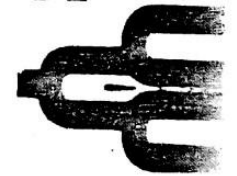


# Kapiti Group Newsletter

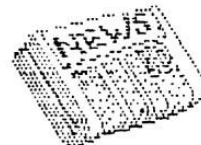
NZ Society of Genealogists Inc



MEETINGS	PARAPARAUMU COMMUNITY CENTRE	
	7.30 pm	First Wednesday
SEPTEMBER 1992	February	- December
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**WELCOME.....** Tonight we extend a warm welcome to our guests from the Te Puke Group. This is an occasion we have been looking forward to. We hope you have all had an exciting & rewarding time on your visit & have had the opportunity to take full advantage of all the resource venues available down this way..

**SPRING ON THE COAST.....** Over Labour Weekend, Kapiti Group will be responding to an invitation to participate in a display of local interest in conjunction with photographer Carolyn Vicars. Members are urged to come forward with items of local family history to include in this display, & also to help man this exhibition which will be held in the Post Office Building in Waikanae. As well, we will have on hand microfiche & readers, (BDM's, Cemetery records) & books etc., to encourage & foster Family History research. Please support this venture with contributions of interest & your time to make this worthwhile.



**AUGUST MEETING.....** Due to illness our expected guest, Mr Joe Cassin was unable to be with us. Joe is an authority on Irish research, & we look forward to his being with us tonight with his vast collection of Irish reference books. Tom Hayes of Levin willingly & ably filled the slot at short notice & spoke to us on Irish repositories. Tom is a gifted speaker & we thoroughly enjoyed his presentation, which included his Irish family tree imposed on the Irish flag.

Suggestions for Irish genealogy researchers include writing to Irish newspapers, advertising in 'Irish Link', The NZ Genealogist & GRD. For Newspaper Directories, Joe Cassin has a list. Break Ireland down into areas, firstly, Ulster, Leinster, Munster & Connaught. From there explore the 32 counties of Ireland, followed by the 273 Baronies, then Civil Parishes. The Church of Ireland & Roman Catholic parishes number 2100. Another source of reference is the Townlands Index, & the Griffiths Valuation of 1850 - 1860's. Tom tells us that the IGI is not large on Ireland, but the 1901 & 1911 Censuses are available, as well as the later ones. 1864 saw the start of Irish Civil Registration. County Clare is probably the most well covered area for records. Other avenues of research are the Poor Law Union & Piggot's Trade Directories (like our Wises Directories). Resource tools include Maps - the Ordnance Survey Maps are 6" to the mile. Before you begin your research, or employ a professional researcher **DO YOUR HOMEWORK!**. Put your Irish ancestor into a time slot, try to discover the reason for that person coming to New Zealand. All too often one finds on a certified copy of a marriage or death entry, the birthplace given simply as 'Ireland'. Try to access entries for siblings in the hope of a more specific place of origin. Our own Group Library holds a number of books for Irish researchers. Thankyou Tom.

Incidentally, Tom Hayes was a speaker at the inaugural meeting of aspiring genealogists in Kapiti, when this group was formed, & has visited us on other occasions.

**WHEN WE ARE GONE.....**A letter from NZSG 7 Aug 1992, reads: The Education Department Committee are welcoming suggestions from Group members on the provision for preservation/conservation of personal research material.

We would appreciate your groups' suggestions for a set of guidelines and to what extent the Society should be involved.

We suggest you read 'Disposal of Personal Research' by Virginia Graham again. Her article was in the NZ Genealogist Jan/Feb 1992.

We look forward to your comments and suggestions.

Your committee would welcome ideas to put forward.

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COMING ATTRACTIONS.....7 October is our AGM, this to be followed by a guest speaker. 4 November, we envisage a visit to Porirua Library instead of the usual meeting night. The Genealogy Department of the Porirua Library is to be opened especially for us, so please keep this in mind. If numbers are sufficient we will travel by bus. More about this later.

REUNION.....Calling past pupils of College Street Normal School, Palmerston North. This old school is celebrating it's Centenary on Labour Weekend 1993. For more information or to register write to the Centenary Secretary, care of the school, 402 College Street, Palmerston North.

Did you know that a NORMAL school is one attached to a teachers' training college, or college of education as they are now known? For example, Karori Primary, near the Wellington College of Education, is Karori Normal School. (Hutt Valley Group Newsletter, August 1992).

150th ANNIVERSARY.....October 1992 will be the 150th anniversary of the arrival at Auckland of the 'Jane Gifford' & the 'Argyle'. A meeting of descendants of passengers on the above ships is being planned for October this year. If you are interested in obtaining more information then please contact: The Organiser, 14 Ayr Street, Parnell, Auckland. (Wellington Group Newsletter, August 1992).

MOUNT STREET CEMETERY..... Those of you concerned with the fate of the Mount Street Cemetery will be interested in the article of Contact Newspaper, 21 August 1992, which states that the Church has had a change of heart. The Roman Catholic Church, which had intended to sell the site, has now agreed to the preparation of a conservation plan for the cemetery, following discussions with the NZ Historic Places Trust, Wellington City Council & the newly formed Friends of the Mount Street Cemetery group & the University. Good news.

Index & plan of Mount Street Cemetery is on the notice board tonight.

ROLL CALL..... Our Treasure reports 43 members, plus 3 visitors at our August meeting. Final membership total for 1992, 110 members.

SCOTTISH CONNECTIONS.....Mary Mcleod has kindly donated copies of Scots Link from 1 June 1987 - 20 February 1992 plus index, to our Group Library.

Thanks are extended to Mary for this valuable resource.

DID YOU KNOW..... that copies of Kapiti Parish Records are on open shelves at the Alexander Turnbull Library?

FROM THE YORKSHIRE CENSUS.....The mammoth task of transcribing & checking the Yorkshire Census of 1881 has reached it's conclusion. The project was started in Feb 1989. The end result will be on microfiche & will be available at Family History Centres. Yorkshire is the second largest of the counties. The oldest married couple noted was a husband & wife, both 91 years of age. In one household consisted of a retired farmer of 87 (not acres), a wife of 26 & a baby of 1 year! An occupation was given as 'beard maker', though suspected to mean 'bread maker'.

AGM.....As mentioned before our AGM will be held on 7 October. Nominations are being accepted for committee members. Forms for nominations are available from the desk tonight. There will be a few vacancies on the committee, & several members are willing to be re-elected. So, don't hesitate to come forward, your group needs YOU!

ODD JOBS.....According to the Marine Department Lists of 1916/17, lighthouse keepers could receive extra allowances ie. for telephonists amounts between 2 - 15 pounds per annum. On Stephens Island the keeper received £7.10.0 for his services as telephonist & £5.0.0 as Lizard Protector.

### Climbing the family tree

"Go, trace your ancestors," they said.  
"Where they were born and who they wed."  
All guaranteed I'd not be bored,  
As over microfilms I pored.  
Pondering this, researching that,  
Many long hours have I sat.  
With Mother's side, I've had success,  
But Father's side has brought me stress.  
Dear Grandmama, where can you be?  
Stop playing hide and seek with me.  
I've searched and searched the records through,  
But still can find no trace of you!

*Miss G. M. Edwards,  
Cardiff*

