

Kapiti Branch



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Meetings coming up

Tuesday 26 October Kapiti Branch meeting 7pm for 7.30pm, Kapiti Community Centre, Ngahina Street, Paraparaumu. "How About That!" (see below)

Saturday 30 October Family Tree Maker User Group 9.30am – midday, Kapiti Community Centre, Ngahina Street, Paraparaumu, using older and newer versions

Saturday 30 October Legacy User Group 12.30pm – 4.30pm, Kapiti Community Centre, Ngahina Street, Paraparaumu

Saturday 6 November Scottish Interest Group 9.30am – midday, Kapiti Community Centre, Ngahina Street, Paraparaumu

Monday November 8 Computer Friendly Group 7.30pm, Kapiti Community Centre, Ngahina Street, Paraparaumu, Using ArchivesNZ and Papers past web sites

Saturday November 13 Irish Special Interest Group, 10 am APFHC

Tuesday 23 November End of year function: 2010 YURU Production with Sue Scott, Lindale Motor Lodge Conference Centre, Paraparaumu – see below

Saturday 27 November Legacy User Group one day workshop with Jan Gow 9.30am to 8.30pm, Lindale Motor Lodge Conference Centre, Paraparaumu – three sessions (\$8 each or \$20 for the day) plus optional meal (\$18). Deadline for payment 9th November. Pre-booking and detail lindsay.olsen@xtra.co.nz

Interest and User groups

For all interest and user group dates, and the full list of branch meetings, see the website. www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nzlsgkb/

Next meeting

How About That!! Our October 26th meeting will be an opportunity for you to share unusual stories about your ancestors. Committee members have a few interesting ones lined up but hope you can do even better! So bring them along. This is an open session so those who have struck problems even getting as far as bizarre stories, should speak up and see whether someone can help.

Why You Are You (YURU)

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 23 @@ 7PM LINDALE MOTOR LODGE CONFERENCE CENTRE,
PARAPARAUMU

Our 2010 production of “Why You Are You” will feature Sue Scott of Paraparaumu. Sue was born in England and emigrated with her parents in 1954. She has a 45 year career in the media as journalist, writer, radio host, TV current affairs and weather presenter (many will remember her as the weather presenter back in the early days of TV); latterly a communications and media manager, trainer and mentor.

Over the past 6 months we have been researching Sue’s family background and she will share the discoveries with you and explain the processes used to trace them, dwell on the times they lived in the industrial revolution, the workhouses and almshouses, war and emigration

Join us at this special end of year function commencing 7pm with refreshments, wine and nibbles. Note the venue change for this night. The Conference Centre is accessed off the SH1 exit ramps to the Lindale tourist complex, north of Paraparaumu Caltex service station.

This is a ticket only function and Branch members get first choice before sales open to the public on OCTOBER 27th.

- Bring along family and friends who would like to get started in family history – we will have help desks and information packs for them.
- Member tickets are \$5 and include 1 free Christmas Hamper raffle ticket on arrival at the show.
- Put the date in your diary now, order tickets before OCTOBER 27th.
- Send a cheque “Kapiti Genealogy”, with number of tickets required and your name and address to YURU, Kapiti Genealogy, P.O.Box 703 Paraparaumu
- Last chance for preferential purchase at our Oct 26 monthly meeting
- Enquiries: Jackie Holland 04 293 2296; jacki.holland@gmail.com

Other meetings coming up

Sunday 14 November NZSG Scottish Interest Group Greater Wellington, Porirua Library, 1pm to 4pm, Scottish research. Contact penbrown@globe.net.nz

Tuesday 23 November Unlock The Past Roadshow, Westpac Stadium, Wellington 12.30pm to 9.30pm, details at <http://www.unlockthepast.com.au/events/history-genealogy-roadshow-australia-new-zealand/wellington>

June 3 to 6 2011 (Queens Birthday Weekend) “A Golden Opportunity” NZSG Conference and Annual General Meeting, John McGlashan College, Dunedin. Full details on NZSG website and in “The New Zealand Genealogist”

Saturday 27 & Sunday 28 August 2011, Family History Fair, Claudelands Events Centre, Hamilton Further details to be announced

Don't restrict your search – you never know what you might find

Found recently in the ancestry collection labeled "England and Wales Christening Records 1530-1906", baptisms for Fala and Soutra, Midlothian, Scotland. Not sure that the Scots would be happy about the migration south, but the index contained birth dates not included on the extracted IGI baptism entries.

Convenor's Corner – Hanley Hoffmann

Vacancies for Volunteers As the one of the largest Branch of NZSG in New Zealand (253 members at last count) we are suffering badly from non-volunteeritis, a lack of volunteers. Maybe that is because you haven't been challenged yet by me to put your hand up, or I haven't asked you yet!

The Branch is very dependant on the good services of individuals and we are at the stage where some of our wide range of services is at risk. You will shortly receive a special note from me on this subject – please read it and take note as we need your help very urgently. There are positions on and off committee either as the appointee, or as back-up.

We will welcome any volunteer, and if you think you need training for the particular job just ask.

2011 Programme Your Committee is about to have a planning meeting on what to put into the 2011 programme. Do you have any ideas on what you would like to see us have as a Branch activity? Call us now, or email the Convenor. Here are some clues. Library lock ins, genealogy game - a daytime event, good guest speakers, repositories to visit, show and tell, good finds, scaling your brick wall, road shows, easy short courses for beginners, daytime meetings, research help sessions, "how to" sessions on filing, compiling, documentation. Panel discussions on research, "you tell" sessions, say four or five with their skeletons and the unusual or the illegitimate.

If you don't tell us what you are looking for.....! Here is your opportunity.

Telephone or email me any time on 904 3276 or hdhoffmann@@paradise.net.nz
Hanley Hoffmann

Condon One Name Study in Queensland

This one name study was commenced in 2007 by me because my wife Doreen's grandfather emigrated to Queensland in 1891 from Ireland. He was Martin CONDON. He married in Brisbane in 1896. Eventually after having four children (all females) Martin and his wife Winifred CLARE (CLAIR) moved on to New Zealand around 1904 and there five more children were born.

Now Martin was the 5th child of Jeremiah CONDON and Honora TIERNEY and there were ten children, all of them males The third child named Jeremiah died young and so number 6 child was also named Jeremiah. They were all born and baptised in Thurles, County Tipperary, Ireland. We had these facts confirmed for us by the Tipperary Family History Research establishment in Ireland for a fee of 60 Euro. Email: research@@tfhr.org or www.tfhr.org.

Here are the 10 male children, dates shown are baptism dates.

Michael CONDON, 5 Dec 1859; Richard CONDON, 15 Feb 1861; Jeremiah CONDON, 11 Jun 1862; John CONDON, 19/10/1863; Martin CONDON, 14 Nov 1864; Jeremiah CONDON, 7 Feb 1866; Patrick CONDON, 2 Aug 1867; James CONDON, 25 Mar 1870; William CONDON, 21 Aug 1871; Joseph CONDON, 30 Dec 1872.

We have always wondered why Martin emigrated to Queensland because on his arrival in Brisbane in 1891 he arrived with a 16 year old companion Mary Condon. We have never been able to make her connection to the family as yet, she wasn't his sister, he only had nine brothers!

My answer to all of this is that one of Martin's siblings or more came to Queensland before him, but how do we find out? This lead me to search the Queensland BDM on line and from this I have documented 52 male Condons marrying in Queensland between 1885 and 1914, the latter year being the cut-off in the BDM database. At the same time there were 55 female Condons (and not one of them was Mary) married in Queensland. Now if you think Smith and Brown and Jones common names so too is Condon in Australia. We have just published this story in the October issue of the Australian Family Tree Connections, pages 24 and 25.

From the Queensland BDM records from 1885-1914 I have also found many of the children of the male Condon marriages, and the Irish had large families. If you want to view this one name study I will have it at the October meeting, or if you have Condon connections and would like a copy of the list just email me. Compiling the list was easy and fascinating because the Queensland BDM sight is so user friendly and the printouts are so clear and informative – it really makes research easy. www.bdm.qld.gov.au Hanley Hoffmann

If you have a story to share about how you broke down a brickwall, contact the newsletter editor. Your experience may give other members useful ideas to try in their own demolition attempts.

Branch notes

September branch meeting report

FamNet founder and developer Robert Barnes spoke at our September meeting to a huge turnout – 82 members and guests, the biggest number ever to attend a branch monthly meeting. On the following day, he ran 2 successful workshops at our research centre. We hope these sessions have helped those who had questions about using this site and now feel more confident to contribute their family trees and data. The more who enter their data the more useful the site is. As he pointed out, practice makes perfect so if you have any problems or queries do not hesitate to contact him at robert.barnes@@xtra.co.nz

FamNet

Our new administrator to FamNet is Lyn Lee at lldolly6@gmail.com who can also help with your queries and pass them on if necessary. Angela Reynolds has unfortunately had to step down from this role.

Robert Barnes spoke to the Waitara Branch on his way down to Kapiti and held a session at the Wairarapa Branch centre in Masterton on his way back to Auckland.

Sue Greene, our Research Officer is now an Ambassador for FamNet and will promote the facility in the Lower North Island. As Convenor of our Computer Group she plans to run another session on FamNet during 2011.

New members

Welcome to Carolyn Bates, Annette Gazley, Sheila Hardwick, Helen McKernan, Peter Pepper and Estelle Lawry, who have joined the branch since the last newsletter.

Tea makers

If your surname begins with the letters A to G please be at the October branch meeting by 7pm to help prepare the hot drinks. In November it will be someone else's turn.

Used ink cartridges

The branch collects used ink and toner cartridges for recycling to raise funds. Please pass your old cartridges to Derek at a Branch Meeting, put them in a box in the locked cabinets at the Alison Procter Family History Centre upstairs at Paraparaumu Library, or leave them in Derek's letter-box, 94 Ngaio Road, Waikanae. We can recycle Canon, Lexmark, Hewlett Packard, Epson, and Brother cartridges.

Research Centre News

Findmypast.com We apologise for problems with access to findmypast.com and the NZ Gazette Archive. We also understand the latter is difficult to source at the other library centres. This seems to be an IT problem in the library server setup and we have alerted staff. As we went to print the findmypast problem has been resolved. The good news is that we have opened a second account as it is such a well used site. The website, which includes the 1911 Census of England and Wales, is now available on PCs 3 & 4. Note no longer on PC2

Printing Usage of the printers has skyrocketed to the extent that we can no longer provide this service at no charge. From November 1st there will be an honesty box located in the cupboard unit with a slot in the door for your coins. Please pay up at 10 cents per page before leaving. Your assistance in keeping printing costs down will be appreciated and a user pays approach we believe is a fairer method for all members. Those with usb memory sticks may care to download images to them instead as it is always useful having an electronic copy of your sources, especially being able to zoom in to examine hard to read scribbles.

NZ BMD Certificates

From October 1st there are price increases on ordering BMD certificates from the Dept. of Internal Affairs. Full details on their website at www.dia.govt.nz

Probate Digitisation project

Archives New Zealand, in partnership with FamilySearch, is conducting a project to digitise the probate records held in our Wellington Repository.

Probates are excellent sources of genealogical information, given that they often contain an individual's last will and testament, making them one of Archives New Zealand's most highly requested groups of records. Digitisation is vital to providing greater access to these rich genealogical and heritage documents while also preserving the originals

Volunteers will be trained in, and carry out, basic preservation, listing and handling of documents: flattening records; removing staples and pins; reboxing records; checking and creating lists of probates.

We are holding training/evaluation sessions for those interested in volunteering with this project and have set aside 10.00am - 11.30am on November 5 and 2.00pm - 3.30pm on November 5 to go through some of the basic duties that will be expected, as well as doing some basic aptitude assessments to see where we can best utilise your skills.

Please e-mail Sarah.McClintock@@archives.govt.nz with your preferred time. If enough people cannot make it to either we will set up a third session.

Find my past - Devon data

In collaboration with the Devon Family History Society, findmypast now includes 363,015 baptism records for 1813-1839; 271,193 marriage records for 1754-1837 and 223,395 burial records for 1813-1837 from the Devon parish records.

Scotlands People – improved website

Scotlands People, www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk has announced advanced features to their website. In addition to new Catholic records, modern indexes to 2009 and a major indexing update of all current records, the following have been added: enhanced free surname search; one character restriction on wildcards; surname no longer required field in search forms;; refined search button; saved search criteria; fuzzy searching – name variant and metaphone options for name fields; direct view image viewer; easy reporting of reporting and transcription issues; mapping of research results and images and advanced searching

Committee for 2010-2011

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On Sunday October 17, your Committee met with newly elected local NZSG Councillor Liz Chandler of Palmerston North, to share views on the future of the Society. Report in next month's newsletter.

Appointed Officers (off committee)

Magazine Round Robin
Webmaster
Meeting Registrar
Sound System
Computer Support
Sales
Hostess
Research Officer

Meryl Opie
Barry Thomson
Mary Braddock
Russell Tether and Kerry Lee
Lindsay Olsen & Kerry Lee
Adele Smith
Jenny Wilson
Sue Greene

See our website for full details of this busy band of supporters and Hanley's plea above for more volunteers and backups for the existing officers/positions.