

Kapiti Group Newsletter

NZ Society of Genealogists Inc

MEETINGS

PARAPARAUMU COMMUNITY CENTRE
7.30 pm First Wednesday

JULY 1992	February	-	December
CHAIRMAN	BRIAN MOUNTJOY		297 0710
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The Provisions of the law relating to the registration of births are not so widely known as they should be, for it is notorious that many children in Wanganui & elsewhere are unregistered. The Act provides for free registration within 8 weeks of birth, & for registration within 6 months by a fee of 5/-. After that period no child can be registered until after the parent has been prosecuted, the maximum penalty being 10 pounds. It is just as well for fathers & mothers, & persons about to marry, to bear all this in mind.

(Contributed by Brian Mountjoy, thanks Brian).

COMPUTERS IN GENEALOGY.....the next Wellington meeting is held in the Guide Hall, Broderick Road, Johnsonville, on Sunday 26 July at 2pm. ROOTS 111 is the main topic of the meeting. 30 August, the subject is batch files. It is interesting to note that about a dozen Kapiti members attend these meetings.

JUNE MEETING.....a good gathering, 53 members + 1 visitor on a cold wintry night listened with interest to our guest speaker, Marsha Donaldson. Marsha has compiled a record of shipboard accounts, logs, diaries, shipboard newspapers etc, which can be accessed for research. Many of these are held at Turnbull Library, & others are held privately. We were shown examples of the information that can be gleaned from these documents. Mary Mcleod reports that Marsha has aided her recently to find an account of a voyage. A very worthwhile project, an interesting subject, & a charming speaker.

DAY TRIPPERS.....A coachload of Kapiti members & friends had a great day's outing on Sunday 14 June which included a visit to the Wahine Museum at Seatoun. This proved a popular venue. We were warmly welcomed by Mr Rowan Hatch, the local pharmacist, who has devoted so much of his time & energy to this project, right from the moment our coach pulled up outside, where a sign declared 'Welcome Kapiti Genealogy Group'. Rowan asked me to make mention in this newsletter that on Easter Saturday 1993 there is to be a function at Seatoun Beach & the unveiling of a memorial marking the 25th anniversary of the Wahine disaster. Interested parties are invited to be present. We thank Rowan for giving his time on a Sunday to open up for us. We could not fail to be impressed with the extent of the exhibition & the quality of the displays. As well as this there is a great display of photographs of the Seatoun & surrounding areas. Watch out Rowan, you will be seeing more of us!

After a drive around the bays & picnic lunch at Frank Kitts Park we then visited the Maritime Museum at Queens Wharf. We were greeted by Emmanuel Makarios, who is Exhibitions & Information Officer. Time went very quickly amongst the interesting exhibits there & our 'captain' had to round up the stragglers, but not before we made some purchases from the display of Maritime books, for the group library.

We were told the museum building, the former Wellington Harbour Board Head Office, is soon to be strengthened, which will mean the dismantling of the museum. Therefore it will shortly be closed to the public for some months. We will look forward to the reopening of this valuable facility.

A stop off at the Lady Norwood Rose Garden & Begonia House (yes there were still roses in bud) rounded off a very enjoyable day. So much so we would like to plan an outing for October.

Suggestions welcomed from members. If you know of an interesting venue please let one of the committee know. We have a few ideas up our sleeves for future outings. Brochures on Wahine Museum & Maritime Museum on notice board tonight.

HELP.....Is there a retired Xerox photocopier serviceman out there who would be prepared to take a look at the Model 2350 machine which has recently been given to the group? If so please contact Gwenda tonight or phone 298 5466.



CEMETERY RECORDS UPDATE PLAN.....(Evening Post 6 June 1992). Wellington City Council is proposing in it's draft budget to spend \$30,000 computerising it's cemetery records. 'It will assist in removing bulky & dated cabinets from the cemetery reception office' said Cultural & Recreation general manager, Rosemary Barrington, ' And the office at Karori was also overdue for upgrading'. (Is this computerising of records something that Wellington Groups could be assisting with? Ed.).

ST PAUL'S PRO-CATHEDRAL CHURCH, WELLINGTON.....Micro MS 252

- Reel 1 Register of Baptisms 1840-1852, Register of Marriages 1840- 1856, Register of Burials 1840-1866
(Printout at qMS).
Reel 2 Register of Baptisms 1852-1874
Reel 3 Register of Baptisms 1874-1899
Reel 4 Register of Marriages 1856-1871, 1871-1880
Reel 5 Register of Marriages 1880-1891, 1891-1896, 1897-1905

1881 CENSUS PROJECT.....Volunteers in England have been assisting the LDS church index the 1881 English Census. The census was microfilmed, sent to Salt Lake City & then hard copy printouts made. Eight tons of printouts have been sent to England where over 3500 volunteers have transcribed the data into a computer database. The amount of paper used for the printout is equal to 100 stacks of paper 8 feet high. The computer equipment being used for the transcription cost over 1 million pounds & the monthly postage bill is 300 to 400 pounds. (Wellington Group newsletter, June 1992).

JEWISH GENEALOGY.....Avotaynu International Review of Jewish Genealogy. Annual subscription (4 Issues) airmail is \$US 25. Write to : Avotaynu Inc., 1485 Teaneck Road, Teaneck, New Jersey, 67666, USA. (Wellington Group newsletter, June 1992)

SECRETARY ON LEAVE.....We wish Barbara Humpage & husband Ray a happy holiday in England to be present at the diamond wedding celebration of Barbara's parents, a great Genealogical event.

TAKEMORE CEMETERY TRANSCRIPTION.....this project has been recently completed by Carol Prockter. It will be included by the NZSG in a future batch of fiching. A copy is now included in our group library. Well done Carol, a well presented document which will be of value to historians & future generations.

TAPE LIBRARY.....We have received a list of Tape library accessions as at 1 May 1992 from the NZSG. Copies are available at the desk. Tapes are available for borrowing by NZSG members from: Mrs J Willcock, 197B Ohauiti Road, Tauranga 3001.

OCCUPATIONS.....These I noted from the census of Birmingham, 1871 & 1881: Boots; Brass Filer; Nail Shaker; Gun Band Driller; Blackstover; Corkscrew Maker; Cast Iron Dresser; Button Maker; Steel Pen Sorter; Bedstead Packer; Button Presser; Bracelet Maker; Paper Box Maker; Strip Caster.

NEW LIBRARY ACCESSIONS.....Ships of the Union Co.; Ships of the NZ Shipping Co.; NZ Coastal Passenger Ships, all compiled by Gavin McLean, containing photographs from the Wellington Harbour Board Maritime Museum collection.

NEW MICROFICHE ACCESSIONS.....Our Microfiche Officer, Terri Manu advises more indexes from Victoria, Australia have been purchased by the group, & are now available for borrowing.

* Marriages 1914 - 1930

* Deaths 1941 - 1960

****** Please add these to your lists of Microfiche Holdings.******

The Guide Book to Victorian Pioneers Index has been ordered, & we will be advised as soon as the reprint is available.

For Victorian B D M's prior to these dates, please contact Terri, phone 298 5071, who is willing to search these for members.

NEW ZEALAND FAMILY RESEARCH DIRECTORY 1993.....Included in the NZ Genealogist May/June is a form for submitting names for this new directory to be published to coincide with Family History Month, 1993. **ONLY MEMBERS OF THE NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY OF GENEALOGISTS MAY SUBMIT ENTRIES.** This of course is another good reason for being a member of the NZSG.

BEGINNERS' CORNER.....Can't find a birth, death or marriage entry (commonly known as 'BDM's)? Have you checked variant spellings of surnames, eg. Browne/Brown/Brun/Brunn, & also variant spellings of first names, eg. Ellen/Helen? These mistakes could be made because of misinterpretation of names due to accents etc. when the event was registered. Check years either side of the year you are looking at. Remember memories aren't always reliable. Some records are lost, misplaced or destroyed & other avenues can be followed up, eg. birth dates could be found through baptisms (christenings) or school records. (Papakura Group Newsletter, May/June 1992).

CONVICT SHIP BOOK FOR SALE.....A 130 year old original manuscript about a voyage of the convict ship Edwin Fox from England to Australia went on sale recently at an antiquarian book sale. It gives details of 280 convict passengers bound for Western Australia in 1858. About 5000 pounds (NZ \$17,857) is the expected price. (Dominion, 25 June 1992). We didn't bid for it!!!

NEW MEMBERS.....Membership currently stands at 100. We warmly welcome Rona Broad, Alma Sowerbutts & Kathleen Godfrey who have joined us since the June meeting.