

Kapiti Branch

New Zealand Society of Genealogists



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Meetings coming up

Venue: Kapiti Community Centre, Ngahina St, Paraparaumu except where noted otherwise.

Tuesday 25 May Kapiti branch meeting

7pm for 7.30pm

Speaker: Historian Warwick Johnston "People arriving in the region"

Wednesday 2 June Help with your research @@@@ APFHC

1pm-3pm Alison Procter Family History Centre (APFHC: upstairs, Paraparaumu Library)

Monday 14 June Computer-friendly genealogy

7.30pm Using Scotlands people, paying for and downloading certificates

Looking ahead

Tuesday 22 June Kapiti branch meeting

7pm for 7.30pm

Speaker: Derek Griffis "NZ Illegitimacies database"

Saturday 3 July Help with your research @@@@APFHC

10am-12noon Alison Procter Family History Centre (upstairs, Paraparaumu Library)

Monday 12 July Computer-friendly genealogy

7.30pm Using New Zealand BDM website and ordering certificates

For meeting dates of special interest and user groups, **see page 4**. You can see the year's programme on our website.

Special General Meeting – Comment from your Committee

Kapiti Branch was formally represented at the recent Special General Meetings in Auckland 30th Apr, and actively encouraged our members to familiarise themselves with the issues involved, and vote, either in person, or by proxy. Many did so. Although the end results were not as we wished, it is hoped that the Council will consider their actions that caused this activity, and work, with their members, and branches, towards a more open, forward thinking, co-operative, communicative organisation that we can all be proud to belong to and contribute to.

Volunteers wanted by Archives

Archives New Zealand is looking for volunteers for a project to digitise probate records held in Wellington. These are some of the most frequently requested materials stored at the archives, and can be a great source of genealogical information.

Volunteers will be trained in basic preservation techniques and proper handling of documents. If you would like to be part of this project, and can commit to spending at least two hours a week for at least a year, ring Sarah McClintock on (04) 894-6042 or email sarah.mcclintock@@@archives.govt.nz.

Well done, Sue!

Sue Greene was presented with a Branch Service Award at the AGM, in recognition of the time and energy she has put into both Kapiti and Otaki branches as well as other positions within NZSG over the years.

Sue joined the New Zealand Society, and Levin Branch in 1989, organising the Otaki branch from its inception as a sub-branch, retiring as its convenor in 2008. Sue has also been prominent in the Kapiti Genealogy Computer Group (now Kapiti Branch's Computer-friendly genealogy



interest group, with Sue at *Sue Greene receiving her certificate from Hanley Hoffmann* the helm). Although Sue retired from the branch committee at the AGM, she will continue to serve "off committee" as the branch Research Officer.

Introducing . . . Bill McKeich

I was first introduced to genealogical research by my father, who, shortly before he died, began to delve into his family's past. I took up from where he left off and have over the past thirty years uncovered some amazing stories. These have been written up and many volumes have been prepared in the intervening years. Some of the stories I have kept stored in my memory bank and will never see the light of day.

Stories I have recorded have come from the shoemakers of Linlithgow near Edinburgh, coalminers in Glasgow, tenant farmers and wrights (including illicit whiskey distillers) on the Kintyre Peninsula and an iron works puddler and servant girl in Birmingham who settled in Dunedin. In Australia there were grocers, slaughtermen, run holders and in New Zealand there were butchers, soldiers, farmers, electricians, railway tunnellers and teachers.

My research has taken me all over the world to meet up with new relations I have discovered through the use of the Internet. Many of these relations, even as distant as seventh cousins, I have met in person and it has been a wonderful journey discovering our common ancestors.

Family names I am most interested in are McKEICH, KEITH (in Australia and Scotland), McKEITH (in Canada), BURNS, PRIMROSE, TURLEY, SPENCE, BARCLAY and WADDELL.

I still have an interest in the following names connected with my late wife's family: SWAN, BAIN, JOLLY, WARD, DEARDEN, ROYLANCE and TUTTE.

As I have done for the last year as a member of the branch committee, I will be supervising the activities of the APFHC in the Paraparaumu Public Library. I can be found

there most Wednesday mornings and if I can be of assistance to any members, particularly our newer members, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me. If I don't know the answer, maybe I can point you in the direction of someone who can help.

NZSG 2009 Cemetery (Monumental Inscriptions) update

The 2009 Cemetery Update fiche (#1168-#1222) is a recent addition to the APFHC resource collection upstairs at Paraparaumu Library. An updated hard copy List of Holdings is not yet available, so we have suitably annotated our earlier List with the details of these latest additions. Researchers should note that the 2009 update fiche *also* have their own index fiche #1 at the immediate front of the update packet.

Branch notes

New members

A warm welcome to Ted PROFFITT, Janette McHUGH, Michelle MONAGHAN, Chris LEHEN and Blanche CHARLES, who have joined us since the last newsletter went out.

Round Robin changes

The BBC produced magazine "Who Do You Think You Are" replaces "Ancestors" as the latter has ceased publication. For further details see the Resources section of our web site, and select the Round Robin Magazines link at the bottom of the page (or contact Meryl Opie 298 8737).

Membership

If you have paid your sub for the Apr 2010 – Mar 2011 year and not yet received your new yellow card, please let Lorna know, as after May only the new yellow cards will allow you to access our resources at the Alison Procter Family History Centre.

Death

It is with sadness that we report the death of branch member Matt BURGESS of Waikanae, who died suddenly on 31 March 2010, age 66. He was buried in Akatarawa Cemetery (Dominion Post 3/4/10).

Interest and User groups June -July

The 2010 programme for the Computer-friendly genealogy group, and all other user and interest groups, is on the branch website. On the main page, click programme. On the next page, click on Interest and User Groups.

Computer friendly genealogy

next meeting: 14 June, 7.30 pm
contact: Sue Greene sueg-97@@@xtra.co.nz

Legacy (database software)

next meeting: 26 June, 12.30 to 4.30pm
contact Gerald Twiss 902-0926
gero@@@ihug.co.nz

Family Tree Maker (database software)

next meeting: 31 July, 9.30am to 12.30
contact: Hanley Hoffmann (see page 4)

Australian interest group

next meeting: Tuesday 15 June APFHC
10am to 12pm
Contact: Deborah Shuker 905-2238
shuker@@@xtra.co.nz

Scottish interest group

contact: Trish Mallia 293-3966
tmallia@@@xtra.co.nz

Irish interest group

contact: Hanley Hoffmann (see page 4)

Tea makers

If your surname begins with the letters **S to Z** please be at the May branch meeting by 7pm to help prepare the hot drinks. In June it will be someone else's turn.

On the web

Ancestry magazine

Back copies of the American magazine Ancestry are now online. This magazine is no longer being published.

<http://books.google.com:80/books/serial/FTgEAAAAMB AJ?rview=1>

Coming soon – Ireland 1901 census

Census information for all of Ireland is scheduled to be online by the end of June. Like the 1911 Ireland census, it will be free to view. In the meantime, have a look at the 1911 census, which is there already. www.census.nationalarchives.ie

Papers Past updates

New issues of a variety of historic New Zealand newspapers are being added to Papers Past, with additions becoming available in March, May and June. Among the May titles is the Evening Post (Wellington) for the years 1916-1920.

www.paperspast.natlib.govt.nz

Committee for 2010-2011

A branch committee for the coming year was elected at the AGM in April. Welcome to a new committee member, Lyn Lee, and welcome back to the rest, whose names and contact details are below. Angela Reynolds was subsequently co-opted onto the committee. The work of retiring committee members Judy Olsen, Sandy White and Sue Greene was acknowledged at the AGM.

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