



## Kapiti Branch, New Zealand Society of Genealogists

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### April 2007 Newsletter

#### Next Meetings:-

**Kapiti Branch:** Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 7pm for 7.30pm start. Guest Speaker:- Derek Griffis on New Zealand Illegitimacies.

**Kapiti Branch Day Meeting.** Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July. 1pm to 3pm, first floor Public Library (you may stay later if you wish) using branch resources

**Computer SIG:** Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May 7.30 pm. Guest Speaker:- Paddy Squibb Telecom Rep. Information on broadband, Blue Tooth and other communications

**Kapiti Legacy Users SIG:** Saturday 28th April, 1pm for 2pm start. Adding Photos and pictures. Plus any questions and problems using Legacy. Masonic Hall, in Tararua St, Paraparaumu. (off Hinemoa St).

**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:-

EXPO has been and gone and was a great success on many fronts. It achieved our objectives of bringing the excitement of family history research to the wider public and allowed members of the Society and Branches from the Southern North Island region an opportunity to feast on a wonderful range of resources. We catered for some 400 people over the two days with 18 displays, 12 workshops and information and help desk services. A great learning experience, and many thanks to those that helped over the weekend. Several new members have joined as a result.

It is crunch time for COMSIG. Sue Greene is standing down as Convener of this group from the 16<sup>th</sup> April meeting. We urgently need a 'front of house' manager, so that this popular group can continue. Sue is happy to help behind the scenes. Please call either Sue or me if you can help. Like all other activities in the Branch, we rely totally on your voluntary efforts to keep the wheels from falling off. The worst case scenario is that we will have to review the sustainability of the group.

Is there anyone out there who can keep a watching eye and maintain our microfiche reader fleet in the

Paraparaumu Library? What is required is someone with a technical bent to give some periodic TLC to this ageing technology – a challenge for someone!

And a reminder that Ancestry.com is available and free at KCDC Libraries. You will need to book a time slot at the Information desk. If you would like some guidance as to how to use the site, give Derek Griffis or myself a call.

**WE STILL NEED** volunteers to help with catering at the Annual Conference in Wellington over Queens Birthday Weekend 1-4 June. Contact me if you are interested.

#### Clive Palmer

#### New Computer at Paraparaumu Library:

Earlier this month we were very pleased to hear that we had been successful with our recent application to Pub Charity for a grant to enable us both to purchase a replacement desktop PC with XP Professional, \*and\* to have an upgrade installed to XP Professional on the existing newer PC. \$1290 has since been credited to our bank account, and we are most grateful to Pub Charity for their continuing support. We apologise to our members for any inconvenience caused by the technical "Work in Progress" at the library but this is unavoidable in order to get where we want to go.

#### COMPSIG:- Computer SIG

##### BDM Restrictions Ahead

Readers are warned that the Victorian Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages will release a new access policy later this year. The general closure period for births will increase from 75 years to 100 years. Restriction periods for death and marriage records will remain unchanged, 10 years and 60 years respectively. So if you require any Victorian Birth Certificates covering the period 1907 to 1924 you should order them before the new policy starts!

Similar moves are afoot in New Zealand, restricting general access to records of births that occurred at least 100 years ago, marriages and civil unions that occurred at least 80 years ago, and deaths where the deceased person died at least 50 years ago or was born at least 80 years ago. This is a much more significant change than is in prospect in Victoria - at present there is

unrestricted access to digitised copies of NZ records right up to 1997! So if you have NZ ancestors, get moving - the bill to make these changes is currently before the NZ Parliament! Public submissions on the Bill are being taken until 4 May - more detail on the NZ Parliament web site. First published in an electronic newsletter for family historians from the Society of Australian Genealogists

**Sue Greene**

### **LIBRARY REPORT:-**

Well, the Expo has come and gone and the material we had set up in the Community Centre from our Library has now been returned to our cupboards and shelves. Our CD collection was called upon and I would like to thank Brian Mountjoy and Lorna Henderson for operating the laptops.

I would also like to thank Val and Ray Davison for their sterling work on the Kapiti desk, looking out microfiche and showing those who were interested but inexperienced how to use the readers. I think they all did a great job. I browsed through the NZSG collection of books for sale, and bought some that I thought would be good additions to our library. They were going at half-price!

They were the two Anne Bromell books, "Tracing Family History in New Zealand" and "Tracing Family History Overseas from New Zealand", the others were "Ecclesiastical Courts, Officials & Records – Sin, Sex and Probate" by Colin R. Chapman, "The Protestation Returns 1641-42 and other contemporary listings" by Jeremy Gibson and Alan Dell

**Alison Procter**

### **Notices:-**

#### **Australian Special Interest Group (SIG)**

Member Rex Roberts has offered to 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 offered to set up a Family Tree Maker SIG. Those Members interested please contact Hanley Hoffmann who will take names of those interested and advise when meetings 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, Ann Ryder, Robyn Ash, and Terry McBeth, who have joined us since the previous Newsletter

#### **Master Genealogist Special Interest Group**

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.

March \*A to C\*.

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, and there is the added satisfaction of knowing that at least that many cartridges did not add to the rubbish in the local tip. So, please keep on letting me (Derek Griffis) have them at Monthly Meetings, or, by placing 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 me have whatever you have got and we'll let the dealer sort them out.

## Sales Table :

We have several plastic containers which could be used for storing CD disks for your genealogy, or your program disks for your computer. OR, if you have recipe cards, they may fit - feel free to bring a card along to try. There is a limited supply - price \$2. We have 4 only Genealogy Research Directory's - 2002, 1999, 1998 and 1996 - \$1 each. See Sandy 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](mailto: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.

## Historical Directories:- [www.historicaldirectories.org](http://www.historicaldirectories.org)

is a digital library of local and trade directories for England and Wales, from 1750 to 1919. It contains high quality reproductions of comparatively rare books, essential tools for research into local and genealogical history.  
Deborah Shuker

## Rootsweb 28 Mar 2007

Nova Scotia Vital Statistics Now Online, Free of Charge Welcome to 1 million new possibilities in searching for your Nova Scotia roots! Nova Scotia Archives and Records Management is pleased to announce the launch of an outstanding new resource for genealogical and historical research--Nova Scotia Historical Vital Statistics, available at [www.novascotiagenealogy.com](http://www.novascotiagenealogy.com).

The website contains a fully searchable database containing the names of 1 million Nova Scotians whose births, marriages, or deaths were registered with the province in the following date range: births, 1864-1877; marriages, 1864-1930; and deaths, 1864-1877, 1908-1955. Each name in the database is linked directly to the corresponding original record and public access is free. The database will grow by approximately 12,000 records annually.

## SEARCH WITH CARE

Michael Sandover. [mike\(at\)sandover.co.uk](mailto:mike(at)sandover.co.uk)  
This is a simple piece of advice (or warning) for those researching family names beginning with "Sa," "Se,"

"Si," "So," or "Su." If you cannot find the entry that you are seeking in indexes to the census returns or other nineteenth-century material, then look under the corresponding name spelled with a capital "L." The problem arises because of the way Victorians wrote the capital letter "S." It often looks like a capital "L."  
Deborah Shuker

## Free Ancestry.com ends for Family History Centers

As of April 1, The Generations Network (TGN; <http://www.thegenerationsnetwork.com>) will discontinue free Ancestry.com access to Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' US Family History Centers (FHCs; <http://www.familysearch.org>). A March 16 memo from the church to FHC directors was followed March 17 by a public announcement from TGN, owner of Ancestry.com.

For the past seven years, FHCs have received Ancestry.com access free, without a licensing agreement. Recent efforts between the church and TGN to reach a formalized agreement were unsuccessful.

TGN "still hopes to create an acceptable agreement with the Church," according to its press release. The FHC memo says TGN won't offer FHCs the option to purchase their own licenses. It asks FHC directors to encourage participation in the church's online indexing projects, which include the 1900 census (see the article above).

Genealogists' reaction on Internet message boards and an FHC staff mailing list ranges from gratitude to TGN for the years of free service to condemnation for ending the benefit. FHC visitors taking advantage of the last days of free Ancestry.com access have reported coming across online ads offering a 30 percent discount on a personal subscription.

Existing contracts will keep a few Ancestry.com databases available at FHCs, including the 1880, 1900 and 1920 US censuses; 1841 through 1891 census indexes for England and Wales; and WWI draft cards.

About 1,400 public libraries in the United States and Britain subscribe to Ancestry Library Edition, a version of Ancestry.com, and offer it free on site to their patrons.

**Te Puke Marriages** from the Anglican Church records - 1901-1919  
<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~sooty/tepukemarriages1901-1919.html>

**Darfield Genealogy**  
<http://www.geocities.com:80/darfgen>

## **Wairarapa Archives**

<http://202.36.183.68/spyodus.html>

The Wairarapa Archives are online for anyone researching in the Wairarapa/Masterton area. They are adding 3% of their collection to their site each month, and you are able to search online through their archives for no charge. If you want to purchase a copy of anything listed, there is a small charge. Gareth Winter is in charge of the archives. The web address is <http://www.library.mstn.govt.nz/archive.html>  
<http://202.36.183.68/archives.html>

## **Old New Zealand Newspapers**

<http://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/browse.html>

## **Genealogy on the Webb**

[www.bluethistlegenealogy.com](http://www.bluethistlegenealogy.com) Blue Thistle have just updated their website and are compiling a set of short features on Scottish family history topics. The first few are there already and the series will be expanded. They are keen to find out what family history enthusiasts would like to read about in future features. They are running a competition for the best suggestions for future topics. Every suggestion used wins two hours of free Blue Thistle searching for the person who nominates the topic.

## **Irish ancestors on the move**

“Thousands are sailing / Across the western ocean / To a land of opportunity / That some of them will never see” (The Pogues, Thousands are Sailing). By the time the Board of Trade began in 1890 to systematically collect details of all passengers on outward bound long-haul sailings from Britain and Ireland - the records which now make up the BT27 passenger list record series - emigration from Ireland already had a long history.

While emigration in the 1890s may have lacked the urgency of the famine years in the 1840s and 1850s, tens of thousands of ordinary Irish men, women and children were still leaving the country in the 1890s and 1900s. Most were bound for USA and were responding more to the “pull” of the New World rather than any “push” from the Old.

Irish immigrants and their first and second generation descendants were making their fortunes and gaining positions of power in cities such as New York and Boston, and news of their success was constantly filtering back to family, friends and the wider community back in Ireland. Of course, numerically far more Irish immigrants in USA lived inner-city lives in poverty or on modest means than made it rich. As Shane

MacGowan also sang on Thousands are Sailing: “Postcards we’re mailing / Of sky-blue skies and oceans / From rooms the daylight never sees”. However, it was the success stories which were heard and which continually re-stimulated emigration. Perhaps, after all, it is the hope of living with dignity, and the possibility, rather than any likelihood, of becoming wealthy, which provided the real draw. To give an idea of the volume of Irish emigration, within the years from 1890 to 1909 inclusive, at present count there were 4,341 transatlantic sailings from the port of Queenstown (Cobh, or Cork), 2,406 from Londonderry, 118 from Galway and 80 from Belfast. [findmypast.com](http://findmypast.com) March 2007 newsletter

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