



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)

- 08 Jul: The Benefits of joining a Special Interest Group – Panel Discussion
 - 15 Jul: What was your Ancestor doing in 1881 (UK census/NZ electoral role)
 - 12 Aug: Pandora Box 2 – Online index and how to access it – Dawn Chambers
 - 19 Aug: NZ Historical Trust – Buildings in the Wellington Region -David Watt
 - 09 Sep: What was your Female Ancestor doing in 1893? (NZ Electoral Roll)
 - 16 Sep: FHC Online & Film Access at the National Library – Beverley Keall, Marlene Sayers
 - 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 speaker begins 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

The benefits of joining a NZSG Special Interest Group – Panel discussion

Have any of you thought about joining one of the many NZSG Special interest Groups?
Come and hear what some of the Hutt Branch members have to say about joining these
NZSG Special Interest Groups.

- Ireland – Jenny Martin
- Scotland – Ian Fyfe
- England – Mike Guest
- Master of Ceremonies – Alistair Hardy

MORNING MEETING

We invite members to tell us about their ancestor. You can begin by using the 1881 UK
Census and/or 1881 NZ Electoral Rolls. Perhaps you would like to share another resource
that confirms what your ancestor was doing in 1881.

POSTED NEWS & VIEWS - AN APOLOGY

An apology is due to those members who receive their copy of News & Views by post. Due to an oversight, the May 2010 issue was not posted until June. We regret this lapse.

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.

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!

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

- ✓ 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

NZSG FAMILY HISTORY FAIR & AGM 16-18 JULY HAMILTON

The Genealogist has further details.

- ✓ The venue is Kingsgate Hotel Hamilton
- ✓ A block booking for accommodation has been made
- ✓ Room reservations at the Kingsgate Hotel

Volunteers are needed to help at the Family History Fair. If you would like to help see their website nzfamilyhistoryfair@gmail.com

SCOTTISH INTEREST GROUP

The NZSG Scottish Interest Group of Greater Wellington will be holding a research afternoon with their resources in the Meeting Room. All welcome.

- Petone Public Library, 7-11 Britannia Street, Petone
- Saturday 7 August 2010
- 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm,
- Door charge \$3

Please note change of venue and change to a Saturday.

Contact Pen Brown, Convenor, NZSG Scottish Interest Group of Greater Wellington
penbrown@globe.net.nz

KAPITI BRANCH - LOOKING FOR YOUR SCOTTISH OR IRISH ROOTS?

Come to our Celtic Research Day

- Kapiti Community Centre, Ngahina Street, Paraparaumu
- Sunday 15 August 2010
- 10am - 4pm
- Door charge \$10
- Tea & coffee provided
- 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

For more information:

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

Everyone welcome!

TAITA CEMETERY INFORMATION

The staff at Taita Cemetery are not equipped to answer genealogical questions. It is only if you go into the sexton's office during opening hours that you could get help.

Hutt City Council has a records and photographic project under way but progress is uncertain.

WELLINGTON'S MOUNT STREET CEMETERY – A HERITAGE SITE

Mount Street Cemetery, the first Roman Catholic cemetery in Wellington – and probably in New Zealand - was established on 6 January 1841. Pioneers from many cultural and ethnic backgrounds are buried there, including Irish, English, French, Italian, Māori, Scots, Welsh, Austrian, German, and Polish – representing a cross-section of Wellington society. Although only around 300 headstones survive, it is estimated that there could have been as many as 750 burials.

A Friends of Mount Street Cemetery group was established under the Archdiocese of Wellington earlier this year, to restore the Cemetery and establish full burial records. Membership is open to all.

For further information contact it's President, Karen Adair karen.adair@xtra.co.nz or visit the website www.mountstreetcemetery.org.nz

CONSERVATION OF GRAVE STONES

One or two members expressed concern at the advice given on the treatment of gravestones at the last day meeting. For an alternate view on what to do and what not to do, see this website: www.cemeteries.org.nz

SPEAKER'S REVIEW – FUNERAL DIRECTORS' RECORDS - ANDREW PATTERSON – GEE & HICKMAN, LOWER HUTT

Funeral businesses are usually family owned and oriented and passed from father to son. Gee & Hickman have been going since 1946 and have records dating back to then.

Often records are destroyed when the business is sold or amalgamated. It can also be difficult to find records then one funeral business has been taken over by another. The records may also end up in the Alexander Turnbull Library.

Funeral directors are responsible for filling in the New Zealand Death Certificate. The information is only as good as the people giving it as it is not cross referenced (yet!).

A medical certificate of cause of death is also completed by a GP. A higher standard of care is required for cremations where medical referee is different to the one on the medical certificate.

Legally a death certificate only has to be issued for people who have died in New Zealand and must be registered within three days of a burial or cremation. If a person who has died overseas is brought back to New Zealand, the death can be lodged here for \$26 or \$80?? but it is not compulsory. However the government is looking at changing the rules.

Most might just keep ledgers and others keep more information like the death notices and obituaries, where the service was held etc.

To see what is held by the National Library see their website: <http://tapuhi.natlib.govt.nz> An interesting example is the what the Angus Family Funeral Directors (Lower Hutt) have deposited with the National Library.

WRITING YOUR MEMOIRS – Suzanne Cummings

Although it's very interesting listening to branch member's stories of their childhood, school days, family holidays and early work life etc, it is disappointing to see that a lot don't appear to be writing it down!

Following are a few hints for writing down your memoirs to read out:

- Write it like you'd say it – e.g. 'don't' instead of 'do not'. It's not easy writing like this especially since we've been taught not to.
- Bring your story alive by using dialogue whenever you can. One can't always remember exactly what was said but does it really matter?
- Avoid adverbs and be sparing with adjectives.
- Be specific – 'the flower' becomes 'the white geranium'
- If you can't decide who you are writing your story for, write it for yourself
- Set time aside and just write. Don't wait for inspiration. Once you've written something you can edit it later.
- Indent the first line of your paragraphs and use either 1½ or double spacing between the lines. This makes it easier to read.
- Get feedback, read your stories out to whoever will listen. One story I wrote was quite hard to follow. It had a lot of characters in it. I know them well but those listening became quite confused. However with other stories, my listeners wanted me to go into more detail. Reading my stories out to my family members also jogged their memories.

THE PHOTO ON THE TABLE

I was nineteen years old when I walked in the back door one day and spotted a black and white photo on the dining room table.

That's a photo of Mum! I thought. Why've I not seen it before?

I picked it up to have a closer look. Now hang on a minute, the teeth are different!

'Dad, who's this photo of?'

'That's your grandmother!'

WEBSITES

- Irish Parish Registers - <http://www.irishgenealogy.ie>

On 16th June 2010, Mary Hanafin T.D., Minister for Tourism, Culture and Sport and the Archbishop of Dublin, The Most Rev. Dr. John R.W. Neill, launched the remaining Church of Ireland records of Dublin City and counties Kerry and Carlow. Also, a subset of the Roman Catholic parishes in the Diocese of Cork & Ross have also been added.

In addition to these records, digital images of the original church records, relating to these areas, are now available to view on this website.

Working is progressing on the completion of the Dublin City and South & West Cork Roman Catholic records. The release of further records for on-line access will proceed on a phased basis. Please refer to the "Update of Progress" section in this website for news of upcoming releases.

The Central Signposting index (C.S.I) contains over 3 million genealogical records which may help you trace that elusive Irish ancestor. If you are not certain of the county of origin of your ancestor this could help you make a start.

There are currently 3,198,125 records in the database from Armagh, Cavan, Derry, Donegal, Fermanagh, Leitrim, Limerick, Mayo, Sligo, Tyrone & Wexford. Types of record include Birth, Baptism, Marriage, Griffith's Valuation, Tithe Applotments' and 1901 Census returns.

Remember Less is best so if you don't get a hit try just the name with no dates or county. Happy Searching

- London Lives 1690-1800 - <http://www.londonlives.org/>

A digital archive of over 200,000 pages of manuscript records from the archives of 18th-century London (poor relief, criminal justice, health care). It also contains the 18th-century Old Bailey Proceedings and Ordinary's Accounts and a bunch of other relevant datasets. It's transcribed, tagged and fully searchable - and completely free to use.

Registration (optional and free) allows wider access to the site's features but is not necessary.

- Brothers Keeper – a shareware family tree package

<http://www.genealogysoftwarenews.com/category/application-windows/brothers-keeper/>

- Proper spellings, origins and meanings of odd phrases in the English language

<http://www.worldwidewords.org>

- Gore District Cemeteries

This is to advise that Local Government Online Limited now has the Gore District Cemeteries linked online. The cemeteries are: Otarua, Gore, Charlton Park, Mataura, Waikaka and Pukerau.

Direct access may be made by clicking

<http://localgovt.co.nz/site/Recource_Library/activities_services/services/cemeteries/Cemeteries_Search_Mode_ls.aspx> or alternatively through the Cemeteries Search feature in the left panel on the LGOL Homepage at www.localgovt.co.nz

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 are 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 countries.

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

RESEARCH GUIDES AND MISCELLANEOUS RESOURCES

Research Outline: England. Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints 1991

England Resource Folder

- An excellent starting point for learning about researching family history in England. Discusses the major types of records and what they mean.

Population Movements During the Industrial Revolution in England and Wales. The Church of Christ of Latter Day Saints. Series A, No 51, 1976 15pp

England Resource Folder

- A good background to the historical resources that caused excessive inter-County migration - 18th & 19th Centuries

Population Movement by Canal and Navigatable River in England and Wales. The Church of Christ of Latter Day Saints, Series A, No 5, 1977 7pp

England Resource Folder

- A description of the importance of canals and rivers, and how that can assist family history research.

My Ancestor was a Migrant. AJ Camp Society of Genealogists, 1987, 44pp **Book 0175**

- Describes the major record sources prior to 1851 that may be used to trace movement of people within England and Wales (not from other countries)

The Family Tree Detective. CD Rogers Collins 1983 143pp

Book 0065

- A manual to help analyse and solve genealogical problems (England & Wales only)

- The Local Historian's Encyclopaedia** J Richardson Historical Publications 1985 312 pp
Book 0016
- A handy book that gives descriptions etc of many terms no longer used under headings such as 'Agriculture' and 'Coins and tokens'
- Illegitimacy** A McLauchlan Guide E McLauchlan FFHS, 1985 20pp
Book 0106
- A description of the place of illegitimacy in parish and other records and suggestions for sources
- The Growth of British Education and its Records.** CR Chapman Lochlin Publishing 1991 76pp
Book 0240
- A narrative of the history of British Education and a description of the types of records
No specific school records are indexed
- Bishops' Transcripts and Marriage Licences, Bonds and Allegations.** J Gibson (comp), 1992
Book 0420
- A description of the availability of these records by county. Includes a short description of what these records are and contain.
- Quarter Session Records for Family Historians: A select list.** J Gibson (comp) FFHS 1982 32pp
Book 0066
- A list arranged by court of the main quarter session records. Does not include a detailed description of what all the different types of records (e.g. cash books, indictment rolls) may contain.
- Understanding English Surnames.** Sir Walter Addison, BT Bradford, London, 1980 136pp
Book 0114
- Describes the history of surnames and the regional origin of many names. Indexed
- Marriage, Census and Other Indexes for Family Historian.** Gibson 1988, 4th Ed
Book 0215
- A List of Parishes in Boyd's Marriage Index.** Society of Genealogists, 1992 54 pp
Book 0238
- Boyd's Marriage Index can be obtained through the FHL Catalogue and in an index of English marriages 1538-1837. County coverage varies from 2% of parishes (Staffordshire) to 97% (Suffolk) Indexes for Cambridgeshire & Suffolk are the only ones permanently in the Centre
 - Lists the parishes and years covered in the Boyd's Marriage Index, arranged by County
- Local Newspapers 1750-1920.** J Gobson (compiler) FFHS 1987 164pp
Book 0102
- List published newspapers, arranged by County, for England and Wales (incl. Channel Islands & Isle of Man).
- Lloyd's Register of British & Foreign Shipping, 1776-1889**
Microfiche 402511-191(81 fiche) & 6025289-295 (7 fiche)
- This is a yearly list of ships registered with Lloyds of London, including the name of the master, year of construction etc.
 - Note the Centre only has 1871-1880
- How to Tap English Family History Sources**
Book 0101
- The Family Historian's Enquire Within**
Book 0119

ATLASES AND GAZETTEERS

The Phillimore Atlas and Index of Parish Registers CR Humphery-Smith (Ed) Phillimore
1995 **Book 0355**

- A key resource for family history in Great Britain. It has a map of each country showing parish boundaries & an index that gives the years for which parish registers exist among other things
- Note that photocopies may not be made from this book
- [N.B. There is also a copy in our branch library which can be photocopied]

Bartholomew Gazetteer of Britain O Mason 1981 **Book 0014**

- An extensive index of place names in Britain (271pp) with a good set (128pp) of modern road maps (1:300,000)

A Genealogical Gazetteer of England Frank Smith (comp) Baltimore Geneological publ.Co
1987 **Book 0207**

- An alphabetical dictionary of places with their location, ecclesiastical jurisdiction, population and date of earliest entry in parish registers.

The Survey Gazetteer of the British Isles JG Bartholomew, 1964 **8 Microfiche : 6020337**

- Index of places in Great Britain with location, area and population (where applicable)

The Imperial Gazetteer of England & Wales JM Wilson, 1870 **29 Microfiche 6020308-0336**

- Alphabetical index to places in Great Britain with historical notes and descriptions. Much more detailed than either of the two previous gazetteers.

Topographical Dictionary of England S Lewis 1831 **15 Microfiche 6340019-033**

- Alphabetical index to the major places in Great Britain with historical notes and descriptions
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