



Kapiti Branch

Kapiti Branch, New Zealand Society of Genealogists Inc

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www.rootsweb.com/~nzlsgkb/

August 2008 Newsletter

Coming up:

Tuesday 26 August 7pm start

Sales and research meeting

Come one, come all!

*Branch research facilities to use

*genealogy material to buy.

It's not too late to donate sales table material.

Contact Derek Griffis or Sandy White or bring it along (phone numbers on page 4).

Monday 8 September 7.30pm

Computer-Friendly Genealogy

GED Coms

Don't know what they are? Come and find out!

Looking ahead:

Saturday 6 September 10am - 12noon

Help with your research

Last of this year's Saturday winter meetings
Alison Procter Family History Centre, upstairs
at Paraparaumu library

Tuesday 23 September

Branch meeting

Family research and DNA

Speaker: Lorna Henderson

Wednesday 1 October 1pm – 3pm

Help with your research

Alison Procter Family History Centre, upstairs
at Paraparaumu library.

Monday 13 October 7.30pm

Computer-Friendly Genealogy

Topic to be announced

Meeting venues

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

Need a ride to Branch or Computer-Friendly Genealogy meetings? Jackie Holland will co-

ordinate car pools. Ring her on 293-2296 if you would like to be picked up or if you can offer a seat in your vehicle.

Dates for 2008

The complete list of meeting dates and topics for 2008 is available on the Branch webpage, www.rootsweb.com/~nzlsgkb/

For your calendar:

Thursday, 28 August 7pm

Researching Jewish family roots

Dr Anthony Joseph is speaking at Temple Sinai, 147 Ghuznee Street, Wellington.

President of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Great Britain since 1997, he was director of the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies from 2000 to 2004. Community members and friends are warmly invited to attend. For more information ring 04 385 0720 or email [office\(at\)sinai.org.nz](mailto:office@sinai.org.nz)

WEA course (four weeks)

Researching your family history
starting Tuesday 30 September, 2-4pm
Paraparaumu Library

Tutor: Rachel Brown

Contact WEA for details: 293-8077 or

[office\(at\)kapitiwea.org.nz](mailto:office@kapitiwea.org.nz)

Find your [family\(at\)Coastlands](mailto:family@Coastlands)

Labour Weekend, 25-27 October 2008

10 am to 4pm

This year's event at Coastlands is bigger and better than before. Running over three days (Saturday, Sunday and Monday) on Labour Weekend, it will feature displays, research facilities, expert help and workshops. More details to follow.

We need 30 volunteers at this event for one morning or one afternoon each. Contact Jackie Holland if you can help.

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. You can also go to that website to 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 to be mailed to you. A list of speakers can be found in the May/June issue of The New Zealand Genealogist.

Early bird registration, due by 30 September 2008, costs \$395, and includes programme choices, lunches and morning and afternoon teas.

Convenor's comment

July was another successful month for the branch with members taking the opportunity to attend our Saturday winter session research morning, hear Peter Nash reminding us of the advantages of national membership and the resources of NZSG, and a well-attended Celtic Day for those hunting their Irish and Scottish ancestors.

August is another busy month with another research morning, a visit to the National Library in Wellington and something new at our monthly meeting. Tuesday 26 August will be a combination sales and research evening with continuous supper commencing at 7pm. If you have books, genealogy or otherwise you would like to dispose of (but please not "The New Zealand Genealogist" - we have enough copies to paper a house), bring them along to add to the sales table. We are trying to build up our cash reserves to expand our research

resources and add to our storage facility at Kapiti Community Centre. We will have facilitators on hand to help with your research so bring along your notes, laptops, etc. Internet access is also available.

Don't forget that our Alison Procter Family History Centre, first floor Parararaumu library, is open seven days a week during library hours. Just sign in at the information desk with your KCDC library and branch membership cards to obtain the key.

Every Wednesday morning 10am to 12noon, volunteers are on hand to help you with your research. The two desktop computers in the centre are connected to the internet for key genealogy sites including ancestry.com and familysearch.com plus access to the NZ Gazette Archive. See our website for a full list of resources available.

- Clive Palmer

Introducing Liz Matthews

Newsletter editor and publicity officer
My ancestors' photos hung on the walls when I was growing up in Canada: grandparents in oval portraits, and family groups in my father's study, with one grumpy looking great-great grandmother relegated to an upstairs room.

My mother did a lot of family history research in the 1970s, writing to a researcher in England and searching local land titles. She drew family trees in pencil on pieces of roller blind fabric, easily rolled and kept handy to the table where they could be spread out. She helped establish a local archives in the town where my parents both lived for nearly all their lives, and was a volunteer there for more than 20 years. I'd heard from her about the importance of acid-free boxes before I left school (but I still haven't got any).

A few years ago I discovered genealogy websites and used them to try to extend her records. Through a surname forum I "met" a sixth cousin. That's when my husband said he didn't even know where his grandparents were buried. Just the challenge I needed!

In the last nine months I've been working near the National Library and the Archives, and I've spent some (okay, most) of my lunch hours reading microfiche and searching New Zealand databases. I've found his grandparents and great-grandparents, and I'm now trying to

pinpoint which counties in England, Scotland and Ireland that immigrant generation came from, so I can go back further. I try to fill in the gaps for my own family too.

When the August branch meeting is on, I'll be in Canada visiting my mother for her birthday (she's turning 84). These days talking on the phone with her can be a bit tricky, because her short-term memory is not so good.

Fortunately, she remembers enough about our family history for it to be a continuing topic for discussion. It's great for me to have someone to enthuse with about small discoveries, and she's delighted that her research is being carried on.

Branch notes

Renew your sub now (please!)

With well over 200 branch members, we are anxious to spread out the workload of processing subscription renewals. The current membership period does not expire until 30 September, but we would appreciate receiving early renewals from members willing to pay before then.

Our financial year end has moved to 31 March due to recent law changes. To make the transition, the next membership subscription "year" will be 18 months long, ending on 31 March 2010. The membership subscription rate remains unchanged but, for the extended period of time, will amount to \$30.

Please make your \$30 cheque payable to "Kapiti Genealogy" (if you are also a member of NZSG, please print your NZSG Number on the back of the cheque) and post it to:

Kapiti Branch Treasurer
Box 703
Paraparaumu

Your indulgence and co-operation would be very much appreciated.

Branch meeting report



Peter Nash, Executive Officer of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists, was the speaker at our July meeting. He gave us a

tour of the society's website, pointing out the resources available to logged in members of the national society that do not appear to anyone else.

NZSG has nearly 9000 members worldwide, with about 30 new ones signing up online each week. He encouraged Kapiti members to send in their pedigrees and contribute to the certificates collection.

With a growing number of overseas members, listing your families of interest with NZSG could put you in touch with someone searching for their long lost relations known only to have 'gone to New Zealand'.

Wanted: Genealogy material and more to sell at August meeting

We'll have a sales table at our 26 August branch meeting to raise funds for storage facilities. Wanted for re-sale are

- (1) Genealogically relevant books, magazines, microfiche, and CDs – but absolutely no New Zealand Genealogist magazines thanks, as you cannot give these away. Contact Derek Griffis for collection and storage.
- (2) Anything else, within reason, that has the potential to be sold. Contact Sandy White for collection or storage, on 04 293-6975 or [tersan\(at\)xtra.co.nz](mailto:tersan(at)xtra.co.nz).

New branch resources

We have just purchased several additions to our collection of branch resources held upstairs at the Paraparaumu Public Library.

"For Your Tomorrow" Volume 3: Biographies & Appendices. A companion to our existing first two volumes, and located in the steel cabinets. An amazing collection of service biographies of nearly 4900 New Zealanders who have died while serving with the RNZAF and Allied Air Services since 1915.

CD - New Zealand Society of Genealogists (NZSG) Index Version 5, Kapiti Branch version installed on both our PCs for use of all Branch Members. Password in booklet ("Using the Computer") in the right-hand steel cabinet. Over 4.7 million records from 144 sources.

CD - World War 2 Service call-up Ballot Lists 1940

CD - NZ Officers (Army, Navy, Air Force) World War 2 Appointments, Promotions, Resignations and Transfers

Help desk

Valerie Freeman runs the "Help Desk" at our main monthly meetings, but those seeking basic advice and guidance on Family History research may also ring her at home (298-7396) at any time, within reason!

Special Interest Groups:

Family Tree Maker Hanley Hoffmann
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Australia until further notice contact
Hanley Hoffmann (as above)

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On the web

Looking for an obscure (or not so obscure) place in Scotland? See the Scottish Gazetteer for a range of historical information, including maps.
<http://www.geo.ed.ac.uk/scotgaz/gaztitle.html>

More Irish records are available at the Irish Family History Foundation's Online Research Service. The latest additions are Sligo and Kildare census records for 1901; Cavan, Galway East and Galway West, Cork (north and east) census records for 1901 and 1911. Mayo census records are available for 1901, and also partial records for 1911. View the index at no charge, but pay per view for details. The map shows which counties have information available (including births, deaths and marriages).
<http://ifhf.brsgenealogy.com/map.php>

Over 15 million parish burial records and memorial inscriptions are available to view at www.findmypast.com, with a total of seven million baptism, marriage and probate records being made available online later this year. Parish records from over 1000 parishes across

Britain are being added to the existing collection of online family history records, offering access to baptism, marriage and burial records dating back to 1538.

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