



Kapiti Branch

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Convenor's Comment

The recent media frenzy about severe incidents of racial intolerance directed at recent new immigrants and a possible religious connotation gives me shivers and food for thought. At the recent research day in Palmerston North, I spent some time looking for background on Huguenot refugees fleeing from persecution in France and the Spanish Netherlands (modern Belgium and Holland), to the Kent and Sussex regions of England. My wife has Huguenot ancestors. I found myself glued to the microfiche reader with accounts of the intolerance directed at many of these new arrivals in England in the 1600s and 1700s complete with local and national edicts about restricting their activities and making life very difficult. Fortunately time mellowed this state of affairs as many of these new immigrants brought skills and experiences in increasing demand. I have ancestors from Lincolnshire, close to the North Sea and a hotbed of plunder and pillage in Viking and other times.

So I guess most of us can uncover ancestors back in time and for some even more recently, who through invasion, colonisation, rampant intolerance, religious differences and even marriage have first hand experience of prejudice. The dreadful current situation in the Middle East does little to dispel any hope that things might be changing. As genealogists exploring and understanding the reasons for our individual gene mix, I hope we can help bring a more moderate light to these attitudes.

On that note the AGM is about to catch up with us on 28th October and while we have received some nominations, more are required. At our September meeting several folk asked me about "what jobs were to be done". While we need Committee members there are several portfolios that do not necessarily require a place on the Committee. These are the "Appointed Officers", chosen by the Committee from those expressing interest in Branch activities and can cover areas such as publicity, meeting registrar and nametags, projects (e.g. school records), research advice, sales, sponsorship and grants, newsletter, library rosters. So if you would like to lend a hand let me know, or so indicate at the meeting. The October meeting will also be an opportunity to discuss the 2005 programme of activities, so that will be your chance to voice your views to the incoming committee.

Clive Palmer

Computer Corner

Through helping a couple of members in Otaki I have discovered a very helpful site which I thought worth mentioning for anyone with Danish research. The two main records of use to genealogists on this site are the "Emigration records" and the "Census.Emigration records".

If your ancestors emigrated after 1868, you may be able to find them in the

emigration lists, which were kept by the police in Copenhagen. This, however, will only be possible, if they bought a contract-ticket from an emigration agent with an office in Copenhagen. The police did not keep records of emigrants - but of all the contracts signed between agents and emigrants. This was done to prevent "smart" agents from cheating possible emigrants by taking their money, and conveniently "forgetting" to purchase tickets, help with travel arrangements, etc. So, if your ancestor - for some reason - travelled independently, you will not find him or her in the emigration records! Most people had a contract with an agent, but not all. Sometimes one or two family members (e.g. a father and a grown son, two brothers, etc.) would be the first to emigrate and then later send back tickets for the rest of the family.

Census Records.

Censuses which have been held in Denmark at various intervals. The first census of interest to the genealogist was held in 1787, the following in 1801, 1834, 1840, 1845, 1850, 1855, 1860, 1870, 1880, 1890, 1901, 1911, 1916, 1921, 1925, 1930, 1949, 1950 and 1965. The census of 1845 is particularly interesting, since this is the first census that will give you the very important information about "place of birth" for the people listed.

To access the site in English at the bottom of the Emigration and Census pages are two flags one for English, one For Danish. Click on the English flag and this will change the instructions etc. to English.

The web site is <http://www.sa.dk/lak/brugarkivet/famhist/start.htm>

Sue Greene.

Notices

RESIGNATION We are sorry to announce John Glover's resignation from the Club. He has been a staunch member over the years and apart from being the Convenor for some years, has also played a prominent part in collecting the local school rolls on behalf of the NZSG. Thank you, John, for your input.

THANKS go to George Watson for his help over the years. Sorting out nametags after each meeting would be quite a job, apart from his support in other areas

GRD 2004 Recently your Committee bought the up-to-date copy of the Genealogical Research Directory, but it has gone astray. If you have come across it, would you please return it to our cabinet upstairs in the Paraparaumu Public Library

INK CARTRIDGES A reminder that we are collecting used/empty printer cartridges for recycling to raise funds for the Branch. Any inkjet or bubble cartridges are wanted:- e.g. Canon, Hewlett Packard, Lexmark, Epson. There will be a small cardboard box at meetings, placed near our Notice Board. Apart from

Meetings, the box is kept in the central part of our locked cabinet upstairs at the Paraparaumu Library.

FICHE BOXES Since our Branch fiche resources have been re-boxed, we have a large number of plastic boxes available for disposal. New these cost around \$13, but we are offering them to members at \$3 each, or two for \$5. Anyone interested can contact our Secretary, Derek Griffis Ph. 293 1092

NEW FICHE ACQUISITIONS In the last few weeks we have received two new additions to our fiche collection at the Paraparaumu Library. 1. New Zealand Electoral Rolls 1853-1864, 1865-1866 and 1887, and 2. Victoria-New Zealand Passenger Lists 1871-1880

SUBSCRIPTIONS for 2005 are now due. Please remember that you will need your new Kapiti Branch membership card (as well as your KCDC Library card) to access books from our Genealogy Library. Please renew well before 31st December 2004

Articles

FREEMASONS Middlesex UK

Greater London Record office holds a range of Freemasons records. Lodges were exempt from the act for suppressing seditious societies, as being mainly charitable, provided that each lodge certified a list of members annually to the Quarter Sessions.

Certificates give the name and number of the lodge, and names, occupations and addresses of members, and place and time of meeting. The range held is 1881-1888 and goes back to 1799 with many gaps. The registers cover 1834 - 1888. You would need to employ a researcher to consult these sources. "Ancestor Vol25 # 5" Gen Soc of Victoria

Other record offices might hold similar for their area . -

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AUSTRALIAN WW1 MILITARY

Although my trip to Australia was nothing to do with Family History, nonetheless I did come home with a few genealogical trophies. First was "The Doomsday Book" (No, No, not the original!) - the 1985 publication by Hutchinson in association with the English Tourist Board, but more about this another day. Second and third were couple of publications of more immediate relevance to Australasian genealogy, and relate to two particular groups of personnel in the Australian Army during World War One.

Clive Baker, a friend of mine from over 40 years ago when I used to live in Sydney, is now the proprietor of The War Book Shop, and also leads periodic trips

hiking the Kokoda Trail up in New Guinea. I was able to browse through his extensive collections of books, both in his shop and at his home, and purchased one for myself that I had decided to add to my own personal collection. "What's in a Name", aliases of the Australian Military Forces 1914-1919, by Lt. Col Neil C. Smith of "Mostly Unsung Military History Research and Publications", lists some 3000 carefully cross-indexed names of men who, for one reason or another, enlisted in the Australian Army under a name other than their own. If you have a relative who you feel absolutely sure served in the Australian Army during World War 1, but cannot find any trace of him in the official records, then checking for him in this book is suggested. If you have a general interest in Australian military, then I recommend you visit: <http://www.warbooks.com.au>

Following through on the above, I myself visited:

<http://mostlyunsung.alphalink.com.au/mubooks.htm> to see what else was on offer. "New Zealanders in the First AIF", by the same author, caught my attention, and this too is now in my personal collection. As the title would suggest, this is a listing of Kiwis who served their King, if not their Country, during World War 1, in the Australian Army. Some 600 names are listed in all, and entries list: surname, initials, number, rank and remarks (eg. 56Bn, Gore). If you have a relative who you feel absolutely sure served in the Army during World War 1, but cannot trace him in the NZ Army records, then perhaps, he crossed the ditch, and is amongst those listed in this book

For Kapiti Branch members only, if they have a particular name(s) they would like me to check for them in either or both of the above publications, I would be happy to oblige. I may be phoned at: (04) 293 1092 or e-mailed

at: griffisnz@ihug.co.nz

This article was supplied by Derek Griffis.

LINKS TO WW2

An article in the "Kapiti Observer" says that all 50 volumes of the official history of New Zealand's contribution to WW2 is online

at www.nzetc.org/projects/wh2/index.html Or <http://www.nzetc.org/corpora/WH2.html> which gives good and detailed account of both Unit Histories (eg. 21

Battalion) & Campaign Histories (eg. Battle for Egypt) for Middle East & Europe, though only one book on the NZ Army in the Pacific (for which 13 unofficial histories were produced by the Third Division Committee)

Thanks to Deborah Shuker for these items

THE HOUSE OF CLIFFORD by HUGH, LORD CLIFFORD.

1987 published by Phillimore in Sussex. (out of print) From before the Conquest.

The book starts from 1066 and gives a History of the family from Cliffords Castle through to the Wars of the Roses.

The Author has endeavoured to include as many branches of the family as possible tracing the Cliffords of Tixall, Staffordshire, Frampton on Severn,

Brackenborough, Bobbing, Stow on the Wold, Swindon, Perristone, Chestal, Devon and Northumberland, Ireland and Holland.

Covers the NZ branch, Sir Charles Clifford of Flaxbourne 1813-93

I have been searching for this book for 7 years, but, through a mistake I ended up with an extra copy posted from England. This extra copy is offered for sale. Please email me: wilson97@@paradise.net.nz

Brendan Wilson

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HOROWHENUA HISTORY DATABASE

An extensive database of historical photographs of Levin and region are a www.library.org.nz/cgi-bin/koha/opac-search.pl and click on "Horowhenua Historical Database" on left side or go direct to <http://horowhenuahistory.library.org.nz/>

Thanks to Deborah Shuker for this.

SOUTH AFRICAN RESEARCH

A couple of avenues for South African War research
Zulu war history web site www.rorkesdriftvc.com and
I have found Boer War historian Midge Carter very helpful E-mail
Address(es): midge@@iinet.net.au
(Thanks to Kay Carter for this)

VICTORIAN LONDON

From Editor Genuki Newsletter No 180 September 2004:

<http://www.victorianlondon.org/>

This is a great site, with lots of information about Victorian London. From descriptions of people and places to clothing and fashions, you can find out lots and lots about the way your ancestors lived on this site. It has a slightly frustrating layout, but is easy to move around, and is absolutely full of incredibly interesting historical information. This is the place to go if your ancestors came from London in the Victorian age.

From Rootsweb Newsletter 22 Sept 2004 Vol 7 No 38. The Rootsweb Family

Search and share family trees: WorldConnect: <http://wc.rootsweb.com/>

Learn how to find your ancestors: <http://rwguide.rootsweb.com/>

Post and read messages on all relevant surname, locality, and topic

Message Boards and Mailing Lists:

Message Boards: <http://boards.rootsweb.com/>

Mailing Lists: <http://lists.rootsweb.com/>

"LETTERS OF A SETTLER IN GOLDEN BAY"

(Comment by Derek Griffis on typed copies of letters donated to the Branch by

Graham Petterson)

Just today I finished working my way through it, and I found it to be fascinating reading. The detail of day-to-day life in rural New Zealand of the late 1800s running into the early 1900s is most revealing, and it really brings home to one just how different life was then, when compared with the way that life is now. The prices quoted, mainly of grocery items, really make the reader aware of the impact of inflation over the last hundred years or so. It was amazing too, to read of the long list of serious accidents and injuries that the writer sustained, ranging from a split bone in the left arm, through a crushed right leg, then a crippled right knee, a middle finger almost torn off, almost being drowned in the river, to being run over by a trap with the wheel going right over him. All that, and yet never once seeking the assistance of a doctor. We can only marvel at the range of pills, ointments, and embrocations, which he says he used to see him through, and to wonder at some of their ingredients

EXTRACTED FROM "MILLS AND MILLERS

by Tom Mann Hine. Family Tree Magazine April 2004

Badge of Office

A stonedresser re-cut and sharpened millstones, and many were itinerant. If a miller didn't know the stonedresser who turned up, he would ask him to "show us your metal" or "show us your steel". The invitation involved the stonedresser rolling up his sleeves to expose the scars where hundreds of red hot particles of the 'mill bill' steel used for dressing the stone had broken off and embedded themselves in his skin. The damage revealed the extent of his experience.

Tom Mann Hine has over 20000 names in his index of millers and millwrights. 2 Pentland Close, Reading, Berks RG30 4QS. Enclose a stamped self addressed envelope for a reply.

Windmill websites ; www.windmillworld.com
<http://servercc.oakton.edu/~wittman/mills/mills.htm>
www.millsarchive.com

Round & About

Papakura Branch NZSG: has an article on "Were your ancestors born at Sea?" New Overseas Records on 1837online.cominfo@1837online.com gives new overseas consular and armed forces birth, marriage and death indexes available on this website. If your ancestors were born overseas, or, perhaps, died whilst serving in the armed forces during WW2, or were married abroad whilst resident within British lines during WW1, then you will find these records useful. Some of the records date back as far as 1761 and include regimental birth indexes, whilst others, such as the GRO Deaths Abroad indexes date up to 1994. In total there are over 1 million new records for you to view.

Pricing:- The pricing structure for the new overseas records remains the same as

the 1837online.com existing 'pay-per-view' scheme. You will also be pleased to note that the overseas records have been indexed by full surname rather than the first three letters of a surname, enabling you to search for records more effectively. Certificates:- Certificates for the overseas records can be ordered from the General Registry Office via 1837online.com in the same way that you would order certificates from the birth, marriage and death indexes of England and Wales. List of new records:- For a full list of new overseas records, please click on the following link and view the page titled 'Overseas Records'
http://www.1837online.com/Trace2web/serviceslistings.asp_strareano=2002_16.jsp

Canterbury Branch NZSG has an article on Changes to U.K. Civil Registration via the Brothers Keeper Mailing List.

"In view of pending changes to the U.K. Civil Registration procedures, and also the proposed changes to the information supplied on certificates, particularly death certificates, can Brothers Keeper supply a list of all U.K. deaths &/or burials etc. after 1903?

From the Society of Genealogists: The House of Commons Regulatory Reform Committee will begin its scrutiny of the order after summer recess. Interested parties are welcome to put their views on the proposals before the Committee. Submissions should be made in writing and sent by e-mail

to regrefcom@@parliament.uk or in writing (with accompanying electronic copy in Word or RTF) to the Regulatory Reform Committee, House of Commons, 7

Millbank, London, SW19 3JA and should arrive no later than Friday 17th September (sic). The Society of Genealogists will of course be submitting its comments but apparently will need to consult the Clerk of the Committee if we wish to publish them. A full copy of the order can be found on line on the General Register Office

website www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/aboutus/lookingahead/index.asp

I want to make a "shopping list" of relevant certificates to get before the law changes.

Ann McClean