

Kapiti Branch

New Zealand Society of Genealogists



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Newsletter - June 2010

www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nzlsgkb

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Meetings coming up

Tuesday 22 June Kapiti branch meeting

7pm for 7.30pm

Speaker: Derek Griffis

"New Zealand Illegitimacies database"

Saturday 3 July Help with your research @APFHC

10am-12noon Alison Procter Family History Centre
(upstairs, Paraparaumu Library)

Monday 12 July Computer-friendly genealogy

7.30pm Using New Zealand BDM website and ordering certificates

Looking ahead

Tuesday 27 July Kapiti branch meeting

7pm for 7.30pm

Research night - North America and South Africa

Wednesday 4 August Help with your research @APFHC

1-3pm Alison Procter Family History Centre
(upstairs, Paraparaumu Library)

Monday 9 August Computer-friendly genealogy

7.30pm Hints and tips on using Ancestry.com

Sunday 15 August Celtic Research day

10 am to 4 pm, Kapiti Community Centre

Entry \$10 (cash only)

Venue for meetings: Kapiti Community Centre, Ngahina St, Paraparaumu except where noted otherwise.

Special interest and user groups, see page 4 for meeting dates. You can see the year's programme on our website.

New Zealand's Family History Fair - 17-18 July 2010 in Hamilton

Details of exhibits and seminars at the first New Zealand family history fair are in the latest issue of New Zealand Genealogist magazine and can also be seen online. Door sales are \$25 for the day, plus \$5 for each seminar. If you would like on-site accommodation at the Kingsgate Hotel, Hamilton, be sure to quote the booking reference (65870M).

www.nzfamilyhistoryfair.org.nz.

Celtic Research day – Sunday 15 August

Are there Scots or Irish ancestors in your family tree? Want some tips on researching records for these groups? Come to the Celtic Research day on Sunday 15 August, from 10am to 4pm at the Kapiti Community Centre. Entry is \$10. Look at research material including books, microfiche, CDs and online facilities. Help is available from Jenny Martin, Irish Interest Group Lower North Island, and Pen Brown, Scottish Interest Group Greater Wellington.

No registration is required, and the public are welcome. Tea and coffee are provided, but bring your own lunch or try one of the nearby cafes. For more info email kapiti@genealogy.org.nz.

Which genealogy program do you use?

Our treasurer, Lorna Henderson, is running a course with the Workers Educational Association (WEA) on 16 September, 1-4pm, called "Family History: Find a Computer Program to Suit You.

Lorna wants to demonstrate several programs on the day, using a gedcom (a genealogy file) and a set list of tasks. She has The Master Genealogist (TMG) program, but would appreciate the help of a volunteer from each of the Legacy and Family Tree Maker interest groups.

She'd also like to hear from members who use other programs and would be prepared to help. Are there any Mac users out there? Contact details for Lorna are on page 4. www.kapitiwea.org.nz/CoursesB.html#1082

Blessed are the hoarders

Found among a family stash of newspaper cuttings, diaries and many, many old letters: this anonymous item, originally published in the St Louis Genealogical Society Quarterly in December 1969.

Beatitudes of a Family Genealogist

Blessed are the great-grandfathers, who saved embarkation and citizenship papers,
For they tell when they came.

Blessed are the great-grandmothers, who hoarded newspaper clippings and old letters,
For these tell the story of their time.

Blessed are all grandfathers, who filed every legal document,
For this provides the proof.

Blessed are the grandmothers, who preserved family bibles and diaries,
For this is our heritage.

Blessed are fathers, who elect officials that answer letters of enquiry,
For some, the only link to the past.

Blessed are mothers, who relate family traditions and legend to the family,
For one of her children will surely remember.

Blessed are the relatives, who fill in family sheets with extra dates,
For to them we owe the family history.

Blessed is any family, whose members strive for the preservation of records,
For theirs is a labour of love.

Blessed are the children who will never say,
"Grandma, you told me that old story twice today!"

Magazine donations wanted

If you receive the *New Zealand Genealogist* magazine and have finished reading the March/April 2010 issue, consider passing it on. Kathy Callaghan has asked for donations of copies of that issue because her grandfather, Harald Oskar ANDERSEN featured in the cover story and she'd like extra copies. Contact her on 297-0733 or send magazines to 81 The Drive, Paraparaumu Beach.

Branch notes

Join us at the June meeting

Derek Griffis will talk about his database of New Zealand illegitimacies.

New members

Welcome to Margaret BURLEY, Dennis COPPS, Jackie FAWCETT, Trudi CHRISTIE and Angela NICHOLSON, who have joined the branch since the last newsletter.

Tea makers

If your surname begins with the letters **A to G** please be at the June branch meeting by 7pm to help prepare the hot drinks. In July it will be someone else's turn.

Interest and User groups

The 2010 programme for the Computer-friendly genealogy group, and all other user and interest groups, is on the branch website. On the main page, click programme. On the next page, click on Interest and User Groups.

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Legacy (database software)

meets: every two months on Saturday
next meeting: 26 June, 12.30 to 4.30pm
contact Gerald Twiss 902-0926
gero@ihug.co.nz

Computer friendly genealogy

meets: monthly, second Monday
next meeting: 14 June, 7.30 pm
contact: Sue Greene 06-364-8196
sueg-97@xtra.co.nz

Family Tree Maker (database software)

meets: quarterly on Saturday
next meeting: 31 July, 9.30am to 12.30pm
contact: Hanley Hoffmann (see page 4)

Irish interest group

next meeting: Celtic Research day
Sunday 15 August 10am to 4pm
Kapiti Community Centre
contact: Hanley Hoffmann (see page 4)

Scottish interest group

meets: quarterly on Saturday
next meeting: 7 August, 9.30am to 12.30 pm
contact: Trish Mallia 293-3966
tmallia@xtra.co.nz

Australian interest group

meets: monthly, third Tuesday, 10am to 12pm
next meeting: 20 July, APFHC
Contact: Deborah Shuker 905-2238
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Used ink cartridges

The branch collects used ink and toner cartridges for recycling to raise funds. Please pass your old cartridges to us. Hand them to Derek at a branch meeting, put them in the box in the locked cabinets at the Alison Procter Family History Centre upstairs at Paraparaumu Library, or leave them in Derek's letterbox, 94 Ngaio Road, Waikanae. We can recycle Canon, Lexmark, Hewlett Packard, Epson, and Brother cartridges.

On the web

New Zealand military records for South African war

Personnel records for all 10 contingents of the NZ Mounted Rifles are now online through Archives New Zealand's site.

www.archway.archives.govt.nz

Eastern European Genealogy

Steve Danko's genealogy blog has A Beginner's Guide to Eastern European Genealogy.

<http://stephendanko.com/blog/index.php/archives/7857>

Deceased Online

Search for deaths in the UK and Ireland, but the database is not comprehensive.

www.deceasedonline.com

Recent Australian deaths

www.obituary.com.au

Irish records

Look for regular additions of new records for Ireland at this website.

www.rootsireland.ie

New Zealand university graduates 1870-1961

<http://shadowsoftime.co.nz/university.html>

More from Familysearch.org

Even more records can be found on this additional Family Search website.

<http://fsbeta.familysearch.org/>

Online historic newspapers

For a list of newspaper archives available from different countries, see Wikipedia.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_online_newspaper_archives

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