Kapiti Group Newsletter

NZ Society of Genealogists Inc



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BEGINNERS' WEEKEND.....this was declared a great success once again. people registered for the introductory class on the Saturday, this included recent new members to Kapiti Group plus newcomers, 3 of whom joined our group. Brian Mountjoy addressed the class & illustrated his talk with overhead projector slides. Loma Gordon a visitor from Dannevirke, by no means a newcomer to Genealogy & family history research herself, thoroughly enjoyed the weekend & found it a good 'refresher course'. Apart from that she found she had connections with our treasurer's family tree, & had lots of associations with various other Kapiti members. A cheery log fire, tea & coffee on tap, lots of research facilities & willing help made for a great weekend. Once again we extend our thanks to Cheryl & Jim Hodges of Waikanae Hotel for so kindly making this venue available to us. A lot of effort goes into these days & it is great to have such positive response. Thanks to Gerry Cole for transporting a van load of fiche & readers for us, & to each & everyone who contributed to the success of the weekend.

ALL ABOARD FOR THE DAY'S OUTING ON THE KAPITI MARITIME SPECIAL, VISITING THE WAHINE MUSEUM AT SEATOUN & MARITIME MUSEUM AT QUEENS WHARF, ONLY \$10 SECURES YOU A SEAT, STILL A FEW AVAILABLE, SEE JOHN TONIGHT FOR A TICKET.

MAY MEETING.....Bill Main Director of NZ Centre for Photography was our guest speaker. This entertaining & informative speaker showed us examples of early types of photography & explained how, by identifying the type of photo or perhaps the studio name, a time period can be arrived at. He showed us fascinating examples from his collection, from the earliest Daguerreotypes c. 1840-1860 (on copper) to Tin Types, 1880-1900; Cabinettes 1868-1920, 1890 being the zenith: Opal Types, end of 19th century. Bill suggested storing these original photographs in acid-free envelopes after taking copies.

'Collecting & Preserving Old Photographs' by Elizabeth Martin 1988, Published by Collins (\$45.00 approx) is a recommended book for Genealogists.

The New Zealand Centre for Photography 27-35 Hanson Street, Newtown Wellington is open 11am-3pm Tues- Fri. also 10am-1pm Sat. Visitors are always welcome. See noticeboard tonight. 54 members plus 1 visitor attended this meeting.

ALL TICKETS PLEASE..... Have you got yours? The Kapiti Maritime Special departs from in front of the Kapiti Council Chambers Rimu Road, at 9.30 am, Sunday 14 June 1992. \$10.00 per person. Bring your own lunch. Tickets are available tonight from John Ross. Come along & have a good day out, never mind about the weather.

PLEASE NOTE THE DEPARTURE TIME & PLACE DIFFER FROM THOSE GIVEN IN MAY NEWSLETTER.

CONE FISHIN'.....Those who know me are aware that Deal on the South East Coast of Kent is my favourite area of research interest. According to local brochures this small seaside resort is often named the 'Mecca for Anglers'. This must be right as after reading this I moved on to read the Monumental Inscriptions of St Leonard's, the Parish Church, to find: Mifs Ann SALMON, buried there right alongside the remains of Jane BREAM. William CODD shares the same row, & not too far away lies Richard FRYE, Ann his wife & four little FRYES & Johanah Charlotte FISHER. Robert JELLY whose tombstone reads 'prepare to Dye' is nearby, whilst in the burial ground belonging to the church rests Robert FLOUNDER.

COMPUTERS IN GENEALOGY.....The next meeting of the Wellington group is to be held on 21 June 1992 at the Guide Hall, Broderick Road, Johnsonville at 2pm. Subject: new features in latests version of PAF, (Personal Ancestral File) & Menu Systems. Please note this meeting is on the third Sunday of the month, not the usual fourth Sunday.. The following meeting is on 28 July. Subject: Roots 111, what it can do, & showing a greater level of familiarity with this program.





THE REGISTRAR GENERAL ADVISES.....that the time period for which PHOTOCOPIES of original birth, death & marriage register entries will be provided has been extended and includes births, deaths & marriages registered under the separate Maori Registration system. Details are: (dates are inclusive).

- * European births 1848-1930 & Maori births 1913-1930
- * All births 1972-to date
- * European deaths 1848-1961 & Maori deaths 1913-1961
- * All deaths 1961-to date
- * European Marriages 1854-1960 & Maori marriages 1911-1952
- * All marriages 1973-to date

Registers for the above time periods are no longer available for inspection at the Registrar Generals Office (RGO). Remember, for 'to date' entries required, they are only included in National registers at the end of each quarter. Personal inspections or sightings of entries can still be made for:

- * European & Maori births 1931-1960
- * All births 1961-1971
- * Marriages 1961-1972

Price is \$5.50 per photocopy or inspection. Only INDEXES TO 1920 are available to the public at the RGO. The new address of the RGO is 191 High Street, Lower Hutt, between Countrywide Bank & Radfords. Hours are 9am to 4pm. (From Lower Hutt News & Views, April 1992).

NZSG CONFERENCE & AGM.....A group from Kapiti represented us in Nelson over the weekend 16-18 May. A smooth ferry crossing set the trip off to a good start. Much valuable research was carried out in Nelson Repositories, where they were given every help & encouragement by staff, librarians, sextons etc. All attended the AGM, at which there were 182 members present, 294 represented by proxy, 476 total. Bruce Ralston opened the meeting at 1.30pm. Interesting to note that half of those present were from the North Island, quarter from the Nelson Region, & the remainder fron the rest of the South Island plus 1 visitor from Australia.

Dame Catherine Tizard has been appopinted Patron of the Society. Bruce Ralston has been awarded Life Membership. He has been sixteen years a member of NZSG, eight Years on Council, & the past three years served as President. This was conferred by Lucy Marshall. Congratulations Bruce. Palmerston North will host the 1993 Conference at Massey University 14-16 May. Papakura is the venue for 1994.

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NEW LIBRARY ADDITIONS..... several copies of the magazine 'Wonderful London'; also Hutchinson's 'Britain Beautiful'; 'Somme' by Lyn Macdonald.

VISITORS.....A party from Te Puke group are visiting Wellington in either August or September. Kapiti will be extending a warm invitation to them to be our guests at our monthly meeting.

A SPECIAL MEETING.....is to be held at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 48 Ngatitoa St, Porirua, in the chapel at 7pm, on 27 June 1992. Gael Thompson, president of NZSG will address the gathering. Subjects: the resources now available in Family History Libraries at Totara Park & Hataitai; the new Family Search Computers that will be available at a future time. There will also be a display of PAF. A video of Granite Vault in Salt Lake City will be shown, microfiche research will be available, & pamphlets of interest to researchers will be distributed. Supper will be served. Contact person is Adrian Gray 04 473 6691 (business hours) or 04 236 8427 evenings. An invitation is extended to Kapiti Group members. Numbers need to be known.

SUBSCRIPTIONS..... have you paid yours? Library borrowing & microfiche hire are only available to financial members, \$12.00 single, \$20 couple.

Group Library is open from 6.45pm on meeting nights, please remember books are due to be returned at the meeting following borrowing. When wishing to hire microfiche, please phone Terri first to arrange a mutually convenient time. Janet Reakes videos available for borrowing.

BEEHIVE BOOKS.....Jan Gow's newsletter from Beehive Books advises that she will be out overseas until December. Normal day to day running of the business will continue under the care of Marjorie Symonds & Carolyn Gow & they will take & dispatch orders. Answerphone will be on duty 24 hours a day, or write or Fax: Beehive Booksw, Box 25025 St Heliers, Auckland 5. Fax 09 521 1518.

KARORI CEMETERY RESEARCH ENQUIRIES.....I have had it confirmed that search fees are being revised & WILL GO UP IN PRICE AS FROM JULY 1992.

A QUOTE FROM HEATHER WEBBER'S LECTURE AT NELSON CONFERENCE..... "In New Zealand accepting knowledge always implies accepting a committment to the wise stewardship of that knowledge. This stewardship of knowledge has nothing to do with secrecy, or the keeping of secrets. It has nothing to do with power or the retaining of power. A wise society never shares any of it's resources with anyone who does not first declare a committment to the stewardship of those resources".