

NZSG KAPITI BRANCH NEWSLETTER

November 1993

Meetings held at Paraparaumu Community Centre
7.30pm, first Wednesday February to December.
Library open at 6.45pm on meeting nights.

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WELCOME.....to the first meeting of the 1993/94 financial year. Tonight we are very privileged to have Mr Francis King, Director of the British Council & Cultural Attache of the British High Commission since September 1990 address us. His subject 'From the Weald to Wellington'.

At last months Annual General Meeting there were sufficient nominations to fill the committee. I am pleased to report that two previous committee members are back with us, Jan & Deborah, & we have three new recruits, Val & Helen Quinlan,(first time we've had a mother & daughter on the committee) & Allan Kenning. Welcome aboard!

We are sorry to lose Cheryl, John, Lorraine & Michelle who have all given us so much of their time, we will miss their willing contribution & their smiling faces from our committee meetings. Thankyou all very much for all your efforts on behalf of Kapiti Genealogy Branch.

At future meetings we envisage having a sales table of forms charts & booklets etc.

Another feature will be a help desk. This to be run by Carol with assistance from others, expressly for helping to point the way, not for doing research for others.

The pink questionnaire forms inside your newsletters are to be handed in tonight at the desk, before you leave. This has been designed to give the committee an indication of what is required for the year, in the way of programming & library purchases. After all, your committee wants to give you what you want or need. Thanks for your time in filling this out.

GARAGE SALE.....20 November 1993 at No 15 Kowhai Grove Raumati Beach. Goods will be either received or collected by Barbara Humpage or Valerie Freeman until the 19th when they may be left at 15 Kowhai Grove. We are expecting heaps of goodies when you have all finished turning out the cupboards & basements etc!

CHRISTMAS FUNCTION.....Bring along a small 'something' wrapped up & not too obvious as to what it is. Brian is going to run a fun auction & there will be a raffle. Refreshments & nibbles will be served & a generally social evening planned.

Proceeds will go towards increasing our resource holdings.

NZSG LIBRARY NEWS.....from the NZ Genealogist Sept/Oct 1993 comes a report on the rearranging of the Society's book library. Please be sure to read this.

GREATER LONDON RESEARCH WEEKEND.....a pleasing number turned up for the weekend's research. We are grateful to the Greater London Interest Group for supplying the resources to us. Also available were books maps & fiche from our group library & from members' private collections. Once again Cheryl & Jim Hodges made the venue available to us, & to them we extend our warmest thanks. To all the committee who gave up their time we say a big thankyou & to Gerry Cole who again transported a van load of readers etc for us. The event was so popular we have been asked if it can be repeated some time in the future. This is the sort of response we like. Four visitors from Wellington shared the workshop with us.

- LIBRARY ADDITIONS.....NZ Business Who's Who 1951
 NZ Business Who's Who 1971/72
 A Centennial History of the National Insurance Company
 Arthur Mee's Book of the Flag
 Lovely Britain, 1940
 Historic Houses Castles & Gardens in Gt Britain & Ireland
 MAPS: Godfreys Town O/S maps 1909 Central Preston Eng.
 " " " 1923 Central Bournemouth "
 Victorian O/S maps Canterbury district Eng.
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HUNDREDS/- RIDINGS etc.....according to the Concise Oxford dictionary a HUNDRED is a subdivision of a county or shire having it's own court. RIDING is an administrative division, East, West or North riding of Yorkshire. Similar division of other UK. or Colonial county, (one third). RAPE, any of six divisions of Sussex. (first in Domesday Book, origin unknown). WAPENTAKE, old name in Yorkshire & some other shires for hundred or division of shire.

OCTOBER MEETING.....this is the night we shared with Jan & Alex Bonnett their prize-winning trip to San Diego. Little did Jan imagine when she entered the competition, the tremendous fortnight of events that lay ahead. As Jan said it was the experience of a life time. From the moment they landed in LA, their time was fully organised. They experienced the utmost in true San Diego hospitality. Lunch in the ward room of the Harry W Hill as guests of the US Navy, talkback radio & TV interviews, a dinner cruise, the official opening of America's Finest City Week, Mayoral welcome, shakedown cruise on the *Magic Kiwi*, presented with illuminated address from the County of San Diego. Breakfast at Clayton's Diner, The Miramar Airshow, as VIPs (temp over 100 deg.); followed by a welcome party at the home of Mr Simon Feilding, president of the San Diego - New Zealand Business Association, & visits to local homes.

Finally the big day arrived, a cloudless blue sky & a pipe band welcome at the wharf, followed by a Maori challenge to Captain Bowman, 85 years of age who is the only person on the West Coast of America Licenced to sail *Euterpe*.

Then the moment arrived to board the ship, the absolute highlight of the trip, & to set forth under canvas!

A truly remarkable experience for Jan & Alex & the other co-winners of the competition. They also viewed the movie *Treasure Island*, screened on the sail of the *Euterpe*, & enjoyed a reception on Broadway Pier which was a gala charity affair, & there they met Charlton Heston & his family. Jan calls the *Euterpe* a lucky ship, although a slow ship, who ran into difficulties on her voyages to NZ, there was no loss of life. The journey on which Jan's ancestors sailed took 134 days. She is a lovely ship, launched in November 1863 it firstly took men & freight to India, later purchased by the Shaw Savill Line. She is supposed to have made 18 voyages to NZ. 1902 bought by Alaskan Packing Co, sailed up & down the coast of Nth America, salmon fishing, 1927 found in Oakland California, towed to San Diego in 1957, in a very forlorn state. Has only sailed six times since restoration. Hundreds of thousands of people watch the great event from the shore. It costs \$100,000 every time she is taken out to sea. There is a turnover from vistors on board & sale of Souvenirs of

\$800,000 annually for the Maritime Museum. There are 15 full time staff & 15 part time selling paintings & souvenirs etc. Three ships are at the Museum, the *Barclay* a former San Francisco ferry, with pew seats & stained glass windows, (\$ 800.00 to hire it, for an event !) Next is a steamer yacht *Medusa*. The saloon & main cabins of *Euterpe* (re-named 'Star of India') are in beautiful condition & the staircase. It must have been very hot & uncomfortable to say the least in the days when she carried 407 people below decks. Later voyages carried only 92 passengers.

Jan & Alex Bonnett with Malcolm & Lauren Francis were guests of the city of San Diego to celebrate the 'America's Finest City' week, & as winners of a contest sponsored by Air New Zealand.

This month marks the 130 birthday of launching of *Euterpe*.

WELLINGTON GROUP.....Nov. 15, 7.30 pm at Connolly Hall Guilford Tce, Thorndon, last meeting for the year. An evening of entertainment, Memories of Yesteryear.

PORIRUA.....Wednesday 10 November, Porirua Library, topic Ray Harkness speaking on Probates.

SCOTTISH CENSUS.....researching Scottish Ancestry, take note, the 1841 & 1851 census have been re-filmed & those looking in Glasgow & some other areas will be pleased to find additional registration districts have been found & filmed. (Canterbury Branch Sep. newsletter, via Wellington Branch)

CLAN MCLENNAN.....Anyone with surname MacLennan, MacLendon, MacLennan, MacLenghan, Logan, Lobban & variations in spelling interested in joining the clan McLennan Association should contact: Ross McLennan, C/o Melville Business Services, 1 Normandy Ave, HAMILTON.

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NEVER GIVE UP.....After four years of fruitless search the 1992 IGI has given up a marriage which we despaired of ever finding. We had looked at all Parish records etc. available in an ever increasing area around the original parish. We have found the whole family of children, but the marriage date of the parents remained a mystery. Why it was not published with them we don't know & we have only stepped back one year. But what a relief for us, & at least three others we know who are researching the Humpage family.

SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW DUE.....yes it's that time of the year again. We are pleased to advise that there is no increase in the annual subs. \$12.00 per person or \$20.00 per couple. This entitles members to 11 meetings, borrowing of books from branch library, borrowing of microfiche records, monthly newsletters not to mention the social aspect of belonging to a genealogy branch. This membership does not entitle persons to NZSG borrowing facilities etc. The New Zealand Society of Genealogists Inc, has a separate membership. There are many advantages in belonging to the Society, & membership of this encouraged.

THE WEARIN' OF THE GREEN.....The 16ft long pike was last used by British foot soldiers in battle in 1663, when it was replaced by the bayonet. Replaced by everyone, that is, except for the Irish Regiments who continued to use it for many more years, It was the Duke of Wellington in the late 1700's who decreed that Irish Regiments tie a two foot long piece of green serge on to the ends of their pikes in order to be recognised in battle - thus was born the expression which is dear to every Irishman: 'The wearing of the green', Col. Iain Swinnerton at Launceston Conference 1991, per 'Blarney' Irish Ancestry Group, a Special Interest Group of the Genealogical Society of Victoria, May 1991.

Please note that by courtesy of the British Council, Col. Iain Swinnerton TD DL JP FSG, President of the Federation of Family History Societies is to be keynote speaker at the 27th Annual General Meeting & Conference, at University of Waikato, Hamilton, 6 -8 May 1994. He will present lectures on a variety of subjects.

COINCIDENCES.....Have you ever noticed how places, names or dates often recur in family research? One such place has played it's part in my family's history - Hargreaves' yard, an area of six houses, accessed through a small passage between shops on Penny Street, Lancaster. In 1881 we find my Great Grandfather's brother living at No 1 Hargreaves Yard with wife two sons, mother-in-law & a lodger. It appears that son No3 was born there too. A lot of people in a tiny one-up one-down house with no toilets or running water. Then, about 1920 my Mother's two brothers from Blackburn bought a block of four shops in Penny Street & included in the property was Hargreaves Yard. They opened a cycle shop in one of the shops, & my Grandfather bought into the business for my Mother. In 1922 my father left school & got a job - in the cycle shop! Over the years he collected the rents from the tenants in Hargreaved Yard & was still doing so when Albert & Mary-Ann Humpage, newly married moved into No 1 in 1930. Of course my Mother often visited her Brother's shop, & consequently met my Father. One Uncle also met his future wife when she visited cousins living at No 6 Hargreaves Yard. Finally my husband, Ray, was born in 1932 in No 1 Hargreaves Yard! The shops were sold in the 1940's but when we searched out the area in 1992 the few remains of the houses attached to the Penny Street shops, are we are sure, part of No 1 which had it's place in our families' lives over the years.

(Contributed by Barbara Humpage)



HARGREAVES YARD, LANCASTER, 1927

WE ARE SURVIVORS, CONSIDER THE CHANGES WE HAVE WITNESSED....

We were before TV, penicillin, polio shots, frozen foods, Xerox, plastic, contact lenses, the PILL, radar, credit cards, split atoms, lazer beams, ball point pens, pantyhose, dishwashers, tumble-dryers, air conditioners & before man walked on the moon; before FM radio, tapedecks, organ transplants, wordprocessors, yoghurt & pizzas; McDonalds, instant coffee & guys wearing earrings. Before pin numbers, swipe-cards & automatic tellers. We got married first then lived together. Closets were for hanging clothes in, not coming out of. We were before house-husbands, gay rights, computer dating, day-care centres, group therapy, mobile phones, & Fax machines. Timesharing meant togetherness, not computers or condominiums. In our day grass was mowed, Coke was a soft drink & pot was something you cooked in. Rock music was Grandma's lullaby & AIDS were helpers in the Principal's Office. We were the last generation that was so dumb as to think one needed a husband to have a baby.

THE AMATEUR GENEALOGIST.....is a strange bird. He delights in shaking the family tree to see what falls out. He is a searcher, sorter, classifier and recorder. His song is a wild shriek whenever he discovers a tidbit. His nest is a clutter of books, maps, periodicals, family group sheets, ancestor charts, clippings, letters & notes. His family is often neglected when he gets hold of a hot chestnut. He is sometimes fulfilled, sometimes frustrated, but always hopeful. This HE is very often a SHE...

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