



Kapiti Branch, New Zealand Society of Genealogists

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May 2007 Newsletter

Next Meetings:-

Kapiti Branch: Tuesday 22nd May 7pm for 7.30pm start. Kapiti Community Centre. Video of the British TV programme "Who Do You Think You Are?"

Kapiti Branch Day Meeting. Wednesday 4th July 1pm to 3pm. First floor Paraparaumu Public Library (you may stay later if you wish) using branch resources

Computer SIG: Monday 14th May 7.30 pm. Ground floor Paraparaumu Public Library.

Speaker:- Paddy Squibb Telecom Rep. Information on Wireless broadband, broadband Blue Tooth and other communications

Kapiti Legacy Users SIG: Saturday 30th June, 1pm for 2pm start. Masonic Hall, Taranua St, Paraparaumu. Add-on programmes, eg Charting Companion, any questions and problems using Legacy.

2007 Annual General Meeting & Conference of The New Zealand Society of Genealogists Inc.

Queens Birthday weekend Friday to Monday 1st – 4th June 2007. Wellington Girls College, Pipitea Street Thorndon Wellington. Theme: Land to live on. Law to live by. Literature to learn. [Registration click here](#)

CONVENERS COMMENT:-

We have reached the 220 member mark again after the usual resignations at the end of 2006. Welcome to many new members who have joined us recently. Don't despair because you can't immediately find great uncle Fred, and resign in despair at the end of the year. Some of us have been trying to find him for 20 years but have found a heap of other ancestors in the process!!

Our resources in the Paraparaumu Public Library are open seven days a week during library open hours and you will find books to borrow and CDs and microfiche for use in our research area. If you are not too sure how to use them we have a Wed 10am to 12 noon session every week at the Library with a rostered member who is there to help your search. If this doesn't work, call our Research Officer or Help Desk Officer whose contact details are elsewhere in the Newsletter.

Access to one of the world's most prodigious family history websites, ancestry.com, is also available at the

Library for free – ask at the Information Desk for assistance. There is also opportunity to air your queries at our monthly Branch Meetings. Watch out too for the additional research sessions we will be holding throughout the year - these will be advertised on the website and our newsletter.

Our PCs in the Library have been upgraded with a new purchase made possible by a Pub Charity Trust grant and new software programmes installed.

This is a timely opportunity to remind you of the benefits of joining our national organisation, the NZ Society of Genealogists Inc. Branch membership is only part of the story. National membership is complementary to our local resources and gives you additional access to a huge database of library and research resources, family history advice, search facilities, certificate ordering, an interactive website, NZ and International Special Interest Groups and much more. Pick up a brochure from our research room or at monthly meetings, and go on line to www.genealogy.org.nz to find out more.

For those who are fledgling computer users and would like help in using this tool for genealogy, please ask for guidance and our Computer Special Interest Group has been set up for this reason.

Clive Palmer

COMPSIG:- Computer SIG

If you have upgraded to **Windows Vista** and use **Family Tree Maker**, you will need to go to tinyurl.com/yspd9o to download a free patch. Most features on Family tree Maker are unaffected by Vista. However, certain aspects (like exporting a view book, or tree PDF) will not function without an important update for your copy of Family Tree Maker. This update is completely free, and steps for updating your programme are given in this article tinyurl.com/yspd9o. This update is for FTM 2005, 2006, or any US version 16 only. You must have administrator Rights to Vista to install FTM and the patch

Sue Greene

LIBRARY REPORT:-

My concern this month is access to our library books.

Recently Harry on duty at the library had to leave for an appointment just after noon, but a researcher was still busy with the files and wanted to stay on longer. Harry explained he would have to sign as being responsible for the key, but Harry was persuaded to do it for him. Fortunately the Davison's were down in the library that afternoon to security strip our new books (mentioned in last month's report) and were horrified to discover that the key had not been signed out.

It was left upstairs in an unlocked cupboard. Please, if you are doing research after the duty person has left, **remember to take the key back to the Information Desk downstairs and sign out. This is important.** We don't want to lose our material, which is available to members only, and you will be aware that upstairs is open to the general public. 1

Alison Procter

Notices:-

Australian Special Interest Group AUS SIG

Member Rex Roberts has set up an SIG for those Branch members who are interested in sharing research on their Australian ancestors and families. The key to the group will be informality with those interested meeting as and when they desire. Rex has a very large resource base and broadband access to the internet and has kindly offered to host the group at his home. Those interested should contact him direct at [rxroberts\(at\)paradise.net.nz](mailto:rxroberts(at)paradise.net.nz) or (04)905 6570.

Beginners Help Line: Valerie Freeman runs our "Help Desk" at our Monthly Meetings, but those seeking basic advice and guidance on Family History research are reminded that they may also ring her at home (298-7396) at any time, within reason

Family Tree Maker Special Interest Group FTM SIG

Hanley Hoffmann, Clive Palmer and Barry Thomson have set up a Family Tree Maker SIG. Those Members interested please contact Hanley Hoffmann who will take names of those interested and advise when the next meeting will take place. Please contact Hanley by email in the first instance [hdhoffmann\(at\)paradise.net.nz](mailto:hdhoffmann(at)paradise.net.nz) or phone 04 904 3276

New Members

Welcome to new members, Janet & Keith Ratcliffe, Sandra Quilty, and Margaret King, who have joined us since the previous Newsletter

The Master Genealogist Special Interest Group TMG SIG

If any local users, or intending users, of The Master Genealogist (<http://www.whollygenes.com/>) would be interested in informal get-togethers to share hints and or tips, learn how to use the product to its full potential, Lorna Henderson is willing to facilitate this. Email [LornaH\(at\)paradise.net.nz](mailto:LornaH(at)paradise.net.nz)

Supper Helpers:

We are continuing with the practice of calling for volunteers (by initial of surname) to assist with supper at our Monthly Meetings in the Kapiti Community Centre. In particular, this calls for assistance with serving and tidying up afterwards.

May *D, E, F, G*. Please make yourself known to Meryl, the Supper Organiser

Family Tree Charts:

There will be a full range of Charts available for sale at this month's Meeting. Please see our Sales Officer, Sandy White, who will be happy to sell you these, and various other items. Each chart is 50 cents more than the asking price on the NZSG web-site to enable us to recoup the p&p costs: 7-generation (\$3.00), 8-generation (\$3.50), 9-generation wheel (\$3.50), 12-generation (\$4.00).

Used Ink Cartridges:

The last batch of used ink cartridges cashed in was quite a bit smaller than previously so, naturally, was also the cheque that we received. Nonetheless, \$124.50 is a lot better than nothing. As I (Derek Griffis) will not be at the May and June Monthly Meetings as I will be overseas, do please keep on saving them, but don't bring them along before the July Meeting. Alternatively, should you so wish, please place them in the cardboard box in our steel cabinet upstairs at Paraparaumu Library. As usual, we are after Canon, Lexmark, Hewlett Packard, and Epson, but if in doubt let us have whatever you have got and we'll let the dealer sort them out.

Sales Table :

We have 4 only Genealogy Research Directory's - 2002, 1999, 1998 and 1996 - \$1 each. See Sandra White (Raffles & Sales) after the meeting. There will be some containers and the books on the raffle table for you to peruse!

Meeting Dates and Times KBNZSG

Kapiti Branch:- 7.30pm, 4th Tuesday, Jan-Nov at Kapiti Community Centre 15 Ngahina Street (near Paraparaumu Library)

Computer SIG:- 7.30pm, 2nd Monday, Feb-Dec in the Paraparaumu Public Library (downstairs)

Kapiti Legacy Users SIG:

Meetings are held at the Masonic Hall, in Tararua St, Paraparaumu. (off Hinemoa St). Doors open 1pm, meeting starts at 2pm. Entry charge kept to a minimum and will cover hall hire, tea and coffee and any presenter's costs. Contact Gerald Twiss: gero(at)ihug.co.nz or phone 021 151 6714. The Kapiti group is an "informal" one. Anyone with an interest in the Legacy programme can attend.

Porirua Family History Centre Library:

Recently there has been a modification/extension of the hours/days in which this library is open to the general public. The new hours/days are:

Monday	9am - 1pm
Tuesday	6pm - 8pm
Wednesday	9am - 3pm
Thursday	6pm - 8pm
Friday	9am - 11am
Saturday	2pm - 4pm

The library is at: cnr Ngatitotoa & Chapel Streets, Porirua. Ph: (04)237-5412. For the benefit of newer members it is explained that FHC libraries are part of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (LDS, or, Mormons) who readily make their records available to the general public, and there is absolutely no proselytizing. The local resources are not extensive, but FHCs in general are access-points for those researchers wishing to order in, and to subsequently view, microfilms or microfiche to further their research. At present the cost per film is only \$4.50.

Archives New Zealand Auckland:

Will be closed to the public from 25th May until 17th September due its move from its current premises in Mt Wellington to its new premises at: 95 Richard Pearse Drive, Mangere. The written reference service was suspended from 4th May.

The National Archives of Ireland

<http://www.nationalarchives.ie/contactus/census.html> has arranged for the digitisation, indexing and contextualisation of its most popular records, the census records for 1901 and 1911. The resulting website will contain images of the forms for each household and institution, which will be indexed by name (all names), townland/street, age and sex.. There will also be illustrated information on what life was like in Ireland in the early days of the last century. The site will be free to access, with no charge to use the indexes or view the images.

The first phase of the project, **Dublin City and County 1911**, is to be launched in **Autumn 2007**. We

had hoped to launch earlier, but rapidly changing technology has meant that we are revising the architecture of the site, and this will lead to a small delay. The above URL contains regular updates on the project.

Websites -

Surname Mapping

Enter a surname into this website, and up will pop a distribution map in the UK for 1881 (based on census) and 1998 (based on electoral roll). <http://www.spatial-literacy.org>

Queensland, Aust BDM indexes

Historic indexes are available online (free of charge). The years covered are 1829-1914. Births & deaths show parents names, marriage show spouse (At present there is only a wee window to work in, so make sure you scroll down to see the full options & the results!). <http://www.justice.qld.gov.au/bdm/IndexSearch.htm>

Wellington City Archives

As well as council documents, there are photos, maps & plans (when searching, tick images only to reduce the number of results). There is a link to a page describing those archives of interest to family historians too.

<http://wellington.govt.nz/services/archives/>

Nova Scotia BDMs

These Canadian records (scans of the actual registers) are available. (You have to agree to the terms & conditions, and may have to download a viewer for the images). The records include births 1864-1877, marriages 1864-1930, and deaths 1864-1877 & 1908-1955. <https://www.novascotiagenealogy.com>

Maiden Names

These days it's not unusual for women who marry to keep their maiden name - but in Victorian times it was normal in English-speaking nations for a bride to take her husband's surname.

By contrast in Quebec it was common for married women to be recorded on the census under their maiden names and today married women in Quebec are legally known by their maiden name unless they have gone through the formal process of changing it. The same applies in France and - we understand - Louisiana.

Furthermore, if you search Scottish censuses you'll often come across wives and widows recorded under their maiden names. On the whole it would make life easier for genealogists if married women were always recorded under their maiden names on the census, because it's all too easy to lose track of women once they reach marriageable age.

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Anzac Day Guide for New Zealanders

www.anzac.gov.nz/gallipoliguide/cemeteries.html

Lists all cemeteries on Gallipoli where New Zealanders were interred, including those who served with other forces. It has maps of cemeteries in the Northern, Southern, and Cape Helles sectors and the names of those buried in each cemetery can be viewed.

Australia & the Military

<http://members.iinet.net.au/~perthdps/military/intro.htm>

At the moment this site has been devoted to Australia's involvement in the Boer War in South Africa between 1899 and 1902. Australian soldiers who served in South Africa (1899-1902) are listed according to State and Contingent.

Australian Battlefields of WW1 - France

This site www.ciaops.com/guides/battle/ commences with an explanation of the background to the Australian on the Western Front and gives a timeline of events relating to Australian Troops from 25th April 1915 to 11 November 1918. Places are linked to Google Earth placemarks.

Australian War Brides

The Southern Cross Group is trying to find women who left Australia as war brides during or just after WWII and their children. A comprehensive site, it has sections on just about every topic an expat Aussie could ever want.

www.southern-cross-group.org/brides/overview.html/

Canadian War Brides

The story of the Canadian War Brides and their Journey to Canada is one of the most fascinating and romantic of WWII. Why nearly 45,000 British and European women would leave behind everything that was familiar to start a new life in post-war Canada is a story worth telling. www.canadianwarbrides.com/

Commonwealth War Graves Commission

Established by Royal Charter in 1917, the Commonwealth War Graves Commission is a non-profit-making organisation. The Debt of Honour Register is the Commission's database listing the 1.7 million men and women of the Commonwealth forces who died during the two world wars and the 23,000 cemeteries, memorials and other locations worldwide where they are commemorated. The register can also be searched for details of the 67,000 commonwealth civilians who died as a result of enemy action in the Second World War. www.cwgc.org/

WAR BRIDES

Over 100,000 British war brides and large numbers of children sailed away mostly bound for Canada, USA, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand. This site has searchable indexes of passengers and names.

www.warbrides.co.uk/

War Records and their use in Family History

Research www.ulladulla.info/fhc/war.html

An online Family History Course covering WWI and WWII provides guidance on how to research this aspect of family history, with explanations of a wide range of information that can be obtained, links to many relevant sites and contact details for all the relevant organisations.

World War One Cemeteries

Remembering the fallen- a site of remembrance and comprehensive guide to the military cemeteries and memorials of Belgium, France, and Great Britain and throughout the world. www.wwlcemeteries.com/
Courtesy of the Australian Family Tree Connections April 2007 issue.

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