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Our newsletter for November features research
in New Zealand.



Links between Tasmania and New Zealand have always been strong with trading and passenger vessels moving between Hobart and NZ on a regular basis in the 19th century. Families and individuals moved between the two places either seeking work or holidaying. Thanks to the efforts of transcribers we are seeing many more indexes such as passenger lists becoming available on the Internet.

On other pages of this newsletter you will find links to websites where you can begin to trace your NZ connections. Shipping lists, newspapers, cemeteries, archives, libraries, mailing lists, books, magazines and CD-ROM are all mentioned.



The photograph featured here was taken in 1885 and is of the Wiseman Family in Auckland. The parents, James and Margaret (nee Barlow) were married in Hobart in 1856 and very soon after the birth of their first child John, they sailed to Dunedin where James established with his brothers, a saddlery and harness making firm. They later moved to

Auckland and now have many descendants spread around the country. Margaret already had a sister in Auckland and others of the family were to follow in their footsteps. In March 2006 some of the Barlow NZ clan will be travelling to Ulverstone for a family reunion.

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Do you have something to say?

Listed below are the mechanisms which allow you to raise a matter or a concern with the Branch committee or with the State Executive.

- 1. Write a letter to the Branch Secretary*
- 2. Write a letter to the State Secretary*
- 3. Email either of the above (addresses are in your journal)*
- 4. Approach any Committee member and ask them to raise your concern at the next Committee meeting.*
- 5. Ask a General meeting to resolve that the Committee consider or reconsider a proposal or matter.*
- 6. Write your suggestion in the Suggestion Book at the Branch Library*

Spotlight on New Zealand

Matapihi (Historic New Zealand)

includes a selection of photographs, drawings, paintings and information about the natural history of NZ.

www.matapihi.org.nz

A search here for "Wiseman" brought up amongst others, an image of men working in James Wiseman's Saddlery Co. in Auckland in 1906.

The October issue of *AFTC* previewed a website called **ARCHWAY Online**. Archives NZ preserve and provide access to those records that need to be kept permanently, and are responsible for millions of such items including the Treaty of Waitangi, immigration and legal records, films and photographs. Simple and advanced searching options are provided as well as tips on how to research. www.archives.govt.nz

A favourite site to visit for constantly changing NZ info is **Pearl's Pad!**
<http://pearlspad.net.nz/>

Try searching the indexes to births, deaths and marriages from New Zealand newspapers. Frequently there appeared notices with a message saying "please copy" to Tasmanian papers indicating there may be family or close friends living there. As these aren't always in alphabetical order, remember to use the CTRL + F keys on your computer and then type in the name you are searching. This saves endlessly scanning for the particular names you want.!

Passenger lists from Denise & Peter's pages

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~ourstuff/OurPassengerLists.htm>

These lists are just a small part of their website which is worth a look for many items of interest.

New Zealand Society of Genealogists

<http://homepages.ihug.co.nz/~nzsg/>

National Library of New Zealand

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

PapersPast showcases selected 19th century New Zealand newspapers and periodicals. The site currently contains digital images of over 750,000 pages from 34 publications.

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

Family Search Library Catalog

Don't forget to search the Mormon Church Library Catalog for places, surnames or keywords in New Zealand. The catalog may lead to references for books, microfiche, cd-rom or microfilm. These items can then be ordered through your local LDS Library.

http://www.familysearch.org/eng/Library/FH/LC/frameset_fhlc.asp

South Island

Otago Nominal Index to 1876

<http://marvin.otago.ac.nz/oni/>

This index holds over 241,000 records from Electoral Rolls, Street Directories and Police Gazettes for Otago and Southland.

North Island

Taupo Cemetery Index

<http://www.taupodc.govt.nz/CouncilServices/More+Services/Cemeteries.htm>

Taupo District Council Cemetery database.

Purewa Cemetery and Crematorium is one of the largest in Auckland. Search the database and find all the information recorded at the time of burial.

www.purewa.co.nz/search.asp

Books, magazines and CD-ROM for purchase

Colonial CD Books have digitised and made available on CD-ROM a wide range of old and rare books on historical New Zealand. John Dare has bought a CD-ROM from them and was extremely happy with the product and the service. Talk to John if you would like any further information.

www.colonialcdbooks.com

Australian Family Tree Connection provides an excellent source for New Zealand research. Published each month and available from our branch library in Latrobe (order your copy now), it has regular and feature articles on NZ and includes the latest links and information on all types of records. The Sept. issue amongst other reading, has an interesting article about families who migrated from Scotland to Canterbury.

Mailing Lists

A link to the Rootsweb mailing list for New Zealand can be found here <http://lists.rootsweb.com/index/intl/NZL/NEW-ZEALAND.html>

It is worth at least browsing or searching the archives of this mailing list to see if any one else is researching your names or has information on places you are interested in. If you would like to read more about the value of mailing lists you can go to

www.tasgenes.com and from the Learning menu item, click on Genealogy.

Did you know when searching the IGI www.familysearch.org for New Zealand entries you must first select *SouthWest Pacific* in the drop down menu?

And did you know...

The Kiwi as an emblem first appeared late last century in New Zealand



regimental badges. Badges of the South Canterbury Battalion in 1886 and the Hastings Rifle Volunteers in 1887 both featured kiwis. Later, kiwis appeared in a great number of military badges.

And...During the First World War, New Zealanders carved a giant kiwi on the chalk hill above Sling Camp in England. In Flanders during the war, the name "Kiwi" for New Zealand soldiers came into general use. By the Second World War, the Kiwi was synonymous with New Zealand Servicemen overseas.

And from the Editors...

Next Spotlight on.....

will be Tasmanian Convicts. We would love to hear from anyone with short articles, snippets, book reviews, websites, diaries or any interesting information related to this topic. Please email us or leave any printed copies at the Library. We would be interested to hear of any further topics we could feature in ILMO during 2006.

Would you like to receive this newsletter electronically??

If so please let us know your email address and we can then ensure you receive ILMO via email from the next issue.



Research in Lancashire, U.K

Message from the Federation of Family History Soc.

The Lancashire Registration District was created on the 23rd May 2005 by the merger of the following “modern” Registration Districts:

Burnley & Pendle; Chorley; Fleetwood & Fylde; Hyndburn & Rossendale; Lancaster; Preston & South Ribble; Ribble Valley and West Lancashire.

All events registered after the above dates are being registered as the Lancashire district. For the purpose of family history research the original reference number and the “old” District names will be retained.

Records from the old offices have been moved into a new building, whose address is:

Lancashire Registration District
Certificate Services, Quayside Court
Chain Caul Way
PRESTON PR2 2ZP

Following the merger, the district is currently experiencing an abnormally high demand for certificates. The staff are working through the orders as quickly as possible but would ask the applicant to be patient.

It would help the staff if applications for historic certificates addressed to the office were accompanied by the local reference that is in use: for those registers already indexed as part of the UK BMD Project www.ukbmd.org.uk

This can be obtained by visiting www.lancashirebmd.org.uk

More Obscure occupations

From Richard Gould

PLATE MAKER The British name for a fettler, one who worked in a gang responsible for the maintenance of a section of railway track.

(*Correction from previous newsletter*)

BACKMAKER A maker of brewers tubs and vats (backs) using staves and hoops; synonymous with cooper.

COLLARMAKER One who made and repaired collars for horses and mules, often as a serving soldier .

CLOGGER One who made wooden soled shoes (clogs), usually from beech wood

DECOYMAN A man who assisted the game keeper on a country estate by decoying wild fowl and animals into a trap, or within shooting range.

ESCAPMENT MAKER A person who made the device used in clocks to maintain uniform movement.

FURRIER A dresser of furs used for making wearing apparel.

ENGINE TURNER An engraver who produced overlapping geometric (engine turned) designs on metal items such as ladies’ compacts and cigarette cases.

FELLMONGER A dealer in undressed fur skins, usually sheep, possum and rabbit in Tasmania

LANDING WAITER, LAND WAITER A customs official who supervised the landing and examination of goods from ships.

NAVIGATOR Usually abbreviated to navy, a navigator was originally a

labourer who worked on canal building. Later, the name was used for a labourer working with pick and shovel on road and railway construction.

SERGE BURLER One who dressed cloth by removing knots and other imperfections from the surface.

SHOE BINDER A woman who stitched the leather vamp of the shoe together, then passed it onto the shoemaker. She also sewed silk braid around the tops of ladies' shoes

SHOE CLICKER One who cut out leather for making shoes.

SMALLWARE MAKER One who made tapes, braids, ribbons, etc. (small ware)

SPINSTER, SPINSTRESS A woman who spun yarn on a spinning wheel, usually from wool or flax. This was a cottage industry in the 18th and early 19th centuries and occupied the time of many young unmarried women. Gradually spinster came to indicate a single woman, hence the terms spinster and bachelor on marriage certificates.

TRIMMER A merchant seaman who trimmed coal in the ship's bunkers.

Sunday Football

At the last meeting of the Latrobe Show Society comment was made on the fact that the Showground was being used by a number of residents for the purpose of playing football on Sundays. This was objectionable practice and complaints were being made; A resolution was carried to prevent the practice, and offenders will be prosecuted.

Taken from the Advocate 13th May 1933

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Christmas Dinner Reminder



The end of year Christmas Dinner is to be held at the Bass

& Flinders Restaurant, Ulverstone on **Friday the 9th of December** at 6.30pm. This dinner will be a set menu consisting of two courses for twenty dollars with a choice of mains and sweets. There is a list in the library for the names of those attending. If you wish to go and cannot get into the library then you can contact Sue McCregan on 64282288 and leave your name. Numbers must be known by 1st December for catering purposes. The Christmas hamper will be drawn on that night. If you would like to participate in the gift giving on the night, bring along a wrapped gift to the value of \$5 for your own gender.

Annual Christmas Hamper Raffle

Enclosed with the last newsletter was a book of fifteen raffle tickets. If you have not returned yours then could you do so as soon as possible as the raffle is to be drawn on the **9th December**.

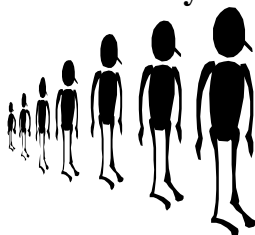
Devonport & Launceston Microfiche Roster

21/11/05-17/2/06 Devonport Set 2
20/2/06-19/5/06 Devonport Set 1
Launceston will have the Alternate set to Devonport at the above dates

Set 1 GRO BDMs 1943-1946

Set 2 GRO BDMs 1947-1950

January 2006 Meeting



The first meeting for the year is normally held at a different venue. In January 2006 we will be experiencing a historic walk around Latrobe with a guide from the National Trust. At the conclusion of the walk, a barbecue will be held at the Branch Library. The date for this meeting is the **19th January**. The walk will commence at 5.30 pm and will take approximately one hour. The cost for the BBQ is \$10.00 per

The committee have decided that due to poor attendances at meetings during the winter months that there would be no meetings at the Mersey Regional Library for the months of May – August. These would be replaced by other activities.

What's happening in 2006??

A Calendar of Devonport Branch events

January 19th - Latrobe Town walk and BBQ at Branch Library \$10.00 per head. All food will be supplied along with tea and coffee. B.Y.O other beverages. If you intend going to this social activity, would you please advise the Secretary or place your name on the list in the Branch library. Walk to commence at 5.30pm from the Latrobe Museum.

February 23rd - Meeting at the Mersey Library with guest speaker.

March 30th - Meeting at the Mersey Library.

April 1st - Bus trip to Highfield House at Stanley. The cost for this trip is approx. \$12.00 per head. Bookings are essential.

April 27th - A.G.M. at Mersey Library.

May 25th - On line night at Devonport Online Access Centre.

June - No meeting

June 24th - Bus trip to Penguin Historical Society with a mystery stop. Cost approx. \$5.00 per head. Bookings are essential.

July 27th - Meeting and catered meal. Venue to be advised.

August 24th – No meeting. Visit to RSL museum Devonport.

September 28th - Meeting at the Mersey Library with guest speaker

Saturday October 28th - Overnight trip to Archives of Tasmania in Hobart. The cost for this would be approx. \$75.00 per person and this would include overnight accommodation and transport.

November 30th – Break up Meeting at the Mersey library

December - Christmas Dinner. Venue to be advised



Please Note : All outings that include bus transport are dependant upon numbers wishing to partake in these. If you are interested in going to any, then could you advise the Secretary. If there are insufficient numbers for a particular outing, then the bus will be cancelled so that some other organizations may be able to take advantage of that particular transport.

Branch Acquisitions

The acquisitions for the quarter from September have been published in the Tasmanian Ancestry and therefore will not be repeated in this newsletter. The committee would like suggestions as to what members would like the branch to buy. The suggestions would be something like CD-ROMs, Microfiche and CD-ROMs of archive books, whether they be Australian or Overseas. If there are other purchases that you would like the Society to buy then please let Librarian, Glenice Brauman know so that consideration may be given to any requests.



Recent Guest Speaker

At the October general meeting our guest speaker was Athol Chaffey who spoke on war and military medals. This was a most informative and enlightening night. Athol has offered to return in February and will be glad to view and comment on medals that any member would like to bring along. This meeting will be on February 23rd.

Our November meeting on Thursday 24th will be the final one for the year and will be celebrated with a festive supper. Please bring along some food or drinks to share and celebrate our years research. There will be an information session on Archive CD Books and the how, what and why of using PDF (Portable Document Format) files.



Publications Committee Latest Projects

The Branch's publications committee are working on a number of projects at present. These include indexing of newspapers and compiling printed and electronic versions of cemetery transcriptions. Most of this work takes a good deal of time, but the end result is the Branch publishes good quality resources and raises funds at the same time. If any member would like to volunteer some time on these projects, Helen Anderson (Co-ordinator of the group) would love to hear from them. If you have any of these skills then you could help ...lots of patience, clear handwriting, keyboarding, proof reading, html and graphics, photography and scanning!

We wish you a very bright, happy and healthy Christmas and New Year and look forward to seeing our current members, partners, friends and potential new members, participating in our planned events for 2006.

