



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

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

11 Feb: Clark Styles – Heritage at Hutt City Libraries

18 Feb: Heidi Kuglin – Changes at Archives New Zealand
Members – breaking down brick walls

11 Mar: Anne Erwin – Christ Church History

18 Mar: Janice Henson – Visit to Christ Church Taita

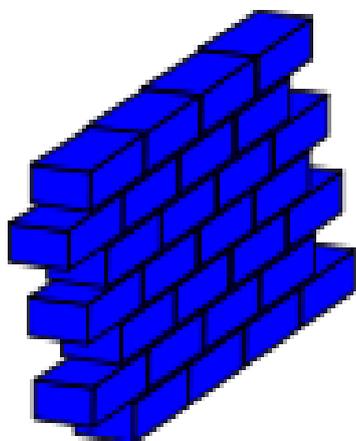
08 Apr: Looking for Rose – WW2 period – Brian Heath

15 Apr: Army Museum in England – Matthew Buck

Evening meeting doors open 7 pm notices begin 7.30 pm speakers begin about 8 pm
(approx 1 hour)

Day meeting doors open 9.30 am notices begin 10 am speaker begin about 10.30 am
(approx 1 hour). Please note the Library does not open until 10am.

THIS MONTH'S DAY EVENT - BRICK WALLS



- Please let Janice know if you wish to present your 'brick wall' to the Thursday 18th morning meeting
 - Each person will have 10 mins to tell the story of their 'brick wall'
 - It is important to share with the meeting all the research you have done so far to break down the 'brick wall'
 - What resources used to date, where you have looked, please provide the meeting with all your research details so that other branch members may be able to provide ideas of different areas of research that maybe you have not tried or thought about
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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

- ✓ February = my earliest childhood memory
- ✓ March = first day at school and special memories of school days
- ✓ April = family holidays and/or visits from cousins and relatives
- ✓ May = games or sports played or special national game you attended
- ✓ June = first day at work or employment history
- ✓ July = 21st birthday or special family birthday party
- ✓ 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

YOUR BRANCH NEEDS YOU



After 5 years as Secretary of the branch Deb is standing down at the May AGM thus a branch member is required to take on the Secretary's position and work alongside Deb between now and the AGM so you get to know just what the position entails before taking over after the May AGM. Please contact Deb at:

Email: HuttValley@genealogy.org.nz

Go on what are you waiting for, just do it, you know you want to

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL FOR 1 APRIL 2010 TO 31 MARCH 2011

You will soon receive your membership renewal form. The annual subscription is due on 31 March 2010. The usual discount is available for prompt payers.

Please make cheques payable to: Hutt Valley Branch of New Zealand Society of Genealogists. You can also pay by internet banking straight into the branch's bank account.

MEMBERSHIP CARDS

Nobody can borrow from our resources without the new [blue](#) membership card which will be available for collection at our meeting on Thursday. Membership cards must be shown to the Petone Library staff if members wish to borrow our own branch resources outside branch meeting hours!

Research can be undertaken 7 days a week at the Petone Library during their opening hours. Opening hours are 10:00 am to 5:30pm. The Petone library has plenty of long-term parking. The NZSG Hutt Branch library books can only be taken out by branch members.

2010 SPEAKERS PROGRAMME - WE WELCOME BRANCH MEMBERS IDEAS

Please let Lynly or your committee know if you or any members of the Hutt Valley Branch would like to give a presentation and/or if anyone has a particular speaker they would like us to invite to talk at our branch meetings

GENEALOGY/FAMILY HISTORY HELPERS AVAILABLE AT PETONE LIBRARY

10am-2pm 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!

RESEARCH DAY

- "Getting Started"
 - NZ, Australia, England, Ireland, Scotland help desks
 - Saturday 27 March 2010
 - Meeting room Petone Library
 - 10am - 3pm
 - Entry is free on presenting your membership card otherwise \$5.00
 - Tea & coffee provided, byo lunch or try one of Petone's famous cafes nearby
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NZSG FAMILY HISTORY FAIR & AGM 16-18 JULY HAMILTON

- ✓ Jan/Feb 2010 Genealogist has further details
 - ✓ Registrations are now open
 - ✓ Venue is Kingsgate Hotel Hamilton
 - ✓ A block booking for accommodation has been made
 - ✓ Room reservations at the Kingsgate Hotel opened in Feb
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FAMILY HISTORY FAIR 2010 – CHRISTMAS BREAKDOWN IN GENERIC EMAIL ADDRESS

The generic email address set up for NZ's Family History Fair 2010, and previously advertised in the NZ Genealogist magazine and Keeping In Touch has not been working since before Christmas. As a result, requests for further information and offers of assistance have not been getting through to the organisers. An alternative gmail address has now been set up at nzfamilyhistoryfair@gmail.com and is working perfectly. If you have previously tried to contact the Fair organisers and have had no response, can you please resend your emails to nzfamilyhistoryfair@gmail.com

We apologise for this inconvenience and look forward to hearing from all those who have previously indicated an interest in being involved. By using the gmail address you can be sure of a speedy response!

The Family History Fair is being organised on behalf of the NZSG by a small group of volunteers from throughout NZ and all financial benefits are being returned to the organisation once it is finished. Success on the day is dependent on those who register for the event willingly offering a couple of hours of their time on a rostered system as part of the "Fair Volunteer Force". We want everyone to be able to enjoy the buzz of the Fair and will soon be publishing a list of positions we need help with on the day. The pay is lousy but the appreciation of your time and commitment as Fair Volunteers is exceptionally high!

Regards,

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FIRST CATHOLIC CEMETERY IS IN FOR A MAKE OVER

A new conservation plan for the Mount Street Roman Catholic Cemetery in Kelburn, where Wellington's first priests and nuns are buried, has been unveiled. The archdiocese commissioned the plan in 2008 with a city council grant and a contribution from Victoria University and a charitable incorporation has been set up to implement it.

Karen Adair is coordinating the project with Friends of Bolton Str Memorial Park of which she is a member. Commissioned in 1841 when Bishop Jean Baptist Francois Pompallier arrived in Wellington, the cemetery was Wellington's main Catholic burial ground for 50 years until its closure in 1891 with burials in existing family plots continuing until 1954.

It has remained under the ownership and control of the Catholic church unlike the nearby Anglican (Bolton St), public (Sydney St) and Jewish cemeteries which were vested in the Wellington City Corporation and are now maintained by the Wellington City Council as a memorial park and part of the Botanic Gardens complex

However maintenance of the cemetery has been an ongoing problem with burial plots disappearing due to soil erosion, unchecked vegetation, scrub fires, natural weathering and vandalism. Recent efforts to spruce up the cemetery have included a BNZ 'closed for good' project and various working bees held over the summer. The university also offering its gardening staff to help tidy up the cemetery.

The next working bee is scheduled for Saturday 20 February 10am-12pm. If you would like to help or are a descendant of someone buried at Mount Street, Karen would love to hear from you. karen.adair@xtra.co.nz.

From the *Wel-com* newspaper, December 09 by Cecily McNeill. For the full article see <http://www.welcom.org.nz/?sid=1194>

MOUNT STREET CEMETERY RECORDS

The records of early Catholic pioneers, priests and nuns buried at this cemetery include maps, registers and photos of headstones and are held in the archives at the Catholic Centre, 22-30 Hill Street, Thorndon. archives@wn.catholic.org.nz or phone 496-1757

CLEANING A MARBLE HEADSTONE



Bev Chisholm of Lower Hutt, her brother Ian Langdon of Auckland and their spouses visited the Shortland Cemetery in Thames looking for the graves of their ancestors.

The photo on the left is of their grandmother Louisa (nee Foy) Langdon's marble headstone inlaid with lead lettering. The photo on the right is the same headstone after applying a \$5 bottle of *exit mould trigger* from the local supermarket. They had to bring their own supply of water to the site to wash the solution off. They did not have enough water to clean the remains of the cross that was originally on top of the headstone but used it to hold the flowers in place.

Bev had noticed a number of white headstones which stood out in stark contrast to the dirty headstones in the cemetery and later realised that the white headstones were the ones that had been cleaned!

AUSTRALIAN RESOURCES AT THE UPPER HUTT FAMILY HISTORY CENTRE

All the family history centre are the same as the National Library. Upper Hutt are no longer accepting orders or taking money for films. All patrons must set up an account on-line. Go to www.film.familysearch.org

QUEENSLAND

The Queensland Source Book, Perry McIntyre, 1986 [Book 0037]

- A resource for what records are available in Queensland. It is of most use to someone taking a trip there but also gives a good indication of what is available.

Index to Births, Deaths & Marriages (1850-1899) [Microfiche]

- A complete index to BDM's for these years. Arranged 5-yearly (births) and yearly (others)

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Index to Births, Deaths & Marriages (1842-1906) [Microfiche]

- A complete index to BDMs for these years. Usually arranged in blocks

TASMANIA

Guide to the Public Records of Tasmania. P R Eldershaw, 1988 [Book 0041]

- A useful reference of materials from the Colonial Secretary's Office

The Tasmanian Pioneers Index. 1837-1888 [Microfiche]

- An alphabetical index of births, deaths and marriages registered in Tasmania for those years. It includes the actual dates and parents/spouses names

Tasmania The Mercury, July 30, 1885 [White Folder]

- A copy of an 1885 map of Tasmania showing electoral districts (in 2 parts)

VICTORIA

The Victorian Pioneers Index. 1837-1888. J Ferguson, 1993 [Book 0212]

- This is the official guide to the index, published by the Victorian Registry
- Note that at present the Family History Centre does not have a copy of the index itself.

Victoria. Marriages, 1914-1930 [187 microfiche : 4001-4187]

- An alphabetical Index of marriages in Victoria. It is arranged alphabetically for the whole 16 years. It is not done year by year.

Victoria. Microfiche Index guide. Marriages, 1914-1930 [Book 0213]

- A reference list of surnames and the fiche on which the name is found. Only of use in conjunction with the microfiche (4001-4187)

Victoria Deaths, 1941-1960. [178 microfiche : 6001-98:7001-80]

- An alphabetical index of marriages in Victoria. It is arranged alphabetically by year

NEW SOUTH WALES

Illawarra Pioneers. Pre-1900. Illawarra Family History Group, 1988. [Book 0185]

- An alphabetical list of pioneers in Illawarra. It includes birth, death and marriage details, and information about children. Biographical information is included for some pioneers
- Kindly donated by Margaret Byers

Shipping Arrivals & Departures. Sydney, 1788-1825. J S Cumpston, 1977 [Book 0058]

- A chronological list of vessels arriving and departing from Sydney. For each ship it includes the names of the captain and owner, the origin and destination and the cargo.

MacDonald Valley, NSW. [939]

- Burials in a collection of small cemeteries in a NSW valley, Old St Albans.

Index to Births, Deaths & Marriages (Pre-1856 — 1905). [Microfiche]

- A complete index to BDM's for those years. A variety of sources is used. It includes the actual dates and parents/spouses names.

NSW "Between the Wars" Index (1919 — 1945). [Microfiche]

- A compiled index of all BDM's for those years. A variety of sources is used. It includes the actual dates and parents/spouses names.

New South Wales Orphan School Index (1817-1833). [Microfiche]

- An alphabetical index of children, including parents names and some comments. Not all children were orphans — many had family that could not take care of them for one reason or another.

Irish Assisted Immigrants [8 microfiche : 6349501-02]

- A list of 44,000 19th century immigrants to NSW. Firstly in alphabetical order; then by ship.

NORTHERN TERRITORY

Port Darwin Shipping. Genealogical Society of the Northern Territory. **[Microfiche]**

- Details of inwards and outwards shipping related to Darwin. Includes passenger names. The source only covers some years near the close of the 19th century.

Miscellaneous Land Records. Genealogical Society of the Northern Territory **[Microfiche]**

- This source includes gold mining leases, applications for mineral lands (1889-90; 1902-03), pastoral leases (1886-1903) and pearling Tuggers (1903-19).

Northern Territory Land Orders: Adelaide Register. Genealogical Society of the NT. **[Microfiche]**

- Allotment of land selected 1871-73. Gives names and addresses only.

Family and Local History Sources in Victoria. F Brown et al. (eds), 1992 **[Book 0243]**

- A useful resource for what records are available in Victoria. It is of most use to someone taking a trip there, but also gives a good indication of what is available.

Passengers from Overseas to Port Philip (Pre-1852). **[Microfiche]**

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

The Western Australian Pioneers Index. 1841-1905. **[Microfiche]**

- An alphabetical index of births, deaths and marriages registered in Western Australia for those years. It includes the actual dates and parents/spouses names.

Index to Births, Deaths & Marriages (1841 – 1905). **[Microfiche]**

- A complete index to BDM's for those years. Arranged in blocks of 4-40 years.
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ON THE INTERNET

MAKARA AND KARORI CEMETERIES HEADSTONES

<http://www.wellington.govt.nz/services/cemeteries/search/search.php>

In March 2009 the Data Capture project of recording digital photographs of all the headstones in Karori & Makara Cemeteries employed 3 casual staff for a period of 21 weeks. During this time all the Makara Cemetery headstones (8500) were recorded and approx 30% of the Karori Cemetery headstones (23,781). In total 32,288 images were recorded against a plot. These photos are now available to view via the Council's cemetery database search function on the Council website.

Volunteers are also needed to carry on with the data capture in Karori Cemetery. For further details please contact Jeff Paris at the Karori Cemetery Office on 04 476-6101

PAPER PAST

<http://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz>

Over the next few months, the National Library will be adding more newspapers to Papers Past. The new additions will be released in 3 chunks. Here are the details of what will be added and when:

March 2010

- Ashburton Guardian (1890-1895, 1897, 1899-1909, 1911-1920)
- Manawatu Standard (1883-1886)
- Manawatu Times (1877-1881, 1883-1884)
- Ohinemuri Gazette (1891-1892, 1896-1921)
- Thames Star (1874-1900)
- Waiapu Church Times (1907-1908)
- Waiapu Church Gazette (1910-1920)

May 2010

- Poverty Bay Herald (gap: 1902)
- Lyttelton Times (1851-1862)
- Evening Post (1916-1920)
- Thames Star (1901-1920)

June 2010

- Albertland Gazette (1862-1864)
- The Colonist (1857-1888)
- Evening Post (gap: July-Dec 1871)
- Otago Daily Times (1861-TBC)
- Waiapu Church Gazette (1921-1945)
- ..and another title yet to be confirmed.

EARLIEST MEMORY

It was my 3rd birthday and I believe that it was to be the first day outside after a bout of measles but before doing so there were three parcels for me to open. My step Grandmother in Dunedin had knitted me a red dressing gown, Great Aunt Daisy had sent a pair of slippers and both had to be worn immediately. The third parcel was a cricket bat from Grandpa in Dunedin.

Then outside to try the swing built for me by my Father and Godfather. I suspect that my Godfather had done most of the work as my Father was not known for his skills as a carpenter. While enjoying my swing Grandad from Nelson arrived in time for breakfast complete with a small cart for the collection of soft toys.

As there was a measles epidemic in the neighbourhood at the time only the two children from next door were well enough to come in for afternoon tea – orange drink and biscuits with hundreds and thousands on them.

Jan Walker



HAPPY NEW YEAR