Once a month, at 12.05 pm, a Military History talk takes place and we were fortunate enough to be visiting on the day a talk was to take place. We heard about coastal ships that were shipwrecked on the NZ coast during the NZ wars. Next month will be a presentation on the Sunderland Flying Boat by Sqn Ldr Paul Harrison (Retd), a noted New Zealand author on aeronautical subjects. This should be very interesting.

Entry to the museum is free. A donation of \$2 - \$5 is appreciated if you attend the Military History talk. At this stage the museum is open on Thursdays only, from 8am - 5pm. A group booking can be arranged at another day or time by contacting Howard Chamberlain: clas.chamberlain "at" xtra.co.nz

Howard welcomes donations of any goods of a military nature. You can be assured they will be well cared for and safe. He would also appreciate volunteers who could help with tasks such as scanning the many photo albums that have been donated. If you can help in any way, please contact Howard directly.

This month's meeting: Tuesday 24 July

Heidi Kuglin from Archives NZ will give a presentation on Passenger Lists, showing where and how to find Passenger Lists at Archives NZ.. How to access passenger lists is one of the most common questions asked in relation to family history research. Be prepared for a very interesting evening

From the editor's desktop

First of all, thanks to those members who have sent feedback about last month's newsletter. Most people seem to like the new layout.

I've tried to take your comments "on board" and you'll notice a different font this month. (For those who need to enlarge it on screen, there are zoom controls on the PDF, or press the CTRL key as you scroll your mouse). However, I have to admit that I'm having problems with creating active links with this particular software so I'm afraid that it's something I haven't been able to overcome yet. Never mind, I console myself with the fact that the time it will take members to copy-paste a link into a browser is a mere fraction of the unpaid hours I've put into this newsletter, so have decided to stress myself no further with this problem. ©

One of the real delights of the past month was to receive a contribution for the newsletter from member George Warcup. George has written an imaginative account of a traumatic historical incident which had a devastating effect on his forebear in Wellington. Read all about it on pages 6 - 7. And if you have an article which you can dust off, please follow George's example and send it to me. (200-400 words would be ideal). This is your newsletter, so here's your chance to make your contribution to it.

Another column
I'm keen to implement is a
"Break down"

your brick wall" corner. Again, though, we need your input. So don't hesitate - send me details of your problem and we can use the skills of our wider membership and our research officer to see if we can help. (My contact details can be found on the back page).

Lastly, have you visited the branch website lately? If so you'll have discovered an attractive and easily navigable site with a number of handy new features. Great work! http://www.kapitigen.org

Blanche Charles #10774

Convenor's comment

Greetings, Kapiti Branch members, from a very hot Oklahoma, where the wind continues to come whistling down the plains. In fact it hasn't stopped since I've been here and brings with it temperatures over 100 degrees F.

I did have a break of a few days exploring an old Pueblo village East of Albuquerque in New Mexico and in Santa Fe spent some money at the markets surrounding the Governor's Plaza. The proliferation of adobe style buildings fascinated me. New Mexico has thousands of years of human history and it's impossible to absorb it all in one brief visit.

My genealogy research has been put aside for the moment. Rather, I am enjoying meeting with relations I hitherto had only names for. Meeting them in person is a satisfactory culmination of all the years of sometimes frustrating research.



Lindsay & Judy Olsen
Photo: Kathy Callaghan

My congratulations to Judy and Lindsay Olsen on receiving their Certificates of Appreciation. They were well deserved.

What can I say about Kathy Callaghan's leadership of the last meeting? Thanks Kathy for a job well done. You were certainly thrown in at the deep end and the end result was appreciated by all who attended.

Keep up the good work everyone. I enjoy hearing about committee news and look forward to reading through this issue of our newsletter.

Happy hunting
Bill McKeich, Convenor

August is Family History Month

Events around our region

Free Friday Tours: 11am -12 noon

3 August: **Archives New Zealand**, 10 Mulgrave Street, Wellington

10 August: Wellington Central Library, 65 Victoria Street, Wellington: FH area, 2nd floor

17 August: **BNZ Archives** L1, Harbour Quays, 60 Waterloo Quay (opp Railway Station), Wellington 24 August: **Wellington City Council Archives**, 2 Barker Street, Wellington (off Cambridge Tce)

31 August: Petone Library Heritage Centre, 7 Britannia Street, Petone

Register for tours at NZSG Family Search at the National Library— Tel: 474 3048

Speaker Saturday

Date: Saturday 11 August

Time: 1pm - 5pm

Entry: \$10 (includes afternoon tea)

Venue: Connolly Hall, Guildford Terrace (off Hill Street)

Speakers & topics:

Don Hansen - New Zealand's census records: forgotten but not gone **Brad Patterson** - Finding your English ancestors in NZ: the English Diaspora **Gavin McLean** - The Local Context: the local history your ancestors helped create

Pathways to Family History

Date: Saturday 25 August

Time: 10am - 5pm Entry: \$5.00

Venue: Helen Smith Community Meeting Room, Pataka, cnr Norrie and Parumoana Streets, Porirua Interest Groups plus experienced staff from Wellington City Libraries, Archives NZ and the National Library will be there to assist with your family history research.

Saturday afternoon special - August extended

Date: Saturday 1 September

Volunteers from the NZSG will join staff of the National Library to introduce family historians and genealogists to the Library's newly re-opened research services.

Additional help and tours will be available between **1pm - 4pm**

For further information contact Joan McCracken - Tel: [04] 474 3056

YURU - see page 4

We're fighting spam

You will notice that we are starting to remove personal email addresses from our published contacts. Our newsletter is published online at a

number of sites and it is unsuitable for these to include personal email addresses, even if the text is disguised.

All emails sent to the "at" Kapiti-Gen.org address are automatically forwarded to the person(s) responsible. Where no address is shown, please send your enquiry to the Secretary "at" KapitiGen.org

See emails

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Our existing email address,kapiti "at" genealogy.org.nz, as published in the Branch Section of the NZSG website, is still available, but the above will reach the required person faster.

From the Committee

Accessing Births, Deaths and Marriages

Our second teaching session for 2012, *Accessing Births, Deaths and Marriages,* was held at the APFHC on Thursday 21st June. Twenty five members attended.

On-line resources used were the English Free BDM site http:// www.freebmd.org.uk and the New Zealand Historical BDMsite https://www. bdmhistoricalrecords.dia.govt. nz/Home/ plus Australian records accessed via ancestry. com. Members were shown how further information could also be found by using the New Zealand fiche, alongside the New Zealand on-line site. It was a reminder to all of us that the fiche are still an important resource as the Historical on-line site has cut-off dates for births, marriages and deaths because of New Zealand Privacy laws.

Our third teaching session will be on Thursday 9 August, 6pm – 7:30pm. The focus will be on the websites *Ancestry.* com and *Find My Past*, both available for members' use at the APFH Centre. The emphasis this time will be on Census Records.

Remember that volunteers are available if further assistance is needed at the APFH Centre at the Paraparaumu Library each Wednesday morning from 10am to 12pm.

June 26th Branch meeting Emerson Vandy was to do a presentation on the upgrade of the National Library. Unfortunately his son had a serious seizure just as he was leaving to travel to Kapiti. Obviously he had to be there for his son and was not able to let us know what was happening. He sends his apologies to the branch and is very keen to come later in the year. Thanks to those who were at the meeting for your willingness for adapt quickly! The session on Papers Past was a very interesting alternative and followed naturally after the session on British newspapers available on the NZSG website.

We welcome two new members in July: Doug Harvie, David Winthrop

This month's meeting:

Tuesday 24 July

7:00pm: supper 7:30pm: meeting start

Supper roster: F - J

Dates for your diary

The **NZSG Scottish Interest Group** of Greater Wellington will be holding a research afternoon with their resources in the Meeting Room, Petone Public Library, Britannia Street, Petone Saturday 11 August 2012, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm Wee door charge \$4, all welcome.

Contact Pen Brown, Tel: [04] 389 7211

Deadline for next month's newsletter contributions: Saturday 4 August

YURU tickets now available

VIRTUES FROM THE PAST with actor and broadcaster DAME KATE HARCOURT

Southwards Theatre, Otaihanga: Tuesday 21 August, 4pm & 7.30pm Circa Theatre, Wellington: Monday 27 August, 7.30pm

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

Get those tickets now, as seats are limited

Around the repositories

The National Archives (TNA) - some 320,000 records of First World War airmen in the RAF are now searchable. The collection includes those who served with the Royal Flying Corps and the Royal Naval Air Service prior to April 1918, as well as those recruited directly into the RAF: http://nationalarchives.gov.uk/news/741.htm

NZSG FamilySearch Microfilm Service at **National Library**: Last day at 77 Thorndon Quay, Tuesday 24 July; re-opening at Molesworth St, 10am on Monday 6 August

British Newspaper Archive (BNA): latest Midlands newspaper to be added to the website - *The Staffordshire Advertiser* (1800 - 1849): http://tinyurl.com/7uz5xfm

The National Archives (TNA) - access to a selection of the Olympic and Paralympic related records via a Timeline, beginning at the start of the modern Olympics in 1896 through to the present 30th Summer Games of 2012: http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/olympics/

National Library of Wales [Llyfrgell Genedlaethol Cymru]: Free access to digital images of Welsh wills: http://cat.llgc.org.uk/cgi-bin/gw/chameleon?skin=profeb&lng=en

Christchurch City Libraries: A new temporary library will open in Tuam Street on **Monday 23 July 2012**. Central Library Tuam will be open Monday to Friday from 9am-6pm and during weekends from 10am-5pm. A selection of material retrieved from the Central Library on Gloucester Street's **Aotearoa New Zealand collection** will be available. Customers will have access to collections in storage by placing reserves online, by telephone, or at any of the city's libraries. Archives have now been moved to Recall at Dakota Park and can be viewed by appointment by phoning (03) 941 8999. http://christchurchcitylibraries.com/News/2012/07-20/index.asp

What's online?

The **Daily Mail** has a brilliant collection of images depicting women's fashions from the streets of London and Paris in the early 1900s: http://tinyurl.com/bthkzr7 - Thanks to Chris Paton, British GENES

From **DIA** website: Options for **BMD ordering**. If you provide your email address in your delivery details we will email your <u>printouts</u> to you instead of posting them by mail. The processing time remains the same. <u>Certificates</u> will continue to be sent by mail: https://bdmhistoricalrecords.dia.govt.nz/Home/

Findmypast has added a further 2 million **Welsh parish records** - now nearly 6 million on the site: http://tinyurl.com/7oyr47r

Graves of the following people lying in the old **Wairoa cemetery** require attention, but have no family contact details: http://www.wairoadc.govt.nz/docs/council_services/Cemetery%20list.pdf If you have information about these graves, contact the **Wairoa District Council**: (06) 838 7309

British Telecom archive to be free online: http://www.zdnet.com/bt-corporate-archives-to-be-put-online-3040094826/

A useful list of surviving **Poor Law records for Scotland**: www.myainfolk.com/Resources_files/Records_of_the_Scottish_Poor.pdf

FindmyPast has released 13,000 more baptisms for **Step-ney and Bethnal** Green: www.findmypast.co.uk/content/news/london-docklands-baptisms

The **Waihi Arts Centre and Museum** has indexes online: http://www.waihimuseum.co.nz/museum-and-research/

The second issue of the new **Irish Lives Remembered**magazine is now freely available online: http://tinyurl.com/7c7rl9e

Programme details for Branch Interest & User Groups are on our website:

http://www.kapitigen.org/programme/

meetings/

The Fire

by George Warcup

Businesses were closed on Sunday the 15th of June 1879, the city's church bells tolled calling the faithful to prayer, while the familiar smell of coal smoke permeated the air. By eight o'clock that evening the street lamps were lit, while in the Warcup household the evening meal was finished the dishes were washed, and the children prepared for bed, when the fire alarm rang.

Fire alarms were a real concern and a frequent distraction in the wooden city of Wellington. Just that morning a chimney fire nearby in Thorndon set the bell ringing only to be quickly extinguished with the help of neighbours before the firemen arrived.

Pop's father, Henry Edward WAR-CUP, was now a prosperous businessman with many friends, and Emily, his wife, was expecting her seventh child. At first this latest alarm raised little concern but soon the sounds of excited voices and the insistent ringing of the bell drew the family outside where they could see that this time it was no chimney fire, but something far more ominous.

Fourteen years, had passed since his arrival in New Zealand, and Henry's business was at last beginning to show a promise of bet-

ter things to come. After many difficulties Henry was beginning to reap the rewards of his enterprise. New immigrants were flooding into the colony in unprecedented numbers. Wellington, the capital, was booming. The largest wooden building in the world now stood in Lambton Quay on land reclaimed from the sea, a short lived steam powered tramway carried passengers around the city's streets, and the railway was now across the Rimutaka range and forging northwards.

Henry's foray into business in his new country had not been easy, a business relationship with Robert HANNAH (of Hannah's shoe shop fame) had recently ended badly and Henry had now reopened for business on his own account in Manners Street. The Warcup family, Henry, Emily and their six children, together with Henry's brother William (Uncle Bill), were in 1879 living in Molesworth Street, in the upmarket suburb of Thorndon.

A mile away to the south, flames, smoke and

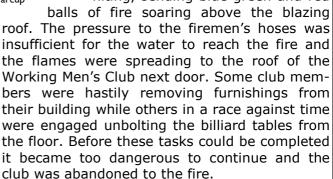
the glow of the fire could be seen in the darkening sky. After one look and with a word to Emily the concerned brothers Henry and William joined the growing throng all heading for the scene. Soon it was clear that the fire was in Manners Street, and on rounding the last corner their fears were confirmed.

An immense crowd was gathering and desperate efforts were being made to save goods from fire-threatened buildings. Both Wellington's fire brigades were in attendance, as were the Police, the Armed Constabulary and the Naval Brigade, but, with no fire engine or unified command, chaos prevailed.

The Warcup brothers, like their father before

them, were boot makers and grew up in the working class suburb of St Mary's Newington, Surrey. (Now in the 21st century, part of South East London.) Brothers Henry (25), Fredrick (22), and William Warcup (19) had emigrated in 1864 to seek their fortune in New Zealand.

By the time the brothers arrived on the scene the fire already had strong hold in the roof of the Imperial Opera House not far from Henry's premises. Pyrotechnics stored within the building were igniting, sending blue green and red



Henry commenced removing his stock to the relative safety of the Wesleyan Church yard on the other side of the street. Suddenly with a tremendous crash the roof of opera house collapsed. The theatre's corrugated iron sides however still stood, the walls now glowing red hot, while the iron's zinc coating burned with brilliant blue flames. As the crowds watched the theatre's walls caved into the inferno within, releasing showers of sparks, the fire's seeds of destruction, far and wide over Te Aro.



Henry Warcup

Just as Henry finished moving his stock the fire jumped the street. First, blue smoke issued from the church's spire, and then, for a few seconds, lines of light ran up its length, before the entire edifice erupted into a great column of flame. Onlookers and firemen alike could only watch in awe as the one hundred foot spire collapsed onto the church and surrounding area. Henry's uninsured stock, along with goods removed from other premises, joined the general fate.

The westerly wind rose and then hauled round to the northwest while the fire advanced in the teeth of the gale. Soon Manners Street was impassable, ablaze on both sides from end to end.

Fearing the worst, people began evacuating their homes in Dixon and Ghuznee Streets, hastily throwing their household possessions into the road. All efforts were now directed to demolishing buildings in the path of the fire. With axes and ropes, houses and shops were hastily torn to the ground. The Nag's Head Hotel on the corner of Dixon and Cuba Streets caught fire. Panic stricken horses, their heads covered with sacks, were coaxed from the adjoining stables while bottles and kegs exploded like cannon fire within the blazing hotel. Next was the turn of the Royal Oak Hotel on the other side of Cuba Street. The cannonade continued into the night.

Wellington's fire storm raged on, night turned into day, while out to sea the captain of the "Kiwi", thirty miles off the coast, noted the fire in his log, wondering, no doubt, what he would discover on his arrival in port. From his vantage point in Boulcott Street the *Evening Post* reporter described the fire's progress, building by building: the Opera House, the Wesleyan Church, Stratford's corn store, Eddie and Jack's bottling store, Mrs Elders's confectionary, Simeon's tailoring, Marrayat's Tobacconist, Cameron's saddlery, Warcup's boot making establishment, and so on down the street.

Monday morning revealed a scene of devastation. Every building on both sides of Manners Street, through to Dixon Street and down to the sea, was completely destroyed. On the corner of Cuba and Manners Streets stood the burnt-out shell of the supposedly fireproof brick and concrete Te Aro branch of the Bank of New Zealand. On the opposite side of Cuba Street lay the smouldering remains of the Royal Oak Hotel.

Down in the world, with his livelihood destroyed and unable to continue in business, his family now numbering nine, Henry, Emily and their seven children shifted to Ingster Street (now Vivian St) in working class Te Aro.

Help needed

Seeking information: Laura HANNEN

My name is Pat Dobson and I am a member of the Waimate Genealogy branch.

My grandmother, Laura, lived with Sarah Ann and James Henry HANNEN at Ohau and went to the local school in the 1890s. She was married from their home in 1904 to Edwin JUKES whose family was also from the Kapiti region. I am seeking any information I can get regarding these families, and would like to know who I can contact.

My grandmother is a mystery. She went to school in the Wairarapa under the name of Laura SUNNEX until she was seven and then went over the hill and lived with the HANNEN family under the name HANNEN. Who is she? I am hoping some one from that region may know.

Kind regards, Pat. 160 High St. Waimate 7924

Ph 03 689 7728. <u>cassiedog "at" xtra.co.nz</u>

A Warning from UK BMD

The majority of the various BMD websites under the UKBMD project all end with .org.uk. One exception is the Shropshire BMD website which is an .info site. Recently the domain name CheshireBMD.com has been registered. It is nothing to do with the BMD websites - it is a scam site to catch the unwary. The recommended way to access all the BMD sites is to use http://UKBMD.org.uk/ and always click on the "Local BMD" menu button. - The Ripon Historian April 2012

Next Branch meeting
(28 August)
Paul Jarvis:

" Salvation Army Heritage Centre and Family Tracing Service"



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

August meeting

Tuesday 28 August: Paul Jarvis, Salvation Army

Wed Help Sessions at APFHC August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29: 10am - 12pm **Branch Committee**

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Committee meetings: 7pm, 1st Wednesday

Newsletter content deadline: Saturday after 1st Wednesday

Send to Blanche Charles: editor "at" KapitiGen.org

Photos welcomed for illustration - resolution of 300dpi or higher NB: To ensure publication, submissions **must** be received by deadline

Using Google News Timeline for genealogy & family history

http://www.youtube.com/watch? v=wrn|gt_CvN0

APFHC Resources: Latest additions

NZSG Kiwi Index Version 1.10 published in 2011 represents the sixth CD produced primarily for NZSG member use. It contains a total of 8,000,849 records from 179 sources collated since voluntary transcribing projects began in 1998. Due to privacy issues 460,000 entries on the previous NZSG Index V-5 published in 2008 have been withdrawn. However, the 2011 Kiwi Index V-1.10 contains 1,400,000 new entries. This index is a great resource for anyone tracing New Zealand ancestors but can only be purchased by NZSG members. This year a NZSG Kiwi Index 1.10 was produced for public library use. It is on the APFHC computers and can be used by all branch members. Like the NZSG Index v5, it has a separate log-in code which can be found in the red computer instruction folder in drawer five of the wooden cupboard.

NZSG NZ 1911 Electoral Roll is also available on the APFHC computers No. 3 and No. 4.

A big thank you to Sue Greene and Carl Armstrong for keeping our computers and printers functioning whilst we await the additional computers and printer linked to a new server for improved performance.

The Branch has been fortunate to have some more books donated by members as listed below. Branch members may borrow these through the library issue desk by showing both your library card and your branch membership card. The APFHC books are in the glass fronted cupboards and accessed by the key that is on the same APFHC key ring signed for at the library information desk. Please ensure both top and bottom bolts are secure or else the doors will not lock

Denice McCarten: J. Chisholm & D. McCarten, Brind of the Bay of Islands and Brind Amplified (2009)

Kay Carter: Fisher, J, The Family of Isaac Fisher (1986); Fisher, M. & B. Fisher Cox, The Fisher Line: Nicholas Fisher's Descendants 1730-1908 (1980); Gordon, R.S., Sloan Family Tree (1995); Haldane, A.R.B., The Drove Roads of Scotland (1997)

Blanche Charles: Recorder 1960: Students' Assn of the ChCh Teachers' College (1960); Royal New Zealand Police College, Police Remembrance Day 2011 and Roll of Honour 1886-2011; Tritenbach, P. Auckland's Historic Schools (1984)

One other book was purchased for the APFHC collection during the organised visit to Linton Camp RNEF Museum: Chamberlain, H. The RNZE Corps Memorial Chapel Linton Camp (May 2012)