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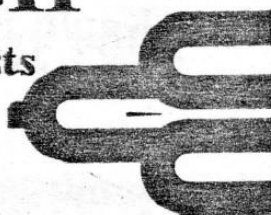
KAPITI BRANCH

New Zealand Society of Genealogists
PO BOX 232 PARAPARAUMU

NOVEMBER 1994

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

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TONIGHT Mrs Margaret Thomsett, president of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists is our very welcome guest.

7 December, the final gathering for us for 1994 will include items of entertainment presented by Mrs Cella Harlen and her group of talented players. Be sure not to miss this!! Refreshments will be served, and you are welcome to bring guests.

*****SUBS ARE NOW DUE***SUBS ARE NOW DUE***SUBS ARE NOW DUE*****

Membership fees for Kapiti Branch have been held once again at \$12.00 single and \$20.00 for two members at one address.

This entitles us to:

- Attend eleven Branch meetings per year.
- Receive eleven newsletters per year.
- Borrowing of Branch library holdings.
- Borrowing of Branch microfiche records.

You will notice the list of Branch Officers for the 1994/1995 year with their phone numbers in this newsletter. This will not necessarily be printed on every newsletter.

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As well as your receipt, you will be issued with a membership card. Please offer this when taking books from our library and when borrowing microfiche records, as proof of your financial membership to Kapiti Branch.

This year the committee are introducing a "BUDDY SYSTEM" to aid new members.

Each new financial member will be allocated an experienced Branch member to guide and assist them to find their way around the holdings of the Branch and generally point them in the right direction with their research.

In addition to this, Jan Bonnett is to be our HELP DESK OFFICER. She will answer your queries and give research advice on meeting nights. Jan is a most experienced amateur genealogist, and we are very lucky to have her in this advisory capacity.

At the recent AGM a committee of fourteen was formed. We have every confidence of a busy and interesting programme of speakers and events to present to you, our members. Our aim is to encourage and advise you in all matters genealogical.

All of you who are members of the NZSG will have no doubt received your copies of the September/ October magazine which includes the form for renewal of membership to the Society, and noticed that the gremlins had been at work therein. However you should have now received the correct FREEPOST envelopes, to remedy the error. Please make sure that you send your remittance in the envelope (before 20 January 1995). *Do not pay it into the ANZ bank as in previous years.* The NZSG is updating their membership database, please be sure to fill out your forms correctly and return with your remittance.

SEE YOU AT OUR END OF YEAR MEETING 7 DECEMBER
COMMUNITY CENTRE !

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR 1995

NEW MEETING VENUE and CHANGE OF MEETING NIGHT

Following negotiations by the committee, arrangements have been made to use the premises of Lodge Tawera-O-Kapiti in TARARUA STREET, PARAPARAUMU, for our monthly meetings, AS FROM JANUARY 1995.

This has necessitated a change of meeting night to the FOURTH Wednesday of each month. Our Calendar year will now run from JANUARY to NOVEMBER.

- A sketch plan of the locality of the new venue in relation to the present one is included.
- A calendar of meeting dates is also included in this newsletter.

NOTE KAPITI BRANCH DECEMBER 1994 MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE. This is our final meeting to be held there.

We sincerely hope the new venue will please everyone. The rooms are most congenial, with ample room for members to browse through our library holdings, with storage space for our books (an important feature) and a well equipped kitchen. There is plenty of off-street parking in a well lit area.

Please note the details of address and meeting nights.

DETAILS WILL BE PUBLISHED IN LOCAL PAPER

PARISH and VITAL RECORDS LISTING AT LDS FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARIES

At the AGM Jan Gow was giving a talk on Australian sources, but diverted to lecture us on the value of the Parish and Vital Records listings, when none of us could say we were regular users. The IGI is an index only, of items filmed by the Latter day Saints, the LDS. Many items filmed have not been indexed yet and therefore will not be on the IGI. Those indexed may not cover the period we want. The PVR will tell us what is filmed and what is indexed - hence it's value in directing our research to the appropriate place. In an extreme case, eg: my JOHN WILLS b. Somerset, c. 1833. You make a list of all the county parishes (from Phillimore's Index on the reference shelf at Kapiti Library), use the PVR to delete those on the IGI for the period required and list those filmed. Work your way systematically through the films. If still no luck you write to the holders of the remaining church registers until discovery or all have been checked. You may speed things up by searching outwards from a known Parish of residence. I am a bit daunted however, by the discovery that Somerset has 490 parishes and Phillimore's show only 11 have been indexed to 1836!. Patience and eyesight will be exhausted long before the end is reached!
(Contributed by Deborah Shuker).

TRAVELLER'S RETURN

Welcome back to the fold John Weston ! John has been overseas for the past few months, visiting family and squeezing in a bit of research as well. Hope you have plenty of new knowledge to add to your already amazingly extensive records John, good to know you are safely returned.

Of course we welcome suggestions for our years programme, so if you have any ideas, then let's be having them! After all we want to provide what you want.

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COMMITTEE FOR 1994/1995

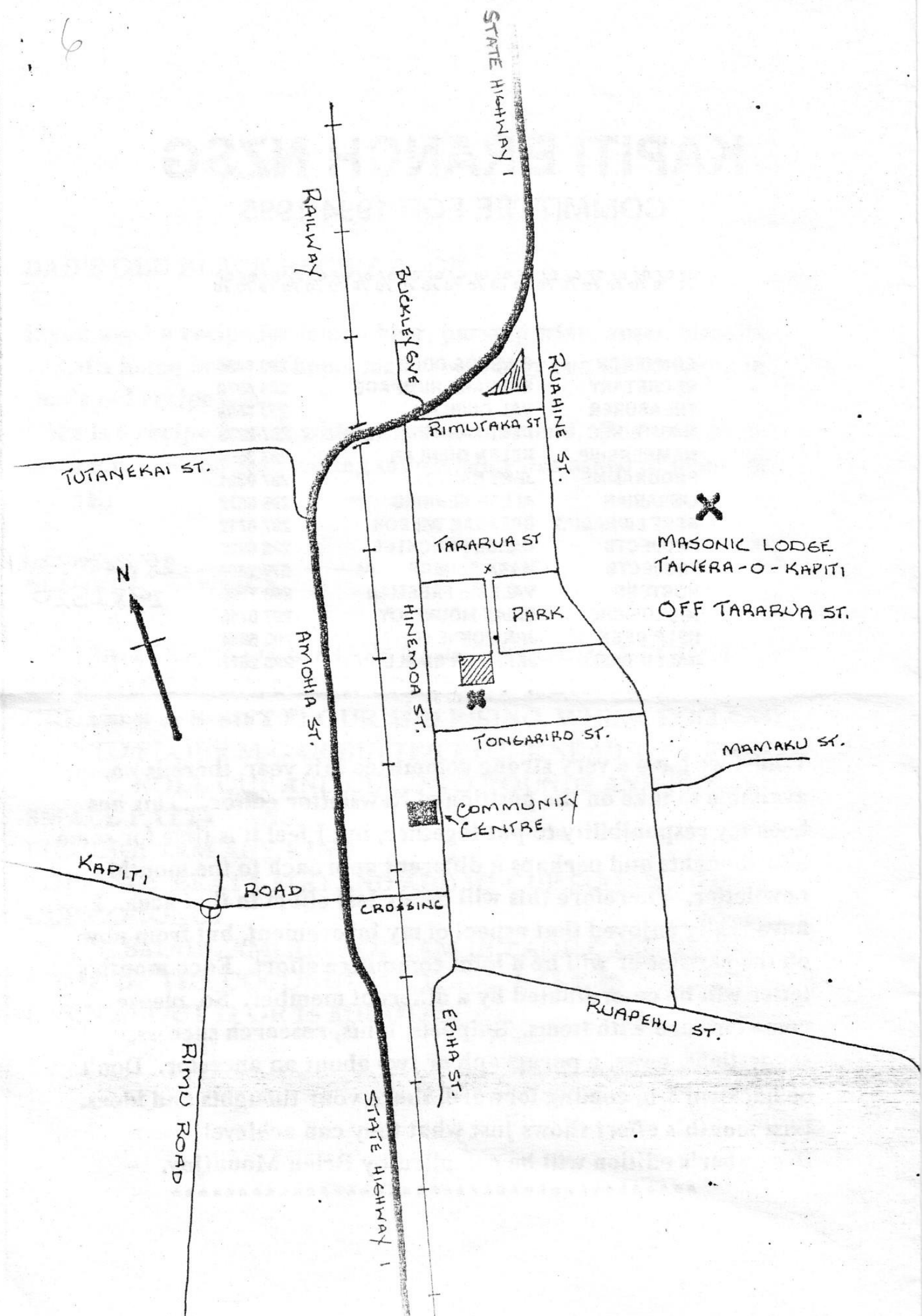
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PROJECTS	MARK SCHERF 04	577 2666
HOSTESS	VALERIE FREEMAN	298 7396
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Whilst we have a very strong committee this year, there is no-one available to take on the position of Newsletter editor. This has been my responsibility to put together, but I feel it is time for some new thoughts and perhaps a different approach to the monthly newsletter. Therefore this will be my last effort in that area. I have really enjoyed that aspect of my involvement, but from now on the newsletter will be a joint committee effort. Each month's letter will be co-ordinated by a different member. So, please come forward with items. Snippets, hints, research success, suggestions, news, a paragraph or two about an ancestor. Don't be backward in coming forward, share your thoughts and ideas. Last month's effort shows just what they can achieve! December's edition will be compiled by Brian Mountjoy.

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NEW MEETING VENUE FOR 1995

**LODGE TAWERA-O-KAPITI
TARARUA STREET, PARAPARAUMU**

MEETING NIGHTS FOR 1995

**25 JANUARY
22 FEBRUARY
22 MARCH
26 APRIL
24 MAY
28 JUNE
26 JULY
23 AUGUST
27 SEPTEMBER
25 OCTOBER
22 NOVEMBER**

**PLEASE NOTE THIS MEETING NIGHT IS ALWAYS THE FOURTH
WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH WHICH IS NOT NECESSARILY THE LAST
WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH**

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DAD'S OLD BLACK RECIPE BOOK

If you need a recipe for lemon beer, parsnip wine, anzac biscuits, 10 galls home brew, or home made soap, they can all be found in Dad's old recipe book.

Here is a recipe from it which I can recommend. (In fact I made them for a committee meeting supper, and was asked to print the recipe.)

BELGIAN PASTRIES.

4 OZ BUTTER; 6 OZ SUGAR; 2 CUPS FLOUR; 1 EGG; 1/2 TSPN CARB SODA; 1 TSPN CREAM OF TARTAR.

CREAM B & S, SIFT FLOUR AND RISING, WHISK EGG AND ADD TO FLOUR SUGAR BUTTER ETC. KNEAD TO A FIRM PASTE. ROLL OUT AND CUT INTO ROUNDS AND PUT IN SMALL PATTY PANS.

FILLING: JAM ANY KIND

TOPPING: BEAT 1 EGG AND ADD 1/2 CUP SUGAR AND 1 CUP COCONUT

PLACE SMALL AMOUNT OF JAM IN EACH CASE, THEN SOME OF THE COCONUT MIXTURE. BAKE IN A GOOD OVEN ABOUT 12 OR 15 MINUTES.

(makes 3 dozen)

Barbara Humpage, our Secretary has been with Kapiti Branch for several years now and has served on the committee for four years already. Barbara's main area of research is Lancashire and has visited repositories there. She also has an interest in the South Australia Genealogical Society. Barbara is contact person for Kapiti Branch.

Val Quinlan has taken on the responsibility of our finances, and this is her second year on committee. Her special area of research is the name Cameron, in Scotland, Australia and New Zealand. It is unique to have a Mother and Daughter together on committee and they will most likely be the first people you will meet when you arrive at our meetings as they will be at the front desk. Val and Helen joined us in 1990.

Helen Quinlan is our membership officer. Her particular interests are the name Teward in Durham and the name Quinlan in London. Helen uses the Computer program Brothers Keeper for recording her records, and is willing to discuss this program with you. A working holiday in England gave Helen the opportunity to do some hands-on research a couple of years ago.

Deborah Shuker has been with Kapiti Branch since it's inception, and served as secretary for some time in the early years, so this is her second term as a committee member, in the role of minute secretary. Deborah can always be counted on for supplying items for our newsletters. She has held family reunions and compiled booklets for these occasions.

This is the tenth year that Carol Prockter has served on our committee! She has been with Kapiti Branch (or Group as it was originally) since the inaugural meeting. She is a most determined and tenacious genealogist, and has lots to give to us from her wide research experience. She gives generously of her time to the furthering of the Branch projects, namely the cemetery transcribing projects.

Mark Scherf is the tall shy young man who keeps a low profile at meetings, but works very hard for us behind the scenes on the cemetery recording project. His field is computers, and he wrote the program for the transcribing of the Whenua Tapu Cemetery. This is the fourth year he has served on the committee.

The book library is a very important part of our Branch. Allan Kenning has again taken on the responsibility of this. Allan has been with the Branch for four years now and this is his second year on committee. He is recording his genealogy on a program called Family Tree for Windows, so if you need to know anything regarding this computer program ... talk to Allan!

Brendan Wilson is a newer member, but already he is willing to get behind the Branch and take part in the running of things. He will assist with the book library. He tells me his particular areas of research are in Australia, Somerset and Sweden, and he is working at putting it all on computer.

Jeny Haxton has been with us a for a number of years, she served on the committee before spending a year with her husband on an exchange posting, and doing on-the-spot research in England. She was happy to put herself forward for committee again once she returned, and co-ordinates our programme of events for us. If you have any ideas or suggestions for future events or speakers, let Jeny know.

Brian Mountjoy will be known to all of you as he controls the borrowing of microfiche records. These he stores at his home, and a phone call to Brian is required to make a time for you to pick up and return microfiche and readers. He was our convenor for two years, and is an authority on shipping, having been a very popular speaker at one of our past meetings. (It is time we heard from you again Brian!) Brian is also a member of the Otaki Historical Society.

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Valerie Freeman is the charming lady who will welcome you at meetings. She is very modest about her capabilities as a genealogist, but enjoys being one of the team to help run the group. She is a real enthusiast for the Branch, feels she has gained a lot from being a member of Kapiti Branch, and is happy to promote us in whatever way she can.

This is her fourth year on the committee.

A very well known name amongst Kapiti genealogists is Jan Bonnett. Jan has served as secretary for two years, convenor for two years and treasurer for one year. She is the person we all turn to for help at some stage in our research. She lives and breathes and DREAMS genealogy! So, who better to have as our research adviser? Jan has held a family reunion, compiled a book on the Hallam family, won a magnificent trip to San Diego as a result of entering an essay in a competition open to descendants of passengers of the ship *EUTERPE*.

Jennifer Small is another newcomer to the committee, but has been a member of the Branch for several years. She feels she would like to give something back and help in the running of things. This year she will be in charge of our sales table. Please support Jennifer in this, and use this facility, after all it is a convenient service to you.

Finally, Gwenda Cole, (that's me). I have gained a tremendous lot from my association with Kapiti Branch. I joined in 1985, and have been on the committee for six years, firstly as microfiche officer, then as compiler of the newsletter for the past four years. This is my second year as convenor, a position I have enjoyed. I have seen the Branch grow and achieve a great deal in my time with them.

Now, hopefully you will all have an idea of those involved with the organisation of the Kapiti Branch, NZSG. All committee are of course members of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists.

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GRANT FROM TRUST BANK COMMUNITY TRUST.

Those of you who have read your Kapiti Observer will have noted that Kapiti Branch NZSG are the recipients of a very generous grant from the above trust. The specific use these funds will be applied to is the purchase of more birth, death and marriage indices from the Registrar General's Office.

We are very indebted to Trust Bank for recognising the aims and objects of our Branch, and wishing to assist us in increasing our holdings of microfiche records.

The order for the indices has been placed, and we will advise you of their arrival.

BE IN TO WIN * BE IN TO WIN !**

We are holding a raffle which will be drawn at our December meeting. Only 50cents per ticket, so don't miss out on the chance to win the beautiful volume 'The County Maps of Old England' by Thomas Moule. Not only is this book a good collection of early county maps, but would enhance your personal library, and grace your coffee table!

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT NOVEMBER and DECEMBER MEETINGS 50cents.