



Kapiti Branch

Kapiti Branch, New Zealand Society of Genealogists

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September 2009 Newsletter

Meetings coming up

Tuesday 22 September, 7pm for 7.30

Kapiti branch meeting

Clearances in Scotland and emigration impact

Speaker: John Dods

Museum of City and Sea visit

Thursday 1 October 10 am

contact Jackie Holland to register

Monday 12 October, 7.30pm

Computer-friendly genealogy

Indexing Intentions to Marry

Speaker: Janet Levy

Looking ahead

Tuesday 27 October 7pm for 7.30 pm

Kapiti branch meeting

Access to New Zealand Births, Deaths and Marriages – the new law

Speakers: Alison Ainsworth and Eileen Kennedy

Monday 9 November, 7.30pm

Computer-friendly genealogy

Charting

Branch meetings and Computer-friendly genealogy meetings are held at Kapiti Community Centre, Ngahina Street, Paraparaumu

Getting started with your family history research

This Saturday and Sunday, 19-20 September, 9am to 5pm, Masonic Hall, 10 Tararua

Street, Paraparaumu, \$40 for two days. Tutor: Lynne Blake, Educator, Family Research Centre. Time's running out to book your place on the two-day course this weekend, so be quick. Not just for beginners, the course will also benefit those who have been researching family history for many years. For more information contact: Hanley Hoffmann 04 904-3276, Dave Muirhead 04 905-3170 or [Kapiti\(at\)genealogy.org.nz](mailto:Kapiti@genealogy.org.nz).

Visiting UK speaker Janet Few on "My research into The Sad Tale of Isabella Fry"

Monday September 28, 7.30pm, Connolly Hall, Guilford Terrace, Thorndon

Wellington branch is opening this to local and visiting genealogists, \$5 door charge Janet Few is in her fourth decade of family and local history and lectures regularly on these subjects. She was the education liaison officer for the Federation of Family History Societies for many years, and was the critical reader and family history adviser to the Open University for the course "Family and Community History" and went on to tutor that course. Isabella Fry (a distant relation of the chocolate-making, prison-reforming, Quaker Frys) emigrated to New Zealand to marry her cousin, only to commit suicide a month later. For information contact [Wellington\(at\)genealogy.org.nz](mailto:Wellington@genealogy.org.nz)

Irish Education day

Saturday 3rd October 2009, 9.30am – 4.00pm

Kilwinning Masonic Lodge Rooms, Church St

(between Princess St and the Square), Palmerston North

Learn about Griffith's Valuation & Tithe Applotment Survey Books (both valuable substitutes for the lack of early Irish Census records)

- NZSG Irish Education tutor Geraldene O'Reilly
- \$30.00 per person includes lunch, morning and afternoon tea

- Registrations close 25th September
- Microfiche and books from the Family Research Centre to research

Contact: Jenny Martin on 04 478-7621 or email [jenmartin\(at\)paradise.net.nz](mailto:jenmartin(at)paradise.net.nz)

Hear about indexing Intentions to Marry project

Monday 12 October, 7.30pm, Computer-friendly genealogy, Kapiti Community Centre

Janet Levy will talk about her volunteer data entry work for Archives New Zealand. She is looking for more volunteers to help index 130,000 Intention to Marry cards (1856-1881) and will be showing the simple process involved.

Archives New Zealand refurbishment

The first phase of refurbishment started this month and runs until **2 January 2010**.

Changes will include:

- A new Orientation Area near the main entrance where you can find out more about Archives New Zealand and what you can find here, carry out quick and/or preliminary research and meet our staff
- A new audio/visual area to see films from our collections
- A Readers Lounge and upgraded toilet facilities
- Improved access to the Reading Room and better facilities for readers

During construction, the Reading Room will be open from 10.30am to 5pm, Monday

to Friday. Requests for records received before 5pm the day before will be available at 10.30am. The Constitution Room is closed from 18 September. The most disruptive work will occur before 10.30am, but be prepared for more noise than usual at other times. Archives apologises for inconvenience caused by this work. Questions? Contact Jolene Armadoros on 04 931-6982 or email [Jolene.armadoros\(at\)archives.govt.nz](mailto:Jolene.armadoros(at)archives.govt.nz)

Kapiti Computer-friendly genealogy group

We are usually online on meeting nights with practical demonstrations. Our meetings include the use of websites for genealogy, using genealogy programmes, and much more. We also offer some help with computer problems, although major problems should be referred to a technician. Meetings are open to all branch members. See the branch programme for details.

NZSG Obituaries Collection

NZSG members who find references to an ancestor's obituary on the NZSG Index CDROM, version 5, are advised to follow up the newspaper or other original source quoted there instead of applying to the Obituaries Collection Officer for a photocopy. The Obituaries Collection is now closed to enquiries because of copyright issues surrounding their copying of some material. If you can't access the original source, write to the members' research service at the FRC in Panmure, or e-mail them at [researchservice\(at\)genealogy.org.nz](mailto:researchservice(at)genealogy.org.nz) for assistance.

Branch notes

Branch meeting report – August '09

Clive Palmer gave an online tour of these popular genealogy message boards and mailing lists: www.rootsweb.ancestry.com, www.genealogy.com, and www.rootschat.com.

Australian Special Interest Group

Regular meetings of this informal special interest group (SIG) have resumed. They're held on the third Tuesday of the month, 10am to noon at the Alison Procter Family History Centre, upstairs at Paraparaumu Public Library. Kapiti Branch members are welcome to attend. Enquiries to Deborah Shuker by email [shuker\(at\)xtra.co.nz](mailto:shuker(at)xtra.co.nz) or ring 905-2238.

One-on-one help

We're introducing a new service for members who'd like a personal run through the facilities at our Alison Procter Family History Centre. This hour session can be tailored to suit the individual and could cover: using the computers, internet access, websites available, CD and microfiche collection, borrowing and browsing books. The service will suit those unable to attend the

regular Wednesday morning and other day sessions or those who would prefer some one-on-one assistance. Sessions are weekdays only. Ring Clive Palmer on 293-7631 or email Clive on c-mpalmer(at)xtra.co.nz to make an appointment.

1911 UK census

The complete 1911 Census of England and Wales, taken on 2 April 1911, is available at www.1911census.co.uk. The 100-year embargo was relaxed by the UK government, allowing access to these valuable records some two years ahead of the due date. You can search the indexes at no charge, but you'll need to pay to view detailed records. In future, findmypast.com will include these records in their subscriber package, but access through our current findmypast.com branch subscription is to the index only. If you wish to pay to view details, you'll need to do it from your home computer.

Findmypast.com access at Alison Procter Family History Centre

We hear of members having difficulty accessing this website. PLEASE read the instructions in the help booklet kept in the CD drawer of the wooden cupboard unit. The full subscription version of the UK site findmypast.com is available only on PC2 at our Family History Centre. Left click on the Internet Explorer desktop logo. Go into "Favourites" in the top of the screen and left click on the findmypast.com symbol. The home page will open. Up in the top right is a 'sign in' request. Left click and the kapit(at)genealogy.org.nz access welcome back page comes up. It's all yours! Most sections (census, births, deaths and marriages, migration, military) are covered by our subscription, but not the Living Relatives site.

NZ Index 5

The NZSG index 5 CD branch version is now loaded onto all four computers for members to use. The icon will be under the New Zealand folder. This index is for a wide variety of New Zealand records that are hard to find elsewhere.

Branch website upgrade

Our website is undergoing a major update which should be completed shortly. Check it out. The address is at the top of page one of this newsletter.

2010 Programme

Your committee is now working on the 2010 programme. We need your input now. If you have suggestions for monthly meeting topics, research days, visits or other activities, contact Jackie Holland.

Member Interest Survey

Thanks to members who responded with details of their research interests, covering family names, location and time frames. The updated information will be available on our website, at the information desk at monthly meetings and on the notice board at the Alison Procter Family History Centre. Check it out and contact the secretary or branch research officer for more details of the member of interest. It's not too late to contribute. Download a survey form from our website and follow the instructions. Late responses will appear in a supplementary list.

Family names are one point of possible sharing of information but countries, regions and counties are a valuable source also. You may find someone looking for ancestors in the same area as your research – contact them and arrange to compare notes. If you have corrections or additions or would like your own copy of the list, email c-mpalmer(at)xtra.co.nz.

New members

Welcome to the following new members who have joined since the last newsletter: Heather PRANKERD, Rosemary MCAUSLAN, Melva MAGUIRE and Eric L'AMIE.

Obituary

Member Colin Christie of Kapiti Village, Paraparaumu, passed away recently. Colin joined in 2006. We extend our sympathies to his family.

Tea makers

If your surname begins with the letters **C to F**, please be at the September branch meeting by 7pm to help prepare the hot drinks. In October it will be someone else's turn.

Still looking for a computer helper. Could it be you?

Are you mystified by computers? Would you like to be able to plug one in and connect it to a data projector? Free training is available in return for assisting our Computer Support Officer, Lindsay Olsen, in setting up and putting away computers at branch meetings and/or computer-friendly genealogy meetings. No experience required, and no payment given, but your extra pair of hands would be much appreciated. This could be a job-sharing position, if more than one person volunteers. No heavy lifting is required. Please contact any committee member if you can help out.

Ink cartridges

Collecting empty printer ink cartridges over the last few years has earned the branch \$2000 so far. Thank you everybody – well done. Please continue to pass on your old used **ink** cartridges. The dealer says she can also use old used **toner** cartridges so please let us have those as well. We can recycle these brands: Canon, Lexmark, Hewlett Packard, Epson, and Brother. Hand them to Derek Griffis at a monthly branch meeting, leave them in his letterbox at 94 Ngaio Road, Waikanae, or in the labelled box in the locked cabinets at the Alison Procter Family History Centre upstairs at the Paraparaumu Library.

On the web

Blogging your family history

John MacGibbon spoke about writing and publishing your family history at the National Library during Family History Month. He says creating an Internet blogsite devoted to a family history project is very helpful and easy to set up. You can read his blog about it at <http://jmacg.wordpress.com/2009/08/30/blogging-for-genealogists/>

WWI NZ Expeditionary Force diary blog

Wanganui District Library's website has entries from the Company diary of the 7th Wellington West Coast Company serving with the Wellington Infantry Battalion in the New Zealand Expeditionary Force in World War I. The blog is part of the library's project to make more archival information available digitally. It also includes images from the Whanganui Regional Museum collection.

www.wanganuilibrary.com/ww1

Google newspapers

Google's digitised newspaper archive now contains links to more than four million articles. Several new publications have been added including the Sydney Morning Herald.

<http://news.google.com/archivesearch>

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