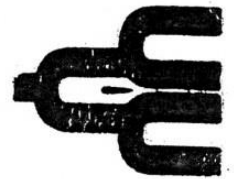


Kapiti Group Newsletter

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Paraparaumu

MEETINGS	PARAPARAUMU COMMUNITY CENTRE	
	7.30 pm	First Wednesday
March 1992	February	- December
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CHAIRMAN	BRIAN MOUNTJOY	297 0710
SECRETARY	BARBARA HUMPAGE	298 6970
TREASURER	JOHN ROSS	293 3771
MINUTE SEC	MARY McLEOD	293 4487
PROGRAMME SEC	JAN BONNETT	298 5834
LIBRARIAN	LORRAINE GUTHRIE	298 6874
PROJECTS	CAROL PROCKTER	298 6826
HOSTESS	VALERIE FREEMAN	298 7396
FUND RAISING	CHERYL HODGES	293 3009
X NEWSLETTER	GWENDA COLE	298 5466
MICROFICHE OFFICER	TERRI MANU	298 5071
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SOME RECENT ADDITIONS TO KAPITI GROUP LIBRARY

- ✓ DISCOVERING YOUR FAMILY TREE by David Iredale
- BEGINNINGS ON GOD'S OWN by Peggy Crawford
- FROM SHAMROCK TO WATTLE by Trevor McCloughlin
- ✓ A TO Z OF GENEALOGY by JANET REAKES
- PARISH REGISTERS IN AUSTRALIA compiled by Nick Vine Hall
- ST CATHERINES HOUSE DISTRICTS by Ray Wiggins
- THE BRITISH OVERSEAS compiled by Geoffrey Yeo
- SETTLEMENT BY SAIL by Gaior W Jackson
- IN SEARCH OF YOUR CANADIAN ROOTS by Angus Baxter
- ✓ IRISH RECORDS by James G Ryan
- KARORI STREETS by William G Chapman & Katherine M Wood
- ✓ A BRIEF GUIDE TO THE I G I INDEX by W Baker
- SURREY DIRECTORIES & THEIR LOCATIONS compiled by Cliff Webb
- LONDON MIDDLESEX & SURREY WORKHOUSE RECORDS by Cliff Webb
- MAKING SENSE OF THE CENSUS by Edward Higgs
- BARKING UP THAT FRENCH TREE by Margaret Audin
- PIONEER PARADE by Cecil & Celia Manson
- ✓ TRACING YOUR SCOTTISH ANCESTORY by Kathleen B Corry
- OLD ORDNANCE SURVEY MAPS: Charing Cross 1871, Piccadilly 1869, 1894: London Bridge Station 1872. 1893 & Stoke Newington 1894.

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FEBRUARY MEETING.....1992 got off to a good start with a **QUESTION & ANSWER** session at the first gathering of Kapiti Group for the year. The panel chaired by Brian Mountjoy comprised Carol Prockter, Jan Bonnett, Terri Manu & Deborah Shuker. This proved a popular event with a good & varied number of questions raised. The weather probably accounted for the lower than usual attendance number, however those dedicated members who braved the elements found the session stimulating & informative & was a good ice-breaker for those newer to the group. Perhaps we could repeat this exercise at some future date.

MEMBERS.....Please remember to sign the register at every meeting. This is a requirement of the NZSG.

CONGRATULATIONS.....to Laurel Hill of Kapiti Group on her well-written & interesting article published in the latest NZSG magazine, entitled 'Where is My Father?'

1992 PROGRAMME.....Tonight's talk by Heather Webber will be of benefit to each & every one of us I'm sure. Heather is a most experienced genealogist, researcher & tutor.

APRIL, Dr Fawcett will be our guest speaker & he will talk to us on causes of death, as entered on death certificates. What we would ask you to do is make a note of any 'causes of death' you may have come across & if possible ring Carol or Jan with the details & they will make a list. If you don't have time to phone, bring them anyway, the more the better.

MAY, Brian has approached Mr Bill Main to address the group with a talk & display on early photography, something to look forward to. Other speakers for 1992 include Joe Cassin & Tom Hayes talking to us on Irish Research, Bruce Ralston on Scottish Records & Marsha Donaldson speaking on shipboard diaries. More on these later.

MICROFICHE RECORDS.....Once again Terri Manu our microfiche officer, has kindly agreed to continue storing records & readers at her home. Please phone Terri, 298 5071 to arrange a time for borrowing fiche. A reminder....membership cards need to be produced when borrowing group resources. As well as microfiche, videos produced by Janet Reakes are available for borrowing.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.....Need I remind you these are well overdue? \$12 single, \$20 double is all you pay for 11 meetings, newsletters, & group borrowing facilities. NZSG membership whilst not compulsory is strongly recommended. Information leaflets available at desk.

Need a microfiche reader?
Then see Jan Bonnett.

OBITUARY.....JILLIAN KAY HERBERT

One of Kapiti Groups earliest members passed away on 21 February 1992 at Kenepuru Hospital PDU Unit, at the age of 39. Jill was a great genealogist, she served on the committee and was the group's librarian in the days before we had even a cupboard to store our holdings in. Jill kept all our books & records in suitcases & boxes, brought them to every meeting, & packed them up again to take to her home where members were always welcome to call to look for books. Even after the diagnosis and progression of her disabling disease Jill carried on recording her family history with the aid of a computer. She just did not give up on her quest. We who knew her feel a great sadness for this busy & cheerful young woman dealt such a cruel blow at such a young age. Now her suffering is ended & we extend to Jill's family our heartfelt sympathy.

ELECTORAL ROLLS..... Three more years have been added to our collection for your reference: 1969, 1972 & 1975.

GENEALOGICAL COMPUTING GROUP.....next meeting for the Wellington Group to be held at the Guide Hall Broderick Road, Johnsonville, 2pm Sunday 29 March.

FROM ACROSS THE TASMAN.....The Queensland Registrar General announces that the DEATH and MARRIAGE INDEXES 1905 -1914 are to be released soon. The Queensland pre 1900 Births, Deaths & Marriages are to be moved from the Registrar General's Office to the State Archives.

From January 1992 you will receive a REPRODUCTION of the ORIGINAL ENTRY, not a typed copy. Cost \$A 17.50. Send to: Queensland State Archives, P O Box 491, Annerley, QUEENSLAND, 4103.

N S W Registry Office plans to release more indexes soon, no date announced.

MEMBERS' INTEREST FILE.....Did you all know there is one? Ask at desk for blank cards on which to record your interest names to add to this file, which is held by our librarian. And... speaking of libraries be sure to take advantage of the earlier opening time of 6.45 on meeting nights for the group library.

1891 CENSUS.....Don't get excited, the latest from the Family History Library at Hataitai advises there has been NO word as yet of it's arrival.

ONLY IN DUBLIN WOULD YOU FIND A BAR CALLED 'MURPHY'S CELLAR' ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE BUILDING.!!

DR GEORGE REDMONDS..... Five Kapiti Members attended Dr Redmond's lecture in the National Library Auditorium on 20 Feb, hosted by Wellington Group. I wish you had all been there to hear this brilliant speaker, I could have listened in fascination for hours. His subject, Bastardy & Aliases was most illuminating & gave an insight into name origins & corruptions & would have been of great interest to any family historian, regardless of whether or not they were aware of or suspected any bastardy in their ancestry. He explained how names evolved & how corruptions of a name have occurred over the generations. He emphasised how when researching we must consider the laws & statutes of the period, also study Quarter Sessions Records, Overseers of the Poor & Settlement Papers, & try to read local & social histories of the time. Parish Registers declare Illigitimacy which may be recorded as: baseborn, filius populi, or a spurious child, among others. In the Ecclesiastical Court Records are cases proven of men paying women to name another man as the father of the child. He told us of the role of the village midwives in extracting the name of the child's father in the mother's 'time of travail', this to absolve the Parish from having to support the child.

IS IT REALLY THAT OBVIOUS?..... After leaving Dr Redmond's lecture we were heading up Molesworth St when we were pulled over to the side by the M O T for a random check. 'I suppose you have been at the Genealogy meeting' was the officer's comment. 'How did you know?' we chorused. 'It's written all over you' was his reply! ps, No I didn't have to blow in the bag!

FUNNY WHERE YOU FIND THINGS..... snippets of genealogical info pop up in unlikely places, like on the newspaper pattern I was using to cut out a jacket. There was a death notice that caught my eye, of interest to a correspondent of mine as it was full of family names & relationships, BUT, it was cut off diagonally. Mad scramble through the other pattern pieces brought the missing details to light, on the pocket section of the pattern!

Post Script: We visited the *Wahine* museum at Seatoun recently. As well as the excellent *Wahine* display, there is a good collection of photographs relating to the area, including: Karaka Bay, Seatoun, schools & convents, churches, homes, people etc. Wahine Museum, Seatoun Pharmacy, Mr Rowan Hatch.

PPS If this newsletter ever gets to print it will be a miracle! Two daughters have announced their engagements within the last two days!!