



Kapiti Branch

January 2006

CONVENERS COMMENT:-

A Happy New Year everyone. We have a great programme in store for you starting at the January Branch meeting with a member panel posing the question as to why I am doing all this research and who am I going to pass it onto! Other topics during the year will cover preserving photos; family tree chart formats; military records; land records; NZSG resources; update from the Registrar General of BDMs Office; Archives NZ records and some in-house discussions and research evenings. At each branch meeting we will invite members to briefly talk about their 'brickwall' and seek help from other members. In February we will hold our annual garden party. Visits are planned to National Library, ArchivesNZ; Petone Settlers Museum. Some members have suggested taking a busload to the NZSG Family Research Centre in Parnell. On the education and research front we are looking at a couple of "Starter Courses" again and holding specialist research days on Irish and Scottish ancestry. We may also look at setting up informal Special Interest Groups based on individual country research. Each year the topic of daytime meetings is raised for those who find evening sessions difficult to get to. Attempts in the past have failed to get attendance, so we thought we would try out 3 special sessions on Wednesday afternoons over the year at our research facility in the Paraparaumu Public Library. In addition we will extend our Wed morning help sessions at the Library to some Saturday mornings during the winter months. COMPSIG will meet monthly from now on and you computer buffs will find plenty of interest. So watch this space, and our website.

Don't forget our in-house research help facilities - every Wed morning from 25 Jan, 10am to noon at the Library; KapitiGenForum operated by our Research Officer where you can seek help on specific problems - GenForum Forms are at Branch Meetings and via our website; and our Help Desk open before and during Branch meetings. And of course you have access to our research facilities of books, videos, magazines, CDs and microfiche during Library opening hours Mon to Sat and Thurs evenings. Our website is full of interesting news and points of contact so keep that in your 'favourites' folder.

It's annual sub time again so we do hope those who have not renewed will continue their association with the Branch and not be offended by gentle reminders that this is the last month for access to our facilities.

Clive Palmer

COMPSIG:- Computer SIG

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas though now thankfully it's just a memory. While I was away getting a bit of R & R, daughter was home using the computer. Kids are great at messing things up. She likes to download music from the net; this is the second time she has managed to get a nasty onto the computer. Upon my return I discovered some new icons on my desktop. One called Malware the other SpyAxe. Two other Icons that looked like Microsoft icons which resembled the Windows help, the other a windows web page help. Being a bit tired after travelling home I didn't take much notice - all I wanted to do was download my email then get to bed.

I logged on and started to download my email when an icon started flashing on the tool bar informing me I had malicious Malware and need to click this icon to get rid of it. That's when alarm bells start ringing and I was now fully awake. The next thing I was on a web page for SpyAxe which auto loaded without any prompting from me. I was able to close that web page, the next thing I did was to go into Google typed in SpyAxe and sure enough there was all the info about it, also instructions on how to remove it.

Moral of this story is, don't let others use your computer.

This is a timely reminder to everyone to make sure your anti virus programme is up to date, you have got all the updates from Microsoft, you are using a fire wall, you use Adaware or similar, and you are using something like Mailwasher for email.

Also when was the last time you did a scan disk, defrag, disk clean up and general tidy up of your hard drive?

And the last but most important job that I know everyone does every week at least, is a BACKUP.

A few tips.

I get annoyed at friends who send me emails warning me about a new virus. They pass it on without checking to make sure it is valid. If you get these hoax messages from friends. (99% are hoaxes) If you want to check that it is a new virus, go to a search engine. Google is about the best - type in the name of the hoax or so called virus and check it out for yourself. Then tell your friend they panicked about nothing.

Another annoying thing people do is forward an email which can be full of other email addresses.

If you get an email that you wish to forward to friends, once you have clicked forward, highlight all the email addresses in the message and delete them.

People forwarding messages with the addresses still enclosed is a good way of sending your email address all over the internet.

I am in the process of getting the programme for 2006 drawn up. Members will be notified of what we have planned for the year by the end of the month.

The COMPSIG Meetings due to popular demand are going back to a monthly meeting.

The first meeting will be February Monday the 13th at the supper room at the

Paraparaumu Library starting 7.30pm.

Sue Greene

Notices:-

Allan Morrison

It is with sadness that we have to report that Allan Morrison, local Branch Member and NZSG Member, died suddenly at home on Tuesday 10th January 2006. He was age 77 [see "Dominion" Death Notice 12.1.2006]

New Members

Welcome to new members: Aldous MacIvor, Patricia Green, Merle Kocsi, Gaye Granville, John O'Brien, and Patricia & E. Herdahl-Thorsing, who have joined us in the last couple of months

2006 Subscriptions

The last Membership Year ended 30th September 2005, and the large majority have already renewed for 2006. However, there is a small band of people who have yet to do so, although there is still time left for them to renew by sending in their Subscription *promptly* (Single \$16, Double \$27 - please make cheques payable to "Kapiti Genealogy") to: Rex Roberts (Treasurer), 117 Weggery Drive, Waikanae.

Supper Helpers

We are continuing in 2006 with the practice of calling for volunteers (by initial of surname) on the night to assist with supper at our Monthly Meetings at the Kapiti Community Centre. In particular this calls for assistance with the serving, and with the tidying up afterwards.

January: N - R, February: S - Z, March: A - B.

Branch Resources "Wish List"

The Committee is always on the look-out for suitable new resources to add to our Branch collection located upstairs at Paraparaumu Library. In general it is genealogically-specific material that is sought, in the form of CDs, fiche, or books, and ideally if the material itself is not an index, then at least it must include a good index. NZ material tends to get priority of attention, closely followed by Australian and British/Irish, although for non-New Zealand material the strong emphasis is on the references being general/national rather than being local (e.g. In the British Isles alone there are some 110 Counties, and those interested in one or two of those Counties are better advised to directly join the Family History Societies of those particular Counties).

A "Wish List" of prospective acquisitions is maintained, and periodically the Committee either simply purchases items out of Branch Funds, or, submits concisely worded grant applications to various Trusts set up for that purpose. We

are given to understand that, in general, Trustees are more likely to look with favour on applications for funding to purchase New Zealand material, rather than overseas material. Although most of the items on the Wish List have been suggested by Committee Members, in fact any Branch Member may, at any time, submit suggested items to go on to the List.

The Committee expects to be prioritising the List at its March Meeting, so if Branch Members have in mind anything that they would like to have considered, would they please send in their *submissions by 28th February.

* "Wish List" submissions should be made on paper or by email, and must be precise and specific. Required is (1) The exact name/title (2) The form - CD?, fiche? Book? (3) Any Code/Reference Number, or ISBN (4) The current costs, in any major currency (5) The full email/snailmail address from which it may be obtained.

Ink Cartridges

Very many thanks to all those people who have been letting me have their used printer ink cartridges. Last financial year we collected 210, of which 180 were re-usable (exclusive of a few damaged or obsolete) and for these we got \$301 - a very useful boost to our Branch Funds. This is a continuing fund-raising exercise, so please keep letting me (Derek Griffis) have those used cartridges (particularly Canon, Hewlett Packard, Lexmark, Epson), on Monthly Meeting evenings, by leaving them in the cardboard box in our steel cabinets upstairs at Paraparaumu Library or, if more convenient for you, by placing them in my letter-box at 94 Ngaio Road, Waikanae. Thank you.

NZSG ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND AGM Friday 2nd to Monday 5th JUNE 2006 Sacred Heart Girls College Hamilton East

NZSG Hamilton Branch will be hosting an Exhibition of Family Histories at Conference 2006. We invite Members of all NZSG Branches, Interest Groups and those attending conference to submit for display, an aspect of their family history. There are four categories:-

Stitched (Embroidery, Quilting, Cross-Stitch, Weaving)

Hand-drawn (Charts, Trees, Calligraphy)

Computer-generated (Books, Charts, Photographs)

Mixed Media (Models, Metal Items, Paintings)

A brief written explanation of the genealogical and historical significance should accompany each exhibit - for the benefit of genealogists viewing the exhibition. If you are interested in submitting an exhibit please contact: Elizabeth Heaphy. weheaphy@@amcom.co.nz An Application Form and the Conditions of Entry will

be forwarded to you. For further Conference 2006 details check NZSG Web page www.genealogy.org.nz

FAMILY HISTORY EXPOSITION
Kilbirnie Branch NZSG
Park Bowling Club, Kilbirnie
Wednesday 1st February 2006, 9.30am - 4 pm

(see Dec 2005 "New Zealand Genealogist", page 419)

Displays, Workshops, anything to do with compiling and researching Family History. \$2 Entry Fee at the door.

Contact: 9043276 hdhoffmann@paradise.net.nz

Lost Magazines

Unfortunately, three of our Round Robin magazines were accidentally destroyed recently. They were:

Australian Family Tree Connections: June & Aug 2005 Irish Roots: 1st Quarter 2005

There will be some difficulty and expense in purchasing these particular back-copies, but we owe it to the other members of the Round Robins to do so.

However, the thought occurs to us that perhaps some of our members already subscribe to those magazines in their own right, and that they might be prepared to donate or lend to us those particular back-copies to enable us to complete the Round Robin circuit(s). If you can help, would you please contact the Round Robin Organiser, Meryl Opie, on 298-8737, or at: opiemb@xtra.co.nz

KBNZSG 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, Feb-Dec in the Paraparaumu Public Library (meeting room)

Kapiti Legacy Users SIG:

The next meeting will be on Saturday, February 25th - subjects covered, Locations, Filing, & a brief AGM. To be held at the Masonic Hall, in Tararua Street Paraparaumu. (off Hinemoa St). Doors open at 1pm meeting starts at 2pm. Entry charge has been kept to a minimum and will include hall hire, tea and coffee and any presenter's costs. Further details: Gerald Twiss: gero@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 the meetings. The full year's programme will be on the web site shortly.

Reports:-

Library Report

A Happy New Year everyone! We have not been completely idle over the Christmas break. The library list has been updated, with the new books security tagged and on the shelves. Thanks go to Val and Ray Davison, who have agreed to be my support team and take on this task. Thanks also go to Brian Mountjoy who took them through the process. The updated list is now in the red folder in Cupboard 1. We have been presented with a number of Journals from different Societies around Britain, which are not on the shelves as yet, as some rearranging and pruning will need to be done first to make space for them. The Paraparaumu Public Library has started putting our books onto their database.

I have contacted all the volunteers who have helped on a Wednesday morning over the past year and they are happy to continue with this. This year we will be starting a register of everyone who visits our library collection, whether members or not. If unable to do your rostered duty, please advise me Phone 904-3229, aprocter@paradise.net.nz) or the Davison's (Phone 905-6220) so we can find a replacement. The alternative is to give each of you a list and let you find your own stand-in

Alison Procter

Digitisation of 1901 and 1911 Irish Censuses

Minister for Arts, Sport & Tourism, John O'Donoghue TD, will announce on Tuesday 6th December 2005 a ground-breaking cultural agreement between the National Archives of Ireland and Library and Archives Canada, which will see the Irish Census Records for 1901 and 1911 digitised, indexed and placed online for free access by the 70 million Irish diaspora around the world, from December 2006.

Library and Archives Canada, the leading experts in the cutting-edge archival digitisation process involved, anticipate strong interest in Canada where 13% of the population claim Irish ancestry. A similar online release in recent years of Canadian Census Returns evoked a huge response.

A fascinating first-hand record and evidence of their forebears' household, family, social circumstances and location one hundred years ago will be available to view online and download to anyone from December 2006, when the first phase comprising the Dublin Census Records 1911 will be released. The Records detail the name, age, sex, marital status, occupation, county and country of birth of everyone listed in every domestic dwelling, prison, hospital, industrial school etc, including their literacy level, ability to speak Irish, the number of years women were married and total number of children born.

The 3-year digitisation project will ultimately allow anyone in the world to search for an Irish ancestor with minimal basic information, quickly and efficiently, and view a myriad of contextual historical information and imagery on contemporaneous events. Currently, records can only be seen at

the National Archives in Dublin and searches are manual, can be cumbersome, and require specific information prior to searching.

At the agreement/signing, the Minister remarked, 'Our records hold precious insights into Irish family history for millions at home and abroad - we hope this service in collaboration with our Canadian partners will connect many people globally to their cultural roots.' Ian Wilson, Head of Library and Archives Canada, commented, 'We share an ethos with the Irish Government of free access for all to their heritage and we welcome this opportunity to use our expertise in connecting even more Canadians to their history.' For further press information, please contact Jacqui Mahon at Mahon O'Neill on j.mahon@mahononeill.ie

Notes about the Irish Census

The 1901 census is the earliest surviving government census for the thirty-two counties of Ireland. The 1911 census also survives in its entirety. The first full government census of Ireland was taken in 1821 with further censuses at ten-yearly intervals from 1831 through to 1911. The original census returns for 1861 and 1871 were destroyed shortly after the censuses were taken. Those for 1881 and 1891 were pulped during the First World War, probably because of the paper shortage. The returns for 1821, 1831, 1841 and 1851 were, apart from a few survivals, notably for a few counties for 1821 and 1831, destroyed in 1922 in the fire at the Public Record Office. The census returns for 1901 and 1911 are now the most frequently used archives in the National Archives, accounting for approximately 40% of our productions

Supplied by George Watson.

British Censuses (i.e. England & Wales, plus Scotland)

The digitised, online, and free, access to the 1901 and the 1911 Irish Censuses (as outlined above) can only be described as being excellent news.

For England & Wales the 1851, 1861, 1871, 1881, 1891 and 1901 Censuses (1841 is expected in the next few months) are already digitised, online, and free, via the ancestry.com website, although it is first necessary for individuals to become paid-up subscribers to be able to make use of it. However, there is fully free access via the screens in the National Library Wellington, and as I myself make use of these on a regular weekly basis, I would be happy to follow up specific requests from Branch Members submitting our GenForum Forms (see this Newsletter, page 1, top of the 2nd column). Please allow me a few weeks processing-time.

For Scotland, I am not aware of any process of obtaining digitised, online, and free access, but would be delighted if someone were to be able to advise me otherwise. Of course their 1881 Census continues to be available within the set of LDS "1881 British Census" CDs located with our Branch Resources in the steel cabinet at Paraparaumu Library.

Derek Griffis (Branch Research Officer)

LDS Church to put Microfilmed Records Online

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (the Mormons) has more than 2 million rolls of microfilmed birth, death, and census records stored in vaults in the Wasatch Mountains, southeast of Salt Lake City.

According to the Associated Press, the church has now announced plans to digitise and index that information and make it available on the Internet. This will bring about new possibilities to those researching their family's genealogy

We urgently require a member who would be prepared to be Sales Officer to help raise funds, and to sell service items, at Branch Meetings and other activities. Also, someone to understudy the Treasurer and Membership portfolios, and provide backup here. Please contact the [Secretary](#)