

Kapiti Branch Newsletter

NZ Society of Genealogists Inc

MEETINGS	PARAPARAUMU COMMUNITY CENTRE
	7.30 pm First Wednesday
SEPTEMBER 1993	February - December
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AUGUST MEETING.....despite a smaller than usual attendance the night was a resounding success. Nostalgia & memorabilia are always popular themes with family historians, & this night was no exception. The selection of exhibits was vast & varied. We really appreciate members sharing their treasures & being so forthcoming in speaking to the gathering. It is gratifying to know these items from the past have survived & are now in the hands of people who cherish them.

Coins from a fatal fire; miniature bible with magnifying glass; a gold seal with carnelian stone; scrapbook of ballet dancers; autograph book; shareforms 1948; badges & minipostcards; Maori new testament 141 years old; results of research in Buckinghamshire record office; marriage photo 1890; photos of 1901 fire in Mt Victoria; medallion of 1888 South Seas Exhibition; the Lord's Prayer on tiny metal tag; old leather photo album; copy of First Glasgow Advertiser, dated 1782 (rum is a gallon); 1500's landowners' wills; Maori carving picture, presented in 1898; order of service for end of WW1 in Malta; old diary; Old bible, much travelled; inlaid workbox 1871; old photos; all these & more were proudly shared with us.

TONIGHT.....we welcome Mrs Lorraine McArthur, our guest speaker. Lorraine has addressed our group previously, on her specialist subject of adoptions. Our newer members who have not heard her speak before, & those of us who have, will all be enlightened by Lorraine who knows her subject so thoroughly. We all stand to learn a lot from her.

- * 6 October.....AGM & Jan Bonnett, our guest speaker.
- * 20 November.....tentative date for garage sale. Donations for sale will be gladly received by Valerie & Barbara, so while you are spring cleaning put aside all your surplus commodities for our sale. Remember our last one? That was great fun & very worthwhile.

COMMITTEE.....Forms available from the desk tonight for nominations for the 1993/1994 committee.

The membership of any organisation is made up of four bones -

- The **WISHBONES** who spend their time wishing others would do the work;
- The **JAWBONES** who do all the talking, but little else;
- The **KNUCKLEBONES** who knock everything anyone else is trying to do;
- The **BACKBONES** who get underneath the load and do the work.

(Source unknown)

As you know Kapiti Branch has their good share of Backbones, but there is room for more!

NOTICEBOARD.....tonight, more information from Post Office Archives & records Centre (Great Britain), including sales items, & information sheets list.

* Early Connections still endure...an article from The Dominion last week of a new book telling the story of the first German Settlers to NZ. This year marks the 150th anniversary of the first organised group of German migrants.

* Branch newsletters from Hutt Valley, Wellington, Stratford, Papakura & Palmerston North, full of good information.

NEW MICROFICHE.....* NZ Cemetery Records 1993 - supplement 5 Purewa Cemetery (St Johns Auckland) 47 fiche.

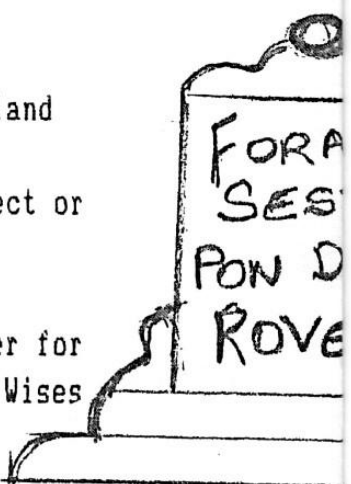
* Feilding Star 1910 - 1922, Extracts of Birth, Deaths & Marriages 4 fiche

* Public Service Appointments 1912 - 1927, indexed from the New Zealand Gazette. 2 fiche

Please remember to phone Brian Mountjoy for a suitable time to collect or return microfiche.

Whilst on the subject of microfiche, the Branch has placed an order for the following: NZ Electoral Rolls, 1871; 1880/81; 1893. Also Wises Directory for 1925.

BIG REGISTER.....Those interested in submitting names for the British Isles Genealogical Register may like to join up with other members, as the remittance is \$3.00, difficult to post, so groups of five can send \$15.00. See Barbara if interested. Forms available.



NEW BRANCH LIBRARY HOLDINGS.....The following volumes of Arthur Mees, The King's England have been added to our library: * Yorkshire, North Riding; * Derbyshire; * The Lake Counties; * Surrey; * London; * The Enchanted Land.

- * The Red Guide to Wales, 1966;
 - * 1949 reprint of 1902 edition of 'Norfolk', The Little Guides;
 - * Newman's North East & East Kent, Buildings of England.
- Lots of excellent background material here for family historians.

MEMOIRS.....Jane Leonard-Taylor has kindly given us a copy of the memoirs of Mrs James Fulton of Ravenscliffe, West Taiere, written by her in 1915. A fascinating account of the family of William Henry Valpy who was a son of Dr Richard Valpy of Forbury College, a great classical scholar. It tells of the family travels in Europe before emigrating to New Zealand on the good ship 'Ajax' in 1847. She tells of the voyage & life in Dunedin. This has been added to our library. Very interesting reading. Lots of names mentioned.

PALMERSTON NORTH EARLY SETTLERS.....Index is now available for research enquiries. Charges \$3.00 per entry inclusive of return postage. Please write: C/- Secretary, Palmerston North Branch, PO Box 1992, Palmerston North. (Palmerston North Branch newsletter July 1993).

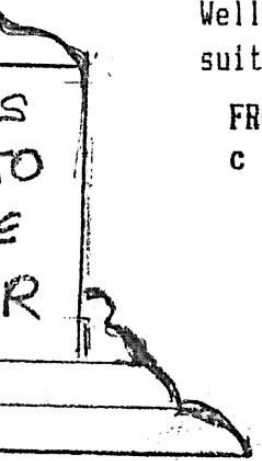
THE TRAVELLERS RETURN.....we all look forward to hearing about the travels & experiences of Jan & Alex Bonnett, who have just returned, (looking well & happy) from their prize-winning journey to San Diego to sail on the 'Star of India' formerly the 'Euterpe', Jan's 'Ancestral' ship. (6 October, following our AGM, not to be missed).

NZSG CONFERENCE 1995.....from Wellington Branch newsletter August 1993

The combined Wellington, Hutt Valley & Porirua Branch Committees of NZSG have informed Council they are willing to host a National Conference in Wellington in 1995. A steering committee has been formed to choose a suitable venue. Interim convener, Pauline Fitchett.

**FROM CASSEL'S DOMESTIC DICTIONARY
c 1890.....ADOPTIONS.....**

Adoption.—The act of adopting or taking to oneself what is not normal or natural; the state of being adopted. In French law it is permitted to persons of either sex aged fifty years, and being at least fifteen years older than the persons whom they adopt, which latter persons being of full age must be either (1) persons to whom the adoptive parent has rendered assistance during minority, and for six years at least without interruption; or (2) persons to whom the adoptive parent is indebted for his rescue from fire, shipwreck, or battle. This adoption leaves intact the rights of the child in respect of his natural parents—being in fact the adoption of Roman law in Justinian's time.



NEWTOWN SCHOOL, WELLINGTON, C. 1910, infant classes.

