



## Hutt Valley Branch of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists Inc.

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Evening Meeting	7.30pm 1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday, February to December
Day Meeting:	9.30am, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday, February to November
Research Evening:	6.00pm, last Thursday each month. Library open
Computer Interest Group:	7:30pm, last Thursday every second month.
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### COMING EVENTS (subject to change closer to the event)

05 Jun: Your Family History on DVD – Mike Guest & Pip Fowler

19 Jun: Family Tree - Displays by Members

26 Jun: Research & Computer Session – Members – Family Tree Programmes/Webpages

03 Jul: Scottish Research

17 Jul: Scottish Ancestors

31 Jul: Research & Beginners' Session – Lynly Yates & Dawn Chambers

07 Aug: Chinese Immigrants – Graham Langton – Archives New Zealand

21 Aug: Immigration to New Zealand – Graham Langton - Archives New Zealand

28 Aug: Research & Computer Session – Dawn Chambers – Key websites NZ UK SCT etc

04 Sep: Family History Week

18 Sep: Family History Week

25 Sep: Research & Beginners Session – Lynly & Dawn

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- The theme for June is "Recording and displaying your Family History".
  - 5 June 2008 7.30 pm – The speakers for the evening meeting will be Mike Guest and Pip Fowler who will talk about "Recording your family History on DVD".
  - 19 June 2008 9.30 am – We would like to extend an invitation to Branch members to talk or show how they display and record their family history. Perhaps some of you may like to bring along your family history and family tree displays.
  - 26 June 2008 Research and Computer group session 7.30 to 9.00 pm – Bring along your computer and show us your "Family tree programme". Lynly Yates will show everyone how she records her family history and makes it available to everyone on the web.
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## THE THEME FOR JULY IS "SCOTTISH".

We invite members to write a short article about their Scottish research or ancestor to place in the branch magazine.

### 3 July 2008 Evening meeting 7.30 pm

The speaker for the evening meeting will be Rebecca LENIHAN from Victoria University who will talk about "Scottish research".

### 17 July 2008 Day meeting 9.30 am

The speaker for the day meeting will be Pen BROWN who will talk about his "Scottish ancestors and research".

### 31 July 2008 Research and Beginners session 7.30 pm to 9.00 pm

- We invite members who require assistance to attend our informal "Beginners sessions". Dawn Chambers, Lynly Yates and Linda Cocks will be there to assist you with your research. Come and join us and let's see if we can help you locate that elusive ancestor.

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## MAGAZINE ROUND ROBIN

Please Ensure the magazine is kept in the SEALED PLASTIC BAG when posting or leaving in letter boxes for others. Please ensure the sealed bag is *also passed onto the next person!*

We pay over \$300 dollars annually to purchase these books and we want to keep from getting ruined by rain, and to return to our library for continuing use when read by all those on the list. Thank you

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## FAMILY HISTORY CENTRE OPENING

Dear Patrons,

You will be pleased to know after your long wait, we plan to open the Family History Centre on Wed 11th June. You will notice changes in the set-up of the centre, and hope you will bear with us as we and you make the nessessary adjustments.

You need to book in, not only to read your films, but also if you require a fiche reader, as we now have fewer machines. I'm sure you will appreciate the nicer surroundings, and of course the welcome will still be as warm as before. We look forward to serving you and enjoying your company as always.

Kindest regards

Mavis

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## SCOTTISH AND IRISH AND RESEARCH DAY

Discover your Celtic and Scottish family history with the Kapiti Branch, New Zealand Society of Genealogists, Jenny Martin, Lower North Island Irish Interest Group and Pen Brown, Wellington Scottish Interest Group

- Online Research Facilities and Specialist Reference Books
- 10am-4pm Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2008
- Community Centre, Ngahina Street, Paraparaumu
- \$10 at the door

[kapiti@genealogy.org.nz](mailto:kapiti@genealogy.org.nz) or [www.rootsweb.com/~nzlsgkb/](http://www.rootsweb.com/~nzlsgkb/)

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## GALE DIGITAL NEWSPAPER COLLECTION

The FRC Operations Committee is pleased to announce that the Society has taken out a one year subscription to the "Gale Digital Newspaper Collection" website, giving remote access to all NZSG members, wherever they live, for the following collections.

1. Times Digital Archive - 200 years of The London Times
2. 17th & 18th Century Burney British Newspapers
3. 19th Century British Library Newspapers
4. 19th Century US Newspapers

To access the collection

- Go on the NZSG Website <http://www.genealogy.org.nz/>
- Logon, entering your membership number & password
- Click on Go
- Click on Member Services
- On the drop-down menu select Online Newspapers
- The newspapers are searchable and printable

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## AFFHO (The Australasian Federation of Family History Organisations) Congress

to be held at Kings College Auckland 16-20 January 2009

This is going to be an excellent Conference! There is an outstanding line-up of overseas and New Zealand speakers including

- Paul Allen, CEO of World Vital Records,
- Paul Smart, Outreach Manager in Public Affairs with the Family and Church History Department in Salt Lake City,
- Michael Gandy best known for his work on nonconformist groups,
- Elaine Collins past editor of Ancestors, The National Archives' magazine, and author of the 2nd edition of The Good Web Guide to Genealogy.

Registration and onsite accommodation bookings are now available. Go to:  
[www.affhocongress2009.org](http://www.affhocongress2009.org)

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## CONGRATULATIONS TO LYNLY AND CAROL ANN

Winners of Service NZSG awards. Carol Ann's was for the Australian Certificate Purchasing Service which she ran since 1997 finishing this year. Lynly's was for her service for the Defence records. Well done!

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**BRANCH LIBRARY OPEN MONDAYS 10AM-12PM FOR RESEARCH**

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## NZSG/FAMILYSEARCH/NATIONAL LIBRARY MICROFILM SERVICE

Have you yet visited the NZSG FamilySearch Microfilm Service at National Library?

Microfilms contain the photographed records of original documents dating back into the earliest surviving written records. Many of these have not been indexed so this could be the only way you find details of the event you are looking for. The Microfilm Service has access to the enormous library of films held by the Genealogical Society of Utah (the genealogical library of The Church of Latter Day Saints).

The service at National Library is proving very popular as open hours are 10am to 4pm every weekday and 9am to 12:30pm on Saturdays. (National Library is closed on Sundays and Public Holidays). Before you come, find the film that is likely to have the names you want by going to <http://www.familysearch.org/> On the very top bar click on LIBRARY, and then on FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY CATALOGUE. This will take you to a choice of what sort of search you want to do. If you know where your ancestor lives, click on PLACE SEARCH. You can then enter the town and county, or town and country, in the search boxes. For example searching for my Cornish ancestors I enter Colan and Cornwall. Then click on the Search box. Hurrah! This gives me a result with one matching place. I click on that entry which takes me further into the available data. I find a list of *topics* on which films are available. I select [England, Cornwall, Colan – Church records](#). Here I find a great selection of original records that have been photographed and recorded as microfilm, for example Marriages at St Colan 1665 – 1812, Parish registers 1665 – 1990. And those are just two of six topics on that page.

I choose the Marriages entry. That takes me to a page where I get more detail about the topic. I see there is a book and also a microfilm. There is a box in the top right corner which says "View Film Notes". *That's the link I need to get the reference for the film I may want to order.* I click on that. I find that the records were filmed in 1970 and marriages at St Colan church 1665 – 1812 are Item 2 on FHL BRITISH Film 496692. Underneath the box with this information is a line that says 'For a printable version of this record click [here](#) then click your browser's **Print** button'. I find it best to go to that page, print it and take it with me to order my film, as it has all the details and reassures the Volunteer at the desk that the number I am ordering is in fact the film I want! The Volunteer on duty will help you fill in the order form. Loan of the film is free but there is a \$6 courier charge per film.

Once home again I file the page in my 'Film orders folder' under Cornwall, so in future I can see what I have looked at already. Every Thursday Marlene Sayers, Coordinator of the Service at National Library, sends the week's film orders to the Sydney GSU Library (now called FamilySearch) in Sydney. If your film is available there you will probably get an email or phone call the following week to tell you your film has arrived, and to give you the Microfilm Service phone number (4743078) to call to book a film reader.

If your film is on loan already, or is only held at Salt Lake City then obviously it will take longer, but this is unusual. Once it has arrived you have 4 weeks to book a reader and come in and view your film. Don't worry if you haven't used a microfilm reader before – in duty hours there is always someone in our NZSG Microfilm Service area to help you.

**And here's an appeal – we could do with more help on the Volunteer roster** so if you have some time to give, please contact me [bkeall@paradise.net.nz](mailto:bkeall@paradise.net.nz) to fill a slot in the roster! You can do a 4-hour shift once a month, per fortnight, or weekly, whatever time you can give is appreciated. You will be trained in what to do and won't be left on your own unless or until you request that. If you can help us it would be great to hear from you!

*Beverley Keall, NZSG/National Library Roster Secretary*

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## 2008 CONFERENCE & AGM CHRISTCHURCH, QUEENS BIRTHDAY WEEKEND

For those of us who made it down to the cold smoggy garden city, we were treated to a pair of guest speakers with a wicked sense of humour. James Warren and Sharon DeBartolo Carmack are both researchers and writers and talked about writing your family history down, (something a lot of us are still working on), keeping diaries, writing memoirs and autobiographies. How many of us want to be totally forgotten when we die?

I also enjoyed hearing about the French in early New Zealand and how much they wrote and drew of early New Zealand, a lot of which people don't know about. The French were about 3 months too late arriving in Akaroa and so as fate would have it, the South Island missed out on becoming a French colony! The first Catholic priests in New Zealand were French (followed by Irish priests), the French were among the first whalers and many, Maori have French ancestors. The reason the French chose Akaroa as their first port of call for their colonists, was because Akaroa harbour was a favourite and familiar spot for whalers. It was where the mother whales and their pups came in large numbers. Consequently, they were easy pickings for the whalers.

What is the difference between our gold mining ancestors and our coal mining ancestors? Gold mining/digging attracted mostly single men, a lot of men who were following the gold trails via California and Victoria, a lot of were Irish and they were an itinerant population.

Coal miners, on the other hand, tended to be a totally different kettle of fish. The advertisements for coal miners to the West Coast wanted short men, who were married and were not Methodists! The earliest coal miners were almost all migrants and tended to come from Northumberland and Gloucestershire. They tended to be English or Scottish and came out with their family and tended not to drink, were community minded and even started up brass bands. The Methodists, apparently were the trouble makers who encouraged unionism!

- A copy of the conference proceedings will be in the branch library.

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### WHAT IS WRONG WITH THIS FAMILY HISTORY?

Are you guilty of the Titanic Syndrome? (From 2008 Conference Proceedings p21 by Sharon DeBartolo Carmack, CG)

Elizabeth Jordan was the youngest of five children born to Robert and Catherine Jordan. Elizabeth was born in Jacksonville, Florida, in 1983, the same year composer Tchaikovsky died and Hawaii was proclaimed a republic. Jacksonville was named for Andrew Jackson, who attacked the Spanish and Indians eighty years before.

In 1913, just one year after the Titanic sank, Elizabeth married George Anderson. World War One brought the birth of their first two children. In 1929, after the St. Valentine Day Massacre, their last child was born. Within a few months, the stock market crashed. Elizabeth's first grandchild was born May 6, 1945, and two days later the Nazis surrendered. Elizabeth died in 1973 during the Watergate hearings.

(Hint: your goal should be to connect your family history with *relevant* social history through discussion of the same subject matter)

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**Those who fail to commemorate the lives of their ancestors, deserve to be forgotten themselves! - Sharon DeBartolo Carmack**

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## THE “WH” QUESTIONS – Sharon DeBartolo Carmack, CG

Genealogical research gives us the “who”, “where”, and “when”, which is what we need to begin. But it only tells us half the story.

Historical context gives us the rest of the story which tell us the “why,” “how,” and “what it was like”

- Why did my ancestor leave England and come to New Zealand?
  - How did my ancestor travel from England to New Zealand?
  - What was it like for my ancestor to travel fom England to New Zealand?
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## THINK BEFORE YOU NAME A CHILD IONA – from [www.geneologue.com](http://www.geneologue.com)

And the winner of the Worst Bad Name Contest is ... Iona Knipl.

The judges chose it because, in addition to being an embarrassing pun, it also set up an inevitable reply from people imagining they were being wittily original. I called up Miss Knipl and asked her how many times she had heard someone meet her and reply, “I own two.”

“I got sick of hearing it, but what can you do?” Miss Knipl said. “My mother never thought about that when she was naming me. It was her mother’s name. I came home from school a couple times crying and my mother said, ‘Oh, why did I do that?’ but it had never occurred to her how people would hear the name.”

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## SSINF (So Stupid its not Funny) [from www.geneologue.com](http://www.geneologue.com)

The Daily Mail reports that the popularity of text messaging is influencing the naming of children. Anne has been changed to An, Connor to Conna and Laura to Lora.

There were reportedly six boys who were named Cam'ron instead of Cameron, and according to the online parenting club Bounty, one girl born last month was born Flicity.

John Dunford, the general secretary of the Association of School and College Leaders, said that it was possible that new mothers and fathers had lost the ability to spell forenames.

He added: "Some of it is genuine misspelling; some is parents looking for a unique way to spell a name and some is just carelessness."

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## WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL WEBSITE – CEMETERIES DATABASE

- Bolton Street 1849-1967
  - Karori 1891- now
  - Makara 1965 - now
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## AN ANCESTOR'S DAIRY

On the next page is a photocopy of the first page of the editor's late grandmother's diary written when her grandparents went on their big overseas trip. The school she mentions is only one of the 13 or 14 schools she went to. Her family travelled up and down the country because her father was a marble cutter. Jim Sutton migrated to New Zealand in 1920 and this was to be his one and only trip back home.

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Friday 18<sup>th</sup>.

1966.

4.20 pm

Take Off

From Wellington Airport.

To see us off Gordon & Diana, Mrs Wright & Janet were at the Airport. We came up the Coast, over Mt Egmont. We could see the Ice in the Crater as we passed over. On up to Auckland through ~~the~~ Cloud & rain for the last part Auckland was clear as we came in to Land.

Took a taxi to city & saw Old Mangere Sch. (now much enlarged) a hill near where we used to live about 1912. Per Mangere Bridge much the same. Mangere is being built on & streets of nice houses with more being built everywhere.

Into Auckland about 6.30 pm Stay at Railway <sup>Station</sup> Hotel nice room, good tea, & good view of Station & Harbour.

Sat. 19<sup>th</sup>.

Tafi did not come, just caught the Airport-Bus.

After getting to Oversea Lounge. were told Plane will be 1 hour late. - Free Morning Tea, - then on to the D.C.P.

holds 130 passengers Service very good.

We land at Fiji for about 30 minutes Fiji very hot after aircondition in Plane. Fijian girl gave out a Hibiscus flower to all as we went into Airport. Took a couple of slides 1 of orchid in front of Jacaranda tree

We arrived at Hawaii at 11.15 pm (9.15 NZ time) After the Health Dept let us off we went through Customs. A Taxi took us the 9 miles to Waikiki to the Tropic Isle

DEAR ANCESTOR

(Dedicated to those who have gone before us)

Your tombstone stands among the rest  
Neglected and alone  
The name and date are chiseled out  
On polished marble stone  
It reaches out to all who care  
It is too late to mourn  
You did not know that I exist  
You died and I was born  
Yet each of us are cells of you  
In flesh and blood and bone  
Our blood contracts and beats a pulse  
Entirely not our own  
Dear Ancestor...the place you filled  
One hundred years ago  
spreads out among the ones you left  
Who would have loved you so  
I wonder if you lived and loved  
I wonder if you knew  
That someday I would find this spot  
And come to visit you

(author unknown)

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