



Kapiti Branch

February 2005

Conveners Comment:-

February is an important month for New Zealand, as Feb 6 is Waitangi Day. Many would prefer this day to be renamed New Zealand Day, but whatever your views we do seem to lack a national day to recognize our multi-cultural entity and dynamics; and remember our ancestors and whakapapa. I have said it before and will say it again, as genealogists we are proud of the country which is now our home irrespective of where our ancestors came from. We must work hard to celebrate and respect our diversity. That's one of the great things about being a Kiwi and a genealogist!

Our first meeting of the year was a great turnout with nearly 70 members and visitors. Our membership continues to increase and while we have lost a few old hands, we welcome several newcomers. Numbers are now over 150. The 2005 programme has been circulated and any changes will be notified on our website and newsletter. This year we have split the programme into three categories - main Branch and COMPSIG meetings; activities and visits; and Starter Courses. The latter two will be the subject of special fliers sent out to members and in some cases wider publicity.

Following suggestions from members we are having a crack at 3 'Starter Courses' and details appear elsewhere in this newsletter. Places will be limited so get your enrolment in as soon as possible for the April 9 course -'Getting Started"

The 22nd. February Branch meeting is an opportunity for you to share your collective experiences in recording and circulating your family history. Some members will have formally published a family history, others will have produced a record from one of the computer programmes such as Family Tree Maker or Legacy, or you may have prepared a special document for a family reunion or maybe a grandchild's birthday. Please bring along a sample of your record and share your experience with us.

On Sunday February 27, my wife Merrilee & I invite you to a Garden Party at our place - details have been circulated separately. We hope the late summer will continue so that you can enjoy a barbecue and drinks overlooking Kapiti; mix and mingle; take a garden walk; and if you so wish browse a selection of Branch CD-ROMS. We will also connect up to Ancestry.com if you want to search this enormous database. Spouses and partners welcome. Food provided but BYOG!

RSVP acceptances only thanks so we know numbers to cater for. No need to send regrets.

On the Committee front Harry Gilgrist has regrettably resigned and I have taken on the Programme job in the meantime. We are pleased to welcome Brian Mountjoy, a longtime Member and former Convenor, to an Appointed Officer role of Computer Support. Brian is tidying up our CD-ROM collection in the Library and making their use more user friendly on the PCs.

Clive Palmer

Computer SIG:- Spy Ware Removers

Overview

Spyware and Adware viruses have rapidly become the number one threat to your computer with over 90% of computers already infected. These include "Trojans", Web Bugs, Advertiser Software, Monitoring Software and more. Fortunately there are good Spyware and Adware virus removal tools available. Sorting through them all to find the right one is a challenging task and an important decision to make

Background - What is Spyware, Adware and Malware? Spyware and Adware, also called "Malware", are files made by publishers that allow them to snoop on your browsing activity, see what you purchase and send you "pop-up" ads. They can slow down your PC, cause it to crash, record your credit card numbers and worse. If you're like most Internet users, chances are you're probably infected with these files. Simply surfing the Internet, reading email, downloading music or other files can infect your PC without you knowing it.

Bottom Line - What's the Best Way to Eliminate Spyware, Adware and Malware? Use a good Spyware/Adware/Malware remover such as the ones listed on this site, <http://www.spywareremoversreview.com/> Using one that is at least moderately popular is a good idea because it has been tested and used by many users. Each of the sites selected fall into that category, although Xoftspy and NoAdware are the most popular. XoftSpy detects the widest variety of threats, while NoAdware is the easiest to use. Xoftspy has a very high satisfaction rate and gets the slight nod as our top choice.

Our Testing Results. In random PC testing, every single computer has been infected with Spyware and Adware - some with dozens of infections - even those PCs consistently using well-known Virus and Firewall software. They are now Spyware and Adware free!

Notices:-

Welcome: to new members who have joined us since the last Newsletter: Graeme Beere, Kevin Boyd, Jill Craig, Raymond & Valerie Davison, Linda Evans, Pat Keppel, Joy Lamb, Alison Laurie, Jane Leonard-Taylor, Shirley & Don McKarell,

Geoff McMillan, Wendy Norman, Bert & Monica Olsson, Neville Taylor, and David Williams.

Supper Helpers: As announced last month, now that we have kitchen facilities at our Meeting Venue we are returning to the past practice of calling for volunteers (by initials of surname) to assist with supper duties, particularly the serving and the tidying up afterwards. February: C - F, March: G - J, April: K - M, May: N- R, June: S - Z

Thanks: to Jan Bonnett for having organised the donation (originally from a Mrs. AMOS) of an additional microfiche viewer to join those already located in our area at Paraparaumu Library. Offers of contributions to our equipment and resource collections are always appreciated.

GenGuides: Following last month's interesting talk by Sue GREENE on the NZSG Record Collections, all our then existing local stocks of the relevant GenGuides (#41 Strays & More, #43 Pre-1856 NZ Marriage Records Collection, #44 NZSG Certificates, and #45 New Zealand First Families) were exhausted. Local stocks have now been replenished and so those who missed out last month may obtain them this month. They are free of charge.

Ink Cartridges: A periodic reminder that we are collecting used printer cartridges for recycling and to raise funds for the Branch. Any inkjet or bubble cartridges are wanted: e.g. Canon, Hewlett Packard, Lexmark, Epson. There will be a small box at Meetings, in front of the Notice Board, into which these may be placed. Alternatively, there is another box located in the central part of our locked cabinet upstairs at Paraparaumu Library, which may be used at any time.

Derek Griffis

Meeting Dates & 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, of every second month in the Paraparaumu Public Library (meeting room) -Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct and Dec

Note:- The 2005 Programme of Activities is on our website [Click here](#)

Our search facility which allows us to access Ancestry.com is underused. This is a huge database of international genealogical records including Census info. Fill in a Kapiti Gen Forum form off our website or pick up a copy at monthly meetings.

You can get free access to the catalogue index by going into the <http://www.ancestry.com/>

From our Branch librarian.

Brian Mountjoy and I have finished cataloguing the "for loan" books in our library and are prepared to open for business again. The Paraparaumu Library staff is ready to roll, with yellow issue slips printed. Members wishing to take out books will need their Public Library card as well as their KBNZSG membership card, to show at the Issuing Desk downstairs where everyone else goes - to have books desensitised. They will be asked to give their name, and their membership number will be put on a list. Return date will be within 3 weeks (to agree with the normal Public Library practice). Any queries should go to either me or to Derek Griffis. Books are to be returned in the normal way, through the "Returns" slot, and they will then be put into a box for us to take upstairs and re-shelve. I have started phoning those members that have offered to do a Wednesday morning in the Library and almost got up to the end of March lined up. My thanks go to Judy Olsen and Brian Mountjoy for their help
Alison Procter

Kapiti Legacy Users SIG: The Kapiti Legacy Users Group weekend with Jan Gow was well attended, including visitors from Palmerston North, Wellington and the Wairarapa. Jan was as extremely informative and knowledgeable as we knew she would be, and the weekend was a great success. Hopefully, Jan will be able to join us again later this year.

The next meeting will be on Saturday 26th February 2005, at the Masonic Hall in Tararua Street Paraparaumu. The entry charge is \$3.00 (To pay for hall hire, tea and coffee). For further details contact: Gerald Twiss 021 151 5714 or email: gero@@ihug.co.nz or kapitilegacy@@hotmail.com

Reports:-

Kippenberger Military Archive & Research Library

This new annex to the Army Museum Waiouru is named after Major-General Sir Howard KIPPENBERGER, KBC, CB, DSO and Bar, ED, LLD, who rose to be commander of the 2nd New Zealand Division at Monte Cassino and later became Editor-in-Chief of the New Zealand Official War Histories.

The Archive has an extensive collection old Diaries, Letters, Manuscripts, Photographs including Albums, Maps, Newspapers and Troop/Unit Magazines, a fine-art collection and Military ephemera. The material held in the Archive is of a personal nature, i.e. material written by soldiers or personally collected as opposed to the official material which is mainly held at the National Archives. Library holdings include Nominal Rolls (Boer War through to United Nation deployments), Casualty Lists, Rolls of Honour, Unit and Campaign Histories (NZ, Australian, British plus others).

The Museum's library and archival collections are a national treasure and illustrate all aspects of warfare in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries where the New Zealand Army has been engaged. Strong collections of First and Second World War material are complemented by holdings of post-1945 material. The library and archival collections also cover aspects of social history and technological change up to the present day.

The Archive

The Archive holds material that relates to the Museum's function as a national centre for military studies. The date range of material is from 1840 to the present day, and covers all theatres of war the New Zealand Army has been involved in, including peacekeeping missions.

Collections

Diaries; Letters & Personal documents; Oral Histories;
Newspapers; Maps and Plans; Photographs and Albums;
Art Works; Ephemera

The Library

The Library has an extensive collection covering a wide range of military subjects and is divided into the following Sections: General Reference; Quick Reference; Kippenberger Collection; Ion Mackay Collection; Stagg/RNZ Artillery Collection; south Section; Unit Histories; Official War Histories. Please note that items in the Library are available for reference only and therefore must remain on the premises.

Greenstone Memorial Certificate

The Library contains the Tears on Greenstone database which holds the details of over 30,000 New Zealanders who died in the service of their country. A Memorial Certificate is available for purchase from the Library at \$7.50 (postage included). When ordering a Certificate please provide Name, Rank, Service No., Period of Service, Death and Burial details (if known) of personnel.
(Australian Family Tree Connection)

Liverpool Records Office now offers its own research service:

Mr. Roger Hull, an experienced researcher, has been appointed to answer detailed enquiries and Liverpool Record Office now offers its own research service. To assist people who are not able to visit the Record Office in person.

Mr. Hull has access to a vast repository of archives and printed material relating to all aspects of Liverpool and the surrounding area. He is able to answer questions about genealogy and local history, including those relating to buildings, houses, businesses, Liverpool people and landmarks. Consequently, the Office is able to offer a quality speedy service at a competitive rate.

Liverpool Record Office holds the archives of the City Council and its predecessors (including the famous charter of 1207), parish records of many Anglican, Roman Catholic and Nonconformist churches in Liverpool, cemetery records, school records, and some Poor Law Unions material. In addition, there is a comprehensive collection of Liverpool street directories (from 1766), newspapers (from 1756), photographs, topographical water colours, maps and town plans.

For the family historian there are also census returns for Liverpool and the Wirral from 1841 to 1901, electoral registers, indexes of wills and the General Register Office index of births, marriages and deaths from 1837 to 2000.

Current charges: £10.00 for half an hour's research, £16.00 for one hour's research, up to a maximum of three hours for an enquiry (business rates are £40.00 for each hour's research). A full written report will be supplied giving details of information found and sources checked, with copies of relevant documents where appropriate. The office aims to supply the report within ten working days.

If you would like to make use of the Research Service please contact the Record Office to request an application form recoffice.central.library@liverpool.gov.uk or by post, Liverpool Record Office, Central Library, William Brown Street, Liverpool, L38EW. Completed forms with your fee, should be returned to the Record Office. Cheques should be made payable to Liverpool Libraries and Information Services.

Please give as much specific detail as you can when completing the form, including where you have already checked. The researcher will make every effort to find the information required within the given time, but obviously cannot always guarantee a positive result. Please note that some records may be closed to general public access. (Irish Roots)

Dublin Almanac & General Register of Ireland 1838 Mcfhe NZSG IRLF
DUB.Dir.01
39 Irish miles (= 50 British miles)

Society for superseding the necessity of climbing boys in sweeping chimneys:

Committee room 7 Lower Abbey St Dublin

The frequent loss of life, and other deplorable evils attendant upon the cruel system of employing children to sweep chimneys, induced the formation of the above society: and the committee have happily succeeded in establishing sweeping machines in various parts of the country, as well as in Dublin, by which means the sufferings of a very helpless and unoffending class of our fellow creatures have been considerably mitigated.

The sweeping apparatus has been proved to answer every purpose for which children (frequently mere infants) have hitherto been used: and it is hoped that a humane and enlightened public will no longer tolerate a system fraught with evil both of a moral and physical nature, but that they will resort to the unobjectionable and equally efficient substitute provided for by this Society.

Subscriptions in aid of the above object are received at No. 7 Lower Abbey St where Sweeping Machines, and every further information, may be immediately obtained.

Rootsweb 8 Dec 2004:

England: Newspaper extracts from old newspapers in the Merseyside area, lots of updates from January 1899 -- continually updating.

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~dadds/MERSEYSIDE.index.html>

England: Now includes a picture album of old Wisbech, Cambridgeshire.

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~cawthorn/Gallery/index.html>

England: Cambridgeshire Taverns & Public Houses in 1839.

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~cawthorn/1839Pigots/1839index.html>

New Zealand: More than 200 essays on European women who lived in South Taranaki (West Coast, North Island) from the 1830s to the 1990s, plus a list of the South Taranaki women who signed the Suffrage Petition of 1893.

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~sooty/stwomen.html>

1881 England and Wales Census Index and Images Available:

For the first time, the fully searchable 1881 England and Wales census index is now linked with digital images of the original census documents at Ancestry.com.

The index/image integration allows researchers to more easily search for their ancestors who were living in the England and Wales at that time.

The index is free; the images are available via subscription to Ancestry's UK and Ireland Records Collection [The Branch has access to Ancestry.com - see Page 2]

Customer corrections and comments are available on the 1881 census, and errors in the index can now be corrected. Includes more than 27 million names, linked to 1.4 million images for England, Wales, Isle of Man, and Channel Islands

The 1881 England and Wales census index and images can be accessed at

<http://www.ancestry.com/search/rectype/census/uk/>

Deborah Shuker