



## Kapiti Branch

### Kapiti Branch, New Zealand Society of Genealogists Inc

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### October 2008 Newsletter

#### Coming up:

**Tuesday 28 October - 7pm**

#### **Special General Meeting**

**plus: How my Irish research affected others**

Speaker: Kay Carter

**Monday 10 November - 7.30pm**

#### **Computer-Friendly Genealogy**

#### **Photo restoration**

#### Looking ahead:

**Tuesday 25 November - 7pm**

#### **End of year function**

**Monday 8 December**

#### **Computer-Friendly Genealogy – 7.30pm**

**Searching for DNA matches**

**Speaker: Lorna Henderson**

#### Meeting venues

All meetings are held in the Kapiti Community Centre, Ngahina Street, Paraparaumu unless stated otherwise.

#### For your calendar:

#### **Labour Weekend 25-27 October**

#### **YURU – Why You Are You**

Limited tickets are still available for the YURU (Why You Are You) presentations at Find Your Family (at) Coastlands over Labour Weekend, featuring the family history stories of Fair Go's Kevin Milne and journalist/children's author Anna Kenna.

#### Session times:

**11am and 12.30pm, Saturday 25 October,**

**11am and 12.30pm, Sunday 26 October** in

the Rimu room, Coastlands. Tickets are \$5.

Make your cheque payable to Kapiti Genealogy and state clearly the required session. Send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to:

YURU, Box 703

Paraparaumu

**Find Your Family (at) Coastlands** will run over three days (Saturday, Sunday and Monday) on Labour Weekend, featuring displays, research facilities, expert help and workshops. Volunteers are still needed. Contact Jackie Holland if you can help.

#### **Sunday 9 November 1-4pm**

#### **Scottish Research at Porirua Library**

Corner Norrie and Parumoana Streets

Porirua

\$2 door charge

NZSG Scottish Interest Group of Greater Wellington

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[www.scotgroup.tk](http://www.scotgroup.tk)

#### **Australasian Federation of Family History**

#### **Organisations congress (AFFHO)**

**16-20 January 2009**

#### **Kings College, Auckland**

The New Zealand Society of Genealogists is hosting this congress, which is held every three years. It will replace the Queen's Birthday conference in 2009.

The theme is **Preserving the past for the**

**future**, and there are four streams: Migration, History, Technology and Preservation. Over four days there will be 14 lectures in each stream, as well as eight plenary lectures and a number of two-hour workshops.

You can register online, making programme choices and booking accommodation with a credit card at [www.affhocongress2009.org](http://www.affhocongress2009.org).

You can also download a registration form and pay by cheque. Post the form to: Secretary, AFFHO Congress, P O Box 14188, Panmure, 1741.

Write to the secretary if you would like a registration form mailed to you. A list of speakers is in the latest issue of *The New Zealand Genealogist*.

### **Convenor's comment**

We have just returned from a long-planned five-week journey through the USA, catching up with old friends, and expanding our horizons and judgment of that country, from those limited trips years ago with the kids to Disneyland, the odd business visit to Washington DC and not always accurate media impressions. And what a time to be there - presidential and vice-presidential debates, the Wall Street debacle, pork barreling congress negotiations, the UN General Assembly, and reminder of the huge global influence of the USA.

Our journey took us through Sunnyvale, California, the deserts of Nevada with the crazy Las Vegas, the canyons and more desert of Arizona and Utah, Rocky Mountain terrain of Colorado, Houston after Hurricane Ike, the civil war territory near Beaufort, Southern Carolina and finally Yankee country - the teeming metropolis of New York. Not a complete sample of the geographic, political, religious and ethnic diversity, but sufficient to be impressed by the friendliness, service, and hospitality of Americans.

From a genealogical perspective, the ethnic diversity constantly strikes home. Every bookshop and library abounds with historical and genealogical material. They provide a constant reminder of the huge influence on early US history of the colonial conquests of Spain, France and England. As many people speak Spanish in California as English. Indigenous Indian culture is a sad travesty of earlier times and we saw a little of the inhospitable reservations in Utah and Arizona.

But New York is the real reminder of the impact of immigration and the modern ethnic mix. Nearly every language in the world is spoken here and every street teems with this racial mix of 18 million - legal and illegal. The Jewish new year was being celebrated on our first few days in NYC with family groups strolling through Central Park in their best clothes. The day we visited Empire State Building, Fifth Ave was the scene of Polish national celebrations with a day-long parade.

And so is New Zealand becoming increasingly multi-ethnic - recent new citizenship ceremonies in Wellington and our own Kapiti Coast are testament to this. Good to be home, but here's to diversity!

- Clive Palmer

### **Introducing . . . Joy Lamb, library support**

I began my research 26 years ago, mainly to discover my HARDING family as I'd heard so many stories about their upbringing and antics. I started with Granddad's death certificate from GRO, to discover where he was born, etc – Limehouse, MDX, father John a master mariner with EIC.

Meanwhile, I'd joined the Levin genealogy society and NZSG. I listed for some many years in the GRD. Behold! The whole LAMB family arrived by mail from Somerset due to my listing. A young relative had been doing research at varsity and had screeds of information back to the late 1500s. So that sent me sideways and I continued for years along that and diverse lines, occasionally foraging into master mariners and NZ archives (Hocken Library was a huge help). I have progressed a little with a researcher in London but India House is a muddle!

I discovered through a friend writing me from Rotorua, where I belonged for two or three years, that he had a reel from Utah and he'd found a HARDING widow remarrying in Penang! Checked it out and YES! Eureka! The new family moved to Melbourne with two small boys, one being my grandfather. His brother John stayed in Australia. I've researched for years but family aren't in the least interested in spite of a log book and relics in the family.

However, never give up! I have just returned from meeting a second cousin once removed in Woodford, northwest of Brisbane. It's the wife of one of the descendants who's doing a marvellous job and has let me view her Ancestor Tree online. I've found a whole new and delightful family. Sue and I spent a day with them. They had no idea of New Zealand relatives.

It's been a case of beavering away, with great help from Levin/Rotorua groups, and now I have nine family trees. I am a member of Legacy and am slowly downloading and have yet to install Legacy 7. When I joined Kapiti Branch it was with several blank walls and I doubt if some will be cracked. I'd like a year's leave plus an open cheque book to 'discover' in person! My motto would be Robert Bruce's: Try, try again! and add ask, ask again. I am amazed at how many relatives have no idea other relatives' existence. I've enjoyed meeting with several of them. In fact in recent weeks one has come to live in Waikanae. How's that? Good hunting!

## Branch notes

### \*\*\*\*Subscriptions are now due\*\*\*\*

The change in our financial year makes this renewal period 18 months instead of one year: 1 October 2008 – 31 March 2010.

Send your \$30 cheque payable to “Kapiti Genealogy” to:

Membership Renewal  
Kapiti Branch Treasurer  
NZSG  
Box 703  
Paraparaumu

If you also belong to the NZ Society of Genealogists, please write your NZSG membership number clearly on the back of the cheque.

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### Notice of Special General Meeting

A Special General Meeting of the Kapiti Branch of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists Inc will be held at the Kapiti Community Centre, Pak 'n Save Room, 15 Ngahina Street, Paraparaumu, on **Tuesday 28 October 2008**, NZSG commencing at 7.45 pm.

Recent law changes mean our branch financial year now must end on 31 March, so our next AGM will take place shortly after 31 March 2009. This Special General Meeting is to bridge

the gap between the old and the new financial years, and to formalise some necessary steps of the transition. The Agenda will be:

- Apologies
- Brief (informal) report on the period 1 October 2007 – 30 September 2008
- Brief (unaudited) Financial Summary for the period 1 October 2007 – 30 September 2008
- Ratification of the 2008/2010 pro-rata 18-month subscription of \$30
- Confirmation that all existing committee members will continue in office until the AGM in April 2009.
- Nominations from the floor for additional committee members (nominees, nominators and seconders must all be members of NZSG.)

□ Derek Griffiths, Secretary, Kapiti Branch

### New members

Welcome to Robyn TAYLOR, Basil KRUSE, and Alan and Maureen PRICE, who have become members since our last Newsletter.

### Filing your family history

This guide, recently published by Hanley Hoffmann, explains how to create and use a simple filing system based on material available from stationers. Our branch has bought a copy, which will soon be in our reference collection upstairs at Paraparaumu Library. The guides cost \$13.50 + \$4 postage and packaging, but will be available from Hanley at the Kilbirnie publications display at our Coastlands Labour weekend event.

### Items of interest in newsletters received

**Porirua:** explaining 'postem' on [www.bmd.co.uk](http://www.bmd.co.uk)

**Kilbirnie:** finding elusive ancestors

**Wellington:** (August) Industrial schools; (September) finding a will and 1911 UK census info.

**Dunedin Family History Group:** England: two new sites to research, birth/adoption UK; Scotland: Highland websites; Ireland: websites; Making sense of census ENG, SCOT,

IRE, USA, AU, CA, NZ; Main article: Waikawa (Catlins) and pictures, Bendigo Central Otago **Wanganui:** LDS centre and phone numbers; New acquisitions, London, dockland etc.

### members' list

For those who do not already know, the NZSG members' list is/was for the benefit of members of the NZ Society of Genealogists to use as a discussion forum on various genealogically-related topics. It was also used to seek/offer information, and as a notice board to promote events.

Suddenly on or about 25 September, it was closed down, much to the displeasure of many, and has been silent ever since. Very briefly, the stated reasons were (1) It is planned to set up a new list at FRC (in Panmure) (2) It was being used as an advertising medium, and (3) NZSG was threatened with legal action over a libellous statement made on the list.

Without wishing to get embroiled in controversies, or to appear to be taking sides, it does seem to have been a very drastic over-reaction to just a few ill-considered messages.

Sure, one or two people may have given voice to some intemperate opinions, or made some unguarded comments, but show me anyone who hasn't been similarly guilty on the odd occasion in their lives. Compared to some of the extremely boisterous and acrimonious goings on in some of the other lists, these were just minor tiffs in a kindergarten.

The rest of us (over 400 registered, I believe) were quietly enjoying the messages, the flow of information, and the camaraderie. This has now been taken from us ... and why? The perceived misbehaviour of a very tiny minority has led to the punishment of the vast majority. There are so many other, and better, ways that this could have been handled.

Come on NZSG, show some tolerance and flexibility, let bygones be bygones, move on, and allow the rest of get on with pursuing our hobby – genealogy. Restore the NZSG members' list to its members without further ado, please!

- Derek Griffis (Kapiti Branch Secretary)

*[This article was brought to the attention of Peter Nash of NZSG National Office for his information]*

#### Special Interest Groups:

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**Australia** until further notice contact  
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#### On the web

Findmypast.com has added the county of Kent to its new version of the **1901 census** for England and Wales. Just under a million records from Kent can now be searched.  
<http://www.findmypast.com/CensusPersonStarSearchServlet?censusYear=1901>

The Irish Genealogical Online Record Search System has added **census records of 1901** for Tyrone and Fermanagh. See them at:  
<http://tyrone.brsgenealogy.com/quis.php?type=census>  
<http://fermanagh.brsgenealogy.com/quis.php?type=census>

Read **historic Australian newspapers** at  
<http://ndpbeta.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/home>

**Scottish naming patterns** can be seen at  
<http://homepages.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~scottish/ScottishNamingPatterns.html>

#### Committee 2007-2008

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**Meeting Registrar** Dave Muirhead

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**See you at Coastlands on Labour weekend!**