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August meeting

Major Paul Jarvis, Director of the Salvation Army Heritage Centre and Archives and Major Peter Bradley of the Family Tracing Service spoke at our August meeting.

The Salvation Army Heritage Centre and Archives tell the story of the Salvation Army since the 1880s to the present day.

The staff's task is to obtain, preserve, record, research and make accessible, material that provides an accurate and comprehensive record of the Salvation Army's life and work.

Advice can also be given regarding research on the Salvation Army's work in other parts of the world.

Major Jarvis presented an interesting power point showing some of the holdings at the Heritage Centre, which included records and documents, their extensive uniform collection, badges, books, and manuscripts which includes a large collection of "The War Cry", The Salvation Army's 'Good Tidings' weekly tract, handed out to all who gather in Public Houses (Pubs), Clubs and anywhere the public congregate, since the inception of the Salvation Army. These are all housed in the modern

premises at 20 William Booth Grove, Upper Hutt. The Centre is open each morning, Monday to Friday, between 9am and 12 noon.

Paul then handed over to Peter Bradley, who works in the Family Tracing Service. He spoke about the different methods

used to find missing family members using the Salvation Army's international and local networks.

Peter used several searches that have been successful, with names changed to protect identity, to illustrate the procedures the <u>Family Tracing Service</u> uses.

He informed us that the Service successfully locates over 80% of the missing persons they are seeking. The cost for this service is \$100 which includes searches both in New Zealand and overseas countries, the cost being the same, whether successful within a short or long timespan. He brought with him copies of the two-sided application forms for those who were interested.

Both Majors Jarvis and Bradley were happy to take questions, and many took advantage of this. Also on display was a collection of Badges, a Marriage and a Burial Book and various memorabilia which all who attended could examine.

This gave added information and interest to what was a very interesting topic.



This month's meeting: Tuesday 25 September

Marlene Sayers and Beverley Keall (Kilbirnie Branch)
Report on their recent
Salt Lake City Family History Tour

From the editor's desktop

As you know, we are again looking for a new editor. How about giving it a trial run for January?

Perhaps you would like to be a guest editor for an issue or two without committing yourself to being the permanent editor?

Blanche returns next month for the remaining two issues of her promised trial period.

In this issue you will see that two of our rovers have returned with reports of their travels, tracing their ancestors steps. Make sure that you check out the upgraded resources at the library and the FamNet offer on page 4.

As always, any newsletter is dependent on the support of the members, so please send your contributions to editor "at" k a p i t i G e n . o r g . They will be welcome. Lorna

Convenor's comment

My last meeting with the Branch Committee really passed over me with not much being taken in. I had just returned that afternoon from a flight from Hong Kong. Sleep was well nigh impossible with two small children voicing their displeasure at being where they were.

However I did note that much had happened while I was away. Firstly there was the successful YURU presentation with Dame Kate Harcourt and secondly there was the installation of the new computers in the APFHC at the library. The computers and associated hardware are up and running and programs have been installed.

We are indebted to our Research Officer Sue Green and the KCDC IT advisor Phil for persevering with this project. It is certainly a valuable addition to our research capabilities. My particular thanks go to Kathy Callaghan for holding the fort for me. Kathy is currently in Norway and speaking to her family on how she

researched her Norwegian genealogy. It is sad that we must record that Blanche Charles is no longer able to continue being our Editor of the Newsletter beyond her promised six month trial. Blanche's trial ends with the November issue, having had to curtail her involvement for personal reasons. Thanks Blanche for your efforts over the past few issues. It has been appreciated. In the meantime the committee will continue to publish the Newsletters that Blanche is unable to, hopefully with much input from YOU, our members.

If there is a Branch member out there who would like to take on this important task please let any of the committee know.

My last month's comment came from Liverpool. This one comes from the comfort of my own home but still fresh in my mind are the many highlights I had while I was away. Amongst these are the visits to the WWI Memorials and cemeteries I had during the five days I visited battlefields on the

Western Front in France and Belgium. One of these highlights was being able to follow in the footsteps of my fatherin-law Sgt Bill Swan of the N.Z. Postal Corps and also my great uncle Sgt James McKeich of the N.Z. Tunneling Company. My Tour Guide had researched thoroughly where these two had been billeted and in the case of Bill Swan had located two sites where he had set up his Post Offices. We visited these places and on one occasion were out of the van with maps and compass in hand to verify our position. The week was capped off when I was asked to lay a wreath at the Menin Gate during the ceremony of the Last Post. Hundreds of people gather at the Menin Gate, Ypres, every night at 8 p.m. to witness this occasion. It was indeed an honour and an emotional experience to be able to take part in this ceremony.

I wish you all happy hunting for another month.

Bill McKeich

How many windows?

From "Notes on Old Edinburgh", by Isabella Bird, published in 1869 - available on Project Gutenberg

"In Edinburgh, ... there are 13,209 families, living in houses of but one room, and of these single rooms, 1530 are inhabited by from six to fifteen persons! Further, by the last census, 120 of these shelters, for they are not houses, were reported as without windows, and 900 were cellars, nearly all of them dark, and many damp. These figures give the astounding result that the families living in one room, and often herding together in closer proximity than animals would endure, comprehend 66,000 persons ..."

She goes on to report the results of her visits to several such rooms, mostly in closes around the Cowgate, where "the width of this close is four feet at the bottom, but the projecting storeys of the upper houses leave only a narrow strip of quiet sky to give light below" and the conditions that one particular family of 3 adults and 3 children lived in - a space 9 by 5 and under 6 feet high, sleeping on the floor, noting "We allow each convict 500 cubic feet of air in his cell."

It is compelling, tragic, reading, giving some of the reality behind that innocuous sounding question on the census.

Dates for your diary

Kapiti Genealogy

Venues

APFHC: Alison Procter Family History Centre, Level I Paraparaumu Library KCC: Kapiti Community Centre, Pak 'n Save Hall, 15 Ngahina St, Paraparaumu

Thursday 20th September: **Archives visit**—full. For travel arrangements <u>check our website</u>, or ring Frances Braddick on 293 4294

Tuesday 25th September (KCC): Our **monthly meeting** guests this month are Marlene Sayers and Beverly Keall who will speak about their visit to the FH Centre in Salt Lake City, USA.

Thursday 11th October (APFHC): 6-7:30pm The final in our **structured evening sessions**. Introducing members to Family Search

Tuesday 23rd October (KCC): Our monthly meeting - Clive Palmer on Message boards

Every Wednesday 10 to noon: Experienced researchers on hand to help you use our resources at the APFHC and further your family tree. Now with six computers available.

Interest Group meetings - see Programme Interest Groups on our website for further details)

Saturday 6 October: **Scottish** interest group (APFHC) 2-4pm. Bring your questions, finds. Short discussion on Statistical Accounts.

Monday 8 October: Computer group (KCC) 7:30pm. What's new on ancestry and findmypast.

Thursday I I October: **Australian** group (APFHC) 10am.

Saturday 13 October: **Irish** group (APFHC) 10am.

Saturday 27 October: Family Tree Maker 9:30am (KCC)

Saturday 27 October: Legacy 12:30pm (KCC)

Events around our region

Heritage Month

Sunday 23 September: Museum of Wellington City & Sea I - 4pm The Secrets of Story Telling \$5 Koha, bookings

required

Sunday 30 September: **Museum of Wellington City & Sea** I - 4pm Your Family Stories \$2 Koha, bookings required To book 04 472 8904 or email museumswellington "at" wmt.org.nz

Q&A

Q: Where does researching family history stop? One might be researching direct descendants perhaps through the male line however should the researcher also divert to finding out the female ones too, for instance grandmother, greatgrandmother etc.

A: Thank you Margaret. Perhaps others may care to answer as well (either email editor "at" KapitiGen.org, or log into the website and add a post tagged as Q & A) but my immediate reaction is why should the males get all the attention? They wouldn't exist without the females unless biology lessons have changed since our ancestors existed. Besides, the females provide much more of a challenge, and finely honed detective skills to locate them with their likely changes of name.

Many of us have long ago found that you cannot simply stop. There's always an interesting puzzle to solve, either yours, or someone else's.

Q: What name to use when a person has several?

A: Most good genealogy programs allow name variants to be recorded, and to select which is the "primary" one without restricting your ability to find them again in your database.

The more versatile ones also allow you to output the version appropriate for the record/fact/event concerned. Some people make the primary one that recorded at birth, others prefer the one they are known by in adult life - which causes some issues with women and their changing surnames at marriage. Convention for the latter differ, but think about how to find them again, either in your database, or in an index online.

Have you checked out Family History Books lately? FamilySearch announced nearly 1200 digital family history books were uploaded in July, including family genealogies, some parish registers (Carham, Northumberland was one, so not all are American), local histories etc - from the FamilySearch blog (https://familysearch.org/blog/en/)

From the Committee

Evening Research SessionOur final APFHC evening session for 2012, using Family Search, will be held at the APFHC on Thursday 18th
October from 6 to 7:30pm.

November

We are pleased to confirm that Emerson Vandy is scheduled to return in November to give the presentation on the National Library upgrade that we missed because of a family emergency. This meeting will be a social occasion with refreshments, and an award ceremony to recognize a number of members who have given outstanding service over a number of years.

Website

See page 7 for a plea for older

newsletters, and to see how busy Barry has been. Derek has also ensured that a few gaps in the more modern collection are about to be filled, with thanks to the National Library.

APFHC

Heartfelt thanks to Sue and the library staff's computer support, for completing the installation and upgrade of our computers.

Hopefully the extra two computers will remain connected to the internet despite "helpful" members of the public unplugging the Ethernet connector as happened last Wednesday.

Do check out computer 5 for a new

treat now available to members particularly those interested in Australian and Irish research.

Welcome

We welcome 3 new members in September: Anne CUMMING, Jim HENRY & Maureen ROBB

This month's meeting:

Tuesday 25 September

7:00pm: supper 7:30pm: meeting start Supper roster: **P - T**

Deadline for next month's newsletter contributions:

Saturday 6 October

FamNet

Until the end of July, Kapiti Genealogy members had a group subscription with FamNet that allowed us to provide all members with a free (to them) subscription.

As this has now expired, we have negotiated a replacement in the form of a discounted subscription (50%) for Kapiti Genealogy members.

For the discount code, you will need to log into <u>our website</u>, (read this <u>login post</u> for instructions) and go to the <u>FamNet page</u>, valid for two more months, so be in quick.



In addition, our computers at the

APFHC now have access to FamNet on them.

This will allow you to see all of the site and data (but not allow you to create a family tree or do anything requiring you be identified given this is public access).

From our archives

The OCR hasn't been kind to the older newsletters, but January 2000 still shows a few familiar names. Our life member Valerie Freeman was Secretary, Kay Carter in charge of the Programme, and Alison Procter had the publicity portfolio.

Meetings were still being held in the Masonic Rooms over the railway lines, and membership was over 100.
Millenium fever had struck with Bill Moore and Debra Shuker contributing

items (including a newspaper picture of Kay Carter with her book - was that the first one Kay?)

BDMs were beginning to be computerised, phase I being new registrations from 1968, followed by Births and deaths 1935 to 1997, and marriages 1951-97. Orders still went to Lower Hutt.

May 2000 reported that Derek Griffis received the Lucy Marshall Award for his article "War Graves on the

Internet" and Kay Carter received an Appreciation Award for her genealogical tapestry featuring 5 generations of her family, exhibited at the conference, both awards being presented at the April meeting. The fight to keep the National Archives an independent department occupied a few column inches in more than one of the newsletters in 2000.

NZSG News - library services

The NZSG Library located at the Family History Centre (FRC), Panmure has 46,000 items in the catalogue. Go to the Society's website www.genealogy.org.nz and click on the FRC tab at the top of the page. Details come up of the services offered by FRC and the Library. A number of menus are available covering the resources available, library highlights and a series of tutorials on using the catalogue.

Ordinary members can borrow 4 items and joint members 8 items at a time for up to 3 weeks. There is no fee for borrowing from the library but the borrower is required fund the return of the items. Requesting online

Use the On-line Catalogue Search to find items you wish to borrow. To make your borrowing request online go to the <u>library catalogue</u>

Requesting by post

To make your borrowing request by post, download <u>Library Borrowing Order Form</u>

Fill in the form and post, along with a stamped, self-addressed standard DLE (business sized) envelope, to:

Library Borrowing, NZSG, PO Box 14036, Panmure, Auckland 1741

The self addressed envelope may be used to notify you if the items are not immediately available for any reason, or may be used as an address label. It will be returned if not used.

This is a very extensive family history resource and a search of the catalogue well worth it. In addition each issue of the Society's magazine *The New Zealand Genealogist*, published 6 times a year has an update of new accessions.

If you are not a member of NZSG you are missing out on a wide range of services which complement those available at Branch level. Membership forms are available at APFHC and at monthly meetings or via the above mentioned website.



New resources

New online

FindMyPast.co.uk have published new parish registers for Surrey, part of their Thames and Medway collection, and Warwickshire parish records from the Rugby Family History Group.

Ancestry have added trade directory records for the Midlands ranging from 1770 to 1941.



Round Robin - Who do you think you are?

One of our Round Robin offerings (see back page for contact details to subscribe, or check back issues filed at the APFHC). This September issue advises that the UK National Archives have catalogued the service records of First World War pilots.

Search their AIR 79 series using the new Discovery catalogue.

The magazine has articles on the Scotland's Poor Relief system, dating beach photos, rediscovering RootsWeb, and a focus on Army Lists, together with records and repositories from Cheshire.

ATrip Down Memory Lane

Some ancestral searching

We have just returned from a memorable overseas trip with a combination of catching up with old friends, researching ancestral tracks, and revisiting places we have lived and worked in. This was a venture with a dose of realism that long haul travel is increasingly ghastly, so let's do it while we can. After decades of much travel we still give a great sigh of relief when we see that Koru on the tail of our user friendly national airline on some routes, when many other carriers are at best ho hum. Naramata, a fruit and vegetable bowl, 5 hours drive east of Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada was first stop visiting an old family friend, partner and two little boys, she a wine maker, he a viticulture manager and living on a grape farm. If you thought some of NZ's wine areas are challenging then how about having to watch for bears, coyotes that will grab little kids, moles, deer, snakes, nasty vine bugs and creepy crawlies. But the wine is pretty good. Spectacular country, old geologically, wonderful mountains and lakes and friendly people. A short stopover in Vancouver, a beautiful harbour city, the famous Stanley Park, vibrant and alive with lots of apartment living, and a great ethnic mix of people.

Then onto familiar territory and London Heathrow and yes there is still a plane landing or taking off every 2 minutes! And the smog catches your throat within minutes of walking out of the terminal. A month here allowed us quality time to catch up with long standing friends mainly in Surrey, where we lived in the mid 70s for four and a half years, and where our youngest son was born. We avoided the Olympics except on the box, but had a great day at the Royal Henley Regatta. Pimms, a military band, striped blazers and boaters, a picnic with champagne - very British, and rowing to boot. Lovely to catch up too with a niece who was in her last days at Oxford's Balliol College and a keen rower. We were privileged to be taken around this magnificent campus as she finished a period as a post grad student and latterly as a research staff member before she departed the following day, alas for Australia, as there are few vacancies for her skills in NZ.

Our ancestor catch up time began with a visit to Kingsdon, a tiny village near Taunton, Somerset, where Merrilee's great grandmother Jane Edwards, left at 8 years old with her parents and 6 siblings, wending their way to London to catch the emigrant ship to Wellington in 1842. He was an "Ag Lab". The Anglican church where her parents and her grandparents were married and some of her siblings christened is still there, and dates back to the 1300s. The names of the two curates, father and son, which appear on a number of marriage and christening certificates (1765) to 1827) are on a wall plague and they are both buried in the church. The Somerset Heritage Centre, Taunton proved very helpful and we were able to sight many records with a surprise in store. Jane and two siblings were christened at the same time in a Primitive Methodist Church. Why the change - a fall out with the vicar, a



These yards in Malton probably haven't changed much since the 1800s

better story from the opposition, a change in beliefs? We will never know.

Then into Wales with the welcome sights of hills, of green fields and sheep to visit some of Merrilee's Huguenot relatives who run a bat and badger environmental consultancy, (not one of these round every corner in NZ), a chance to correct some of the errors in their family tree, catch up on family tales, meet the younger generation, and to tour the valleys. Nationalism and the Welsh language are alive and strong. A drive through the reservoirs from which water is sent to the Midlands was a reminder of the ribbing I got whenever I visited Wales in earlier days, about "the bloody English pinching our water" - you see I was born in Birmingham! More driving through lovely fresh green and wooded countryside to the Forest of Dean, just across the border, where an older relative from the same family hosted us for a couple of days, made some further corrections to his side of the tree and added some different family tales. Nothing like a few on the spot phone calls to elderly aunts to correct the BMD stuff. It was a sad farewell as we probably will not see him again.

We both have ancestors in Yorkshire. My mother was born in Leeds, so we met up with my cousin James Longley to visit some family plots at Holbeck Cemetery, one of Leeds' older resting places, chaperoned by some friendly Yorkshire folk from the local friends of the cemetery group. In spite of the friends' efforts this cemetery is very unkempt, our family headstones broken and a site of official vandalism. The City Council reacting after a teenager claimed injury from a falling monument, pushed over most of the headstones - and it is a huge cemetery - without any consultation. Not a pleasant sight. The land is also sinking as there is a former coal mine underneath! Fortunately they left several rows of paupers graves and mass named headstones which date back several hundred years. We are making enquiries as to whether we can have our family memorials re-erected, but vandalism is a huge problem in this area. We also visited central Leeds were my Great Great Grandfather Joseph Longley, a mattress and bed maker, had a factory and show room. The Longley building

A Trip Down Memory Lane ctd

remains a local landmark. The ground floor is a Prêt a Manger cafe, which would not have been around in his day. North Yorkshire next and another small village, Malton, where Merrilee's agricultural based wheelwright Great Grandfather William Harrison, set off in his late 20s for the goldfields of Victoria, Australia in the early 1850s and when things got rough there headed for NZ. William's brother also left for Australia shortly afterwards and settled there. Cousin John Harrison had superimposed an old map of the village onto a modern one and we had lots of fun working out where the family had lived, armed with census records with addresses and street names. We were invited into a tiny cottage in the street those ancestors lived in and which would have been there when the youngsters in the family decided to seek greener pastures. Other locations are still there, such as the market place where stock were sold and an old 16th century pub where we imagined, as we supped in the tiny taproom, that a pint or two was imbibed after the stock sales with tales of how mean the Lord of the Manor was. And the pubs name in those days was Harrisons Folly - perhaps a family connection?

North Yorkshire records are held at the Borthwick Institute, University of York and we had booked a visit there. Nothing new in those records but confirmation of

christenings and marriages. Unfortunately it was a semester break and they were very short staffed so we did not get as much guidance as we had hoped, but well worth a visit just to pour through old records, maps, stories and documents. Then a brief trip down memory lane to one of our favourite cathedrals York Minster, where the magnificent East End is under a multi million pound restoration. We would have stayed for evensong if we had not had to return to the University to pick up cousin John. If you are planning a trip to do some family history research check out on the internet where records are held and don't just arrive and expect help. Many of the repositories are run by volunteers, and have restricted opening hours. Even those run by local bodies often have restrictions on the numbers they can handle, when records can be searched and set access times. Always e-mail or ring ahead to book time and check whether some of the records you want have to be pre-ordered. Always have your basic records with you for cross reference, take copious notes and copies of records - nothing more frustrating than to find you have forgotten that crucial bit of information!

Clive Palmer (to be continued.)

For our archives - any historic newsletters in your attic?

The Branch is in the process of installing back-issue Branch Newsletters on the Branch website http://KapitiGen.org, both as an historic record and also to enable Members to check back on past events and articles should they so wish.

The Branch was formed 25 May 1984 (we hold a copy of "Newsletter One" produced late 1984), followed by a big yawning gap, then we have a more or less unbroken run of Newsletters from October 1993 inclusive through to the present.

A very small number of our current members belonged to the Branch during some, if not all, of those early formative years, and should they still be holding at least some of those missing 1985-1993 Newsletters we would be most grateful if they would be prepared to either donate or lend them to us so that we may extend our website collection. If you can help us in any way, would you please in the first instance contact: Derek on 293 1092 if hard copies are to be collected.

Alternately, if you are able to convert them to a pdf, please email Barry on WebMaster "at" KapitiGen.org to check whether or not those you have are still on the "Wanted" list.

Barry has been working hard to ensure that the new website already has all those that were on the old website, plus all the more recent ones that never made it there, so great progress has been made (see Communications > Newsletters).

What sort of genealogist are you?

From the Olive Tree Genealogy Blog:

The Hunter or Detective? The Ancestor Finder? The Hoarder? The Junkyard Collector? The Scholar? The Analyzer? The Planner?

Do check the link and decide for yourself, and if you are a junkyard collector, please think about accuracy and sourcing your data. Possibly reading the Genealogical Proof Standard on the <u>Board of Certification of Genealogists</u> may help.

Next Branch meeting (23 October) Clive Palmer:

" Message Boards"



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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 regularly: check the red folder in the drawer. Members need to get the drawer key from help desk. We also request that you sign the log book in the drawer such statistics help us when applying for grants such as those that allowed us to add the two new computers.

Forthcoming Events

Information Sessions for 2012

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

Oct 18: Using Family Search - the LDS site

September meeting

Tuesday 25 September: Marlene Sayers & Beverley Keall "Salt Lake City FH Tour"

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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

Your last words?

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Who Will Control Your "Digital Estate" After You Are Gone?

For those of you have websites, and information on-line, here's a question for you to consider: what happens to your information on those sites after your death? Will your information disappear from the online world shortly after you also disappear? You might not want to leave a Facebook page online forever that says, "Having a great time here in the Archives."

Contracts with service providers most often are automatically terminated (by

the terms of service) as soon as the customer ceases to exist. That means there is no right for the heirs to access the deceased person's data.

Some experts suggest creating a digital estate plan. At the minimum, you need to provide a list of user accounts and passwords to family members. If nothing else, family members can post a notice of your demise to your online friends. They also can continue to pay hosting fees, if any, to keep your data online.

One company, <u>SecureSafe</u>, provides a service that will transfer your files and passwords to those you designate, should something happen to you. You can determine exactly who should receive your data. SecureSafe is based in Switzerland and operation is conducted in accordance with Swiss laws. For each file and password stored in your

account, you can assign a beneficiary who will have access to this data in an emergency situation or upon your death. You have to designate one or more "Authorized Activators" in advance. These are persons you trust to activate the process and to whom you have handed an activation code. These Authorized Activators will then activate the data inheritance on your SecureSafe account according to your wishes. SecureSafe will store passwords and any files that you wish to pass on.

Not everyone will receive everything. Each file and each password will be given only to the individuals you designate. Prices range from free to \$12.90 (U.S.) per month, depending upon the number of passwords and the amount of file space you use. Who will post your obituary online for you?