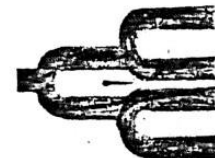


Kapiti Group Newsletter

NZ Society of Genealogists Inc

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MEETINGS

PARAPARAUMU COMMUNITY CENTRE
7.30 pm First Wednesday

JUNE 1993

February - December

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CHAIRMAN	BRIAN MOUNTJOY	297 0710
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PROGRAMME SEC	JENY HAXTON	297 0391
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PROJECTS	CAROL PROCKTER	298 6826
HOSTESS	VALERIE FREEMAN	298 7396
FUND RAISING	CHERYL HODGES	293 3009
NEWSLETTER	GWENDA COLE	298 5466
MICROFICHE OFFICER	BRIAN MOUNTJOY	297 0710
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LIBRARY ADDITIONS.....the following books have been added to our holdings. (Remember, borrowed books are to be returned at the next meeting. These of course are only available to financial members).

- *CURRENT PUBLICATIONS BY MEMBER SOCIETIES, 6TH EDITION FHS FEDERATION
- *SEARCH GUIDE TO THE ENGLISH LAND TAX, R W UNWIN
- *FAMILY HISTORY FROM NEWSPAPERS, McLAUGHLIN
- *EDWARDIAN LONDON, CLIFF WEBB (a companion book to VICTORIAN LONDON)
- *MIDDLESEX PARISH DOCUMENTS, CLIFF WEBB
- *LONDON MIDDLESEX & SURREY WORKHOUSE RECORDS, CLIFF WEBB
- *HOW TO USE THE I G I & WILLS, JANET REAKES
- *CENSUS & MUSTERS AUSTRALIA & BRITISH ISLES, JANET REAKES
- *MORE SOURCES OF WORLD WAR 1 ARMY ANCESTORY, NORMAN HOLDING
- *BEGINNERS GUIDE TO SCOTTISH GENEALOGY 1992, PUBLISHED BY TAY VALLEY FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY
- *A FACIMILE COPY OF UNIVERSITY OF NEW ZEALAND RESULTS 1917, donated by Jane Leonard -Taylor). Results of Matriculation, Solicitors' General Knowledge, Medical, Dental & Engineering Preliminary Examinations.
- *A FACIMILE COPY OF THE KARORI SCHOOL CENTENARY, 1857 - 1957
- *MAP OF LONDON, FAMILY HISTORY & REGISTRATION DISTRICTS
- *OTHER GROUP NEWSLETTERS UP TO 1992 (in large black ringbinder)
- *TRACKING THE LINES, (the proceedings of the Palmerston North Genealogical Conference), compiled by Ian Clapham

MAY MEETING.....54 members & 2 visitors at Kapiti's May meeting enjoyed the visit of Professor Rollo Arnold & his topic 'The Revealing Flames', the two great fires on Lambton Quay, in 1868 & 1885. Both fires claimed virtually the same area of Lambton Quay. As Professor Arnold said the occasions 'lifted the roof' on the occupants & those who attended the blazes, & through his research of these disasters we have been given an insight to the lives & circumstances of all those people affected. How we would love to be able to lift off the roof at a given time to catch a glimpse into the lives & lifestyles of our predecessors. We were given a close look at the buildings affected, closely situated wooden buildings with shingle roofs, the types of businesses being carried on at the time, the people engaged in these businesses & touched on their domestic lives. He gave us a clear picture of Lambton Quay from the corner of Woodward Street for 100 yards or so, a far cry from the Golden Mile so familiar to us now. We are very grateful to Professor Arnold for sharing this facet of early Wellington with us.

WHENUA TAPU.....due to unforeseen circumstances, Mark, our Projects Officer has had to postpone the proposed transcribing day at Whenua Tapu Cemetery from Sunday 6 June to the following weekend, weather permitting. He is calling for volunteers for **Sunday 13 June**, meeting at 10 am at the Returned Services Section of the cemetery. Warm gear, pencils, clipboards are required. Accuracy in transcribing is absolutely essential. If you can give four hours of your time for this project, your help will be much appreciated. Enquiries to Mark Scherf, phone 298 2520 evenings.

CONFERENCE.....10 members from Kapiti attended the Palmerston North Genealogical Conference held recently at Massey University. We must congratulate the organisers on an extremely well run conference, & a most interesting & varied programme, there was so much to participate in, good displays & research facilities, entertaining & enlightening speakers. The time went all too quickly. To Angela Finnerty & her team our thanks for all the months of hard work & organising. Well done!

JANET REAKES.....A party of 22 from Kapiti attended the lecture by Janet Reakes on 19 June at the Dominion Museum Theatre. Many of us had heard Janet before, but we were all as enchanted by this & knowledgeable & seemingly tireless lady as those who were meeting her for the first time. Most of you will be familiar with Janet's books which are in our Group Library, & two more have just been added to our collection. And, don't forget we have videos of Janet Reakes for borrowing by members.

TOMBS OF CONVENIENCE.....From Kent Family History Society Journal, June 1985, Vol 1V No 17

Among the Herne Parish Records are two 'Sextons' books' dating from the middle of the 19th Century, giving details of persons buried in the churchyard, fees paid to the Sexton, & in many cases a note of the position of the grave, eg: Mrs Smith 10.S, on top of Michael Smith; John Jones by the yew tree, etc. Dates alongside presumably indicate when the fees were paid as they do not correspond with the burial dates. One strange entry refers to the burial of Hannah Neame, a. 69, who was buried 10 Jan 1865 according to the register. The Sexton's book begins the year with the date 6 Jan & reads: 'Mrs Neame, Eddington, 10.0, near the water closet'. This useful facility is no longer available in the churchyard, & history does not record it's location, & there is no M I to offer a clue!.

HONG KONG CONNECTION.....Cheryl Hodges has two beautiful books on Hong Kong, & is willing to look up names for anyone with research there.

*OLD HONG KONG (no index)

*HONG KONG THE COLONY THAT NEVER WAS (index)

WELCOME ABOARD.....in May we welcomed as new members, Lois Coles, Judy Jacques, Christine Clifton & Sharron Bray (from Dunedin).

WEST COAST HISTORICAL MUSEUM.....on our notice board tonight we have a list of holdings which includes : WCHM Biographical & Subject Index; Directories; School Registers; Rate Records; Cemetery Records; Goldfields Business Licences, Kumara 1876 - 1883; Newspapers; William F Heinz Reference Library; Voting Rolls; Pioneer Family Register; Company Records; Shipping Lists; Unindexed Archive Collection; Westland Land Records, Births, Deaths & Marriages; Church Registers.

For more information & terms write to: West Coast Historical Museum, Tancred Street, PO Box 180 Hokitika. Phone & Fax 03 755 6898.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?.....well to be quite honest quite a lot when it comes to researching ancestors, & all I get is William William William, Sarahs & Susannahs. How I would love to find something of the unusual like Tyzara, Ambrosia, Thebe, Amphyllis, Halley or Parthance in place of Sarah. If only some of my Williams had been named Zebulan, Whitehall, Pilbert, Wildsmith, Mezey, Ussal or Sylvanus.....Ah well.....

WHAT'S IN A JOB?.....does anyone know what these people did for their living: Pud(d)ler, Fitter-up, Roll turner or Skinter? We'd love to know.

OR RELIGION.....Anabastia; Antipoedo-baptist ????

LOOKING AHEAD.....Mr Andrew Malcolm of Kapiti Coast Funeral Home will be our guest speaker on 7 July.

SHOW & TELL.....always a popular night, so come along with an item of interest no matter what it is, & make it a night for letting some of those skeletons out of the cupboard too. 4 August 1993

RESEARCH OFFER.....The Stratford Group is willing to do research for those with Central Taranaki interests. The resources we have available for this area include:

- * Numerous jubilee, school & district Centennial Books
- * School rolls for the area
- * Cemetery transcriptions
- * the Petrie scrapbook - a collection of newspaper clippings circa 1920
- * The 1902 Taranaki Electoral Roll
- * Some 1960's & 1970's electoral rolls
- * Microfiche of Taranaki Crown Land Grants
- * Central Taranaki Pioneer Biographical Index

Please note your NZSG membership number on your research requests
From Stratford Group newsletter, May 1993

INVITATION.....we have received an invitation from Hutt Valley Group to participate in their Open Research Day to be held at Pilmuir House on Sat 12 June 1993. The time will be from 10am to 4pm at a cost of \$5.00. Bring your own lunch, tea & coffee will be provided, also morning & afternoon teas. See our notice board for full details.

NATIONAL LIBRARY.....CHANGES TO THE OPENING HOURS OF THE PUBLIC REFERENCE SERVICES OF THE NATIONAL LIBRARY, MONDAY 24 MAY TO FRIDAY 30 JULY 1993. New hours are: Mon - Fri 10am - 5pm
Sat 9am - 1pm

These changes have been made to enable an extensive staff training programme to take place. Please also note change in batch times:

Batches of books & serials will be retrieved from storage areas at the following times: 10.30 am, 11.30 am, 1.30 pm, 3.30 pm.

Batches of hardcopy newspapers will be retrieved from storage areas at: 10.30 am, 1.30 pm.

GOSSIP COLUMN.....Pssst! Did you hear about the van full of Kapiti ladies, bound for the Palmerston North Genealogical Conference recently? Well....rumour has it they took nearly eight hours to reach Massey University...via... wait for it...the...propa!! They were observed scrambling in & out of antique shops, museums, & craft shops, consuming vast amounts of fish & chips in parks, searching about at cemeteries, taking notes & photographs, & a reliable source informs me they were seen scuttling into the Mangatainoko Pub!