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Next Meetings:-

Kapiti Branch: Tuesday 28th August 7pm (Help Desk opens) for 7.30pm start. Mary Slatter User Services Librarian Defence Library HQ NZDF

Winter Saturday morning meeting Saturday 1st September 10am to 12 noon First Floor Paraparaumu Public Library (you may stay later if you wish) – help with your research

Computer SIG: Monday 10th September 7.30 pm. Lorna Henderson Where to store genealogy on the web. (Venue changed to the Community Centre due to the library meeting room being used for Election counting).

Kapiti Legacy Users SIG: Saturday 27th October, 1pm for 2pm start. Calendar, Birthday reminders, Masonic Hall. in Tararua St, Paraparaumu. (off Hinemoa St). Contact Gerald Twiss: [gero\(at\)ihug.co.nz](mailto:gero(at)ihug.co.nz) or phone 021 151 6714.

ALISON PROCTER
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It is with a great sadness and loss that we record the passing of Alison Procter.



Alison joined the Kapiti Branch shortly after it was formed in 1984 and the NZ Society of Genealogists in 1998, maintaining continuous membership of both. First elected onto the Kapiti Branch Committee in 1999, she has been a Committee Member for the past 7 years. Initially she took on the role of Publicity Officer but later rose to the challenge of Newsletter Editor, a position she continued to hold until October 2004. From then until her death she has been in charge of our resources collection at the Paraparaumu Public Library. With a small team of helpers she has been instrumental in managing and updating a valuable resource, re-shelving and cataloguing, supervising a once a week public family history research help session and maintaining links with KCDC Libraries staff. She always found time in her busy life around the local community to be on hand and quietly share her genealogy experience. She attended most local regional meetings of the NZSG and was a frequent participant at research sessions in other Branches in the area. In November 2006, Alison was presented with a NZSG Branch Service Award in recognition of her dedication.

A brief biography of this 3rd generation Kiwi born at the time of the Napier earthquake, is published in the February 2004 Newsletter available on our website. <http://www.rootsweb.com/~nzlsgkb/newsletters/Kapitifebruary04.htm> "My Life" It tells of her early years, raising a young family after the death of her husband and the search for her ancestors.

Alison was her sprightly, active and helpful self at our Branch Meeting in July when we held a research evening on the family history of England and Scotland. She brought along a selection of books from our library and personal collection and joined the team helping members with their research. Assisting with supper, helping clear up the meeting room and departing with the last committee members. Locking up and saying our goodnights. This is how we will remember her. She passed away about a week later.

Her skills and personal values will be sorely missed and we will have great difficulty replacing this resourceful lady. We will shortly be discussing with her family how we might recognise her services to the Branch and to genealogy.

Clive Palmer

Computer SIG

Backing Up Files

Dick Eastman's latest newsletter has an article on Mozy.com, a site that is receiving increased attention for providing FREE online backups, up to 2 Gigabytes. This is enough space to store a backup of your genealogy database plus lots of other essential files. (Moving this amount of data is not practical on dial-up.) Dick writes "I depend on Mozy.com to protect my files on both Windows and Macintosh systems. What I like best about Mozy is that it is automatic: I don't have to remember to make backups. Whenever my system is connected online, Mozy automatically backs up all new or newly-changed files every couple of hours without human intervention." To read the full article see <http://tinyurl.com/23j7hm>

Reset Internet Explorer's window size in Windows XP

If in Windows XP you typically maximize a too-small Internet Explorer window, every subsequent time windows may remain too small. By default, Internet Explorer is supposed to open at the same size it was at the last time it was closed; however, sometimes the default setting gets out of whack, and you need to manually reset it. Here's how:

1. Launch Internet Explorer.
2. Click one of the window corners and drag it out to completely fill your screen. Do not use the Maximize button.
3. Press [Alt] to view the menu bar (if you are using Internet Explorer 7).
4. Press and hold down either [Ctrl] or [Shift] while selecting Exit from the File menu. Do not use the Close button.

Now when you launch Internet Explorer, it should open in a full window. If it opens in the same small window, repeat the steps but hold down the opposite key in step 4, that is either [Ctrl] or [Shift].

Note: This tip applies to both Windows XP Home and Windows XP Professional. As this is a function of Windows XP, it will work on all versions of IE.

NZ Divorces

<http://www.archives.govt.nz/doingresearch/researchinfo/refguides.php>

Divorce files are held in Archives but you need to know which Court (Supreme and others) handled the divorce. Archives Reference Guide 2 (Personal Identity) gives the starting year for court Divorce Registers as 1868-1870 for Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch & Dunedin Supreme Courts, though other courts started later, and there are also separate Crown Law Office Divorce Registers 1868-1979. For Wellington the Divorce Register is like the Probate

Register with divorces in sequence, and an alphabetical index of surnames in the front. Each Register covered a number of years though, and has to be ordered (unlike the Probate Registers, which are held on open shelves in the Register Room).

Early Subscription Renewals (2007/08)

Current Branch Membership is at record levels at well in excess of 200, so we are anxious to spread out the now substantial workload of processing all the annual renewals. Although the current Membership Year does not expire until 30th September, we would very much welcome receiving early renewals from those of our members who are willing to send in their remittances in advance of that expiry date.

The Committee will be recommending to the Branch Annual General Meeting in October that there be "No Change" to the current Subscription Fees (Single \$16, Double \$27), so those are the renewal amounts required. Please make cheques payable to "Kapiti Genealogy" and post in an envelope clearly marked "Membership Renewal", to: Kapiti Branch Treasurer, P.O.Box 703, Paraparaumu. Your indulgence and co-operation would be very much appreciated

Notices:-

Personal Computer and CD-ROM Minder

We still need a volunteer to keep a periodic eye on our PCs and CDs in the Paraparaumu Library. Come on those of you who use the COMSIG - isn't this something you could take responsibility for - they say practice makes perfect!!!

Clive Palmer

Newsletters from other Branches

We hold many newsletters from other Branches in our Library collection. They are a valuable source of information and well worth a browse. Look out for the special folder on one of the shelves.

Scottish Course 29th September

Kapiti Branch Members are reminded that they have priority of enrolment for this Course, *but only until 31st of this month*. The Enrolment Form was part of the Flyer sent out attached to our 7/8 email, but those who for one reason or another are unable to print out the Form need only send in their \$25 cheque made payable to "Kapiti Genealogy" + a plain piece of paper quoting: Name, Address, Phone Number, & Email Address, to Kapiti NZSG, Box 703, Paraparaumu (mark envelope "Scots Course").

Round Robin Magazine Distribution

The Branch has taken out a one-year trial subscription in "Ancestors" – the official Family History monthly magazine put out by National Archives in London. This is now available to Kapiti Branch Members on the usual "Round Robin" basis for details contact Meryl Opie [opiemb\(at\)xtra.co.nz](mailto:opiemb(at)xtra.co.nz)

NZSG Resource

CD Rom Service: The NZSG has a number of CD ROM's of which members can request a search. To see what the CD Rom library holdings are, check out the online catalogue at www.genealogy.org.nz. Printouts cost 20c per A4 page, with a minimum remittance of \$5.00. A credit note is sent for any unused funds, which can be used for future searches. You can request a search for five different names at any one time.

Genealogy on the web

The Petone Settlers Museum Passenger Database of arrivals in Wellington 1839-1897 is now online <http://www.huttcity.govt.nz/>. Click on uppermost right link 'Hutt City Portal'. Then click on link at right 'No. 9 Petone Settlers Museum'. Select 'Online Passenger Database' where you can search by forename and surname, or surname only.

Australian Special Interest Group (SIG)

An SIG is operating for those Branch members who are interested in sharing research on their Australian ancestors and families. The key to the group is informality with those interested meeting as and when they desire, but usually in the mornings of the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Those interested should contact Rex Roberts at [rxroberts\(at\)paradise.net.nz](mailto:rxroberts(at)paradise.net.nz) or (04)905 6570.

The Scots in New Zealand

Exhibition at the Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa, 2007

The exhibition The Scots in New Zealand will open at Te Papa in August 2007, and will feature the Scottish community in New Zealand. Many New Zealanders can claim some degree of Scottish ancestry, and there is much evidence of pride in this fact throughout New Zealand.

The Scots in New Zealand will be the fifth community exhibition to be staged in the Community Gallery of Te Papa (on level 4) and opened on 18 August 2007.

The exhibition has a proposed duration of approximately 2.5 years, closing early in 2010. The Community Gallery explores the experiences of

different ethnic groups in New Zealand and provides a forum in which these communities can tell their own stories.

The Scots in New Zealand is being developed in partnership with the Scottish Community Advisory Group. Many other people and organisations around New Zealand are assisting with information and lending their treasured objects for display.

This exhibition is primarily focused on New Zealand rather than Scottish history. The Scots were one of the major immigrant groups in New Zealand. Their settlement over time has become widespread and pervasive, and is now thoroughly integrated into New Zealand life.

The overarching theme of the exhibition is the contributions Scots have made to New Zealand history, society and culture. There are three main themes to the exhibition: migrations and settlement (including case studies on the Scottish settlements of Waipu, Turakina and Otago); contributions made by the Scots (e.g. education, science, civic responsibility, business, engineering, architecture); and expressions of identity (e.g. clans, art, sport, music, dress).

Through this exhibition Te Papa hopes to show visitors that Scottish culture is a pervasive influence in contemporary New Zealand culture. The achievements of Scottish New Zealanders will be celebrated.

If you would like to know more about the exhibition, Te Papa's Community Relations Manager, Sue Superville, will be happy to answer any inquiries.

Contact Sue by Email on [susans\(at\)tepapa.govt.nz](mailto:susans(at)tepapa.govt.nz), fax: 64 4 381 7170, or phone on 64 4 381 7281.

Family Tree Maker Special Interest Group

A Family Tree Maker SIG is up and running for those interested in sharing and learning about this popular software and genealogy information storehouse. Those members interested please contact Hanley Hoffmann at [hdroffmann\(at\)paradise.net.nz](mailto:hdroffmann(at)paradise.net.nz) or (04) 904 3276
Next Meetings (venue to be advised)
August 20th 1.30pm:--September 17th 1.30pm
October 17th 1.30pm:--November 19th 1.30pm;

The Master Genealogist Special Interest Group

Local users, or intending users, of The Master Genealogist (<http://www.whollygenes.com/>) can join informal get-togethers to share hints and or tips, learn how to use the product to its full potential, Lorna Henderson is facilitating this. Contact [Lornah\(at\)paradise.net.nz](mailto:Lornah(at)paradise.net.nz)

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!

Supper Helpers: Volunteers are called to assist with supper at our Monthly Meetings in the Kapiti Community Centre. Assistance with serving and tidying up afterwards is welcomed. 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, Sandra 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), and 12-generation (\$4.00).

Used Ink Cartridges: As a continuing fund-raising activity we will be pleased to receive used printer ink cartridges – particularly Canon, Lexmark, Hewlett Packard, and Epson. These may be handed to me (Derek Griffis) at our regular Monthly Meeting or, if more convenient to you, may be left in the suitably marked cardboard box in our steel cabinets upstairs at Paraparaumu Public Library. For the environmentally conscious there is the added satisfaction of knowing that these cartridges will get re-used, and that therefore there are that many less of them finishing up in the local rubbish tip.

Meeting Dates and Times

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 BRANCH LIBRARY RESOURCES (Part 5) (by Derek Griffis)

This is the fifth in a series of occasional articles on the various research resources available on fiche to Kapiti Branch Members, and that are held in our collection located upstairs in Paraparaumu Public Library. [The first article, but on videos, appeared in the April 2004 Newsletter, the second article, on fiche: NZ Births Deaths & Marriages, appeared in the August 2004 Newsletter, the third article, on fiche: NZ Cemeteries, appeared in the June 2005 Newsletter, and the fourth article, on fiche: NZ Electoral Rolls, appeared in the November 2006 Newsletter. These Newsletters may be accessed via our website:
www.rootsweb.com/~nzlsgkb/]

Access to our collection is granted on production of a current KCDC Library Card + a current Kapiti Branch Membership Card to the Information Desk on the Ground Floor. If you have not got a KCDC Library Card, the Information Desk will be able to assist you.

Fiche Collection (N Z Miscellaneous)

All the NZ fiche are to be found in boxes along the top shelves in the right-hand set of our locked steel cabinets. These NZ boxes have been marked with green felt pen (lower down marked in red felt pen, are our Australian fiche, and on the bottom shelves marked in black felt pen, are our Rest of the World fiche), and our NZ Miscellaneous fiche are in Box numbered 10.

For those working on their NZ families Box#10 should not be overlooked, as the fiche contained within the box cover a very wide range of subjects, and in genealogy no stone should ever be left unturned as one never knows what is there just waiting to be found. The most rewarding and satisfying approach is to simply browse your way through the whole Box, meticulously checking out each subject as you come to it. There is no point in risking missing out something relevant, merely because you are in a hurry and want to get to the back of the box as fast as you can – that is not the pathway to success in genealogy. The *full* listing of contents is too long to quote here, but can be found by going to our Branch website as already quoted above, by clicking on “Resources”, and scrolling down to “New Zealand Miscellaneous” at the bottom. However, to whet your appetite, a few of the more popular resources are brought to your attention here and now – from the title of the fiche the subject is self-evident and nothing further needs to be said:

- NZ Immigrants of Scottish birth arriving NZ pre-1921
- NZ Contingents to South African War 1900-1902
- Nominal Rolls + 1903 Casualty Lists
- NZEF (Expeditionary Force) 1914-1918 Rolls
- NZEF Nominal Rolls 1939-1948
- Port of Wellington Passenger Entry Index 1856-1887
- Passenger Lists (Outward) Victoria-NZ 1852-1880
- NZ Bankruptcies 1881-1940
- NZ Probates pre-1900
- Pre-1900 NZ Families Index
- Aliens registered in NZ 1843-1916
- Persons naturalised in NZ pre-1948
- Persons granted NZ Citizenship 1949-1981

In addition, you will come across a useful collection of general Birth Marriage & Death entries from Church records of various denominations, together with another similar collection of Family Notices extracted from a number of newspapers, both national and local.

(NB: Maori Births, Marriages & Deaths 1911-1961 (the full range) are at the very back of this box. These are separate from the “New Zealand” records, as prior to 1911 Maori registration was not required, and after 1961 Maori Births Deaths & Marriages were registered as an integral part of the general “New Zealand” records system)