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Evening Meeting	7.30pm 1 st Thursday, February to December
Day Meeting:	9.30am, 3 rd Thursday, February to November
Research Evening:	6.00pm, last Thursday each month. Library open
Computer Interest Group:	7:30pm, last Thursday very second month.
Venue:	Hutt Bridge Club, 1 Park Ave, Avalon, Lower Hutt
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COMING EVENTS

- 07 Feb: 1840 – Heidi Kuglin from Archives New Zealand
15 Feb: 1840 – Heidi Kuglin from Archives New Zealand
29 Feb: Computer Interest Group: How to get the most out of Google – Dawn Chambers
06 Mar: All things Irish – Jenny Martin
20 Mar: All things Irish – Jenny Martin
03 Apr: War – John Sullivan Alexander Turnbull Library - War Pictures
17 Apr: War - John Sullivan Alexander Turnbull Library - War Pictures
24 Apr: Research & Computer Interest Group - NZ Gazettes & Branch DVD collection.
01 May: Royal ancestry & Heraldry
15 May: Royal ancestry & Heraldry
29 May: Research & beginners sessions
05 Jun: Display your tree on DVD
19 Jun: Display your tree on DVD
26 Jun: Research and Computer Interest Group
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THIS MONTH

- Heidi Kuglin has been a family historian for over 28 years, researching in New Zealand, the United States, Switzerland, Germany and Poland. She joined the Archives New Zealand team in 2004 and writes articles for the New Zealand Genealogist. Her passion is 19th century records. Heidi will talk about 1840 records held in Archives New Zealand.
 - Computer Interest Group will be on 28th February and Dawn Chambers assisted by Lynly, will show us a few interesting and helpful ways of "Getting the most out of Goggle"
 - THE LIBRARY WILL BE OPEN **EVERY MONDAY 9AM - 1PM FROM 11TH FEBRUARY FOR RESEARCH ETC.**
 - THE LIBRARY WILL ALSO BE OPEN UNTIL 1PM ON THURSDAY MORNING MEETING DAYS.
 - Magazine round robin starts 11 Feb, magazines must be forwarded to the next person on the list within 7 days and postage if necessary is \$1.00. Please ensure the magazine is kept in the plastic bag inside the envelope when passing it on to the next person.
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SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2008

Subscriptions are due now. The fees are the same as last year.

Single at \$30.00

Joint at \$40.00

Newsletter Only at \$15.00

BRANCH MEETINGS = EVENING 7TH - DAY 21ST

On 6th February each year we celebrate New Zealand Day, which is the anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi in 1840.

The theme for February's meetings is "**1840**". Our speaker **Heidi KUGLIN** will talk about the "*1840 records held at Archives New Zealand*".

Thank you Leanna MENCHI for supplying an 1840 article.

- We also invite members to give a short 5-minute maximum talk at the beginning of the meeting before a main speaker = Please contact Lynly Yates before the meeting so we can allocate a time slot for you.

The Computer Interest group will hold two-monthly meetings during 2008.

Research Beginner session

For those beginners who are interested and require help we would like to offer research sessions two-monthly after the Thursday committee meetings. Anyone interested please contact Lynly Yates at the next branch meeting.

PROPOSED THEMES FOR MARCH & APRIL BRANCH MONTHLY MEETING

March theme and speaker

On 17 March each year many of us celebrate St Patrick's Day. The theme for March's meetings will be "*All things Irish*". Our speaker will be *Jenny MARTIN* who is a member of the Wellington Irish Interest Group.

April theme and speaker

On 25 April each year we commemorate Anzac day. The theme for April's meetings is "*War*". Our speaker will be *John SULLIVAN* from Alexander Turnbull Library who will talk about War photographs and collections.

INVITATION TO ALL BRANCH MEMBERS

Please remember that if any branch member would like to share their research and ancestor with other members in regard to any of our monthly themes then:

- We invite you to write a short article to place in the branch magazine

Please forward your article to the magazine editor Suzanne Cummings

- We also invite you to give a short 5-minute max talk at the beginning of the March meeting before a main speaker

Please contact Lynly Yates so we can allocate a time slot for you.

1840 BY LEANNA MENCHI

Great Grandmother, Isabella Mary BARNETT, was 38 years old in 1840. She was born in the reign of George III; may have witnessed the celebrations after the Battle of Waterloo which ended the war with France in 1815, may have been in the crowd lining the streets when George IV was crowned king in 1820 and later when Queen Victoria came to the throne in 1837. She'd been baptised in the St. Peter ad Vincula Chapel in the grounds of

the Tower of London a little over three months after she was born in Spitalfields where her father was an apothecary.

At the age of 23 she married Richard KIPLING at St. Mildred's Church in London. He was a men's outfitter at 16 Poultry, London. When their two little daughters were aged 5 years and 20 months, and after only 6 years of married life, Richard died aged 30 in 1831. Isabella continued to run the business and seemed to have a good head on her shoulders.

Over three years after the death of her husband, Isabella married a good friend of the late Richard, from down the road in Cheapside. He was John HANCOCK, bachelor and a hatter whose own business wasn't going very well. He had been courting another woman, Matilda, but he let her go when the prospect of marrying Isabella became a possibility. This may have had something to do with the fact that his own business was floundering. Poor Matilda!

At the beginning of 1831 while Richard was still alive, Chang and Eng, the celebrated Siamese twins, were being exhibited throughout Britain by Captain Coffin and his wife.

While in London they stayed with Richard and Isabella while they performed at Lewis' Great Sale Room at 15 Poultry. They did somersaults and other athletic activities for which they charged one shilling entrance fee to the curious Londoners. The twins had previously been in Leeds where a gentleman had given them a piece of "beautiful blue cloth" from which they had two suits made. The 2½ or 3 yards left over, Chang and Eng gave Isabella when they left for the United States, because they had "received so much civility" from them. There is a letter in existence explaining how Captain Coffin's wife was much put out by this as she thought the cloth should have come to her and she wanted it back. Apparently Chang and Eng "respected Mrs. Kipling, for much as she was disliked by others they had come to respect her as a clever and straight-forward woman". They didn't want her to return it and neither did Isabella and so she didn't. I hope she looked very smart in her new outfit.

By 1840, Isabella, had had a further daughter and a son and would go on to have another two sons, one of whom was my grandfather (who died well before I was born). At the age of 38 she had already had an interesting life and thanks to Chang and Eng I know quite a lot about her character. Maybe I have inherited some of her traits?

FROM COAST TO COAST

NZSG CONFERENCE & AGM, QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND, 30 MAY-2 JUN 2008

Canterbury, Bishopdale, Riccarton, Waimakariri and Darfield Branches are hosting this conference at St Bede's College, Main North Rd, Papanui.

Registration forms are now available and NZSG members will have received one with their Nov/Dec issue of The NZ Genealogist.

Haven't got a form? Download one from the NZSG Website www.genealogy.org.nz or email 2008conference@genealogy.org.nz or write to PO Box 20 506 Bishopdale, Christchurch 8543

Not planning to attend Conference? Please pass your registration form onto a friend or hand it in to your local Branch for use by other members.

Not a member of NZSG? You are still most welcome to attend at no extra cost.

Can't spare all that time for conference? Daily registration is available @\$70.00 per day. Friday night and Saturday morning count as a single day. The AGM is held Saturday afternoon. Send for a Registration form today to see who is speaking and their topic.

WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?

UKTV is broadcasting the 4th session of this series. Sundays 9:30pm.

NEW IN THE LIBRARY

BOOK

- From out of the Gallow's Shadow a selected history of Aaron Price and some of New Zealand Descendants by Graham Price

Graham has spent 6 years writing this book filled with colourful illustrations and pictures.

CDs

- Births Deaths & Marriages 1845-1866 from the New Zealander
- Nominal and Descriptive Rolls of 1st, 2nd 3rd & 4th Waikato Regiments 1863-1867
- Early Auckland Birth and Deaths
- The New Zealand Gazette 1860
- The New Zealand Gazette 1870
- The New Zealand Gazette 1871
- The New Zealand Gazette 1873
- Who's who in New Zealand & the Western Pacific 1925

WAITANGI DAY from <http://www.nzhistory.net.nz/politics/treaty/waitangi-day>

Every year on 6 February, New Zealand marks the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi in 1840. In that year, representatives of the British Crown and over 500 Maori chiefs signed what is New Zealand's founding document. The day was first officially commemorated in 1934, and it has been a public holiday since 1974.

In 1932 Governor-General Lord Bledisloe gifted the Treaty House and grounds at Waitangi to the nation. He hoped that the site would become a national memorial, symbolising that the Treaty of Waitangi had initiated a unique relationship between the indigenous and the colonising peoples.

This partnership was reflected in the membership of a trust board set up to develop the property, which would include representatives of descendants of those involved in making the Treaty in 1840. The partnership was also marked by a decision to build a whare runanga to stand near the Treaty House.

In February 1934 Bledisloe's gift was marked by celebrations. A pattern for subsequent events was set. It involved two sites – the Treaty House grounds (where the whare runanga would be built) and Te Tii marae close by – several organising bodies (Maori, Pakeha and government) and Bledisloe's prayer that 'the sacred compact made in these waters may be faithfully and honourably kept for all time to come'. A second prayer hoped that the two races might unite as one nation through Christianity – Bledisloe's interpretation of Lieutenant-Governor Hobson's words at the 1840 signing, 'He iwi tahi tatou' (Now we are one people).

Up to 10,000 Maori attended the 1934 celebrations. The events had special meaning for many as they looked back to their independent status before the signing of the Treaty: 1834, when northern tribes chose a national flag at Waitangi, and 1835 when they issued the Declaration of Independence.

In 1957 the Labour Party promised that 6 February would be declared a public holiday in view of the Treaty of Waitangi's historical significance and its influence on Pakeha–Maori relations. Labour won the 1957 election and the four Maori MPs tried to hold it to its promise.

The Waitangi Day Act 1960 declared that 6 February would be known as Waitangi Day, and would be observed throughout the country 'as a national day of thanksgiving in commemoration of the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi'. The act did not provide for a public holiday, although any locality could substitute Waitangi Day for any public holiday it already observed.

Without the holiday the act was not much more than a gesture, but Prime Minister Walter Nash defended it. He noted that Maori had requested a day of thanksgiving and that 6 February was already being marked overseas as a New Zealand day. Nash envisaged schools building on the recognition of the day that some had been giving it since the 1940s. A paid public holiday would be too costly, and the government wanted to minimise any suggestion of divisiveness.

Maori requests for a national day and a public holiday continued. In 1963 the National government passed the Waitangi Day Amendment Act. Waitangi Day now supplanted the Auckland provincial anniversary day for Northland. This reinforced identification of the day with the north. This government was no more ready than its predecessor to introduce a new universal paid holiday nor to substitute Waitangi Day for the country's provincial holidays.

The call to make 6 February a nationwide public holiday continued. The Labour government made the most of Waitangi Day 1973, with Prime Minister Norman Kirk announcing that from 1974 it would be a national holiday known as New Zealand Day.

A few weeks later, the New Zealand Day Bill was introduced. Matiu Rata, who had introduced a private member's bill for this in 1971, indicated the government's intentions. The day, he said, was to be neither 'a symbolic nor religious occasion' but a day for each New Zealander to enjoy as they saw fit, and the forerunner of an effort to achieve a 'full sense of nationhood'. It would always be observed on 6 February and would not be Mondayised.

PROVINCIAL ANNIVERSARY DAYS IN NEW ZEALAND

These relate to the former Provinces of 19th Century New Zealand and are not related to or determined by present-day Districts or Regions.

Auckland	29 Jan 1840	The arrival of John Hobson in the Bay of Islands is celebrated as the anniversary of the founding of the province of Auckland.
Taranaki	31 Mar 1840	This is the day the first of 6 immigrant ships to New Plymouth, the <i>William Bryan</i> , officially arrived from Plymouth.
Hawkes' Bay	1 Nov 1858	This is the day New Zealand's 6 provinces became 10, with Hawkes Bay separating from Wellington.
Wellington	22 Jan 1840	This is the date of the arrival of the first of the New Zealand Company immigrant ships to Wellington, the <i>Aurora</i> at Pito-one (Petone) from Gravesend.
Marlborough	1 Nov 1858	This is the day New Zealand's 6 provinces became 10, with Marlborough separating from Nelson.
Nelson	1 Feb 1842	This is the day of the arrival of the the New Zealand Company's first immigrant ship to Nelson the <i>Fifeshire</i> .
Canterbury	16 Dec 1850	This was the day the New Zealand Company's ships, the <i>Charlotte Jane</i> and the <i>Randolph</i> arrived in Lyttelton from Plymouth.
Canterbury (Sth)	26 Sep 1907	Actual observance day is the same as the rest of Canterbury but South Canterbury observes Dominion Day. This is the day New Zealand became a Dominion of the UK.
Westland	1 Dec 1873	Varies throughout Westland, but Greymouth observes the official day. Westland became a county in 1867 independent of Canterbury and was raised to the status of province 1 December 1873, about 2 years before the provincial system was abolished in favour of a Central Government.
Otago	23 Mar 1848	This is the day the ship, the <i>John Wickliffe</i> chartered by the Lay Association of the Free Church of Scotland arrived in Port Chalmers.
Southland	17 Jan 1853	The actual date of Southland Anniversary day is not clear although there are claims of it being March 25 th 1861 which is the day in which

		the province of Southland was proclaimed and broke away from Otago/ Southland establishing its independence 1 April 1861. The 17 th of January 1853 is the date New Zealand's first 6 provinces officially came into existence - Otago being one of them.
Chatham Islands	30 Nov 1791	This appears to be when Lieutenant William Broughton's storm driven brig <i>Chatham</i> arrived at these unchartered Islands.

WEBSITES

- The indexes to Scottish births and deaths are now available up to 2006 on Scotland's People. Marriages will be available shortly. <http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/>
- Danish Registers - Historic Danish church registers of births, confirmations, marriages and deaths are available on line at <http://www.arkivalieronline.dk/>. They are images of the original registers and are not indexed. There is one page in English to give you a head start, including translations of some Danish words. You need to register (no cost) and there are some hours (our afternoons, early evenings) when the site is closed. You need to enable pop-ups. The site also has images of census forms, but you might prefer to use the transcriptions (indexed) at http://ddd.dda.dk/kiplink_en.htm
- Here is an interesting site about mining in Fife, Scotland
<http://www.users.zetnet.co.uk/mmartin/fifepits/>
- FROM BRIAN CURRAN'S GENEALOGY WEBSITESGALORE
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You can search a name and see what extra info is available. They welcome contributions.

- AUS VIC - <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~pioneers/welcome.htm> - for people who arrived in the Port Phillip District of NSW (now Victoria)prior to separation on 1 July 1851
- CA RESOURCES - <http://globalgenealogy.com/countries/canada/resources.htm>
- NZ - <http://www.southernheritage.org.nz/northernccemetery/application/search/search.htm>
- FROM 'CYNDISLIST'
 - URL: <http://www.familytreeforum.com/>
Family Tree Forum - Family Tree Forum (a UK- based site) opened its doors nearly one year ago. Since then it has grown into one of the most complete Family History sites to be found on the Internet. It combines a lively research discussion forum, where there is always someone on hand to help you with your research. It has a remarkable Reference Library (the wiki), where information can be found on anything from the GRO to researching ancestors in Prussia. In addition the newly launched online magazine gives members a chance to share their family stories. Membership to the site is free and open to all and enables you to access further community boards and the chance to add your expert knowledge to the Family Tree Forum wiki.
 - URL: <http://www.bendigofamilyhistory.com>
Bendigo Family History Group - Genealogy Website for people researching their families in the BENDIGO Region. We offer research, sales, database & catalogue information. We offer Voluntary Work and free assistance in person when in attendance at the library
 - URL: <http://www.surnameresearch.co.uk>
Surname Research - Linking you to your lineage, surnames and genealogy. Surname Research contains access to thousands of surname and genealogy

sites to help aid your family history research.

- URL: <http://www.oldmapsofscotland.com>
TITLE: Old maps of Scotland, Ireland, England, Wales
DESCRIPTION: Handsome old county or shire maps of Scotland, Ireland, England, Wales for genealogy

- THE GREAT WAR FORUM - <http://1914-1918.invisionzone.com/forums/index.php>

I was very surprised to be told that there was someone on this site who had bought a bugle on Trademe with my great grandfather's name and WW1 regiment and number engraved on it. He asked for info on this man and was given 20 pages of his War records. Considering he never saw active service, 20 pages seems quite a lot!

I was also surprised to find my grandmother's name and date of birth there. I joined the site and made the comment that my grandmother is 89 and still alive and also emailed the owner of the bugle volunteering more information. The person quoting the birth date removed the date of birth and considered himself reprimanded saying that one should never make assumptions that a person is not still alive!

The site is only about WW1 and is filled with interesting information, photos and stories. It is a very useful site for anyone wanting help, finding out information and to tell the stories of their WW1 family members. As soon as time allows I will do a profile on all mine and hopefully someone might help me fill in a few more gaps. - Editor

TOP TEN WORST WAYS TO BEGIN A FAMILY HISTORY - www.geneologue.com

10. "It was October, 1956. Don Larsen had just thrown the first perfect game in World Series history, President Eisenhower was campaigning for a second term, and somewhere in Manhattan my grandfather was impregnating his sister-in-law."
 9. "Down in the constricted, fetid bowels of the steamship, Jacob Horowitz waited to be evacuated."
 8. "'Call me Ishmael,' our ancestor Ishmael Johnson might have said if asked 'What should we call you?'"
 7. "I have few memories of Sperm Donor 4879."
 6. "Let me start by saying this book would have been a whole lot better if my goddamn relatives had answered my goddamn questions."
 5. "I set out to find my great-great-grandfather armed only with a tattered obituary and a sturdy shovel."
 4. "My father, Mr. Smith, was probably between eighteen and forty-eight years of age when he met his future wife, Mary [--?--]."
 3. "The remainder of this book is for Plus Edition subscribers only."
 2. "The story of our family begins in a tiny village in northern France—or possibly Ecuador."
 1. "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. Several years later, my grandmother was born in Des Moines."
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Mom, how come our names aren't on the screen?

HAPPY NEW YEAR