



Hutt Valley Branch of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists

Evening Meeting	7.30pm 2 nd Thursday, February to December
Day Meeting:	9.30am 3 rd Thursday, February to November
Venue:	Petone Community Centre, 7-11 Britannia Street
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COMING EVENTS (subject to change)

- 12 Aug: Pandora Box 2 – Online index and how to access it – Dawn Chambers
 - 19 Aug: What was your Female Ancestor doing in 1893? (NZ Electoral Roll)
 - 09 Sep: FHC Online & Film Access at the National Library – Beverley Keall, Marlene Sayers
 - 16 Sep: NZ Historical Trust – Buildings in the Wellington Region - David Watt
 - 14 Oct: Club Archives – Their Preservation
 - 21 Oct: (subject to be advised) - Warwick Johnston
 - 11 Nov: NZ Marriage Legislation – Linda Cocks
 - 18 Nov: Mailing Lists & Message Boards – Deb Beban
 - 09 Dec: Antique Road Show & then Christmas Party
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Evening meeting doors open 7 pm notices begin 7.30 pm speakers begin about 8 pm
(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.

EVENING MEETING

Dawn Chambers is a member of the Hutt Branch and the creator of Pandora Box located on the NZSG Index. She has now created and continues to update Pandora Box 2 which containing numerous transcriptions taken from the Government registers held at Archives NZ in Wellington.

Pandora's Box II is a collection of transcripts from 19th Century NZ Government inwards correspondence registers. These can be viewed at the Wellington office of Archives New Zealand. The presentation will include a brief history of the project to date, a light analysis of who the letter writers were and some of the typical topics covered. Examples used will have a Hutt Valley focus.

MORNING MEETING

Researching your early female ancestor can be hard. When women received the right to vote in 1893 it created a source of information for us all but I'm sure some of you have located other sources of information about your female ancestor. Come and share your knowledge and story about your female ancestor and what she was doing in 1893.

MEMBERSHIP CARDS

Membership cards must be shown to the Petone Library staff if members wish to borrow our own branch resources outside branch meeting hours. The key to the grey metal cabinet can also be obtained from library staff by showing your membership card.

GENEALOGY/FAMILY HISTORY HELPERS AVAILABLE AT PETONE LIBRARY

10am - 12pm 1st and last Wednesdays and 1st Saturday of the month.

This is a good opportunity for those new to family history to get advice from the experts!

MONTHLY CHALLENGE TO MEMBERS OF THE HUTT BRANCH OF THE NZSG – Lynly Yates

To leave memories and stories about your life with family and descendants

- ✓ August = memory of a wedding or special wedding anniversary
- ✓ September = the families first vehicle and later modes of transport
- ✓ October = the houses we lived in and places we lived
- ✓ November = memories of my grandparents
- ✓ December = Antique Road show = bring along your family antiques

Each month at the beginning of the monthly meetings we invite members to talk about their memories and/or write an article to publish in the branch magazine. By the end of the year members may have written and perhaps completed writing memories about their lives.

Remember that all family research begins with you. If you start now to write your family history then by the end of the year you will have a special gift to hand to family members.

Yesterday is history
Tomorrow is a mystery
Today is a gift
That's why we call it the present

NZSG AND NATIONAL LIBRARY CELEBRATE FAMILY HISTORY MONTH

August is Family History Month and is already upon us!

Local NZSG members and National Library staff have a series of events planned to help you take your own research forward, as well as to encourage others just starting their family history to get off to a good start. Key features are:

1. National Library will stay open for two sessions of extended hours, Saturday 21st 1-4pm; and Thursday 26th 5-7pm

- Library staff available to help people locate Library internet, film/fiche and hard copy resources
- 'Ask the experts' available to assist you with Maori, NZ, Greater London, Ireland, Scotland, England, and Australia research.
- These sessions are planned for NZSG and branch members though will also be advertised on the NatLib website so are also open to the public

2. Extra 'help' people will be available at the NZSG Microfilm Service desk every Tuesday and Thursday from 10th to 31st 11am – 3pm

3. Special research days have been arranged during August:

- (see below)

4. Tours to repositories are being arranged as follows:

- Wednesday 18th Aug Wellington City Council Central Library Family History 2nd floor 10 – 11 am Staff will be available after the tour to answer questions and offer assistance.
- Monday 23rd Aug Wellington City Council Archives 10am -12noon (Max 20)
- Friday 27th Aug Archives NZ 11am – 12noon (Max 20)
- Alexander Turnbull Library (now based at Archives NZ) – date to be confirmed.
- New Zealand Film Archive – date to be confirmed

Final dates for all tours will be notified shortly to local branch secretaries and on the National Library and NZSG websites. Bookings for these will be at the NZSG Microfilm Service at National Library. Requests for attendance at several visits can then all be made to the one point, i.e. 474 3048, or in person at the NZSG M/S desk at 77 Thorndon Quay.

KAPITI BRANCH - LOOKING FOR YOUR SCOTTISH OR IRISH ROOTS?

Come to our Celtic Research Day

- Books, microfiche, CDs and online resources available

Expert assistance from:

- Pen Brown, Scottish Interest Group Greater Wellington
- Jenny Martin, Irish Interest Group Lower North Island

Kapiti Community Centre, Ngahina Street, Paraparaumu

- Sunday 15 August 2010
- 10am - 4pm
- Door charge \$10
- Tea and coffee provided

For more information:

- Kapiti@genealogy.org.nz
- www.rootsweb.com/~nzlsgkb/

Everyone welcome!

GREATER LONDON INTEREST GROUP, WELLINGTON SUB-GROUP

- Research Day Saturday 14 August, 10am-5pm
 - Cost \$5 entry
 - St Lukes Anglican Church Hall, 34 Pitt Street, Wadestown
 - Tea/Coffee supplied. Please bring your own lunch
 - Come along, have fun and find those elusive ancestors. All welcome. Come just for a short time or all day
 - For more information contact Ann Ball ball@xtra.co.nz
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FAMILY HISTORY FAIR – by Jenny Martin

For those who did not get the opportunity of attending this very first NZ Family History Fair in Hamilton on 16-18 July, you unfortunately missed out on a spectacular weekend of

genealogical bliss. If this is a sample of what is to come then we are in for some very good ones in the future. Never having attended one overseas, I cannot say for sure but I hazard a guess that ours was every bit as good, well run, and popular as any other around the world.

The entire layout was geared for all Genealogists wildest fantasies and everyone was so busy enjoying themselves that the weekend passed in a flash. We (Irish) had ten helpers and were run off our feet. There was just so much offered for everyone to do that even a week would not have been time enough to participate in all that was on offer and do it justice. There were many seminars and these were all booked out and enjoyed by those who had the opportunity to attend.

The atmosphere was just abuzz with the excitement of discoveries after searching for a long time. Many were able to get copies of certificate information at no extra cost, look at databases many did not even know were available or even existed.

All those, who participated and supported this FHF should stand up and take a bow. You should be feeling very satisfied in being able to help so many people, both beginners and experienced researchers alike. The venue was excellent and everything was all close at hand for those staying on site. Some stayed off site in motels, with friends/family and I don't think had too difficult a time with transport in meeting timetables etc.

Jools Topp and her family tree was the entertainment on Friday evening after Dinner. Jan Gow took us through the steps of discovery with Jools and her parents who were guests and found out some family history they were not aware of. Jools also entertained us with a song from South Africa after discovering she is a descendant from a South African family.

Altogether a very enjoyable dinner and entertaining evening, and a superb weekend overall. A visual DVD of these will be available soon for purchasing enabling branches to share with their members.

SPEAKERS' REVIEW - The benefits of joining a NZSG Special Interest Group

- IRISH INTEREST GROUP – JENNY MARTIN

Beanacht = Greetings

Our Group was formed in February 2005 as an informal research group. We were granted NZSG Special Interest Group status in May of 2008. Our aim is to assist you with your Irish research. Your annual subscription covers newsletters and updates then a small entry fee if attending any of our research days. We do not hold a regular meeting at particular times or at a fixed venue.

We are a little different in that we operate similar to a mobile library and take the research data out to various venues. This is because many people cannot travel to Wellington to do research and many smaller Libraries etc do not carry a lot of Irish research information, so we decided to make it a little easier for you all.

We cover the lower North Island region from Wellington to Wanganui, New Plymouth, Taihape, Napier, Palmerston North, Wairarapa and all towns in between, back down to Wellington. Our research days can be any day of the week or weekend and for any length of time, depending on the requirements of those who are hosting us.

We have extensive material of books, magazines, CDRoms and Microfiche, all relating to Ireland, plus laptops and Microfiche readers, for viewing. All members are sent a flyer advertising each research day around our region. If you can't attend yourself but have a family member in the area, get them to come along and look for you.

These research days are not restricted to NZSG or branch members, but we do encourage members to join the NZSG to avail themselves of the many advantages the society has to offer, so if you have a friend doing family history research in Ireland, bring

them along to any of our meetings. We have plenty of new and exciting Irish research resources to help you find those elusive ancestors.

We are compiling an Index of all the names and counties, members are researching, in the hope we can unite some of you researching the same names and places.

We are willing to do lookups for members, but please restrict your requests to one at a time and please don't expect it to be all done for you. Discovering your ancestors yourself is half the fun, besides you don't want us doing your genealogy dance for you when we discover your long lost ancestor.

The impossible can be achieved at once - but miracles may take a little longer.

We have a committee of 5 who run the group for you and are elected each year at our AGM. We hold Education days to help you understand the difficulty in Irish Research, which although difficult, is not impossible. There is more and more new data coming out of Ireland every day and we try to keep you all informed and up to date with these releases.

Jenny Martin

Convenor: Irish Interest Group Lower North Island

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● SCOTTISH INTEREST GROUP – IAN FYFE

We have 3 meetings a year in the area - at Kilbirnie, Porirua and Hutt Valley.

Kiwi Kith and Kin comes out 4 times a year, and has a summary of articles from books and magazines. Sub is \$12 per year and covers borrowing and the magazine but you don't have to be a member to attend meetings.

An example from the magazine in relation to Scottish farms:

- David Cunningham of Balbirnie means he is the owner.
- David Cunningham in Balbirnie means he is the farmer.
- David Cunningham at Balbirnie means he worked on the farm.

Members can borrow library books and can have CD lookups and there are 2 projects available.

REGISTER OF NEW ZEALAND IMMIGRANTS OF SCOTTISH BIRTH ARRIVING BEFORE 1 JANUARY 1931. First 2 collections are already on microfiche. One form per immigrant.

Collecting OBITUARIES OF PEOPLE BORN IN SCOTLAND, WHO DIED IN NEW ZEALAND, any date. Need proof that they were indeed Scots, if this is not mentioned in the printed obituary. First 2 collections are already on microfiche. Send copies to SIG, PO Box 23 589, Hunters Corner, Manukau 2155

SIG Library of Family History Journals: SIG members can borrow these from Mrs Rosalie Nicholson, PO Box 23 589, Hunters Corner, Manukau 2155

There are 27 different family history journal, newsletter or magazine titles held. You pay all postage, both ways.

SIG Library of Reference CDs: SIG members can access this Reference CD Library, via Graham Jones at gee.jay@xtra.co.nz List in spring 2009 KKK Newsletter. Graham has available 5 dozen CDs very relevant to Scottish family history, and he is happy to do CD LOOK UPS for SIG members.

SIG Library of Books SIG financial members can borrow up to 2 books for up to 3 weeks from the SIG Library of Books. All requests are sent to the Secretary, SIG, PO Box 23589, Hunters Corner, Manukau 2155 or to library.scottishIG@genealogy.org.nz quoting the shelf location and title. You pay all postage both ways. These books are now held in the NZSG Family Search Centre in Panmure, and you can find the shelf location and titles available online:

Go to the NZSG website, www.genealogy.org.nz and click on "Search the Library" (very top line on the right), then on "Advanced Search", then in Shelf Location enter "SIG", then click on "Search". (In addition the NZSG does hold other books on Scottish themes in their Panmure Family Search Centre, that you can search for online, "keyword" Scottish or Scotland, and borrow as an NZSG member.)

- ENGLISH (and others) – MIKE GUEST

Special Interest Groups (SIG's) of the NZ Society of Genealogist can be viewed on their web site at www.genealogy.org.nz From the home page, click on "About" and a drop down box will appear with "Interest Groups" here are listed all the groups.

The English groups listed consist of Channel Islands, Isle of Man, Cornwall, Greater London, Midlands & North of England, Southern England & East Anglia.

There are also the Scottish and Irish Groups plus Huguenot, Maori & East India Company Groups.

In my opinion, the benefits of belonging to a SIG are as follows:

- You will meet like minded researcher
 - Local knowledge can be exchanged, geographic and historic
 - Access to specific geographic resources such as books, fiche, CD's and maps
 - (Most groups have a resources catalogue)
 - Newsletters
 - Overseas magazines available on Round Robin circulations
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ON THE WEB

- PapersPast website has been updated - www.paperspast.natlib.govt.nz

The updates are:

- Poverty Bay Herald (1902)
 - Lyttelton Times (1851-1862)
 - Evening Post (July-December 1871, 1916-1945)
 - Thames Star (1901-1920)
 - Albertland Gazette (1862-1864)
 - The Colonist (1857-1889)
 - Otago Daily Times (1861-1900)
 - Waiapu Church Gazette (1921-1945)
- Mount Street Cemetery - www.mountstreetcemetery.org.nz
 - The first ever comprehensive burial list for Wellington's first Catholic Cemetery is now online
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RESOURCES AT THE UPPER HUTT FAMILY HISTORY CENTRE

28 Turon Crescent Totara Park. Phone 526-4259

Opening hours

- 1st and 3rd Saturday in the month 8.30am-12.30pm
- Wednesday day 10am-2.30 pm and Wednesday evening 6-9pm.

Here are this month's holdings for Great Britain that can be seen at U/H FHC – Mike Guest

GREAT BRITAIN

This section contains *all* general resources related to England as a whole, as well as ones that relate to two or more countries in Great Britain (e.g. England & Wales). For example, Civil registrations in England is in the catalogue under "Great Britain" because it also includes Wales. For resources solely on Wales, Scotland, Ireland *or an English County*, please look in the Catalogue under these counties.

***** To get the full benefit from this catalogue, you should look under both "Great Britain" and the other country's heading.**

BIOGRAPHICAL/PEDIGREES

A Geneological and Heraldic History of The Commoners of Great Britain and Ireland.

J Burke, 1834-8

28 Microfiche : 6035997-999

- Reprint of 1834-38 edition. The title is a little misleading. This resource contains pedigrees for families that held land and/or high rank (i.e. they were not commoners as we use the word). It is just that they did not have a heritable title.

A Geneological Guide: an index to British pedigrees in continuation of Marshall's

Geneologists guide (1903). John B Whitmore, 1953

8 Microfiche : 6054492

British & Irish Biographies 1840-1940 Who's Who in Glasgow in 1909

3 Microfiche : 6069435

Brockbank, Rev. Thomas, dairies (1671-1709) R Trappes-Loman 1930

Microfiche : 6072794

- The dairy & letterbook of Mr Brockbank

Todd (1760-1892)

Microfiche : 6018724

- Pedigree of Todd family from Scotland

Backhouse family, Wills & Administrations

Microfiche : 6053048

- A comprehensive, types index of 'Backhouse' probate records, mostly from the North of England. Includes abstracts

Haskell Journal

1 Microfiche : 6047234

Rossets Rossiter, Rossiter & related families

3 Microfiche : 6049409

- By Juanita Jay Walters

CENSUS RECORDS

Census of England & Wales Street Indexes Census Office of Gt Britain **183 Microfiche**

- Family History Centre has the following:

- 1841 **Microfiche : 6026393 & 6036878-84**

- 1851 **Microfiche : 6054458-76**

- 1861 **Microfiche : 6026702**

- 1861 Street Index for Hackney, Shoreditch & Stoke Newington of microfilm
(in the *fiche* draw)

- 1871 **Microfiche : 6054442-57**

- 1881 **Microfiche : 6026715**

- 1891 **Microfiche : 6036381- 604**

Census Place Name Index (1841-91) Church of the Latter-Day Saints

5 Microfiche : 6024509

- An Alphabetical list of place names, showing film and fiche numbers for each census and whether there is a street or surname index. New surname indexes are being completed all the time, so the information may not be entirely reliable.

Register of Towns Indexed by Streets. Church of the Latter-Day Saints

2 Microfiche : 6026692

- To be used in conjunction with the Census Place Name Index above. See notes for each on top of filing cabinet.

Surname Index to the 1861 Census Returns of Ships. Church of the Latter Day Saints, 1988.

9 Microfiche : 6025598-99

- Includes a list of the enumerated ships on a separate fiche **(16025599)**

Pre-1841 Censuses & Population Listings CR Chapman Lochin Publishing 1990 91pp

Book 0209

- A description of the major censuses and census substitutes that mention an individual's names before 1841.

Local Census Listings 1522-1930 Holdings in the British Isles Gibson & Modlycott, 1992.

Book 0229

- Contains lists, arranged by county, of census substitutes (inhabitant lists) for Great Britain (includes Ireland) The lists in this book are not country-wide lists and do not include the 10-yearly civil censuses.

Marriage Census and other Indexes for Family Historians. Gibson & Hampson. FFHS, 1992

Book 0215

- Contains lists arranged by county, of marriage indexes and census substitutes (inhabitant lists) for Great Britain (includes Ireland)