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Evening Meeting	7.30pm 1st Thursday, February to December
Day Meeting:	9.30am, 3rd Thursday, February to November
Research Evening:	6.00pm, last Thursday each month. Library open
Venue:	Hutt Bridge Club, 1 Park Ave, Avalon, Lower Hutt
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COMING EVENTS (subject to change and confirmation closer to the event)

01Jun: Michael O'Brien - My family history
15 Jun: Carolyn Lyon / Neil Coup - Hutt Library

06 Jul: Joe & Stefania Zawada - Polish refugee children to NZ during WW2
20 Jul: Alison Underhill - 19th Century Clothing

03 Aug: Joan McCracken - ATL Pictorial Collection
17 Aug: Branch Members - Problem Solving / Brick Walls

07 Sep: TBA
21 Sep: Dr David Collingwood - Old King Cole

05 Oct: Linda (ATL) - Oral History
19 Oct: RGO

01 JUN - EVENING MEETING - MICHAEL O'BRIEN - MY FAMILY HISTORY

Michael O'Brien is one of our own members who has offered to tell us about his family tree. He said we are in for a surprise!

15 JUN - MORNING MEETING - CAROLYN LYON / NEIL COUP - HUTT LIBRARY

Carolyn Lyon and Neil Coup are both librarians at Hutt Library

Neil works in the Local Studies room (on the first floor) at the Hutt Library. It covers everything a Kiwi researcher would need including photos. Neil is a wealth of knowledge.

WEDNESDAY 14 JUNE 10:0AM - HUTT CITY ARCHIVES VISIT

Hutt City Archives are situated on Hutt Road, near Hutt Railway Station and Station Village.

TEAS AND COFFEES - will now be available a half hour before the meetings. Gold coin please for your cuppa and cookie.

RAFFLES - at each of the meetings. Tickets will be 50 cents each or 3 for $1.

OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS - now $1.00 per month!

NZSG CONFERENCE & AGM, HAMILTON, 2-5 JUNE 2006

SETTLING THE WAIKATO AND BEYOND'

At Sacred Heart Girls' College, Clyde Street, Hamilton

Key note speakers are Christopher Pugsley from the UK and Richard Reid from Canberra, with 25 other speakers.

To read more about the speakers and lectures visit the NZSG website www.genealogy.org.nz under 'What's new', conference 2006. A registration form can be downloaded.

1881 ENGLAND, SCOTLAND AND WALES CENSUS INDEX LOOKUP SERVICE

If you want to look up the 1881 census CDs or have a search you want a search undertaken on your behalf, please see Lois Bartlett at the Hutt Valley Branch

Please supply the names (also any surname variants), possible date of birth (or range), birthplace (if known) and possible place of residence.

HUTT VALLEY RESEARCH DAY

Sunday 15th October 10am -4pm. Topics suggested for Research Day as follows:

- ✓ 'How to' groups
- ✓ Internet access
- ✓ Video and DVDs
- ✓ ... (your ideas please)

Other meetings in the region .... latest newsletters in the library.

PORIRUA BRANCH

Wed 14 June, 7:25pm Pataka Meeting Room, Porirua Public Library, Norrie Street, Porirua - Penn Brown - Getting to know my Scottish Ancestors.

KILBIRNIE BRANCH

Mon 19 June, Kilbirnie Library

KAPITI BRANCH - Research Room Paraparaumu Library

Sat 3 June,10am	Help with your Research -.
Wed 7 June, 1pm	(1) Using the Microfilm viewer (2) Using our Microfiche Collection
Mon 12 June 7.30pm	Fixing Photos (Part 2) by Barry Thomson
Sat 24 June 1pm	Legacy (SIG) Sources and Backing up Your Files.

WELLINGTON BRANCH

Wed 21 June 9:30am, St Giles Church House Kilbirnie - Margaret Hurst - Senior Reference Librarian, Family History services, National Library - will talk about the latest acquisitions in the Family History area

Wed 28 June 7:30pm, Connolly Hall, Guildford Tce, Thorndon - John Wilson - Impressions of the NZSG Conference 2006.

WAIRARAPA BRANCH

Mon 18 June - 79 Queen Street, Masterton (next to Wairarapa Archives) - Derick Griffis - New Zealand Illegitimacies

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Always interview brothers and sisters together in the same room. Since they can't agree on anything about the family tree, it makes for great fun to see who throws the first punch. - Dollarhide

SPEAKERS' REVIEW – ANGELA MCCARTHY - IRISH AND SCOTTISH ETHNIC IDENTITIES

Angela began by speaking about the theoretical and methodological framework guiding her study, emphasising the importance of comparison and the incorporation of the multigenerational ethnic group. Despite Irish and Scots sharing a long history of emigration into the British world, their broad socio-economic profile differs: while the Irish were predominantly rural young, single, and unskilled, Scots were more likely to be skilled migrants from urban industrial areas. Overarching narratives of both groups also depict their emigration in terms of exile.

Angela then highlighted a range of sources being analysed in her study including ethnic presses, personal documents, lunatic asylum records, family histories, and visual sources, before pinpointing a number of emergent themes. Irish and Scots both emphasised the importance of place of birth, ranging from country to local connections, while evidence of the Gaelic and Scots language was more frequently connected to Scottish migrants. A major finding is the widespread depiction of 'symbolic Scottishness' encompassing humour, dress, dancing, and music.

Angela then discussed the issue of stereotyping and emphasised that Scots actively engaged with such typecasts.

For those who are interested there is a conference at Victoria University 6-8 July 2006 on Scottish migration to New Zealand in a global context . Following is the website link: http://www.vuw.ac.nz/stout-centre/research-units/issp/conferences/conf-scotsabroad.aspx

She would be delighted to hear from anyone in possession of documents (such as personal letters, shipboard journals, and memoirs) written by their Irish and Scottish ancestors. Email: Angela.McCarthy@vuw.ac.nz

- ✓ *Personal Letters and the Organisation of Irish Migration to and from New Zealand, 1848 - 1925* By Angela McCarthy
- ✓ *Personal Accounts of Leaving Scotland, 1921 - 1954*. By Angela McCarthy

Angela has donated 2 copies of each of these booklets. We now have a copy of each in our library and the other copies have been donated to the Scottish and Irish groups.

SPEAKERS' REVIEW - SHARON FREDERICKSON - FAMILY HISTORY ON VIDEO

Sharon has a business videoing people and their family history. She will interview aunts, uncles and grandparents along with their house and garden etc complete with all the sounds such as washing machine and whatever sounds are taken for granted now but may become history in the future. She started this line of business after making a video for her son's 21st.

She will do a few interviews before videoing taking many notes so she knows what to ask and how the interviewee will respond to being videoed. After filming, she will then spend hours editing what she has recorded before producing the final product. Sharon showed a lot of interesting examples of her work.

WEBSITES - some of the best revisited!

- ✓ Hocken Library in Dunedin http://hakena.otago.ac.nz/nreg/Welcome.html
- ✓ Genes reunited web site http://www.genesreunited.co.nz/
- ✓ LDS Site http://www.familysearch.org
- ✓ Free BMD - an ongoing project, with the aim of transcribing the Civil Registration index of BDMs for England & Wales, and to provide free Internet access to the transcribed records http://www.freebmd.org.uk/
- ✓ Free Census - aims to provide a "free-to-view" online searchable database of the 19th century UK census returns http://www.freecen.org.uk/
- ✓ Free Parish register - The FreeREG Project's objective is to provide free Internet searches of baptism, marriage, and burial records, which have been transcribed from parish and non-conformist church registers in the UK. FreeREG is a work in progress. Only a small number of registers have been transcribed so far. http://www.freereg.org.uk/

'A DRIFT OF DERWENT DUCKS' – A BEGUILING STORY OF CONVICT ANCESTORS

Dr Trudy Cowley of Hobart has written a most interesting book on the 200 Irish female convicts transported to Tasmania aboard the transport "Australasia" which departed Dublin in May and anchored in the Derwent River on 29 September 1849.

Most of these young women came from the western counties of Ireland where the effects of the Great Famine were still being felt in 1849. The actual convict records hold a wealth of information on each woman, including the charge faced, the sentence, family details, date of Ticket of Leave, Conditional Pardon etc, around which the author has woven details of their lives in Tasmania with regard to marriage, children born, criminal charges faced, baptismal dates and much other information.

A wide range of sources have been mined to provide a wealth of detail, the basis of a number of summaries and much social commentary. The most fascinating part for me is the individual file created for each convict on the accompanying CD-Rom. This gives you all the data found for each woman wherever she came to notice, while leaving the book to deal with the wider issues, yet still able to make mention in the text of many of the convicts. If you have a female ancestor who arrived on the "Australasia" in 1849 at Hobart, then I suggest you buy this book. You may find some surprising information!

To purchase, please contact Dr Cowley at www.researchtasmania.com.au

From the home page click on 'Books for Sale' link, then on the 'To Order' link and follow the instructions for International customers. The price using this method is AU$ 60.00

My great-great grandmother Eliza Whelan is listed as convict number189 on the ship's manifest. Her Logan grand daughters have a host of offspring in New Zealand.

Alistair Hardy, Lower Hutt

A Scottish Family History Part 3 - submitted by Stafford Cull

A NARRATIVE OF ANCESTRY AND IMMIGRATION BY JAMES ROY

I will now record some of the happenings of our friends after their arrival. Lodgings were got in Dunedin for the old people until such time as they could look about and get some permanent settlement. The young folk took such situations as they could get, John (my brother) at Halfway Bush, Grace at Waihola, Charles Finlayson (my brother-in-law) was a bootmaker to trade, and his outlook was to see where he could find a place in some country township where he could settle down and follow it. After some enquiries and journeying to and fro, he made up his mind to settle at Port Molyneux, which he did, and followed his occupation there for a few years. It was reckoned dear living in Dunedin in those days, taking together house, rent and food. Food at that time, or at least when we came, was very dear. We had to pay 1/- for a 4lb. loaf, 1/- for 1lb. steak, milk 6d. per pint, 2/6 even in summer for 1lb. butter, and the same for a dozen eggs. So, after Finlayson had got a house up at Port Molyneux, my father and

mother and one or two of the younger members of the family, and sister Isabella, went to reside with him.

The journey to that place for father and mother was, ever after, a memorable one. What with the bad roads, wet and weariness etc. etc., the entertainment they received from Mr. and Mrs Hay of Romahapa was most welcome, and never to be forgotten. They remained at Port Molyneaux until such time as they got a piece of land of their own. Robert Bagrie, my brother-in-law, who had come out with us had gone to Tokomairiro, to work on a farm there, (a Mr. Dewe's) had not been in good health there, and so he came to town and afterwards leased a 60 acre farm in the Peninsular. Jessie and he lived there till our people came out, when Isabella went to live with Robert. Jessie thereafter went with her sister Christiana to live at Port Chalmers, where they had bought a small section and built a house and started millinery together. John Bagrie, then only a boy of eleven, went for a time to school in Dunedin, or rather North East Valley where Mr. Taylor with whom I was acquainted, was teacher. Mary Bagrie got a situation as a domestic servant. My uncle John Sangster got labouring work about town. His son, John, who was a bootmaker to trade also got work in town, and his daughter, Christina and Elizabeth went to domestic service. Thus all were well provided for, for the time being.

Our people being farmers in Scotland naturally wished to follow it in New Zealand. When I arrived here there was scarcely any land open for selection, only a few rough sections that were scarce worth buying; and so for a time we had to wait till land that was being surveyed, came on the market. There then came a considerable quantity in both north and south of the province. We happened, no doubt in the providence of God Who chooses our lot and the bounds of our habitation, to go southward to see the land and were satisfied with the appearance of it. If it did not go much above the upset price (L1) we resolved to purchase there. Had we known, as we came to know afterwards, that the land in the north was better than the south, we might have tried there; but we were only to be where God willed it. The lot is cast into the lap but the whole disposing there is of the Lord. At the sale very little of it went above the upset and among us we bought seven sections. John, for father, bought 3, I bought 3, and John Sangster bought 1. The land was in Block IX Pomahaka Survey District, and the name Wairuna was given to the flat where it was situated; the name was taken from the stream which flowed through it. Here my brother with Father and Mother and two or three of the younger ones came to live in 1864. They were the first to settle on the flat. Mr George Steel had previously acquired the pre-emptive right, or piece of land the runholder was entitled to who had the run previous to the survey. I parted with two of my sections to my brothers-in-law

Robert and John Bagrie, who also came soon after my father's people to reside. Not long after, John Sangster also came.

For a few years there were very few people on the flat, till more land was surveyed. I myself did not come till January, 1866. At that time the settlement consisted , besides those of our families, of John Moffatt, Ronald McDonald, Peter Clarke, George Edwards, William Murray, James Cruickshank, James Gray and Charles Finlayson who had left Port Molyneux and had bought land beside us. There were also Alexander Allan, George Divers, and William, Alexander and Robert Scobie. John Turnbull had bought land but never came to live on it, and his father, Thomas Turnbull, who came to the colony later on, occupied it.

My own health having failed when in Dunedin I thought it advisable to leave there and come to Wairuna, which I did. Being not very strong and not very flush with money, I felt it difficult to go on with farming, and there being by this time a goodly number of children needing teaching, I offered my services to the Education Board as a teacher, and my house as the school, and was accepted. It was but a small school and but a small salary (L75) which the board paid, but I received œ25 for the use of a room as school, and so we managed with what fees I got, to live fairly well and I kept at it for 8 or9 years. By that time the district, or rather the settlement, had become larger and necessitated the shifting of the school to a more central position, on which I gave up teaching and confined myself to my farm. As time went on changes took place in our different families; my sister Grace married William McGregor Murray; Isabella married Richard Moffatt and settled in Waikaia; Robert Bagrie married Janet

Turnbull; Isabella Bagrie married George Cruickshank who bought land in Wairuna and settled there. Before that, however, Jessie Bagrie had married Mark Mayson while in Port Chalmers; Christina Bagrie had married John Jackson also in Port Chalmers. Jessie's husband, Mark Mayson, was a seaman captain of a trading vessel between New Zealand and Australia, and on one of his voyages both ship and crew were lost, for they were never heard of and she was made a widow. She afterwards married George Divers and lived in Wairuna. Mary Bagrie married Harvey Allan while at Palmerston South, but afterwards lived at Invercargill. John Bagrie married Joan Turnbull and lived at Arthurton. My sister, Christina, married Peter Murray and lived at Waipahi.

In 1871 my father died, and Mother, after a time (John having sold the farm) came to live with us. She died in 1881. On Father's death, as I have said, John sold the farm and took to storekeeping. He and out brother-in-law, Chas. Finlayson, built the first store in Clinton, but did not continue long there, for they dissolved partnership and sold the business. It was bought by James Garden. Thereafter John entered into partnership with James Horn and John Cruickshank and built a store in Stirling and there married. His wife’s name being Clara Bailey.

The descendants of the two families, Roys and Bagries, so far, have been as follows

My own family has consisted of seven sons and six daughters whose names according to their birth have been: Margaret Ann, James (who died November the 19th, 1885, of Bright's disease), John Robert, Isabella, Alexander, William, Jane, George Charles, Christina, Grace Murray, Theodore Dufton Bagrie, Jessie Mary Alan and Urwin Spence. Those now married are; Margaret Ann to James Taylor, who have nine children; Margaret, James, John, William, Elizabeth, Isabella, Victoria Eunice, Mildred, and George Eadie. John Robert married Margaret McLean, they have had five children; James, William and Andrew, these two latter are dead having perished in a fire in which their house and all in it was consumed, the others narrowly escaping with their lives, Isabella and Ethel Jane Fordyce. (Since then they have had another son, John, 1910). Christina was married to James L. Stewart who have no children as yet. Theodore was married to Agnes Aitken, George to Mary Rollins, Isabella to Samuel Hagan, Jessie to William George McCartney. Theodore has one daughter. Grace (later married to William Clark).

My sister, Isabella, as I have written, was married to Richard Moffat by whom she has had nine children, namely:- Mary Neilson, Theodore Dufton, Christina Roy, James Richard (drowned when a child), Euphemia, Isabella Andrew, Grace, Jane, Rachel Robina. My sister

Isabella's daughter Margaret Cran, who came from Scotland with her, was married to Thomas Milroy, Engine driver, by whom she had six children; Elizabeth, Jane, Thomas, Nellie, Theodore, and John James. Of this sister's other children, Mary Neilson was married to William Fewings and they have one child, Mary Isabella. Theodore Dufton was married to Annie Henderson. Christina was married to Edward Horrell and they have had seven children; Rosabella, Theodore Dufton, Mary Ann Margaret, Euphemia Jane, Henry James, George Edward and William James. Euphemia was married to Frank Christie and they have four children; James Alexander, Margaret Jane Anita, Violet Isabella and Ernest Francis. Grace was married to Albert Horrell and they have three children; Rachel Georgina, Ivy Louisa and James Albert. Rachel was married to William McDowalls and they have two children; Richard Moffat and Wilhelmina Agnes.

My sister Jane was married to Charles Finlayson. She has had five children; James, Charles, John, Jane and Frank.

My brother John who married Clara Bailey has had five children; Emma, Isabella, Martha, Grace and Fanny.

My sister Grace who married William Murray has seven children; James, Peter, Wilhelmina, Andrew, John, Alexander and Fanny.

My sister Christina who married William Murray has nine children; George, Peter, Grace, Clara, Theodore, Jessie, Henry, Thomas and Robina.

Of the Bagries, my wife's family, I may here give an extract from "Buchan" (by Rev. John B. Pratt, 1901) concerning the origin of the Bagries. "Opposite this rock (a certain rock in the neighbourhood of Slains Castle) lies the farm of Fountainbleau, a name which naturally invites inquiry. The explanation is simple. On the return of Earl Francis from abroad, on being pardoned by James VI for the part he had taken at Glenlivet, he brought with him a French servant of the name of Beaugrie who obtained from his master a lease of this farm, to which in remembrance of his native France, he gave the name Fountainbleau. The family of Beaugrie, now Bagrie, is still extant and of respectable standing in the district."

It is possible the Bagries in our neighbourhood, of whom there were two or three families, spring from the same stock, although I have never heard anything of their origin.

Having given the number and names of my own children, as the offspring of my wife, Margaret Bagrie, I will now proceed to give the families of the rest of the Bagries in the order of their birth.

Isabella, Mrs Cruickshank, whose husband has been dead for many years, has four children: George, now married to Christina Crawford, Margaret Ann, James now married to Flora Mitchell, and Jessie Mary Allan.

Christina, Mrs John Jackson, has ten children; Margaret (now deceased) was married to Anthony Palamountain, Mary, Isabella married to John Menzies, Katie married to David Porter, Jessie Bagrie, John, Robert, James, Christina and Annie.

Robert married to Janet Turnbull has seven children; Thomas married to Katie Harrison, Robert married to Mary Jane Green, John (deceased), and Annie. Previous to her marriage to George Divers she had a son by her former husband, Mark Mayson, called Joseph Mayson, married to Mary Mitchell. Her first husband, captain of a trading vessel, as mentioned before, was drowned at sea. Vessel and crew were never heard of.

Mary was married to Harvey Allan and had six children; James married to Julie Lane, John married to Isabella Jenkins, Mary or Polly was married to David Tuffrey, Frederick, Alfred and Arthur.

John was married to Joan Rurnbull. He had ten children; John married to - Mills, Thomas, James Roy, George, Robert, Nellie, Joseph, William, Albert and Joan.

Above: The Roy Family

SURVIVORS - from Capital Times 13-19 Apr **2005**

Rare footage of the earliest surviving Kiwi films were on display at the New Zealand Film Archive. The *Survivors* exhibition featured an array of early films depicting sports events, civil occasions, early transport and tourism activities. A frame enlargement from the personal record of the Hinge family, recorded by Leslie Hinge of his wife, Blanche-Ethel, and the children, Philip and Ruby. The film shot at the Hinge home in St Albans, Christchurch in 1910 and appeared in the stills collection on the New Zealand Film Archive... Imagine being able to see films of your ancestors from nearly 100 years ago!

Many years ago, my uncle belonged to a movie club. He took various takes and movies of members of our family. The most memorable film was called 'Gone Fishin' and starred my ever so cute blond youngest brother who is now bald and not so cute!

My nephews were in for a real treat one day when their Great Uncle showed his movies. They squealed with delight every time they recognised their Dad, Uncles, Aunt and Grandparents - Editor

WHAT A NAME! - SOME WINTER NAMES (from free BDM)

Winter Walker	Richard Winter Fox
Winter Moody	Fred Winter Fisher
Winter White	Robert Winter Catt
Winter Knight	William Winter Nutt
Winter Day	Minnie Winter Gray
Winter Rose	James Winter Black
Winter Oades	Henry Winter F Flood
Winter Read	Walter Winter Waters
Winter Somers	Herbert De Winter Baker
Winter Flower	Winifred Winter Wood
Winter Frost	Elizabeth Winter Field
William Winter Snow	Percy Winter Long

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