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Evening Meeting: 7.30pm 2nd Thursday, February to December
Day Meeting: 10.00am 3rd Thursday, February to November
Venue: Petone Community Centre, 7-11 Britannia Street
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Evening Meeting: Doors open 7pm. Notices begin 7.30pm. Speakers begin about 8pm (approx. 1 hour)

Day Meeting: Doors open 9.30am. Notices begin 10am. Speaker begins about 10.30am (approx. 1 hour). Please note the library does not open until 10am

Genealogy/Family History Helpers Available At Petone Library 10am -12pm

On duty for: July, August & September

- Wednesday 15 July – Deb Beban & Lois Bartlett
- Saturday 1 August – Janet Ketchell & Anita West
- Wednesday 5 August – Diane Stinson & Susan Wilson
- Wednesday 19 August – Ian Fyfe & Philippa Woolf
- Wednesday 2 September – Cheryl Dreaver & Avril Roberts
- Saturday 5 September – Dawn Chambers & Lynly Yates
- Wednesday 16 September – Marie Perham & Bob Vine

For those new to genealogy and/or who want help knocking down those brick walls, this is an excellent time and place to have our experts help you. Our helpers can show you what is available in the library and how to go about finding what you are looking for.

Branch Meeting Programme for July & August

Thursday 9 July Evening Meeting: Ann Ball will speak about *Tracing London Ancestors*, a presentation that will include showing how historical maps can assist in family history research.

Thursday 16 July Morning Meeting: Natalie Marshall, Curator of Photographic Archives, Alexander Turnbull Library, and Assistant Curator, Kirsty Willis, *Dating Photographs*.
Natalie will be happy to date old photographs members may bring if time permits.

Thursday 13 August Evening Meeting -
Helene Philpott and panel, *Starting from Snippets*
As a variation on breaking brick walls, Helene Philpott will lead a panel discussing how to build on scant information, a picture of a person or persons using a variety of resources. The panel will present some examples from their family history research, and then the floor will be open to the audience so seek suggestions/guidance on how to progress or confirm their family history.

Thursday 20 August Morning Meeting -
Lynly Yates and Dawn Chambers, *Genealogy Road trips*
Dawn and Lynly will repeat last year's presentation to the evening group about their experiences of attending genealogy conferences and visiting family history repositories around New Zealand. Come and pick up pointers from Dawn and Lynly's vast knowledge of the sorts of places you can visit around the country to discover family history information.

Visit to Great War Exhibition

17 September Morning Meeting

Anita West, who is a guide for the Great War Exhibition at the Dominion Museum, will host the branch's visit.

Diane Stinson already has some names of interested members on her list. She will have this list at the meetings or contact her to confirm.



Members are welcome to contribute to New & Views, genealogy research, family history stories, 'how to tips', interesting websites, or information sharing. The first weekend of each month is the deadline for the next month's issue.

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New Zealand Society of Genealogists Inc.
FAMILY HISTORY MONTH 2015
Wellington



August is Family History Month. Each week in Wellington there will be a number of events of interest to genealogists and others with an interest in New Zealand history and biography.

For a full events programme see <http://tinyurl.com/fhm2015>

Saturday 22 August Family History Open Day

Whether you are experienced or just beginning your family history journey, there will be something at our Wellington Family History Month Open Day for you.

Come along and hear one or more of our excellent speakers, who will be covering the basics along with some great tips and tricks to help you find those elusive ancestors.

- 10:15am – Getting started on your family history & an introduction to Ancestry.com.au, with New Zealand Genealogist Christine Clement
- 11:30am – Using the free website FamilySearch.org to research and build your family tree, with Garry Howard from FamilySearch
- 1:00pm – 4 “lightning talks” to help you add detail, collaborate with others and self-publish your family story
- 2:30pm – Digging deeper into New Zealand immigration and other records, with Christine Clement.

Throughout the day there will be specialists in New Zealand, Maori, Pacific Islands, Australian, English, Irish and Scottish family history on hand to provide guidance and answer questions.

Experienced staff from NZSG, Kiwi Collection, Hutt City Libraries, National and Alexander Turnbull Libraries, Archives New Zealand, Births, Deaths and Marriages, and New Zealand Defence Force Archives and Medals will also be there to help.

Venue: Hutt Bowling Club, 6 Myrtle Street, Lower Hutt. Look for the sign opposite the end of Huia Street – free parking down the drive

Time: Saturday 22 August, between 10am and 4pm

Entry: \$5



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1 ticket for \$2 or 3 tickets for \$5

Prizes



1st Prize: Twelve month subscription to Ancestry.com.au's World Heritage Package, valued at approx. \$340

2nd Prize: An A3 digital print (or smaller if preferred) of your choice from the digitised collection of the Alexander Turnbull Library. Up to the value of \$49.50.

3rd Prize: 1 year subscription to an NZSG Branch (Hutt, Kilbirnie, Porirua, or Wellington)

Drawn on Saturday 22nd August 2015 at NZSG Open Day Hutt Bowling Club, Lower Hutt

Obituary:

Elizabeth (Betty) Pyne 1922 - 2015

NZSG No 3484

Betty joined the Hutt Valley Branch in February 1983 soon after the Hutt Valley branch began. This was also when she began her own family history research. She was best known for her scrapbooks for which she was given life membership in December 1999.



The Scrapbooks

We have 49 files of Betty's scrapbooks in our library which she began compiling more than 20 years ago. She took over from another branch member. The scrapbooks date back to the 1970s with a few cuttings dating back even further.

Betty's cuttings mostly come from *The Last Post* (the RSA newsletter), *The Hutt News* and *The Dominion* (now *The Dominion Post*).

The sort of thing that Betty looked for was anything that genealogists and family historians would be interested in. This included obituaries, births, deaths, marriages and anniversaries. She usually had 2 or 3 scrapbooks on the go and spent an average of an hour a day cutting out the items and placing them into the scrapbooks. At the end of the year she indexed the whole year's names.

Microfiche

Betty was also the branch's microfiche librarian and has an extensive collection of her own. She was known as the 'bloodhound' when it came to finding a lost ancestor. On research days she would lend her own personal collection of microfiche.

Back before the days of personal computers, Betty was on the sales table selling such things as the NZSG pedigree charts and the Hutt Valley's Resources book. She was also on the branch committee from 1986 to 2003?

Betty Pyne Collection Index

This is available on CD (compiled by Deb Beban and Lois Bartlett) and is searchable for scrapbooks 1-45. The index will tell you the scrapbook number and page number. The scrapbooks are on the shelves in stack at Petone Library and the index CDs are in the grey cabinet.

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Bridging the Gap – Family Tree and Family History

At the June monthly meetings our guest speaker was Rodney King from our sister club in Kilbirnie. Rodney had developed a presentation on how he records his Family Tree and he showed us how he goes about recording the results of his research.

By way of background, Rodney explained that he feels very fortunate that his family was really good at keeping, and importantly naming, photographs that go back to the late 1890s. Whilst he has been interested in genealogy since his teenage years, he has only, since retirement, managed to finally develop a method to include as many photographs as possible in the Tree. As he said, this helps bring the Family Tree alive.

Rodney initially divided his talk into 4 segments: The Tree; Family History; Cemetery Records; and Evidential Documents (eg BMD, Census etc.). His process is mainly driven using Word and the computer, and saving this to computer storage. He explained that he has no problems with the web-based products available, but he wanted to be able to store his research on diskette (and back it up) for other family members who often don't want to access web-based repositories but would still like a copy of their Tree and History.

For the Family Tree, a 'word table' was developed so that any individual family could be easily read, and so that photographs could be included. So at the top left of a page you get the parents details, and down the right side you get their children. Then, opposite the parents is a copy of their wedding photo, and down the page opposite each child is a photo of that child. Any photo, at any age, will do, but for closer family members he shows a childhood photo and another from 'later in life'. An example is shown in this article.

On a new page down the tree, Rodney and his siblings will move to the top left cell in a new table at the time of their marriage, with their own children on the right column. Equally, on pages going "up" the Tree it will have Elsie Bridgwood and John King on the right column as children.

Note that colour coding is used for the direct ancestors. The colour used for John King and Elsie Bridgwood in their chart as children will be same as in this example. Thus the photo and colour code assist follow a family line.

Writing up the Family History is simply done in the 'word' program, but is enhanced with liberal use of photographs. Care should be taken to write the stories without stating as fact those things which may really be assumptions. Unless it is a known (provable) fact, use words such a *appears to have lived at . . .*, or qualifications such as *it is assumed that. . .*. Don't leave information out just because it can't be proved; just take care not record it as fact.

Family Tree for John McCurdy King

John McCurdy King
 b.
 d.
 m.
 at Methodist Church, Okaiawa

Elsie Bridgwood
 b.



© 1946



Jul 2007

Rodney John King

b. Hawera, Bickley Home



© 1948



Jul 2007

Gregory William King

b. Hawera Bickley Home



© 1950



Dec 2007

Susan Elsie King

b. Hawera Public Hospital



© 1955



May 2007

Paul Thomas King

b. Hawera Maternity Annexe

Another enhancement is to insert into your story maps showing the location of early residences. It is no use just saying your Gt-Grandfather was born in Cushendall, in Ireland. This will probably leave the reader asking “where’s that”. So snip the relevant top right corner of Co. Antrim, Ireland off the web and insert it into the story. This can even be done for streets within a city.



Rodney also showed us examples of his research in Cemeteries and how he photographs the Cemetery entrance, and gets a map of the Cemetery which can often be found on their websites. It is valuable for later review to photograph the headstone and perhaps write down the transcription, putting these into a table. Using the cemetery map you can insert arrows to show very closely where the grave site is.

As most genealogists do, Rodney always takes copies of any research documents and keeps them not just as paper copies (paper burns in a house fire, heaven forbid!) but as scanned copies in the computer. Thus, if disaster befalls you, there will be back up copies stored on disk, which are also easier to share among family.

Finally, Rodney also raised a subject many people overlook, or prefer to avoid – that is a Medical History Family Tree. It is not a good idea to clutter your “main” Family Tree with this, but it can be a useful family health tool to create a separate document with details, and therefore patterns, of causes of death or long term illness. This can help younger generations be aware of health issues to be alert for when the record shows a preponderance of causes of death or illness.



A warm welcome is extended to new members John & Susie Fraser and Wayne Church

Latest additions to Papers Past (June 2015):

- [Anglo-Maori Warder \(1848\)](#) [Haeata \(1859-1862\)](#)
 - [Hiiringa i te Whitu \(1896\)](#) [Jubilee : Te Tiupiri \(1898-1900\)](#)
 - [Hokioi o Nui-Tireni, e rere atuna \(1862-1863\)](#)
 - [Huia Tangata Kotahi \(1893-1895\)](#)
 - [Kahiti Tuturu mo Aotearoa, me te Waipounamu \(1894-1896\)](#)
 - [Karere o Poneke \(1857-1858\)](#) [Korimako \(1882-1890\)](#)
 - [Matariki \(1881\)](#) [Paki o Matariki \(1892-1935\)](#)
 - [Maori Messenger : Te Karere Maori \(1842-1863\)](#)
 - [Pihoihoi Mokemoke i Runga i te Tuanui \(1863\)](#)
 - [Puke ki Hikurangi \(1897-1913\)](#) [Takitimu \(1883\)](#)
 - [Waka Maori \(1863-1884\)](#) [Wananga \(1874-1878\)](#)
 - [Whetu o te Tau \(1857-1858\)](#)
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What's On at Your Local Branches?

Kilbirnie:

Wednesday 5 August – Sarah Hewitt, *Utilising Newspapers to fill in the Gaps*
Time/Venue: 10am The Park Bowling Club, Kilbirnie Crescent, Kilbirnie

Kapiti:

Tuesday 28 July – Glen Reddiex, *War Postcards*
Time/Venue: 7pm Kapiti Community Centre, 15 Ngahina St, Paraparaumu.

Wellington:

Wednesday 22 July – Gabot Toth Wellington City Library '*Crime and Punishment in a perfect Society; prisons and penal reform in early Wellington*'.
Time/Venue: 7.30pm Connolly Hall, Guilford Tce, Thorndon

Porirua:

Wednesday 8 July – Emerson Vandy. *Papers Past*
Time/Venue: 7.30pm Helen Smith Community Meeting Room, Pataka
Cnr Norrie & Parumoana Sts, Porirua

Governor General Celebrates Patronage of NZ Societies



L to R: Robyn Williams, Roger Shearer, Gay Williams, Diane Wilson.

The Patron of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists is His Excellency, The Governor General, Lieutenant General, The Right Honourable Sir Jerry Mateparae.

This year the New Zealand Society of Genealogists were one of the 17 groups represented from among 176 not-for-profit groups with the Governor General as their patron who were invited to a vice regal patronage dinner on Friday 5th June at Government House Auckland.

There were volunteer representatives from many community groups, representing a wide range of interests such as choral groups, sailing organisations, research groups, A&P society, heraldry and genealogical groups showing the wide community support the Governor General gives to New Zealand. The Governor General thanked those present for their contribution to the community which was the purpose of the evening.

The New Zealand Society of Genealogists was represented by Gay Williams, President; Diane Wilson, Immediate Past Vice President; Robyn Williams, Treasurer; and Roger Shearer, the Webmaster.

NZSG Website

Ted Gilbert Literary Trust Essay competition

This First World War essay competition is announced in the June issue of The New Zealand Genealogist (page 107). If you have an interesting story to tell, consider entering this competition – open until 31 December 2016.

The next version of the NZSG Kiwi collection

The data is under testing at the moment and we are planning to launch this important resource to members on a Flash Drive during Family History Month.

Crew Lists of the British Merchant Navy.

<http://1915crewlists.rmg.co.uk/>

For the first time ever, the Crew Lists of the British Merchant Navy from the year 1915 have been digitised and made available to search for free.

In 2012, the National Archives and the National Maritime Museum began a project using volunteers to transcribe and make available online, all the surviving Merchant Navy crew lists from 1915.

As there are no records for individual merchant seafarers from this period, these records are of international significance in highlighting the vital contribution made by the Merchant Navy during the First World War. They are also of great value to family historians, as one of the few sources of information about seafaring ancestors active in 1915.

Approximately 39,000 crew lists featuring over 750,000 names were photographed and E-volunteers working on their home computer from as far afield as Japan, Mexico, New Zealand, Canada, Italy, France and Ireland, as well as the UK, transcribed these records to make them available and searchable online for the first time. This international effort demonstrates the global interest and demand for the information that these records contain.

About the records

Crew lists (properly termed 'Crew Agreements') formed a contract between a seafarer and their employer. A seafarer signed on to serve for a defined period in the capacity (or rank) shown at the wages stated. Each agreement lists all the crew, their rank or rating, their address, rate of pay and dates of joining and leaving the ship. These range from small fishing boats and sailing barges, often crewed by father and son, to the largest passenger liners with whole departments of deck officers, seamen, engineering and victualling staff amounting to as many as 400 individuals. And it wasn't just men! Women feature in the crew lists too, as stewards, nurses, matrons and many other capacities. Even vessels that were sunk by enemy action sometimes appear in the lists, if there was time to evacuate the ship and save its documents.

About the Merchant Navy

The term 'British Merchant Navy' was not formally adopted until 1928 when George V made the Prince of Wales 'Master of the Merchant Navy and Fishing Fleets'. The term however was in common usage well before then. We use this term because other terms such as 'mercantile marine' or 'merchant service' are more confusing. It is also important to note that by no means all sailors in vessels registered under the British flag were British. As has become clear during the indexing project, the crews originated from all over the world and on some vessels British nationals were in a minority.

National Library of Ireland Announces Launch Date for New Online Genealogy Resource

– Almost 400,000 images of Catholic parish register microfilms to be available online for free from 8th July 2015 –

The entire collection of Catholic parish register microfilms held by the National Library of Ireland will be made available online, for free, from **8th July 2015** onwards.

On that date, a dedicated website will go live, with over 390,000 digital images of the microfilm reels on which the parish registers are recorded.

The NLI has been working to digitise the microfilms for over three years under its most ambitious digitisation programme to date.

The parish register records are considered the single most important source of information on Irish family history prior to the 1901 Census. Dating from the 1740s to the 1880s, they cover 1,091 parishes throughout the island of Ireland, and consist primarily of baptismal and marriage records.

NLI's Ciara Kerrigan, who is managing the digitisation of the parish registers, said: "We announced initial details of this project last December, and received a hugely enthusiastic response from people worldwide with an interest in Irish family history. We are delighted to announce that the project has been progressing well, and we will be able to publish all the digitised records online from 8th July onwards.

"This is the most significant ever genealogy project in the history of the NLI. The microfilms have been available to visitors to the NLI since the 1970s. However, their digitisation means that, for the first time, anyone who likes will be able to access these registers without having to travel to Dublin."

Typically, the parish registers include information such as the dates of baptisms and marriages, and the names of the key people involved, including godparents or witnesses. The digital images of the registers will be searchable by parish location only, and will not be transcribed or indexed by the NLI.

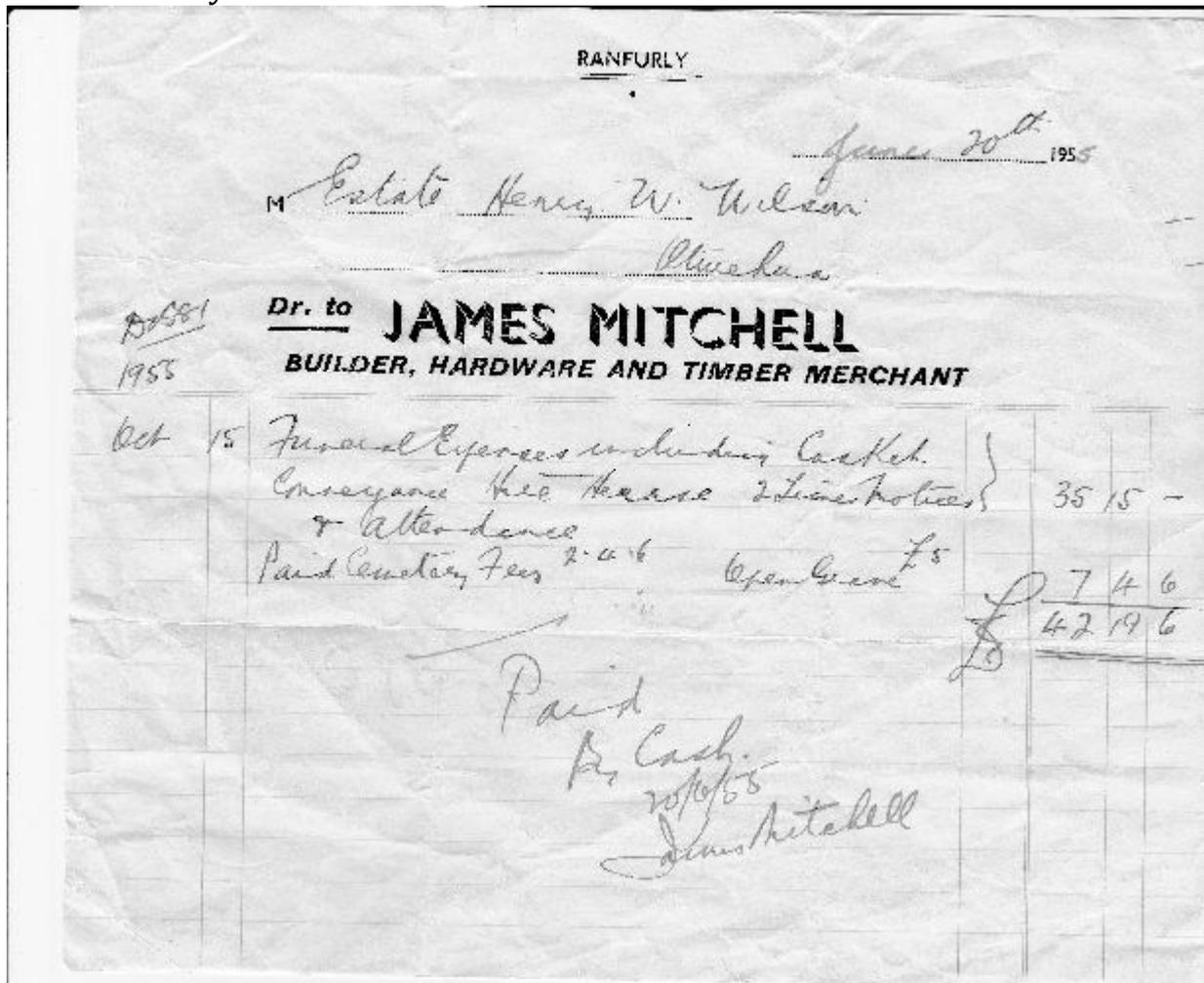
"The images will be in black and white, and will be of the microfilms of the original registers," explained Ms. Kerrigan. "There will not be transcripts or indexes for the images. However, the nationwide network of local family history centres holds indexes and transcripts of parish registers for their local areas. So those who access our new online resource will be able to cross-reference the information they uncover, and identify wider links and connections to their ancestral community by also liaising with the relevant local family history centre." The NLI is planning an official launch event for the new online resource on 8th July.

Found amongst my family papers.

Editor

As a builder and contractor Mr. James Mitchell erected a large number of buildings in Naseby and throughout the Maniototo District. On this occasion however it seems he was Funeral Director, hirer and driver of the hearse, maybe even making the casket as well.

Henry W Wilson (my Grandfather) is buried at Blackstone Hill Cemetery 40 Km from Ranfurly.



Eastern Hutt School is celebrating 100 Years Labour Weekend 23 & 24 October 2015.

All past pupils, teachers and past Committee members are cordially invited to join us over this weekend when we can look back and celebrate our proud history of 100 years in schooling.

For information go to www.easternhutt.school.nz

WINSLOW Family.

Is there anyone researching the above family?

Lynley SOPER of Otautau has the following 3 old books she would like to return to the family.

1. Florence WINSLOW – Sunday school prize, Woodend 1897
2. Frank WINSLOW – Sunday school prize, North Chatton 1913.
3. Frank WINSLOW – Sunday school prize, North Chatton 1914

Please contact: Lynley SOPER, Ph: 02746522436 Email: clandean@xtra.co.nz
From the Gore Branch Newsletter July 2015

Belmont School Reunion:

Belmont School Reunion 2015 planning is now underway.

The dates are: **Thursday 19th November – Saturday 21st November 2015**

Email: reunion@belmont-lowerhutt.school.nz for information.



Price changes

As of 1 July 2015, we have increased the price of a number of our charged services.

Charges for image downloads, copying of collection items, and venue hire have gone up.

- Image orders have increased from \$20 to \$30
- Research copies have increased from \$0.50 to \$1.00
- Venue hire costs have increased by 10%

Orders and bookings made before 1 July will be charged at the old cost, even if you pay later.

Why are prices going up?

Our charges have not increased for several years, and these price changes go some way to meeting the costs of providing these services.

THE MODEL GENEALOGIST

(With apologies to W. S. GILBERT)

I am the very model of an avid genealogist
Who's set his gaze on bygone days, for which I'm no apologist
I've run to earth each family birth despite some Doubting Thomas's
Though some were wont to need the font before their wedding promises.

I've got to know the GRO, in spite of its enormity
And spent long days amid the maze of Scottish non-conformity.
I'd hoped for knights in noble fights, all bludgeoning and sabre-ing,
And found, not peers, but untold years of agricultural labouring.

I've had a look at *Doomsday Book* and marvelled at its history,
I've grasped the gist of Bishops' Lists and Courts High and Consistory
I know by heart the greater part of Boyd's Index of Marriages
I've learned to date a half-tone plate by styles of carts and carriages.

I'm proud to say I'm quite *au fait* with military indices,
And late at night I surf strange sites I'll bet not even Cyndi sees,
And then, of course, I risk divorce by spending precious Saturdays
With data from a CD_ROM *grace* Church of Saints of Latter-Days.

My family think I need a shrink to overcome this tendency,
But first I'll start another chart of pedigreed descendancy.
Until my first appointment with a clinical psychologist

I'll stay the very model of an avid genealogist.

By Dick HAINSWORTH of Victoria, BC, Canada

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Sent in by Jennie James – Thanks for your contribution

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