

KAPITI GROUP NEWSLETTER

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N.Z. Society of Genealogists Inc.

MEETINGS: Paraparaumu Community
Centre 7.30 p.m. First
Wednesday Feb - Dec

<u>CHAIRMAN:</u>	Jan Bonnett	85-834
<u>SECRETARY:</u>	Terri Manu	85-071
<u>ASSIST. SECRETARY:</u>	Sue Wilson	71-512
<u>TREASURER:</u>	Dorothy Dick	87-997
<u>PROJECTS:</u>	Carol Frockter	86-826
<u>LIBRARY:</u>	Ken Oakenfull	34-483
<u>HALL ARRANGEMENTS:</u>		
<u>MICROFICHE:</u>	Terri Manu	85-071
	Gwenda Cole	85-466
<u>FUND RAISING:</u>	Cheryl Hodges	33-009
<u>HOSTESSES:</u>	Christine Oldham	72-683
	Jenny Haxton	70-391

MICROFICHE & READER FOR HIRE

N.Z. Births, Deaths & Marr. 1840-1920.
N.Z. Cemetery Records
I.G.I. of Kent, Surrey & Sussex
Parish Registers of Deal, Kent, England
Return of Freeholders 1882
Comber Index. Also Shipping to Port of
Wgton plus passenger index 1856 - 1887.
Wills held at Lands & Deeds
Women in Cyclopedia. & Imperial Regiment
in N.Z. 1856 1862 & 1864.
Roll of Honour 1840-1902.
N.Z. Contingents to the South African
War.
Marriage Notices Lyttelton Times 1851 -
1880.
Deceased Persons estates, Canterbury.
Canterbury Death Duties Register Index

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FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETIES hold a major place in the genealogist's world. The contribution of these Societies are invaluable. Many are active in transcribing & indexing cemetery, parish & census records. This indexing of material makes the life of other genealogists much easier. It is well worth while joining a family history society in the area in which you will be doing the most work. When you first join you can submit the names that you are researching for inclusion in their journal (which is usually about four per year). Addresses for Family History Societies are listed in the "Genealogical Research Directory"

AT LAST MONTHS MEETING we all did an exercise for Frank O'Brien, whose relation was going to Ireland. Following are Frank's "results"

"There were 25 returns submitted that embraced 68 suggestions. We can summarise them into the following advice:

Starting with the cousin - Get the shape of the family in the district and any photos or records she might have, not forgetting to visit the old homestead and to talk with the present owners.

Then go and see the priest and get into the Church registers of one sort or another.

Next visit the cemetery (with a scrubbing brush) and copy all the headstones that seem to be relevant to your quest.

Take lots of photographs but carefully record the details of each while you are there.

Finally have a party at the local pub (after radio and newspaper interviews) and make sure the old identities are present.

Have your tape recorder at the ready."

NOTE - Frank said the collective "Pub, Church, Cemetery & State" got eight specific mentions which shows the Group's understanding of the habits of the Irish and the focal points in their lives!!!

OBITUARY Len Lloyd died at his home on 29 August, 1990. He was a member of our Kapiti Group since 1985 and has been a committee member since 1986 serving two terms as Chairman. He was a keen genealogist who had, over the years willingly helped many people with their family histories. Our group extends to Rosemary and her family our deepest sympathy and love.

Have you tried looking for a relative in Sydney, Australia with no success, especially if they died after 1905 and aren't on the N.S.W. microfiche? Don't despair! Try the Rookwood Necropolis. This huge cemetery is the largest in the world. It is split into different sections each with their own office and records with various religions under their care. The Anglican section alone has over a quarter of a million burials. More than one million people are believed buried within its boundaries of 777 acres (or more than 300 hectares) and it was opened 1 April 1867. This intrepid genealogist, after hitting several blank walls purchased a book called "The Sleeping City", the story of Rookwood Necropolis cemetery, and wrote to the Cemetery caretakers. (I didn't know which religion!) with my problem relative in mind. He was born a Presbyterian, married Anglican, and hey presto!! there he is in Rookwood with wife, son and daughter in law buried as a Catholic! My letter went to the Anglicans, who couldn't find him, so they rang the Roman Catholic Office. Success was a very nice letter back to me. Incidentally, another son of this problem relative ended up as a Salvation Army religion.

Nothing like variety! Regards, Carol

THE GENEALOGY BUG

This bacteria has been known to man since time began but during the last few years has reached epidemic proportions. There is no known cure - just let it run its course and hope that patient survives. It starts in a very insignificant way, almost unnoticed. Just a niggle about 'who am I?' and 'what happened in the past?' and 'how do I find out?' Then the bug progresses to the writing hand that puts out tentacles to unsuspecting victims elsewhere who may or may not wish to receive the contamination. Slowly the disease becomes chronic as knowledge increases and the past is revealed. By this time the disease is so volatile that the slightest excitement sends the victim into spasms of hysterical activity and the family of the victim is sorely tried. At this stage a family conference is usually held and all is revealed. Some victims recover to lead a normal life but regrettably some never recover and spend the rest of their lives afflicted. (extract from a NZSOG magazine)

HAVING TROUBLE WITH YOUR RESEARCH?

Drop a note to the Secretary who will try to find an answer before the next meeting or will put your query into the next newsletter. Somebody else is bound to have had your problem in the past.

DID YOU KNOW? - The Public Record Office, Kew, Surrey is unable to retain all information received on seamen. 10 per cent is given to the National Maritime Museum, 10 per cent to the County Record Offices in England, and the remaining 70 per cent is taken over by the Maritime History Group, St. John's Newfoundland. A microfiche index of the records is held at Kew and photocopies can be obtained there.