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Next Meeting
6 September 2011 at 8 pm
Bring your old photo album and speak of the ancestors.
Power Point session has been postponed until later in the year

Branch News –August Meeting 2011

From next meeting supper will be biscuits, coffee or tea. Hostesses will not be listed but assistance with dishes by any members and tidy up will be most welcome.

A large number of members enjoyed Vicky Muir's talk on photographs. **ALL photographs should be removed from the sticky back albums IMMEDIATELY.** Use archival paper and copy precious photographs before hanging them on the wall in the sunlight.

Name photographs while you can, or while the elderly relations can remember the names. Elderly relations have a habit of either losing their memory, or dying suddenly, so do it now. Old photographs are precious.

8mm film tapes. VHS. Digital 8, mini DVD can all be transferred, slides scanned, and all put on DVD. Memory box, photo books and collage prints are a few of the ways of preserving a family history for future generations.

Each year, bulk slides scanning is available in the winter months of June – July.

Thanks to Jeni Simpson for the handout of 'Handfasting' in the early 1800's in Scotland. It is amazing to learn it was legal in Scotland until 1939! It is mentioned in the book Oat Cakes to Otago.

Bruce has created a brilliant instruction page to help you access NZ Electoral Rolls on ancestry.com with the minimum of fuss. Thank you Bruce

Hints for new members

To order English bmd certificates go to Freebmd Search the freebmd site to obtain the reference number. Then go to <http://www.freebmd.org.uk/cgi/search.pl> then to <https://www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/certificates/default.asp> Be wary of other sites saying they can obtain the certificates for you –

They will be usually acting as an agent and will charge you more than you would pay by dealing directly with the Register General office

UK Parish Locator is a FREE program based on a database originally created by Gerald Lawson. It enables you to locate any one of over 15,000 UK parishes. It will produce a list of parishes in any County or a list of parishes within a given radius of any other parish and also allows Import and Export via csv files. It is possible to plot the location of parishes to either the screen or the printer. This version also includes a number of corrections to errors found by users. Users of versions earlier than 1.7 should note that the eastings have all been reduced so that they should now agree with the OS maps. The parishes listed were those in existence at some during the period from the mid 1500s to about 1837 when civil registration started but see full details in section 2.2 of the ReadMe.

The replacement for Version 5 CD for members only, will be known as the Kiwi Index, it is being checked for errors right now, and will be released some time in September or October.. It will be available only to members and there will **not be a library version.**

Did YOU KNOW???

England during World War 11 – The theme in England in 1941 was to 'save, salvage and sacrifice' which included rags, paper, scraps of food, bottles, bones and metal tops. Old sheets were boiled and made into bandages, iron railings were removed from front gardens, playgrounds and parks, and pots, pans and sewing machines were donated. Some people even gave up their false legs made from high quality aluminium to make planes. Paper was collected to make cartridges, log books and maps, and meat bones were used for making explosives! It was illegal for men's trousers to be made with 'turn ups' or jackets to be double breasted. Women wore bridal dresses made from recycled white parachute silk. Rationing of food continued on to 1954!

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Waihi & Ohinemuri Settler Family Register to 1920/After
If your ancestors lived in this area, collect and fill out a form – available from Hokonui Heritage Center

BRICK WALL- by Michelle Wood

Mentioned briefly in the obituary of a first cousin was a relationship to a man I did not have in the tree...so began a hunt which has ended in a small wall. I cannot find the marriage connection which makes Rev. James Paterson great-uncle to my cousin (3x removed) James Paterson Hewitt.

Hewitt, James Paterson,
b: 20 Aug 1882 Wellington, NZ
d: 28 Jul 1918 Lyall Bay, NZ
m: 13 Jul 1910 NZ
sp: Aldous, Priscilla Nellie

his parents:

f: Hewitt, Thomas Brackenridge
b: 1850 Ayrshire, Scotland
d: 24 Aug 1901 Wellington, NZ
m: 13 Jul 1877 Wellington, NZ
sp: Quin, Rosina Mary
b: 21 May 1853 Wellington, NZ
d: 19 Feb 1923 Wellington, NZ

parents of Thomas:

f: Hewitt, William
b: 1820 Kirkcolm, Scotland
d: (assuming NZ)
m: 22 May 1842 Ballantrae, Scotland
sp: Ross, Sarah
b: 30 Mar 1826 Newton-On-Ayr, Scotland
d: 1893 Wellington, NZ

parents of William:

f: Hewitt, Joseph
m: Helen
parents of Sarah:
f: Ross, William
b: cir 1784 Newton-On-Ayr, Scotland
m: 22 Jan 1813 Dailly, Scotland
sp: McCarlie (McCarley), Sarah
b: 1787 Newton-On-Ayr, Scotland
(Sarah had 5 known siblings, 1 – Thomas, married Leckie, Margaret)

parents of Rosina:

f: Quin, Michael
b: 20 Oct 1811 Ireland
d: 20 Oct 1892 Wellington, NZ
m: 12 Jan 1840 Haddington, Scotland
sp: Humble, Isabella
b: 20 Oct 1815 Prestonpans, Scotland
d: 5 Aug 1880 Wellington, NZ

parents of Isabella:

f: Humble, Edward
b: cir 1780
d: be 1841
m: 24 Jul 1802 North Leith, Scotland
sp: Morton, Margaret

b: cir 1781 East Lothian, Scotland
d: aft 1841

the great-uncle...

Paterson, James, Rev.
b: 28 May 1830 Kirkoswald, Scotland
d: 21 Jul 1926 NZ
m: 14 Apr 1868 Preston, England
sp: Patterson, Margaret
b: 1846 Castle Douglas, Scotland
d: 20 Jul 1911 Wellington, NZ
ch: (one of the male children is called William but I don't know which one)

Paterson, male

b: 1875 Wellington, NZ

Paterson, male

Paterson, Lily May (Jessie)

b: 1 May 1873 Wellington, NZ

d: 4 Apr 1931, NZ

m: no

Paterson, Margaret

b: 2 Aug 1869 Wellington, NZ

d: 1947 NZ

m: 1894 Wellington, NZ

sp: Porritt, Edmund William

b: 1866 NZ

d: 17 Mar 1936 Thames, NZ

There are certainly some gaps I have not yet managed to fill, so can not find the connection between the two men. There are children I have not found spouses for, who may very well be the link. The Rev. Paterson and Michael Quin were members of the same Wellington church – the St. Johns in the City, Presbyterian, which has a website I have hunted through. I have just put up the bare bones of what I may have for the individuals. I think I have exhausted all my normal research channels, but have not been able to get on FindMyPast or Ancestry to search their records yet. Any help with this wee puzzle would be very much appreciated.

Inglenook Home – Gore 1948 – 1980

This home opened in 1948 as a replacement for Invercargill's Cameron Home. It was initially located in a two-storied property, formerly the home of the MacGibbon family, in Huron Street, East Gore. In 1964 this was replaced by a more modern building in Ardwick Street, Gore. The home closed in 1980 and the building was then leased to the NZ Society for the Intellectually Handicapped.



Search your Ancestors House

Get a street level view of your ancestors house and walk down their street. <http://earth.google.co.uk> – cameras will swoop down until you are standing in the street. Use directional arrows to move around

and locate the house you want.

WEBSITE WATCH

Trove is the National Library of Australia site for searching digitised newspapers and more. Start from the Advanced Search page at

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/search?adv=y>
<http://trove.nla.gov.au>
<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/titles?state=Queensland>

The search options are quite flexible and you can limit your search by date range, state, particular newspaper, to Family Notices only etc.

The great part about the Trove set up is that when you find an article where the text output is poor, or contains minor errors, you can correct the OCR generated text to help others find articles.

Auckland Museum's NZ soldiers Cenotaph Database
<http://muse.aucklandmuseum.com/databases/cenotaph/locations.aspx>

The AJHRs are being digitalised by the National Library <http://atojs.natlib.govt.nz/cgi-bin/atojs>
School teachers, railway workers etc are listed each year so do search. More info at
<http://www.natlib.govt.nz/about-us/current-initiatives/appendices-journals-house-representatives>

Presbyterian Church Archives have the marriage & baptism records of the Otago & Southland Synod.
<http://www.presbyterian.org.nz/archives/page9.htm>

New convicts index from State Records NSW -
<http://t.co/8L1v1XF>

Railways Dept employee appointments were listed annually in the New Zealand Gazette. The NZSG has the NZ Gazettes on computer with a searchable index 1840-2004, so send if you are a NZSG member your request to
researchservices@genealogy.org.nz

Recipients of NZ War Medals for the 43rd regiment
<http://www.newzealandmedals.com/Images/43rd/43rdregt.nzmedalroll.pdf>

Shipping

<http://www.cyndislist.com/new-zealand/ships/>
Also for a background understanding of arrivals in NZ the NZSG has an NZ Research page
http://www.genealogy.org.nz/NZ_Research_243.aspx

NSW BDM site, free to search. It will tell you the time frames available for each of the categories.
<http://www.bdm.nsw.gov.au/familyHistory/searchHistoricalRecords>

War deaths in the Registrar-Generals Historical Records database do not have the date or age, and

are recorded as for 1918 (WWI) or 1945 (WWII), with the age NR = Not Recorded. So like the pre-1875 deaths you cannot find out the date by gradually restricting the range searched, and if you are looking for a date of death for a New Zealand death in 1918 or 1945 you will get a lot of war deaths as well. As well as the age being "NR" they have a 5-digit Registration Number eg 1918/26541 or 1945/44396

www.ancestry.com **British Phone Books, 1880-1984**

This collection contains British phone books published between 1880, the year after the public telephone service was introduced to the UK, and 1984, from the historic phone book collection held by BT Archives. The database currently contains 1780 phone books and provides near full county coverage for England as well as containing substantial records for Scotland, Ireland, and Wales.

[London Post Office Directory, 1829](#)

[Suffolk Post Office Directory 1875](#)

[Essex, Herts, Kent, Middlesex, Surrey, and Sussex Counties Post Office Directory, c. 1851](#)

www.ancestry.com.au NZ Electoral rolls 1853 – 1981 for election years and some other years. The early rolls sometimes listed the property which **assists with tracing on LINZ**

Australian National radio (Like NZ's Radio National) interviewed Brad Argent from ancestry.com.au and Christine Yeats from NSW State Records last night, if you want to hear the podcast you can download the mp3 file here.

<http://bit.ly/oCGgVe>

www.fibis.org Families in British India Society. Contact Eleanor Neil books@fibis.org
Akaroa Mail and Banks Peninsula Advertiser (1877-1920)
Daily Telegraph (1881-1901), Feilding Star (1910-1920)
Northern Advocate (1910-1920), Observer (1910-1920)
Wairarapa Daily Times (1902-1919)
Wellington Independent (1845-1859)

All ships carrying passengers in or out of any British port were required by law to lodge a passenger list with the relevant port authorities. Records for ship passengers travelling between 1890 and 1960 are available in the UK Board of Trade's collection of original passenger lists.

These can be seen at the Public Record Office in Kew, England.

More information is available at

<http://www.pro.gov.uk/research/easysearch/migration.htm>

After 1960, UK Passenger Lists do not exist, primarily because of increasing air travel. <http://www.passengerlists.co.uk>

If you are trying to trace ship's crew then UK Public Records Office in Kew, London is the place to start

<http://www.pro.gov.uk/>

Further information is available at <http://www.mariners.co.uk/UKLogs.CrewLists.html>