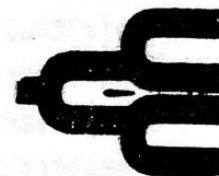


Kapiti Group Newsletter

NZ Society of Genealogists Inc



MEETINGS	PARAPARAUMU COMMUNITY CENTRE	
	7.30 pm	First Wednesday
APRIL 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
NEWSLETTER	GWENDA COLE	298 5466
MICROFICHE OFFICER	TERRI MANU	298 5071
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LATEST ADDITIONS TO GROUP LIBRARY

- HOROWHENUA by Leslie Adkin
- THE TAIERI PLAIN by M S Shaw & E D Farrant
- THE DUNSTAN by C W S Moore
- SETTLEMENT OF NEW PLYMOUTH by Charles Hurstovs
- DOWN THE YEARS IN THE MANIOTOTO by J Cowan
- COLONIAL EXPERIENCES by Alexander Bathgate

REMEMBER, library is now open from 6.45pm on meeting nights. Borrowing of books & hiring of microfiche is the privilege of financial members. Books are due for return at meeting following borrowing. Due to our greatly expanding library two steel lock-up cabinets are to be purchased for storage.

MICROFICHE HOLDINGS OF KAPITI GROUP..... A two page list of these has been produced & is for sale for 20cents at the desk on meeting nights. As more fiche are acquired these will be mentioned in newsletters, for you to update your list.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.....I hate to say it but there are still subs
outstanding! Of 108 members only 70 are financial!!!!

MARCH MEETING.....This was a record attendance night with 49 members plus 7 visitors present to hear Heather Webber our guest speaker address us on the facilities & resources available to us at the Family History Libraries. Heather is a wonderful source of knowledge on this topic & we were very privileged to have her with us. I for one always look forward to hearing her speak, & learn something more from her every time. Heather advises that Family History Libraries should have computers & CD Rom available in September, Including I G I & Ancestral File & more.

BY POPULAR DEMAND...NUMEROUS REQUESTS FOR 'BEGINNERS' DAY'...

Your committee has set aside the weekend of 9/10 May 1992 for newcomers to be introduced to the basic steps in Genealogical research. This event to be held once again at the Waikanae Hotel. Saturdays's programme will be aimed at the recent convert & will consist of talks & discussion, highlighted by overhead projection examples of certificates & what we can expect to discover from this source. Helpful hints will be given. Time will be devoted to examining our microfiche record collection & hopefully get everyone enthused & started on their quest for discovering their roots. Sunday will be a 'hands on' day of research for all with reference books, maps & microfiche available, plenty of microfiche readers available & lots of help.

NEW ADDRESSES..... some Australian research address, courtesy of GENBOARD.

*The Mitchell Library & The Library of NSW
Macquarie Street, Sydney, NSW. 2000

*Nepean (District) Family History Society
125 Maxwell Street, South Penrith, NSW. 2750

*New South Wales Military Historical Society
112 Irvine Crescent, Ryde, NSW. 2112

*New South Wales Register General
Prince Albert Road, Sydney, NSW 2000

*Presbyterian Historical Society
GPO Box 100, Sydney, NSW. 2001

*Royal Australian Historical Society History House, 133 Macquarie Street, Sydney NSW. 2000

*State Archives
2 Globe Street, The Rocks, Sydney, NSW. 2000

BOOK REVIEW.....'SHORT CUTS & MONEY SAVING IDEAS FOR GENEALOGY' by Janet Reakes. This book is in our group library & like all Reakes books is an easy read. Apart from the items suggested by the obvious title, it has good flow charts & checklists to lead you on a particular research path. For example: How to find wills, using English Census. How to find English/Welsh Deaths. How to find Births & Marriages prior to July 1837 and after 1837. This book reviewed by Deborah Shuker, (thanks Deborah).

VIDEO HIRE..... talking of Janet Reakes, don't forget to take
advantage of the Group's collection of very informative videos, made by

PANDORA'S BOX.....Dawn Chambers addressed members of Computers in Genealogy on Sunday. Pandora's Box is a database which at present includes some 44,000 names & references, & is growing daily. This, Dawn emphasised is an INDEX which can point you in a certain direction towards research. Dawn invites you to partake of this free service, either by mail to PO Box 30 380 Lower Hutt or she is happy to accept phone requests on 04 566 6906 evenings. Sample offerings: Land Applications 1882; Railway Employees; Returns of Customs Officers; Pensioners; Government Employees; Matriculation Students; Managers of Coalmines to name but few. Application forms are available here tonight.

HUTT VALLEY GROUP ADVISE..... DON'T MISS THIS OCCASION! On Tuesday 7 April at 7.30pm Mr Ken Scadden, Curator, will speak on records of the Maritime Museum. Venue: St James Church Hall, behind Lower Hutt Public Library, upstairs.

COMPUTERS IN GENEALOGY.....the next meeting of this group will be held on Sunday 26 April at the Guide Hall, Broderick Road, Johnsonville at 2.00pm. Subject for this meeting will be DOS, a 'hands on' session, no jargon we're assured! A show of hands at Sundays gathering showed a large number using PAF, does this make us PAFFERS, PAFFITES or PAFFAHOLICS? The PAF Users Guide can be obtained by sending \$35.00 (p&p inclusive) to: Hon. Sec. Auckland G C G, P O Box 24 389, Royal Oak, Auckland 1030. This is for the 2.2 version of PAF (Personal Ancestral File, the Genealogy Computer Program produced by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Salt Lake City).

PROPOSED OUTING.....It is proposed to hire a bus (& driver) for a days outing to Wellington, with three venues of interest to researchers to be visited, with time for a picnic lunch. This to take place in JUNE, tentatively Sunday 14th. More details at May meeting. If you want to be sure of a seat leave your name & phone number with Brian, Terri or myself. More of this later, so WATCH THIS SPACE!.

Talking of bus trips, Carol, Terri, Lorraine & myself went on a trip with a difference recently. The makers of our pioneer roads would never have envisaged a 40 seater coach needing to negotiate the curves. The one we were on failed to inch it's way around despite the driver's skills & suddenly there we were straddled across the curve of the road & the left rear wheel (which we were seated directly over), resting on absolutely nothing. Thank heavens for double wheels.. An hour or so later our cheerful & competent driver had managed to extricate the coach from it's predicament by inching, in reverse back up the steep & winding road to Terra Firma. We never did reach that particular destination!.. Our driver was, to quote one passenger, 'really cool', he was whistling softly to himself the old tune 'They Were Making Mad Passionate Love'!!

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Janet. See Terri Manu for bookings.

WHO ARE THEY, THESE PEOPLE WHO FORM OUR COMMITTEE?.....It has occurred to me that 'the committee' are in many cases just names to our newer members, & the following are brief pen sketches of them & their particular fields of expertise.

BRIAN MOUNTJOY our chairman has been with Kapiti Group for three years & has been busy researching his family roots for 10 years. His specialty is SHIPPING. Brian is a member of the SHIPLOVERS SOCIETY of VICTORIA, the NAUTICAL SOCIETY of AUSTRALIA, NZ SHIP & MARINE & both the PARAPARAUMU & OTAKI HISTORICAL SOCIETIES, & a member of the NZSG.

JANICE BONNETT our former chairperson, has been with our group for 5 years now, & is also a member of NZSG. Born & raised in Wellington, Jan has been a resident of Kapiti since 1986. One of her particular interests is the CORNISH SOCIETY affiliated to the NZSG, of which she is treasurer. Jan has also held a family reunion & produced a book. She enjoys helping fellow NZers trace their roots, letter writing & once weekly visits to Wellington & Hutt Valley repositories.

CAROL PROCKTER, foundation member of KAPITI GROUP & has served on the committee since 1984. She claims she was talked into coming along to the inaugural meeting by a friend, got hooked & is now a 'hopeless case'! As PROJECTS OFFICER, she has played a very significant role in the transcribing of local cemeteries. She is also chief artist for publicity ventures & displays. Carol claims she is now wrestling the computer age, putting her genealogy onto computer, reorganising photos, certificates etc. Carol's research takes her into many countries of origin, including the PROCKTERS of LONDON, ANDERSONS of EAST FYFE, Scotland & NSW Australia, FOLKNERS of Denmark, MEADE of CORK & EDGAR of ANTRIM IRELAND, also CARRON & ABSELL of LONDON.

MARY McLEOD, our Minute Secretary is a member of NZSG, the GEELONG (Australia) HISTORICAL SOCIETY, YORKSHIRE FAMILY HISTORY GROUP & the GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY of VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA. Mary has been an active member of Kapiti Group for several years, & is involved with other local organisations.

LORRAINE GUTHRIE currently our Group's Librarian, is a member of NZSG. Born & educated in Wellington, & a long time resident of Kapiti, Lorraine is also a member of the YORKSHIRE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY & the 'EDGECOMBE' ONE -NAME SOCIETY. This is Lorraine's first year on Committee.

GWENDA COLE, that's me, editor of this newsletter. I've always had a sneaking interest in my family origins, but became hooked after being urged along by Carol Prockter & joined KAPITI & NZSG in 1985. I am a member of GENCOM, the group for Computers in Genealogy, & the GREATER LONDON Special Interest Group of the NZSG, & a member of the HISTORIC PLACES TRUST. I have served on the committee for four years & have helped with displays & open days. My special interest is in DEAL, KENT & I am willing to help others with research in this area.

Hopefully you will know us a little better now & next month I will profile the other members of our committee.

AUSTRALIAN MEMBERS' INTERESTS.....from A I G S. Mary McLeod of 17A Andrew Street Waikanae, or phone 293 4487 will search fiche for names & addresses for you.

