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NEWSLETTER

MEETINGS HELD AT THE MASONIC LODGE HALL AT 7.30 PM ON THE 4TH WEDNESDAY JANUARY TO NOVEMBER. LIBRARY OPEN AT 7.00 PM ON MEETING NIGHTS.

Tonight's Meeting is a Research and Brainstorming evening.
June Meeting: We have a Guest Speaker, Ray Harkness who will talk to us about Wills and Probates.

The New Zealand Society of Genealogists Conference.

This was held at the C.T.I. Centre in Upper Hutt and was attended by 600 Members of the Society. Again, it was a wonderful opportunity for learning and meeting people from all parts of New Zealand. Twelve members of our Group attended and all will have gained from the Conference. One of our newer Members has written the following :-

" This was my 1st NZSG Conference so I was unsure what to expect, but excited at the prospect of learning more about methods, resources, etc., for the genealogist and I certainly was not disappointed. Three of the lectures I attended were concerned with the preservation of heirloom books, photos, papers and textiles. One of the saddest things to learn is that the inbuilt obsolescence that has been placed on our society by the world of commerce will most likely mean that many of our treasures in the way of books, photos, papers etc., will not last to be available for future generations in the way that they have in the past. I was able to do some valuable research, some of it under the watchful eye of Ian Tyler of the Family History Centre of Upper Hutt. This has taken us back a whole generation, to 1788 in Westmorland, England. I have come home so excited about the Conference, that I have convinced my husband Lindsay that we should attend the 1996 Conference in Invercargill together."

A BIG thank you to Rosalyn Smaill for the above article.

CONGRATULATIONS.....CONGRATULATIONS.....

To our Member CAROL PROCKTER who was presented at the AGM of Conference, with a Certificate of Award of Merit. Carol has been a Member of the Kapiti Group for 10 years and has been on the Committee for the same period of time. Carol has been responsible for work on the Cemetery transcriptions in the entire Kapiti area and is at present assembling the data of the Whenu Tapu Cemetery in readiness for the NZSOG 's Microfiche records. Again Carol, our heartiest congratulations.

POINTS TO PONDER ON BRITISH CIVIL REGISTRATION

Births. From 1837-1874 a mother registering an illegitimate child could name anyone she chose as the father, but after 1874, the name of the father could only appear when registering an illegitimate child, if the father accompanied the mother to register the child.

Marriage. Until 1929 a girl could marry when only 12 years, and a boy at 14.

Death. The term "Present at Death" means exactly that, but "in attendance" usually means they were attending the register office to report the death, and were not actually present at the death.

COMPUTER GROUP. - Shortly to get under way with a meeting in June, to be held at the Lodge Hall. Details very soon.....

LOST TOUCH ??????

If you have lost touch with relatives in England one can write to the address shown with a message of no more than 45 words and this will be displayed on Teletext in England. "Lost Touch" Teletext Ltd., Box 297, London, England SW6 1XT.



My name is Smith and I was born in London. My mother's name was Jones and she was born in Wales. My grandmother on my fathers side was one of McDonalds of Scotland, and my..... I'm not boring you am I?

IRISH IMMIGRATION TO NEW ZEALAND.-A REQUEST BY HEATHER WEBBER

"I am currently undertaking a study of Irish emigration to New Zealand 1800 to 1920 (this includes whalers and traders). The project, which will take about five years to complete, requires that I collect death entries of Irish born emigrants that died in N.Z. I have requested that if members of the NZSG would like to assist in this project that they photocopy NZ Registrar General Death inspections or Certificates and send them to me at 44 Totara Cres. Lower Hutt.

If a photocopy of a certificate instead of an inspection is supplied then please write the religious affiliation of the person on the back of the photocopy, along with the name, address and phone number of the person supplying the death entry. Any other relevant information such as other family members arriving in N.Z., the ship the emigrants came on; birth details in Ireland or any problems you are having researching this person will also be welcome.

In return, those that have supplied information for the project will have free access to the data base (if they enclose a s.a.e.) for a period of 6 months when the project is complete. Notification will be in the NZSOG magazine when enquiries can start. Due to the large number of genealogists that have already contributed it has become difficult to reply personally to every one so please accept this notice as a thank you for contributing."

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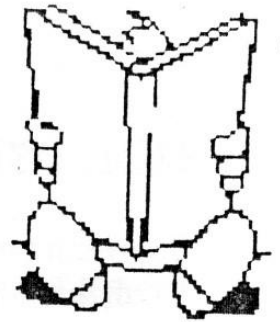
SPOT The Houses in Jane Place are occupied principally by Prostitutes who denied to the Enumerator that any Male had slept therein on Sunday night the sixth instant. However upon careful enquiry Every neighbour he the said Enumerator ascertained that not less than 12 or 14 males which ages varied from 20 to 50 years had aboded in the said Jane Place on the night of the 6th instant.

Contributed by John Thorp, who comments: the above extract was found in the 1841 Census return, which may account for 'missing males' in the Lambeth area.

QUASI-RELATIONS

In old census returns, the terms 'Brother-in-law' and 'Sister-in-law' almost always mean 'Step-brother' or 'Step-sister' in today's usage. Furthermore, a brother-in-law might be described as a 'brother' and the offspring of married children living in the house are sometimes called 'son' or 'daughter' instead of grandchild.

From Hutt Valley, February 1995 Newsletter



ALEXANDER TURNBULL AND NATIONAL LIBRARIES

These 2 libraries are a wonderful source for the Genealogist. We are lucky to be living not too far away and a short drive or train journey is all that is needed. The Genealogy section of the National Library is constantly being updated with holdings of Microfiche and Books. The 1881 Census for England is a must and two thirds of England have now been completed and are available. I have been printing out my Bonnett line in each county - sighted in Hampshire only one Bonnett and he was in prison - bless him.....Hampshire is also the latest county to have been filed at the Library. We look forward with excitement to the arrival of London County records for the Census of 1881. Apparently Scotland is also being "done".

The Alexander Turnbull Library is a division of the National Library and for the first time the BIOGRAPHIES INDEX N.Z. is to be made widely available. Compiled over 75 years the Index contains some 200,000 cards and gives references to about 150,000 individuals from N.Z. and the Pacific. The entire Index is presented on close to 300 fiche which includes a Guide. Price though is to be \$1012.50.,but will be accessible through the National Library.

DID YOU KNOW.....There are over 200,000 photos in the Photographic section of the Turnbull Library.15,000 of those are of Ships.....

WHAT A LIFE

Remember, old folks are worth a fortune; with silver in their hair, gold in their teeth, stones in their kidneys, lead in their feet, and gas in their stomachs.

VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA RESEARCH

Marion Button, PO Box 540, Gisborne, Victoria 3437 has notified our Group that she is willing to undertake Research at all Repositories in Victoria. Rates \$20.00 per hour. She also has available for sale Argus Passenger Indexes which include both Overseas and Interstate Passengers mentioned in the "Argus" Shipping Intelligence columns. 1048-51 \$40 set; 1052-55 \$50 set; 1056-60 \$45 set; 1061-1065(new) \$45 set.
