

# Kapiti Branch Newsletter

NZ Society of Genealogists Inc

MEETINGS	PARAPARAUMU COMMUNITY CENTRE
	7.30 pm First Wednesday
JULY 1993	February - December
CHAIRMAN	BRIAN MOUNTJOY 297 0710
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PROGRAMME SEC	JENY HAXTON 297 0391
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PROJECTS	MARK SCHERF 298 2520
PROJECTS	CAROL PROCKTER 298 6826
HOSTESS	VALERIE FREEMAN 298 7396
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**HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS JAN.....**Our very own Jan Bonnett has won a most exciting prize in an essay competition sponsored by the Auckland Sunday Star, open to persons whose forebears arrived in New Zealand on the ship *Euterpe*. Jan's prize is a trip for two to San Diego in August to sail on the very ship which brought her ancestors to this country. The iron-hulled square-rigger has been faithfully restored at the San Diego Maritime Museum, & on 16 August Jan & her husband Alex will be among privileged passengers on board for a very special sailing of the *Euterpe*, renamed *Star of India*, plus many other exciting events. Jan's sterling efforts in research are well known to most of us in Kapiti Branch & beyond. There would be few among us who have not at some time called upon the wisdom & expertise of Jan Bonnett to aid us in our own searchings. We cannot think of a more worthy recipient of this prize, a dream journey for a great genealogist.

To Jan & Alex - may it be smooth sailing, our thoughts & good wishes go with you, & we sincerely hope that rat pie is no longer on the menu.

Jan has accepted our invitation to speak at our October meeting & to share with us the experiences of her prize winning adventure, we look forward to hearing all about it.

TONIGHT.....we welcome Mr. Andrew Malcolm of Kapiti Coast Funeral Home as our guest speaker. 4 AUGUST is our 'SHOW & TELL' night, be sure to bring along something of interest to you as a genealogist to share with us.

1 SEPTEMBER arrangements to be finalised. OCTOBER is AGM night, followed by Jan Bonnett as our speaker. How quickly the AGMs come around please think about becoming part of the happy team who put together the calendar of events for our branch, & consider serving on our committee. It's not all hard work, there is much companionship to be enjoyed among committee members. BUT we do need your input. Perhaps you feel it is time to put something back into the running of the branch, so now is the time. If you would like to offer your services please approach a member of the present committee. We have a great group, with lots to offer in the way of resources, but like everything it needs to be managed, so your help is welcome. One position which will need to be filled is that of newsletter editor....

JUNE MEETING.....55 members plus 4 visitors took part in our very busy & full open night. The library was well patronised, everyone had a good chance to find out just what we do have available. Newer members were introduced to the mysteries of the microfiche reader & the various index records, & questions were asked & answered. Thankyou to all who took part in this evening. Would you like more of the same? How about some suggestions from members for future meetings. After all the committee want to present a programme that interests & benefits all members.

STATISTICS.....John, our treasurer reports that of our 120 members 101 are now financial.

MAGAZINE.....Cheryl Hodges had an article published in the latest NZSG magazine. It is great to see our own members in print, well done Cheryl!

WHENUA TAPU CEMETERY.....bad weather once again put paid to our excursion to the cemetery to complete the transcribing project. Mark will advise us of a date in the future when we can get on with the job.

NATIONAL LIBRARY UPDATE.....Changes to Reference & Research Services of the National Library. A Letter has been received by Kapiti Branch outlining changes. Please make yourselves acquainted with this, it is on our notice board tonight. From the information sheet: Clients will be expected to use their local libraries before going to National Library. If they are unable to help, local libraries will refer clients to National Library using a referral card. A list of services affected by this change are on the notice board.

BRITISH POST OFFICE HISTORY.....two information sheets, Nos 16 & 29 are available for researchers interested in British Postal History. (3)

HAMPSHIRE PARISH RECORDS.....from GENBOARD, A COMPUTER BULLETIN BOARD via Wellington Group newsletter, March 1993. The Wellington Public Library has 16 volumes of Hampshire Parish Records published in 1906. These books are from a limited edition of only 150. The records are mostly marriage records but there are also some baptisms & burials for what appears to be most of the Hampshire parishes from around 1650 to around 1812. There is only an index to the names of the parishes, not the persons. Names are listed under parishes, & then in date order of the event & so it would take some time to go through every entry in the sixteen volumes.

FROM GROUPS TO BRANCHES.....We are now the KAPITI BRANCH of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists. At the recent Conference a remit proposed by Council was passed changing society 'groups' to branches of the Society, Branch being the acknowledged terminology in the Incorporated Societies Act.

REMINDER.....The Ted Gilbert Literary Trust Essay Competition was announced at the AGM. This is open to members of the NZ Society of Genealogists, see The NZ Genealogist May/June 1993 for full details.

## Certificate Addresses

### Australia:

ACT from 1930	Registrar of BDMs, PO Box 788, Canberra ACT 2601
NSW from 1788	Registrar of BDMs. GPO Box 30, Sydney NSW 2001
VIC from 1838	Government Statist, 295 Queen Street, Melbourne VIC 3000
QLD from 1859	Registrar General, PO Box 188, North Quay QLD 4001
NT from 1870	Registrar General, GPO Box 3021, Darwin NT 0801
SA from 1842	Principal Registrar, BDM Division, GPO Box 1351H, Adelaide SA 5001
TAS 1839-1899	Archives Office of Tasmania, 91 Murray St, Hobart TAS 7000
TAS from 1900	Registrar General, GPO Box 198, Hobart TAS 7001
WA from 1841	Registrar General, 22 St George's Tce, Perth WA 6000

### UK:

Ireland	Registrar of BDMs, 8-11 Lombard St East, Dublin, Ireland
England & Wales	General Registry Office, Smedley Hydro, Southport, Merseyside PR8 2HH England
Scotland	Registrar General, New Register House, Princes St, Edinburgh EH1 3YT Scotland

ANCHOR	An early Christian symbol meaning either hope or rest.
BED	A deathbed. Sometimes this in turn is symbolised by a pillow.
BOOK	The symbol of faith - i.e. the Bible.
BUTTERFLY	The Resurrection
COLUMN	The column is usually shown broken as an indication of mortality. Life, like the building has lost its support.
CROWN	The crown of the Christian martyr, whose reward awaits him in Heaven, after his suffering on earth.
DOVE	The Holy Spirit, peace.
HANDS	Shown clasped, they symbolise farewell.
IVY	Either immortality or evergreen, undying friendship.
LAMB	This, the symbol of innocence, is found most often on children's graves.
LAMP	This means either immortality, the undying flame, or the light which leads one to a knowledge of God.
LAUREL	Found most often on the tomb of a writer, musician or artist, it means fame.
LION	Like the horse, a symbol of strength and courage, it can also symbolise the Resurrection.
PHOENIX	The Resurrection of Christ.
ROCK(S)	The Christian Church.
SCYTHE	Death. Human beings are eventually cut down like ripe corn.
SHELL	A pilgrimage to God or Heaven. The shell was the badge of the pilgrims who went to Compostella in Spain.
SHIP	The Christian church, carrying the faithful on their journey through life.
SNAKE	Usually shown with its tail in his mouth, it symbolises eternity.
TORCH	If shown upright, it means immortality, but if on its side or inverted, the light of life which has been put out.
URN	If it has flames coming from it, it signifies new life. If it is empty and draped, it means death.

AND.....from the Hutt Valley News & Views, May 1993 a further list compiled by Alwyn Roberts for Linton & District Historical Society Inc. Victoria, Australia.

Broken Column	Denotes a life cut short
Skull	Reminder of Mortality
Ivy	Hope, Immortality, Remembrance or Friendship
Crosses in all forms	Faith
Lamp	Purity, Sometimes for a child.
Broken Chain	Grief or loss
Branch of a Tree- lopped off trunk	Death when Young
Book - Open or Closed	Symbolic knowledge of Book of Life in the Bible
Phoenix	Rising Again
Lily	Purity
Anchor	Hope
Laurel	Fame
Serene Face Cherubs	Flight of the Soul
Hand Holding Stone Scroll	Right hand of God