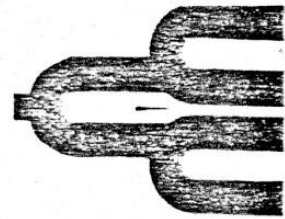


KAPITI BRANCH

New Zealand Society of Genealogists

JUNE 1994



MAY MEETING...what a great occasion it was to have so many gathered together to celebrate Kapiti Genealogy's first milestone, their 10th birthday. Old friends and new mixed with present members to listen to Mr Tom Hayes of Levin, our guest speaker. Tom is such an enthusiast and has been a guide and an inspiration to Kapiti Branch since their commencement, when he chaired the very first meeting. I'm sure many will be thinking of Tom on his travels to Ireland and will look forward with anticipation to hearing all about it at some future date. (and not too far in the future). Tom outlined his involvement with the New Zealand Society over the years and with Levin Branch. Thanks are extended to all who contributed to the success of the evening.

RAFFLE RESULT.....congratulations to Sarah Elliot, a new member, who was the winner of our raffle. We are sure you will put the lovely photograph album to good use Sarah.

COMPETITION RESULT.....A 'SELECT COMMITTEE' acclaimed Harry Clapham as the winner of this light hearted contest to give a caption to the photo. His title : "ARE YOUR FOUNDATIONS SECURE?"

There were many good ones, so thanks for all joining in and especially thanks to Carol for being such a good sport in allowing us to use the photo.. Carol now has the enlarged copy which she tells us will adorn her Genealogy room.

Tonight we welcome Mr David Retter of the Alexander Turnbull Library speaking to us on Church Records held at the Library.

COMING EVENTS

- ~~31 Aug~~ Our speaker will be Mr Bill Tito, caring for and restoring old books
- 11 & 12 June a busy weekend of learning & researching at Waikanae Motor Hotel (details to follow)
- 18 & 19 June the Hutt Valley open weekend to which we are invited. (details to follow)

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PO BOX 232 PARAPARAUMU
Meetings at Paraparaumu Community Centre.
7.30 pm first Wednesday February to December.
Library open 6.45pm meeting nights.

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- 6 July Mr Tony Fitchett will speak to us on the use of Computers in Genealogy
- Sat 30 July to Sun 7 Aug a Scottish Festival is to be held in Wellington (venue to be advised).

PERSONAL ANCESTRAL FILE ver 2.2 a Course for beginners conducted by Mr Rex Sinnott. This course will be held on the LAST SUNDAY of each month from July to November 1994 at the Guide Hall Broderick Road Johnsonville, from 11.30am to 1.30pm, (bring your lunch). A charge of \$2.00 per session will be made to cover hall hire, postage & photocopying. For those who stay on for the Genealogical Computing Group (GCG) meeting starting 1.30pm there is a further charge of \$1.00.

All participants are strongly advised to buy the Joan Lowery book, PERSONAL ANCESTRAL FILE 2.2 USERS GUIDE. It contains all the course content plus a lot more for advanced users. It is available to GCG members for \$35.00 from: Secretary, GCG, P O Box 24 389, Royal Oak, AUCKLAND. If you have any questions about the course, phone Rex Sinnott, 04 564 7509, or John Hand, 04 389 3113. Registrations will be open until 13 July or a total of 20 people are accepted.

BEGINNERS.....NEW

CHUMS.....LEARNERS.....NOVICES.....THIS IS FOR YOU !

KAPITI OPEN WEEKEND.....this weekend programme is in two parts.

- **On Saturday 11 June** tuition for beginners. **STARTING A NEW ZEALAND PEDIGREE**
- There will be personal help & instruction for all beginners. Books & microfiche & readers will be available. Tea & coffee will be provided, lunch available at Boswells Restaurant at

Waikanae Motor Hotel or bring your own. Register at 9.30am.

- On **Sunday 12 June** there will be a GENERAL RESEARCH DAY. All of the branch microfiche will be available for use, plus a selection of 'how-to' books from our library, & books on Scotland, Ireland & Europe & MORE.
- \$5.00 registration per person, if you wish to take advantage of Saturday & Sunday this fee will cover both days.
- Enquiries to Barbara Humpage 298 6970 or Brian Mountjoy 297 0710.
- There is no need to be a member of Kapiti Genealogy, this weekend is open to all. So, if you know of anyone thinking of starting to trace their family history, please encourage them to take advantage of this opportunity.

1994 CONFERENCE & AGM AT UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO.....Eleven members from Kapiti attended this annual event. A very full programme was enjoyed by all. The whole event was busy & exciting, the lectures & displays were excellent. The hardest part was trying to cram everything one wanted to do into the time available. Congratulations to the organisers for a most successful conference, even the weather was perfect & the company great. Our 'team' jackets were an excellent idea, as we could easily spot one another in the crowd! They were light & comfortable to wear and many favourable comments were received.

START PLANNING NOW!

1995 NZSG Conference & AGM is to be held at CIT CAMPUS, HERETAUNGA, UPPER HUTT from 12 - 14 May, hosted by Hutt Valley & Wellington Branches.

STORAGE OF PERSONAL RECORDS.....the question is asked, what is to become of the records of our family histories when we are no longer here? What thoughts do you have on this subject? Have you made provision for them to be handed on? Maybe you don't have anyone to cherish or continue your years of

effort. Should the NZSG provide some sort of archival storage? Perhaps it should be at Regional or Branch level? What are your thoughts on this vital matter? The NZSG would welcome suggestions. Send submissions to: PRESERVATION SUB-COMMITTEE, P O BOX 8795, SYMONDS ST, AUCKLAND, 1035.

- **HUTT VALLEY OPEN DAYS**to which we have been invited.
- SATURDAY 18 JUNE, 10 AM - 4 PM AT PILMUIR HOUSE, (FORMER NURSES HOME) PILMUIR STREET, LOWER
- 'GETTING STARTED IN UK'
- \$5.00 PER DAY OR \$7.50 COVERS TWO DAYS, BRING OWN LUNCH. THERE WILL BE TALKS & DISPLAYS AS WELL AS RESEARCH TIME. (DEBORAH & I WENT TO A HUTT VALLEY OPEN DAY LAST YEAR, VERY WORTH WHILE). HUTT
- 'GETTING STARTED IN NEW ZEALAND'
- SUNDAY 19 JUNE, 10 AM - 4 PM, VENUE AS ABOVE
- **MARK THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR NOW !!!!!**

SCOTTISH FESTIVAL.....to be held in Wellington 30 July to 7 August. The Wellington Branch of Clan Cameron has accepted the role of co-ordinating the activities relating to the Genealogy Centre for this festival.

You are invited to participate by the offer of material for display or by helping to staff this festival during the Festival.

If you are willing & available please contact
Graeme Cameron, Secretary, Wellington Branch Clan
Cameron, Ph. 04 479 6250

The Proceedings of the 1994 Conference of New Zealand Society of Genealogists contains a wealth of wonderful information. A copy has been ordered for the branch library. Of particular interest is the listing of new resources now available at National Archives of interest to Genealogists.

Oh Yes! In Great Britain, it was traditional in Essex county for a ham to be awarded to the man who could swear on the Bible that, after one year of marriage, he hadn't once regretted getting married. A chronicle was kept from 1244 to 1772. In 528 years that records were kept, only eight men claimed that reward!