



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

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)

07 Sep: Branch members - Quiz Time (with prizes for the best team)

21 Sep: Dr David Collingwood - Old King Cole

05 Oct: Linda (ATL) - Oral History

19 Oct: RGO

02 Nov: AGM, Gary Tonks - The Tonks Family of Early Wellington

16 Nov: Marlene Sayers - Parish chest Records

07 Dec: Alison Underhill - 19th Century Clothing

07 SEP: BRANCH MEMBERS - QUIZ TIME (WITH PRIZES FOR THE BEST TEAM)

The morning meeting quiz time was a lot of fun, even for those who thought it would be hopelessly boring! Come along to test your knowledge and know how and be rewarded with prizes and a great fun evening.

21 SEP: DR DAVID COLLINGWOOD - OLD KING COLE

Most, if not all, nursery rhymes have their origins in true historical events and old King Cole, the merry old soul, is no exception. Dr Collingwood claims to be descended from the original character!

COME EARLY FOR RESEARCH AND LIBRARY - 6.30.pm for evening meeting and 9.00.am for the morning meeting on branch meeting days.

CUPPA AND COOKIE - available *before* the morning meeting - and *after* the evening meetings - gold coin donation please

HUTT VALLEY RESEARCH DAY - A TASTE OF GENEALOGY

Sunday 15th October 10am - 4pm. Hutt Bridge Club, 1 Park Street Avalon. *All welcome!*

\$5.00 entry * BYO lunch-tea

Coffee and biscuits provided for a gold coin donation.

An introduction to family history for newcomers * Help for those who have questions about where they have got to so far * Research opportunities for those filling in the gaps
*Countries of interest research desks * World-wide fiche and readers * Computer and internet sessions * Bring a friend *

Library will be open but no books will be issued. Archive rules will apply.

THE MEMBERS INTERESTS FOLDER HAS BEEN UPDATED!

The Members' Interests has now been updated and reprinted. Have a look! Maybe there is someone who has the same interests as you, you never know who may be sitting next to you at the meetings that may be related to.

I have also provided a list of interests by location. Although you may not have a name in common perhaps you are researching in the same area.

Members Interests changes can be made at anytime, please either fill out the form provided at the back of the Members' Interests folder or email ca_mason@yahoo.com where you can request a word or excel form or send your amendments.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Joan Scothern, Philip Clarke and Jan Twort.

NEW TO LIBRARY

Regional Research Repositories In New Zealand - series editor Heather Bray

- ✓ Researching in Northland and Auckland
 - ✓ Researching in Waikato, King Country and Taupo
 - ✓ Researching in Thames Valley/Coromandel, Bay of Plenty, and East Cape
 - ✓ Researching in Taranaki, Wanganui, Rangitikei and Manawatu
 - ✓ Researching in Hawkes Bay and Wairarapa
 - ✓ Researching in Wellington
 - ✓ Researching in Nelson and Marlborough (on back order)
 - ✓ Researching in Canterbury and Westland
 - ✓ Researching in Otago
 - ✓ Researching in Southland
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- ✓ CD - Christchurch Catholic Church - Indexes of birth deaths and marriages

IRISH INTEREST GROUP' (LOWER NORTH ISLAND) RESEARCH DAY

at the HAWERA branch of NZSG Methodist Church Hall Regent Street, Hawera

Saturday 16th Sep. 2006

9.30am - 4.00pm

\$5.00per person Bring along your lunch if staying all day. Tea and coffee available

There will be plenty of Irish data for all. BOOKS: Microfiche and readers CDs and Laptops, raffles and give-aways throughout the day, plus a sales table.

For further information please contact: Jill Williams email:peter.williams@xtra.co.nz or Jenny Martin email:jenmartin@paradise.net.nz

TRACING YOUR SCOTTISH ANCESTORS

Saturday, 30th September 2006

Kapiti Community Centre, Ngahina Street, Paraparaumu, (next to Public Library/District Council Complex) Off Rimu Road or Kapiti Road

Presentation & research sessions with MARGARET POOL, Librarian NZSG Scottish Special Interest Group & Family Research Centre Educator Kapiti Branch, New Zealand Society of Genealogists Inc.

9.30 am – 12.30 pm

- Maps, Gazetteers & The Statistical Accounts
 - Certificates where to get them & Scotland's People
 - OPR'S, irregular marriages & Churches in Scotland
 - Wills & Poor Law
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12.30pm – 1.00 p.m. – Lunch Break

Coffee & Tea Available – bring your lunch or there is a Café In the Library Complex

1.00 pm – 4.00 pm

- Question & Answer Time
- Research Facilities available and supervised help with ScottishSIG (Wgton Branch)

website: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~nzlsgkb>

LEVIN BRANCH NZSG OPEN/RESEARCH DAY

Saturday 14th October 10am – 4pm at St Johns Methodist Church Hall, Kent St, Levin

Cost: \$5.00 for the day and includes tea & coffee (shops and supermarkets are handy if you wish to purchase food).

A chance for genealogists to spend a day researching. There will be people available to introduce new/intending/budding genealogists to this very addictive addiction. There will be research material on the day that is from peoples own personal libraries that is not normally available in the Levin Research rooms.

A POINT OF VIEW

The clock ticks and another second slips into history. I am finding difficulty with the concept that genealogy starts 100 years ago and works backwards into the mists of the past as if people living today are not to be included in our genealogical study. The problem is compounded by the law concerning privacy. If we publish the descendants of our ancestors who came to New Zealand do we have to ask each one for their permission before we do so? – an impossible task.

What can we publish? I am very grateful to those who came to New Zealand back in the 19th century and either wrote down, or their sons or daughters wrote down for them, their experiences of life in England, the trip to this country, and what they found when they arrived here. It is material that has been passed on down through the generations.

What of those who are alive today? We may well trace their lives and follow the changes in life style and conditions as the years have gone by. What is more important is that we should be recording our own history. In 100 years our descendants will be thrilled to learn of our lives: the troubles we met, the successes we have had, where we went and what we did. It is all flesh to our genealogical bones - Stafford Cull.

SOME 17TH-CENTURY NAMES - Hudson's English History - A Compendium - Roger Hudson

Harbottle Grimston	Bulstrode Whitlocke	Priam Davies
Troilus Turberville	Praise-God Barbone	Fulke Hunke
Brilliana Harley	Leonine Jenkins	Peregrine Bertie
Faithfull Fortescue	Clowdesley Shovell	Epiphanius Evesham
Endymion Porter	Wallop Brabazon	Freschville Holles
Bussy Basset	Marchamont Needham	Slingsby Bethell
Symonds d'Ewes	Hamon L'Estrange	Hardress Waller
Carnaby Haggerston	Theophilus Jones	Cresswell Levinz
Nathaniel Barnardiston	Shakerly Marmion	Salathiel Lovell
Clipseby Crew	Justinian Isham	Sydnam Poyntz

BARBARA BROWNLIE - EPHEMERA AT THE ATL

What is ephemera? Items issued for short-term use which is discarded and quickly becomes rare. It can be a source of information otherwise hard to find. It reflects everyday life and includes programmes, pamphlets, posters, propaganda, sales catalogues, advertising, greeting cards, memos

The Turnbull's Printed Ephemera collection includes only published/printed ephemera mainly relating to New Zealand.

Ephemera useful for genealogical research?

- ✓ If you know the name of the ship your ancestor arrived on
- ✓ If you are searching for ancestors who performed in musical drama, operatic groups
- ✓ If your ancestors ran businesses or were involved in politics or sport
- ✓ For a taste of everyday life in the time of your ancestor - looking for material to flesh out the bare bones of the results you have.

Some examples of what might be useful

Your ancestor was an immigrant

- ✓ Gear meat label ca 1890s showing attractive New Zealand scenery Eph-F-MEAT-Gear
- ✓ Shipping poster Bengal Merchant Eph-C-IMMIGRATION-1839-01
- ✓ List of requirements for a voyage ca 1850s-SW Silver & Company. Eph-C-IMMIGRATION-1800s-01
- ✓ NZ Shipping Company calendar 1910 - Eph-C SHIP-1910-01
- ✓ Ship ; Aorangi' breakfast menu - Eph-A-SHIP-1833-01

Your ancestor was a miner?

- ✓ Gold rights certificate Victoria 1855 Ehp-B-Australia-1855-01
- ✓ Gold implements sales catalogue Geo W Wilton & Co Ltd 1913 --Eph-B-GOLD 1913-01

Your Ancestor was a farmer?

- ✓ Farming equipment catalogues Reid & Gray's "Champion" wool press 1913 Eph-B-FARM-MACHINERY-1913-01-51

Settling down in New Zealand - house and home

- ✓ 1874 plan Findlay & Co.'s catalogue page 12 Eph-B-DECOR-1880s-01
- ✓ Lino sample from George Harrison & Co, Bradford England Eph-B-DECOR-1880s-01
- ✓ 1910 list of furnishings Tonson Garlick & Son Eph-B-FOOD-Shop-1893
- ✓ Grocery list Wardell Bros August 1893 Eph-B-FOOD-Shop-1893
- ✓ Nursery Catalogue - Bignonia Eph-A-HORTICULTURE-Horton-1905-01-40

The Local Scene

- ✓ 1850 shopkeepers on Lambton Quay Eph-B-RETAIL-1850-01
- ✓ Toll ticket at Kaiwharra 1864 Eph-A-ROAD-1864-01
- ✓ Percy Dowse for Mayor 1944 Eph-A-LOCAL-Lower Hutt-1977
- ✓ Hutt City elections. Labour candidates Eph-B-LOCAL-Lower Hutt-1977
- ✓ Hutt Repertory theatre "The shining hour" 1947 Eph-A-HUTT-REPORATORY-1947

For more information look on TAPUHI <http://tapuhi.natlib.govt.nz/>

For a selection of pictorial information, look on Timeframes <http://timeframes.natlib.govt.nz/>

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The idea of a nationwide census in Britain first arose in the 1750s, but was rejected on the grounds that it would incur the wrath of God as it did to the Israelites when King David ordered a census. (Your Family History May 06)

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO - HERE ARE SOME (AMERICAN) STATISTICS FOR 1906

- ✓ The average life expectancy was 47 years.
 - ✓ Only 14 percent of the homes had a bathtub.
 - ✓ Only 8 percent of the homes had a telephone.
 - ✓ There were only 8,000 cars and only 144 m of paved roads.
 - ✓ The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph.
 - ✓ The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower!
 - ✓ The average wage in was 22 cents per hour.
 - ✓ The average worker made between \$200 and \$400 per year .
 - ✓ A competent accountant could expect to earn \$2000 per year, a dentist \$2,500 per year, a veterinarian between \$1,500 and \$4,000 per year, a mechanical engineer about \$5,000 per year.
 - ✓ More than 95 percent of all births took place at home .
 - ✓ Ninety percent of all doctors had no college education! Instead, they attended so-called medical schools, many of which were condemned in the press and the government as substandard."
 - ✓ Most women only washed their hair once a month, and used borax or egg yolks for shampoo.
 - ✓ Canada passed a law that prohibited poor people from entering into their country for any reason.
 - ✓ Five leading causes of death were:
 1. Pneumonia and influenza
 2. Tuberculosis
 3. Diarrhoea
 4. Heart disease
 5. Stroke
 - ✓ Two out of every 10 adults couldn't read or write.
 - ✓ Eighteen percent of households had at least one full-time servant or domestic help.
 - ✓ There were about 230 reported murders in the entire U.S.A. !
 - ✓ This can be I forwarded to someone else without it being retyped, and sent to others all over the world, in a matter of seconds!
 - ✓ Try to imagine what it may be like in another 100 years!
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WEBSITES

- ✓ <http://www.libraryireland.com> - Irish books online

For those of you with Irish ancestors and/or interested in Ireland the website is worth looking at. Each month a book is available to read on line - FREE! Here is the latest offering.

P. W. Joyce's A Concise History of Ireland is now available to read online at LibraryIreland.com. This book provides a good general overview to - and sequence of - Irish history from the earliest times to the beginning of the 20th Century.

John Healy's Irish Essays: Literary and Historical is now also complete with essays on the Round Towers, St. Patrick in the West of Ireland, the Abbeys of Cong and Inismaine, and Grania Uaile (Grace O'Malley, the Pirate Queen) having been added.

- ✓ <http://www.genesreunited.co.nz/> - for printable family tree forms scroll down to printable family tree forms for copies of a fan chart, pedigree chart or family group sheet. You will have to register if you have not already but registration is free
 - ✓ http://www.ruralhistory.org/the_collections/the_museum/smocks.html Museum of English Rural Life. If you find it hard to imagine the life they led check this site out.
 - ✓ <http://www.java.com/en/download/index.jsp> - I recently bought a new computer. I could not open the Papers Past website. The Papers Past help page told me that I had to enable Java in the Internet options. I checked that, but still could not access Papers Past. What the Papers Past website did not tell me is that I needed to obtain the Java software as well. Unlike my old computer, Java is no longer within Microsoft's Windows programme. Java is free to download from this website - Terry Stock
 - ✓ <http://www.victorianlondon.org> - Dictionary of Victorian London - Lee Jackson, the author historical thrillers, has created an amazing website full of information about life in Victorian
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London, much of it taken from contemporary publications. It's a veritable treasure trove for anyone whose ancestors lived in London during Victorian times.

- ✓ www.spatial-literacy.org - Riddle of the rovers solved – from Dominion Post 1 Sept 2006

Analysis of the international spread of names suggests that the British Diaspora to North America, Australia and NZ was led by Riddles, McRaes and Grangers. They, more than any other people in Great Britain, were prepared to up sticks and start a new life abroad. Though fewer in number than Smiths, Joneses and Browns, they were more desperate, proportionate to their number, to get away from the old country. By contrast, people with names like Baggott, Blewitt and Ruddock were far more likely to stay at home.

Researchers at the University College London have made the first study of the size and geographic spread of the exodus of Britons. Looking at 20,000 common surnames, researchers traced how people put down roots in North America, Australia and NZ, and created an online map. The research identified names of the people most and least likely to move, and where they were most likely to end up.

The destinations chosen by Britons depended very much on where they were from. People from Cornwall were most likely to move to the Northwest US and Southwest Australia, whereas Devonians ended to head for southern and eastern Australia or of they came from Bideford, to Newfoundland. People from western Scotland travelled most commonly to Tasmania and the South Island of New Zealand.

Most people's names have a very precise geographic origin. They can be mapped to places in the world from which they have spread through the globe following historical and contemporary migration flows. The website allows people to discover where their ancestors ended up.

The study also lists the most embarrassing British surnames by looking at those that disappeared from records. Top of the list was Cock, then Hickinbottom, Handcock, Smellie, Haggard and Daft – *The Times*

- ✓ <http://www.onlineconversion.com/dayborn.htm> - a bit light hearted!
- ✓ **FREE DATASITES** - From Bryan nzsqghamiltonnews@ihug.co.nz

<http://www.historicaldirectories.org>
<http://familysearch.org>
<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~hughwallis/IGIBatchNumbers.htm#Page>
<http://www.freebmd.org.uk/>
<http://www.gazettes-online.co.uk>
<http://www.oldbaileyonline.org>
<http://www.ukbmd.org.uk>

(and finally from PN branch newsletter)

- ✓ <http://www.rootsweb.com/~nzlscant/nzg.htm> - South Canterbury Branch website with links to other genealogy sites
- ✓ <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~sooty/otagominersinquests.html> - Otago Miners Inquests 1861-1867 from the Otago Police Gazettes 1862-1867
- ✓ <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~sooty/STARANAKI.html> - Mainly dealing with Hawera
- ✓ <http://www.aucklandcity.govt.nz/dbtw-wpd/passengers/passenger.html> - Auckland area passenger arrivals 1838-1886, 1909-1921

The first 10-yearly public census in the UK & Ireland was taken in 1801
England 8,479,000 Wales 541,000 Scotland 1,610,000 Ireland 5,216,000
Total Population 15,846,000

GOLDEN RULES OF FAMILY HISTORY from <http://www.yourfamilytreemag.co.uk/>

Getting started in family history is easy. Perhaps you've already started asking a few questions, and dabbled with locating some records on the web. As you get going, follow 7 golden rules and you'll avoid many of the pitfalls beginners often fall into.

- ✓ WORK BACKWARDS - Whatever you do in your research, start with yourself and work backwards generation by generation. This will ensure that you have verified your sources at each stage.
 - ✓ BE ORGANISED AND HONEST - You must be systematic and organised, as you'll inevitably collect a lot of information. Start with a simple filing system using A4 binders with loose-leaf pages and subject dividers, and an index card file for each of the family names/members and events. Have somewhere to keep certificates and other documents. While your record keeping may be methodical, it must also be honest. There are always skeletons in the cupboard to a greater or lesser degree – do not ignore them.
 - ✓ START WITH YOUR RELATIVES - Assemble all the information you can from relatives. Gather together – or take copies of – all the available birth, marriage and death certificates of family members, or ask for the approximate dates of birth, marriage and death. Talk to as many relatives as possible, including the eldest. They will all have information – some that they'll readily tell you – though they may be reluctant with revealing certain events. Make comprehensive notes.
 - ✓ SET YOUR SIGHTS - An early decision needs to be made on where to concentrate your researches. Don't aim to research your total ancestry – the data could soon overwhelm you. It's better to start with yourself, moving to your parents and grandparents, then choose a branch to follow.
 - ✓ UNDERSTAND SURNAMES - Surnames are usually derived from one of 4 basic roots: a place, occupation, a nickname or a patronymic relationship. The less common the name, the easier searches (usually) are.
 - ✓ CLASSES AND SOCIETIES - It's always worth joining a family history society – or more than one. You'll get a good grounding in the essentials of family history research and you may well meet people with a similar interest and drive.
 - ✓ USE TECHNOLOGY - Use of technology is not a necessity but it can be a great help, and you'll find that more and more resources and organisations are gearing up to take advantage of it. A computer is an efficient tool for storing, copying, sharing and presenting data, and – along with word processors, email, Internet, scanning and printing – there are programs specifically designed to help you draw up and publish your family tree and history. The Internet is home to lots of useful information, too.
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EVER SO MUCH NICER - Sussex Family Historian Vol 17 No 2- June 2006

An older woman recently returned from her hometown and told a friend they'd spruced up the churchyard cemetery since her last visit several years past. "Lots of new greenery," she said. "And families are together now".

"All together?" her friend asked puzzled.

"Well," the first replies, "years ago they never much worried where they buried someone because every one was a neighbour anyhow. They'd just dig a grave wherever it seemed to balance things. But they've redone it so people are with their children and grandchildren, instead of scattered."

The friend was aghast. "You mean they exhumed all those people and reburied them?"

"Oh my, no," was the reply. "They just shifted the headstones. Everyone agrees it looks so much nicer."

1 August 1790 - 1st US census (population of 3,939,214)

GENEALOGY WISH LIST - <http://www.nzhistory.net.nz/>

- A. I want ancestors with names like Rudimentary Montagnard or Melchizenick Von Steubenhoffmannschild or Spetznatz Giafortoni, not William Brown or John Hunter or Mary Abbott.
 - B. I want ancestors who could read and write, had their children Baptised in recognised houses of worship, went to school, purchased land, left Detailed Wills (naming a huge extended family as legatees), had their photographs Taken Once a year - subsequently putting said pictures in elaborate isinglass Frames Annotated with calligraphic inscriptions, and carved valuable and Informative Inscriptions in their headstones.
 - C. I want relatives who managed to bury their ancestors in established, Still-Extant (and indexed) cemeteries.
 - D. I want family members who wrote memoirs, who enlisted in the Military as Officers and who served in strategically important (and well-documented) Skirmishes.
 - E. I want relatives who served as councilmen, schoolteachers, county Clerks And town historians.
 - F. I want relatives who "religiously" wrote in the family Bible, Journalising every little event and detailing the familial relationship Of Every visitor.
 - G. In the case of immigrant ancestors, I want them to have arrived only In Those years wherein passenger lists were indexed by the National Archives, and I want them to have applied for citizenship, and to have done so only in Those Jurisdictions which have since established indices.
 - H. I want relatives who were patriotic and clubby, who joined every Patrimonial society they could find, who kept diaries, and listed all Their Addresses, who had paintings made of their houses, and who dated every Piece Of paper they touched.
 - I. I want ancestors who were wealthy enough to afford, and to keep for Generations, the family homestead, and who left all the aforementioned Pictures and diaries and journals intact in the library
 - J. But most of all: I want relatives I can FIND!!!!
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